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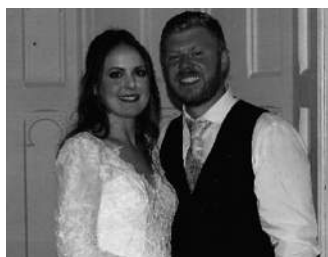
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Editorial



On Friday 30th October David Poynton married Clare Randall at St Mary's Church, Old Basing. David grew up in Sherborne St John, helping his mother Janet in the Post Office and also delivering milk to the residents of Monk Sherborne. After their honeymoon David and Clare will set up home in Lychpit.

Please do send any information, photos etc that you think might interest our readers to me by 12th of the month for the following month's magazine.

In order to give us a break over Christmas there will not be a magazine in January.

On behalf of the Villager Editorial team I would like to wish all our readers a very enjoyable Christmas and peaceful and healthy 2016. I would also like to extend my personal best wishes and thanks to Emma Foreman who looks after the advertising in the magazine, to all the regular contributors (not forgetting Bert !) and to George Rust and his wonderful team of volunteers who deliver the Villager to 1,000 doorsteps !

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Future Events

December 2015

1 - 18	Basingstoke Art Club Exhibition, 'Family' at the Willis Museum, Basingstoke, until 18 Dec	
1	SSJ Women's Fellowship, Christmas Lunch TBA	2.00pm
7	Pelican Film Society, 'The 100 year old man who climbed out of the window', The Ark	7.30pm
14	60+ Club, Christmas Lunch at the Swan. Contact 01256 850577 to book	12 noon
19	Sherborne St John Village Christmas Market, SSJ Village Hall	10am – 1pm

January 2016

5	SSJ Women's Fellowship, World Cruise Adventure, SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
11	Pelican Film Society, Walk in the Woods, The Ark Conference Centre, Guests welcome	7.30pm

February 2016

5	SSJ Women's Fellowship, AGM, SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
8	Pelican Film Society, Grand Seduction, The Ark Conference Centre, Guests welcome	7.30pm

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Church Matters December

“Well, I suppose this must be your busy time” says the parishioner to the rector or vicar at this time of year! I often reflect on this – why people say it and what it implies. Undoubtedly it is a benign wish – the intention is to encourage the harassed clergyman and wish him well in this hectic season! But apart from that I think the reason people say it is that this is the one time of year when they can actually imagine what one might be doing!

The rest of the time it is quite difficult to imagine how a clergyman spends his time. He does not go to the office or the factory or the school as other people do. He works largely from home – but then an increasing number of people do that these days. But whereas we have a rough idea of what the secular workplace involves, even if it is sometimes transferred to the home, we

generally have very little idea of what the clergyman does. We say “I know you’re very busy” without the faintest idea of what he’s busy at, unless we happen to attend a funeral or something like that. The rest of the time we’re in separate worlds.

Christmas however is the time when those two worlds come together. For one brief moment in the year we might be doing the same things! Things like Carol Services and Christmas shopping – the clergyman has to do that too! And everyone is so busy at Christmas – the clergyman can hardly be expected to escape. We share the human condition – and not just at Christmas.

Actually, busyness is a bit of a snare if we’re honest. Too much busyness crowds out the things which matter. It can have unpleasant effects such as depression and anxiety. It stops us making time for people and especially it stops us making time for God. Someone wrote a poem which captures this – It’s called “I have no time”:

‘I have no time’ to read HIS book

‘I have no time’ to pray,

‘I have no time’ to serve our Lord

‘I have no time’ or so I say.

Before the television set,

The minutes pass,

The hours flit by,

But when my Lord would meet with me

‘I have no time’ – that is my cry.

Thank God: HE did not say

‘I have no time’

He found the time for you and me,

He made the time for Calvary!

Dear Lord forgive

‘I have no time’

Before your cross I would confess

With tears of shame, my laziness.

You died for me. I did not care.

But now I know I have no time

For it is Yours. And you must use

My life, my time, as you shall choose.

Let’s resolve not to be swamped by busyness this Christmas, but to give priority to the things that matter, such as family and friends, faith and the future. After all, Jesus made time for us.

John Hamilton



Services for December

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

6 December

10am	Parish Communion, Sunday Club & Crèche	St Andrew's
5pm	Advent Carols	The Priory

13 December

8am	Holy Communion	The Priory
10am	Morning Service, Sunday Club & Crèche	St Andrew's
10am	Morning Service	All Saints
4.15 for 5pm	CHRISTINGLE SERVICE (see below)	St Andrew's

20 December

10am	Morning Service, children's activities	St Andrew's
4.30pm	CHILDREN'S CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT (see below)	St Andrew's
6.30pm	CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT	St Andrew's

24 December

5pm	Christmas Eve Crib Service	All Saints
11.15pm	Midnight Communion	Priory

25 December

9.30	Christmas Day Family Service	All Saints
10.45	Christmas Day Family Service followed by Holy Communion	St Andrews

13 DECEMBER CHRISTINGLE SERVICE: starts at 5 pm but please come to church at 4.15 pm to make your "Christingle". GIFTS OF TOYS (unused) are welcome and will be distributed through the Salvation Army.

