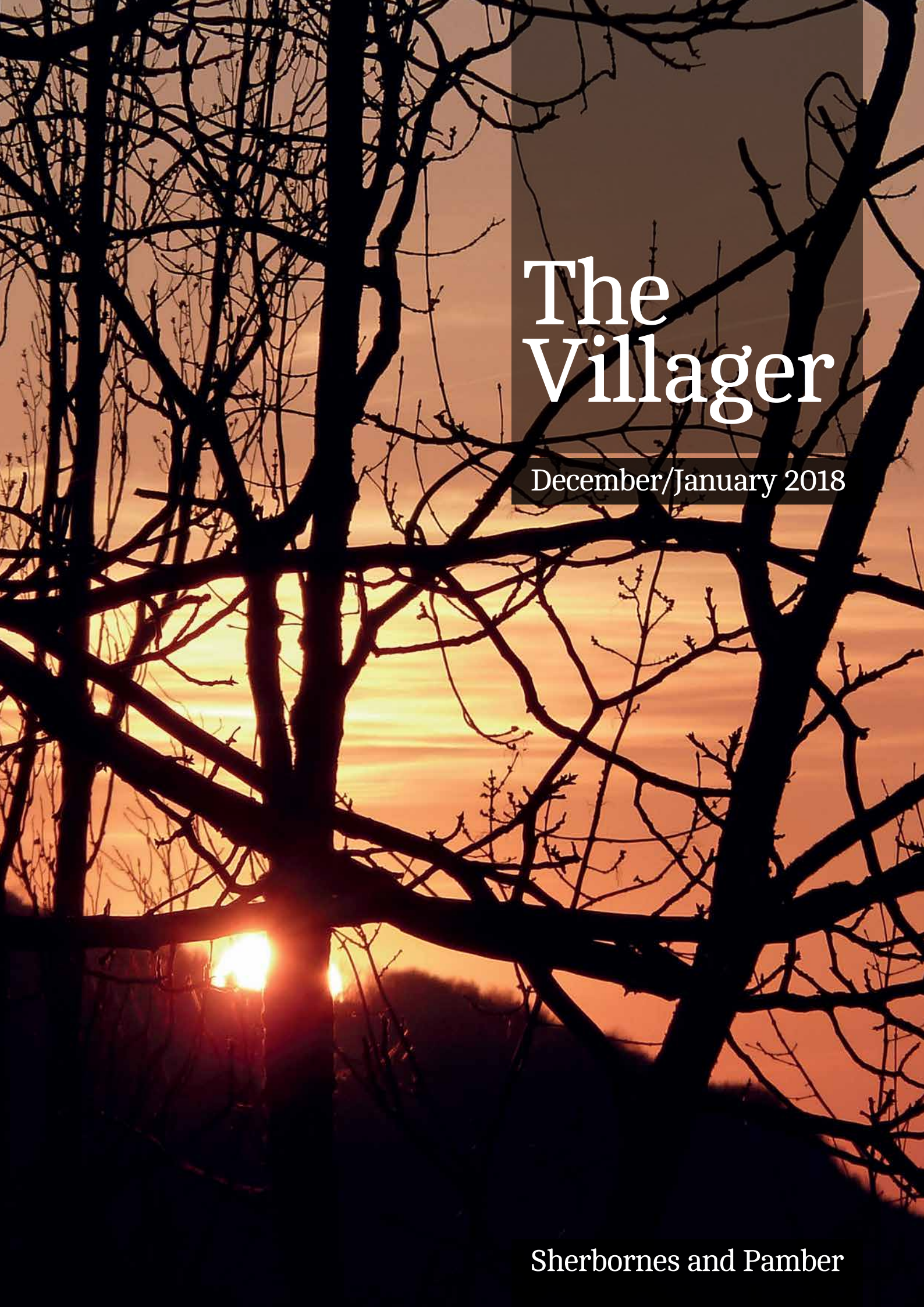




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- If you know of anyone who would like to receive a monthly copy of the Villager magazine via email – free of charge – please ask them to get in touch with me at villagermagazine@gmail.com.
- We are still looking for some more people to distribute the Villager – particularly down part of Vyne Road in Sherborne St John from January/February 2018 onwards – could that be you? Please contact either myself or George Rust.

Loddon Valley Lions Father Christmas Float

Tuesday 12th December 5.45pm Queens College Arms,
Monk Sherborne, Pamber End, College Arms

Wednesday 13th December 5.45pm Swan Pub,
Sherborne St John, West End



Update on the Vyne Roof

My thanks to Chris Pound for his photos below.

I am told that the scaffolding should be coming down at the end of January/February so if you are interested in seeing the work being done - get up there soon! The rooftop walkway is included in the admission price (NT members are free) and is accessible between 11am and 3pm. Last entry is at 2:30pm. The walkway is wheelchair and buggy accessible. Children and adults of all ages are welcome to take a look.

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Future Events

December 2017

2	Dads and Tots, Sherborne St John Village Hall, £2 per family, Tel. Scott 416272	8.00 – 9.30am
2	Tadley Singers Annual Christmas Concert in aid of Loddon Valley Day Care Centre based at the Ambrose Allen Centre who meet every Thursday and look after the people with dementia, thus giving their carers a break. As usual, entry free with a retiring collection, Pamber Heath Memorial Hall.	7.30pm
3	“Welcome to the Christmas Season “ with Carols, Vocals and seasonal readings followed by the lighting of the Village Christmas Tree and mince pies, shortbread and mulled wine. St Stephen’s Hall, Little London	4.00pm
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	
7	BHMVC Christmas Carol Concert, St Michael’s Church, B/S. Free. Aiding B/S Hosp. Medical Fund	7.30pm
8	SSJ Primary School Christmas Fayre	5 – 7m
9	Mayor’s Annual Christmas Concert. Mulled wine and mince pies. Free with retiring collection. St Michaels Church B/S.	7.00pm
11	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall	10.00-11.30am
14	Thursday Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion. (Planning meeting 7pm)	7.30pm
16-17	Nativity Festival Weekend at Tadley Common Methodist Church, Newchurch Road, Tadley.	

January 2018

2	SSJ Women’s Fellowship, “Postcards of Basingstoke”, SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
8	Pelican Film Society, The Viceroy’s House, The Ark Conference Centre, Guests welcome £6	7.30pm
12	Quiz with wine & cheese, Monk Sherborne Village Hall £10 per ticket from uelsltd@aol.com	7.30pm

February 2018

5	Pelican Film Society, Going In Style, The Ark Conference Centre, Guests welcome £6	7.30pm
6	SSJ Women’s Fellowship AGM SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm

Christmas Concert – Sun 10 Dec 17

Start your Christmas celebrations in style with the Basingstoke Concert Band as they perform a magnificent concert of seasonal music and carols along with the very popular St Mary’s CE Junior School, Old Basing Senior Choir.

