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This year we will be running clinics, they will be early morning or early evening. These will be well publicised on our web site www.cliftsurgery.co.uk/, in the surgery and around the villages.

All patients in the following categories are at risk from influenza and are advised to have a flu vaccination.

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|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Aged 65 years or over | 2 Asthma | 3. Diabetic | 4. Carers |
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| 8. Neurological disease | 9. Immunosuppressed | 10. Pregnant | |

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Changes to Clift Surgery telephone system

In the next few months we hope to install a new telephone system, we do not anticipate any major disruptions.

Scam Warnings !

Hampshire Trading Standards Service would like residents to be alert to cold callers at the door or on the telephone, offering to fit a device that allegedly cuts out the power supply to/from solar panels in the event of a fire.

Reports suggest the caller claims new laws are coming into force to cover fire safety linked to solar panels, and that the Fire Service will not attend fires in homes where their solar panels have caught fire. This is, of course, untrue.

For further information on renewable energy contact the Energy Savings Trust on 0300 123 1234.

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Reports have been received from the Basingstoke area, but warning applies countywide.

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Any resident wishing to check their Council Tax band can do this by calling the Valuation Office Agency on 0300 0501 501 (Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 5pm). **There is no fee for the checking service.**

For advice on scams, or to report a matter to Trading Standards, contact our partners at the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on 03454 04 05 06.

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Future Events

September 2017

3	Monk Sherborne Fete, Village Hall field, Monk Sherborne	12noon
4	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall	10.00-11.30am
4	Pelican Film Society, Sully, The Ark Conference Centre, Guests welcome £6	7.30pm
4	Loddon Valley Lions Charity Golf Day at Bishopswood Golf Club. Enquiries: 0845 833 7494	
5	SSJ Women's Fellowship - Annual Outing Coach trip to Wiltshire	
16	Felix Fund Live Music Festival, Brickledons Farm, Silchester. Tickets from www.felixfestival.co.uk	
16-24	Sherborne St John Village Scarecrow Competition	
18	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall	10.00-11.30am
23	Berkshire Brass Concert, St Mary's Church, Silchester	7.30pm
25	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion. (Planning meeting 7pm)	7.30pm
30	Macmillan Coffee Morning, SSJ Social Club	12noon – 2.30pm

October 2017

2	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall	10.00-11.30am
2	Pelican Film Society, The Eagle Huntress, The Ark Conference Centre, Guests welcome £6	7.30pm
3	St Michael's Hospice Christmas Gift Fair, Sandford Springs Golf Club	8.30 – 4.00pm
3	SSJ Women's Fellowship 'A Year in the Life of a New Forest Pony' SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
6	Basingstoke Hospital Male Voice Choir Concert at Winchester Cathedral	7pm
6	Royal British Legion Dinner, SSJ Village Hall. Tickets £24 – non-members welcome	7.00 for 7.30pm
7	Dads and Tots, Sherborne St John Village Hall, £2 per family, Tel. Scott 416272	8.00 – 9.30am
14	Artisan Market, SSJ Village Hall	11.30 – 4.30
16	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall	10.00-11.30am
23	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion. (Planning meeting 7pm)	7.30pm
30	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall	10.00-11.30am

November 2017

6	Pelican Film Society, Lion, The Ark Conference Centre, Guests welcome £6	7.30pm
7	SSJ Women's Fellowship 'The Miracle Flower' SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
13	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall	10.00-11.30am
27	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall	10.00-11.30am
27	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion. (Planning meeting 7pm)	7.30pm

December 2017

2	Dads and Tots, Sherborne St John Village Hall, £2 per family, Tel. Scott 416272	8.00 – 9.30am
4	Pelican Film Society, Hidden Figures, The Ark Conference Centre, Guests welcome £6	7.30pm
5	SSJ Women's Fellowship Christmas Lunch Details to be advised	
11	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall	10.00-11.30am
18	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion. (Planning meeting 7pm)	7.30pm

Roman Catholic Services (Tel: 819772)

Sunday Mass will be celebrated at the Church of St Bede, Popley at the following times: 9.00am 11.00am 6.30pm

Weekday Mass

Tuesday	Church of St Bede, Popley	9.30am *
Wednesday	HG Church, Basingstoke	9.30am *
Thursday	Church of St Bede, Popley	9.30am *
Friday	HG Church, Basingstoke	9.30am *
Saturday	Church of St Bede, Popley	9.30am *

* Time & Venue could vary

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Church Matters September

2017 is a highly significant year from a historical point of view. No doubt, as with most years, it brings lots of anniversaries, many of which are fairly “run of the mill”. But 2017 also brings an anniversary of a uniquely powerful event. It rocked the establishment of its day and made a significant difference to all subsequent history. Its effects are still present in the world today.

What is this event? It is all the more remarkable in that it concerned a protest started by just one man. That man was not a person of reputation and influence. He was not wealthy; he had no political power; he commanded no army. He was just a humble monk. That man of course was Martin Luther. In 1517 (500 years ago!) he nailed his “95 Theses” to the door of Wittenburg church. And thus the Reformation began.