20 DECEMBER CHILDREN'S CAROLS includes a NATIVITY TABLEAU. If not already asked children are invited to dress as shepherds or angels.

MIDWEEK MEETINGS

On Tuesday 1 Dec we continue The Human Journey – this time the subject is Mental Health.
HOME GROUPS: week beginning 7 December, following up the Sunday morning teaching on James.
Apart from that there is a meal together on 15 December.

PREACHING ON SUNDAY MORNINGS (10AM):

Concluding studies in the letter of James:

Dec 6	Morning mist	James 4:7-17	John Hamilton
Dec 13	Until the Lord comes	James 5:1-12	Warren Trask & Ian Roberts
Dec 20	Saving the sick	James 5:13-21	Scott Seivewright

... AND ON SUNDAY EVENINGS: ADVENT: THE LIGHT OF HIS COMING

Dec 06	Light in the darkness	John 1:1-5	Ian Roberts
Dec 13	A witness to the light	John 1:6-9	Andy Spence
Dec 20	Darkness or light?	John 3:16-21	John Hamilton

3 January

10am	New Year Family Communion	St Andrew's
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10 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

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17 January

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

24 January

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

31 January

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

MIDWEEK MEETINGS

Home Groups meet on the weeks beginning 4 & 18 January.

On Tuesdays 12 & 26 we continue THE HUMAN JOURNEY: 8-9pm in the Parish Room.

12 Jan: End of Life

26 Jan: New Technologies

PRAYING TOGETHER.

While there should always be time for prayer at all our meetings we will meet specifically to pray every week (almost!) on

THURSDAY afternoons at 2.15 pm.

This month we meet on Thursdays 7, 14, 21 & 28. Finish by 3 pm.

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 6 December at 5pm

A selection of carols and seasonal hymns with Bible readings.

Pamber Priory

Note the early start.

Mince Pies to follow.

Monk Sherborne Parish Council

Highways

New signage has been installed at The Lane junction in Charter Alley in order to improve the traffic movements in the area. Residents are urged to report potholes on the local roads via the Hampshire Highways website as this appears to be the most successful way of getting the works carried out.

Planning matters New applications

15/03230/FUL The Priory Primary Academy Trust. Single storey rear extension to form hall and store room. No objection 15/02409/FUL Weybrook Park Golf Club Reconfiguration and realignment of the existing front nine holes. No objection 15/03766/HSE Queens House, Monk Sherborne Erection of single storey extension

to side/rear following demolition of existing. Replacement doors and windows and landscape alterations. No objection

Awaiting decision.

Manor Farm, Monk Sherborne Development of a picking station and associated plant with condition variations to allow screening. Objection 15/01378/FUL Land near Shothanger Works Construction of solar farm for 25 years. Objection 15/01733/FUL Blackberries Erection of a day room and 2m high wall. Objection

Planning decisions

15/03075/HSE Crossways Erection of two storey rear extension. Granted 15/02833/HSE Dragon Court Erection of 3 car ports with gym and store. Granted.

Parish maintenance.

New beams have been installed on the swings and new wooden slats fitted to climbing equipment because the items had reached their safe working life. The wooden beams on the rope climbing frame are next on the agenda and this should bring the area up to a new and safe condition.

A new contractor was appointed this autumn to carry out the grass cutting and hedgecutting in the parish for the next 3 years and they have got off to a good start and have the areas looking tidy. As usual litter is a problem, mainly thrown from vehicles passing through. Thanks to those residents that take the trouble to pick up litter in their area.

Pamber Parish Council

The last meeting of Pamber Parish Council was held on Monday, 9th November 2015.

Planning applications:

15/03591/HSE: Erection of single storey rear extension Priory View Ramsdell Road Pamber End. No objection

Planning decisions made by the Borough Council:

15/03005/LDEU: Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for the independent residential use of 'The Stables' with parking area to the north and a small enclosed garden to the south

The Stables, Sullom New Road Little London.

GRANTED

15/03400/AGPD: Erection of agricultural building for straw storage

Pamber Farm Bramley Road Little London.

Agricultural determination.

15/03231/HSE: Erection of a detached double garage

Lynwood Aldermaston Road Pamber End.

GRANTED

Tree Preservation Order -

Confirmation of TPO: TPO/BDB/0607-land at Wayside had been received.

Footways on A340/ Highway issues at Pamber End.

Parishioners had expressed concern over the state of the footways and a number of Highways issues had also been raised. A meeting had been arranged with Hampshire County Council to bring these matters to the attention of the county council. It is sadly now a fact that, due to the stringent cuts that have to be absorbed by the county council, there has been a significant reduction in the maintenance and repair work that can be carried out by Hampshire Highways. Nevertheless, if you think that there is a problem, particularly if there is a safety issue, faults can be reported directly by you to the county council by visiting the website - www.hants.gov.uk and following the links.