The date is Sunday 10 December 2017, starting at 3.00 pm at St Michael’s Church, Basingstoke.

Tickets cost £10 (which includes a glass of wine and mince pie) and can be purchased from the Band Secretary Janet Howard: 01256 781583, band mobile: 07503 881241 or at the Church on the day – there is no charge for children under 16.

Hope to see you there.

Christmas Concert – Wed 20 Dec 17

Come and join the Basingstoke Concert Band as they perform a Christmas treat of traditional music and carols that the whole family will enjoy. The concert takes place at Sherfield-on-Loddon Village Hall on Wed 20 Dec at 8.00-9.30pm.

Tickets cost £5 (which includes a glass of wine and mince pie) and can be purchased from the Band Secretary Janet Howard: 01256 781583, band mobile 07503 881241 or at the Village Hall on the evening – there is no charge for children under 16.

The Band looks forward to seeing you there.



Priory School

Over the year, all of our children take part in a range of visits to enrich their curriculum learning. Here is Maya, from Year 6 to tell you about an exciting recent trip to the Battle of Britain bunker.

Battle of Britain Bunker recount

Recently, Year 6 went to the Battle of Britain Bunker in Uxbridge. It was sensational and we all enjoyed it very much.

Into the Bunker

Just before we entered the bunker we saw some life-size models of Spitfires and Hurricanes, which are English planes. The entrance to the Battle of Britain Bunker was a lot smaller than I expected. I was a bit scared to go in at first because there was a big, loud alarm that might go off.

Inside the bunker was well lit – which made me feel a bit more comfortable – and we went down 76 stairs! Next to the stairs, were thick, cylinder telephone cables that they used to telephone people (it only worked when they were on the ground because the cables were underground).

Operations Room

Now that we had descended the whole 60 feet underground, we came to the Operations Room. The first thing we were shown was the Operations Table. On it was a massive map that covered the whole table. The map was originally

used in World War 2. The blocks that they put on the table showed where our planes were at that time and were moved around by a long, wooden stick. There were also arrows on there that showed our enemy's planes progress, every 5 minutes.

We also got shown the Tote board. The Tote board is controlled by a mini Tote board. It showed if the planes from different places were: ready for action; fighting or 30 minutes till ready for action. This this was shown by coloured lights that would come on.

Just below the Tote board, was a clock. It didn't tell the time but it did tell them how up to date the information on the Tote board was. If the information was 15 minutes old they would have telephoned the airfields to ask for a squadron update.

To the side under the Tote board, is the Balloon Scale. The Balloon Scale showed how high the Barrage Balloons were. Barrage Balloons were filled with hydrogen and put in the air with thick cables: securing them to an army truck. The idea of a Barrage Balloons was that when German planes got to them they didn't want to waste their 12 seconds of ammunition on shooting it down and they would get caught up in the wires if they went under. That means that they had to fly over them, which would get them to the height that the British wanted so they could shoot them down. Barrage Balloons can go up to 6000 feet.

There were also domed windows, which didn't look like they were see-through but were. This was what Winston Churchill looked through, whilst sitting in his room upstairs on his visit to the bunker.

The TV Room

In the TV room, we watched a short video of around 25 minutes. It talked a bit about the Battle of Dunkirk and interviewed a few people who were in World War 2. My favourite part was when a man told us how he took down a plane once he'd run out of ammunition (he clipped off a bit of the German plane's tail).

Museum

Finally, we went to the museum. We saw the chair Winston Churchill sat in, it was green and we all enjoyed sitting where our past Prime Minister had sat. There were also lots of medals including the Burma Star and the Africa Star. There were lots of other interesting things there such as a baby's gas mask. The best bit of the museum though was the evening dress made of parachute silk. To me that's an amazing example of 'make do and mend'.

In conclusion, it was a marvellous day out and it was definitely worth going. I would recommend everyone makes a visit there!

If would like to visit our school, it would be a great pleasure to show you around; please contact us on 01256 850062.

Church Matters

December & January

Once again Christmas is coming upon us with amazing speed! It seems to be the case every year, almost as soon as the school Half Term has passed. Top of the domestic agenda of course is sorting out who is going to be where on the Day, but, given that, the next thing is the presents!

The problem is to know what to buy – don't we hear ourselves saying this already? It is a problem in our well-off society – in other parts of the world it might not be so difficult, but here we find ourselves really up against it! The amount of imagination required is huge – and even then there is no guarantee that it will prove a success!

Increasingly people have a large number of electronic consumer durables – computers, cameras and coffee machines for example. Perhaps we could buy an attachment for one of those? But extreme care is required here: we may get the wrong thing, or it may have gone out of date, or even if it hasn't the owner may have switched to a new model.

It is a feature of our age: things go out of date while they are still perfectly OK. They're obsolete before they cease to work. The continual flow of up-grades which then require new systems to work them means that we are frequently looking for homes for gadgets that work but are no longer useful to us because we have moved on to the latest version. Anything designed for the old version is of course no use to the new.

Take for example the roll film camera. No doubt we all had one or perhaps several. We probably still have them hanging around in a cupboard somewhere. They were good cameras; we used to enjoy using them; they were faithful friends for years. They would still work fine given the chance but the fact is that they have been completely superseded by digital cameras and we are never going to use them again.

Some seem to see the Christian faith in this light. They consider that it has had its day – still around for a few but with no real part to play in our modern digital world. The trappings are still enjoyed, especially at weddings for example, and in particular at Christmas. But the substance is obsolete in the eyes of most people.

By contrast at one time Christian doctrine was generally accepted both in terms of belief – who God is and how to know him, and behaviour – how the facts about God should affect our day to day lives. Christian truth shaped

our society – it is responsible for the freedom we enjoy today. But now the general attitude is that Christianity has been relegated to the sidelines, coming a poor third after secularism and other religions. If it helps you that's OK of course, says modern man, but do realise that it is obsolete.

This easy confidence of modern man is a delusion and a snare. The vast majority of our fellow men and women are caught by it. Christianity is not obsolete and no revolution, whether digital or of another kind will make it so. No, Christianity is absolute truth. Listen to this:

In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being....¹

Jesus is God's final word to man. There has been no further revelation after him and there will be none. What we celebrate at Christmas is the eternal God himself becoming man. This is absolute truth. Of course if this truth were merely relative then it could become obsolete. But as this truth is absolute nothing can make it out of date. That's why we wish one another Happy Christmas.