To understand the nature of the Reformation and why it had such far reaching effects it is necessary to know something of the European world of Luther’s day. It was a society totally dominated by the Roman Catholic

Church and the “Holy Roman Empire”. In fact there was virtually no distinction between church and state and therefore any criticism of the church was met with the full force of the empire.

But not only was the church powerful in a worldly sense, it was also exceedingly corrupt. Both its global organisation and its officers (including the Pope) were consumed by the love of money, which as St Paul reminds us, is a root of all kinds of evil.¹ The church was run in such a way as to bring the wealth of the nations and the meagre resources of the poor into its treasury which grew fat on the takings. It is not an attractive picture.

It was also based on a lie, namely that if you were faithful to “mother church” she would look after you from birth to the grave, and indeed after the grave as well. And for such “life assurance” premiums must be paid. Purgatory follows death, they taught, where you would be punished for your sins and made fit for heaven. The church however could reduce the time that you had to spend there – for a fee. You would be wise, if a wealthy person to leave a good portion of your estate to the church. But whether rich or poor there was one avenue open to everyone. It was called “indulgences”, most famously hawked about by a man named Tetzel. He and others like him claimed that if you bought indulgences they bought you time off purgatory.

Clearly the gospel was totally lost in a scenario like this. And without the

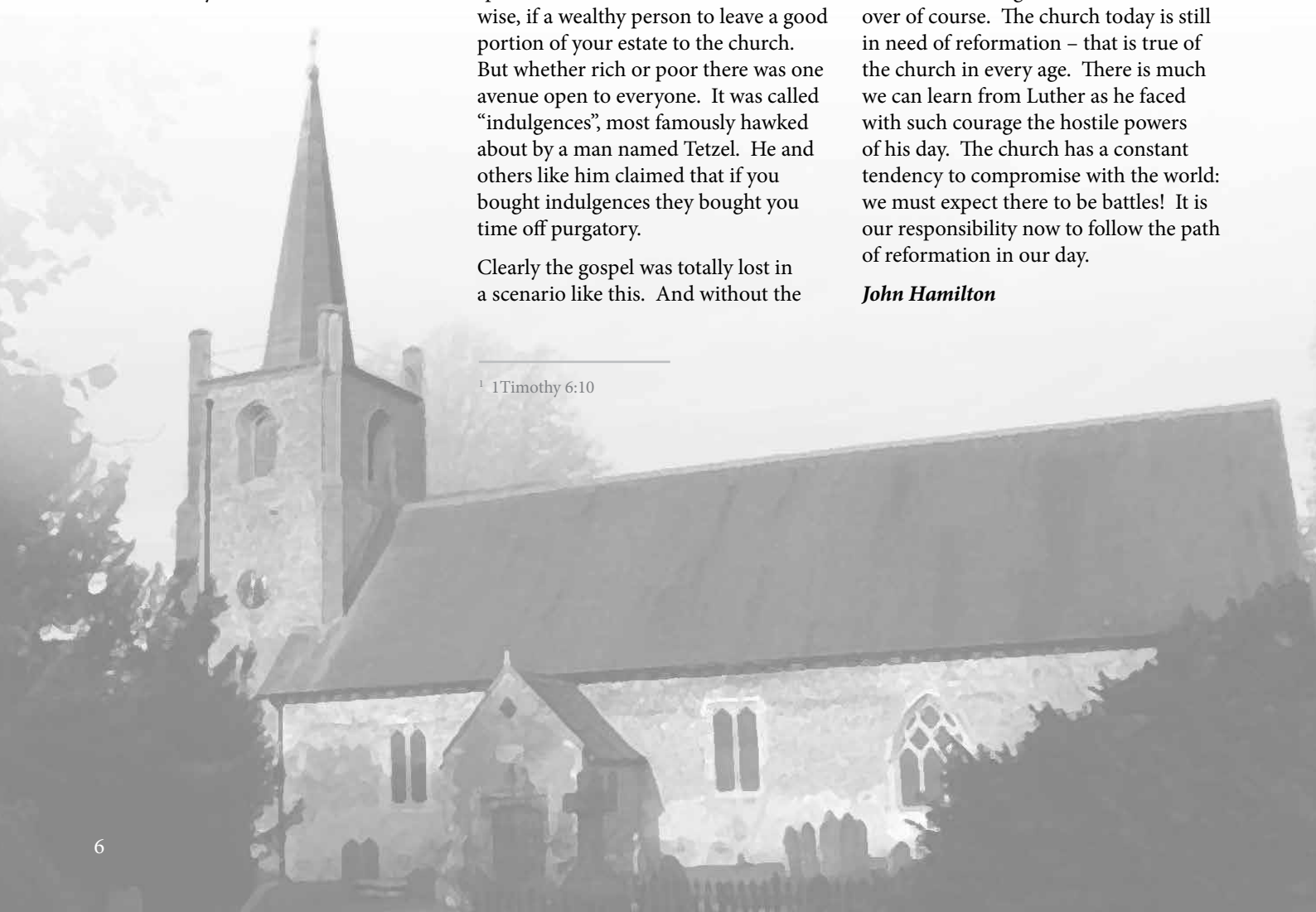
gospel the church dies. That was the situation – a dead church all over Europe. But Luther challenged this, at great personal cost, and in doing so ushered in the Reformation. It is important to see that this was not just a negative movement – the correction of abuse – it was a powerful positive movement because at its heart was the rediscovery of the gospel. Specifically, Luther emphasised the doctrine of justification by faith. This is, that we are put right with God not by anything the church can do but solely on the basis of his grace received through faith.