Little London Telephone Box

Although plans for installing a defibrillator in the telephone box seemed to have been abandoned by Tadley Responders, the idea is again to be explored and the parish council is awaiting more details. The suggestion of running a book exchange from the kiosk is still an option but we need to know how much room will be left after the installation of the defibrillator before making final plans.

The next meeting of Pamber Parish Council will be held at 7.30pm on Monday, 14th December 2015 in The Memorial Hall, Pamber Heath. The following meeting will take place in St. Stephen's Hall, Little London on Monday, 11th January 2016 at 7.30pm. All parishioners are welcome to attend. Details of meetings are displayed on the notice boards and on the website www.pamber-pc.gov.uk

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Notes from Pamber Green and Pamber End

Oh dear, depressing dark afternoons with a real chill to the air is now the order of the day. As I write this article, we have had a number of foggy miserable days and, sadly, autumn has only just begun. And it came as no surprise to read David Cullum's weather figures in the last Villager which confirmed August being a month of peak rainfall and very poor sunshine. So the only hope is for a few crisp days with a clear sky to raise the spirits unless you can arrange to escape these shores to somewhere warm.

Lovely to read some news in the last Villager of The Priory School written by two pupils in their own words. Hopefully more news will be forthcoming. Also, hoping the All Saints Bells service of thanksgiving to celebrate the successful completion of restoration work went well.

Latest news from the September Parish Council minutes regarding the outline application for 4 houses, 2 bungalows and a village hall at Berry Court Farm, Little London, reports amended plans having been received reducing the number of village hall parking spaces. The minutes say the application was discussed in full at the meeting and Cllr Snook who submitted the application was unable to attend. The Parish Council agreed the amended plans went some way to address the concerns of parishioners but requested that the number of parking spaces be increased. This being so, they raised no objection and accepted the amended plans. The minutes do not state the number recommended but it would need to be a significant increase to combat the current dangerous, limited parking which would create a major safety problem. A planning decision is expected on 17th November 2015. It seems a strange decision by the Parish Council who continues to provide funding for the nearby St Stephen's Hall for electrical fault repairs and a quote for a full electrical inspection. The Parish Council agreed the results of the public consultation into the original application at Berry Court Farm be published on the Parish Council website but that the sensitive nature of some of the comments made would remain confidential. If these

comments have a direct impact on the situation, they may well be relevant to the application process and should be more visible. The next Council meeting will be on 14th December 7.30pm at Pamber Heath Memorial Hall and there is always an agenda item allowing participation of the public so please take this opportunity to have your voice heard on this and any other issue of interest to you. I have no more news on the planning application on the A340, Pamber End but assume a decision is soon due. I understood the Parish Council had decided to publish planning applications in the Villager but these don't seem to have been forthcoming of late, leaving parishioners to find out by various circuitous means.

Parishioner Rob Searle has contacted me over his concerns of recent felling in Pamber Forest. He has spoken to Forest Warden, Graham Dennis, who said the Borough Council, who has responsibility for the forest, asked the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Trust, a registered charity relying on volunteer labour, to deal with the upkeep of the Forest. The Trust has agreed that forest owners, Englefield Estates, can clear fell 1% of the forest each year. They are doing this by bringing in heavy plant and minimal manpower as the cheapest option, thus allowing them to make the most money. Whilst the Forest has a very long history of coppicing and providing a living for 'foresters', questions surface as to why the felling is not being carried out in a way more caring of our environment and protecting the forest, a designated ancient woodland and Site of Special Scientific Interest. There is a Pamber Forest Advisory Committee but I cannot remember having seen any report from them presented to the Parish Council, nor the publication of any management plan. Wherever responsibility lies, someone must be accountable for the activities and it is not unreasonable for interested parties to raise questions. We have all been held accountable for our actions during our working lives. An important discussion point for the Pamber Parish Council one hopes as they will surely be concerned about a significant area of importance and community resource within their parish. Please approach and question

any group you can think of who may help to prevent the widespread damage to the forest floor which could readily be avoided and/or rectified. Left unrepaired, the ruts and damage do not recover and significantly detract from an important ecological and supposedly protected site. They are a safety risk to users who wish to make use of the wonderful ancient environment. Cash crops versus

responsible management! Interestingly, the Council has recently approved the payment of £300 to the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust for use in the Pamber Forest management programme and the warden is paid.

The County Council has proposed ward changes in which it suggests Pamber should be included with other neighbouring parishes in Calleva Ward. It is not clear what this means but we should be actively asking some questions. Again, maybe it is a topic the Parish Council could expand upon in the Villager.

Breaking news from the Plough at Little London. Landlord, Terry Brown, has received the CAMRA North East Hampshire Pub of the Year Award and the CAMRA Regional Pub of the Year (Wessex and Channel Islands). The Plough will now go into the final 16 to find the CAMRA National Pub of the Year. Well done Terry and all your team. Fingers crossed for the final.

Please let me know your news and views on items raised in this article and any other information you wish to spread. Together we can make a difference to our parish.

