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March 2020**

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for tea, posh coffee, cookies and cake
after-school children's tuckshop and soft drinks

Clift Surgery Patient Group

Come and help the Clift Surgery Patient Participation Group! We are starting 2020 with a new set of members and a fresh injection of enthusiasm. We'd welcome your ideas and help with specific tasks in future - anything that will help the Surgery provide the best possible service and keep us all as healthy as we can be. We are keen to get input from Clift surgery patients in SSJ, Monk Sherborne, Pamber End and neighbouring villages.

Please contact: Chair Keith Oborn keith.oborn@keble.oxon.org

VE Day Celebration

As part of the Royal British Legion celebrations of VE day, the Legion is planning to treat VE Day veterans to a free weekend in London, all expenses paid. . Please note that applications can only be submitted online and by the deadline of Monday 2nd March 2020. If you know of someone who might be eligible please let the Bramley and District Branch Secretary know soonest so that the application can be made. Contact: Bryan Jenkins,

secretary@rbl.community or by phone on 01256 881938.

John Delafield
Chairman, Bramley and District Branch Royal British Legion
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Future Events

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2	Pelican Film Society, "Blinded by the Light", The Ark , Guest Welcome £7	7.30pm
3	Women's Fellowship, Paula Read - Learning about Clinical Trials, SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
6	Community Café at Sherborne St John Village hall	2.30pm-4.00pm
13	Community Café at Sherborne St John Village hall	2.30pm-4.00pm
14	Jumble Sale for Rainbows, Brownies and Guides. SSJ Village Hall , Donated items from 12 midday	2.00pm
16	Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	9.30am-11.30am
20	Community Café at Sherborne St John Village hall	2.30pm-4.00pm
20	Tell Ranil in the Pub in Sherborne St John, The Swan, SSJ	7.30pm-8.30pm
25	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion. (Planning meeting 7pm)	7.30pm
27	Community Café at Sherborne St John Village hall	2.30pm-4.00pm
30	Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	9.30am-11.30am

April 2020

6	Pelican Film Society, "The More you Ignore me", The Ark , Guest Welcome £7	7.30pm
7	Women's Fellowship, Diana White – Finland, a Very Special Country, SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
13	Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	9.30am-11.30am
18	Bingo Evening at Sherborne St John Village Hall	
22	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion. (Planning meeting 7pm)	7.30pm
27	Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	9.30am-11.30am
27	Ranil's Constituents' Tours of the Houses of Parliament, https://bit.ly/TellRanilQA	9.45am - 12.30pm

May 2020

4	Pelican Film Society, "Official Secrets", The Ark , Guest Welcome £7	7.30pm
5	Women's Fellowship, Angeline Gore – Jam, Jerusalem & Doing Porridge, Plant & Prod.stall,SSJVH	2.00pm
8	VE Day Picnic, Monk Sherborne Village Hall	1pm
11	Ranil's Constituents' Tours of the Houses of Parliament, https://bit.ly/TellRanilQA	10am - 1pm
11	Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	9.30am-11.30am
13	Sherborne St John Parish Council AGM, Chute Pavilion.	7.30pm
20	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion. (Planning meeting 7pm)	7.30pm
25	Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	9.30am-11.30am
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June 2020

1	Pelican Film Society, "Judy", The Ark , Guest Welcome £7	7.30pm
2	Women's Fellowship, David Padwick – Challenges of Serious & Organised Crime, SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
8	Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	9.30am-11.30am
20	Sherborne St John Annual Fete	
22	Ranil's Constituents' Tours of the Houses of Parliament, https://bit.ly/TellRanilQA	11.35am - 2.30pm
22	Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	9.30am-11.30am
24	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion. (Planning meeting 7pm)	7.30pm

July 2020

6	Pelican Film Society, "Little Women", The Ark , Guest Welcome £7	7.30pm
6	Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	9.30am-11.30am
7	Women's Fellowship, Outing	2.00pm
20	Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	9.30am-11.30am
22	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion. (Planning meeting 7pm)	7.30pm

Our Plan for this Parliament – Part 2

Ranil Jayawardena, M.P. – Member of Parliament for North East Hampshire

In my last column here, which I hope you've had an opportunity to read, I set out the first half of 'Our Plan' – alongside the ways you can join me in these endeavours. This time, I shall set out the rest of the areas on which I'm focusing my work for North East Hampshire in this Parliament.

First – faster, longer, better trains: because the reliability and capacity of South Western Railway is simply not good enough. Great Western Railway's performance has been transformed in recent years, so getting the GWR Managing Director to take over SWR holds promise – and I will push him to improve our services.

Next – better roads for everyone: fighting to boost investment in fixing our roads

locally – part of which is my 'Pothole Busting' team. Hampshire County Council will fix the potholes you report – at: bit.ly/roadrepairs – but do send me your HCC reference number too and I'll chase if they don't. Would you like to join the team? Drop me a line: email@ranil.uk – with you on board, we'll be an even stronger team.

