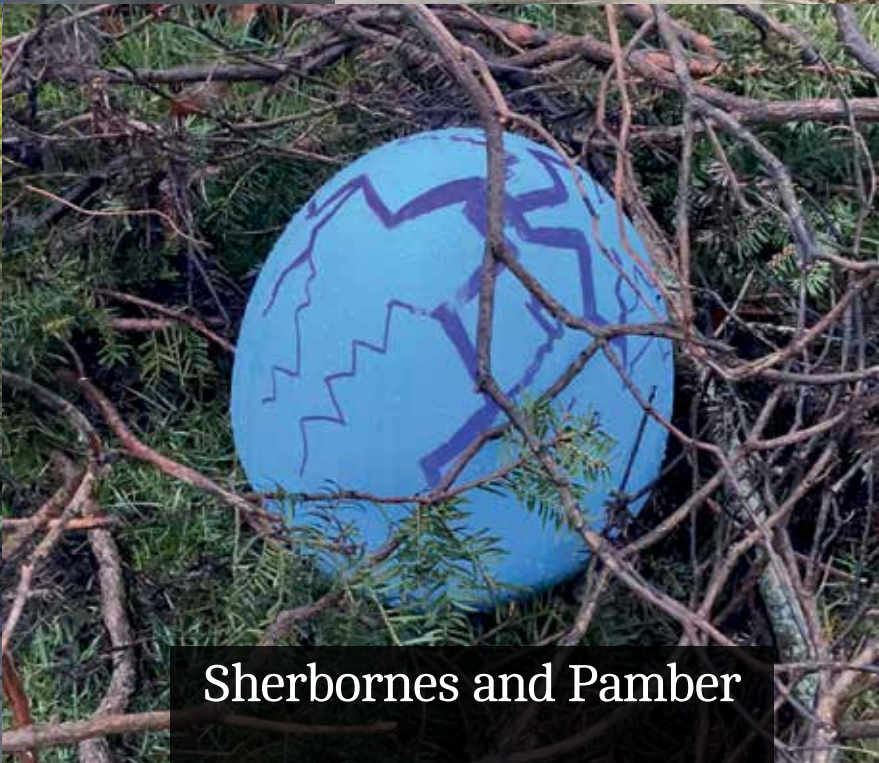




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Editorial

Further to the photo in last month's Villager of Mr/Mrs Dinosaur running through the village as you can see from the front cover of the magazine a Very Happy Occasion has now taken place..... Congratulations to the Dinosaur family for their new arrival. Thank you from everyone that you have made smile during this rather miserable time – it really has been an upbeat feature of lockdown and long may it continue (the sight of the SSJ dinosaurs – not the lockdown)!

When my family and I moved to the village of Sherborne St John in 1987 (the week of The Hurricane!) some kind neighbour gave me a copy of the Sherborne St John Local Interest Trail – see page ????) as my house appears in it as one of the Vyne Estate cottages. In clearing out a drawer the other day I found the booklet. It was written in 1985 so before the Cranesfield houses were built. My apologies for the below standard reproduction but thought some readers might still find it of interest all the same; particularly as so many of us are out walking around the village during lockdown and trying to avoid the muddy footpaths!

TO THE PATIENTS OF CLIFT SURGERY

It is with great sadness that Dr Diana Kenshole will be retiring as a Partner at Clift Surgery at the end of March 2021. Having been a Partner at the surgery for over 23 years she will greatly miss the patients, doctors and the staff. She is moving to a salaried GP position in Whitchurch, Hampshire but will have really fond memories of working in Bramley.

We're sure you will agree that Dr Kenshole will be much missed and that you will all join us in wishing her every success and happiness for the future.

Dr Nigel Fisher and the Clift Surgery Team

CLIFT SURGERY

The Clift Surgery Patient Participation Group exists to help the Surgery with non-medical matters. All surgeries are required to have a volunteer PPG.

Over recent months some residents have asked "who are you" when we put information out in places like Facebook.

So we think we need a logo to make us recognisable.

We aren't graphic designers, so we're starting a little competition for everyone: design a logo that we can use online and in printed media. It needs to be simple and encapsulate "what we do".

Closing date 31st March.

There may even be a small prize if we're lucky!

You can send your design to us by email to keith.oborn@keble.oxon.org.

Get drawing! Thanks

Clift Surgery PPG

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Sherbornes with Pamber

At the end of January, the number of people who died with COVID-19 crossed the threshold of 100,000. That number is not simply a statistic. It represents husbands, wives, mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers and children. Some in our community will have lost loved ones due to COVID-19. Whilst the pandemic continues to dominate the news, we mustn't allow this to mask the fact that people in our community continue to die of other causes, sometimes tragically young.

If you're not familiar with it, John's gospel is the eyewitness testimony to Jesus from his closest follower which he wrote down for us. In chapter 11, there is the account of the time when one of Jesus' closest friends, Lazarus is sick. Lazarus's sisters, Mary and Martha send word to Jesus. John tells us: "Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus." Jesus' response to the news that Lazarus is sick is therefore particularly surprising: "Yet when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days." John has already told us about the time Jesus

healed a royal official's son who was sick and close to death, a man who had been paralysed for 38 years, and a man who was born blind. If Jesus truly loves Lazarus, why doesn't he go and heal him? It's a question people ask later when Jesus arrives in the village of Bethany, where Lazarus and his sisters lived. When someone close to us dies, rather than concluding that there is no purpose because we cannot understand it and therefore rejecting Jesus, it invites us to consider that Jesus is wiser than us and has a purpose for it, even if it is beyond our comprehension.

When Jesus reaches Bethany and he meets Lazarus's sister, Mary, John tells us what Jesus sees and his emotional response: "When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled." The word which our Bibles translate as 'deeply moved' is really too weak. It means 'angry'. When Jesus asks where they have laid Lazarus's body and they invite him to come and see, John tells us: "Jesus wept." Although Jesus is fully divine, he is fully human, and that means he can experience the full range of human emotion. Jesus shares in the same emotional reaction as everyone else mourning the death of Lazarus. Jesus is angry at Lazarus's death because death was not part of the original world God made; God made us

to enjoy eternal life with him but death entered into the world when the first human beings rebelled against him, and it is now something we all face.

Jesus doesn't just sympathise with us in our anger and grief at death. When Jesus first arrived in Bethany, it was Mary's sister, Martha, who first greeted Jesus. During the course of their conversation, Martha says: "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." The resurrection of the dead to eternal life in a perfect world was something that many Jews believed in. Jesus replies: "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." Jesus can rescue us from death. If we trust in him then we are united to him and will share in the resurrection, never to die again. To demonstrate that he can do this, Jesus goes to the tomb of Lazarus. He calls Lazarus out and Lazarus comes out. This resurrection is only temporary, more like a resuscitation. The resurrection Jesus promises all who believe in him is different because it will never end. For that to happen, Jesus had to die on the cross and rise again from the dead himself.

