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Editorial

Welcome to the March issue of the Bramley Magazine. We hope you will find plenty to interest and entertain you. As a community magazine we aim to reflect news and events that take place in Bramley and that are of direct interest to Bramley and Little London people. If you feel that we are missing your section of the community, please get in touch with suggestions and contributions.

Now the days are drawing out we can think ahead to a warm dry Summer (think on!). The Iron Mums are donning their running shoes for the new season. The Village Fun Day, or fête, is on Saturday June 7th; you can take part in the competitions or help by running a stall or manning the car park. In August the Village Show will take place and there are lots of ways you can show off your talents there.

We're aiming to make this a full colour magazine by September. To that end, more help is needed to share the load of producing the magazine. If you could help on either the editorial or the advertising side, please get in touch with Rhydian Vaughan or any other member of the Steering Group – contact details to the left of this column.

Lastly, if you could help with distributing the magazine, which is free to every household in Bramley and Little London, please contact Rhydian Vaughan. If you would like an extra copy, or if yours hasn't arrived, additional copies are usually delivered to the One-Stop and the Bakery and can also be found at the back of the parish church.

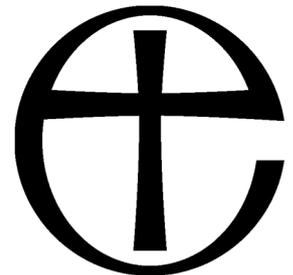
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8.00 Holy Communion (BCP, 1662) – Bramley
10.30 Matins (BCP, 1662) – Bramley
- 5th Ash Wednesday
7.30 Holy Communion – Bramley
- 9th 1st Sunday of Lent
10.30 Holy Communion - Bramley
- 16th 2nd Sunday of Lent
9.00 Holy Communion – Little London
10.30 Family Service
- 23rd 3rd Sunday of Lent
10.30 Holy Communion – Bramley
- 30th Mothering Sunday
8.00 Holy Communion – Little London
10.30 Mothering Sunday Family Service - Bramley

...And into April

- 6th 5th Sunday of Lent
8.00 Holy Communion (BCP, 1662) – Bramley
10.30 Matins (BCP, 1662) – Bramley
- 13th Palm Sunday
10.30 Holy Communion – Bramley

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Tadley

St Michael's Church, Bishopswood Road, RG26 4HG
Saturday Mass: 6.00 pm
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Parish priest: 0118 9814572

Shell Club

Alison Jones



We are now settling well into the New Year, the new pattern of services, and our new tradition of leaving the church via the Brocas Aisle rather than the main door. It's

lovely for the children as we stand briefly at the front while John prays for us before we leave for our activities: it makes them feel a very special part of the service.

This term we've been studying Acts, finding out about the adventures of the early disciples, who served God doing some extraordinary things but also some very ordinary, everyday things too.

We're already starting to look forward to our Easter Egg Hunt on 12th April, and hoping that spring will have sprung by then. Looking at the dreadful weather outside it's hard to imagine, and we have very clear memories of building a snowman at last year's Hunt, but we know it will be great fun whatever the weather!

Do come and join us if you have children between 3 and 10 years old; whether they live in Bramley or are visiting, it's always lovely to welcome new children. We meet in church each week at 10.30am, then leave for Cross House and our own activities after the first hymn. The exception is Family Services (3rd Sunday of the month) when we all stay together.

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Climate is what we expect: weather is what we get. – Mark Twain

Having just come back to Bramley from visiting the family in California, stopping off for a couple of days in New York, I feel as if I've had more than my fair share of weather.

Northern California, in the area around San Francisco, has been suffering from a drought over the last year or so. The reservoirs are down to about 20% of their usual level; Lake Tahoe, the ski resort on the western side of the Rockies, has been so short of snow that virtually no lifts are running. So I flew into San Francisco with high hopes of sitting happily in the sunshine with a cold drink at my elbow, playing a round or two of golf wearing shorts, and generally feeling smug at escaping a few days of English winter. Well, the first day was sunny... but then it seemed that the English weather had stowed away in my suitcase. It bucketed down for hours at a time across the whole area. A day at Pebble Beach to watch the Pro-Celebrity Golf necessitated investing in a new umbrella; and the following day at the tournament, the wind was so strong that the organisers had to suspend play for hours because the balls kept being blown off the greens. Apparently the Californian reservoirs were up to 35% of their capacity after just one day of rainfall.

On the other side of the Rockies, as we've all seen on the news, some of the heaviest snowfalls and lowest temperatures in years have been making people's lives a misery. In fact, it's so cold that it's reported that Hell has literally frozen over – Hell, Michigan, that is, where the temperature plus the wind chill factor has fallen to -33 degrees.

I flew into New York to find snow piled high at the edge of every street. My friends on Long Island pointed out cars that had been snowed in weeks ago and still haven't been dug out. I have to say I was pretty lucky; my flight into New York was on time, and the forecast snow showers came just after my arrival. And my flight out preceded an extremely heavy new fall of snow by about 12 hours.

I got back to Bramley to be greeted by 80 mph winds, rain coming down in stair-rods and a lake in

the back garden. Much like it was when I left, really. My hairdresser told me that her newest grandchild is named Noah. Very appropriate.

So what is going on? Why is the weather veering from extreme to extreme like this, making life generally miserable, especially if you live on the Somerset Levels or, indeed, in Hell, Michigan? Is God making it all happen, as a UKIP councillor has suggested, because Parliament has legalised same-sex marriage? Well, the Bible agrees that God is in control of all things, including the weather – but would certainly disagree that He is causing havoc like this as a punishment.

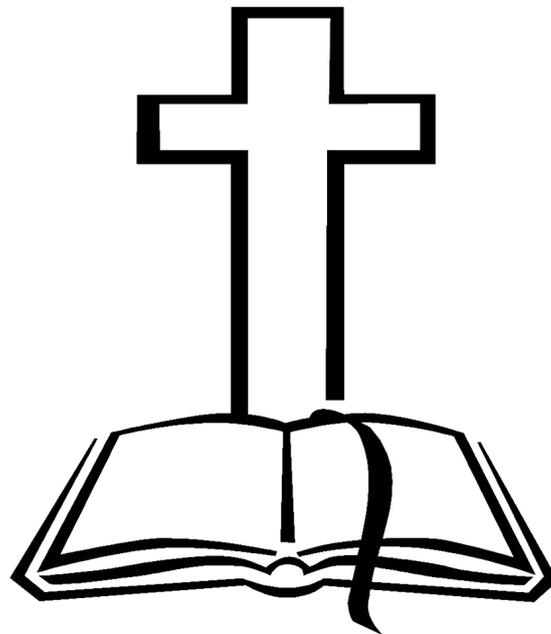
Let me explain. The Jews of Jesus' time believed, like the UKIP councillor, that bad things happen to people because they've done something terrible.

On one occasion, Jesus was questioned about some people who had been massacred by Pilate's soldiers. Jesus answered them: "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? I tell you, no! Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them – do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? I tell you, no!"

We wouldn't think that the people who live on the Somerset Levels are worse sinners, or more committed to same-sex marriage or

whatever, than the rest of us because they have suffered more than anyone else, would we? "I tell you, no!" says Jesus.

But he followed that strong assertion with a stern warning: "...But unless you repent, you too will all perish!" In other words, He's saying that these events are not a punishment to a particular group for some sin or other – but they are certainly a reminder and a warning to us all, that life is uncertain and fragile, and we need to be prepared: we can never know what is waiting for us just round the corner, or when the river bursts its banks or the tide is extra high. To make peace with God in repentance and faith, to accept His grace, doesn't stop the bad things from happening – but when they do happen, as they certainly will, we have His firm, strong hand to hold onto forever.





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Bramley Iron Mum 2014 will take place on Saturday 6 September, and the registration form is now live on the website at <http://www.ironmum.co.uk/register.html>.