Finally – £33.9bn extra for our NHS and new seed funding for a new North Hampshire Hospital. Great news. And, locally, I want to facilitate sharing best practice, between our GPs and our councils. For example, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council built and leases a surgery – giving residents and GPs a modern, fit-for-purpose building, which is a good investment for local taxpayers

too. We need more of this.

These – and priorities from last month's column – are the areas where

I will focus my work for you and your family. It's about helping you live a better life. That's what keeps me going. So, let's work together and, if you have thoughts or ideas, whether on the above or something else, I want to hear from you.

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SSJ Tennis Club AGM



7.30pm

Monday 20th April 2020

16 Elm Road, Sherborne St John

This is YOUR tennis club – do come along; new members very welcome.

Tennis Club Event

Wednesday, 22nd April – 7pm at Chute Pavilion

Drills with Andy the coach

followed by refreshments & the Wimbledon Ticket ballot

(for those members who have opted in)

New and previous members - All very welcome

Sherbornes with Pamber

At the beginning of the year, very few people outside of the healthcare professions would have been familiar with the term 'coronavirus', but now it's on everyone's lips. A new form of this kind of virus emerged in the city of Wuhan in China at the end of 2019. It rapidly spread throughout China, and there are now cases around the world. I regularly use a traditional form of prayer called the Litany. It includes the prayer, "From plague... Good Lord, deliver us." It has taken on a new sense of urgency. When I was training as a doctor, I didn't see the sickness all around me as incompatible with my beliefs as a Christian; in fact, I think the world is as you'd expect it to be if the Bible is true.

We cannot automatically assume that an individual's suffering is a direct result of anything they have done wrong. That was the mistake of Job's so-called comforters in the Bible. As well as losing his livestock and family as a result of a combination of human wickedness and natural disaster, he is covered in painful sores from the soles of his feet to the top of his head. One of his companions says, "Who, being innocent, has ever perished? Where were the upright ever destroyed? As I have observed, those who plough evil and those who sow

trouble reap it" (Job 4.7-8). At the end of the book, God says, "You have not spoken of me what is right" (Job 42.7). Jesus corrects the same wrong thinking in the New Testament. Jesus' disciples see a man who is born blind and ask, "Who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answers, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned" (John 9.1-3). We live in a fallen world in which human beings have rebelled against the God who made us and the earth is under a curse. One way this is seen is the suffering of individuals as a result of systemic wrongdoing. It has been suggested that a market selling live exotic animals and seafood which was densely crowded with unsanitary conditions played a key role in the novel coronavirus outbreak. It has also been suggested that if the authorities had not censured those who first drew attention to the outbreak for spreading rumours, precautions could have been taken which might have slowed the spread of the disease.

The novel coronavirus outbreak has failed to shake the faith of many Christians in China. Persecution of Christians in China has been intensifying in recent years. To give one example, just after Christmas, Pastor Wang Yi of Early Rain Covenant Church, who was arrested a year ago and has been held in custody ever since, was sentenced in a secret trial to nine years' imprisonment on the charges of inciting subversion of state power. In recent weeks, Christians have been on the streets of Wuhan giving out protective masks and sharing the hope that their faith gives them. It appears that Dr Li Wenliang, one of those doctors who first warned about the outbreak whom the authorities silenced, was a Christian. He was an ophthalmologist who treated someone

infected with the novel coronavirus, became infected himself, and subsequently died. Christians remaining behind to help during epidemics is nothing new. I enjoy the novels of John Buchan, and in the novel *Witch Wood*, set in the middle of the seventeenth century, the plague comes to the parish and the new minister helps to prevent its spread, assisted by the niece of the local laird who contracts the plague herself and dies. In the third century in the Roman Empire during times of plague, the early Christians cared for the sick and gave proper burials to the dead.

I am not for a moment claiming that Christians have a monopoly on compassion, nor that Christians are incapable of being selfish. However, I would suggest that the Christian faith is able to give an account of why Christians are prepared to risk their lives for others, even strangers, and when Christians behave selfishly, they are being inconsistent with their beliefs.

The gospel accounts describe how Jesus touched people with skin diseases and healed them, when other people would have kept their distance (Mark 1.40-42). This was the pattern of Jesus' life, culminating in his statement about himself, "Even the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." In this season of Lent, we prepare to remember that this is what Jesus did when he died on the cross. When we trust in him to pay the price that ransoms us from the consequences of our rebellion against God, we are assured of life with him forever. That means we can follow his example without fear and serve others whatever the cost.

