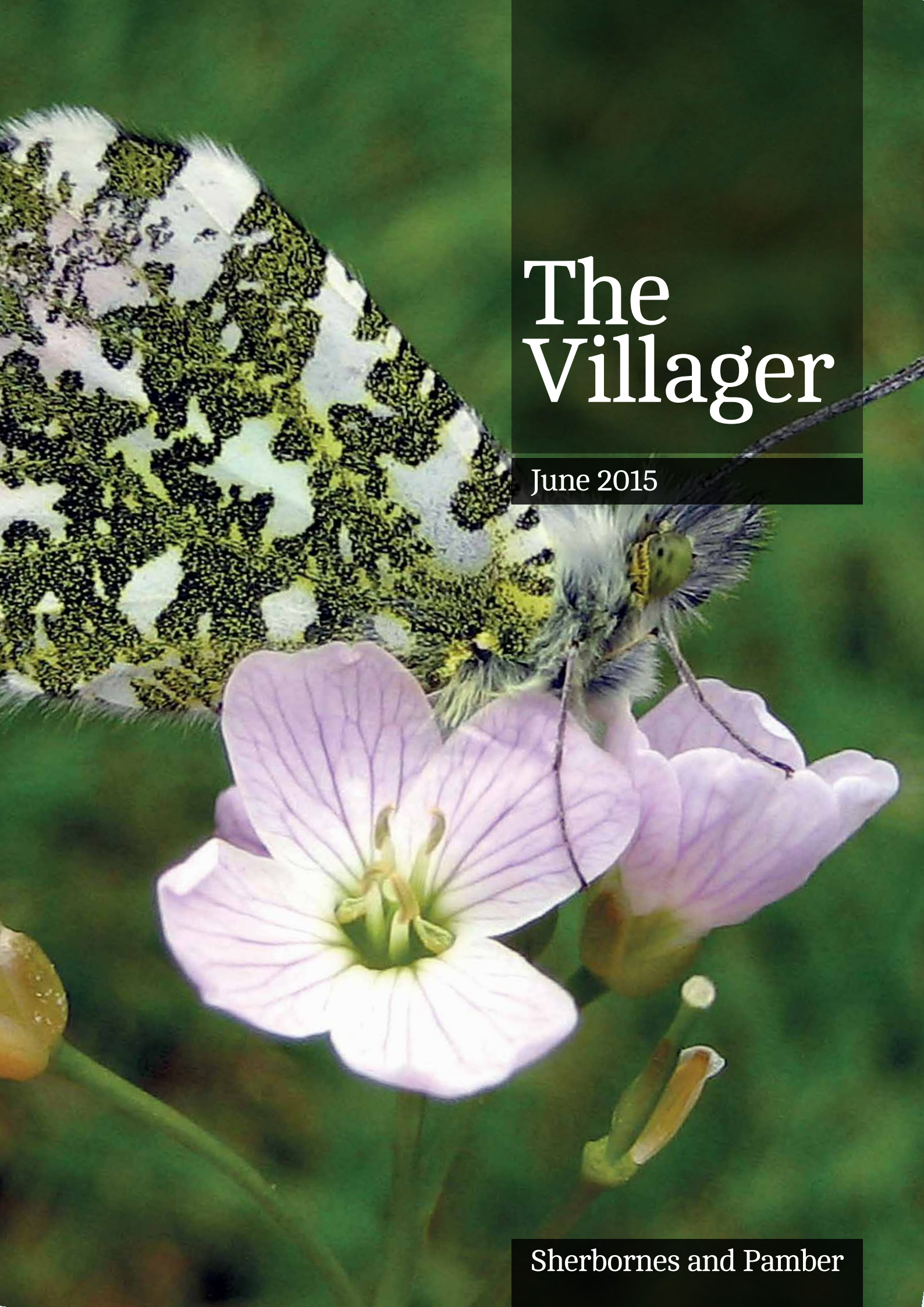


A close-up photograph of a moth with a complex pattern of black, white, and yellow on its wings, feeding on a pink flower. The moth's head and proboscis are visible as it interacts with the flower's center. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green.

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Letters to the Editor

I am always delighted to publicise any events - particularly when someone from Sherbornes with Pamber goes the "extra mile" for someone else's benefit - or in Paul Bevan's case 26.2 miles !! Well done Paul



Paul completed the 26.2 miles of the London Marathon 2015 on 26th April in 4:63 (or 5:03!), and ran for the British Skin Foundation.

"The British Skin Foundation is the only charity in the UK dedicated to funding research into skin disease and skin cancer. We fund research to help the 8 million people in the UK who suffer with a skin condition, with the ultimate goal of finding cures and better treatments for every disease."

Donations welcome: www.justgiving.com/paulsbevan Thank you
Paul Bevan

 **BritishRedCross** May 3rd - 9th 2015

I would like to thank the collectors and the people of the Sherborne St John and Monk Sherborne for their generous contributions towards Red Cross Week. We made a total of £466.81 - Monk Sherborne £100.15 and Sherborne St John £366.66.

Betty Burnett

Sherbornes Art Exhibition

Many thanks to all of you who helped to make our recent exhibition such a success. We raised just over £1,000 for RADCAN which we believe is going towards a neck brace... a piece of vital equipment for the unit.

We almost doubled our sales from the last show, too, which is always encouraging to our artistic egos and encourages us to keep on having the exhibitions!!