After five years Iron Mum has become way, way bigger than we ever dreamed when it started, and it's time to move it to a more sustainable model, to make sure that everyone taking part trains safely and at a level that's right for them. I'm delighted to report that Emma Perkins, Iron Mum leader, qualified PT, running coach and sports masseur, will be taking over the running of the training classes.

There will be two Newbies courses, each lasting 8 weeks, on Mondays at 7 pm.

Course 1: 31st March – 19th May

Course 2: 26th May – 14th July.

The course will cost £30 for the 8 weeks and include each weekly session, homework plan and goal setting. To ensure each individual gets the focus and attention they need, each course will be limited to a maximum of 12 ladies per term. This course is for you if you're nervous about running, or starting from a low level of fitness.

There will also be a second course on Mondays at 7.30pm, again lasting 8 weeks, for those wishing to improve their running and their fitness. Each session will be slightly different, covering running

Bramley 10 & 20 mile race

Sunday 16th February was the 7th running of the Bramley 10/20 mile race. The race is run over a 10 mile circular course from Bramley School, with competitors in the 20 mile event completing 2 laps. While most of the runners are members of clubs or associations, some are in it just for the fun or to raise money for charity.

There were three members of the Bramley Trail Runners taking part in the 10 mile race. Paul Field finished 77th in a time of 1:10:22. Alison Jones finished 384th in a time of 1:30:39 and Jo Willoughby finished 405th in 1:32:37. This year there was also a skeleton taking part alongside Spiderman!! Many of the runners will also go on to race in the London Marathon and have used this race as a part of their training schedule.



Number 1 Phil Wicks

technique, a range of interval sessions and hill work, finishing off with a time trial. By the end of the course your running will be improved and stronger. Each term will cost £20 and will be limited to 18. This is the course for you if you want to increase your confidence and make dramatic improvements to your running fitness.

Both courses represent excellent value for professional coaching, and the smaller numbers will allow us to give really individualised attention to each participant. To book your place, contact Emma on emmatraining@hotmail.com.

Please note that you don't have to have participated in training to enter the event in September.

If you just want to run with others, Bramley Trail Runners will continue to meet and run every Monday and Wednesday at 7.30 pm. Typically there are 3 groups: a 5-6km group and then two groups covering 8km to 10km at different speeds. They are very friendly and won't leave anyone behind. For more information, see <http://www.comerunning.co.uk/index.php/bramley-trail-runners>.

I'm delighted to confirm that Julie Wilson will carry on leading a free walking group on a Mondays: see her Facebook page 'Bramley Mums Walking for Fun, Friendship and Fitness' for more details!

Paul Moulton

The Bramley race is seen as an important part of the build up to the summer season by many serious athletes as well. This is supported by the effort



Number 1902 Anuradha Cooray

runners make to take part, travelling from all over the country to be here. The leading runners have lots of experience in national and international races and the winner of the 20 mile race, Anuradha Cooray from Vale of Aylesbury Athletics Club, was a competitor in the 2004 and 2012 Olympic Marathons and was 16th in last

year's London Marathon. The winner of the 10 mile race, Phil Wicks from Belgrave Harriers, has been a consistent top three finisher in many National 10K, 10 mile and half marathon races.

Thank you to John and Linda Pope

It is with regret that after 13 years John and Linda Pope have decided to hang up their envelopes and stand down as the co-ordinators of the St John's Hospice House to House collection for Bramley. I would like to say a personal thank-you to them both for their commitment and support over the years, and they will certainly be a hard act to follow.

Lynne Grimshaw



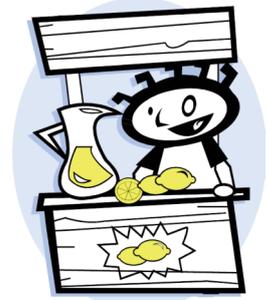
I know they have had fun and met some wonderful people whilst out and about collecting money for the Hospice, and without them it would have been a much harder job to arrange the collection.

This means we have space for a band of new collectors in Bramley. If you have a couple of hours to spare in June, and would like to be involved with our House to House collection, I would love to hear from you.

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Children at Bramley School have enjoyed a happy half-term, but the weather patterns have meant a great many wet playtimes!

On 21st March (Sport Relief day), it has been decided to make an effort to break the World record for popping bubble-wrap – something which involves physical exertion that we can all have a go at together! The main challenge is to find vast quantities of bubble-wrap, and we would be grateful for any donations – especially welcome would be a call from anyone who runs a business with a contact to major suppliers. Please telephone the school office on 881339 if you are able to help.

Topics covered by the children this half term have included studies of electricity, space and the

Little Apples

The first half of the Spring term at Little Apples was very busy with lots of fun being had. The children enjoyed activities



based around the theme “All about me” – thinking about our names, our feelings, our height, age and health and much more. We had visitors: a lady from Tesco shared a whole alphabet’s worth of exotic fruit and vegetables, whilst a kind and willing Grandad played his guitar and helped us make music. We have also learnt about Chinese New Year as we entered the Year of the Horse, making dragons and lanterns and trying noodles with chopsticks.

Just before half term we had Valentines Week. We made and decorated cakes for our families, made cards and heart pasta necklaces, and lastly organised Valentines Stay and Play. This was a chance for parents and younger brothers and sisters to stay and play at Little Apples, enjoying Valentines activities of their own.

This second half of the Spring term includes World Book Day and we will spend time exploring some classic favourites like The Hungry Caterpillar and The Gruffalo.



universe (including an exciting link to NASA scientists and a late evening in school to watch the night skies with amateur astronomers), the Indian continent, and the Caribbean (regrettably no site visits!). Younger children have been exploring fantasy worlds.

We are looking forward to hosting a two-day visit from “Owen’s Animals” after half term – an opportunity to observe, learn about and handle exotic reptiles and insects from all around the world.

As advised in the last magazine, a permanent headteacher has now been appointed and will be taking up responsibility at the start of the Summer term. I have enjoyed my time at the school and extend all good wishes to the Bramley and Sherfield Communities.

Jo Whatley

In amongst all these activities has been planned learning, in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). This covers learning objectives for all children up until the end of the Reception year at school. Children should mostly develop the three prime areas first:

1. Communication and language
2. Physical development
3. Personal, social and emotional development

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As children grow, the prime areas will help them to develop skills in four specific areas. These are:

1. Literacy
2. Mathematics
3. Understanding the world
4. Expressive arts and design

We incorporate our learning into fun, play-based activities, so that it has a context and children remain interested and keen to explore and learn. More information is available at <http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/early-years-foundation-stage-2012/>

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Anne Porter

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- A miniature moonscape in a 1/2 seed tray.
- 5 decorated cup cakes (can use a cake mix).
- A decorated fruit/vegetable to represent a dinosaur.
- A Lego model not to exceed A4 size base but any height.
- A poster for the Bramley Show 2015 size A4.
- Christian art.
- Make a useful object out of recycled material.

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- A painting (any subject); a portrait; still life; a collage (max. size of collage A3 size)

Bramley WI

This month we had our annual February meal at the Village Hall. A team of members produced a three course meal with wine. We had a quiz on the table, and moved around on every course so we could talk to everyone who attended. We decorated the tables with flowers, and at the end of the evening had a raffle. It was all very enjoyable.

We have had a meeting regarding the New Forest



Beat officer's report

My name is Martyn Evans. I have been given the role of replacing the now-retired PC Mandy Jewell. I have been a police officer for six years and served in a number of roles. My first was as a response officer in Basingstoke, before transferring to Avon and Somerset Constabulary. There I served as a response officer in the busy suburb of St Paul's and Easton in Bristol, before transferring back to Hampshire Constabulary.