Daniel Newman
Rector

Programme for March 2020

01 March *Galatians 4:8-20 Wasted Efforts?*

10am Parish Communion, Sunday Club & Crèche St Andrew's The Revd Daniel Newman

08 March *Galatians 4:21-31 Slave or Free?*

10am Morning Service, Sunday Club & Crèche St Andrew's Warren Trask
10am Morning Service All Saints Andy Spence

15 March *Galatians 5:1-15 Faith expressed in love*

10am Morning Service (Mission Sunday) St Andrew's The Revd Daniel Newman

22 March *Galatians 5:16-26 Flesh or Spirit?*

10am Morning Service, Sunday Club & Crèche St Andrew's Warren Trask
10am Morning Service Pamber Priory The Revd Daniel Newman

29 March *Galatians 6:1-10 Reap what you sow*

10am Morning Service, Sunday Club & Crèche St Andrew's The Revd Daniel Newman

05 April *Galatians 6:11-18 Boast in the Cross*

10am Family Communion St Andrew's The Revd Daniel Newman

MIDWEEK

Lent meetings take place on Tuesday 3rd, 10th & 17th March

starting at 7.45pm with coffee/tea at Everest Academy College

Home Groups meet during the week of Monday 30th March

We meet to **pray** on Saturday 7th March at 8.30am in the Parish Room

Do you enjoy flower arranging? No skill required, only enthusiasm! We would love you to join the St Andrew's Church Flower rota. Is there a special date in the year or an occasion you would like to celebrate by sponsoring a flower arrangement in church? Contact the editor to chat about it.

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 *

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Pamber Green, Pamber End and Little London notes

Nothing from me for a while, probably you're grateful for that! The last deadline was so close to our return from our Christmas and New Year break it was simply a step too far for me. I'm running late this month too with so much going on at the moment so my notes will be shorter than usual so I can not be too late for the copy deadline.

I haven't ventured into Pamber Forest for some time but, I am reliably informed, it is pretty dire at the moment with the large volume of rain we have experienced. No doubt there are also trees down too. Oh for Spring to rush on although at least it is light until much later in the day.

In the last article that I wrote I posed the question about the new Parish notice board at the A340/ New Rd junction in Pamber Green and whether it would be possible to put notices on the board. Hopefully you will have seen that Parish Councillor Simon Greaves holds the keys for all of the parish noticeboards so please make good use of them. Simon can be contacted on Simon@macsweb.co.uk Contact details for the other South Ward councillors are also on the noticeboards.

At the moment the minutes for the meeting held on 9th December 2019 are not published on the website so I will have to report that and hopefully January 2020 minutes in my next article. Parish Council news currently includes that the planning application near Berry Court Farm for continued storage of the caravans and motor homes was refused and a directive to enforce the agreed closure of this. The Parish Council agreed to object to a building application at Rosebank, Aldermaston Road, Pamber End based on the excessive traffic on the A 340. Discussions are ongoing as to the possibility of organising special events to commemorate V.E. and V.J. Days. Cllr Tyson is doing a sterling job of updating the parish web site. She would like photos of the parish if anyone has some, jatyson.ppc@gmail.com

There appears to be a danger that St. Stephen's Church in Little London will be closed. The Bramley and Little London Parochial Church Council have decided to transfer the monthly service of Holy Communion that used to be held at St Stephen's to Bramley, due to the poor state of the building. A residents meeting was held in mid February to discuss the future of the Church and I will update you with news on this next month.

Pamber Folk and Acoustic Club held its very successful inaugural event on the 7th Feb. An audience of more than forty enjoyed a wide variety of performances and participated fully. It was such a good evening that it was immediately agreed to hold the next meeting on the 6th March 2020 at 7:30 pm in St Stephens Hall, Little London. Please support their efforts.

Ann Ellis

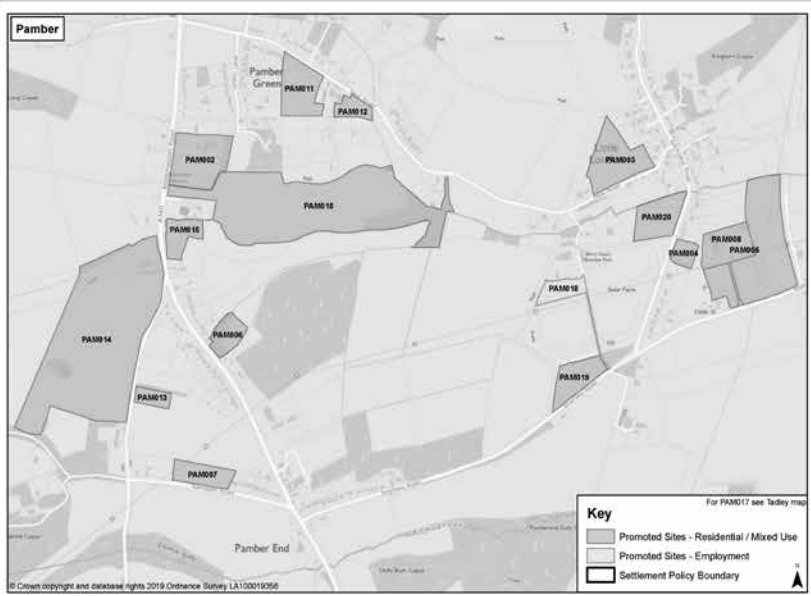
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OPEN DAY POSSIBLE SITE DEVELOPMENT IN PAMBER

4th April 10:30am to 2:30pm St Stephens Village Hall Little London

Pamber Parish Council invite residents of Pamber and surrounding Parishes to view and discuss Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment [SHELAA] for Pamber Parish. Your views will be collated and forwarded to B&DBC as part of their consultation process.