After Jesus says that he is the resurrection and the life, Jesus asks, "Do you believe this?" If you are not yet able to say 'Yes', I'd like to suggest that you read through John's account of Jesus' life for yourself. If you'd like to read it with someone who is a Christian, please do get touch.

The Revd Daniel Newman
Rector



SERVICES FOR MARCH 2021

At the time of writing, the government has decided that the risk is sufficiently low to allow churches to remain open for corporate worship. We are currently holding one Sunday service a week at St Andrew's, which includes a child's spot. You are welcome to join us.

Please don't attend if you are symptomatic. Please use the alcohol hand gel on entering the building and maintain social distancing of 2m. Government legislation requires the wearing of a mask unless exempt, and prohibits mingling with anyone outside your household or bubble. Details of how to advise us of your attendance are included in our weekly email to the members of our congregation. If you aren't on our database please contact our Parish Administrator, Wendy Howe (pa.swppcc@gmail.com) or our Rector, the Revd Daniel Newman (rector@sherborneswithpamber@gmail.com – 01256 541607). This is used for track & trace purposes as well as ensuring we can accommodate safely all those wishing to attend. Out of a concern to protect their own health and the health of others, many are watching our services online.

These are live streamed on our YouTube channel and are available to watch afterwards. Visit https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBbHQM4CvpnnPsSGuuglR_w or the link on our website under the Resources Menu.

Sermon Series: 'The Servant King' – Mark 1-8

07 March

10.00am	Lord's Supper	St Andrew's
The Shepherd King	Mark 6:30-56	The Revd Daniel Newman

14 March

10.00am	Morning Service	St Andrew's
The Purifying King	Mark 7:1-23	The Revd Daniel Newman

21 March

10.00am	Morning Service	St Andrew's
The Recognised King	Mark 7:24-8:30	Andy Spence

28 March

10.00am	Morning Service	St Andrew's
The Servant King	Mark 8:31-38	Warren Trask

Mid-Week

We meet for **Central Prayer** at 8pm on Tuesday 2nd March. **Home Groups** meet in the week of Monday 8th & 29th March.

Unless there is a change to Government guidelines for meeting in person they will be held via Zoom.

LENT MEETINGS

We continue with our Lent meetings on 'Practical Christianity' via Zoom from 7.45 to 8.45pm

16th March: How to forgive others; 23rd March: How to be free from bitterness

If you would like to join the meeting please contact Wendy Howe, Parish Administrator via email at pa.swppcc@gmail.com or by phone - 01256 851616

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



PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Matters

The Parish Council monthly meetings are still being held online. The Council are extremely pleased that parishioners have been joining as this gives them a conduit to finding out residents concerns so if you too would like to join please email the Parish Clerk clerk@sherbornestjohn-pc.gov.uk who will send you an invitation link. Future meetings are on March 24 and April 21 2021

The problem with dog fouling especially in Church Path & Cranes Road has been reported again. This blatant disregard for others by a few ignorant dog owners is totally unacceptable. If you see this happening please take a photo if possible and send either to the local authority for prosecution or to me if you wish to remain anonymous. It is the only way to stop this totally unacceptable behaviour.

The Parish Council is supportive of one resident's suggestion to improve the visual quality of the Parish by allowing some areas of grass to be planted with wildflowers. This would mean no cutting of the grassed areas between March and July to allow the flowers to grow. It is hoped some residents will volunteer to help him with this project to enhance the area.

The Parish Council agreed to fund a weekly Basingstoke Community Bus from the Village to the Chineham which was well received. Unfortunately, due to Lockdown it had to be halted for now, but it is hoped to be restarted in a few months.

The telephone renovation project has been put on hold at present and will be reviewed later in the year after Lockdown has finished. However the various options as how best to proceed are being investigated.

Village Green

The Parish Council has received the necessary permission to erect the proposed flagpole on the Village Green which should be installed soon.

Roads/Footpaths

The problems on parking along Cranes Road, before the A340 junction, has

caused a lot of concern as a potentially dangerous accident site as when pulling out to pass vehicles cannot see anything coming the other way. After arranging to meet Borough Council representatives on site it was agreed that the only option to stop parking would be double yellow lines. These will be installed as soon as the necessary process has been carried out. The similar problems with Vyne Road parking were raised and will be discussed later after further review.

The repairs to footpath 208/14a/2 by the kissing gate should be carried out soon and a new footpath fingerpost erected at the top to indicate the direction walkers can go. Hampshire County Council refused the request to redirect footpath 208/502/1 past Mill House, so the historic footpath remains just across as you leave the kissing gate at the end of 208/14a/2.

The new Oak Lectern, showing the Parish, sites of interest and footpaths, is nearly ready and will hopefully be of great help once installed to residents and visitors in exploring the area.

Lengthsman Scheme

The scheme is still successful at solving small issues around the Parish. The next project will be the repair and repainting of the white gates at the entrances to the Village.

Chute Recreation Ground & Pavilion

With the drainage completed last year to improve the grounds the Parish Council is intending to add more items to the playground area for older children to use with monies allocated to the Council from developers' contributions which are specifically aimed at improving the area and its facilities.

Finances

The Parish Council approved the new budgets for 2021/2 and confirmed that there is adequate funding to carry out all their commitments which will continue to ensure the Parish's health. The precept request was agreed and the Band D £44.03 per household was again maintained.

Planning Applications received:

20/03400/HSE 29a West End Erection of 2 storey side & rear ext & part single storey rear ext. No objections

20/03352/HSE Meadow House 7 Cranes Road Erection front porch, conservatory ext to change flat roof to a pitch. External works to single storey roofs & including

windows & doors. No objections check neighbours have been contacted.

20/03583/HSE 18 West End Erection of single storey rear ext. No objections.

20/03599/FUL 36 Manor Road. Erection of 2 storey chalet style bungalow with integral granny annex & detached garage/home office following demolition of existing single storey bungalow. Parish Council objected as this replaces a single storey bungalow on a corner plot with a large 2 storey infill building. This contravenes the Neighbourhood Plan that identified that the Parish needed more small housing units and bungalows for young people and elderly residents wishing to 'downsize'.

21/00019/HSE 1-6 Watercress Cottages Dark Lane Installation of roller shutter doors to existing carports. No objections however the Parish Council wish to make it clear that any further installation of doors/shutters to carports in this development must be similar to maintain the visual integrity as granted by planning.

Trees T/00003/21/TCA Cleaves West End Crown reduction T/00027/21/TCA3 Elm Road Fell silver birch T/00010/21/TCA Spring Cottage Prune/remove trees.