Since returning to Hampshire in 2011, I have worked on the prisoner handling interview teams, before joining the Tadley beat team in August 2012. I have nearly completed a year of Acting Sergeant duties,

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A Cherry Cake

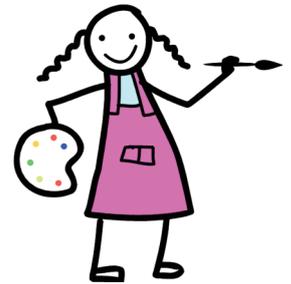
Ingredients

6oz/175g butter, 6oz/175g caster sugar, 8oz/225g SR flour, 5oz/140g glace cherries quartered, 3 eggs, a pinch of salt & a little milk if necessary.

Method

Cream butter & sugar until fluffy & pale in colour. Beat in the eggs. Sift the flour & salt & then fold in with the cherries into the mixture; add a little milk if the mixture is very stiff. Turn mixture into a greased & lined 7 inch round tin. Bake at 170c/3 gas/340F or a touch lower for 1-1 1/4 hours or until a knife comes out clean. Cool on a wire rack.

Start practising all you males and show the ladies how it's done!



Jane Matthews

Show and started planning for entries. There has also been a meeting to plan for the 100 year celebration of the WI. We are going to do a fashion show of all the costumes from 1915 to the present day.

Next month we are having a team from Waitrose coming to talk to us about the store and produce; they will include representatives from different departments and will bring some food for us to taste. This will be an open meeting on Thursday 13th March in the Bramley Room at 7.45pm: so if anyone, including non-members, would like to come please contact Anne on 881691.

PC 25569 Martyn Evans

covering both Tadley and Whitchurch.

I am looking forward to the challenges that lie ahead, and will be working closely with PCSO Jim Rickaby, who has been on the beat a number of years now. My aim is to make Bramley and the surrounding area a hostile place for criminals and those who cause issues within the community, by acting in an anti-social manner.

You can follow us on [@TadleyPolice](#) twitter where regular updates on local matters are posted; however, please don't report crime on this site and use the 101 service if the matter is not an emergency.

I look forward to meeting you all.

Paths and Rights of Way

Councillor Bruce Ansell

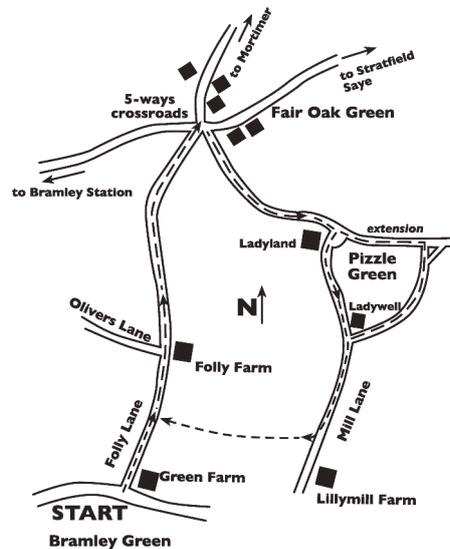
Parish and Town Councils have long been central to rights of way management and it is no accident that parishes are the base unit for path numbering. We want to encourage you to make full use of your powers, rights and opportunities to provide the countryside access that is so important to locals and visitors alike. Did you know that your Parish Council has a history at the heart of countryside access? Up until the mid-17th century the duty of maintaining all highways, including public paths, fell on the parishes and every parishioner was required to do six days per year unpaid highways work (“statute labour”). Fortunately nowadays the Parish can get help from the County Council, but also everyone can help in maintaining access for all to our countryside.

Countryside access is space to relax, trails to explore, views to take in, the local footpath, common or open natural space. A good network of

rights of way and accessible open space can improve physical and mental health, support the local economy through tourism and keeping leisure spending local, and contribute towards a more sustainable transport system where paths are used for journeys to school, work or the shops. The Parish Council, with your help, wants to encourage this.

Although the village has grown significantly over the last few years, we are still fortunate to be surrounded by beautiful countryside, which is accessible through a network of footpaths and bridleways. Did you know the 78 Mile Brenda Parker Way crosses the Parish? It is the Parish Council’s aim to help the residents and visitors to the Bramley Parish to experience

and perhaps rediscover the rural side of Bramley, through a regular feature in the Parish Magazine and via the award winning website.



What is YOUR child doing online?

PC 741 Simon Wright

There has been much in the news recently about youngsters running up large bills by downloading Apps and accessories for their online games.

Whilst it’s easy to think it won’t happen to us, do any of us really understand what our youngsters get up to online? Even if you’re a computer whizz, it’s still likely that you’ll be playing catch-up with the way your child is using the internet.



As your child grows and becomes more independent, it is only natural that they take this independence online. In our teenage years we explore, try new things and sometimes push boundaries and take risks; this is an essential part of growing up, even if it does lead to grey hair for parents.

Talk to your child about what they’re up to online. Be a part of their online life; involve the whole family and show an interest. Find out what sites they visit and what they love about them. If they know you understand they are more likely to come to you if they have any problems.

Set boundaries in the online world just as you would in the real world. Think about what they might see, what they share, who they talk to and how long they spend online. It is important to discuss boundaries at a young age to develop the tools and skills children need to enjoy their time online.

Know what connects to the internet and how. Nowadays even the TV connects to the internet (you might not realise that it does, but your teenagers certainly will!). Make sure you’re aware of which devices your child uses connect to the internet, such as their phone or games console. Also, find out how they are accessing the internet – is it your connection, or a neighbour’s Wi-Fi? This will affect whether the safety settings you set are being applied.

Remember, if you have information about any crime, please call Crimestoppers on



0800 555111 or click www.crimestoppers-uk.org where you can also give details anonymously.

For further Crimestoppers updates please follow me on Twitter [@HantsCrimestopp](https://twitter.com/HantsCrimestopp)

Having a laugh with a 'lite' version of WI!

Sarah Spencer

Over thirty members and guests of Bramley WI Lite enjoyed their first meeting of the year with a session of Laughter Yoga. This was led by Janine Muirhead who runs Basingstoke-based 'Rooms to Relax In'.



Bramley WI Lite
Loving Life

definitely came away feeling rejuvenated and smiling!

If you think this meeting sounded fun and you would be interested in joining Bramley WI

Lite you would be very welcome! We meet on the 4th Thursday of each month in the Bramley Room of the Village Hall.

Laughter Yoga is a unique technique devised by Dr Madan Kataria, a doctor from India, whereby you learn to 'laugh for no reason'. It is a combination of laughter exercises with yogic breathing. Through it you increase the amount of oxygen in your body, resulting in your feeling more healthy, energised and alive.

Janine told us that you needed to 'fake it till you make it', something many did to start with! However by the end most people ached with genuine laughter, having used their facial and tummy muscles. Anne, our President, said, 'I really didn't know what to expect from the evening; probably more along the lines of yoga than laughter. I have to say, though, I



Having a Laugh with Laughter Yoga at Bramley WI Lite

Next meeting:

Thursday 27th March
2014

Art class

We're not all Dali but with a little guidance you never know what you can do. Louise Hight will join us to get our creative juices flowing! See www.bramleywilite.com for more information shortly.

Membership is £34.70 for twelve months but

anyone interested in joining can come, free of charge, to their first two meetings. Bramley WI Lite was established in 2007 and is part of the National Federation of WIs. We took the best bits of the traditional WI and gave them a modern twist. It's WI but a lighter version.

News from the nursery....

Vicky Peterkin

What a wonderful warm welcome we have received! The nursery opened at the beginning of January and has had the pleasure of meeting lots of local families and being integrated into Bramley life.



I opened my first setting in Andwell 4 years ago, based on what I felt a nursery should be: from a child's and a parent's point of view. I didn't have any industry-specific qualifications – just a very strong belief of how high the standards should be and what I would expect from a provider looking after my children.

Once you have decided on the best route for you and your child (a childminder, a nursery, a nanny or pre-school) visit as many as you can, ask as many questions as you need and take in the "feel" of the place or person. What are the children doing? Are they happy? Clean? What are the facilities like? Is there age appropriate equipment for your child? Do the staff seem happy and

positive? Ofsted, health and safety folders, well balanced and nutritious meals are all important – but they should be the basics evident in all places. Looking after children has to be a passion. It has to shine from everyone you meet in a setting and ooze out of every fibre of the building.