John Hamilton

¹ Hebrews 1:1-3

Services for December

St Andrew's – Sherborne St John
All Saints – Monk Sherborne
The Priory – Pamber End
<https://swp.churchbuilder.org.uk>

03 December

10am Parish Communion, Sunday Club & Crèche
5pm Advent Carols

St Andrew's
Pamber Priory

10 December

8am Holy Communion
10am Morning Service, Sunday Club & Crèche
10am Morning Service
4.15 for 5pm CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Priory
St Andrew's
All Saints
St Andrew's

17 December

10am Morning Service; children's activity in the Rectory
4.30pm CHILDREN'S CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
6.30pm CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

St Andrew's
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24 December

10am Family Service
5pm Christmas Eve Crib Service
11.15pm Midnight Communion

St Andrew's
All Saints
Priory

25 December

9.30 Christmas Day Family Service
10.45 Christmas Day Family Service followed by Holy Communion

All Saints
St Andrews

31 December

10am Family Service

St Andrew's

Preaching on Sunday mornings (10am):

Dec 03 Practical holiness 1Thess 4:1-12
Dec 10 The day of the Lord 1Thess 4:13-5:11
Dec 17 How to live for Christ 1Thess 5:12-28
Dec 24
Dec 31

John Hamilton
John Hamilton & Scott Seivewright
Scott Seivewright
Scott Seivewright
Andy Spence

Midweek meetings

Home Groups meet in the week of Tuesday 12 December.

We meet for Central Fellowship on Tuesday 5 December.

Coffee at 7.45pm followed by a short Bible study discussion then prayer; finish at 9pm

CHRISTMAS CARDS

As last year church members are encouraged to wish one another happy Christmas by signing one big card in church rather than sending cards individually. The money thus saved may be given to the missions we support. The card will be in St Andrews throughout December and giving envelopes will be available.

Advent Carols

Sunday 3 December at 5pm

A selection of carols and seasonal hymns with Bible readings.

Pamber Priory

Note the early start.

Mince Pies to follow.

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Services for January

St Andrew's – Sherborne St John
All Saints – Monk Sherborne
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07 January

10am	Family Communion Service	St Andrew's
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14 January

8am	Holy Communion	Priory
10am	Morning Service, Sunday Club & Crèche	St Andrew's
10am	Morning Service	All Saints
6pm	'Sundays at Six'	SSJ Village Hall

21 January

10am	Morning Service, Sunday Club & Crèche	St Andrew's
6pm	'Sundays at Six'	SSJ Village Hall

28 January

10am	Morning Service, Sunday Club & Crèche	St Andrew's
10am	Morning Service	Priory
6pm	'Sundays at Six'	SSJ Village Hall

04 February

10am	Parish Communion Service, Sunday Club & Crèche	St Andrew's
6pm	'Sundays at Six'	SSJ Village Hall

Midweek meetings

Home Groups meet in the week of Tuesday – 9 & 23 January.

We meet for Central Fellowship on Tuesday – 16 & 30 January.

Coffee at 7.45pm followed by a short Bible study discussion then prayer; finish at 9pm

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

Monk Sherborne Parish Council

This is the report from Cllr Stan Gibson of our meeting held on 15th November 2017:

Concerns have been expressed regarding the apparent difference in the road sweeping recently undertaken locally. The concerns will be relayed to BDBC with a request for a re-visit to address the debris left.

Two further incidents of fly tipping have been noted within the parish and reported to BDBC for their collection.

The amount of dog fouling evident on the footpath at Kiln Lane has been brought to the attention of the parish council. The warning notices have become faded and are to be replaced to remind dog owners of their responsibilities in "picking it up". Local landowners have advised that they will be taking action against repeat offenders.

Planning applications - Monk Sherborne Parish Council October/November 2017

Applications received:

17/03515/FUL Monk Sherborne Village Hall Ramsdell Road Monk Sherborne RG26 5HS

Demolition of existing timber and brick village hall, and replacement with new village hall perpendicular to the original. Alterations to existing vehicular and pedestrian access including new ramp.

- **No Objection**

T/00393/17/TCA New Close, Ramsdell Road, Monk Sherborne. - Fell 1 Copper Beech. - **No Objection**

17/03477/LBC Woodgate, Salters Heath Road, Monk Sherborne
Conversion of agricultural barn to 3/4 bedroom dwelling with alterations to fenestrations and single storey extension. Erection of detached garage. - **No Objection**

17/03476/FUL Woodgate, Salters Heath Road, Monk Sherborne. - Conversion of agricultural barn to 3/4 bedroom dwelling with alterations to fenestrations and single storey extension. Erection of detached garage. - **No Objection**

Planning Decisions

17/02347/HSE 10 Queens Cottages Salters Heath Road Monk Sherborne.
- Erection of two storey side extension, single storey side extension and single storey rear extension following demolition of conservatory and porch. - **Granted**

Portfolio reports

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council is currently consulting in relation to the Local Plan. Comments from local parishioners are encouraged via the BDBC website.

Lord Hayter provided a summary updating members regarding the proposed new village hall and the subsequent approval required for the new

lease. Design ideas have been determined with planning permission currently being sought from BDBC. Revisions are required to the design due to the initial ideas having come in over budget.

A new NW Co-ordinator is still required within Monk Sherborne. An email has also been forwarded to the PCSO requesting speed checks to be undertaken within the parish

Last but not least

Our collections of clothes for the needy and homeless was a great success helped with the kind offer of Brian Green of Greens Garage Charter Alley to act as a collection point **Please Keep Them Coming** it will help greatly during the winter months.

The Council would like to express their thanks to Cally Morris, their Parish Clerk and those in the parish who have volunteered their help with jobs large and small. Finally we would like to wish all our parishioners "A Very Happy Christmas"

Next meeting is **Wednesday 17th January 2018**

Cllr Stan Gibson



Monk Sherborne Village Hall Quiz night

with wine and cheese

on **Friday 12th January at 7.30pm**

Tickets £10.00

Contact: Bill Hayter uelsltd@aol.com or 01256 851723



SHERBORNE ST JOHN PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH MATTERS

In the last month there have been several meetings involving the Parish Council including the Parish Council meeting 23rd October 2017.

An Extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council was held on 11th October 2017 to formally convene a Chute Management Committee to oversee the use of this self funding Parish facility – Cllrs Cooper and Rougier, the site Manager Mr Buller and the Parish Clerk will meet regularly to discuss issues for the Chute Recreation ground & Pavilion Hall and to arrange any work needed and review any ideas to increase the use by local residents. There will be regular meetings held to discuss any issues that arise with a post box on site in which to place user satisfaction comment sheets but please continue to contact me on ssjclerk@gmail.com.