**This map shows sites put forward by landowners for
POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT.**

Contact the Parish Clerk for more information:
Phone: 0794 263 7210 | Email: clerk@pamber-pc.gov.uk



PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Matters

It has been a busy time for the Parish around the Christmas & New Year period. The Parish Council welcomed the new Rector Daniel Newman and his family to the Parish and look forward to working with him to ensure the health and wellbeing of the Parish and residents in the future.

A problem with dog fouling especially on Church Path & Cranes Road has been reported. Residents are reminded that this is an offence which carries a fine from the Borough Council. Please clear up after your dogs as it may be your child stepping in it; and if you see anyone failing to clear up after their dog please report it to the Parish Council to deal with.

The Parish Council also had a report of residents letting off fireworks during the holiday period without warning local people with livestock in fields around. Residents are reminded that this can carry a fine of up to £20,000 so if you want to have any kind of firework display please inform farmers and anyone with animals in fields nearby.

Several hedges locally have been reported as needing urgent attention which have been reported to the local authorities.

The Council asked for any suggestions from residents about holding a VE celebration event.

The work on the Village Green is now completed – hopefully travellers will no longer be able to gain access. Reg Sears and John Edwards have now planted the new trees donated by Reg Sears. The Parish Council wish to thank both as the bad weather made their task extremely difficult. The installation of a separate small gate will be reviewed later.

There have been problems with rubbish and other detritus being dumped in the cut off part of Sherborne Road especially at the back entrance to Everest school.

In the short time per week for our litter picker this area is too far and dangerous to walk to and much of the rubbish is hazardous so outside her remit. If residents see cars going up the no-through road, please take a note of car numbers and report to the police as this would deter people thinking it is a safe out of the way place to park or fly tip.

The problems with parents parking on Vyne Road when going to the Village school is still of major concern as it obstructs the road and blocks visibility on a very narrow road. The School has been asked to formulate a plan to alleviate the problem by HCC so it is hoped some resolution can be found.

Roads/Footpaths

The state of the roads is still a major concern. While the water in the recent floods in Kiln Road was removed Hampshire County Council have still to take the necessary action to find the cause and to stop it happening again. While Cllr Vaughan continues to push for a quick and permanent resolution please continue to register complaints on the County Council website to keep up the pressure.

Vyne Road is still to be repaired with numerous horrendous holes and it is hoped this will be done in the next few months.

The County Council is about to decide on the re-routing of footpath 502. If you have already registered objections, they will be taken into account but if you have not and feel strongly about the issue please register with the County Council now.

The traffic calming measures for Vyne Road and Cranes road signage is still to be carried out by HCC.

Lengths man Scheme

This scheme is working well with many small problems addressed and the Parish Council agreed to fund some

work if necessary. There is an ongoing schedule so if there is anything to add please let me know. The broken fencing in Cranesfield which leaves access into the field behind is being investigated as travellers could gain access. They have also been asked to repair and paint the gates on Sherborne Road & cut round the bollards at the junction of Elm road with A340.

Chute Recreation Ground & Pavilion

The Chute is still very popular locally and now has a variety of sports which always need new people – there are bowls, judo, martial arts, yoga, football, tennis and triathlon sessions and a new Qigong workshop. So please contact me for contact details if you are interested.

The new drainage funded by a BDBC grant will start in May this year, and in view of current rain will not be too soon. While the work is being undertaken the whole area of the pitches will be cordoned off for safety. Access to the courts and playground will still be possible via the path on the side.

Neighbourhood Plan – Cranes Road Development.

The problems with mud and parking by contractors on Cranes Road at the Antler site has been resolved and hopefully will not reoccur. The site manager will attend the next Parish meeting to discuss any issues with the Parish Council.

Finances

The Parish Council approved the new budgets for 2020/21 and confirmed that there is adequate funding to carry out all their commitments which will continue to ensure the Parish's health. While there are no current issues the Council decided it would be prudent to start to build a reserve fund for the Chute Pavilion roof and equipment as it is now over 22 years old.

The Parish Council are pleased to report that the precept has been held at the same rate as last year with no increase.

Planning Applications received November to January 2020

There have been many planning applications registered with many residents in West End objecting to 2 new PIP applications at West End details of which are reported below. BDBC

does not have an adequate land supply for housing at present developers have been able to submit plans for new sites.

Don't forget everyone is welcome to attend the Parish Council's monthly meetings so if you have any issues you wish to raise please come along to the Wednesday evening meeting or e mail clerk@sherbornestjohn-pc.gov.uk.