February has been very busy exploring the local area – we have taken our ride-on tractors and JCBs to the basketball court, waved and counted trains at the station and baked Valentine's biscuits for our families. We have enjoyed opening and investigating all the new toys and have started getting to know each other and made friends. There is lots to look forward to next month. If you would like to arrange a visit to the nursery, please contact us on 01256 882515 or visit www.mydaisynursery.com for more information.

The Services for Young Children's website is a good place to access information about all the different types of childcare available locally; it also explains in great detail what entitlements your child may be eligible for. (SfYC)

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/childcare>



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Bramley & Romans Floral Society

Eileen Gulston

Bramley & Romans Floral Society held their AGM on Thursday February 6th – the business side was got through very quickly due to the efficiency of our officers and the fact that the existing committee were all happy to stand for another year; this was unanimously agreed by all members. The attendance was great for an AGM; after the business side we all enjoyed a cup of tea and some delicious cake.

Then we were ready to make our Valentine paper rose

– we split into 4 groups and, guided by our instructors, Joyce, Dusty and Margaret, a delightful array of roses were created. Unfortunately, because of the great attendance, the 26 kits prepared previously by the



Valentine Paper Roses

committee members were not enough to go round to every member who wished to have a go – this will be rectified by the committee and orders were also taken from those who wanted to make more roses. It was a successful and enjoyable afternoon.

Our Treasurer, Dusty, had a busy time as subscriptions for this year were due. We also welcomed three new visitors, whom we hope will eventually join us.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 6th March – a demo by Mrs Cherie Mendes.

The society meets on the first Thursday of the month at Sherfield on Loddon Village Hall at 1.30pm. Visitors are welcome; please contact Eileen on 01256 881125 for information.

Bramley Lunch Club

Phyl Davies

The Club met for the first time this year on Thursday, February 13th in the new venue of Cross House. The time for meetings has now officially been set from 10.30am to 1.30pm.



First we toasted this opening meeting with drinks of Bucks Fizz which certainly went down a treat. There is a good variety of reading matter and books were selected to take home for the month. Then, as everyone had arrived, Judy gave out the quiz. This

was not easy to start with, then we all began to find the eighteen species of British wildlife hidden in the clues. Thanks, Judy, for also reminding us of creatures like shrew and badger. New member Arthur found "char" and we learnt that it is a fish.

Judy called lunch time and 22 of us were served up with delicious lasagne and vegetables and then trifle as dessert. Tea and coffee came and then a raffle (everyone a winner) and it was time to close. There was transport home if needed. The next meeting will be held on March 13th. The cost for the day is £5.50 inclusive. Contacts: Pat Jones 01256 882441 or Judy 01256 881053.

Bramley Knitting Circle

Phyl Davies

The group met in Bramley Green Road on January 28th. About a dozen members gradually arrived to be greeted by Dusty and her little white Scottie dog. After all had been inspected by Penny, the ladies settled down and needles started clicking. It is a colourful group these days. There is Nellie working away on a bright red jumper and Phyl on lavender. Others are on stripes, Gillie on football jumper style and another on a one-liner of small stray bits of wool. Blankets are needed, and making the squares to join together into blankets is very popular. Baby clothes for up to three year olds



still go to John Lewis, and it was suggested that the Salvation Army and Red Cross might be grateful for some larger blankets.

It was then time for quiet as Edna read out the news. Two emails had been received from Zimbabwe. Edna also reported that the finances were in good order and the wool situation was OK. Thank you Karen for again delivering a huge ball of double knitting, this time pale blue. A final chat and then tea and cake. Everyone had a piece of both Christmas cake, and Dusty's lovely birthday cake. Thank you, Dusty, for being hostess for such a delightful afternoon. The next meeting will be on the last Tuesday of March. For venue, contact Edna on 01256 880368.

Parish Council News

Councillor Chris Holland

The Parish Council (PC) meets next on Monday 17th March in the Bramley Room at the village hall. Our meetings are open to the public; we publish the agendas and minutes on the village noticeboards and website: www.bramleypc.co.uk. You can send the Parish Clerk a comment or question on our new email address of bramleypc.gov@gmail.com or visit the PC twitter [@bramleypc](https://twitter.com/bramleypc) or our Facebook Page 'Bramley, Hampshire'.



equipment, it is planned to keep the items grouped together, close to the Clift Meadow Pavilion and the tennis courts.

VILLAGE FACILITIES BOOKING SYSTEM

Update. The new online booking system and electronic calendar for the Village Hall, Clift Meadow, and other venues has now been set up by

Cllr Chris Wright and the Booking Secretary for VHT and CMT, Eileen Gulston. Eileen has received initial training and is becoming familiar with the system before it goes live and online. The new system will reduce the workload and provide a monthly online timetable of Bramley venues. Fees will still be collected in the same way, allowing users to pay by cheque or in cash.



NEW SOURCES OF GRANTS.

I have sent an email to community clubs, societies and trusts concerning two sources of Borough grants identified to us: the Local Infrastructure Fund (LIF) for grants in excess of £25k and a 'Have Your Say' funding opportunity for small project grants between £200 and £2,000. If you are not aware or need some assistance please contact me or the Parish Clerk.



PLANNING INQUIRY.

Residents may wish to know that a planning enquiry into 'Razors Farm' is to be held in the Borough Council Offices, London Road, Basingstoke, commencing at 10.00 am on 8th April for a duration of eight days. Any owner or occupier of property in close proximity to the site may attend the Inquiry (personally or through a representative) and may, at the Inspector's discretion, give their views.

YOUTH FACILITIES.



In January it was assumed that the planning application for the youth facilities building would have been approved before the February PCM; unfortunately there has been a slight delay. The Borough Planning Team

raised some questions. The PC project team has now fully briefed Katherine Miles (Senior Planner) and her planning colleagues. There is an expectation that planning permission will be granted within 30 days - I suspect the timeline for the project will not be affected. The remaining aspects of the youth facilities project that do not require Borough planning approval will continue as planned. Following consultation in December, and having identified the cost of adult exercise

FLOODING.



Floods are here and no end seems to be in sight (roll on the hose-pipe ban!). While it may not always be possible to eliminate the risk of flooding, many practical steps can be taken to reduce the risk of damage and to assist with recovery times. Both HCC and

B&DBC websites offer practical 'dos and don'ts'; measures that can be taken to mitigate the flood risk and subsequent damage. I have reported flooding on the C32 to HCC who have acknowledged the need to eliminate large puddles. I have visited Thames Water in Reading along with our NDP team to discuss flooding issues. Residents who are suffering drainage, and in particular sewage problems, should contact the Thames Water Help Line 0845 9200 800 to report every incident. The company will prioritise repair and rectification work, however reporting all incidents will help highlight where future action is required. Residents are also encouraged to use the Thames Water website and to complete the Thames Water Flooding Questionnaire.

PRECEPT FROZEN.

The Rates have been frozen for another year as has the Bramley precept contribution; the PC will get £65,000 for the financial year 2014. We will endeavour to spend your money wisely. Please see PCM Minutes if you require further information, or contact the Parish Clerk.



Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor Malcolm Bell,

Site assessments are being completed for potential development sites surrounding Bramley. At a meeting with Basingstoke and Deane, the council have looked at the site assessments and are going to give us a completed form as an example of an Environmental Assessment, so that our approach is consistent with their approach and acceptable to the Planning Officers

At that meeting, the Sustainability Assessment of the plan required by Basingstoke and Deane was explained and a six week period has been built into the project plan. Depending on the sites, it was highlighted that a Sustainable Environmental Assessment might be required.

An Officer from Planning Aid attended our meeting in February and took away our objectives. He has come back with an analysis, pointing out which of our objectives can be taken through as policies for a Neighbourhood Plan and which will be appendices to the plan.