A340 Road Closure – Forward Notice (for more detail see Basingstoke Gazette)

Carriageway surface repairs will take place on the A340 Main Road by Tadley Hill for five days in March.

The road works were originally set to take place back in November last year, but they were postponed by Hampshire County Council. The works are now programmed to commence on March 25 and are expected to last until March 30, during which time the road will need to be closed to vehicular traffic. Hampshire County Council has published the official diversion route online, which will take approximately one hour and two minutes to follow the 34 mile route. Alternatively, there are a number of shorter but unofficial routes that drivers can take to avoid the road closure. These not suitable for HGVs and should be avoided if using larger machinery.

I hope you are all managing in these rather bleak times and like me are looking forward to it ending soon. Please contact me if there is anything you wish to say or if you have any problems that the Parish Council could help you with.

Penny Mayo

Monk Sherborne Parish Council

Hopefully, the readers are continuing to keep safe and well, even in the very cold period we have just gone through.

Even during this period of lockdown there are several things to report on. Firstly, by the time this is being read people will notice that construction of the New Village Hall has started. Currently the site is completely fenced off, including the car park. And there will be no access whatsoever until it is completed later in the year.

Access to the playing field and playground will be maintained during this period following the construction of a new pathway which runs between the hedge and the old village hall. It is important to note however, there may be short periods of time when this route will be also be out of use whilst service trenches from the road are dug, we will endeavour to provide warning when this will happen by way of the Parish Council website.

Regarding the playground Cllr Sheila Mellor recently carried out a survey regarding what users would like to see in the future. We have a limited budget, but we have set money aside for the maintenance and possible upgrades.

The survey had numerous questions including what was the most popular piece of equipment? And even if adults would use the area for some form of fitness training, Full details will be published on the Parish Council website.

Speaking of which, Cllrs, S Mellor and A Minter are currently looking to completely overhaul the website and bring it up to date not only in form but also function. If any villagers have any suggestions, please feel free to get in touch.

We have been contacted by the new Police Sargent in charge of the Basingstoke Rural Neighbourhood Patrol Team, based at Tadley Police Station who covers our area. We take this as a very positive step that once again we have a contact point we can discuss local concerns with, we have consequently invited her to attend our next Parish Council meeting in March, once again it will be a virtual meeting.

One piece of good news, many travelling through the village will have noticed building works taking place at The Mole. This is being carried out by the new owner with the intention turning it back into a Licenced Premise once again. I for one welcome the news and look forward to visiting once it re-opens.

Finally, the Government have announced that local elections will take place in May; we don't where the polling station will be as yet, whilst the Village Hall is out of use, but we will let you know once this is decided. These elections also include the Parish Council, Monk Sherborne still has a couple of vacancies and are looking for willing volunteers. Don't worry - our meetings are far more civilised and well behaved and nothing like Handforth. If you have not seen the recording of their last virtual meeting it became an internet sensation when it descended into chaos recently.

It is not an overly onerous task we share the duties around, including taking it in turn to write this report, typically it takes up a few hours a week. If you are interested the first step would be to contact the parish clerk at clerk@monksherborne-pc.gov.uk.

Before you finally commit you will be invited to attend one of our meetings to witness what is involved and to see if it is for you. It is a rewarding experience to feel that you are putting something back into the community where you live.