There is nothing whatsoever that we can contribute to this. It must be received as a gift. That is the Gospel. It is the power of God for salvation. Having it at the centre is what makes the church to be the church. Luther restored it and we still feel the benefit. It’s an exciting story as we see what he went through and how the might of the empire tried to stop him. Join us on 14th October to see the film.

We must not imagine that the work is over of course. The church today is still in need of reformation – that is true of the church in every age. There is much we can learn from Luther as he faced with such courage the hostile powers of his day. The church has a constant tendency to compromise with the world: we must expect there to be battles! It is our responsibility now to follow the path of reformation in our day.

John Hamilton

¹ 1 Timothy 6:10



Services for September

St Andrew's – Sherborne St John
All Saints – Monk Sherborne
The Priory – Pamber End

3 September

10am Family Communion

St Andrew's

10 September

8am Holy Communion
10am Morning Service, Sunday Club & Crèche
10am Morning Prayer
6pm 'Sundays at Six'

Priory
St Andrew's
All Saints
Sherborne St John Village Hall

17 September

10am Morning Service, Sunday Club & Crèche
6pm 'Sundays at Six'

St Andrew's
Sherborne St John Village Hall

24 September

10am Morning Service, Sunday Club & Crèche
10am Morning Prayer
6pm 'Sundays at Six'

St Andrew's
Priory
Sherborne St John Village Hall

1 October

10am Parish Communion, Sunday Club & Crèche
6pm 'Sundays at Six'

St Andrew's
Sherborne St John Village Hall

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 10AM: We will be looking at Jesus' teaching in Luke

Sept 03	When you pray	Luke 11:1-13	John Hamilton
Sept 10	What response are we making?	Luke 11:14-32	John Hamilton & Steve Howe
Sept 17	Light on the inside?	Luke 11:33-54	John Hamilton
Sept 24	The one you should fear	Luke 12:1-12	John Hamilton & Scott Seivewright
Oct 01	Where is your treasure?	Luke 12:13-34	Andrew King

... and at SIX pm in the Village Hall:

Sept 10	The cost	2 Corinthians 6:3-7:1	Scott Seivewright
Sept 17	Joy over repentance	2 Corinthians 7:2-16	Steve Howe
Sept 24	A call for generosity	2 Corinthians 8:1-15	John Hamilton
Oct 01	Teach & Discuss	Tolerance – How clear should we be?	John Hamilton

MIDWEEK

Home Groups meet on the weeks of Tuesday 5 & 19 September.

We meet for **Central Fellowship** on Tuesday 12 & 26 September.

Coffee at 7.45pm followed by Bible study discussion and prayer; finish at 9pm

Join us for a screening of the film Luther

Starring – Joseph Fiennes - Bruno Ganz – Peter Ustinov

Saturday 14th October – 7.45 for 8pm In Sherborne St John Village Hall

Cost of £5 - includes a glass of 'Wittenberg' beer, wine or soft drink and nibbles

There will be a short Christian talk

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Monk Sherborne Parish Council

I have completed my first year on the parish council of this lovely rural Village. It seems our biggest issues are hedgerows and potholes, the cost of council tax and what we get for our money. How often do we stop to be grateful for the wonderful opportunity to live in such a peaceful crime free community caring Village?

Taking care of the Parish – get involved

With Hampshire County Council having to make even more cutbacks locally this would be an optimum time to get involved with the Parish Council. Come and tell the Parish Council what you would like to see a focus on, such as the need for local housing developments, neighbourhood planning, play areas, hedge cutting, potholes repairs, cleaning of signs, litter picking and identifying community needs. We need your views so that we know what to focus on.

We are very privileged to live in such a lovely environment and together we can ensure it remains so. Our next Parish Council Meeting is on Wednesday 20th September at 7.20 in Monk Sherborne village hall, please do come along, even if it is just for 10 minutes to tell us what matter locally to you.

When to dial 999 or 101 - keep the police informed

The police rely on communities and individuals to keep them informed about the actual and potential crime in their area, including any anti-social behaviour. When the police have the full picture they can plan their resources appropriately.

If you are involved in or are witnessing a potential or actual crime please dial 999 and allow the police to prioritise this call, do not make the judgement yourself or worry about whether you should call or not. If the crime or antisocial behaviour has already taken place still phone the non-emergency telephone number 101 and report this to the police so that they can understand what is happening locally. As an example, locally a lorry had been emptying gravel onto the driveway of householders who had gravel driveway and then tried to make people pay for it, in an intimidating manner. This is clearly a crime; by contacting the police at the time it happens they have far more opportunity to apprehend the person and stop it happening to others. If you hear about this after the event still ensure it is reported on the 101 non-emergency number, so the police know what is happening locally and across Hampshire.