The Economy Survey was completed. Of the 539 jobs identified, only 79 were filled by local people, and of those the majority were employed in care positions. Analysis of the population from the 2011 census showed that only 6% of the working population work from home, 8.7% use the train, 32% drive car or vans. In total 57% of the working population of Bramley use road transport out of Bramley compared with the figures for Basingstoke and Deane of 52%. The figure for those not in employment is 12%.

A meeting with the Water Board is arranged this month to discuss the impact further development will have concerning the capacity of the sewage works. The letter from the Board suggests that they serve at present 5,600 population equivalent and that they expect a small population growth over the next 5-10 years of not more than a couple of hundred population equivalent.

We now have to concentrate on Policy writing and the recruitment of a Consultant is required. A request for possible further financial support from the Parish Council has been submitted, and an application completed for a further grant of £3,500 from Locality. The grant from Locality will cover seven days' consultancy, whereas the quotes available at present require a maximum in one case of 22 days' consultancy.

The outcome of the expected Charles Church application for the development of 200 houses on Minchens Lane will influence the final Neighbourhood Plan. As the Neighbourhood Plan is still being written, and because Basingstoke and

Deane do not have a five year land availability programme, then all Parishes are vulnerable to developers putting in a Housing Development application on any piece of land. This is in the window of opportunity between now and the Local Plan and the Neighbourhood Plan coming into force. The Local Plan in its draft form allocates 200 houses to Bramley, to be sited through the Neighbourhood Plan. Because of this pending application and the inferred application by Stratfield Saye for development on Strawberry Fields, as reported in the minutes of the last meeting, the findings of the Neighbourhood Plan, can hopefully influence any developer. The developer can be asked to give in return, as part of that development, some of the benefits which have been highlighted as lacking in the community. For example, improvements in transport, safety, increased recreational facilities, improved services, green spaces, protection to country views and the design of houses in keeping with the village environment. This could be the situation through negotiation with the developer if the application is accepted by the Bramley community and Basingstoke and Deane, who are under pressure to meet the yearly housing requirement of 748 houses per year. If rejected, it is likely the developer would appeal and it would then be up to the Minister in London to decide YES or NO. If it is 'Yes' from Westminster, as was the case with German Road, then the development goes ahead without any extra benefits to the community because it has gone to appeal. It is therefore important that the community airs its views, as we have repeatedly requested on the Neighbourhood Planning web site. The Neighbourhood Planning steering group cannot stop development, but it can influence the outcome for the betterment of the community at this stage without the plan fully written and approved, if the community approve the development.

From the surveys completed, we have an overall view of the wishes of the community but the more views, the greater the strength of the Neighbourhood Plan in its present state, influencing potential housing developments in Bramley at this time.

We have to work together to achieve the Vision for Bramley in the future, no matter what comes about:-

Bramley must retain and enhance its character as a Rural Village Community

Let us hear more from you

www.bramleyndp.org.uk

Village Hall Trust

Councillor Janet Grieve

At the VHT meeting on 3 February, the new Treasurer, Philip Lewis, was introduced to the User Groups. The focus of the meeting was the increase in running costs of the Village Hall and a number of repairs, such as improvements to the electrical system and the car park. These costs, as well as the resurfacing of the floors in the Main Hall and Committee Room to ensure the surfaces are safe and robust enough for activities such as badminton and dancing, have highlighted the necessary expenditure required to keep the facilities in good repair. It is therefore likely that the hire charges will be increased in the coming year, although grants are also being sought to help with these costs.

The new Online Booking System set up by Chris Wright is now being updated by Eileen Gulston with the aim of launching it in March via the Parish Council website. A link from there will allow people to view the availability of the Village Hall and Clift Meadow Pavilion on a calendar and then book online or call to arrange a booking. Combining the booking system has identified other

resources shared by the Village Hall and Clift Meadow Trusts, so it has been suggested that the two trusts collaborate where appropriate to reduce management costs.

With a view to improving as well as maintaining the Village Hall facilities, a feasibility study of the Village Hall building is being undertaken by an architect, with funding provided by the Borough Council. The views of Users Groups are being sought to inform the plans, which will provide some proposals for upgrading the Village Hall when funding becomes available. This may be possible via an application to the Local Infrastructure Fund managed by the Borough Council, which has funding for Bramley as a whole in 2014 and subsequent years.

Feedback regarding Village Hall improvements is sought by the Secretary, Janet Grieve, via email secretary@bramleyvillagehall.com or to 01256 882966 no later than 21 March, so that an update can be provided to the next VHT meeting is scheduled for Monday, 31 March 2014 at 7.30pm.

Pamber Parish Council Notes for Little London

E.A.Knight

Pamber Parish Council met on 10th February 2014

COMMEMORATIONS OF 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUTBREAK OF WORLD WAR I AND 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY

A grant of £385 has been awarded to Pamber Parish Council, by Hampshire County Council, towards the cost of putting on events during the coming year, to commemorate these anniversaries. The date of the first event, to commemorate the anniversary of D-Day, has been fixed for Saturday, 7th June 2014 and will be held in Pamber Park. All parishioners are invited to join councillors in Pamber Park on that date at 2 pm for a picnic with a World War II theme, so start stocking up with Spam and powdered egg! A prize will be given to the family or group that produces the most authentic picnic. There will be a live band, playing music of the era and other attractions, details of which have yet to be finalised. Later in the evening, at dusk, the beacon will be lit. After the fun of the afternoon, this will be a more reflective event and will give everyone the opportunity to remember those who gave their lives during the conflict. We are hoping that both the



Mayor and our County Councillor will attend.

Details of other events and exhibitions will be given as the information becomes available. Please remember that we are interested in receiving any information, anecdotes, pictures and so forth about any fallen serviceman from World War I. Please contact the Clerk if you are able to help.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

This will be held in St. Stephen's Hall, Little London on Monday, 12th May 2014. Please put this date in your diary now, as this is an important public meeting for the parish. Further details will be given next month.

ST. STEPHEN'S HALL, LITTLE LONDON

A grant of £1,000 was awarded to the management committee; this will be used to help with general maintenance of the building and with the extensive repairs to the roof that are needed.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Pamber Parish Council will be held at 7.30 pm on 10th March 2014 in St. Stephen's Hall, Little London. All parishioners are welcome to attend. Details of meetings are displayed on the notice boards.

E.A.Knight (Clerk) 01256 882571.
Website www.pamber-pc.gov.uk

Bramley in 1887

Jay Hudson

Hello again, here I am back in 1887. Last month I forgot to acknowledge the owner of the book I am working from. It is in the custody of the parish, but originally belonged to the Jibb family, who lived at Waverley Cottage on The Street. I am not sure whether Joseph Jibb had the house built, but a member of the Jibb family lived there up to the late 1990s. Miss Jibb, who was the last member of the family to live in Waverley Cottage, was the unofficial photographer of Bramley and attended all major and minor events. Sadly, when she was away recovering after a serious illness, her house was vandalised and most of Bramley's pictorial history destroyed.



However back to 1887 - great excitement for the Queen's Jubilee: 50 years on the throne. How should Bramley celebrate? An avenue of trees? An

illuminated address? All such big ideas: we will see the eventual outcome as the months go on.

A cookery class was to be started and I quote straight from the book: "The teacher is Miss Ham, our assistant teacher, who holds a certificate from South Kensington School of Cookery, qualifying her to give instruction in this useful art, a most useful accomplishment for a cottager's daughter. Mrs Eddy's special object is that girls should learn to make good dishes out of cheap material and to cook plain things as well." It goes on to say if a wife keeps a tidy house the husband is more likely to bring home all his wages. The charge per lesson was 2d, but Mrs Eddy intended to return half the money to those girls who completed the course. 17 girls attended.

Also this month, Mr Eddy hoped the churchwardens would have the church roof repaired and he would have the chancel roof repaired at the same time. The paintings for the reredos, the wooden back drop to the altar, will be... ready for Easter. And all the spring cleaning to do as well!!