Our thanks again

Lindsay Berry & Pat Burt

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Future Events

June 2015

1	60+Club, Sherborne St John Village Hall. Contact 01256 850577 for transport	10.00am
1	Pelican Film Society, Theory of Everything, The Ark Conference Centre, Guests welcome	7.30pm
2	SSJ Women's Fellowship The History of Bramshill College SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
2	Tuesday Club (drop-in coffee mornings) St. Stephen's Hall, Little London. (Donation £1.00 pp)	10.00-12.00 am
9	Tuesday Club (drop-in coffee mornings) St. Stephen's Hall, Little London. (Donation £1.00 pp)	10.00-12.00 am
15	60+Club, Sherborne St John Village Hall. Contact 01256 850577 for transport	10.00am
16	Tuesday Club (drop-in coffee mornings) St. Stephen's Hall, Little London. (Donation £1.00 pp)	10.00-12.00 am
20	Sherborne St John Village Market, SSJ Village Hall	10am – 1pm
22	SSJ Parish Council Meeting, SSJ Village Hall	7.30pm
23	Tuesday Club (drop-in coffee mornings) St. Stephen's Hall, Little London. (Donation £1.00 pp)	10.00-12.00 am
29	60+Club, Sherborne St John Village Hall. Contact 01256 850577 for transport	10.00am
30	Tuesday Club (drop-in coffee mornings) St. Stephen's Hall, Little London. (Donation £1.00 pp)	10.00-12.00 am

July 2015

4	SSJ Village Party, TICKETS NOW ON SALE	
6	Pelican Film Society, The Judge, The Ark Conference Centre, Guests welcome	7.30pm
7	SSJ Women's Fellowship Strawberry Tea SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
13	60+Club, Sherborne St John Village Hall. Contact 01256 850577 for transport	10.00am
17	Monk Sherborne Village Hall, Italian Night	7.30pm
18	Sherborne St John Village Market, SSJ Village Hall	10am – 1pm
27	60+Club, Sherborne St John Village Hall. Contact 01256 850577 for transport	10.00am
27	SSJ Parish Council Meeting, SSJ Village Hall	7.30pm

August 2015

4	SSJ Women's Fellowship Top of The Greasy Pole SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
10	60+Club, Sherborne St John Village Hall. Contact 01256 850577 for transport	10.00am
22	Sherborne St John Village Market, SSJ Village Hall	10am – 1pm
24	60+Club, Sherborne St John Village Hall. Contact 01256 850577 for transport	10.00am

September 2015

1	SSJ Women's Fellowship Annual Outing	
7	60+Club, Sherborne St John Village Hall. Contact 01256 850577 for transport	10.00am
12	Monk Sherborne Village, Monk Sherborne Fete	(Time TBC)
19	Sherborne St John Village Market, SSJ Village Hall	10am – 1pm
21	60+Club, Sherborne St John Village Hall. Contact 01256 850577 for transport	10.00am

October 2015

5	60+Club, Sherborne St John Village Hall. Contact 01256 850577 for transport	10.00am
6	SSJ Women's Fellowship A Passion for Pearls SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
9	Monk Sherborne Village, Murder Mystery Night	7.30pm
17	Sherborne St John Village Market, SSJ Village Hall	10am – 1pm
19	60+Club, Sherborne St John Village Hall. Contact 01256 850577 for transport	10.00am

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Church Matters June

A Bishop went to speak at what used to be called a 'mental hospital'. He began with what he seemed to think was a profound question as he said, in a sonorous voice, "Now, why are we all here?" A voice from the back shouted back "Because we're not all there"!! Actually the question itself wasn't a bad one – it was just the way the unfortunate bishop phrased it in those circumstances. But let us ask it specifically of the Church. What is the church for?

I don't know if you have ever been asked that question, perhaps at a dinner party or a BBQ, someone suddenly perhaps to change the conversation or out of genuine interest, knowing that you have something to do with the church, enquires "What's the point of it – what is the church for?" Or to put it another way, what is the mission of the church? There are of course so many ways you might answer that question. For example, you might say that the purpose of the church is to change society or to help the poor or to reconcile people or to provide education.

All these are potentially worth while activities, but they do not describe the mission of the church as such. Church members may indeed do such good works and many more beside, but so may those who have no commitment to Christ or involvement in his church. The mission of the church must be described in terms of activity which is specific to the church itself. We can look at this from three angles: to save people, to spread the word and to make disciples.

First of all, the church is here to save people. Jesus said people are like lost sheep – he came into the world to bring them home¹. The Apostle Paul said he would do whatever he could so that by all means he might save some². By that of course he meant bring people to faith in Jesus – he alone is the Saviour. The message of the Gospel is a message of rescue and the mission of the church is a rescue mission. Think of those migrants adrift in the Med on overcrowded unsafe old hulks. They don't need someone to attempt to improve their conditions on board – they need rescue. So people today are in urgent need of rescue from the consequences of sin: death and eternal destruction.

Secondly the church is to spread the word, that is, the gospel message. It is this that brings people to faith and it has always been God's plan that it should spread from one person to another, and that the church in particular should be the agent of this. So on the night before he died, when Jesus was praying for his disciples, he prayed "not only for them but also for those who would believe in him through their word, that they may all be one"³ And that is exactly what happened after Jesus died and rose – many more became believers and all were incorporated into the one body of Christ – the true church. The mission of the church then is to operate firmly within that plan – to make Jesus known by spreading the word, just as we ourselves have received it.

Third aspect: the mission of the church is to make disciples⁴ – that is to help people to grow up to maturity in Christ. Inevitably there is all the difference in terms of Christian experience between someone who has just believed and someone who has been learning and battling as a Christian for many years. Not only so but we all have a lot of growing to do until we reach maturity⁵. There is a big contrast between a sapling and an established tree.

There's more to be said of course – another month perhaps. Meanwhile let all of us who know and love the Lord Jesus Christ commit ourselves to live for him.

John Hamilton

¹ Luke 19:10

² 1Corinthians 9:22

³ John 17:20,21

⁴ Matthew 28:19

⁵ Ephesians 4:13



Services for June

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

7 June

10am	Parish Communion	St Andrew's
6pm	'Sundays at Six'	Sherborne St John Village Hall

14 June

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

21 June

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

28 June

10am	Morning Service, Sunday Club & Crèche	St Andrew's
10am	Morning Service	The Priory
6pm	'Sundays at Six' & Lord's supper	Sherborne St John Village Hall

5 July

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

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10AM: WE ARE IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

June 7	Essential cleansing	John 13:1-20	Andrew King
June 14	The betrayer unmasked	John 13:21-38	Ian Roberts & John Hamilton
June 21	The Father, the Son...	John 14:1-14	Simon Clegg
June 28	And the Holy Spirit	John 14:15-31	John Hamilton & Ian Roberts

... AND SUNDAYS AT SIX: PAUL'S LETTER TO THE GALATIANS

June 7	In line with the truth	Gal 1:18 – 2:16	John Hamilton
June 14	Living by faith	Gal 2:17 – 3:9	John Hamilton
June 21	Receiving the promises	Gal 3:10-22	Sean Clokey
June 28	Sons of God	Gal 3:23 – 4:7	Warren Trask

MIDWEEK

Home Groups meet in the weeks beginning 7 & 21 June and we pray together on Tuesdays 2 & 30 June at 2.15 pm and 8 pm in the Parish Room. Track Three runs on the week of 16 June.