There was also a very successful meeting on 14th October 2017 with all regular weekly users asked to attend to discuss any issues they have with the facility, and to solve any issues that are affecting their use of the grounds and Pavilion. Over the next few months all issues will be addressed and rectified so that all can enjoy the Parish facilities. Meetings will be held regularly in future so any issues are dealt with promptly.

Once the drafts for the Sherborne St John Parish Council & Chute Management Committee Constitutions have been ratified they will be posted on the Parish Council's website together with the Standing Orders.

PLANNING MATTERS

The new owner of the Dark Lane site attended the Parish Council meeting on 23rd October 2017 to meet concerned residents and neighbours and was able to assure people that all necessary environmental surveys were being carried out prior to any planning application being submitted. The area has already been cleared and it looks good for any future housing.

As no information has been received about the Bobs Farm site I will be contacting BDBC.

CHUTE PAVILION AND RECREATION GROUND

Most people are not aware that the Chute

Recreation ground does not receive funding from the Parish Council via the precepts. It is not as such a business but a sports facility, and is self funding and needs to bring in sufficient income to pay for all expenses to the site - which I am happy to say it manages to do.

I have received the documentation from HCC for the new grant I applied for to put up a storage unit next to the Pavilion which will now be installed. This will mean that there will be no storage within the Pavilion itself so anyone renting it will have the use of the whole area. Since taking over, and may I say with considerable help from our Site Manager Terry Buller, we have been progressively improving the whole complex so with the new Chute Management Committee the focus will be on further improvements to increase revenue which will then hopefully allow for new facilities to be put in.

The Parish Council gave permission to remove all the brambles & vegetation from the 2 beds each side of the Pavilion which looked terrible and were an extremely bad advertisement to anyone looking to hire the hall. The new Chute Management Committee will review options for the 2 areas (to be delayed until after the new storage unit is in place) – grass over, install artificial grass, install flower borders in wooden units. The major consideration is the cost and the necessity to ensure maintenance is easy & not expensive. 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. If anyone knows of a Pilates group who may like to use the hall please let me know.

I am extremely happy to report that we have received many new renters who have all complimented the facility as clean, very well kept and how helpful Terry Buller has been in welcoming them to the site and showing them where everything is.

I would like to add my thanks to Terry as well as I could not remotely manage to keep the area in such brilliant condition without his unstinting efforts.

TENNIS COURTS

WANTED STILL MORE PLAYERS!!

The position of the use of the new courts is still under discussion – as an asset of the Parish Council the Chute Management Committee must ensure that adequate funds are available to maintain the area so will be discussing

plans with the present Tennis Club and investigating any other options. I am pleased to say that I have received quite a few enquiries about joining the tennis club to play on our excellent new courts but would love more. So if you or your family or friends living locally are interested please get them to contact me. The Parish Council is investigating all options at present to increase their use which could hopefully lead to tennis coaching sessions being held.

Membership is not expensive, and ranges from family, singles, students and young people in full time education. It would be great to see more youngsters and teenagers playing tennis. So if you are interested please get in touch with me by e mail ssjclerk@gmail.com for more information.

ALLOTMENTS

There is still one or 2 plots available at Moss hill site so if you are interested please get in touch. Contact me by e mail ssjclerk@gmail.com. If you don't have internet please write to me at West End House, Stratfield Saye, RG72DP for information.

Don't forget to contact your site warden Ted Wilkinson at Moss Hill to ensure you place rubbish in the right place.

TRANSPORT

Unfortunately after discussion the Parish Council could not see a way to run a Community Bus to the Hospital from the village due to the problems with times, appointments etc .

INFRASTRUCTURE

The Parish Council is still in contact with HCC to see about the West End Road improvements which the Parish Council will probably have to fund themselves. The road repairs at the junction of Dark Lane/Vyne/Elm Road will now take place on Saturday 2nd December weather permitting – diversions will be put in place as it will take several hours.

DOG FOULING

Unfortunately the problem with residents failing to clear up after their dogs was raised again. Please contact BDBC 844844 if you see any incidents to report to the dog warden, who will then decide if action is needed and issue fines. Please can I ask people to be more considerate as you would not like it if you or your children stepped in the dog mess!!!!

Please contact me if there is anything you want to bring to the Parish Council's attention sjclerk@gmail.com.

Penny Mayo Parish Clerk

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Pamber Parish Council notes for Pamber End and Pamber Green

Pamber Parish Council met on Monday October 9th for its monthly meeting.

Planning applications:

17/01317/OUT

Reserved matters application for details of appearance, pursuant to outline permission 17/01317/OUT for the erection of single storey dwelling. Pinewoods, 81 Pelican Road, Pamber Heath.

Noted

17/03509/HSE

Erection of single storey oak framed orangery extension to the rear. The Finches, 10 Impstone Road, Pamber Heath.

No objection

17/03698/HSE

Erection of single storey rear extension 10 Heath Road, Pamber Heath

17/03669/HSE

Erection of part single part two storey side/rear extension and single storey side/rear extension. 11 Oakfield Road, Pamber Heath

T/00433/17/TPO

T2 Oak: fell 51 Jubilee Close, Pamber Heath

No objection

Planning decisions

17/02011/FUL

Erection of 7 dwellings following demolition of the residential property of Greenacres.

Greenacres, Aldermaston Road, Pamber Green

GRANTED

17/01549/HSE

Erection of part two storey and part single storey side and rear extensions Myrtle Cottage, 17 The Glen, Pamber Heath

REFUSED

17/03170/HSE

Conversion of garage to living accommodation 14 Verica Gardens, Pamber Heath

GRANTED

T/00380/17/TCA

T1 Norway Spruce: fell Honeymill View Dix Hill, Pamber Green

GRANTED

The next meeting of the Planning Sub-Committee will be held on November 30th at The Memorial Hall, Pamber Heath at 7.30 pm. Any interested persons are welcome to attend.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN.

The Council are excited to announce that it has formally notified Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council of its intention to pursue a Neighbourhood Plan. This is not in any way a Council run plan, but a project for residents, and by residents, to formally plan and implement their vision of how they would like the future of Pamber to be, with support from the Council and Plan.et, the company chosen to help steer the plan. The first Neighbourhood Planning meeting was held on October 20th and electronic mailing lists were set up by the Clerk for the four areas of Pamber (Pamber End, Pamber Green, Pamber Heath and Little London). It is vital that the plan has the

input of as wide a variety of people giving input to this as possible. If anyone wishes to be added to these lists please contact the Clerk on the email address or number below. The next meeting will be held at St. Stephen's Hall in Little London on Monday November 20th at 7.30pm. To move this process forward there will be four sub-committees from each area of Pamber, each sub-committee nominating two people to be on a Steering group (along with two nominated Councillors) who will meet monthly and, based on research and feedback from the sub-committees, agree policies to be formally adopted in the plan. Please come along to this meeting, as input and feedback is hugely welcomed-there will be biscuits and wine!

