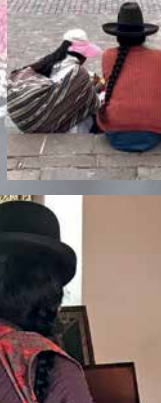
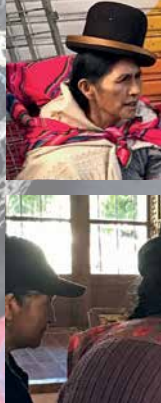


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Editorial



Hampshire County Council is rolling out superfast broadband across the region. It enables people to get internet speeds of 24 Megabits per second or more – making streaming TV, working from home, online banking and shopping, and gaming a lot easier – to name just some of the benefits.

Hampshire County Council's role is to provide the infrastructure to enable as many people as possible to access superfast broadband (not to sell the service). We have a postcode checker that will tell you if its available where you live, and what to do next if you want to find the right package for you. You can also register with us to be told when superfast broadband is coming to your area.

You may be aware that superfast broadband has reached 95% of Hampshire, and that figure is on target to reach 97.4% by the end of 2019.

However, there are many residents who don't know whether they can get superfast broadband where they live, so we'd like to take this opportunity to explain how people can find out for themselves what is available to them. We also want to inform residents about this increasingly vital service in any way possible (e.g. via a parish magazine or website for Sherborne St John Parish Council).

Below is some copy that perhaps could be of use? It tells people how they can find out if superfast broadband is available where they live, and how to register to be told when it's available in their area.

There is a small percentage of people who still won't be able to get superfast broadband. We understand it is very frustrating for these residents, but Hampshire County Council is working hard to reach as many people as possible, and we are awaiting further information from the government on how to tackle this.

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Cover: Andean hats. Different hats depict regional fashions and are still worn as an everyday item. Apparently the British introduced the bowler hat to the Andes but the men were not taken with the style but the ladies were !

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Future Events

April 2019

1	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	10.00-11.30am
1	Pelican Film Society, The Wife, The Ark, Guests welcome £6	7.30pm
5	Monk Sherborne Village Hall Disco msvillagehall@gmail.com Tickets: £7.50	7.30pm
13	Hook Choral Society Spring Concert, All Saints Church, Odiham RG29 1LZ	7.30pm
13	Sherborne St John Social Club, General Knowledge Quiz	8.00pm
14	Tadley Singers, Pamber Heath Memorial Hall In aid of Tadley Citizens Advice	3.30pm
15	B/S Horticultural Society, Wild Flower Turf, James Hewetson Brown, Kempshott VH, visitors £3	7.30pm
	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	10.00-11.30am
20	The Sherbornes Art Exhibition, Sherborne St John Village Hall, Free entry, Refreshments	10am – 5pm
21	The Sherbornes Art Exhibition, Sherborne St John Village Hall, Free entry, Refreshments	10am – 4pm
24	Sherborne St John Social Club, Jazz Jam Event with Chris Cooke, bring your own instruments	8.00pm
27	Race Night, in aid of B/S & Deane Rotary Club & B/S Samaritans. £10 ticket incl supper	7.30pm
29	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion. (Planning meeting 7pm)	7.30pm
29	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	10.00-11.30am
30	Solo Mio Fashion Show, Sherborne St John Village Hall	7pm – 9pm

May 2019

13	Sherborne St John Parish Council AGM, Chute Pavilion.	7.30pm
13	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	10.00-11.30am
13	Pelican Film Society, The First Man , The Ark, Guests welcome £6	7.30pm
15	Pelican Cancer Foundation Golf Day, Donnington Valley, contact: events@pelicancancer.org	
16	Sherborne St John Social Club AGM – members only	
20	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	10.00-11.30am
20	B/S Horticultural Society, Japanese Gardens, Graham Bowyer, Kempshott VH, visitors £3	7.30pm
20	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion. (Planning meeting 7pm)	7.30pm
22	Sherborne St John Social Club, Jazz Jam Event with Chris Cooke, bring your own instruments	8.00pm

June 2019

3	Pelican Film Society, The Cold War, The Ark, Guests welcome £6	7.30pm
10	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	10.00-11.30am
17	B/S Horticultural Society, Bees & Horticulture, John Fowler, Kempshott VH, visitors £3	7.30pm
22	Sherborne St John Village Fete, Sherborne St John The Village Green/Village Hall	1.00pm-4.30pm
22	Tadley Singers, Pamber Heath Memorial Hall, To Be Confirmed	7.30pm
22	Sherborne St John Social Club, Country & Western Night with Ruth Jones	7.30pm
22 /23	Rotary Family Festival, Castle Fields, Basingstoke	11-4pm
24	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	10.00-11.30am
24	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion. (Planning meeting 7pm)	7.30pm