Roman Catholic Services (Tel: 819772)

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Weekday Mass

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

* Time & Venue could vary

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Monk Sherborne Parish Council

There has not been a parish meeting since the last issue of The Villager so with that in mind I will give a short single report of my own portfolio: Rural Policing and Neighbourhood Watch. I hope you find it interesting.

We welcome our new local police constable, PCSO John Dullingham to the Monk Sherborne and surrounding area beat as part of the Tadley and Pamber Neighbourhood Policing Team. PCSO Dullingham will be assisted by PCSO Antony Brady. We thank PCSO Abbey Carpenter for all her previous good work and wish her well for her new area. Alerts from

Neighbourhood Watch, Country Watch, Horse Watch Action Fraud together with messages from the Police and Crime Commissioner and some Trading Standards messages have all been brought together under one banner known as Hampshire Alert (www.HampshireAlert.co.uk). Individuals are encouraged to sign up to this service which can be tailored to suit one's own specific requirements and needs.

I am pleased to say our Speedwatch campaign is moving along very well and only needs three more volunteers to have the required complement for us to implement the scheme. Given that

speeding vehicles are consistently the most mentioned area of concern within the parish it is good to note that we are now near to having the opportunity to do something about it. I urge readers to come forward to assist in Speedwatch becoming a reality.

Finally I would like to thank the litter pickers who recently worked so diligently in Charter Alley in clearing up rubbish. Perhaps we could arrange to do something similar in Monk Sherborne.

Lynne Harling

Mass in Blue Will Todd

Chichester Psalms Leonard Bernstein

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SHERBORNE ST JOHN PARISH COUNCIL

I hope you all enjoyed the 2 recent bank holidays especially as the weather was not too bad!

Allotments

The allotment plots are now all full and in good condition thanks to the hard work of our wardens Ted Wilkinson and John Reed. The Parish Council agreed that sheds on the plots would be permitted after agreement with the wardens. If you are interested in taking one on please contact the clerk with contact details. ssjclerk@gmail.com.

Finance

The Parish funds are good and adequate for all the work the Parish Council plan to carry out during the year on behalf of the Parish. This includes the renovation and repair work scheduled for the Chute Pavilion and grounds.

The 2014/5 audit is complete and once the internal auditor has checked it the Parish Council will confirm and sign at the next Parish meeting so that it can be sent off to the External Auditor.

Summer Parish Council Event Saturday 4th July 2015 4.30 to 11.00

Don't forget to come to the parish barbecue on Saturday 4th July on the Village Green. Last year's event was a great success and the Parish Council hopes this year's will be equal or better!! With a hog roast, music and entertain for all it should be very enjoyable so please check the posters and get your tickets.

Transport

Unfortunately despite the Parish Council's agreement to subsidise any shortfall Basingstoke Community Transport have cancelled the Wednesday 58 bus service. The Friday service is still operating and, as long as there are sufficient passengers, will remain in service. The Parish Council are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause to residents.

Footpaths

The condition of footpaths in the Parish is still causing concern. While Hampshire County Council will be carrying out repairs during the year on ones identified by their representative as in need (when he walked around the Village roads with me last month) if there are any causing you particular concern please contact me direct with details either by post or e mail ssjclerk@gmail.com.

Roads

Concern was again raised about the dangerous road crossing at the junction of Church Lane/Vyne Road by the School. County Councillor Keith Chapman asked that details be sent to him so he could try to arrange for an on-site meeting with Hampshire Highways.

Chute Pavilion Project

Quotes have been obtained for much of the work to be carried out - re-fencing the tennis courts, redecoration of the Pavilion and erection of a new sports storage unit. More maintenance work has been identified as needed in the Pavilion before redecoration can start. However the grant from Basingstoke & Deane is valid for 3 years so any delay is not a problem. It was noted at the meeting that, under regulations for the expenditure of public funds, details of any proposed expenditure must be posted on the agenda 7 days prior to a Parish Council Meeting as an item. The Parish Council will then review, and discuss, received quotes and a vote taken on which to accept or if further information is needed. This is to ensure the public are informed in time to attend the meeting should they so wish. Unfortunately, while the sub-committee researching the project preferred any building for storage to be a brick extension to the Pavilion itself, the money available is insufficient. The storage unit will therefore be of steel/concrete construction with the siting yet to be confirmed.

I am at present amending the policy documents required by Basingstoke & Deane to support the grant awarded and researching other grant opportunities in order to fund the areas that were excluded from the award such as static gym equipment and picnic tables for the recreation ground.

Neighbourhood Plan

The recent Consultation event was well attended. The majority of parishioners confirmed that they did not want building on Greenfield sites or within the strategic gap and wanted a mix of housing - market and affordable - with smaller units. The clear favourite was the Bob's farm site. With the key policies identified the Committee is now beginning the process of writing the draft Plan. Mike Harrison, working on the production of the Wildlife Map, would appreciate any help parishioners could provide in collecting data.

Local Plan

Borough Councillor John Leek informed the meeting that, despite reservations concerning infrastructure, he had voted for the Local Plan which requires 853 houses be built per year.

General Village Issues

I am continuing to raise problems encountered by residents re road conditions, trees, hedges and pavements and would like to thank people who have sent me e mails with issues. I am at present dealing with these but if there are any other problems which concern you please contact me on ssjclerk@gmail.com and please give detailed locations.