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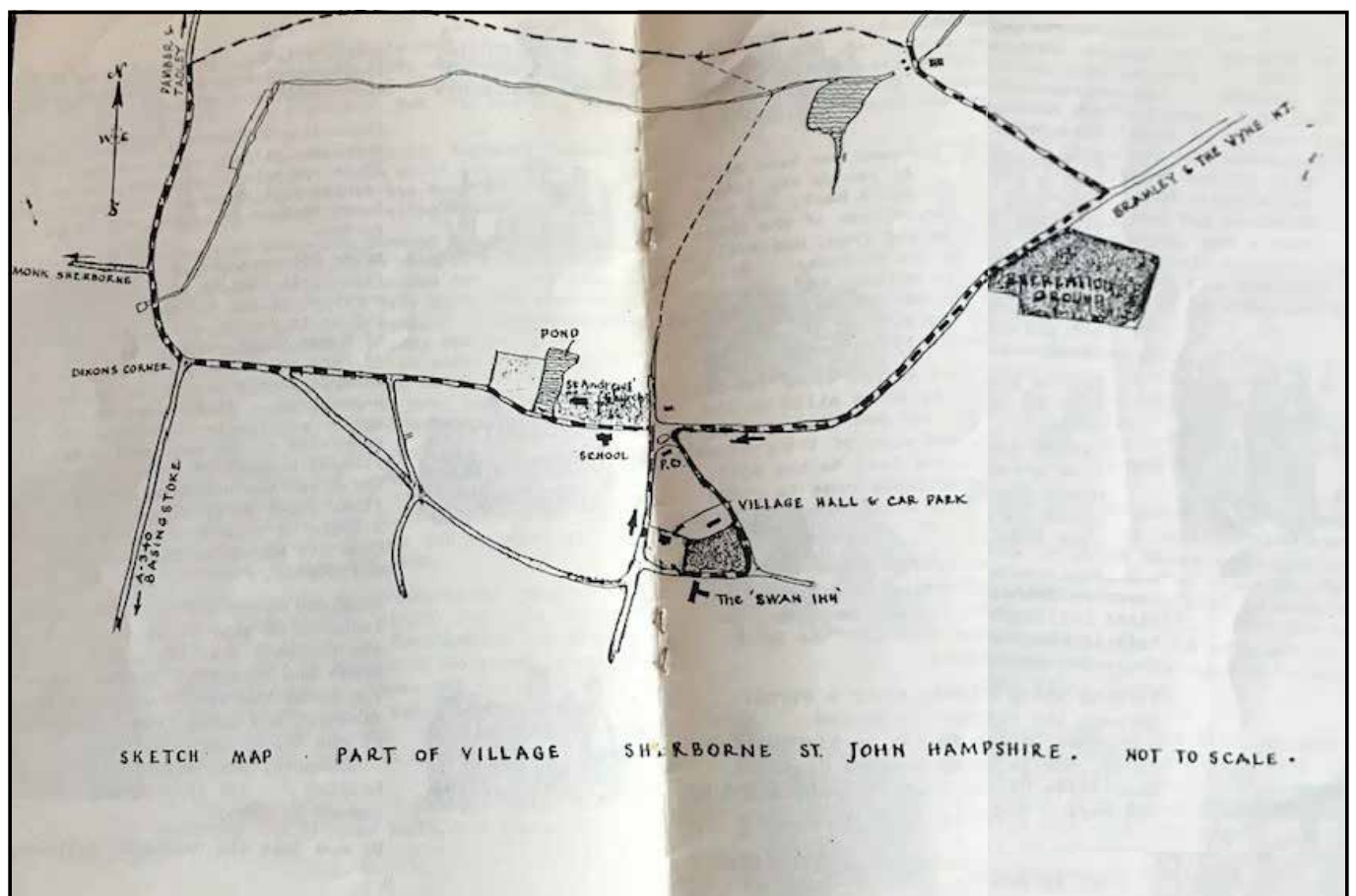
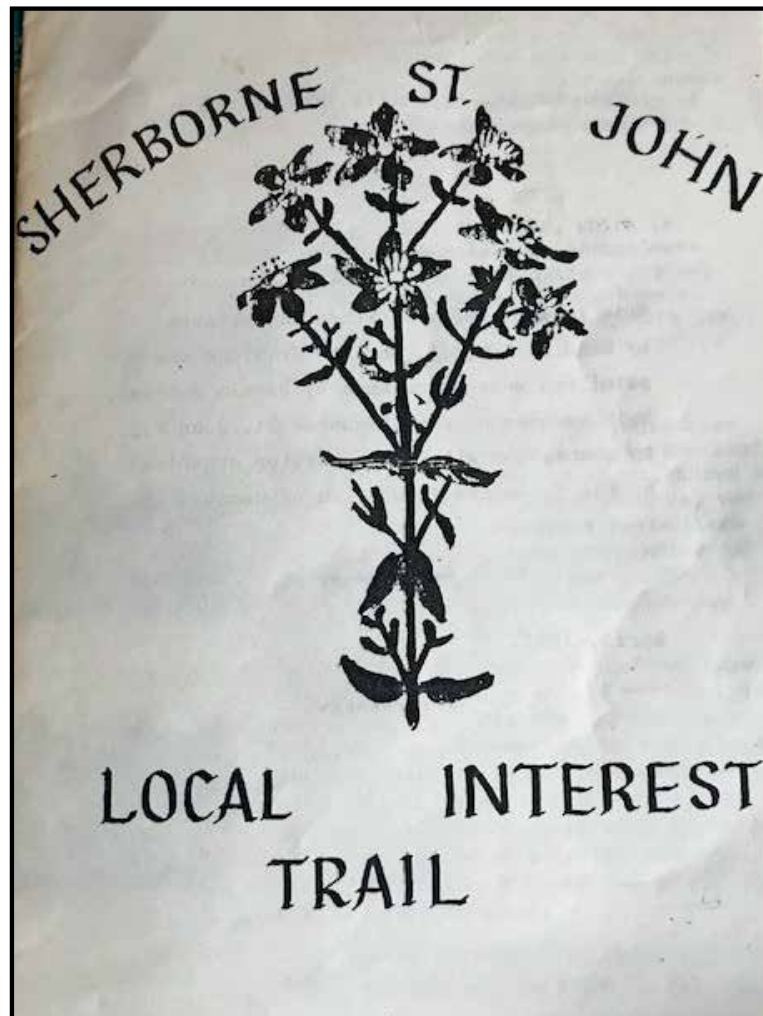
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Welcome to Sherborne St. John. How did it get its name? Sherborne means "a clear stream," and there are many streams and waterways in the Parish. In the year 1329, a gentleman resided at Sherborne, who owned the Manor, named Hugh de Port. Hugh de Port married in to the family of St. John, and from that time Sherborne became Sherborne St. John.

Leave your car at the Village Hall Car Park, which is situated opposite the Swan Inn, and take an approximate 1½ miles stroll through the village, following our plan, and enjoy the many forms of construction of our houses, together with a walk along the pleasant Weybrook with its many forms of wild life.

Leave the Car Park, by the pedestrian entrance, and turn right in to Elm Road. The second house on your right, known as "Farthings" has imitation windows, and there are other houses in the village like these, which were constructed at the time of the window tax. The painted ones are in complete harmony with the "real thing."

Immediately on your left is "The Hays." This was originally an old cottage, and was a meeting house for the Quakers. Some of their graves can be found in the garden, while others are reputed to be under the kitchen floor. The old cottage has been incorporated in to the main part of the house, but the original beams and wooden pillars can still be seen in the interior.

As you pass through "The Square," take the first turning left in to the Church



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Path. On your left is the Primary School. This was opened in 1890, and rebuilt in 1895 with accommodation for 181 children. There used to be a gallery, but this has long been taken down.

Opposite the School is St. Andrew's Church, built in 1150. This would require an afternoon's visit on its own, to be able to enjoy its many interesting features.

Continue Westwards through the Path, until you come to the large pond on your right. This has been in existence for a very long time, records of it date from 1600 when it was known as Church Pond. Kingfishers make this their nesting place, and Swans are regular visitors, whilst large fish such as carp reside in the deep water. The water meadows immediately on your left is a source of a tributary of the River Loddon.

Proceeding along the Path you come to a large house on your left, which was known as the Old Rectory, and was the home of former Curates in the Parish. The roof is constructed of old hand cut timbers, of irregular shapes and sizes.

Continue in the same direction, passing Cranes Farm on your right, you join the A.340 Here, bear right. Immediately opposite you on your left is a pair of cottages, known as Gable Cottages. These are built of solid chalk, and the walls are from 1 ft. to 1 ft. 6 inches thick. The roof is of great architectural interest having swept tiling.

On the same side is an Antique Shop, this was formerly the Village Saddler's Shop.



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Dragon flies and Kingfishers can be seen from time to time darting across the Watercress Beds adjoining.

Proceeding Northwards, you pass "Gleeves, where the village brewhouse used to be. It is now a pleasant house, but it is reputed that there is treasure buried by Vasco da Gama in an old well in the garden.

After "Gleeves, No. 6 - 8, West End, lying well back on your right is a rare survival of the mediaeval period (c.1450) but it is doubly rare in that it is a type of house found principally in the counties of Kent and Sussex. No other rural examples are known in the County of Hampshire. It is known as a Wealdon house, and its peculiarities are the provision of the mediaeval open hall and floored crosswings under a unified roof shape and the overhanging of the first floor rooms to either side. An example of this type can be seen at the Open Air Museum at Singleton near Chichester.

Continue along the A.340 to a field footpath on your right. Before entering the footpath note the partly thatched house and Builders' premises opposite. The house has wattle walls and old oak timbers, and dates from 1716. Originally it was the business of shoeing smith, blacksmith, wheelwright, and a small holding. Its farming activities ceased in 1899.

We now join the footpath, following the



meandering Weybrook, where recently salmon have been found, and where the deer come in the evening to drink its clear waters. Views of the Church, and village, are pleasant vistas from this path.