July 2019

1	Pelican Film Society, Green Book , The Ark, Guests welcome £6	7.30pm
8	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	10.00-11.30am
15	B/S Horticultural Society, Visit, TBA, Tel: 01256 466281	7.30pm
22	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	10.00-11.30am
22	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion. (Planning meeting 7pm)	7.30pm

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Church Matters April

Why is Easter so late this year? It falls on 21 April – that is within the latest week possible. The school holidays are taking place before Easter – indeed the only holiday left for afterwards is the all-important Bank Holiday Monday!

The earliest date of Easter is 22 March as it was in 1761 and 1818, but that won't happen again until 2285 so it should not affect too many of us! The latest date is 25 April. We haven't had that since 1943 and won't again until 2038. If God permits many of us should be alive for that.

The reason is all tied up with the way in which the date of the Passover is calculated in the Jewish Calendar. The Passover in the time of Christ was a great Jewish festival attended by large numbers of people who would go up to Jerusalem for the feast. Depending on how you understand the Gospels' data Jesus was crucified either on or immediately after the night the Passover meal was eaten¹.

This of course is full of powerful connections because the Passover

Festival commemorated the deliverance of the people of Israel in Moses' day from slavery in Egypt. That was the mighty act of redemption on which the whole Old Testament is based. But it pointed to and was fulfilled in the death of Jesus by which God's great rescue from sin and death was achieved.

So from early days Christians wanted to focus on the death of Jesus on the same day as the Passover, which Jesus' death had replaced². Passover is on the 14th day of the Jewish month of Nisan. Jesus was raised on the first day of the week, ie Sunday, being third day after the crucifixion (including the Friday) so that makes Easter Day the first Sunday after 14th Nisan.

The question then is when does the month of Nisan start? Why is it not at the same time each year, like for example, January always starts 10 days after the shortest day? The answer to that, without getting too technical, is that whereas the Western calendar is based on the relationship between the earth and the sun, the Jewish calendar is calculated by the phases of the moon.

However there are some years when this does not quite yield the "right" result and when Easter is actually celebrated before the Jewish Passover! This happened in 2008. The reason is that the formula for setting the date of Easter adopted at the highly significant

Council of Nicaea (AD 325) made the critical factor not the date of the Passover itself but the occurrence of the full moon nearest to the Passover. This made Passover less significant for the date of Easter and they wanted to separate the Christian celebration of Christ's Resurrection from the Jewish celebration of the Passover. In making this adjustment therefore they were emphasising that the death of Christ actually replaced the Passover.

So, what do we take from all this? It is totally unnecessary for any of us to be proficient in the calendar but we do need to understand the Gospel. To what does all this bear witness? First we are talking about actual historical events. That is quite clearly how those very much closer to the events than we are saw their significance. Jesus had lived, died and been raised. There was no doubt about it. The eye-witnesses had left their testimony. We can be just as sure as them.

Secondly, we see that the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is God's great intervention in human history. It replaced the Passover, important as that was in its day, as the way of freedom. It is in fact the only way whereby you and I can have our sin removed and enjoy the gift of eternal life. That is why Christians celebrate Easter of course. But in fact we rejoice in the death and resurrection of Jesus not just on Easter Day but every day – for Jesus is our life.

Happy Easter

John Hamilton

¹ Eg John 18:28, Mark 14:12

² See 1 Corinthians 5:7&8

Programme for April

07 April

10am Family Communion St Andrew's

14 April

10am Family Service St Andrew's

19 April

10am Good Friday Family Service St Andrew's
2pm Devotional Hour Pamber Priory

21 April

9.30am Easter Morning Service All Saints
10.45am Easter Family Service St Andrew's

28 April

10am Morning Service, Sunday Club & Crèche St Andrew's

SERMONS ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10AM AND EASTER SERVICES

At the Cross: John's gospel

07 April	What charges?	John 18:28-40	John Hamilton
14 April	The weakness of Pilate	John 19:1-16	Warren Trask
19 April	The Crucifixion	John 19:16-27	John Hamilton
21 April	They saw and believed	John 20:1-18	John Hamilton
28 April	"My Lord and my God"	John 20:19-31	Warren Trask

MIDWEEK

Home Groups meet in the weeks of Monday 8th & 29th April.