Penny Mayo, Parish Clerk

Pamber Parish Council

Pamber Parish Council met on 18th May 2015
for the Annual and Monthly Parish meetings.

Annual Meeting

Cllr. Chris Goss was re-elected chairman for the coming year and Cllr. Philip Kingston was re-elected vice chairman. The three councillors appointed to consider planning applications from the south ward were Councillors, Mary Hale, George March and David Snook. Councillor Snook was appointed as the Highways Representative from the south ward.

Party in the Park – 13th June 2015

(Commemoration of the Battle of Waterloo)

All residents of Pamber please remember that the summer event will be held on Pamber Park, (off Burney Bit) on 13th June from 3 – 6pm. The beacon will be lit at 3pm. Bring your picnics and enjoy a leisurely afternoon whilst listening to the music of the Hannington Silver Band. For those who come along

in period costume, there will be prizes for the best adult and best child. Wine, soft drinks and nibbles will be provided.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting was well attended. During a presentation by HURAH parishioners heard details of the progress made in establishing an affordable housing scheme in the north ward to meet the housing need in the parish. Two possible sites had been identified and the viability of the sites was being investigated. Reports were also heard from the chairman, Silchester School and The Priory, Impstone Pre-School, the Memorial Hall, St. Stephen's Hall, the allotments, Pamber Forest Advisory Committee, the borough councillors and the county councillor. Issues relating to the tennis courts and St. Stephen's Hall were discussed.

Planning Applications:

15/00691/FUL and 15/00692/LBC: Change of use of listed house to offices, change of use and single storey extension of listed barn to small tool hire facility, Open plant storage, retention of security lighting and associated works. Retention of hard standing as parking areas and access; (Part Retrospective). Skates Farm House Skates Lane Pamber Green.

No objection

15/01047/HSE: Erection of a single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory Acorn Cottage Silchester Road Little London. **No objection**

15/01005/FUL: Erection of dwelling Ramblers Aldermaston Road Pamber End. **Objection**

15/01101/FUL: Erection of detached two storey dwelling following demolition of existing bungalow Goodacres Bramley Road Little London. **No objection**

15/01193/FUL: Erection of storage building Greenacres Aldermaston Road Pamber Green. **No objection**

15/01308/LBC and 15/01307/FUL: Creation of an external Patio landscape scheme, erection of single storey side extension and timber store following demolition of existing garage block, various internal and external alterations including amendments to parking and relocation of the existing gas tanks Queens College Arms Aldermaston Road Pamber End. **No objection**

Planning decisions and by the Borough Council:

14/02338/FUL: Installation of a solar park and associated works to include a temporary roadway and construction compound, security fencing and landscaping works. Land at Berry Court Farmhouse, Bramley Road, Little London.

GRANTED

The next meeting of Pamber Parish Council will be held at 7.30pm on Monday, 8th June 2015 in St. Stephen's Hall, Little London. 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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Sherborne St John Village Summer Party



Where	-	SSJ Village Green
When	-	Saturday, July 4 th 2015
Time	-	4.30 p.m. to 11.00 p.m.

Programme of Events

- 12.30 - 3.30 p.m. Set up of own use gazebos, chairs and tables on the Village Green (if inclement weather then those without gazebos can use the Village Hall)
- 3.30 p.m. Cream Teas (courtesy of the Church ladies)
- 4.30 p.m. Bar Opens
Music provided Louisiana Jazzmen/DJ Dave Burt
Clown, magic show , face painting and bouncy castle
- 6.30 p.m. Hog Roast (with Veggie Option)
Ice Cream van (available from 6 p.m. until 7.30 p.m.)
- 8.00 p.m. Dance to Sharp Practice/DJ Dave Burt
- 11.00 p.m. Time to pack up and go !

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Notes from Pamber Green and Pamber End

I'm very pleased to welcome the promised article from Pamber Green Cub Reporter, Jessica Thain who is 8 years old. Jess has written a very interesting article largely based around the Priory School which she attends. Jess says she hopes you enjoy reading her article.

"Life in Pamber - I have always lived in Pamber and I consider myself very lucky to live where I do. My Mum and Dad were both originally from London and I have visited central London and the surrounding areas many times. I really like London but I don't think I would swap it for where I live now. I enjoy the fresh air, the wildlife and the forest and the friendly people all around the area.

The Priory School - The Priory is an amazing school and has been educating children in the area for a very long time. There are 168 children in seven classes with children entering in the year they become five and leaving at the age of eleven. I know the school has a rich history as two of my neighbours both went there, one in the last 15 years and the other over half a century ago. I enjoy hearing their stories and telling them how much the school has changed. The Priory now stands on the site of the old Monk Sherborne and Pamber School which sadly burnt down on the evening of November 16th 1916. Apparently there are records that exist from 1881 so the original school must have been built earlier than that. I would be very interested to hear if anyone has any more details of the history of The Priory

School. The school has recently had some major works carried out which have really improved things and the school looks great. There are always lots of varied activities taking place at the school including Bring a Guest Lunches, sleepovers, Autumn and Summer Parties, The Annual Awards Ceremony, Young Voices at the o2 in London and the Talent Show. The Talent Show was on the 24th of March this year and most of the school was involved. All the parents were there to watch the show. It was a long day but I enjoyed it a lot. I performed a dance with two of my friends and came 2nd in our year and joint 3rd overall. One of the performers was taken to hospital on the morning of the show as he wasn't very well but I'm pleased to say that not only did he make a recovery and perform but he ended up winning which was amazing. Well done Mikey!! There are also a variety of clubs available every afternoon after school, every lunch time and most mornings. They range from Zumba fitness to ballroom dancing, multi-skills to tag rugby, French to Latin.

Summer Fair - The teachers, Parents Association and school governors are always working hard organising events and special days, many of which I am lucky enough to be involved in. One such event is the Summer Fair which this year will be held on July 11th from 1 - 4 pm. This is a great family fun day for everyone and also raises a lot of money for the children. I've been every year since I've been at the school and it really is a brilliant day.