At the end of the path you bear right past a stile. As you do so, take a long view to the North East, and you will see the former home of the Chute family, known as the Vyne, and built by Lord Sandys, in the distance. Well worth a visit on another day where you are welcomed by the National Trust. It was gifted to the N.T. by the late Sir Charles Chute, in 1957.

Now on your right as you enter the Mill Lane is one of the three mills in the Village. This one has been working in living memory, and some of the footpaths from other villages lead to the Mill, where their inhabitants came to grind their corn. The water flows on to the Vyne Lake.

You now have an uphill climb to the farm known as Bob's Farm, at the top of the rise. In the far distance on your left is Sherborne Cowdray, the Dower House for the Vyne.

Turning sharp right, enjoy a stroll through the Recreation Ground. This was given to the Parish by Sir Charles Chute, and is known as "The Chute Recreation Ground," and is maintained by the Parish Council.

It is now easy walking downhill. After





leaving the Recreation Ground, the third house on your left used to be the old Village Laundry. Note its interesting chimneys. Passing the house known as "The Croft," on your left on the hill used to be four Alms houses. These are now converted to one dwelling, but previously they were occupied by four aged couples, or widows/widowers, and the accommodation consisted of one room, and a small scullery. Immediately adjacent on the lower level is an old thatched cottage which used to be occupied by the Village Tailor.



Still on the same side of the road, the house known as "Peppercorns" is another ancient dwelling with imitation windows. This was originally two cottages, one of which was occupied by the Village Nurse and Midwife.



The two houses adjoining, previously 4 cottages, are of unusual construction. The area in which these cottages were built was known as "Pugs Gulley" before becoming Rectory Hill (a much more dignified title!). The one known as "Tithe Cottage" is adjacent to the stream, which is another tributary of the River Loddon.



Proceeding up the hill, on your right, is a picturesque house, with its red tiled gables and lovely old trees rising from a mellowed brick wall. This was once the former Rectory, and it is situated in the original road of

the Parish.

Reaching "The Square," note the old mounting stone under Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Seat around the tree. Also the Post Office on your left, which has been the Post Office for one hundred years.



Turn first left, along a road which is full of springs, which spurt like miniature geysers in the winter, and note Springfield Cottage, which was the former "Gardener's House," in the "good old days."



Immediately on your right is April Cottage. This belonged to the Vyne Estate, and was given to one of the daughters many centuries ago as a dowry. About sixty years ago it was sold for £150!!



At the end of the lane with its junction with Kiln Road; (This road having got its name because it lead to the local Brick Kiln), there is a house immediately facing you. This was the former Post Office and is known as "The Old Post Office," even to-day.



Now turn sharp right, noting the steep gabled thatched cottage on your left, lying well back from the road. This has been in the occupation of the same family for generations.

You have now reached the local



hostelry, with its elegant sign of a White Swan. One of the oldest houses in the village, it is reputed to be over five hundred years old. At one time it had been in the same family of Smith for one hundred and twenty years. A descendant of that family still lives in the village.

You have now returned to your starting point at the Village Hall.

We hope you have enjoyed pleasant relaxation through our delightful village countryside, with its many varied examples of architecture and construction, and do hope you will pay us another visit in the future, when we would like to accompany you on another walk by the aid of a further booklet. EL.

SHERBORNE ST. JOHN LOCAL INTEREST TRAIL

This booklet was researched and written by Enid J. Lobjoit, and the drawings and paintings were undertaken by Pamela Jackson, both members of The Sherborne St. John W.I., in connection with a competition organised by The Hampshire Federation of Women's Institutes.

April, 1985.



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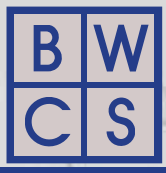
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Neighbourhood Watch

This document outlines Basingstoke Police Inspector Richard Lane's monthly update.

Overall recorded crimes have decreased by around 2000 compared to last year. Although the police would like to take some credit for this, the drop is mainly due to the Covid lockdown. The most serious crimes at the moment relate to drugs and associated robberies and violence. As an example, in the first 22 days of January, robbery/burglary/mugging type crime has dropped from 29 in 2020 to 3 in 2021.

Continuing crimes include burglary and vehicle crime; catalytic converter theft especially from Honda Jazz &

Toyota Prius at the hospital is being countered with advice to motorists and extra police patrols. Cross border All Terrain Vehicles (ATV/Quad bikes) theft has dropped but is still ongoing. Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) is dropping. The police are carrying out extra COVID19 enforcement patrols. In the main, the public in Basingstoke District are cooperating and obeying the lockdown restrictions but unfortunately there is still a small core of people who just will not follow the rules. Enforcement action will always be considered for blatant and repeated breaches of the current regulations.

In the Grove area, there had been an increase in theft from insecure vehicles, but this has not developed. However

always make sure yours is properly locked and the keys are secure.

Records currently show 1842 fewer victims of crime due mainly to the pandemic. The police are keeping an eye on trends and will modify operations as necessary to meet requirements.

Finally it is likely that lockdown will continue for several more months, so please follow the rules, keep safe, social distance, use masks and regular sanitising of hands etc to protect the NHS. Hopefully we will not need help from our hospital, but let's make sure it is available in case of need.

Message Sent By

Brian Adams (NWN, Communications Administrator, Hampshire, Basingstoke)

Monk Sherborne New Village Hall

After proposing the idea in 2017, work on a new village hall for Monk Sherborne has finally begun. The current hall is around 100 years old and is in a sorry state of repair. The new one will be located next to the old one at right angles (see picture) so that it can have wide doors opening out onto the playing field.

The Village Hall Committee would like to thank everyone who has kindly donated to the project and in particular to the late Mike Wilson who expertly secured a number of grants to make the project a reality. We will provide further updates and photos as the project progresses over the next 6 months or so.



Basingstoke Foodbank

Due to people using online shopping rather than visits to supermarkets The Foodbank is experiencing some shortages of items at the moment. Please could you think of adding a few extra items to your shopping list - it would make a huge difference

Any contribution can be left in the porch at St Andrew's Church between 10.30 and 3.30 on Fridays and Saturdays

Thank you so much

The Foodbank Rep

Particular needs

- Longlife milk (full fat, skimmed) small or large
- Powdered milk
- Toothpaste
- Men's shaving gel/foam
- Shampoo and conditioner (300-500ml)
- Shower gel

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Early spring Update from Hampshire County Councillor

Rhydian Vaughan MBE

£26.9m Climate Change investment for Hampshire schools

An investment of over £26M from Government climate change funding has been awarded to improve the energy efficiency of 370 Hampshire County Council schools and buildings.