What did my ancestors do for me?

Rachel Holland

Fred Thatcher

Fred Thatcher lived at Bramley Corner. His Dad, George Thatcher, was a gamekeeper, and Fred was the youngest of three children; John, Ada and Alfred. From the census records, we know Fred was born in Sherborne St John, was sent to school and, at the age of 16, was a gamekeeper's assistant. Presumably, he was helping his father, although we do not know on which estate. At a guess, it was Beaurepaire House.

Our Roll of Honour in Bramley church records him as CORPL FRED THATCHER 3RD HANTS. However, the 3rd battalion was the Reserve battalion and never moved further than Parkhurst, on the Isle of Wight, spending most of the war in Gosport. Fred clearly got further than that and, sadly, we find his name in the records of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

He transferred to the 2nd Battalion, the Royal Hampshire Regiment, which, in February 1915, came under orders of the 88th Brigade in the 29th Division. The battalion moved to Warwick and was reviewed by the King, George V, before setting sail from Avonmouth on 29th March 1915. The troops went via Malta and Alexandria and landed at Cape Helles, in Gallipoli, on 25th April.

A series of difficult battles ensued, with the Allied troops faring badly. The hope was to secure the

Dardanelles strait, leading to the Black Sea, and capture Constantinople (now Istanbul), the capital of the former Ottoman Empire. The attack failed and, after massive losses, the Allies withdrew to Egypt in January 1916.

Fred, caught up in all this, died on 13th August 1915. He died just a week before Alec Symonds, another Bramley boy, whose story you may have read in December's edition of this magazine. Whether the two men realised they were both at Gallipoli, we do not know.

Fred's name is recorded on the Helles Memorial overlooking the Dardanelles as Lance Corporal Alfred James Thatcher, age 31, 2nd Battalion the Hampshire Regiment. This monument records the names of UK servicemen who died on the peninsula but have no known grave. If you ever go to Turkey, perhaps you will be able to visit it and find his name.



Helles Memorial overlooking the Dardanelles



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The English Yew

John Stubbs

Walk round any rural English churchyard and you'll see a yew tree or two. They always seem sort of, just there. Were they ever planted or did they self-sow? Were they there before the church, and the reason for its being built at that spot? Why yews, in particular? Surely there must be enough clues to answer that sort of question.

In this case, all we have is a series of possible factors – some mythic, some traditional, some a bit too nice to be true, and several are all mixed together. For instance, some have said that the older trees predate the churches and are relics of pagan life or death symbolism. Some trees are very old – but more recent archaeological researches have cut the estimates pretty dramatically. One thousand years is possible for a handful of the very largest yews, but as for serving as Bronze Age shelters, no. One snag in dating them is that they have the strategy of allowing the centre of the main trunk to rot away, leaving a fairly tough outer ring of sound wood to support the branches: most trees weaken too much when the core rots, and they fall apart. So, you can't count the annual growth rings when an ancient yew tree is felled or cored: in any case the very slow growth rate makes distinguishing the rings a bit speculative. But there are other reliable ways of dating: from historical records, and from the age of the surrounding soil structures and foundations.

Perhaps the yews were planted as windbreaks, to protect the fabric of the church and the parishioners attending: a long lived variety of tree would make sense. In that case, though, surely they'd be ranged along the windward side, as a screen – not in the typical solitary positions that we see, often near the main churchyard entrance. And while it does seem that many churches used yew branches to stand in for palm fronds, I'd have thought that was because they were handy nearby, rather than being provided by the foresight of our great-grandfathers. Not too convincing, really.

Another enduring theory is that there was a mediaeval law requiring the parish church to plant yew, to make longbows and to train archers, thus ensuring English domination over the perfidious French. There is a bit more to this one, it seems, though there's no record of a legal obligation on the

church. In fact 13th and 14th century laws carried the threat of hanging for missing your archery class, and removed the threat of the gallows for causing the odd fatality in the butts. The churchyard was not actually specified, but would have been a convenient place to grow yew where animals would be less likely to browse on the poisonous foliage.

Much has been made of the yew longbow, as the outer sapwood of yew is inherently springy and the heartwood is strong in compression. Hence the bow was made from a stave cut so that the forward side of the bow was sapwood, and the rear heartwood. Staves sourced from the Mediterranean regions were apparently much better than home-grown - at one time Spanish bowstaves were fetching 6s 8d, ours only 2 shillings. In 1472 merchants importing goods from



English Yew Trees in St James' Church Yard

these regions were required to bring four staves for each ton of produce landed. Two inspectors had to be appointed for each ship unloading, to examine and check the quality of the staves, and mark them appropriately; possibly the origin of the 'broad arrow' marking of government property. Pretty good wheeze, really, not only providing the state with free armaments, but also

reducing the cost of home-growns by breaking the monopoly. Weapons were, of course, a major expense when you wanted to fit out an army: longbows at around £1 each when archers only cost 3d per day (with no National Insurance), even after a lifetime's training.

Selling a few choice branches might have been a useful side-line for the churchwardens, cutting a few staves now and then if only for practice bows. It seems hardly the complete answer, however. After all, the longbow was out of favour by the end of the sixteenth century, when firing a gun was found to be a lot easier to teach than spending twenty years developing the muscles needed to pull a 120lb bow. Surely after four hundred years, it would be clear that sales are down, and war-bows a bit out of fashion?

The girth of the largest of the six or seven substantial yews in St James' churchyard is some 3500mm – this indicates an age of about 400 years, give or take a hundred. Its branches, therefore, could not have been used at Agincourt: pity, really, story-wise.

Police Report

PCSO 14877 James Rickaby

BURGLARY.

You might be aware that a burglary occurred last month along Wallis Drive (Tuesday 12 February), where offenders removed a window pane at the rear of the house, and then gained entry into the property and stole a number of expensive items. If you know any information that could help the Police with their investigation then please contact PC Thomas Prutz at Basingstoke Police Station on 101.

Forced entry burglaries are usually organised with an element of planning and targeting, with the offenders having an idea of the property they wish to steal. Please look at the points opposite that can assist in protecting your property from being targeted. The main focus is on making the 'target' less appealing, by using a 'layer' type system. For example, ensuring the gate is shut and locked (outer layer), having sensor lights / CCTV installed (centre layer), and the locking of all doors and windows (inner layer).

EMERGENCY.

As always, please can I ask all residents to report any suspicious persons, vehicles or incidents using the 101 telephone number; please only ring 999 if it is a genuine emergency.

- Check your insurance documents for any specific security requirements or upgrades
- Ensure side gates are locked to prevent access to the rear of the property
- Ensure rear fencing is in good repair – especially after adverse weather
- Lock all windows & doors, remembering to double lock UPVC doors (lift handle & turn key)
- Keep all keys out of reach and sight from the letterbox (remember a device could be used to hook keys through the letterbox)
- Do not leave ladders and garden tools in your garden, lock them away in your shed
- Review shed and outbuilding security
- Improve natural surveillance at the front of your property e.g. trim high hedges
- Consider fitting security lighting and a burglar alarm
- Mark your property with postcode and house number and register your property for free with www.immobilise.com
- Make use of timer switches to make the property appear occupied
- Get a trusted neighbour to keep an eye on your property
- Consider joining or forming a Neighbourhood Watch scheme
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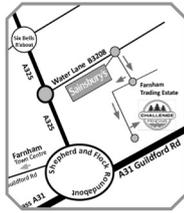
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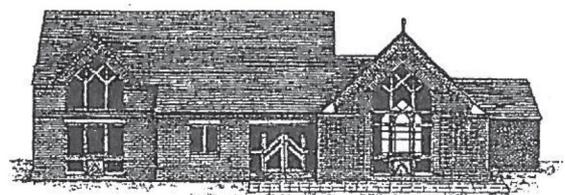


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WHAT RECORDS DO WE KEEP IN HAMPSHIRE?