Priory School Sport - Congratulations to the Priory School judo team who have won the Tadley Schools' Judo Shield. It was a closely fought tournament with just 3 points separating 1st and 2nd place. Great fighting, great spirit and great sportsmanship shown all round in a very close competition! The Priory Year 5/6 tag rugby team played in a small tournament recently. They narrowly missed out on victory, coming a valiant 2nd - well done to them all.

Nepal appeal - I was very sad to hear about the terrible events in Nepal. The school raised some money by having a non-uniform day in support of the disaster appeal and the children raised £425.80 which was excellent.

Sadly, this school year will be coming to an end soon. All the teachers have worked really hard to make this year one of the best. Before I go I will leave you with one final thought - Let what you love be what you do."

Well done Jess, a very fascinating read.

I'll close by reminding you to visit The Malls on Saturday 6/6/15 to hear Basingstoke Ladies Choir, and Pamber Heath Memorial Hall on Saturday 27/6/15 at 7.30pm to hear Tadley Singers will be giving a charity concert.

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Sherborne St John Church of England Primary School



As Friday 8th May dawned, we were keeping an anxious watch on the skies, hoping that the forecast rain would stay away. Luckily it did, and we had a dry evening for our May Festival. The Year 4 pupils demonstrated the art of Maypole dancing without getting themselves tied up, and Year 3 showed us their country dancing routines, even managing to persuade some brave parents to join in! And when energy levels became low, refreshments from the barbeque organised by the School Association were readily available!

The introduction of hot lunches for the Infant classes last September has been very successful, and we have been pleased that the quality of the meals provided has been high, and the children are enjoying the variety. We are currently looking for an extra lunchtime supervisor for a few lunchtimes each week, so if you are interested (or know someone else who may be) please contact the School Office.

It was sad for the Reception children to come to school one morning this month to find their playtime toys had been taken and thrown into Church Pond. We would ask villagers who notice any suspicious activity near the School to report this to the Police, with whom this incident has been logged.



On a much happier note, congratulations to the Tennis Team, who reached the County Tennis Finals, and to the Tag Rugby Team, who maintained their record by winning the Tadley Cluster. Good luck for the next round!

We are planning a project for our older children to research Village history and to understand more about the buildings and environment that are part of Sherborne St John. If you have any information that would be of interest to our studies, we need your help – please contact us by email to info@ssj-school.co.uk. We would love to hear from you!

The School Association would like to say a massive “Thank You” to everyone who donated their unwanted clothing and textiles for our recent Clothing Collection. Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools collected our donations at the end of April, which weighed in at over 500kg, giving us £342 for the school. All of the clothes are taken to the third world to be reused, so your donations help people around the world as well as here in Sherborne St John. We will be holding our next collection in November, so please start collecting now!

Planning is now well underway for the Summer Fete, to be held on 20th June 2015 from 12-2pm. Please come along and enjoy our traditional games and activities, plus our popular barbecue and bar. Raffle tickets will be on sale, for our fantastic selection of prizes, including £100 CASH! All are welcome, and entry is free, so we hope to see you there.

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So charcoal in hand, subject in position, paper at the ready ... the ladies from WI Lite embraced their lesson!

'Invigorated', 'inspired', 'impressed', 'relaxed' were just some of the words used to describe the experience! All of the ladies who attended produced fantastic work. Many hadn't drawn in over 20 years but were taken back with their skills!

Anne Grant, President said 'What an amazing evening, who would have thought that drawing could be so relaxing! Louise is an inspiring teacher; everyone did amazingly well and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. I think we were all astonished by our hidden talents! It really was a great way to spend an evening, helped with a glass of wine and a chat with friends.'

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. The first two meetings are free of charge. We would love to see you there!

Our next meeting is:

Thursday 25th June 2015

Jam and Jerusalem

Celebrate the WI's centenary with our Jam and Jerusalem tea party – there will be a bake off for the most imaginative afternoon tea item. We also hope to have our very own cake decorating coach present to help us decorate our own celebratory cup cake!

About Bramley WI Lite

Bramley WI Lite was established in 2007 and is part of the National Federation of WIs. Having recognised that WI had an aging population and that there was

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Each WI branch is a registered charity and we rely on our membership fees to help sustain the club for future generations. To ensure that the club remains accessible to as many local women as possible we also fundraise to ensure that we can meet our annual costs.

New members are always welcome; membership is £36.00 for twelve months. Anyone interested in joining is welcome to come along, free of charge, to their first two meetings.

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

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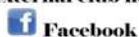
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This year, Millers Ark farm animals
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extremely fat pig (who to the children's
delight kept on escaping from its pen).
A few favourites were: the donkey, the
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The SSJ Neighbourhood Plan June 2015 Update

The Consultation



Thank you for your support - the Questionnaire Consultation & Feedback Event returns have now been analysed. The 'Call for Sites' Ballot results are shown opposite.

What next? The Steering Group will start to write the Draft Neighbourhood Plan.



SSJ Neighbourhood Plan - Consultation Event 14.03.15
Call for Sites - Ballot Results