Penny Mayo

Application no	Address	Description of work	Actions
19/03322/PIP	Aldermaston Rd	App for permission for residential development of up to 9 dwellings	Parish Council strongly object to this application. They understand that under Planning Law they can only object on – land use, type of development & location. This application's access is on an extremely dangerous corner on the A340 with bad visibility and this is where children from that side of the Village have to cross to get to the school which will increase the danger as the traffic in and out for 9 more dwellings together with those already there & the potential for 2 more (19/03440/FUL) & the other application received 20/00128/PIP for 8 more dwellings next to this site. This is outside the settlement area & breaches the strategic gap and the SSJ Neighbourhood Plan. There is also a serious concern that this area has been used for landfill which raises contamination issues. The PC are concerned that they have not been given adequate time to consider their objections having been told that an extension was granted till 10th Feb to be then informed that it will go before Development Control Committee on 5th Feb 2020 for a decision. See separate objections form sent to BDBC for Development Planning meeting
120/00128/PIP	Land Aldermaston Road	App for permission for residential development of up to 8 dwellings	The PC will not be able to discuss this application as it only arrived 22.1.20 & is scheduled for Development Control Committee meeting on 5th Feb 2020 when a decision will be made. Many of the objections on the other application 19/03322/PIP apply to this one. This is within the strategic gap which must be maintained to stop coalescence with Basingstoke itself. The road is extremely busy and visibility is bad as there is a hill on a sharp bend just past the site. There are no pavements linking the area with the Village which means people will be isolated & in danger if they walk by the busy A340

For all other planning decisions please visit the Parish Council website

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Vegetables

1. Five potatoes
2. Five medium or large tomatoes
3. Five cherry or plum tomatoes
4. Three carrots
5. Two cucumbers
6. Two courgettes
7. Five runner beans
8. Five broad bean pods
9. Five onions
10. Five pea pods
11. Five shallots
12. A dish or raspberries

Novelty

13. Heaviest marrow
14. Heaviest carrot
15. Ugliest vegetable
16. Longest runner bean
17. A photo of an insect

Flowers

18. A vase of five flowers all the same
19. Two stems of roses, both the same
20. A flower arrangement
max diameter 60cm
21. Three dahlias, all the same
22. Sweet peas, a vase of 12 stems

Children's

23. A farmyard
24. A wild flower arrangement
25. A vegetable monster
26. A painting
27. A photo

Home cooking

28. A courgette and walnut cake
(men only) *
29. six plain scones (white flour)
30. A jar of jam
31. a jar of marmalade

* baked to a recipe found on the village hall website



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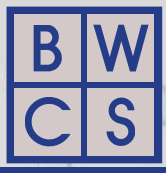
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Sherborne St John Church of England Primary School

As we arrive at March, we are looking forward to some lovely spring weather. The Year 6s returned from their week's residential at Stubbington Study Centre having had a wonderful time despite a very wet and windy start, but the weather improved and they all managed to dry out well enough to enjoy it! They even learnt some survival skills - how to build shelters and to make a fire - and spent a couple of hours in the hide during the evening, which were rewarded by sightings of both badgers and foxes!



Class 3 had a great time visiting the Egyptian Centre at Highclere Castle as part of their studies on Ancient Egypt. They looked around

the grounds, dressed up as Ancient Egyptians and visited the replica of

Tutankhamun's tomb (complete with mummified body!). They were then fully prepared to carry out their own mummifications in school - thankfully using fish rather than human bodies!

Meanwhile, the Infants visited Milestones museum to find out about toys in the past. This included playing some old-fashioned street games, trying the penny arcade and using a ration book to buy sweets from the sweet shop.

During March, we are looking forward to Sport Relief, when the children will take part in the fund-raising by running, walking or skipping for a mile. The Girls Tag Rugby team will take part in their annual competition at Oakley Junior School, competing against other schools around Basingstoke. The Key Stage 1 children will all be going to 'The Big Sing' at the Anvil, and then have a trip to Legoland planned for the end of the month.

Thanks to the hard work and commitment of Miss Biles, Sherborne St John School has been nominated in the

Primary School of the Year category at the Basingstoke Annual Sports awards. This is a result of all the great things we have done in PE and sport over the last year and reflects the enthusiasm of everyone (children, staff and parents) who have taken part.

Finally, congratulations to Austin from Class 3 who has been chosen as the winner of a special competition run by the magazine 'Storytime'. Children to design a new superhero, and his was picked from hundreds of entries. We are looking forward to reading the story featuring his superhero in the June edition of the magazine!

Sherbert - SSJ School Villager Correspondent



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Bert's Blog



I have heard it is customary to bring a rose to your loved ones on a certain date last month. Strictly speaking these were already given but I thought it a nice gesture to bring one to the Mrs to show how much I appreciate her. The fact that I had to select it from the already carefully arranged vase without her noticing and get the Boss to clear up the resulting mess was immaterial to the thought I put into it. She seemed really impressed with me but rather less so with the Boss as apparently he had not remembered himself, the colour was wrong and he was rubbish at flower arranging! There is just no pleasing some women! I thought it was red.....but she loves me anyway!



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The reactivation of the **Weybrook Court and Monk Sherborne Road** scheme is well under way, an introductory letter having been delivered to all residents by Jane Shelvey with the February Villager. We have had a pleasing number of applications which we hope will continue to trickle in over the coming weeks. If you have not yet enrolled please do so to Virginia (binbun@hotmail.co.uk or 851091) or by phone to myself (850891) giving your full name

and address, email address and phone number. Jane Shelvey has decided not to continue in any official NHW capacity.