This is the chance for everyone to have their say and help shape the future of this area. Please come along and be a part of this very important process.

Have a wonderful month,

Leonie Browne.

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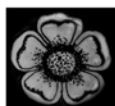
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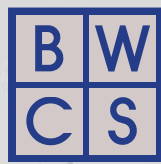
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Another Christmas approaches fast and we are busily preparing for our Christmas Fayre on **Friday 8th December from 5pm until 7pm**. By that time, the classrooms will be decorated, Christmas wreaths made and the wine will be mulled – all ready and prepared for Father Christmas to call! At the time of writing this article, it all seems a long way off, but I am sure it will arrive all too soon.

As part of our preparation for Christmas, we like to think about those less fortunate than ourselves, and the children and staff packed shoeboxes for disadvantaged children in Albania, Montenegro, Moldova and Romania. Rotary took delivery of a large stack of these shoeboxes on 6th November, and all the children enjoyed forming a long chain to load the boxes into the car. We also raised money for Children in Need on Friday 17th November, with a dress-down day, a raffle for a HUGE Pudsey bear, a fun run and a book sale. Well done to all the School Counsellors for organising the fund-raising.

We have been extending our range of Sports activities this term as part of our programme to achieve a Gold Games Mark. The Year 5 children have been learning how to play handball and now they are in the process of teaching other year groups so that we will be able to have an inter-class tournament. After a series of coaching sessions with Steve Moria, pupils from Class 3 played hockey against Castle Hill School, and at the same time there was a girls' football match for the year 5/6 team. All of the Year 6 children have taken part in a Young Leaders' course and will be running lunchtime 'Huff and Puff' sessions for the younger children. We also have a new table-tennis table in the school playground which will add to the playtime activities available.

Meanwhile, Key Stage 1 have been busy rehearsing for the Nativity play, this year entitled 'The Bethlehem Star' – which is, of course, a well-known newspaper (not to be confused with the Camel Express!). The news reporters are looking for a big story..... and discover the scoop of a lifetime in a stable!

The last couple of weeks of term are always busy, and this year is no exception – after all, it is Christmas and we all need to celebrate! Having spent the term learning new instruments, Key Stage 1 will be giving a recorder concert and Class 4 will be having a brass concert, showing how much they have learnt on their cornets! We will have a special Christmas lunch at school, as well as the Infant Christmas party and the Junior Disco. The School Association has again funded a trip to take the whole school to the pantomime

at the Anvil, and the Year 5 children also have the opportunity to see the Christmas show at the Hurst and to spot any of our ex-pupils in starring roles! Class 3 will celebrate Christmas at the Vyne with carols and a walk around the roof. We finish the year with our Christmas service at St Andrew's Church – an excellent way to remember the reason why we celebrate Christmas!

Sherbert – SSJ School Villager Correspondent



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CHILDREN'S CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Sunday 17 December, St Andrew's Church, SSJ at 4.30pm

We would love it if children would like to dress up as a character from the Nativity to
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CHRISTMAS EVE CAROLS AROUND THE CRIB

Sunday 24 December, All Saints, Monk Sherborne at 5.00pm



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Wednesday	27 th Dec 2017	Jazz Jam Event with Chris Cooke & Friends Why Not participate bring your music & instruments 20:00
Sunday	31 st Dec 2017	New Year's Eve Virtual Cruise Starting in the Black Sea through the Mediterranean & Home Celebrating NYE four times with a taster in each of the Ports of Call Tickets on sale from the Club
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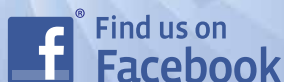
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Probus hears about a life changing rail journey



“Two first class tickets to Shanghai please” was how Liz Barron and her husband Tony requested the ticket office clerk at Barry in South Wales as they set out on the first stage of an epic train journey to Shanghai.

Liz told the Probus Club of Basingstoke, the social club for retired professional and business managers, about how her grandfather Leslie Pardoe had set out on this journey 100 years before. He was a 21 years old bachelor going to start a new job as the deputy surveyor for the authorities in this Chinese city. Shanghai had become an important trading port where British, French and Americans had established enclaves.

“As a little girl I was fascinated with all the Chinese artefacts in my grandma’s house” Liz explained. “And when grandpa’s diary came to light and I realised that we were coming up to a century since he made that journey the idea came to mind that maybe we could replicate it.”

Liz and Tony took eleven months to plan their trip to ensure that they were able to stay in the same cities and hotels as Leslie had experienced on this 6000 miles adventure. Although she and Tony live in Southampton they decided to start from Barry just as Leslie Pardoe had done a century before.

The route took them on the short stretch to Cardiff and then to London Paddington. They stayed the night in the same London hotel as her grandfather had done and then went down to Ramsgate to cross the Channel to Ostend. They had a train journey through northern Europe stopping for short breaks in Brussels, Cologne, Berlin, Warsaw, Minsk and Moscow. Then they had four days and nights on the Trans-Siberian railway to Listvyanka on Lake Baikal in Siberia. From there the Trans Manchurian railway took them via Harbin to Changchun in Northern China.

The only change to the route was that her grandfather had taken a three days

ferry from Dailen across the East China Sea to Shanghai but the service no longer operates so they completed the final leg by overnight train which passed through Beijing. Leslie’s journey had taken 15 days while the journey for Liz and Tony was longer at 24 days because they wanted to take in some sight-seeing knowing that it was unlikely they would pass this way again.

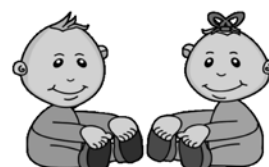
The large ex-pat communities in Shanghai enjoyed a good social life with horse racing and the Ravenscourt Country Club being some of the attractions. Leslie Pardoe met there and married Liz’s grandmother, Margaret. Liz’s father, John, was the youngest of their four children. The family left Shanghai after 27 years when the Japanese took over the city in 1940 and they escaped back to England via Canada.

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Notes from Pamber Green and Pamber End

This will be the last Villager until February 2018. I hope you enjoy Christmas celebrations and the wide range of concerts coming up in the lead in to Christmas.

I was most interested to read in the last Villager of the Charity Tea Dance which we attended in aid of St Michael's Hospice and held in memory of Hilda Riddle, a long standing Sherborne St John resident. Dave and I had the pleasure of knowing Hilda well as we danced regularly in her company with David Smith Dance, now based at Chineham and Monk Sherborne Village Halls. Hilda so loved to dance and had her opportunity to revisit that love when David Smith started up his excellent dance school about 8 years ago. At 89 years, she still danced three or more times a week with David Smith Dance, what a wonderful way to be to the last.