Homeless – have a clear out and help others

It is expected that homelessness will rise by 30% this year. We could help by donating surplus clothes etc. Homelessness charities would like the following for both men and women:

- Warm coats, trousers, jumpers, thermal items etc
- Warm outside shoes and boots
- Socks used and new
- Newly packaged underwear
- Hats, gloves, scarves
- Toiletries such as shampoos, body soap, toothpaste, new toothbrushes
- Cups, plates, dishes, cutlery
- Blankets, sleeping bags, towels

Remember we need goods for both men and women. Thank you in advance for taking the time to help others, we will update you in future newsletters on how well this is going.

To drop your goods off, we have arranged a drop off point at the The Garage 01256 851120 (next to the hairdressers) in Charter Alley during working hours. Whilst outside the garage opening hours please call or email:

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Monk Sherborne Village Hall

Come and see the plans for the proposed new Village Hall.

There will be a display of drawings and a scale model on show during the village fete on Sunday 3rd September in the current hall.

A full local consultation, with a chance to ask your questions, will be held on Wednesday 27th September in the Village Hall at 1900.

Don't miss this chance to participate in shaping the future of your village.



Bill Hayter, Chair MSVH Committee

BUS ROUTE 22



IMPORTANT CHANGE

By popular request Stagecoach are reversing the direction of the loop around Sherborne St John Village. From September 4th it will run on the A340 from Basingstoke to Dixons Corner then turn into Cranes Road where it will stop by Cranes Farm House and again opposite the east end of Manor Road then continue to Elm Road (shelter opposite High Bank House) and stop finally opposite the south end of Manor Road before continuing to Basingstoke via the hospital. The main timings will be unchanged.

The reason for change is that the stop at the beginning of Cranes Road was on very narrow pavement which did not accommodate passengers with trolleys and walking aids and had no shelter or seat, also people waiting were more likely to be splashed by passing traffic. The Elm Road stop is a shelter and more spacious. A petition was got up which had advance publicity and of the approx. 70 respondents many approved and none objected, so Stagecoach agreed.

Ted Wilkinson

Sherborne St John Scarecrow Festival

16th to 24th September 2017



It's Scarecrow Building Time for Sherborne St John !

For one week, the village is playing host to a whole new set of residents;
built from straw, wood, paper-anything you can think of as long as it looks like a

SCARECROW

Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd placed entries

Saturday 23rd September from 2 pm

Scarecrow Trail, Refreshments, Crafts, Prizegiving in the Village Hall

To take part please fill in an entry form available from Village Hall

or email: SSJScarecrow@gmail.com

Or for further details ring: 01256 889534 or 850593

SSJ - Shop or No Shop

The SSJ Neighbourhood Plan was finally 'made' (adopted) by BDBC earlier this year. The one item of contention - housing. The proposed houses at A340/Cranes Rd are included in the Plan - but we need to ensure the houses that are built are the ones we want, and that the controls applied are appropriate and effective.

One aspect of the housing is a proposal by the developer to provide a Shop - ready for fit-out - free of charge. Proceeding with care, this can be adopted by the Parish without significant risk. To my mind the preferred option is for the Parish to lease the premises to the right tenant, with careful attention to terms and conditions (eg. working hours), at an advantageous rent (to compensate for concessions we would require!).

There are people in the Village who are against the idea of the Shop. For older people and those without cars however, the loss of the Post Office has been a blow - the loss of a local meeting point, which the part-time mobile shop (despite an excellent range of produce) is unable to replace.

Beware however, the Shop will not happen at all - unless those in favour get involved, and make their views known to the Parish Council.

Julian Crawley



SHERBORNE ST JOHN PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH MATTERS

Complaints have been received about dogs barking late at night in the Manor Road area of the village so can I ask you if you let your dogs out after 9.30p.m you ensure they don't keep barking .

I am still receiving complaints about the commercial vehicle parking in Vyne Road which I pass on to the authorities and police but would suggest that residents also need to contact the police as well as the more comments they receive the more likely they are to do something about the problem.

PARISH EVENT

This year's Parish get together on the Village Green was a great success again with many people picnicking through the afternoon and evening to enjoy the entertainment and 2 bands. The proceeds from the raffle £276 was donated to a local cancer charity 'the Pink Place'. The Parish Council hope to hold a similar event next year as it is a great way for residents to get together as a community.

PLANNING MATTERS

The empty Dark Lane site is in the process of being sold so exactly what may happen to it is unclear. The Bob's farm site has recently been sold to a local firm who are now considering developing the whole site not just the part which already has planning permission for 4 houses.

CHUTE PAVILION AND RECREATION GROUND

I am in the process of applying for another grant to erect more storage at the Pavilion o accommodate all the equipment used by the various groups. If I am successful another storage unit will be placed right next to the Pavilion.

We are also in the process of arranging to clear the overgrown shrubs and brambles in the beds each side of the Pavilion. Once clear I hoped to install a low maintenance rubber or fake grass surface with benches and chairs. This will vastly improve the visual view of the Pavilion and help increase rentals.

Don't forget it is a great place for parties and groups so if you know of anything that could use the hall please let me know – we have had an approach from a yoga group but there is always room for more activities to suit all age groups.

TENNIS COURTS

MORE PLAYERS WANTED!!!!!!!