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Site 3 Aldermaston Rd	359	22%	26	20%
Site 4 Hilltop	198	12%	4	3%
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Site 6 Aubrey Place	158	10%	1	1%
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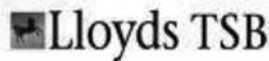
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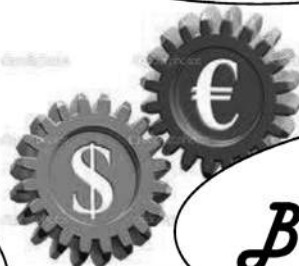
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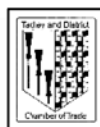
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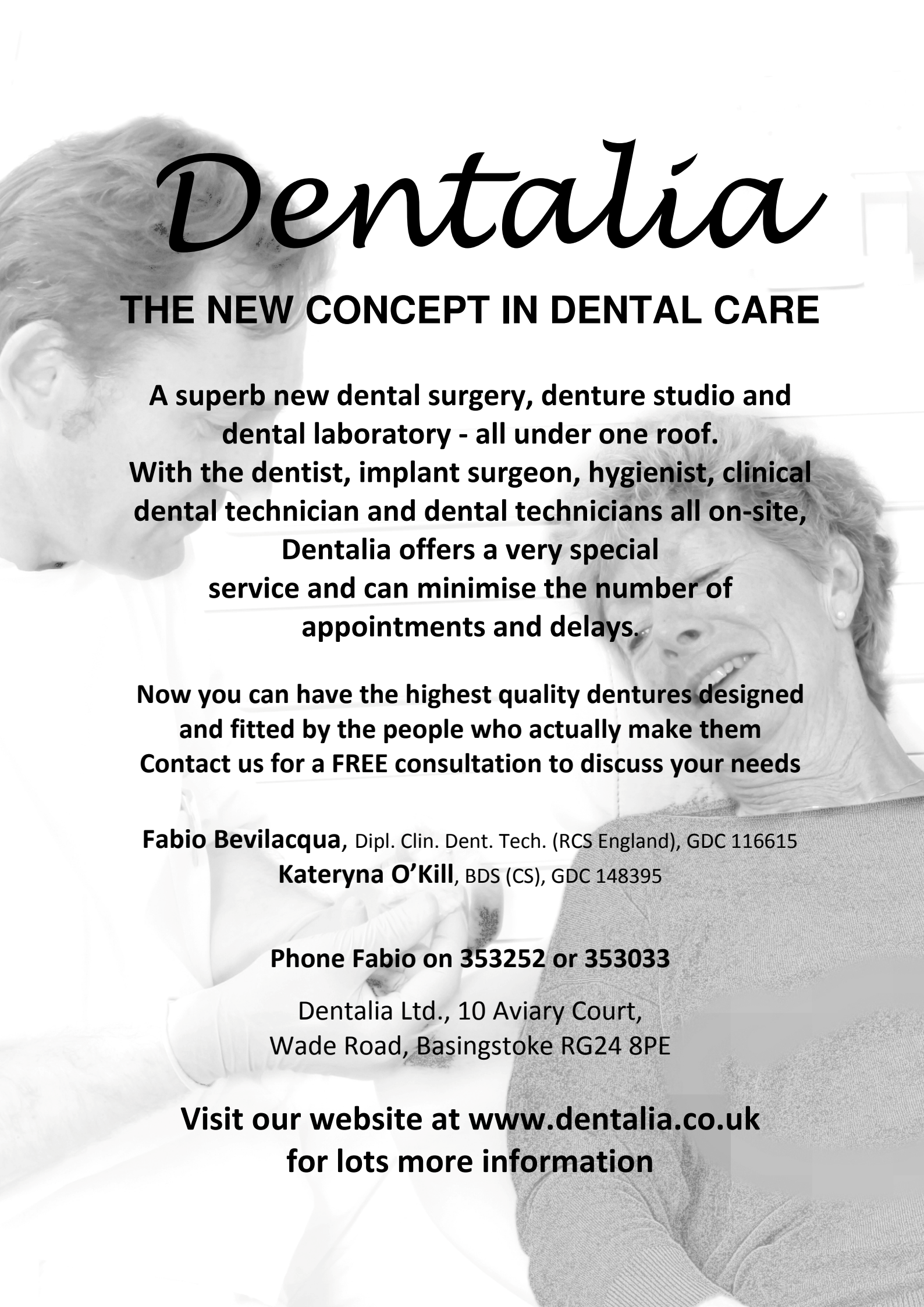
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Royal British Legion – Bramley and District Branch and VE Day

Chris Holland Chairman

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As Chairman of your local branch of the Royal British Legion (RBL) I recently asked our members to consider what we could do to commemorate the VE Day anniversary. The overwhelming response was to raise our profile and develop local awareness.

Did you know, for example, that if you are a serving soldier, sailor or airman you are automatically a member of the RBL? Did you also know that RBL membership is not restricted to those who have served in the Forces? In addition, did you know that the Bramley and District Branch of the Royal British Legion includes members from Bramley, Sherborne St. John, Sherfield on Loddon and Stratfield Saye?

May I extend an invite for you to join our members at one of our local Branch evenings; we meet every alternate month on the second Tuesday at 7PM at the Wellington Arms Hotel (off A33). The meeting has a short formal agenda, followed by a presentation by a guest speaker; we also enjoy a drink and a chinwag before the evening closes at about 9:30PM.

If you are currently serving, retired or just support the men and women of our armed forces, please join us for one of our meetings? I hope you will read The Villager Magazine to keep abreast of developments in the RBL; in the meantime, if you'd like to know any more about the RBL please ring me on 01256 883486 or email me at cgh504935@aol.com



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Womens Fellowship

The June meeting was a talk given by Mr. Nick Channer, a 'freelance writer' as he refers to himself, but who has written a number of publications, from Berkshire Life to Pub Walks for the Family, and more. The title of his talk was 'The Mysteries of Agatha Christie'.

Mr. Channer began his talk by declaring that Agatha Christie is the most widely read author in the world, coming third only to The Bible and Shakespeare. It is one hundred and twenty five years since her birth, on the 15th September 1890, when she was born into the well-to-do Miller family who named her Agatha Mary Clarissa, the youngest of 3, her older siblings called Madge and Monty. They lived in Torquay, Devon, in a house named Ashfield, no longer there. Madge and Monty were sent away to Boarding School, not uncommon for such a family, but Agatha remained at home, being taught by her Mother or a Governess intermittently.

It was very probably due to Agatha's childhood, spent at home and rather lonely, that facilitated her living in her own fantasy world, paving the way for her detective novels for which she became so famous.

Agatha married Archie Christie after a whirlwind romance at the beginning of the war, on 24th December 1914. They married in Bristol, but travelled to Torquay the same day, spending Christmas at the Grand Hotel. After Christmas Archie returned to war, and Agatha became employed as a nurse in the Red Cross Hospital in Torquay, then working in the Dispensary. Her salary was £16 a year. She is noted to have said: "poisons are neat and clean and really exciting" – surely a prelude to her famous stories!