The latest approved minutes of Pamber Parish Council, 11/9/17, show that a site visit was due to be carried out to view the caravan and motorhome storage site near Berry Court Farm and that the application would be referred back to the Planning Department with a number of queries. The Council also noted its full support for Silchester Parish Council regarding the illegal traveller's encampment at the sewage works, Silchester Road. Concerns continue at the state of footpaths in Pamber Green, between the Fighting Cocks and Ramsdell turning. Highways have agreed to request part funding or carry out the work of clearing obstructions. They will again write to landowners stressing their statutory responsibility to maintain their hedgerows etc where adjacent to any footpaths. The October minutes will not be available until after my article submission date. The next Parish Council meeting is 11/12/17, 7.30pm, Pamber Heath Memorial Hall.

Following my report of a planning application at Pamber Farm in last month's Villager, I've had enquiries for clarification of the precise location. The farm lies near the junction of Silchester Road with the Bramley Road and is not near the Priory. Whilst mentioning the Bramley Road, it won't have escaped your notice that South Eastern Water

has already started laying a new pipeline. Road works and road closures will continue for the next 6 months although access to homes and businesses will be maintained.

The rollout of high speed broadband is progressing slowly but I am still receiving reports of woeful speeds on the western end of New Road, Pamber Green, still less than 1MB/sec. It seems the effect of the Monk Sherborne upgrade has not been as widespread as thought.

I'm very pleased to report some excellent outcomes from recent local fundraising. The St Stephens Silent Auction saw about 40 people attend a very convivial evening and raise a very gratifying figure of just under £700. This is a great boost to funding work needing doing to the hall. Thanks to Dai Ogborn for organising the event and all who helped. Tadley Singers appeared at Pamber Heath Memorial Hall with 4 professional performers in a charity concert in aid of Daisy's Dream to a 'standing room only' audience and raised a staggering £1,914. The Charity tells us this will provide free support for a whole year to about 4 families. The support includes 1:1 sessions with family workers for the child or young person, telephone advice for the parent or carer and an opportunity to attend a 'group support' event where they can meet other children and young people facing similar circumstances and bereavement. Phone support is also often given to the teachers and other professionals working with the child or young person. Yet another wonderful charity and thanks to all who came and supported the concert and helped in any way towards making it such a big success.

Forthcoming concerts, all with a Christmas twist are as follows:-

- Tadley Singers annual Christmas Concert on 2/12/17, 7.30pm at Pamber Heath Memorial Hall. There will be a range of festive pieces in aid of the Loddon Valley Day Care Centre, based at the Ambrose Allen Centre, Tadley and meeting every Thursday to look after people with dementia giving their carers a break. Free entry with a retiring collection.

- St Stephens Village Hall a "Welcome to the Christmas Season", 3/12/17, 4pm. Afternoon of carols, vocals and seasonal readings can be expected followed by the lighting of the Village Christmas Tree, mince pies, shortbread and mulled wine for all.
- Basingstoke Hospital Male Voice Choir and Hart Male Voice Choir joint Christmas Carol Concert at St Michael's Church, Church Square, Basingstoke on 7/12/17. Free entry with a retiring collection in aid of Basingstoke Hospital Medical Fund.
- Mayor's Annual Christmas Concert also at St Michael's, 9/12/17, 7 pm. Free entry with a retiring collection in aid of the Mayor's Charities. Mulled wine and mince pies after concert.
- Basingstoke Ladies Choir annual Christmas Concert, 10/12/17, 3pm at Carnival Hall, Basingstoke. Entry free with a retiring collection.

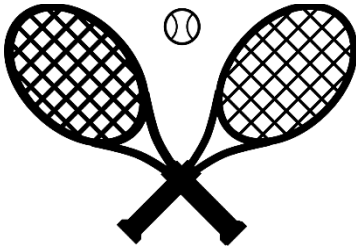
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Whilst a little distant from our parish, the Hants & LoW Trust are arranging a winter walk along Basingstoke Canal on 7/12/17, 10.30 to 12.30. A level 5 mile return walk along an attractive part of the towpath to Greywell Tunnel and back past King John's Castle. Look out for birds, berries and other wildlife, followed by lunch with the committee at Waterwitch Pub. Meet at Colt Hill Car Park, Odiham. Phone Mick Hook 01256 359605 to book lunch & for information.

Ann Ellis

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Great news !



Sherborne St John Tennis Club is now a registered member of the LTA. Amongst the many perks of LTA membership is the possibility of winning Wimbledon tickets in the club ballot. We now have 2 fabulous courts in SSJ so more good reasons to join the tennis club for a very reasonable annual subscription. If you would like to join the SSJ Tennis Club please contact Penny Mayo at ssjclerk@gmail.com

Our Tennis Club membership enables members to become British Tennis Lite Members ("BTLM"), at no cost and just requires registration. By linking your membership to SSJ Tennis Club we will then be allocated Wimbledon tickets to distribute between our members.

The more BTLMs which are linked to the SSJ Club the more tickets we will be allocated. People can be related to up to 4 clubs, so if you are already associated with (say) Centre Court or Totally Tennis just add SSJ Tennis Club to your membership. For family and couple members to increase our chances of tickets, it would be appreciated if all members were individually registered.

The LTA reviews BTLMs early in the New Year to decide on allocation of tickets, so we need to act **NOW** to ensure we maximise this opportunity.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Paul Saunders on 01256 850430.

St. Michael's Hospice and St. Michael's Home Care Winter Update

2017 has been another very busy year for St. Michael's Hospice. We've been privileged to help thousands of local residents through our different services and the community has been wonderful supporting the Hospice by raising nearly £3m, enabling us to keep our vital services free. During the year, the Hospice has also been celebrating its 25th Anniversary the focal point of which was an event in Winchester Cathedral attended by well over 700 people.

As I am sure you know St. Michael's Hospice cares for patients on their in-patient unit and at home through the Community Palliative Care team. Over 550 people have been cared for this way but the Hospice helps many more through its other services. Our social day service and therapeutic day service had over 1,300 visits and our clinical therapy team has had over 1,700 contacts with patients; using their specialist knowledge of physiotherapy and occupational therapy

to help those in the Hospice and in the community. We are able to reach out to patients and their families through our complementary therapy team, who provided nearly 3,000 treatments to patients and their families, and our bereavement service cared for and supported nearly 200 people last year.

The incredible team of volunteers that underpin almost every area of the Hospice deliver the most passionate and dedicated support to staff and patients. Without these volunteers the Hospice would face substantial additional staffing costs and we continue to be incredibly thankful to them all.