The Parish Council wishes to encourage more use of the new tennis courts which they installed last year. Membership is not expensive, and ranges from family, singles, students and children. It would be great to see more youngsters and teenagers using the facilities. So if you are interested please get in touch with me by e mail ssjclerk@gmail.com for more information.

ALLOTMENT

Due to illness there are a couple of plots now available for rent, so if you are interested please contact me by e mail ssjclerk@gmail.com. I am at present eating my home grown runner beans and they are TOTALLY different from the stringy ones you buy in the shops!!

We still have a problem with tenants at Moss Hill placing waste in the wrong place and unfortunately if it continues a charge will have to be included with next year's rent to pay for a contractor to clear it away. So if you are unsure of where rubbish should go please contact me or your site warden Ted Wilkinson.

TRANSPORT

The new reversed route for No 22 will start in September so please remember to look at the bus stop for new timetables to be put up by Stagecoach.

The Parish Council was again asked about improving cycling through the parish roads but with the massive reduction in Hampshire County Council's budget any improvements are highly unlikely. Councillor Robinson did tell the Council that with the new housing developments in the area the junction Rooksdown Road and Elm Road on the A340 was likely to be reopened with a road improvement scheme which could be of help to cyclist.

INFRASTRUCTURE

A340 West End problems with speeding traffic and sub standard pavements are still being investigated with Hampshire County Council. The Parish Council is still hoping to get village 'gates' installed with signs on poles and on the road. Unfortunately with everything when dealing with governing bodies it takes much more time than it should!

HCC has carried out work on the pavement from Cranes road along the A340, cutting back vegetation & removing earth from the surfaces which is a great improvement.

It is hoped to put flower containers on the chicanes in Elm Road to try to remind vehicles to cut their speed.

I hope you all had a really good summer break and please contact me if there is anything you want to bring to the Parish Council's attention ssjclerk@gmail.com.

Penny Mayo

Parish Clerk

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Notes from Pamber Green and Pamber End

Whilst all of you who stayed at home during the summer have endured what seems to be constant rain and dismal days, I escaped to France which, whilst not its normal constant sun and blue skies, has been noticeably better than you experienced at home. No doubt the Forest is very muddy again.

The St Stephens Village Hall application to the Calor Rural Community Fund for a grant of £1,000 was, unfortunately, not successful. Hopefully funding for materials and some expert labour to install proper guttering and to replace part of the rotten wooden façade can be found from another source.

Voting for the Parish Council vacancies in June resulted in Robert Lissmann and Simon Greaves being elected. Well done to all three parishioners for putting their names forward, thereby allowing the Parish to have their say.

In the May Pamber Parish Council meeting minutes, which are the latest ones available to the public, concerns were raised about the state of footpaths in Pamber Green which are overgrown and hazardous to pedestrians. The Council have contacted Highways to write to landowners about the overhanging branches on their properties and to remind them it is their duty to maintain them. The next Parish Council meeting date is 11th September at St Stephen's Village Hall.

Planning news in the Parish includes the resolution to the outline application at Berry Court Farmhouse for the erection of 3 bungalows and one house

together with new vehicular access onto Silchester Road and the creation of a village green and car park which went to the Development Control Committee on 9th August. The application was refused as it included the provision of new housing outside of the Development Plan and did not provide sufficient justification to show that the proposal was of a scale and type to meet a locally agreed need. A new local development is a large area of tarmac laid behind a raised fence covered by green sheeting and shrubs adjacent to Berry Court Business Park alongside the Bramley Road. A planning application was made and granted for this ground during 2016 for a barn and small hardstanding area for agricultural use. However, this development is being used for the storage of caravans and is being advertised as such. The Parish Council is aware of this new development and they understand that a retrospective planning application is being prepared for this facility. Should this be rejected then the Parish Council says it would expect that appropriate enforcement action would be taken. It seems that the Basingstoke Planners are also aware of the development and will be sending an Enforcement Officer to investigate.

I understand there appears to be little movement on the traveller encampment at Silchester which does not currently seem to be occupied. The travellers have not yet submitted a valid planning application which prevents starting the process of overturning it. A court date is awaited to hear the breach of the

injunction that was served in March and donations of £12,000 have currently been collected to instruct a Planning Consultant and Solicitors to assist with overturning the planning application. Email callevasociety@gmail.com if you wish to contribute.

I have heard from a Pamber resident with concern over two inconsiderate dog walkers in Pamber Forest with two Retrievers and a Ridgeback, all being off the lead and came bounding up to the resident and her Springer who was on a lead. The dogs were not called back nor controlled. An unpleasant discussion ensued and the lady and the Springer became increasingly distressed. It is unfair that anyone should feel intimidated whilst out walking for pleasure. I have noted before that well behaved dogs on and off the lead are welcome if under control but if they are not they should be on a lead for the wellbeing of all Forest users. On a brighter note, the same resident comments on spotting a stoat in her garden and welcomes ideas of how to encourage it back.

The Hook Eagles morris men will be performing at The Plough, Little London on Tuesday 5th September. Try and get there and enjoy an evening's entertainment and a pint. Also remember the Pamber Priory Organ Recital in aid of RadCan on Sunday 24th September at 3pm.