Over the years many people have moved to the village to roads with existing schemes and in the main they have not made contact with NHW. If you are enrolled you will be receiving occasional e-mails from your co-ordinator relaying important police and scam warnings and the police local monthly report. If you do not receive these you are probably not enrolled so please e-mail your scheme co-ordinator now, a list of them was in the December / January Villager or you can notify me with details as above.

The replacement signs, window stickers and literature have all been procured

and will appear on the streets shortly. Window stickers and booklets will be delivered to the new members enrolled at Spring Close, The Severals, West End and Weybrook Ct & M.S.Rd shortly. Anyone else lacking a window sticker please contact me.

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SSJ History Society

Police constables in the Sherbornes



CSherborne St John had a resident oliceman for well over a hundred years. The beat included Monk Sherborne & Charter Alley. In the early years Hampshire Constabulary records show that not all were able to obey the rules all the time. One of the earliest policemen in the village was Stephen Vivian who joined the police force at the tender age of 20 years in 1860. A single man, he lodged with the local blacksmith, George Monger, at the forge in the West End of the village. He was described as a round faced man 5' 8¾" tall with a fresh complexion, blue eyes and brown hair. As he was able to read and write, he was more fitted for the job than many labourers at that time. He was in the police force for 10 years and although reprimanded for 'holding loose conversation with a brother constable' in 1862 he progressed satisfactorily for a number of years. However a love of alcohol was his undoing – while later stationed at Mottisfont he was fined for being drunk on duty at Romsey fair in 1869, and again at Romsey market the following year. Dismissal followed and he returned to Holdenhurst, his birthplace, with his wife and young family and became a gardener.

The first police cottage was built by W. L. W. Chute of The Vyne in 1873. It

was one of a pair of cottages at Dixon's corner, opposite Hasker's brewery.

One of the early occupants of the police cottage was George Lane who arrived with his wife and three children in 1876. George had been in the force before and also in the army police, so had over eight years experience before being stationed in the village. He moved on after a couple of years, which seemed to be normal at that time and was described as of very good character.

Walter Clench was stationed here in 1894 after a couple of years at Basingstoke where he met his wife. A son was born while they were here. Apparently not ideally suited to the job, he was fined a week's pay, reduced in seniority and cautioned after being involved in a fracas with another constable in the Guard room at Basingstoke in 1897. He resigned, but stayed in the area. In the 1901 census he is shown as the publican at The New Inn (now The Mole) at Monk Sherborne. Perhaps his talents were better employed in this role.

Mark Christopher was just 22 and newly married when he was appointed constable for SSJ in 1900. He had an early set back in his career in his first post at Aldershot. Rural constables

spent much of their time on night shift, patrolling likely sites for burglary. These would include houses of the gentry, clergy, principal ratepayers etc. The constable's beat was set with these 'conference points' to be reached at set times. So his sergeant or superintendent would know where he was, or should be. Just six months into the job Mark was reprimanded for being 'absent from a conference point'. To make matters worse he was 'found drunk at Aldershot police station at 11.30 pm when he should have been on duty'. He was fined one week's pay and cautioned.

However this was the only stain on Mark's record and he went on to complete 22 years service, five of which were at SSJ.

We know more about the work, rather than the misdemeanours, of some of the more recent policemen as The Gazette began to report details of the cases brought to court in Basingstoke. P.C. Frank Annereau was here for two years from 1915 and he was followed by P.C. Jesse Edmonds who stayed for nine years. Both were described as of exemplary character and remained in the force for many years until of pensionable age.

Jesse Edmonds, wife Lily and year old son Keith, moved into the police cottage in 1917. P.C. Edmonds frequently featured in the pages of the Gazette. In July 1918 he was commended by the military authorities for initiative and resource in apprehending a German soldier who had escaped from Bramley Internment Camp. PC Frederick Perry was the next and last occupier of the West End Police house. He arrived in 1926, and moved to the newly built police house at 2 Cranes Road with his family. After 5 years service here he retired with his family to another house in the village.



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Starting from 9.30am, there are two routes, 5 or 10 miles which both guarantee to give you a superb day out, followed by a delicious cream tea in the impressive setting of Home Barn.

Christine Bagan, who will be participating in the walk this year said, *"I first attended the woodland walk 4 years ago soon after getting our first dog. Although dogs aren't compulsory it is a great event for the whole family to enjoy as well as opportunity to catch up with friends. The event provides the unique chance to walk through the private grounds of Farleigh Wallop Estate which makes it more special and the cream tea at the end really is the icing on the cake. I now enjoy the event with my two miniature dachshunds Melvin and Marley who despite having the smallest of legs still manage to walk the 5 mile route but if you are looking for more of a challenge there is the option of a 10 mile route."*

Laura Holmes, Events Manager at St. Michael's Hospice said, *"As our first Hospice event of the year, we can't wait to welcome our walkers to the Farleigh Wallop Estate to enjoy a wonderful day out in the Hampshire countryside. We are extremely privileged to have access to the prestigious estate and we can't wait for our supporters to explore the grounds in full bloom. As with all our Hospice events, the funds raised are essential to our work at the Hospice where this year we will need to raise £4.2 million to keep our vital services running."*

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You needn't wait until 23rd March to identify yourself to the staff as a carer but do pop in during that week to see what is on offer and more importantly to share with us at the surgery what we can do to help further.