We now have a month off with no Villager to write for in December. So I do hope you all have a very happy Christmas and New Year doing whatever you dream of.

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SHERBORNE ST JOHN PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council co-opted Becky Jones to the Council until next May's election to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Syd Abraham earlier in the year. Unfortunately Councillor Jayne Tomlinson has also now had to resign her position as she is moving out of the parish. The Parish Council would like to take the opportunity to thank her for all her work on behalf of the Council since her co-option 3 years ago. Unless the Borough Council receives a request for an election to fill this new vacancy they will co-op another parishioner at the November 2015 meeting.

Neighbourhood Plan.

With the removal of Bob's farm as the preferred site for inclusion in the Plan a second consultation was held to consider the Rydon plan for 18 houses on Cranes Road which could also include a shop premises. After discussion the Committee have decided that they will support this option and include it in the draft plan.

Manydown Development

Representatives from both the Borough and County Councils gave a brief update on the Manydown Development Programme. The Development Team is supported by a full consultancy which reviews infrastructure, geophysics, utilities provisions and much more to ensure a successful development and intends to submit plans for the 3400 houses included in the Local Plan by autumn 2016 with houses becoming ready from June 2018. Initial discussions have taken place with stakeholders and community design events. They hope to hold a Master Plan Public Consultation in Sherborne St John in February/ March 2016 with a Pre-Application Consultation prior to planning submissions in June/July 2016.

Chute Pavilion and Recreation Ground Project.

As many will already be aware the refurbishment of the Pavilion has now taken place paid for by the Parish Council and the Borough Council's infrastructure grant. It was found that considerable maintenance work on the Pavilion was also required before redecoration could be started, in particular a replacement floor covering. By the time this edition is available the new ground's storage unit will have been completed again paid for by the Parish Council and the Borough Council. Thanks go to the football club whose members have worked extremely hard to ensure the storage unit was completed on time. The third part of the project, the re-fencing of the tennis courts, will hopefully be carried out at the being of next year in conjunction with resurfacing of one of the courts that has begun to subside.

The Parish Council would also like to welcome Shawna Campbell, who has agreed to replace Judith Darmady, as the administrator of the Pavilion and its bookings, and to thank Judith again for all her past hard work on their behalf.

Allotments

In conjunction with Hampshire County Council, who have agreed to pay, the Parish Council is in the process of arranging for further shoots in adjoining land to eradicate the infestation of rabbits which has been causing such problems for tenants.

SSJ Web Site

The Parish Council is investigating outsourcing the Parish website in order that its content is more readily updated.

Village Shop

The Parish Council is also looking to source a consultant to provide a

feasibility study on the viability of a new shop premises (in the Rydon Homes Development) in order for them to make an informed decision on whether to accept or decline any offer of premises.

The Parish council would be more than pleased to hear from any parishioner as to their view as to whether or not the Parish Council should consider taking on the ownership of shop premises given the potential financial responsibilities said ownership would imply.

Once we have the results of the feasibility study we will publish it in the Villager and again ask for input as to how best to proceed.

Dog Fouling

A problem was again noted that some dog owners were not clearing up after their dogs when they are walked around the parish roads and pathways. The Parish Council would therefore ask everyone to ensure they clear up after their dogs as it is an offence which carries a large fine for non-compliance. So please be a good neighbour and remember that everyone wants to enjoy a clean and pleasant environment!!!

Finances

The Parish Finances are good and adequate for all the expenses required including the completion of the Chute Recreation Ground Project and the considerable cost that were incurred for outstanding maintenance in the building.

Can I take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy Christmas break and New Year!

Penny Mayo, Parish Clerk



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The Village Agent programme has been running since 2011 following research done by Hampshire County Council's Older Peoples Wellbeing Team and has been highly successful in helping to reduce social isolation and loneliness in older people by enabling them to access resources that they need, and assisting them to engage with their local communities.

Age Concern Hampshire is pleased to be working in partnership with Hampshire County Council and Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service. The project is fully funded and supported by Hampshire County Council.

If you would like to get involved and have some time to offer or know anybody else who might be interested, please get in touch today! Call Gail Allen, Village Agent co-ordinator, on 01962 892443 or Freephone 0800 328 7154 or email villageagent@ageconcernhampshire.org.uk. Alternatively you can download an application form, and find out about our many other volunteering opportunities, on our website: www.ageconcernhampshire.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer-for-us/

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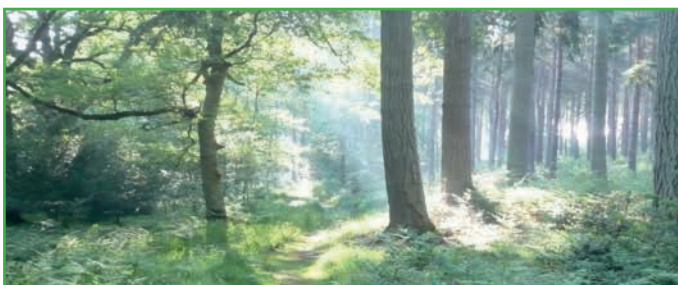
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PC Simon Wright