We have also grown to support staff and people in care homes through our award winning Six Steps Programme which has now accredited 17 local homes. In this way we can improve standards of care into the wider community and through our Befriending Service, run in conjunction with Odiham Cottage Hospital, support those who have needs which are not palliative.

All of this work is underpinned by the amazing community we serve who supported our eight Hospice-led events last year, including the 5 & 10K Run, Big Wheel, and Moonlight Walk, in record numbers, and who also every year raise thousands of pounds holding their own events.

Founded two years ago to provide a high quality option in the domiciliary care field and a new income stream for the Hospice, St. Michael's Home Care supports a broad range of client needs. This growing business is now providing over 600 hours of care a week and continuing to grow steadily while meeting our commitment to quality care delivered by the very best staff.

We look forward to another busy 2018 with many exciting activities and moments to build lasting memories around. Thank you to everyone who has supported us this year. From all the staff and volunteers at St. Michael's Hospice and St. Michael's Home Care we wish you a very merry Christmas.

Bert's Blog

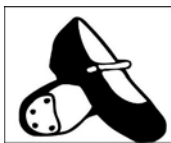


Am I looking forward to Christmas? – yes I am. It's just the thought that makes me feel tired.....all that unwrapping..... and in the Boss's case virtually minutes after he has just wrapped it! Mr last minute shopper... The Mrs, on the other hand, spends the previous weeks worrying about whether the wrapped is what the wrappee wanted. I say don't worry, it's the thought that counts. I tell that to the Mrs every time I bring her an unwrapped stick, never mind the wrapping it's the thought that counts. Presents from the garden, sourced with my inquisitive nose, picked with my delicate lips and quietly deposited near her with such gentleness she never notices until she trips over them..... Whoops.

Christmas is always an energetic time of the year for me as it means hunting, shooting, beating and picking up. The Boss seems to think I need to reduce my girth and the shooting season is just the way to do it. I spend all day running, finding and retrieving and when I am not doing that I am keeping the Boss company when he is working on the shoot or checking things in the countryside. He sometimes asks the Mrs if she would like to accompany him to reduce her girth but as far as I can ascertain this meets with a singular lack of enthusiasm from her and the promise of a chance to cook his own dinner and/or cancel sky sport.

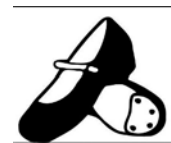
For now I am going to sneak a few moments of shut eye and dream of wrapping and running, of that tree coming indoors, excited miniatures opening presents and adorning me with decorations and titbits of turkey coming my way. I really am looking forward to Christmas – I wonder if that white stuff will fall again from the sky – I hope you all have a jous and peaceful time.

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Basingstoke Civil Service Retirement Fellowship

There were 52 members and 3 visitors at the meeting held on 1st November who were welcomed by the Chairman, David Cowling. The Secretary, Tony Brazier, said how much everyone had enjoyed the Mystery Trip the previous week and gave details of the forthcoming visit to The Festival of Christmas at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard on Friday 1st December. He also gave a reminder about the Christmas Lunch to be held at BCOT on Thursday 14th December, with an arrival time of 11.45, which will be a four course meal with drinks and coffee. The Welfare Officer, Christine Broadbent, then gave her up-to-date report and welcomed back a number of members who had not been for a while.

The speaker this month was Ryland Lee from the Hampshire and IOW Air Ambulance. The first Air Ambulance was introduced in Cornwall in the 1980's and since then the service has spread across the country with our local one starting in July 2007 based at Thruxton. Anywhere in the Hampshire can be reached within 15 minutes and the Isle of Wight in 20 minutes. A member of the team is based at the ambulance control room in order to monitor and

prioritise calls that require their services. A Critical Care team comprising of a doctor, paramedic and specialist nurse can take off within 4 minutes during the day and 8 minutes at night to give pre-hospital critical care to any patient suffering from major trauma. At a cost of £9000 per day the charity depends on its volunteers to help collect donations from the public by giving talks and attending events. After answering questions Ryland had a variety of items to sell which helped raise over £100 towards ensuring that this the vital service can continue.

The next meeting is on 6th December when we will be having a Christmas buffet with musical entertainment from Gary Miles. 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. Next year's programme is now available obtainable from the Secretary Tony Brazier on 07715 640171 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.

David Cowling

Harvest Festival Fun

On the Saturday afternoon before Harvest Festival in All Saints Church on October 8th, a workshop was held in MS Village Hall. 15 children, Mums and Dads plus helpers had a super time, making bread in the shapes of hedgehogs or Plaits, arranging flowers and decorating boxes to hold all the donations of vegetables. As more and more we use canned and packet goods in these celebrations (as they can be donated afterwards to the Food Bank), it is important that our children do not lose the connection to the origins of a Harvest Festival, especially in a rural Parish such as ours.

After the Church service on Sunday, the children collected their bread loaves (and reports are that they tasted

delicious), the vegetables were placed on BB Moores' stall in Monk Sherborne and sold in aid of charity.

We have many people who helped make this a fun afternoon; The bread dough was prepared and given to us by Bramley Bakery (and Simon Smart the master Baker, even gave me a crash course in how to make a hedgehog and plait the bread!); Elm Park Garden Centre donated enough Oasis for the children to use in some super flower arrangements; Mrs Vivian Roberts donated her wonderful Dahlias and Kathy Wilson organised the Teas and Coffees to refresh all the helpers.

A huge thank you to Val Hayter and Sarah Corbett who with Kathy, helped the children achieve such a super display



for our Harvest festival. And a big thank you to the children, Katie Knight and her friend Leela, Malakai and Ezekiel Tejevo, Evie and Max McDonnell, Tom Brownlie, Harry Strickland, Toby and Maya Miles-Bourke, Ruby and Molly Adams, Thomas Bond and Will Connell. John Hamilton also came along during the afternoon and tried his hand at bread-baking!

And now our thoughts turn to Christmas.....

Sheila Mellor

Sherborne St John Scout Group

January will see the first anniversary of the new SSJ Scout Troop. The ten Scouts in the Troop, many of whom were previously SSJ Cub Scouts, have enjoyed a number of fun activities over the year including cooking, pioneering, hiking, hot air ballooning and indoor games (The Cube and Colditz being favourites). The Scouts have also enjoyed a visit to The Jump Factory and the bowling alley. SSJ Scouts have joined in several Basingstoke West District events such as the St George's Day Parade, the Cyclorama (a treasure trail on bicycles around Basingstoke), the Remembrance Sunday Parade at Worting Church and the Portsmouth Challenge (a treasure trail and scavenger hunt on foot around Portsmouth and Southsea). Highlights of the Portsmouth Challenge were finding the tanks outside the Southsea D-Day museum (see photo) and a walk through the Portsmouth Historic

Dockyards to answer questions about HMS Victory.