We meet to pray weekly on a Sunday morning from 9am to 9.30am in the Parish Room.

Roman Catholic Services (Tel: 819772)

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

Weekday Mass

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

* Time & Venue could vary

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Break-In

Details of a recent break-in in the village as circulated by the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator

At 6pm yesterday, Monday March 4th, three males (aged about early twenties) gained entry to a house in Cranes Road, Sherborne St John by smashing the glass in a patio door. The owner was at home and confronted them on the stairs. They ran off. They were wearing tracksuits and trainers, hoodies and masks and one was wearing a gilet. They made off in a car...?coupe ? The police attended the incident very quickly.

Did anybody see anything suspicious around this time ? Did anyone see a car with three males in cruising around Cranes Road or maybe parked in Cranes Road ? If you have CCTV please check it"

These events are hopefully VERY rare but please do keep a look out and report anything to the Police by dialling 101/999.

Parish Matters

The survey of the health of the trees on both the Village Green and Chute Recreation grounds has been completed and there is significant work needed to remove dead trees and branches to ensure the areas are safe. In some cases costs may be reduced by leaving the trunks on site to encourage biodiversity; however, this may not be possible in all cases.

Village Green

Efforts to improve and protect the Village Green are still under discussion. Unfortunately ponies and traps have again been seen on the green damaging the ground and trees. The Parish Council are investigating erecting low fencing between the trees to limit access to just pedestrians. Again this will be expensive but failure to tackle the problem will result in further destruction of what should be a lovely central focus area of the Village.

There are options here – the fencing as described above and/or large tree trunks, provided by the National Trust. The former is expensive, the latter would be 'free' and could provide informal seating around the edge of the green. PLEASE CONTACT the Clerk (clerk@sherbornestjohn-pc.gov.uk) with your view/opinions.

Chute Pavilion/Recreation Ground

The Clerk was asked to investigate the cost of extending the new tennis courts to accommodate netball as well. An application for a grant has been made to BDBC to install new expensive drainage to the football pitches so that they do not become unplayable when wet. The Parish Council is committed to maintain the whole area, facilities and grounds, in good condition for all residents to use.

Allotments

There are still some vacancies so the Clerk was asked to contact the Clerk for Rooksdown to see if any residents would be interested. Thanks go to John Edwards and Ted Wilkinson for their work to improve the central path on the Moss Hill site, now covered with shingle to make it safer for plot holders.

Roads/Transport

HCC is still not in a position to carry out the agreed road improvements to the A340 at West End. The Council will continue to press them to start as soon as possible.

The much promised repairs to Vyne Road running from the village up to the Bramley junction seem to have dropped off the HCC 'to do' list. The Parish Council are chasing.

The Parish Council agreed to purchase new lighter Speed watch equipment for the volunteers to use with the help of a grant from the County Councillor Rhyddian Vaughan. This equipment can be left operational to record traffic flows through the village and so might provide the data the PC needs to work

with the relevant agencies to reduce the speed of through traffic, especially so at the two main 'entrances' to the village, Vyne Road and Cranes Road

If you'd like to be trained as a volunteer so the scheme could cover more roads please contact the Clerk.

Mr Wilkinson reported that no decisions have been made about the introduction of special vehicle transport for areas in the Borough. However, if a pilot scheme was started it would need Parish Council funding. The weekly Community Transport from Dancers Meadows is still well used.

Residents at Sunnyside, West End, have contacted the Parish Council about the lack of parking for vehicles which means cars are parked on the grass verges both sides of the road making a considerable mess. While the Parish Council objected to the increased housing because of the lack of parking spaces the Borough Council allowed it to go ahead. The Parish Clerk will contact the Council to ask them to investigate a solution and also research the possibility of installing matting or some other product to stop vehicles parking on the grass from churning the areas up into mud.

CPR Training

The offer by the Parish Council to fund a half days training in the use of a defibrillator still stands – last time I think only 2 or 3 people said that they were interested – we'd probably need about a dozen to make it worthwhile

There are x 2 defibrillators in the village, one at the village hall and one at the chute – both easily recognisable being painted a bright yellow.

Finances

The Parish Council has now received various 'pots' of 106 funding from BDBC which have paid for several of the recent improvements in the Parish at the recreation grounds and Pavilion. This has allowed the Parish Council to be able to fund other projects to improve

the area such as the new Speed watch equipment.