CHRISTMAS FAMILY EVENTS 2015

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Sunday 13 December, St Andrew's Church, SSJ

Join us at 4.15pm in the church to make your Christingle orange before the service begins at 5.00pm followed by tea and cakes

Donations of new, unwrapped toys would be gratefully received as gifts for deserving children in our local area



CHILDREN'S CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Sunday 20 December, St Andrew's Church, SSJ at 4.30pm

We would love it if your children would like to dress up as an angel or shepherd to take part in this family celebration—the short service will be followed by tea and cakes

CHRISTMAS MORNING FAMILY SERVICES

Friday 25 December

9.30am—All Saints, Monk Sherborne

10.45am—St Andrew's, Sherborne St John

All welcome



Sherborne St John Church of England Primary School

This half term is 7 weeks long, and it felt like quite a long time to go before Christmas. However, as we looked at everything that needed to be fitted into the schedules, it was more like, "Help! We've only got 7 weeks left!"

November, as always, had quite a focus on helping others. Some of the Year 6 children sold poppies for the Royal British Legion, and the School Council organised a dress-down day, cake sale and the raffle of a huge Pudsey Bear in aid of Children in Need. The whole school took part in the Rotary



Christmas shoebox collection, and a total of 77 shoeboxes were prepared by the children and staff who then formed a human chain to send them on their way to help children in poorer areas of the world. Thank you to all those who

contributed to the shoeboxes and also to the Bags 2 School collection.

There was great excitement when the School Council's other project came to fruition this term – with the arrival of a school pet! The children on the Council had researched the costs and agreed to take responsibility for the care of the new hamster, who at the time of writing is still awaiting a name!

Class 4 are studying Space this term and hope to be visiting the Winchester Science Museum to see a show at the Planetarium. They also enjoyed a visit from an astronomer who answered their questions on the Solar System. Class 3 have their winter walk to the Vyne to look forward to, and a group of children will be investigating the different types of fungi in the woods. Some of the children in Key Stage 1 are taking part in a gymnastics competition and members of Class 4 have taken part in Creative Writing, Maths and Robotics workshops at other schools.



And then we need to fit in our Christmas activities! Rehearsals for the Infant Nativity are now underway, and this year we are invited to 'Jesus' Christmas Party'. The poor innkeeper



likes nothing more than a good night's sleep at his inn in Bethlehem, but this is the last thing he will be getting as a constant stream of visitors arrive at his door! We are all looking forward to seeing the play and joining in the fun!

The last few days of term are always busy! The whole school will be going to see the pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk' at the Anvil which is always great fun and very noisy! We have a 'Movie Mob' DVD evening and the Infant and Junior Christmas parties, as well as our Christmas lunches. Of course, we also visit St Andrew's Church for our Christmas Service.

Finally, don't forget to come to our Christmas Fayre, which will be held after school on Friday 4th December from 5pm until 7pm. I am reliably informed that Father Christmas will be there, ably assisted by a couple of familiar-looking elves! There will be plenty of refreshments to sustain you whilst you look around the stalls and have a go at the games.

Happy Christmas to you all!

Sherbert – SSJ School Villager Correspondent

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tree or taking down the Snowmen with a loaded Nerf gun – there will be something for everyone to enjoy! We would welcome all friends and families from our local community. Please do come and join us! We hope to see you there. www.theprioryprimaryschool.org.uk Contact details/further information: Jenni Saunders – PA Chairperson – 07900 881417 The Priory Primary School Pamber End, RG26 5QD 01256 850062

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Womens Fellowship

The November meeting was a demonstration given by Mrs Violet McMonnies, on Christmas Table Settings.



The demonstration began with four long tables, each covered with a white tablecloth and cutlery laid. I wondered at this stage why there seemed to be only a knife and fork at each setting, but all was revealed during the session.

We were shown four very different settings but with a similar theme running through each, in terms of layout, height and lighting. The themes were, namely, Traditional, Contemporary, Natural and Black & Gold. The Traditional table was red and gold, the contemporary table was silver and turquoise, the Natural table was basically 'nature' of hessian, browns and green foliage.

Each table had in the first instance a runner along the centre, edged with beads. The Traditional runner was a deep red with pearl beads each side, the contemporary table a mirror tiles edged with silver beads, the Natural table was hessian and the Black & Gold had gold beads alongside a black runner.

Following the runners, the mats were shown, firstly on the Traditional table; Mrs. Mc Monnies showed us a very 'everyday' mat which we all agreed would not look suitable or do justice on her

table. She then showed us another mat which she had covered in beautiful gold wrapping paper, and she laid six of these beautiful mats on the table. At this stage we were all beginning to get a picture of how this demonstration was going. Similarly, the mats on the remaining tables were all beautifully covered in appropriately coloured matching paper. The black & gold paper was embossed, the natural mats were covered in 'natural' corrugated paper.