£6.7 million will be spent on installation of solar panels and £20.2 million to improve insulation by replacing inefficient single glazed windows and doors with modern, double glazed units.

These programmes will save more than 3,600 tonnes of carbon per year and help local schools reduce their energy bills. County Council maintained primary, secondary, and special educational needs and disabilities schools will benefit from this programme. Not only will this investment make a significant contribution to climate change but will also boost skilled jobs locally in the low carbon and energy efficiency sectors.

The work is expected to commence this spring and be completed in the autumn of 2021.

Councillor grants. I have given financial help to the following organisations in the financial year 20/21.

- St James's church Bramley-community hardship fund
- Sherborne St John Chute Recreation ground

- Sherborne St John- NHS & local care homes
- Little Apples Bramley-school security
- The Villager Magazine
- Wootton St Lawrence- notice board
- Hartley Wespall- church bell tower restoration
- Sherfield on Loddon- Reindeer trail event.(postponed until December '21)
- Basingstoke Neighbourcare accompanied car transport
- Stratfield Turgis- children play area refurbishment
- Bramley Clift Meadow Trust-ground maintenance
- Bramley CoE Primary School- for Oliver's Garden
- Sherfield on Loddon -village hall kitchen extension
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Hampshire County Council: Reporting Issues on the Roads, Pavements and Verges

1. Emergency Repairs:

If you see a highways issue which needs **urgent** attention:

- Phone 0300 555 1388 (8:30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday)
- Outside of office hours, phone 101

Emergency defects are usually made safe within two hours. These repairs may be temporary with permanent repairs being made later. Other defects become part of the maintenance programme and are usually repaired within two months. Larger or more complex works, such as major resurfacing, are generally scheduled separately.

2. Other less urgent highways issues can be reported online at the Hampshire County Council website (www.hants.gov.uk search Road Maintenance) or via the following link:

Report a problem | Hampshire County Council (hants.gov.uk)

You will get a reference number and a response from the Highways Team.

Please do contact me if you require any follow up on reported issues

3. Operation Resilience

Operation Resilience is a long-term strategy to make Hampshire's roads more resilient to the effect of extreme weather and heavy traffic.

Operation Resilience carries out Hampshire's large, planned maintenance programme of work each year. These works are different to reactive works, such as pothole repairs or gully cleansing. You can find further information on forthcoming schemes on the link below

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ROTARY ROUNDUP

February 2021

Volunteering is good for your Mental Health



Volunteering opportunities

Our Rotary group has been volunteering at the Hampshire Court Hotel, marshalling patients and car parking for the vaccination programme. The Fire Station has also opened for vaccinations with its own volunteers. Basingstoke Voluntary Action is coordinating volunteering opportunities at both centres. See link to volunteer.

www.bvaction.org.uk/vaccination-programme-volunteering/

We are also helping Spotlight UK Basingstoke and Inspiro with the delivery of food deliveries to vulnerable people in the borough.

The gift of time is something that costs very little and can bring unexpected rewards to the giver. At the moment it is the NHS and other Covid 19 needs that

are providing opportunities to volunteer. All charities also need volunteers and you don't have to make a huge commitment. Help for just one event or possibly for just a few hours. Giving your time may also be chatting to an elderly person; you may be the only person they speak to all day.

If you want to meet new people volunteering is a great way of doing it; rewarding and great fun.

As a club, until we can meet in person we're meeting each week on Zoom. Zoom has given us the opportunity of some excellent speakers who join us from the comfort of their own home.

WHAT IS ROTARY

Rotary is about helping communities, both local and internationally through our network of clubs with 1.2 million members in over 200 countries. It is a non-religious and non-political organization comprised of both men and women who enjoy working together for good causes and also enjoy socialising together.

As Rotarians we do some fantastic work each year whilst having fun and raising money which enables us to donate it to more than 20 local and a few international causes, including locally, Mencap Basingstoke, Besom and Helping Hands for the Blind and many more.

Rotaract in Basingstoke

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- Link with Charities and with Business

Rotaract is a younger part of Rotary

Like Rotary, Rotaract is non-political, non-religious, inclusive, diverse and a catalyst for getting things done both locally and globally.

Interested? Aged in your 20s or 30s - then get in touch to join a small pilot group to exchange ideas and move this initiative forward.

Exciting times ahead!

To find out more

Contact Rotarian Chris Flemming:
Rotaract@bl-rotary.org
mob: 07942471526

Basingstoke Deane Rotary is a group of 35 men & women from a wide variety of backgrounds. All live locally in the borough but some commute to work outside Basingstoke. Most joined Rotary to help others less fortunate, and they find Basingstoke Deane Rotary adds another extremely enjoyable dimension to their lives.

If you would like to find out more about how we enjoy ourselves, just tune in to www.rcbd.org.uk to see what we have coming up, or contact Helen or Paul above to find out more. We think you'll be pleasantly surprised.

Facebook: @RotaryBasingstokeDeane

Twitter: @RBstokeDeane

The Royal British Legion - 100 Years



100 Years

The Royal British Legion has been supporting service Men & Women, ex-serving personnel and their families since 1921.

The British Legion was formed 15th May 1921, bringing together four national organisations of ex-Servicemen that had established themselves after the First World War:

- The National Association of Discharged Sailors and Soldiers
- The British National Federation of Discharged and Demobilized Sailors and Soldiers
- The Comrades of The Great War
- The Officers' Association

The amalgamation of these diverse bodies can be attributed largely to two

men: Field Marshal Earl Haig and Tom Lister of The Federation of Discharged and Demobilized Sailors and Soldiers. Lord Haig served as the President of The Royal British Legion until his death.

As a result of the war, Britain's economy plummeted and in 1921 there were two million people unemployed. Over six million men had served in the war, of those who returned, 1.75 million had suffered some kind of disability and half of these were permanently disabled.

Then there were those who depended on those who had gone to war – the wives and children, widows, and orphans, as well as the parents who had lost sons in the war, on whom they were often financially dependent.

The Legion was established to care for those who had suffered as a result of service during the First World War. And it has been helping the Armed Forces community and their families ever since.

The Royal British Legion - Eligibility

The Legion is dedicated to supporting not only serving and ex-serving personnel but the whole of the

Armed Forces community, including dependants and carers. This includes:

- Serving personnel, or those who have previously served, who have received seven days' pay and were aged 16 or over at the time of service
- Reserve or Auxiliary personnel, or those who have previously served

To mark its move into its second century it has adopted a completely new logo, above. Like many organisations today it has moved much of its focus to on-line services and the Poppy Shop is well worth a browse.

www.Poppyshop.org.uk.

The local Legion Branch is the Bramley and District and we are always looking for new members to help ensure that we have the network of people to enable us to identify those people who qualify and are in need of welfare support. In normal times the Branch has a social programme.