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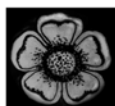
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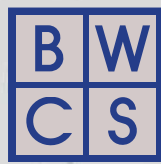
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The August meeting was a talk with slides given by Mrs Jill Daniels on Secret Haunts of Hampshire. Being the second largest county in the UK, Yorkshire being the largest, Jill had no fewer than twenty slides of places even those born in the county were unaware of.

The first slide was of the house lived in by the well known cricket commentator John Arlott lived in Arlesford, and worked at the old Park Prewett Hospital as well as subsequently becoming a policeman. His two hobbies were cricket and collecting wine. We were informed by one of our members that he played for Sherborne St John Cricket Club before working for the BBC as a cricket commentator.

We were shown an intriguing slide showing two tall cylindrical metal pillars each encasing holly trees, and three rectangular concrete blocks in the foreground. This was a photograph taken in the Recreation Ground in Winchester, formerly on the site of Hyde Abbey ((then in Hyde) where King Alfred had lived. Ten years ago an archaeological dig discovered two circles and three blocks, the blocks denoting King Alfred, his wife and his son; the two circles were holly trees.

Another slide we were shown was the Combe Gibbett, also known as Inkpen Beacon, at the beginning of the Test Way at Combe formerly in Hampshire,

now in Berkshire. The gruesome story was at the end of the 17th century, when local lovers George Broomham and Dorothy Newman were caught murdering his wife and son (his son had discovered them together) and were tried and sentenced to hanging at Winchester Crown Court. Their bodies were displayed on the gibbett to act as a deterrent. Custom was to keep them there until they rot.



Jill showed us a slide of the Portuguese Fireplace, in the New Forest – very difficult to find but somewhere between Cadnam and Boldrewood) with a WW1 connection; the fireplace remains as a memorial to the Portuguese Army who were there to assist the depleted local labour force produce timber from the New Forest. They decided to build the Cookhouse as a memorial to all those living and working in that area and assisting in the war effort.

There was a slide of the Wood Green Village Hall, known to some members

who had visited with the WI some years previously.

The Village Hall (pictured) is known for its murals on the interior walls, painted by student artists attending the RSA invited to paint village life. The slides we saw certainly lived up to their commission. Although now closed, it can be hired for events.



A place well known to Hampshire people is Gilbert White's house in Selborne. However, the slide we were shown was a – rather hidden on one side – small building opposite, known in Gilbert White's lifetime as 'Butchers'. Gilbert White never left Selborne, apart from a brief departure, and was forced to look at the rather gruesome building which also served as the Abattoir. Watching the animals entering the building to have their lives terminated, and having to see the blood oozing from the building and into the road, he decided to disguise the building by planting four lime trees in front.

Mrs Daniels was thanked for her interesting talk by Mrs Mary Plester.

The September meeting is a coach trip to Wiltshire.

The October meeting will be at 2pm on Tuesday 3rd October, with a Talk on 'A Year in the Life of a New Forest Pony' followed by Harvest Tea.

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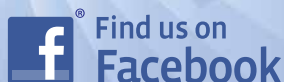
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The group walk on both Tuesday and Saturday and cover areas in and around Basingstoke as well as sometimes going further afield. We have had some lovely spring and early summer walks over the last few months and are now looking forward to the blackberries and sloes in Autumn. Also autumn is a wonderful time to walk due to all the changing colours in the countryside.

Our Tuesday morning walks, which are typically 6- 7 miles, continue to attract quite a number of walkers. We have

recently walked around Hannington, Old Basing and Selborne to name but a few. We usually end up with an end of walk pub stop, to give people time for a catch up.

Our Saturday walks tend to be longer, with fewer walkers, and can sometimes take most of the day. This last quarter we have enjoyed walks from Alton to Basingstoke, our ever popular Mudeford Quay walk (via Hengisbury Head) and a lovely walk from Horsebridge to Stockbridge and back.

As well as the walks, the group also enjoys social activities, this includes an Annual Summer Picnic, Boys lunches, Ladies walks and lunches and the group occasionally organise weekends and days away. In May there was a coach trip to Burton on the Water, about 50 people had a lovely day with a coach to Burton, a lead walk and then some free time at the end. We also had a few days walking in Paignton with four lead walks over four days. The walks were quite varied and involved both country and bits of the South West Coastal path. A good time was had by all.

The group have an active path patrol group, who report problems to the local council and also do some work on the paths, which can be as varied as checking waymarking and replacing waymarking discs, minor clearing or even repairing stiles and gates. To date this group has replaced 20 plus gates in conjunction with the local council. The latest tasks were clearing a Footpath at Kingsclere and installing some stiles.

If you are interested in finding out more about the North Hampshire Downs group, there is more information on our Website. www.northhampshiredownsrabblers.org.uk.

If you are new to walking and want to give us a try, or already walk, you would be given a very warm welcome by the Group. We hope to see you soon!

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Trevor and the club's committee for help in providing the venue. Each event is free to Club members. For non-members the club will charge £1 entrance (requirement of club rules).

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Joan Brandon



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South China Sea. After a chilly stopover in Qingdao the race continues across the Mighty Pacific to Seattle, south again through the Panama Canal before a sharp left hand turn and an easy run north to New York. Finally the fleet will make a triumphant return across the North Atlantic to arrive back in Liverpool in July 2018.