All care organisations keep electronic records – it's part of the Government's initiative to make the NHS and Social Care paperless by 2018. Using computers and databases saves time, improves accuracy and prevents duplication. They also help with sharing information which is important to patient care. In Hampshire, there are three types of electronic record and these are created from your GP, hospital or other health records. These are:

- **The Hampshire Health Record (HHR);**
- **The Summary Care Record (SCR);**
- **care.data**

Most practices use the **The Hampshire Health Record (HHR)** which is an electronic record containing information from your GP and Hospital records. With your consent, clinical staff use this when needed:

Any information stored about you in the HHR is protected and seen only by the right people and for the right reasons. Your rights to privacy and confidentiality will be protected at all times. The HHR is used by care professionals from hospital doctors to pharmacists and community nurses, as well as your GP. It gives clinicians a much wider view of information than they might otherwise have, helping them to coordinate your care better and make informed decisions about your treatment.

The **Summary Care Record (SCR)** is a national scheme used to support your emergency care. It will contain important information about medicines you are taking, any adverse reactions you have had to medications, and any allergies you have. Giving healthcare staff access to this information can prevent mistakes being made when caring for you in an emergency or when your GP practice is closed.

ISN'T THIS INFORMATION ALREADY AVAILABLE ON THE HHR?

Yes. In fact, the HHR has more information than the SCR, but it is only available within Hampshire.

WHAT IS CARE.DATA?

Care.data is a system whereby information about you can be retrieved from care computer systems and is shared by healthcare staff to support your treatment and care. It is important that the NHS can use this information to plan and improve services for all patients. It helps us to compare the care you received in one area against the care you received in another, so we can see what has worked best. Information, which does not reveal your identity, can then be used by others, such as researchers and those planning health



services, to make sure we provide the best care possible for everyone.

WHAT CHOICES DO I HAVE?

If you are happy for your information to be shared you do not need to do anything. There is no form to fill in and you can change your mind at any time. If you have concerns or are not happy for your information to be shared, view the websites listed below or speak to your GP practice.

You have a right to opt-out or object.

Hampshire Health Record: If you do not want to have your information shared, you need to complete a short form and send it to your GP's surgery or directly to the Hampshire Health Record Operational Team. The form can be found at this website: www.hantshealthrecord.nhs.uk

Summary Care Record: If you are happy for us to make a Summary Care Record for you, you do not need to do anything, we will do this automatically. If you do not want a Summary Care Record, please fill in an opt-out form and return it to your GP practice. Forms are available at www.nhscaresrecords.nhs.uk/options, or you can ask us to send you one by phoning the Information Line on 0300 123 3020. You can also opt out by dropping a signed and dated note into your surgery.

care.data: If you do not want information that identifies you to be shared through the care.data system for planning health services and research you can object. Information comes not just from your GP surgery so you have two types of information sharing that you can object to:

- Information containing data that identifies you from leaving your GP practice. This type of objection will prevent the identifiable information held in your GP record from being sent to the secure data environment held nationally. It will also prevent those who have gained special legal approval from using your health information for research.
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For more details please contact the care.data health line on 0300 456 3531 or talk to your GP practice. For more information: <http://bit.ly/care-data>

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The problem with phosphorus Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust Ali Morse

In our gardens, compost feeds the plants we grow. Farmers spread fertilizers on their fields to ensure a productive crop. It's the same for our rivers - aquatic plants need nutrients carried in freshwater for healthy growth. But just as on land, excessive nutrient levels can be damaging.

Chalk rivers like the Itchen are naturally low in nutrients, and their characteristic plants, like water crowfoot, starworts and lesser water parsnip thrive in these conditions. Competition for phosphorus helps keep plant growth in check, so if quantities increase, more vigorous species can take hold, affecting other river wildlife.

Extra phosphorus can originate from farmland runoff, fish farm and watercress farm discharges, and household wastewater. When we allow this extra phosphorus to enter our rivers, algae take advantage and quickly out-compete other plants. In serious cases, the end result can be 'eutrophication', where algal blooms die off and decompose, using up dissolved oxygen and causing river plants, insects and fish to suffocate.

Our chalk rivers are globally rare habitats, and fantastic places for wildlife. Much work is underway to limit human impact upon these special sites. The Wildlife Trust's land advisors work with farmers to limit nutrients from soil being washed into rivers, and the Environment Agency is tightening controls on phosphorus-containing discharges from fish farms and watercress farms.



Chalk River

These measures should go a long way towards helping to reduce the impacts upon our rivers.

Household wastewater is also high in phosphorus, found in both human waste and domestic detergents. A European Directive aims to protect the environment from the harmful effects of sewage discharges, requiring larger treatment works to strip phosphorus from effluent. Biological and chemical methods can remove up to 95%, but smaller treatment works, cesspits and septic tanks are not subject to the same controls. Effluent from

these sources can enter local waterways, but little is known about how much phosphorus reaches our rivers by this route.

Forms of phosphorus are found in many household products, as a water softener, and most laundry products contain phosphonates, a similar but reportedly less harmful substance.

In contrast, most dishwasher detergents contain high levels of phosphate - many containing more than 30%. This means the most beneficial change that householders could make would be to switch to a no- or low-phosphorus dishwasher detergent. Brands like Sonett, Bio D, Ecover, Ecozone, Faith in nature, and Planet Clean are all phosphorus-free. Alternatively look for a product that has low phosphorus content - the Environment Agency suggests aiming for 5% or less. A small change can make a big difference to our local rivers.

For more information, please see www.hiwwt.org.uk

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust events

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The Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) - the financial services watchdog - is to set the cap level. The FCA has already proposed other changes to payday loans; including limiting roll-overs to a maximum of two and introducing more controls on how continuous payment authorities (CPAs) can be used.

Payday lenders charge high rates of interest if you don't pay back the loan in time. If you have a payday loan and you're struggling to pay it back:

- don't be tempted to borrow more - payday lenders aren't allowed to pressure you to take out another loan or to 'roll over' your existing one
- stop the payment – your bank or card provider should stop it if you ask in time
- contact the lender – offer to pay a regular amount you can afford
- make a complaint if your lender doesn't

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Andrew Friedemann

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Recent moonlight nights (even fleetingly) have allowed us to walk a few evenings in Chineham Business Park which is a great place to walk as the streets are quiet at night, but there is plenty of lighting. All the recent rain has forced us for now



to keep to paved areas, as the woodland trails we love to use are so bogged with mud, that it makes walking there impossible to do effectively.

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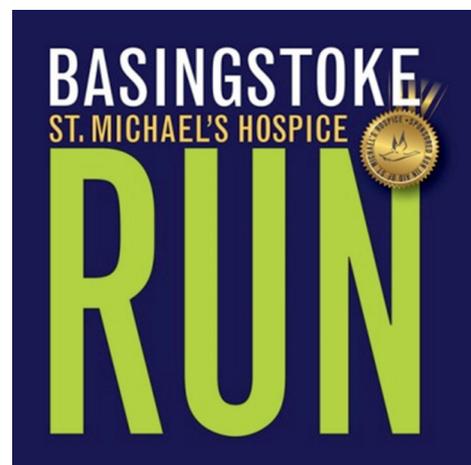
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Last year we saw more than 450 people take part, raising more than £15,000! This year we are hoping to see record numbers take part, and have an incredible fundraising target of more than £21,000. So, dust off your running shoes and help us beat 2013. Registration is open online and places are selling fast, so book early to avoid disappointment!

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Councillor Chris Tomblin

Councillor Ranil Jayawardena

We are continuing to see a relentless wave of storms hitting the UK, with no end currently in sight. The borough's officers have been working tirelessly to support those affected, providing sandbags, water pumping, organising temporary accommodation where needed and whatever other help they can offer.

Here in Bramley we have seen large puddles forming along our roads. The County Council is asking people to report incidences of flooding either online at www.hants.gov.uk/roadproblems, or by calling 0845 603 5633.