We really would like to attract more members. You can reach me most of the time on **07850 950349** if you are interested.

John Delafield

Chairman Bramley & District Branch

Exercise – Exercise – Exercise – Go for it !

Cancer treatments are renown for causing adverse serious changes to both body and mind. At this January's North Hampshire Prostate Cancer Support Group meeting, which was very well attended on Zoom, the group speaker was Stephanie Wallis, formerly providing the group's exercise classes at the Sports centre, but who due to the virus, has set up on her own as 'Stepping Stones Health and Wellbeing' business

(www.steppingstoneshw.co.uk) and now runs our well attended group classes each week, on the mornings of Monday and Thursday.

Commencing her talk Stephanie highlighted her own training, qualifications, and extensive experience in providing exercise classes for cancer patients. This was followed by a review of the main forms of prostate cancer treatment, their common side effects

and how exercise helps reduce these effects in each case.

In conclusion Stephanie highlighted various valuable forms of exercise, which go towards rebuilding muscle strength, raising heart rate and providing core exercise. She concluded by stressing both the need for professional medical advice and that none of us overdo any activity, but we 'listen to our bodies'.

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I would like to share with you - at the risk of sounding smug - the one aspect of being in lockdown that has kept me almost sane; something to plan, and to look forward to with anticipation and enthusiasm.

What am I referring to? Virtual Tours. The first thing to say is that upon a little investigating which entailed pressing a keyboard key, I discovered that my few on-line bookings to visit The Vyne and, when we were allowed, a National Trust property further afield, the company employed to co-ordinate these visits was not the National Trust, but a (parent?) company based in San

Francisco (of course it is) but, rather than shut the lid of my laptop with an annoyed bang, I investigated the virtual tours a little further.

Moving forward to my travels..... the first trip, in mid-January, was to Rome. This tour was 'live' in that we met our tour guide, in real time, in one of the Roman squares on a sunny afternoon. This particular afternoon was a Sunday, the only reason I remember it was a Sunday was due to the crowds meandering around the city either solo or in small groups, passing the time. As we know, 'crowds' is not a word we use lightly at present, the only mention of them being on the News and used in a negative capacity. So I decided that being a weekend, more people were out and about. It was quite a shock to see. Nevertheless, crowds aside, our tour guide meandered along the narrow streets, the squares and steps, showing us the beautiful architecture and history.

My second 'live' tour was to Venice. This was a weekday, and the so-called crowds could be counted on one hand.

This again was an hour of escapist joy, walking with our guide past shops that should have been open, with stories of the famous locals and the wonderful buildings, and of course the canals.

The most recent tours I have ventured out on have been more local, being in London, and virtual, with our guides giving a talk accompanied by photographs. Each tour has a theme, and I have been on Fashionable St James's, Sights and Secrets of Kensington, Roman London, and more. I have also been on a boat trip along the Thames from Kingston to Kew Bridge. www.virtualtourslondon.co.uk and www.walks.com

Like so many small companies, the tour companies are experiencing an extremely difficult time and it is all credit to them for creating these tours on-line. The tours are either free, or a small sum of between £6 and £10, and to my mind well worth it, and for me an absolute life saver. My next trip is to Florence. I can't wait!

Rose Cooper

Notes from Rural France



Market Days can be found on every day of the week in different towns throughout the Dordogne; but you would have to look hard to find one on a Monday. Our nearest large market is in Thiviers on a Saturday and from there you can buy almost anything from beds and mattresses to tin openers, clothes, food of all

descriptions down to live food as well (only if you are into butchering your own stock, skinning or plucking and not for the squeamish). Tasting on some stalls is permitted, banter with all is rife and the meeting and greeting of friends and neighbours is a lively and time consuming affair with much kissing and handshaking (before Covid). Elderly 'paysans' sell their surplus garden produce, mostly salad and quite often a local busker brings his accordion or guitar and serenades the shoppers and stall holders alike.

It was the first time I saw endive sold from the roots, just cut off however many you wanted. The vegetable sections are a delight but sadly not a lot cheaper than the supermarkets. Being a lifelong carnivore The Boss

is always drawn to the meat and fish stalls, looking at the different and sometimes strange cuts of meat and different fish on sale. It was also one of the few times The Boss got to practice his extensive French vocabulary, "oui, non et merci" without the back up from his permanent translator....

Seriously the markets are a delight, they make a good morning out especially if rounded off by a typical French lunch in a nearby café with a local beer on draught or a vin rouge (another addition to The Boss's vocabulary) but you must make sure you are in the café by 12 or there won't be a seat left.

The Mrs

Meals on Wheels: The Camrose Centre is still helping the homeless during lockdown



Staff and volunteers from The Camrose Centre have set up a temporary 'meals on wheels' service, delivering hot food to clients. Homeless and vulnerably

housed people are unable to access food or support which they usually get from The Camrose day sessions; as the Centre is currently closed for lockdown. Clients are being housed during this time (via temporary Government funding) in several hotels in the region, but food is not included.

Camrose staff have begun deliveries of the hot meals, which are prepared by volunteers at the Camrose Centre kitchen and personally delivered three times a week.

Clients are being supplied with a hot meal such as sausage casserole and

mashed potato, followed by home-made cheesecake, along with additional food packs, toiletries and underwear.

Centre Manager Clare Farrow said "Our homeless clients are missing the atmosphere and care that they normally receive when they come to the Camrose Centre. With the help of staff and volunteers, we can come to them while lockdown continues."

To help us continue to support the homeless and vulnerably housed in Basingstoke please consider donating here >> <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/14589>

Sherborne St John Church of England Primary School



Our school continues to work through lockdown, and we are all looking forward to the day when we can welcome all the children back into class. We continue to support key worker children in school as well as the rest of the pupils online, and are impressed with the level of engagement and the quality of work submitted. A great big thank you to the parents that are

managing to support children working from home – we know it is not easy!

For the children who are in school, we are trying to provide some creative and fun challenges in the afternoons so that it is not all hard work! These include art, PE, ICT, and even building bridges or designing newspaper outfits! We miss having visitors into school, but one



visitor that is always welcome is Bertie, Mrs Payne's dog, who enjoys meeting the children at playtime! The children have been hearing about Bertie's progress as he has grown from a puppy, and he is now really part of the school community!

Sherbert
SSJ School Villager Correspondent



Are you wondering how to fill your day during the restrictions of this lockdown?

Why not join one of our Zoom lectures? We are the Basingstoke branch of the Arts Society and we have moved our program of monthly lectures from Sherfield on Loddon Village Hall to Zoom during lockdown. We enjoy stimulating talks from Arts Society registered lectures on a wide range of topics. We are inviting anyone who is interested to join us at these lectures which are live on the third Wednesday each month at 10.45am. Lectures last for an hour and there is opportunity to put questions to the lecturer at the end.