The SSJ Cub pack has increased in size this year and the Cubs have also enjoyed some fun activities and outings. Highlights have been the trip to the Chatham Dockyards, orienteering around the woods at Micheldever, a night hike in Morgaston Woods, swimming and Jester Day (to achieve their Entertainers badge). The Cubs were visited by Susannah from African Promise, who talked to them about life in Kenya. It certainly made the cubs appreciate having toilets and running water and encouraged their fundraising efforts for the charity over the summer holidays. The Cub Scouts are looking forward to more fun activities in 2018 with district camp in June as a highlight. The other photo below was taken at the Remembrance Sunday Parade this year.



And finally...the Basingstoke Gang Show returns to the Haymarket Theatre in February 2018. It is particularly exciting this year as there is one SSJ cub and three SSJ Scouts in the cast this year. Tickets are on sale now!

SSJ Scouts (10½ – 14½ years old) meet on Tuesday evenings from 7-9 pm in the SSJ Village hall. The Cub Scouts (7½ – 10½ years old) meet on Thursday from 6:30-8 pm. For more information about either Cubs or Scouts call Doug on 07788 844989 or email fran@byte-sized.com.

30 years of Sherborne Toddlers

It is 30 years since a small group of local mums had the idea of starting up a Sherborne Toddler Group. We started meeting in the old village hall on a Wednesday morning and organised a sponsored toddle to raise funds for large pieces of equipment such as the slide, "wendy" house and ride on toys....which we still have in use today.

Over the years Sherborne Toddlers has played an important part of village life where mums grandmas carers and increasingly dads and grandads can meet up and their little ones can have fun and make friends.

Two years ago the toddler group was in danger of folding because of the growing burdens and obligations of

running such groups on hard pressed mums. Our local church has been able to step in and take on the financial and administrative oversight leaving mums to run the weekly activities of the group, which include free play, a craft activity and song time. Older ladies from the church are on hand to make tea and coffee, hold babies, chat and give much needed support to expectant mums and mums and carers of under 3's.

We are planning a reunion for mums past and present on Thursday January 25th at 8pm in the Swan. This is a great opportunity to get your friends together and renew old friendships....do come along....

Barbara Irving



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It is no wonder that often relationships, already with problems, collapse in December which unfortunately makes January one of our busiest months of the year as people resolve to start the New Year with a clean slate.

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Womens Fellowship

The November Talk was a first-class presentation about 'The Miracle Flower' – given by Mr. Jeremy Prescott, an ex Army Officer serving for 26 years. Jeremy has delivered his talks to more than 5,000 people, where he talks also of the charity "Combat Stress" a charity for veterans' mental health. An example he gave was the Falklands War, in 1982 where 255 Personnel were killed in action, but more than this number of survivors subsequently committed suicide.

Jeremy's talk: 'From Flanders to The Tower' gave the history of the poppy as the emblem we all know today. It began with a Canadian surgeon, Major John McCrae, serving in the 1st Brigade Canadian Field Artillery, when they were positioned north of Ypres. It was here that his friend Lieutenant Alexis Helmer, an officer in the same Artillery, was killed when he was hit by a German shell. He was 22 years old. It is thought that this terrible loss

was the inspiration of his poem, for it was Major McCrae who had to perform at his friend's funeral, during which he looked upon the devastating scene of bombs and corpses, and he saw a poppy growing amidst all this horror. This poem is called 'In Flanders Fields'. He sent it to The Spectator for publishing but it was returned to him - later published in Punch in December 1915. John McCrae picked up the poppy and pressed it in his notebook, and later gave it to his girlfriend.

Meanwhile, an American Professor Moina Michael was so impressed by reading the poem that she called the poppy The Miracle Flower. In response to this she wrote a poem "We Shall Keep The Faith" in which she eloquently writes that "The torch you threw and holding high, we keep the faith with all who died". This was the beginning of the Poppy Appeal.



This event led to a French woman Anna Guerin, who was attending an American Legion Convention and saw that the sale of large numbers of artificially made poppies would help fund the support of widows and children in France. She travelled the world promoting the sale of poppies, which saw Canada, Australia and New Zealand adopting this practice. The first British Legion Poppy Day appeal was in 1921, where the French-made poppies were selling across the UK. Earl Haig, President of the British Legion until his death, assisted in the poppy appeal and was instrumental in the manufacturing and distribution of the poppy appeal.

Moving forward to 2014 – between July and November, 888,246 ceramic poppies were laid in the moat surrounding the Tower of London; each poppy representing a fallen serviceman. The idea came from Paul Cummins, a ceramicist, who produced the poppies in three factories; one where they were fired, one where they were packaged and one from where they were sent. Over 17,500 volunteers made and planted them, the first poppy being planted by a befeater. More than 5 million people visited the site, which was kept for over four months. The site was called Bloodswept Lands and Seas of Red.

This idea raised £15 million which was donated to six Service charities.

The poppy factory is in Richmond upon Thames. Tours are given each morning and afternoon.

Jeremy Prescott was thanked for his moving and inspirational talk by Mrs Margaret Plumb.

The next meeting will be the Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 6th December.

Clift Surgery in Bramley News

At last we have some definite news to report about the extension to the surgery.

Work will start on the new extension on 27th November. There will be three phases: phase 1 will be the building of the extension to the right of the building as you look at it, which will incorporate a new updated dispensary and nurse treatment room. Phase 2 is likely to be in March/April and will involve the refurbishment and improvement of the waiting room and reception area. The final phase will be the moving of the dispensary into the new extension and kitting out the new treatment rooms. There will be a new widened entrance to the carpark, allowing two cars to enter and exit and more parking spaces will be available.

The bad news, short term, is that during phase 1 (December/January), there will be large lorries which will need to enter

the carpark and during this time access to the surgery car park will have to be closed temporarily. It will be important during that period to leave contact details when booking an appointment, so the surgery can advise you on the parking arrangements in place. There is alternative parking close by and the surgery will endeavour to allow for patients with limited mobility or otherwise frail, to be dropped off at the front of the building, with limited parking in the actual surgery car park.

All efforts are being made to minimise the inconvenience to patients during this early building stage and posters and details of the extension will be placed in the surgery.

The planned completion date is August 2018

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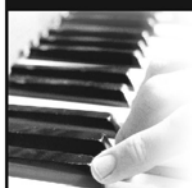
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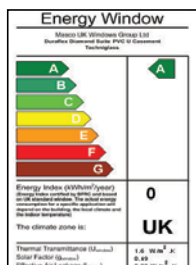
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