Mrs. McMonnies was beginning, I think,



to cause some or all of us to feel somewhat inadequate in our table-arranging expertise as she brought out six crisp white cotton napkins for the Traditional table, each tied with a beautiful deep red decoration either tied on to the napkin with red ribbon or clipped on – or even tucked into a side-pleated napkin such as the fresh green holly (with matching red berries) or a fresh red rose. After this, as if it weren't enough, we were shown her table gift for each guest, beautifully wrapped in a gold box. Here, we could put a place-name if we wished, especially if the gifts were individualised.

Next came the glassware. Still on the Traditional table, six gorgeous tall-stemmed gold glasses (£6 each from John Lewis), followed by the Christmas crackers in gold, then table decorations of two water-filled glass square vases topped with floating red berries. Red tea-light holders ran along this table, followed by the table decoration (no – the two water-filled vases were not the table decoration) which was a beautiful wreath and a tall



candle in the centre. This table looked stunning as it was, and our mouths were open in awe, but we were then treated to the final display of two pineapples, sprayed with gold and placed on an up-ended tall glass thus giving much height to the table. Mrs. McMonnies told us that pineapples historically a symbol of wealth and class, so naturally the hosts would wish to display these with their Christmas setting.

The Contemporary, Natural and Black & Gold tables were all as stunning as the Traditional, with a beautiful display of menorah-shaped candles on the Natural Table as its centrepiece, and wonderful tall-stemmed black glasses on the Black & Gold table (courtesy of John Lewis).

Every kind of bauble, gold-covered chocolate, silver feather, hair accessory, brooch and foliage had been used with such aplomb, it was truly amazing to see.



At the end of the session we were looking at four beautiful, very different, tables, all lit with candles, sparklers and firecrackers. Perhaps more than one of us felt a little apprehensive about the safety of the new Village Hall at this stage, when Mrs. McMonnies amusingly told us that her husband was a Fire Prevention Officer, and did not approve of her flair with fire.

Mrs. McMonnies was thanked for her amusing and wonderful demonstration by Mrs. Joan Brandon.



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An update regarding a cannabis seizure in the Chute car park a few months back. Carrying out routine patrol in the car park (as has been happening since information received not so long ago), I came across two young males in a vehicle in possession of cannabis. A PND (Penalty Notice for Disorder) was issued to the sum of £90 for the offence. I have seen no one lingering in there since!
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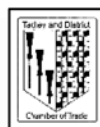
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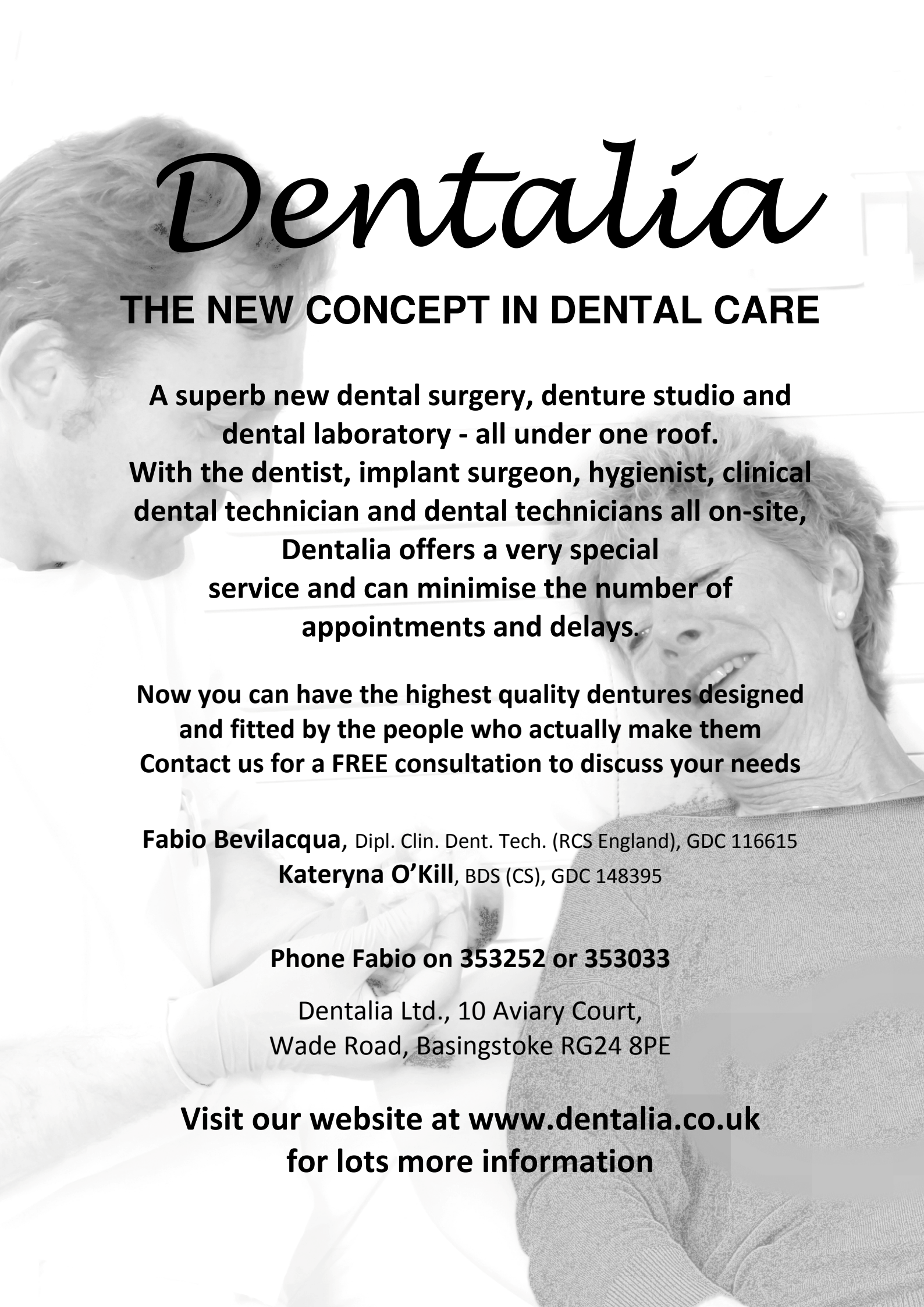
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Summit Judo Club