As the Parish Council are unable to hold a Parish Event this year, they agreed to help fund the music event held in the Village Hall during March. However, the Village Hall will reimburse the

Parish Council with half of the money from ticket sales which should nearly equal the outlay.

They also agreed to a donation to the PCC to help with grass cutting and maintenance.

PLANNING MATTERS

The Parish Council have been asked to include planning applications in the Villager. There were several planning applications considered at the last three meetings which are listed below.

Application no	Address	Description of work	Actions
19/00088/FUL	2 Manor Road	Erection of 3 dwellings with ass. Site works & new access (18/00540/FUL)	No objections to 3 houses as identified as need. We object to the design of plots 2 & 3 with regard to height of the roof. We feel they should be of the same design as plot 1
19/00204/GDADW	Bobs Farm	change of use from agricultural - barn A ,2 dwellings, and Barn B , 3 dwellings	No further information
19/00239/HSE.	7 Manor Road	Removal of carport & erection of new double garage	We object to this application as the proposed double garage is in front of the building line
T/00032/19/TCA	Cranesway House Cranes Road		No objections
T/00036/19/TCA	Village Green		No objections
T/00039/19/TCA	Chute recreation ground		No objections

There is an open invitation to e-mail the Clerk (clerk@sherbornestjohn-pc.gov.uk) with any issue impacting the village and/or if you want to be added to the e-mail distribution lists that the Parish Council maintains to keep Parishioners informed of village matters.

Thank you Richard Morgan, Chairman

Sherborne St John Parish Update

The new bench, made of recycled plastic, has been installed along Church path by the pond and provides a lovely stopping point in a walk around the village. The Parish Council would like to express their thanks to Mr John Edwards, and his friend Andy Bowman, for all their hard work installing the bench. It is much appreciated and is great to see people taking an active part in maintaining the special community spirit for which Sherborne St John is known.

The Parish Council would also urge all residents to use the footpaths, identified on the map (right), as if not used they will be lost to future generations. The map identifies them all, some maintained by the County Council and others by the Ramblers, but they need to be enjoyed to keep them in good condition any problems reported to the Parish Council.



The Parish Council also wants to thank Mr Edwards, Andy Bowman and Ted Wilkinson for undertaking the improvements to the steep central path

on Moss Hill allotments straightening and laying shingle on top making safer and easy access to tenants. Thank you for all your hard work.

Neighbourhood Watch in Sherborne St John – In Crisis?

As reported last month we have several schemes with no co-ordinator or deputy. The police are aware of this and will not allow those schemes to continue indefinitely with these vacancies. The schemes at risk are:

- Spring Close (including The Severals)
- Weybrook Court (including Monk Sherborne Road)
- Tyfield

The duties of co-ordinator of an already established scheme are minimal, just a few hours required at the takeover. I just cannot believe that the majority of those living in these locations cannot spare the little time needed to take over their scheme. **DON'T JUST WAIT FOR SOMEONE ELSE TO COME FORWARD – VOLUNTEER NOW.**

You can contact either myself ted_wilkinson@btinternet.com or 01256 850891, or PCSO John Dullingham the beat officer john.dullingham@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

SCAM PHONE CALLS AND TEXTS

A member recently had a very persistent caller saying that they wished to transact some shareholding in Corus (now Tata Steel) is there no end to the number of ways they will try to get you to give away personal information.

We have had daily calls from people purporting to be agents of BT and saying our broadband was about to be disconnected. I have done 1471 on these and got caller numbers on genuine area codes but we then get the response that the number is “not recognised”. Next day we get the same call but from a different false number, sometimes a male voice other times female. Other calls are from U.S.A. or India. It seems that call protect and blocking are not effective. If I answer such calls I interrupt quickly to say that we do not accept any unsolicited calls. My advice to everyone is not to have any conversation with these people and certainly not give or confirm any personal details.

We also get many scam e-mails most purport to be from BT who have advised that any genuine message will quote our correct account number and be addressed to us by name, never as dear customer, user etc. However, scam messages some purporting to be from banks and other well known concerns arrive but these should also be treated as suspicious. Unless you know the sender and are expecting the mail **do not respond or click any button or link.** We are getting messages that suggest a refund or payment has been made into our account, do not click for details. We also get inquiries for quotations for building work the list is endless. Don't be tempted by any offer.

BREAK IN AND ATTEMPTED BURGLARY IN CRANES ROAD

On Monday 4th March at 6pm three masked men arrived in the cul de sac part of Cranes Road. They broke the side gate of a house, smashed the patio door and entered - all of this is recorded on CCTV. When confronted the three made off in what appears to be a BMW coupe - the number plate was not visible, the police attended promptly.