Pip grew up in Sherborne St John and Ramsdell and is a former Priory School pupil. She is competitive by nature and a great team player. Until she signed up for the race she had no sailing experience but she's prepared for the discomfort and wants to push herself throughout the race to inspire others to do something extraordinary. She is putting her heart and soul into the adventure and is crewing on the **GREAT Britain boat** which set sail from Liverpool on 20th August.

It will be an epic adventure and a great opportunity for armchair travellers to follow her progress with a few clicks and swipes. If you want to be a Super Supporter search for **@PipsClip** on Facebook, Messenger, Twitter and Instagram or keep an eye on her website www.pip360.co.uk. The official Clipper website www.clipperroundtheworld tells you everything you need to know about the race and will have a live Race Tracker, updated every hour of every day they are racing. It also has a great section for Junior Crew Supporters to complete their own Clipper Race challenges during each leg so link up with Pip and take a look!

I look forward, with some trepidation, to this heroic voyage and hope that we can build some local support for Pip through this article. Thanks for reading!

Katherine Morgan

Learn to Play Bridge

If you've always thought you would like to learn to play bridge, but have just never got round to it; if you would like to try something new and challenging which opens up a wide new social circle for you and introduces you to a game that can be enjoyed at so many different levels; if you played a little years ago, but have forgotten most of what you ever learned; if you've never even played cards before, but would like to see what it is all about: why not come along to Basingstoke Bridge Club on Tuesday 5th September at 7.15 pm? We have been running classes for beginners for many years now. Every year some class members go on to become members of the club and most become as addicted to the game as the rest of us.

Beginners' classes take place on Tuesday evenings (7.15 to 10.00 pm). The course runs from September to July with various breaks for holidays. The cost is £60.00 for each of the three terms of ten lessons. The first of these evenings is entirely free. You will find yourself playing a mini version of bridge on the very first night. Each lesson comprises about 20-30 minutes teaching followed by lots of practice hands to play. You will receive notes and copies of the hands with commentary every week, together with some homework to keep you up to speed. The course is run by Chris and Helen Kinloch who can be contacted by e-mail: kinloch@btinternet.com or telephone 01264 333175.

Basingstoke Bridge Club is a very friendly club with over 200 members. Visitors are always welcome. We have bridge every day from Monday to Friday. Our main evenings are Mondays and Fridays, and there is also bridge on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Thursday evenings are for less experienced players who do not feel ready to join the other sessions. Table money for visitors is £3.00, but the first Thursday you play you will not be charged. (To find out more about Thursdays, telephone George Collins on 01256 780940.)

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Bert's Blog To Catch A Thief!



A French Bath..... We've had visitors and that means I have had to have a bath rather than regale them with my natural perfume. This bath is outside and after the mother and father of all thunderstorms it filled up with rain water. The Mrs suddenly had the idea to immerse me in what she said was an opportunity not to be missed, telling me the rainwater would make my hair soft and silky! I was not so keen to jump at the opportunity, as you can probably tell from my demeanour, and had to be persuaded to climb in and succumb to the shampooing, after which I was hosed down and allowed to get dry by chasing and retrieving tennis balls, a pastime I never tire of. The Mrs seemed quite pleased with her bath idea, but the Boss thought a swim round the lake would have done the job just as well...thankfully most of the water has drained away and the first thing I look at when I go out for my morning constitutional is whether or not it has been refilled in which case I distract the Mrs by picking up my lead and taking off at a brisk pace towards the lake.. I am not the only one here cursing the foul weather we have been experiencing....come back sun - no more French baths!!!

My fan base is broadening, not only did the miniatures visit but also relations from Australia. I have to say the Aussies were delighted with me and I received many compliments from them and several large bones which I did wonder if they had dug up as there was much mention of 'down under' but although I spent hours trawling the lawns for a hint of where they might have been digging I failed to find any clues. Rest assured I will keep sniffing...

I was so excited when I first saw the geese arrive on the Vyne lake and even more so when the female started to sit on her clutch of eggs on the island in the middle of the lake. It wasn't long before a female duck joined her. Checking they were still there made those cold early morning walks so special. One day Mother Goose had disappeared and so had the father. Of course I thought the worst so imagine my delight, when the following day there they were with 5 of the cutest chicks you could possibly imagine and delighted in taking the family photo! But the joy was not for long - 2 days later the chicks were gone followed by their parents. It wasn't long before the duck appeared with just one little chick only to meet the same demise. So so sad.

But every cloud has a silver lining - Stuart Cameron and his merry men have now decided to take matters into their own hands and have erected cameras around the lake in hope of finding who is the perpetrator and put an end to these sad deaths. Stuart is determined that next year we enjoy a more prolific bird life on the lake. I'm sure I speak for everyone when I say - Good luck Stuart

Gill Lindley

Thank you

On behalf of St Michael's Hospice I would like to say a big thank you to Kathy Wilson and everyone who came along and supported the afternoon tea at Carlyle House on 1st July. It was a beautiful day and many local people enjoyed the lovely gardens at Carlyle House eating delicious scones and cakes with friends and family. With the kindness and generosity of everyone we raised the fantastic amount of £553.40 for the Hospice.