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This year has been very eventful for the Judo Club, We have increased our membership to almost 190 members, including players from 10 schools coached by Paul Hamilton as Summit School of Judo. Several of the players have made the Hampshire county squad, and one player, Clare Brown has been selected for the GB Masters squad. Clare stopped judo when she started her family and came back again when her boys started judo. She trained hard, and won some major competitions and was selected for the squad.

This year the club reached the final in "The Club of the Year" category at the Basingstoke & Deane sports awards; this is the second year in succession we have made the finals. Len Dunce won the category "Service to Sport". Paul Hamilton was a finalist at the same ceremony for professional coach of the year. Len then went on to be a finalist at the Hampshire awards for "Service to Sport", he was also nominated for "Celebration of Volunteering Award" receiving his certificate from the mayor of Basingstoke & Deane, Anne Court. Len was again nominated in the "Place to be Proud of" awards and again reached the final three in the category of "Sporting Heroes" which went to a public vote and was won by Basingstoke Bison. Meanwhile, we were very busy organising the 23rd sports twinning event hosting 37 judo players from our twin town of Euskirchen in Germany, and although Summit lost 3 - 5, Basingstoke won 19 -13 and the trophy is now back in Basingstoke. So all in all it has been a very busy, eventful and successful year to date!!

Len Dunce,
Head Coach

'Getting your knees brown' advice to the Probus Club

John Grimwood, a freelance tour guide and military historian, gave an illustrated presentation to the Probus Club of Basingstoke about a period in his early life spent as a young airman in the Middle East. Readily admitting that he did not try hard at his grammar school he was disappointed that the RAF declined to accept him as a possible pilot but instead recruited him as an Administrative Assistant.

In 1965 John received a posting to a place called Salalah on the Arabian Peninsula, partway between Aden and Bahrain. After 12 hours on a nauseous flight in a packed propeller driven RAF Britannia troop aircraft he arrived at RAF Khormaksar in the Aden protectorate. Then followed a 700 miles flight to Salalah in a Blackburn Beverley 'flying wardrobe', a huge four engine aircraft with a cavernous freight bay and ideally suited to short, rough, Arabian dirt airstrips.

This period of the 1960s heralded the "dying days and end of Empire" and many of our bases were attracting the attention of anti-British guerilla groups or "freedom fighters." Salalah was situated in an area of counter insurgency warfare but was crucial as an RAF support base during the Dhofar War. John lived in quarters with anti grenade window shutters yet guarded the base with pick axe handles.

While having the basic requirements for the 60 airmen on base it was extremely Spartan by modern standard and had no air conditioning. Uniform consisted of shorts, socks and suede desert boots with no hat or sun cream. There was ample time to get his knees brown as the work routine finished in the lunchtime peak heat of day and afternoons were spent relaxing, playing football or swimming, watching out for sharks on a secluded beach.

At the end of the year 10 shillings financed a posting home party with barbecue and plentiful beer and everyone listened to England winning the World Cup. John returned to service outside London in the 'Swinging Sixties'. He applied for Aircrew duties spending the next 30 years flying as an Air Loadmaster, Helicopter Crewman, Aircrew Instructor and Technical Author. In all 12,000 flying hours which totals 16 months airborne and never suffered from air sickness again.

See www.probusbasingstoke.webs.com for more information about the Probus Club.



Bert's Blog



I've been fishing in France. Actually the Boss has been fishing and I just watched. I have to say it is not the most exciting pastime in the

world but there were certainly some interesting smells coming from his dishes of bait which I was forbidden to touch. Eventually there was a little scurry of activity when a small fish appeared out of the water on the end of his line but the Mrs was less impressed when his next catch turned out to be a leaf. The Boss said practice makes perfect and continued sitting in the sun dangling his line in the water. After watching numerous fish jumping about in the lake and breaking out of the surface of the water with a loud plop far from the Boss' reach I was so frustrated that I decided to take matters into my own hands and dived in to find a few of these slippery little blighters for him. All hell broke loose - you would have thought he would be pleased I was helping out but no, exactly the opposite, apparently I had got it wrong again, dogs can't fish they can only watch!