It is quite likely that the 3 men, thought to be very young, spent some time in the area before going into action. If you see any vehicle parked up or cruising around with male occupants give it a second glance and make a note of the registration or better still, if you can do it safely, take a photo with your phone.

A few years back I reported the number of a Transit truck cruising away from The Square to PC Miriam Edwards. She found it was known to police but not in this locality.

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Rockets

Year 5 made rockets in different ways (for example three fins and no cone or three fins and one cone) and then we launched them.

Pressure

Next we learnt about pressure and what would happen if you had a hole

in your space suit. We observed it with marshmallows in a wine bottle, we took all the air out of the bottle which made them expand and then we let all of the air come back in they became smaller because the air went back into the marshmallows.

Planets

We also learnt about the planets in our solar system (for example Mars and Mercury) we learnt how the planets were colder the further away they were from the sun.

Time zones

At this activity we learnt about time zones and what times it would be in countries opposite each other like (London and Fiji).

By Ben & Archie in Year 5 at the Priory Primary School

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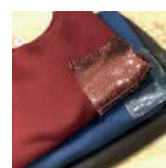
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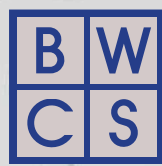
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We are fast approaching the Easter holidays and we are hoping for a good rest for everyone, particularly the Year 6s who have been working hard for their SATs tests in May. We have been running a number of booster sessions after school – which aim to help with the preparations for the SATs but have also been about group bonding and eating cake (lots of it! Thanks to all the parents that have been cooking for us!)

Class 3 enjoyed their trip to London, and wanted to give special thanks to Jim,



their coach driver, who did a fantastic job taking them to see all the sights of the capital. The trip finished with a 'flight' on the London Eye so that they had a good view of all the places that they had been driving around.

As you can see from the photos, the children in Classes 1 and 2 had great fun on their day trip to Windsor – although as the Queen wasn't available to meet them, Mrs Payne had to stand in instead! They learnt all about knights and castles in their workshop.

In March we celebrated book week with a range of activities to inspire the children and highlight the importance of reading. Each class worked with a dance group to perform a chosen text through dance. We had a visit from the author Sophie Ambrose who spoke to the children about how she came to be an author and the importance of storytelling. Staff and children shared

their favourite stories with each other, and at the end of the week we all dressed up as our favourite book characters.

***Sherbert – SSJ
School Villager
Correspondent***



Bert's Blog



I am alert and ready for anything. Throw me a stick, a ball or even a shoe and I will retrieve it forthwith. My ears perk up and my forehead creases and I am at our service. The Boss loves it when I look like this and he knows I will retrieve anything he wishes including pheasants, duck, geese, and

any other edible fowl. However, at the moment they are all out of season so I am reduced to fetching balls and sticks whether they be on land, sea or lake.

If the Mrs looks out of the window first thing in the morning and sees the mist and rain she will reject her normal walk to the lake and find my favourite squeazy squeaky orange ball from the cupboard along with her trusty ancient wooden tennis racquet and practice her forearm smashes with me. She informs me I make the best ball boy ever and I get a pat and kind word every time I return my squeaky ball to her. I am sometimes reluctant to give it up and feel the need to squeeze it several times to experience the squeaky squeaks before allowing her to set up another volley. I admit the tennis ball which is

furry and soft in my mouth goes much further when she gives it her best serve but it does not have the squeezable squeak that my orange ball does when I retrieve it. I really prefer my orange ball but the Mrs sometimes gets quite cross if I do not relinquish my prize to her immediately and she has to test it to make sure I have not ruined the squeaker. Just when I am getting into this match the Mrs loses her competitive streak, if it ever existed, and is easily distracted. As soon as the Boss calls that breakfast is ready she immediately says tennis is over, washes and returns my orange squeaker ball to the cupboard and heads indoors and I think "you cannot be serious!"

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New Ward Boundaries

The final proposal for how new ward boundaries in Basingstoke and Deane could look has been released. The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) has now submitted the final draft for the new boundaries to the House of Commons

Under the new proposals, Basingstoke and Deane will be represented by 54 borough councillors in the future: six fewer than the current arrangement. This means that each new ward across the borough will have 3 councillors.

It is expected that these changes will come into force at the May 2020 elections. The changes will impact all but two of the current ward boundaries in the borough.