Because Agatha was very private, quiet and shy, she did not relish the publicity she needed in order to get her books noticed and published. She also found it difficult to finish her novels, to the point that her Mother and Madge persuaded her to go away for a few weeks to get them finished, so she spent time away

from Torquay at the Moorland Hotel on the edge of Dartmoor, where she spent her days walking, thinking and plotting her stories. When she returned to Torquay she looked for a publisher; she was turned down many times but eventually Bodley Head showed an interest, and her literary career began.

In 1920, when Archie had returned from the war and their daughter Rosalind had been born, in 1919, they moved closer to London, convenient for both Agatha and Archie, to a house named Styles, the subject of her book *The Mysterious Affair at Styles* featuring Hercule Poirot, and which launched her literary career.

Mr. Channer explained alongside his slideshow how the characters and places were formed, and explained that some of them are fictitious, some are pseudonyms, and others are the actual names and places from Agatha's life.

Firstly, why was, for example, Poirot Belgian? Probably because there were many people who had gone to Torquay during the First World War so would have been familiar to Agatha. Indeed Poirot appears in 33 novels and 56 short stories.

Agatha returned to her home Greenways in Torquay throughout her life; the Devon countryside, characters and placenames have been used extensively in her books. The Paignton to Dartmouth Steam Railway, still used on occasion for tourist trips, appeared in her novels. One of the railway stations on the line called Cherston has appeared as Cherston, whilst in *Dead Man's Folly* it appears as Nascombe. Her beloved Humber car was used in her novels at Nascombe. The River Helm is fictitious, and is, from her descriptions, the River Dart. Maypool is a Youth Hostel, and her Nass House is in fact Greenway.

The famous and beautiful Burgh island just off the Devon Coast at Bigbury and which now houses the Burgh Island Hotel, is the location in two of her novels, *And Then There Were None* and *Evil Under The Sun*; in this book, Smugglers' Island is Burgh Island.

The Miss Marple novels are thought to have derived from the place of Marple in Cheshire, where her sister Madge lived with her husband and where Agatha Christie frequently stayed. Her novel *4.50 from Paddington* is thought to have incubated and developed into the famous story as a result of Agatha's walks on her sister's estate, on the edge of which she could look up to see the frequent trains passing on the Paddington to Manchester line.

Agatha Christie's life, though privileged to a degree, had its share of sadness; her father died when she was just eleven years old; her mother died when she and Archie had moved to Styles and this devastated Agatha. Following this, Archie went to her and announced he wanted a divorce. This came as an apparent shock to Agatha and sent her into turmoil. However, following the divorce in 1928, she met and married Max Mallowan, and they lived in Holland Park, London, also spending time in hotels close to Piccadilly, one of them being Browns Hotel which was the inspiration for her novel *At Bertram's Hotel*, published in 1965.

The latter part of Agatha Christie's life was spent, with Max, in Wallingford Oxfordshire, although they travelled widely throughout Europe and beyond, where Max carried out archaeological digs. Agatha is buried in the local churchyard of Cholsey Church, Wallingford, where the 'queen of crime' died in January 1976.

Mr. Channer was thanked for his illuminating talk by Mrs Marianne Jepson.

Rose Cooper

Crimestoppers

What is your child doing online?

Once again there has been much in the news recently about youngsters running up large bills by downloading apps and accessories for their online games. Whilst it's easy to think it won't happen to me, do any of us really understand what our youngsters get up to online?! Even if you're a computer whizz, it's still likely that you'll be playing catch-up with the way your child is using the internet (remember how you had to operate the Betamax video for your parents?!).

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

The internet has changed all of our lives – and makes shopping so much easier! Of course, our kids have grown up during this change. Many of the things that confuse, baffle or even alarm us are part of their everyday life.

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

Encourage your child to go online and explore! There is a wealth of age-appropriate sites online for your children. Encourage them to use sites which are fun, educational and that will help them to develop online skills.

Keep up-to-date with your child's development online. Children grow up fast and they will be growing in confidence and learning new skills daily. It's important that as your child learns more, so do you.

Set boundaries in the online world just as you would in the real world. Think

about what they might see, what they share, who they talk to and how long they spend online. It is important to discuss boundaries at a young age to develop the tools and skills children need to enjoy their time online.

Keep all equipment that connects to the internet in a family space. For children of this age, it is important to keep internet use in family areas so you can see the sites your child is using and be there for them if they stumble across something they don't want to see.

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

Use parental controls on devices that link to the internet, such as the TV, laptops, computers, games consoles and mobile phones. Parental controls are not just about locking and blocking, they are a tool to help you set appropriate boundaries as your child grows and develops. They are not as difficult to install as you might think!

Remember, if you have information about any crime, please call Crimestoppers on 0800 555111 or click www.crimestoppers-uk.org where you can also give details anonymously.

For further Crimestoppers updates please follow me on Twitter @HantsCrimestopp (your kids will tell you how!!)

PC 741 Simon Wright

Neighbourhood Update – Speed Enforcement

We know that speeding motorists have been a concern for the residents of Tadley and Pamber for some considerable time. It is currently one of our main community priorities, together with reducing alcohol related anti-social behaviour and non-dwelling burglary.

The emphasis on speed enforcement has been to educate motorists rather than simply prosecute those who are stopped for exceeding the speed limit. This is of course dependant on the speed at which they were travelling, and any previous penalties they may have incurred.

We encourage residents to contact us if they think there is a problem in a specific area and we can then carry out a site visit to assess the situation.

There are locations where it is simply not possible to effectively and safely carry out speed enforcement with a hand-held LASER speed detection device. However, that doesn't stop us from patrolling the area if required as well as involving other agencies to assist with traffic/speed monitoring.

If you wish to make a report, please include details of the location and a particular time of day when you think the problem is at its worse.