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Chris Griffiths

Head of Business Development & Marketing, St Michael's Hospice



Basingstoke Civil Service Retirement Fellowship

At the group's meeting on 2nd August the speaker was Rosy Hardy of Hardy's Cottage Garden Plants at Freefolk near Whitchurch who have been exhibiting at Chelsea for 25 years and won 25 RHS Gold Medals. Rosy gave an interesting and informative talk starting by giving a history of her nursery from its beginnings in Camberley and describing some of her exhibits at Chelsea with this year's Circle of Colour being 120 square metres in size. She then went on to explain how important it was to put plants together that enjoy the same soil conditions and having brought with her a variety of plants was able to suggest and demonstrate how to combine different plants for certain areas of the garden. Heuchera for instance come from the North American forest so prefer wet rich soil in semi-shade while grasses like clay soil with sun and plenty

of space and hardy geraniums will grow almost anywhere. She also explained how and when cutting down and dividing should be done for the different species she had with her. After a number of questions people had the opportunity to buy some of the plants and obtain a signed copy of Rosy's new book "25 Years of Chelsea".

The next outings are a Thames Cruise to Greenwich on Thursday 21st September followed by a Mystery Trip on Wednesday 25th October and then a visit to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard and Christmas Victorian Market on Friday 1st December.

The next meeting is on 6th September when the speaker will be Tony King on Vanished London. The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at Brookvale Village Hall from 10 am to 12

noon and all retired Civil Servants and their partners are welcome. The year's programme and further details about meetings and outings can be obtained from the Secretary Tony Brazier on 01256 418770 or at bjmapbr@ntlworld.com and if you would like to join us on any of our trips please contact Kate Lambeth on 01256 328791.

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Gill, based at the firm's Town Gate offices in London Road, Basingstoke, said: "The Ministry of Justice has agreed to repay Tribunal fees collected from employees and we look forward to hearing how those claims can be made.

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Young Ringers – A Grand Day Out.

It all started a few weeks before our big adventure to the Bull Ring in Birmingham. My brother Alex and I were asked by The Winchester & Portsmouth (W&P) Guild Young Ringers group if we would like to join them to compete in the Ringing World National Youth Contest (RWNYC) in Birmingham in July. We were very excited and enthusiastic, but it soon dawned on us how much commitment and team work we would have to put in to succeed.

The 10-strong team met at Bishopstoke Church to get to know each other, ring together and practise the set of call-changes that had been devised for our competition piece. It was great to meet the other young ringers who were all aged between 9 and 16 and had come from all over the W&P District, as far as Christchurch to Basingstoke. We met up for a second practice at Hordle Church where we decided who would ring which bell for the competition.

The day of the big competition soon arrived. It started when we awoke to the ring of the alarm clock at 6:00 am on a chilly Saturday morning. The long haul car journey to Birmingham seemed to go on for ever and felt as if it would never end. Finally we reached the first tower of the day at Kings Norton where Rev V W Awdry trained as a curate (Thomas the Tank Engine author). Here we were to have the opportunity to practise our competition piece on unfamiliar bells which would help us later on. We arrived a little early so found a lovely café nearby and settled into a pleasant hot chocolate with marshmallows which fuelled us up for

the long day ahead. When we met the rest of the band we were all given a team t-shirt which really helped us feel like a team.

When we finished at Kings Norton we moved on to our competition tower at St Peters, Harborne. Before the competition piece, which took 5-10 minutes, nervousness and a tense atmosphere surrounded us but as soon as the first bell pulled off the stay, we felt relaxed and sure that we could pull through. We felt we did a great job with our ringing and the adult helpers agreed the standard was a lot better than some adult ringing they had heard. But only fate could really decide what would happen next. We had to wait and see who had got through the heats into the final. There were a total of 19 teams each of 10 ringers competing from all over the country.

While we waited for the results we moved on to Aston Church for lunch and a ring on the bells there. In another moment of tension, the results came through. W&P ... oh no, we didn't get through! We did our best, but sometimes you have to lose to see what you can do to be better in the future. This did come as a surprise but as a team we were able to get over it. We can say with pride that we tried, did our best, gained valuable experience of competing against some very good bands of young ringers and had fun!

There was still more fun to be had as we moved to St Martins in the Bull Ring in the centre of Birmingham. This tower has 16 bells, the most you can get (we are used to ringing on just 6 at Sherborne St John!). Ringing at St

*Thomas and Alex
with their medals*



Martins was an experience! My brother Alex rang the heaviest bell called the Tenor. It weighs about 2 tonnes! There was also a mini ring set up outside the church which we all had a go on. This was good fun too and we even got rounds of applause from passing shoppers.

The end of the day was drawing to a close. We had the presentation ceremony and we were all awarded medals for competing. Oh, by the way the overall winners were the Yorkshire Tykes team. Our busy day in Birmingham ended with all of us going to Pizza Hut for a well-earned pizza!

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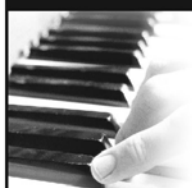
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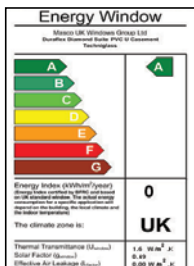
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