Specific impact to our parishes are that Sherborne St John,

Monk Sherborne, Charter Alley and Ramsdell join with Rooksdown and a very small part of Popley to create the new Sherborne St John and Rooksdown Ward.

The Commission agreed to include the area around Priestley Road in the Sherborne St John and Rooksdown ward rather than Popley as previously proposed. This is believed to represent a better reflection of community ties.

Also locally, Wootton St Lawrence village joins with Manydown and Winklebury to create the new Winklebury and Manydown Ward.

Full details of the final recommendations are available on the Boundary Commission's website at <http://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/south-east/hampshire/basingstoke-and-deane>

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Pamber Green, Pamber End and Little London notes

At least it shows that someone reads my article! After my comments last month about the savage hedge cutting along the A340 in the Pambers, I have heard from Daemon who felt I tarred all work on hedges with the same brush. That certainly was not my intention and my comments were reserved for the obvious areas of brutal chopping. Some of these areas now seem to have been tidied up; I don't know who carried out this work but it is an improvement. Daemon says for many years he has cut hedges at Ravenscott Farm and many of the hedges down New Road, Pamber Green and surrounding parishes. He says each landowner or tenant employs someone to maintain their hedges at their own cost; so several different people will have cut the hedges in the parish this winter and spring and many do a good job, taking pride in their work and their parish. Thanks go to all of these people for their efforts

Local elections will take place on the 2nd May 2019 and will include some for the councillor positions for the parish South Ward. This will be a chance to further increase the number of councillors from this part of our parish to represent our best interests. The newest two South Ward residents who sit on the Parish Council, Robert Lissman and Simon Greaves, have made a real difference since their elections. Hopefully some villagers will have put their names forward and, if elected, can support Robert and Simon. Do please diary date this and go and vote.

Quite a lot of Parish Council news during December and January. St Stephen's Hall, Little London has

had the scheduled electrical work completed and the timber and stone cladding replaced. Insulation to the hall was due to be installed in January although I don't yet know if this has been completed. The St. Stephen's Hall Committee has requested extra funding to cover the replacement of the doors and windows at the hall. However, with the upkeep of this hall involving higher expenses, the Parish Council was asked to increase the annual grant from £1000 to £1500. The Council agreed to fund a survey of the hall and to give St. Stephen's Hall a £1500 grant in the new financial year. A surveyor for the hall will be sought.

The County Highways Department has been asked to reinstate the bollards by the Queen's College Arms junction and to conduct a site visit to review the safety of this junction and whether anything can be done to improve it as it is recognised as a dangerous road and junction.

At Committee a planning application was discussed for change of use of land from agricultural use to B1, B2 or B8 use as an extension of Berry Court Business Park, Berry Court Farm, Bramley Road, Little London. Although there were views that the Council should object to this on planning grounds, it was agreed that no objection be made. Other planning included an outline application for eleven dwellings including appearance, landscaping and layout for land between Elmdene and Fairholme, Aldermaston Road, Pamber End. The Council agreed that the access point was a problem and an extension will

be requested to allow South Ward Councillors to ask residents for their views.

Following a recent complaint regarding councillors being involved in conflicts of interest, the whole Parish Council will undergo a training session on Code of Conduct. A report from the Pamber Forest Advisory Committee was presented to the Parish Council in January but, yet again, no detail was included.

The next Parish Council meeting is on 8th April 2019 at 7.30pm at Pamber Heath Memorial Hall with the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm and Council meeting at 8pm on 13th May 2019 at St Stephen's Hall, Little London.

The disused phone box in Little London, which has been turned into a book exchange, needed a refresh so local residents, Rob Huitson and Jackie Whitehouse, got on with the job. The Parish Council funded the paint and resident professional painter and decorator Jackie donated her time. Now it looks very smart now. Donations of good condition books are always welcome.

Forthcoming Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust events include a walk from Sherborne St John to Morgaston Woods on 25th April 2019 from 10.30am to see the bluebells and other spring flowers. See the HIWWT website for further information. But closer to home, the wild daffodils in Pamber Forest are now making an appearance, always a joy to see!

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Revitalising our town centres

I have written before about how lucky we are in North East Hampshire. This constituency is seated in a beautiful part of the country, and sandwiched in an economic sweet spot between Reading, Guildford and London, meaning we have the joint lowest unemployment rate in the country – at 0.5 per cent.

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It is clear to see that Fleet, Yateley and Hook are all in real need of revitalisation and regeneration. Yet I am more convinced than ever that all three places have enormous potential – be that as retail centres or, with the right infrastructure improvements, as great places for our young people to get their feet on the housing ladder. But the most important thing is it is done to benefit local people.