Upon surfacing from my swim I broke my stroke to turn my head and realised the Boss' gesticulations, commands and general demeanour meant I should have stayed on the bank and not entered the water. You can't help some people! I made sure I regained dry land some way from the Boss pitch and trotted off to see what the Mrs was doing but she was deeply involved in painting an impression on paper of the autumn trees until I shook all the water out of my coat, nudged her arm for a cuddle and upset her concentration as well as the paint pot. Some colourful language emerged and I nearly ended up with a colourful coat but it all washed off in the lake again which finally signalled the end of the fishing expedition for that day. I just don't understand why I can't retrieve the fish for the Boss, just like the pigeons. Will I ever learn all the rules.



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On 31st October we held a service at All Saints church in Monk Sherborne to celebrate the successful completion of the project to re-tune and restore the church bells. A total of 79 people attended the service which was addressed by David Williams, Bishop of Basingstoke. The bells were rung both before and after the service by all the Sherbornes bellringers. We then had a reception in the village hall to thank all those who had contributed to the project.

Mr Brian White of Whites of Appleton, who had been contracted to carry out all the work, also attended and was shown the plaque that was made to record the previous restoration in 1927 under the supervision of his grandfather. A new brass plaque listing all the contributors to the project has been placed in the church.

On Remembrance Sunday the bells at St Andrews and All Saints were rung half-muffled at the same time - this required a three-line-whip of all the Sherbornes bellringers. Half-muffled ringing produces a very distinctive sound and is created by securely attaching a thick leather pad to one side of the clapper ball.

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Bramley WI Lite

'Tales from the Domestic Frontline!'

Members and guests of Bramley WI Lite were all in stitches at their October meeting where they were entertained by author Clare Macnaughton.

Clare talked us through her life with extracts from her book 'A Modern Military Mother – Tales from the Domestic Frontline!'. Clare says she wrote the book for women who hate housework and being told what to do. So, if you feel that you are a slave to your family then it is definitely the book to read.

From Clare's highly amusing and vivid talk we met 'Hagar', the Chinook-flying husband frequently on secret missions, and the children, a son, 'The Grenade', and, a daughter, 'The Menace'.

We listened to accounts of the lives of wives and girlfriends, the long months alone with the kids waiting for news from the war zone, and what life is like when partners return – settling in to life together again.

Clare's talk was a roller-coaster ride of laughs and home truths. Sometimes funny, sometimes sad and sometimes crazy. If her talk is anything to go by then her book is a definite must read!

If you are interested in finding out more about Bramley WI Lite visit our website www.bramleywilite.com, or why not come along to our next meeting?

We usually meet on the fourth Thursday of every month at 8pm in the Clift Meadow Pavilion in Bramley. Please note, that with Christmas our dates have changed slightly. The first two meetings are free of charge. We would love to see you there!

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For further information on the group or forthcoming meetings visit: www.bramleywilite.com

Contact details/further information

Anne Grant, President, Bramley WI Lite
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Basingstoke Civil Service Retirement Fellowship

52 members and 1 visitor attended the monthly meeting held on Wednesday 4th November and were welcomed by the Chairman, John Lambeth. Tony Brazier, the Secretary, gave details of the Christmas lunch to be held at BCOT on Thursday 10th December and asked for any nominations for the committee to be submitted by the end of the year. Christine Broadbent then gave her welfare report in which she welcomed back those members who had not been at recent meetings.

The speaker was Gordon Massie who gave a talk on "The Life and Legend of Mary Queen of Scots". He traced her life story from her birth at Linlithgow



Palace in December 1542, the daughter of James V of Scotland and Mary of Guise, to her execution, on the orders of Elizabeth I, at Fotheringhay Castle in February 1587. She had an eventful life as Queen of both France and Scotland, was married 3 times, had 2 children, spoke 3 languages, and was under house arrest for 20 years all at a time of extreme political intrigue and with the English at war with both the French and the Scots.

The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at Brookvale Village Hall from 10 am – 12 noon and all retired Civil Servants and their partners are welcome.

At the next meeting on 2nd December there will be Christmas Entertainment with The Purple People followed by a buffet lunch. A full programme of events is planned for 2016 including talks covering such subjects as Afghanistan, Antarctica, Hollywood, Liverpool, Mervyn's Coaches, Women in WW1, the CAB and Canine Partners with planned outings to Winchester, Cadbury World, Wisley, Brooklands, Lymington, The Kennet & Avon Canal, Braemore House and the BBC in London. Further details about the meetings and trips can be obtained from the Secretary Tony Brazier on 01256 418770 or at bjmapbr@ntlworld.com and Kate Lambeth on 01256 328791.

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Minimum UPR Windows Group 1.00 Standard Thermal Rate P100 (Standard Requirements)	
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