Police officers at the roadside will either verbally warn, or report the motorist for the offence by issuing them with a Traffic Offence Report form. A copy is then sent to the Hampshire Police Summary Justice Unit, where after carrying out relevant checks, a decision will be made whether to offer the offender a place on a Driver Awareness Training course, or send them a Fixed Penalty Notice. In extreme case (over 49mph in a 30mph) the motorist will be reported for a court summons.

We currently carry out SE at the following sites:- Silchester Rd & Pamber Heath Rd Pamber Heath, Little London Rd & Pamber Rd Silchester, Wolverton Common Rd Baughurst, Heath End Rd Tadley, New Rd, Burnham Rd, Guttridge Lane, Rowan Rd, Mulfords Hill, Mount Pleasant, Franklin Avenue, Brimpton Rd, Tadley Hill, Bramley Rd Pamber End, Baughurst Rd Baughurst, Salters Heath Rd, Mulfords Hill Tadley, Ashford Hill Rd Headley, Fox's Lane Kingsclere, B3051 Ashford Hill.

Bert's Blog



This is me having my morning paddle in the river with the tadpoles. I check every morning to see if they have grown

any legs but the poor blighters seem stuck with just a tail, a fairly pleasant useful tail but nowhere near as grand as mine. These are Italian tadpoles and I met one of their parents on an evening walk yesterday but she croaked in a language I could not understand.

Talking about languages I think I have a different name over here as everyone calls me Bellissimo and they all do it so it must be right. You are probably wondering where I am and all I can tell you is it is lovely and warm and has a name like a torn face Chin Q Tear in a National Park which seems to be almost persistently vertical. I have never climbed hills like it, the Boss copes fairly well but the Mrs drags a bit and I have to assist with pulling her along, something I am not usually allowed to do. We have travelled here in the large white box on wheels, visiting different fields with different smells on the way. I have met many new friends and they come from all over the world, places I have never heard of. Many people from the yew ess ay were missing their own dawgs from back home and needed a cuddle from me to keep them going. Some small dog friends were carried by their Italian owners and one was carried in a shopping basket. I eyed the Boss hopefully but he said he only carries the gun, not the dog and to keep walking. He said the same to the Mrs but she gave him the eye and he relented and carried her shopping basket for her. He is such a softie.....

Grumpy Old Villagers!



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Welcome to our second "coffee morning". If you read last month's grumble and wish to comment let us know. We can then assess levels of interest and will pick up the topic again with some points of action.

On to this month's grumble then... Litter!

"In the countryside, litter doesn't have a friend. It doesn't have anybody who's saying, 'Wait a minute, this is really starting to get out of control.' Bill Brysonthen let's hope in these villages it does have a friend!

Never before have I witnessed so much littering along our countryside verges. Initially I blamed motorists throwing rubbish from their cars. Until last week when a cycling club rode past me and two cyclists drank, and then discarded, their empty containers into the bushes as they sped on. This is where the bottles, power aid drinks and sachets are coming from.

On a walk between Charter Alley and Monk Sherborne, less than half a mile, I collected 47 lucozade, red bull and power aid squashed bottles/sachets. I do not blame the cyclists alone. I'm sure they are not guilty of the MacDonalds' takeaway boxes, newspapers and drink cans also frequently found growing in our hedges.

It is the society in which we live that allows these litterbugs a clear conscience - Always somebody else's job/responsibility. It's the same with those who toss their cigarette butts out of the car...where do they think they will go? Littering cost us the tax payer, it's rude, arrogant, unsightly and a danger to wildlife.

Sadly, there is little we can do. The council will do random litter picks if requested by the Parish Council and I know some villagers pick up other people's litter. We cannot afford hidden cameras on the roadside.

There are some simple actions which can be discussed once interest is established. Writing to all the local cycle clubs, perhaps making some temporary placards and contacting local businesses to highlight the problem to those workers who pass through our villages en route to work. Also, perhaps we can organise our own litter pick.

Any comments? Email address above.

Also, let us know of any grumble you have which we can discuss.

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What will be your Digital Legacy?

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Clearly your social media entries are unlikely to have great value save sentimental value. However, other digital assets may be of more worth. Things such as domain names, PayPal and EBay accounts. Without proper thought being applied to such assets there is a real risk of significant financial loss simply because having left no paper trail the executors of any estate would have little idea of the existence of the digital assets.

This is a developing area and as such there are currently limited rules on how such assets are dealt with. Moreover, digital companies can be truly international which makes it almost impossible for authorities here to legislate and control them.

Like everything it is important to make sure that you understand the terms and conditions of the arrangements you enter into with such companies. For example most email accounts are only licensed to you as a user and therefore revert to the service provider after your death.

On a practical level what are the problems that face executors:

The first is how to identify such assets. Unless the testator has taken the time to bring such assets to the attention of their executor it is likely that they may be missed.

If the existence of such assets is known to the executor how does he or she realise them? Such things as the absence of usernames, passwords and pin codes etc. can exclude the executor from the account.

The international element of such assets means that there can be issues with jurisdictional questions. So for example PayPal is registered as a Luxembourg bank and as such the rights of executors may be limited by the laws of that country.

There are ways in which to ameliorate these practical issues. A testator can make out a digital assets list and make a note of how to access their various accounts. Such a document can then be placed with the Will and updated from time to time as necessary. However, as a Will is a public document it is not advised to incorporate such information into the Will itself.

This is a rapidly changing aspect of our lives and it is increasingly important when drafting a Will to consider your Digital Legacy.

For more information you can contact Michael Le Fort in the Wills & Probate team on 01256 854637 or email michael.lefort@phillips-law.co.uk and visit our website at www.phillips-law.co.uk

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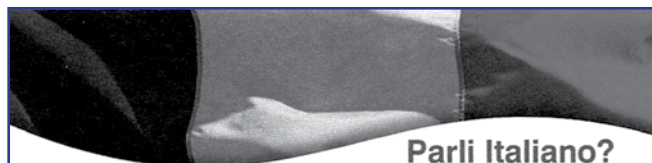
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**For further information or to book a place, please contact our
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**0118 959 1371 or email Lisa@little-tots.co.uk
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