I’ve spent a lot of time over the last few years speaking to local residents and Councillors about this and taking a look at the work that needs to be done. The trouble is that there remains no ‘masterplan’ for Hook, Fleet, or Yateley. I remain committed to working with

anyone who is serious about strategic regeneration. You can also add your name to my petition urging Hart District Council to bring forward regeneration at: ranil.uk/regenerate.

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and already formed a working alliance with Whitewater and Chineham surgeries that has been operational for the last year. The formal name of this Network is called Whitewater-Loddon and already as a collective we support the paediatric hub whereby each surgery rotates hosting a paediatric clinic each month for the benefit of our patients and to improve communication with the paediatric services and GPs. The Network also provides the extended hours service offering evening and Saturday morning appointments at each surgery. The new contract will allow

extra money to flow to the established Networks to generate more services that can be enjoyed by all surgeries involved and improve patient care. The advantage of being involved as a relatively small practice is that we can face the future with more certainty of survival, but more importantly have a voice and the funds to provide more locally relevant care.

Think of Chineham and Whitewater surgeries as our new extended family but we are all distinct surgeries working together for the common good of our patients.

Dr. Roisin Ward

Basingstoke Cubs, Scouts, Guides and Explorers have 'got talent' and it is time to audition for Basingstoke Gang Show 2020!



you have full details including location, what to wear and the 'audition application form' that you will need to bring. You can also look at Basingstoke Gang Show Facebook pages for more information.

If you have a talent and are interested in volunteering for Basingstoke Gang Show 2020 please get in touch! There's

a lot to do before we reach the theatre in February, from building scenery and making costumes.

We look forward to welcoming you to the auditions!

Producer: Kirsty:
kirsty.ruffell@googlemail.com
Chairman: harryedders@yahoo.com

If you like to laugh, sing, dance or entertain then come along to the auditions for Basingstoke Gang Show 2020. You will have a fun day with loads of great people and you will see why Basingstoke Gang Show is the longest running and 'bestselling amateur show in Basingstoke'.

We are gearing up for our 27th Show to be performed at The Haymarket. Audiences will be entertained by the talents of our local Cubs, Guides, Scouts, Explorers and Young Leaders as the cast of 70 take to the stage across 11 performances in February 2020.

The members of the Production team have been busy creating an array of numbers with wonderful choreography, sensational songs and hilarious sketches that make Basingstoke Gang Show, fresh, relevant, edgy and fun, ready for the rehearsals that start in September 2019.

Auditions for Basingstoke Gang Show 2020 will take place at: The Costello School, 10am - 4pm, on the following dates:

Surnames A-L: Sunday 12th May 2019
Surnames M-Z: Sunday 19th May 2019

Auditions are open to all Scouts and Guides who will be 10½ years and over on 1st February 2020 and all Cubs who will be 8 years or over on 1st February 2020.

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Thursday	16 th May	Club Annual General Meeting – Members Only
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To mark the beginning of summer, St. Michael's Hospice invite their supporters to create a field of sunflowers in their Hospice gardens to celebrate happy memories with their loved ones. Throughout June, the beautiful wooden sunflowers will be displayed, each bearing the name of someone special for whom a dedication has been made.

On Sunday 9th June at 14:00, a blessing will be held within the Hospice grounds for all sunflowers on display. Following the service afternoon tea will be served and all guests are welcomed to collect their sunflower to take home and keep as a personal memento.

Laura Hughes, Events Manager at St. Michael's Hospice said, "The Sunflower Celebration marks the culmination of our sunflower appeal and is a wonderful way for families to remember the life of their loved ones. We hope to see as many people as possible and look forward to welcoming them to this special day. By donating to the Hospice through making a sunflower dedication, our supporters help us to continue to provide our specialist care to patients and their families facing life limiting illness in North Hampshire."

To remember a loved one by dedicating your sunflower, please visit:

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For further information about the day, please contact the St. Michael's Hospice Events team at events@stmichaelshospice.org.uk or call 01256 848 848.