They also remind us, that if we have ditches associated with our properties, then there is an Act of Parliament that requires us to maintain them. Too often ditches have been left to block and some even appear to contain garden waste. We need to help ourselves to avoid flooding-if these extreme weather events are set to continue

The travellers' site along Cufaude Lane has been flooded on at least four occasions in the recent rains. It is due for its planning appeal hearing on 13th May. To check for flood warnings see the Environment Agency website, which shows which areas are affected and gives advice on how to prepare for flooding.

The P & I committee chose to not support an officer recommendation to increase the number of houses to be built per annum from 754 to 807 at a recent meeting. However, an important date for your diaries is the 5th of March when the same committee will be meeting at 6.30 in the Council Offices to (re)assess potential housing sites to be included in the plan. Sites in Bramley parish are included.

It is likely that Charles Church will submit a planning application for 200 houses on the Minchens Lane site. I have met them, aiming to make sure they offer a sensitive application, with suitably located and designed housing, appropriate for Bramley. Realistically, given the Council's situation, it will be difficult to prevent the principle of development on this site, but we can try to achieve the maximum gain for the community's benefit.

Razor's Farm, to the south, will have its planning enquiry hearing in the Council Offices, London Road, Basingstoke, commencing at 10.00am on 8 April 2014 for a duration of 8 days. Any owner or occupier of property in close proximity to the site may attend the Inquiry
email: - cllr.chris.tomblin@basingstoke.gov.uk

phone: 01256 880558

The last month has seen terrible weather across the country. In Bramley, we've been lucky to escape the worst excesses, but that's not to say our area has not had a few problems. I have reported the issues to Hampshire County Council. If you want to contact your County Councillor, you can email him at:

Keith.Chapman@hants.gov.uk or telephone him on: (0118) 970 0831

I will raise the issue of properly repairing roads in Bramley with the County Council, once this terrible weather has passed and the immediate issues resolved. There are some nasty potholes appearing and these will only get worse.

It looks as if Charles Church are determined to put a planning application forward. I have told their agents that they should wait for the Parish Council's "Neighbourhood Development Plan" to be completed, so that local people get a say on what sort of development they would like to see. I also made it clear that I have a number of major concerns with their proposed plans. I haven't had any response yet on these points!

By the time you read this, I hope that all Councillors will have supported the Conservatives' proposed budget for the forthcoming year, which aims to freeze Council Tax once again. The Conservatives are committed to a "five year freeze", at the same time as protecting key front line services, through finding more efficiencies and seeking to work more closely with neighbouring authorities to share costs. We are also working to transform our town. One example is our vision for the "Top of the Town" which sets out our aim to reintroduce two-way traffic around the town centre and create some vehicle access to London Street/Winchester Street. At a more local level, the Borough and County Councils are working together to provide funding to voluntary and community organisations of up to £2000, details of which I provided to the Parish Council and, in turn, local organisations.

Do please let me know if I can help with any Borough Council issue by contacting me at: cllr.ranil.jayawardena@basingstoke.gov.uk or by phone: (01256) 636500 / 845502

As ever, if I can assist you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Village Calendar - March 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30th	31st			CM - Clift Meadow VH - Village Hall	SS - Sheffield School	1st Dance School VH
8.00 Communion LL	Sherborne guides BR PC committee rm VH			BR - Bramley Room		
10.30 Mothering				LL - Little London		
Sunday Family				SOL - Sheffield Loddon		
Service				SH - School Hall CH - Cross House		Country Music VH
2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
Next before Lent	Pilates CM	Shrove Tuesday	Ash Wednesday	Circuits CM	Circuits CM	
8.00 Communion	VH Trust BR	0-5 Club CM	Circuits SH		Rhyme Time BR	Dance School VH
10.30 Matins	Beavers & Cubs SH	Dance School VH	Rainbows VH		Perform CM	PC CM
		Slimming World BR	1st Brownies VH	Flower Club SOL	PC CM	
	Circuits CM	Community Choir SS	Scouts/Guides VH			
	Badminton VH	Short Mat Bowls VH	Pilates CM	Short Mat Bowls VH		
	Zumba CH	Badminton VH	1930 Holy Communion	Dance Club SH	RBL Bramley Inn	VH
9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th
10.30 Communion	Pilates CM	0-5 Club CM	Zumba CH (9 & 7)	Circuits CM		
	Beavers SH	Dance School VH		Lunch Club CH	Circuits CM	
	Cubs SH	Slimming World BR	Rainbows VH	Short Mat Bowls VH	Rhyme Time BR	Dance School VH
	Circuits CM	Community Choir SS	1st Brownies VH	WI VH	Perform CM	
	Badminton VH	Short Mat Bowls VH	Scouts/Guides VH	Dance School VH		
	Zumba CH	Badminton VH	Pilates CM	Bramley Bus CM		
	Brownies VH	Karate SH	Circuits SH	Dance Club SH	RBL Swan SSJ	Country Music VH
16th	17th	18th	19th	20th	21st	22nd
09.00 Communion LL		Slimming World BR	Zumba CH (9 & 7)	Circuits CM	Circuits CM	
10.30 Family Service	Slimming World BR	0-5 Club CM			Rhyme Time BR	
	Pilates CM					
	Parish Council Mtg VH	Karate SH		Dance Club SH		
		Community Choir SS	Pilates CM			
			Circuits SH			
	Zumba CH				RBL Four Horseshoes	
23rd	24th	25th	26th	27th	28th	29th
10.30 Communion	Slimming World BR		Zumba CH (9 & 7)	WI LITE BR	Circuits CM	
	Beavers & Cubs SH	Dance School VH	Rainbows/Brownies	Circuits CM	Rhyme Time BR	
	Zumba CH	Karate SH	Scouts/Guides VH	Short Mat Bowls VH	Perform CM	
	Circuits CM	Short Mat Bowls VH	Pilates CM	Dance School VH		
	Badminton VH	Badminton VH	Circuits SH	Dance Club SH	RBL Plough LL	
	Sherborne guides BR					

Contact Details for Village Clubs and Organisations

Organisation	Name	Tel No	Email	Remarks
Parish Council	Tracy Predeth	tba	www.bramleypc.co.uk bramleypc@hotmail.co.uk	Not for bookings
Clift Meadow	Eileen Gulston	881125	e.e.gulston@btinternet.com	Bookings
Cross House	Judy Harrison	880644	crosshousebramley@yahoo.co.uk	Bookings
Village Hall	Eileen Gulston	881125		Bookings
School Hall	Julie Francis	881339		
Badminton	Jane Matthews	881214		
Bell ringers	Terry Cooper	881102		
Brownies	Fiona Draper	884078		1 st & 2 nd packs
Beavers, Cubs & Scouts	Neil Smith	880405		
Community Choir	Dorian Edwards	07825 616759	www.singhealthy.co.uk	
Country Music	Roy Seymour	07917 744780		No children please
Dance Club (Petite)	Louise Onslow	883568		
Exercise classes	Caroline Sherlock	880277		
Floral Society	Joyce Rawlinson	889040		
Lunch Club	Pat Jones	882441		
Royal British Legion	Gareth Doust	881984	bramleyrbl@gmail.com	
Short Mat Bowls	Val Monger Jan Miller	881434 883344		
WI	Anne Porter	881691		
WI Lite	Katie Tattersdill	880669		
Little Apples	Jo Whatley & Sian Davies	886408	manager@littleapples.org	
Trail Runners	Richard Perkins		richardperkins@yahoo.com	Mon & Wed 19.30 Clift Meadow Car park
Zumba	Julie Spencer	07765 066651	info@ca-boom.co.uk www.ca-boom.co.uk	



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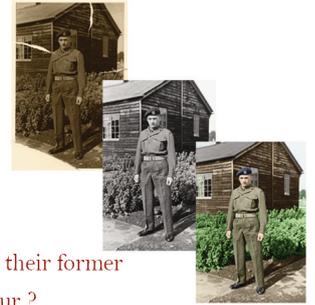


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