Dr Roisin Ward

People love living in Basingstoke and Deane, latest survey shows

People love Basingstoke and Deane as a place to live, according to the latest residents' satisfaction survey.

The borough council carries out research with a representative sample of residents from across the borough to give a picture of what matters most to them, how well the council is doing and what it could do better. Over 1,100 face-to-face interviews for the latest survey took place in November and December last year. And the results show an overwhelming 95% of people are satisfied with their local area, compared to 94% in 2017 and higher than the national average of 81%, with 89% feeling a sense of belonging to the borough.

The news comes as the borough outlines an ambitious Council Plan, agreed by Cabinet tonight (Tuesday 11 February), to ensure Basingstoke and Deane remains a great place to live and work over the next four years, setting strong foundations for decades to come. This follows the borough being named

in the top 50 places to live in Britain in Halifax's annual Quality of Life survey, based on the area's employment rate, earnings, housing affordability, health and wellbeing, education, traffic and crime rates.

In the residents' survey, 80% were satisfied with the way the council runs things, compared to the 2017 figure of 78% and putting the borough higher than the 64% for the South East and 63% for England. And 73% feel well informed about the services the council provides, higher than 61% for the South East and 59% for England, with 62% agreeing that the council provides value for money, topping the 48% national average.

The top five things that make somewhere a good place to live, according to residents, were low levels of crime and antisocial behaviour, clean and litter free streets, health services, affordable housing and shopping facilities. At the top of the list of things

that need improving were affordable housing, road and pavement repairs, public transport, health services and activities for teenagers.

Council Leader Cllr Ken Rhatigan said: "It is great to hear that the majority of people who live in Basingstoke and Deane love it here, but we are determined to do everything we can to make it an even better place to live, work and visit. We've set clear priorities in our Council Plan to do what residents have told us is most important to them, including through the survey. It is important that we are all working together as a team and everyone can do their bit by reporting things like fly-tipping, taking steps to cut carbon emissions and recycling all they can. Residents, businesses and partners are at the heart of our plans to improve the borough."

For more information about the Council Plan and residents' survey see www.basingstoke.gov.uk/priorities

Women's Fellowship

The February meeting took place with a promising attendance, despite the cold weather and the fact that it was the Annual General Meeting, with no speaker to look forward to. The Committee members had provided a cream tea, together with a 'guess the committee member' game – photos from fairly early childhood making them unrecognisable now! This was confirmed by the number of correct answers.

The Committee of 7 has now risen to a possible 9, which will ensure that any absences can be covered more easily. The Accounts were read and the

Auditor thanked in his absence, with the annual membership subscription remaining at £12. The 2020 programme was issued on receipt of the subscription, and the monthly meetings were read out to everyone. The Bring & Buy stall was laden with all kinds of goods, most of which were snapped up and the raffle was as popular as ever.

The next meeting will be Tuesday 3rd March when the speaker's topic will be Learning about Clinical Trials.

Everyone is welcome. The meeting starts at 2pm.

Serving Hampshire's Residents:

County Council sets out £2.1 billion budget spending plans for Hampshire's public services in 2020/21

Budget plans which aim to prioritise care for vulnerable children and adults, at the same time as boosting Hampshire's infrastructure, roads and climate change mitigation, will be considered by Hampshire County Council's Cabinet at their meeting on 3 February.

Proposals for revenue and capital spending for 2020/21 will be on the agenda at the meeting, as part of the annual budget-setting process by the Authority which proposes to spend £2.1 billion on delivering important public services to Hampshire's 1.3 million residents during the next financial year.

County Council Leader, Councillor Keith Mans said: "This year's budget plans follow on from our meticulous financial planning over the autumn. These aim to deliver the first of a two-year strategy to address an anticipated shortfall of a further £80 million in the County Council's revenue budget by April 2021 – the expenditure needed to run the County Council and deliver local services to the people of Hampshire.

"Securing savings early, reinvesting in more efficient ways of working and using reserves prudently has served us well to date. This approach has enabled the County Council to remain in a strong financial position, and continue to deliver high performing services to residents - in the face of relentless pressure on our budgets.

"Our careful financial stewardship of public money also means that this year, some further one-off investment is possible into areas which include tackling climate change (up to £2

million), as well as ongoing work to maintain Hampshire's 5,500 miles of roads. An extra £2 million each year is being proposed for fixing potholes, together with another £3 million for 2020/21. This is on top of the £10 million we spend annually on Operation Resilience - our long-term strategy to ensure Hampshire's road network is more resilient to the impact of heavy traffic and worsening winters.

"Social care pressures also continue to top our list of priorities. We anticipate that the number of people aged over 75 in Hampshire will increase by almost a third over the next few years – that's an extra 5,500 people a year who may well need social care support, to varying degrees. The number of children in care has also increased by almost a third in recent years. We must make sure our budget for the coming financial year takes this into account. However, nothing short of a major Government rethink on the future of social care funding nationally will address the longer-term financial strain in this area."