Follow St. Michael's Hospice on Twitter @smhbasingstoke and look out for #Sunflower Celebration

Basingstoke Civil Service Retirement Fellowship



45 members and 2 visitors attended the group's meeting on Wednesday 6th March to hear Bejar from Coop Estate Planning give a talk on "Tax, Care and Toyboys". The main emphasis of his presentation was to ensure that we knew how to do as much as possible to protect our assets and to make sure that on our death they were passed on to those we wanted to have them. Using different scenarios he illustrated the effects of not making a will; when making one having it done in the correct manner; the levels of inheritance tax which would apply and how planning in advance would lessen the burden on those left to administer an estate. He covered the different types

of property ownership available – joint, tenants-in-common and, depending on individual circumstances, – the setting up of a trust, and he explained how these would affect who gained an inheritance. In finishing he spoke about Power of Attorney and how having a funeral plan could guard against future rising costs. Following a question and answer session he spent some time seeing people on a personal basis.

After this the Group held their AGM and the Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and commented on the help given to him by both the members of the committee and all the others who helped at the monthly meetings. This meant that the group had another successful year with a wide range of speakers and outings while still maintaining a steady membership and ensuring financial stability. The Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and Welfare Officer all gave their reports and the officers and

committee members for the coming year were appointed. A resolution was then unanimously passed to apply a subscription supplement to offset the rising cost of hall hire and speakers, and the fact that there was no further funding from Head Office.

Bookings are now being taken for the trips to the Bombay Sapphire Distillery and Hinton Ampner on Thursday 18th April and to Kew Palace and Garden on Wednesday 8th May.

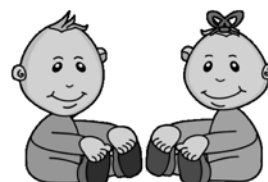
The next meeting is on 3rd April when the speaker will be Steve Herra on "the Body Through the Porthole". The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at Brookvale Village Hall from 10 am to 12 noon and all retired Civil Servants, their relatives and friends are welcome. Further details about the group and information about our trips can be obtained by contacting csrfbasingstoke@gmail.com.

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If you would like any further information in relation to Business LPAs or a review of your current LPAs or business structure, please contact Sian Lias in the Wills and Probate team or Jack Gardener in our Commercial team at Phillips Solicitors.

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Probus hears the importance of having a hobby

It is received wisdom that following retirement it is important to keep both physical and mental capabilities in good working order. There are plenty of things that people can find to occupy their minds if they are not into visiting a gym on a regular basis.

Alan May has a boyish enthusiasm for filling his life with interesting pastimes. He outlined his hobbies to fellow members of the Probus Club of Basingstoke, the social club for male retired professional and business managers. While he plays golf once a month and with his wife regularly enjoys ballroom dancing he has several cerebral interests, one being very unconventional.

For many years attendees at the Probus Club Spring Ladies' lunches and Christmas Dinners have been entertained by the pictorial and brain teaser quizzes he has compiled, many details of which concern Basingstoke and its environs. Clearly his interest in crossword puzzles comes to the fore.

An interest in genealogy over time has thrown up many interesting facts. His wife has Belgian parentage so he

produced family trees of his Belgian in laws with the family name of Faes going back to the mid 1700s in Watou near the Belgian/French border. They have seen on a WW1 memorial and the graves of three brothers, George, Gaston and Jerome Faes, who were on his wife's family tree. In 2018 Alan and his wife were invited by the Belgian local council to the naming ceremony of a road commemorating the three Faes brothers.

Another branch of his wife's family lived on the outskirts of Brussels. During WW2 her little cousin Fifi was often asked by her mother to deliver messages to different people. After the war she discovered her mother had hidden British soldiers in the attic. The messages were to get the soldiers moved further down the resistance line and back to England. Very much like the television series "Allo Allo".

He traced his mother's side back to the 1600s in Gloucestershire and their travels through railway service to Swindon and thence on to London and eventually Dover. As a man of Kent he traced his father's family back to the late 1700s. In the 1930s an uncle had a pleasure boat near Deal. Sometimes at night the boat picked up contraband which was then buried in the garden.

"Although his civic duty included being a member of the Lifeboat crew", Alan explained "but inexplicitly he refused to go to Dunkirk with the small boats to rescue the British troops from the beaches."

A 1959 GCE "O" level in Art has been put to good use in retirement when Alan bought a set of water colours. In the U3A he has progressed from Beginners to Improvers and concentrates on



flowers and birds. His paintings on display were to a very high standard.

"I enjoy the peace and quiet together with the calming effect and is very relaxing. You meet others who are always willing to help and comment."

This artistic bent comes in useful with his "secret hobby" of Cross Stitch. Usually a female pastime his wife taught him to such a degree that he featured in the Cross Stitch magazine. As a regular cruiser he can often be found in the ships' lounges with a small design.

"I get a few raised eyebrows but I am too old to worry what people think. I bet they can't do it."

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