The County Council's Cabinet will be asked to agree a total 3.99 per cent increase in Hampshire County Council's council tax precept for the financial year beginning 1 April 2020 – of which 2% is specifically for adults' social care, in line with Government policy. This equates to an annual charge of £1,286.28 for a Band D property – an increase of just over £49 per year or 95 pence a week.

Councillor Mans added: "The proposed council tax precept for 2020/21 would generate an additional £25 million for delivering County Council services in 2020/21 and would mean that

Hampshire is still likely to remain the 2nd lowest council tax of counties in the country."

At the same time as considering revenue spending for the next financial year, the County Council's Cabinet will be asked to consider the capital budget and proposals for major investment in Hampshire's economy, jobs and the quality of the environment - with projects totalling £386.5 million over the next three years.

"This investment in Hampshire's infrastructure would bring the four-year total investment by the County Council in the fabric of Hampshire, to £733 million, providing a huge boost for the local economy through jobs and construction," said Councillor Mans.

Schemes include:

- £94.8 million for new and extended school buildings in Hampshire to ensure there is a school place for every child in Hampshire – and giving a total of 19,100 new school places by September 2023
- £115.8 million for structural maintenance and improvement of roads and bridges in Hampshire
- £45.8 million for integrated transport schemes including over £10 million specifically focused on walking and cycling improvements
- £107.7 million for major improvement of school and other County Council buildings

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The audience were given an outstanding concert. The Anvil itself is a Charity which received much needed revenue from a nearly full house. And profit was made for charities supported by your local Rotary.

Some of you are doubtless aware that we have been supporting the Ark Cancer charity for a number of years and we are continuing to support this great project. However lead by our President Alf McCarthy we have started a new project to help the Cardiology Unit at Basingstoke and North Hampshire

Hospital to purchase a new piece of equipment to help with the treatment of atrial fibrillation, this will mean hundreds of patients being treated in our local Hospital instead of having to travel to Southampton or perhaps even further afield.

Our thanks to all the local folks who supported this event and hence these great charity causes. We hope you had a wonderful time, and that we see you again at our concert next January.



PEACEJAM SLAM

Winchester University will again host PeaceJam this March but this year's youth leadership development conference will be a 1 day 'Slam'. We will again be sponsoring a group of young people from Cranbourne School and from Whitchurch WAAG to attend. This year the inspirational speaker will be The Right Honourable Stuart Lawrence the brother of Stephen Lawrence, the black British teenager from Woolwich, south east London, who was murdered in a racially motivated attack while waiting for a bus in Well Hall, Eltham on the evening of 22nd April, 1993. There will be a programme of development workshops and action projects covering topics such as conflict resolution and water aid

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There were 48 members and 1 visitor at the meeting held on Wednesday 5th February who were welcomed by the chairman, David Cowling. The secretary, Tony Brazier, gave details of the forthcoming trips and reminded everyone that the next meeting in March would be the AGM and that resolutions and nominations should be submitted as soon as possible. The Welfare Officer, Christine Broadbent, then gave her update on those members who had not been well and that she had visited or been in contact with.



The speaker this month was Allen Purkiss who was a police officer with Hampshire Constabulary

for 30 years from 1966 and spent the majority of his time in the traffic

department. He explained how policing was in his family as his great grandfather had joined the Metropolitan Police force in 1839 and after retiring received an annual pension of £33. His grandfather also served and then his father was a reserve constable during the second world war. He himself was stationed at Aldershot and Totton before moving to Basingstoke traffic in 1973 and twice received the Queen's Commendation for Bravery Award. He went on to highlight some of the amusing, sad, dangerous, avoidable and often bizarre incidents that he was called on to deal with during his career.



The group's next outing is on Wednesday 25th March to Dorney

Court where we will have an exclusive guided tour of this Tudor Manor House which is rarely open to the public.



The next meeting is on 4th March which will be the Group's AGM followed by a talk from Barbara Pullen from Connect to Support Hampshire. After the meeting we will, as usual, be having lunch at the Conservative Club. The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at Brookvale Village Hall from 10am to 12noon and all retired Civil Servants, their relatives and friends are welcome. Further details about the group and information about our trips can be obtained by contacting csrfbasingstoke@gmail.com.

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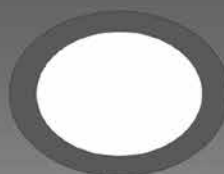


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Local News

Our guest speaker for January, Robert Taylor, gave an inspirational introduction to Sebastian's – sebastiansactiontrust.org.

An uplifting account of the support they give to children, with life limiting illness, and their families was followed by hearty applause.

Our usual break for a cuppa and a biscuit seemed to fly by as we all caught up with our friend's news.

Plans for social outings are underway, suggestions for these and guest speakers, from members are always welcomed.

A warm welcome awaits at our next meeting.

31st March, The Shaftesbury Room, Christ Church, Chineham, RG24 8LT 2pm.

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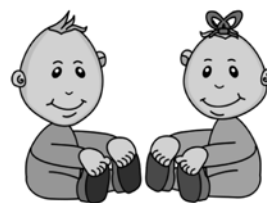
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