Previous lectures

Our January lecture was about the artist Frida Kahlo - 'Recollections of a Life of Canvas' given by Sian Walters

Our February lecture was 'Fakes and Forgeries' the Art of Deception, given by a former police detective, Michael Kenwood.

We also had a study day at the end of February to learn in more depth about 'Music in Art' by Peter Medhurst.

Next lecture on 17th March at 10.45 am

'The art and Culture of Fin-de- Siecle, Vienna' given by Gavin Plumley.

At the turn of the last century Vienna was the capital of a vast empire and one of the most exciting artistic laboratories in the world. It produced painters such as Gustav Klimt, Egon Schiele, and Oscar Kokoschka, architects like Otto Wagner, Adolf Loos and Josef Hoffman, the psychoanalyst Sigmund Freud, the composer Gustav Mahler and the philosopher Ludwig Wittgenstein.

This lecture looks at these and other figures in the context of the society in which they worked and asks how and why the City of Dreams became a cultural hotbed around 1900.

Do join us on 17th March for non members the lecture costs only £5...to register visit:

theartsocietybasingstoke.org.uk

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News from Basingstoke Hospital

At the time of writing Covid 19 hospitalisations have at last started to drop, but only very slowly. As always it is those older or with underlying health conditions who are worst affected. For the staff having to care for so many it is creating massive work load and emotional pressures of seeing so many in their care suffer so badly. This is particularly so for new doctors straight out of medical school, who have had no break since leaving University.

There is clear evidence that this the new variant – which accounts for a significant proportion of new cases – is much more infectious and the importance of following the rules on social distancing and staying at home wherever possible is now never more important, even as the vaccination programme rapidly expands its roll out. It is salutary to reflect that those who flout the rules are not only putting others at risk from Covid, but also putting huge pressure on other services which could affect those suffering from other conditions, such as heart attacks, strokes and cancer.

The Trust's senior management foresaw the likelihood of this second wave of the virus and planned accordingly, so along with many other actions, they trained many more staff in intensive care nursing. However, the dated infrastructure at Basingstoke hospital

is severely limiting the ability of the Trust to provide flexible care layouts and the best separation of infected patients. To achieve that in the future, the plans for the new hospital will be dynamic, and designed to cope with any future similar events as well as changes in how patients are cared for in the future. At the same time the hospital has continued successfully to recruit more staff.

On an equally positive note, the staff vaccination programme was very rapidly implemented and at the time of writing over 80% have had their first dose. Equally encouraging has been the high staff take up of the 'lateral flow' home testing kits. Staff undertake these twice a week and they have significantly helped to reduce the risk of staff taking the virus into work.

It is estimated that for every 250 people vaccinated a life is saved. A fact worth reflecting on, when our own time comes, and we are deciding whether to take up the offer of vaccination. Whilst there has been a debate over the time between doses, the Government has opted for speeding up the first dose to many more people so they at least receive partial immunity with less risk of severe illness, whilst recognising this does not totally provide the full immunity which will only come when people receive the

second dose. In the meantime it is vital people, on receiving their invite, book quickly, which includes them getting their follow up appointment for the second dose, and attend punctually.

The Trust has recently been recognised as a leader in its digitisation programme, starting with digitisation of patient records after each has been carefully sorted, making them more accessible to staff and updateable in real time. Not only will this help reduce the risk of treatment errors, it will also significantly improve communications with the expectation that the speed of patient treatment will benefit. In addition to those benefits, patient paper records consume a large area of the Trust with some patients with records several feet long! In addition paper records create major logistical issues with moving often very large files around for example for outpatient appointments. Along with this change we can expect to see more outpatient appointments performed over the phone, and perhaps shortly for those that can, by online video. In general it seems these virtual appointments have been well received by all. Changes such as these along with the 'Hampshire Together' programme for more joined up and local treatment for patients holds out a very promising future for us all.



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Currently, workers are responsible for determining whether they are caught by IR35 and should pay income tax and National Insurance Contributions.

Under the new rules, the burden of assessing whether IR35 applies and, crucially, the payment of the relevant taxes shifts to the end user – namely your business.

This means that if you hire a contractor to supply services to you, you will be responsible for determining whether the individual could be deemed a worker or employee for taxation purposes, if that individual did not have the protection of their company.

If the contractor could be regarded as an employee or worker for tax purposes, then your business as the end user will be responsible for paying income tax and National Insurance contributions on the fees paid to their PSC.

The new rules apply even if you use an agency or engage contractors through an umbrella company. If you are the ultimate end user of the services, the buck will still stop with you and you will need to carry out the relevant checks and, if appropriate, withhold the tax.

It is important that all businesses put a regime in place to review anyone “working off payroll” and ensure that they are not at risk of falling foul of the new rules. We recommend as a minimum that businesses carry out an audit for any “off payroll workers” which they have who could be affected by the new rules. This will give you a starting point for identifying the changes which you may need to make to your business including, potentially, engaging those individuals as employees.

The new rules only apply to businesses who meet two of these three criteria:

1. Turnover of more than £10.2 million;
2. Balance sheet total of £5.1 million or more;
3. Employ more than 50 employees.

Small businesses which do not meet the criteria above will not be responsible for the new IR35 rules and the responsibility will remain with the contractor.

We at Phillips Solicitors are able guide you through this significant change and to help to limit your risk if you believe the new rules apply to you either as an employer or as a contractor.

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Probus Hears About Adventures in a Motorhome



In the years leading up to retirement, Probus Club member Dr Jeff Grover and his partner, Mary, had travelled the

four corners of the globe and post retirement had intended to continue their adventures.

By 23 March 2020 they had planned to jet off to Las Vegas to hit the tables, ride in a helicopter over the Grand Canyon and horse ride on a nearby ranch before moving across to LA for a relaxing Mexican cruise.

Then the 'big C' put an abrupt stop to these ambitions – no, not cancer, but Covid -19. Lockdowns, isolation, on-line shopping, bubbles and Zoom all entered our vocabulary but underpinning all this was 'Where can we go on holiday?'

Jeff explains that they had often thought about buying a motorhome but now this had become a genuine option and bought a thirteen year old 2-berth motorhome, with only 16,000 miles on the clock, which fulfilled all our requirements. We had several test runs to the New Forest and south coast each time improving our experiences with this new way of holidaying.

This was all in preparation for the BIG ONE. Two weeks in Scotland negotiating the North Coast 500 during September 2020. This is 500 miles, driving, in our case, anticlockwise from Inverness up the east coast to John O'Groats, turning left towards Durness, and returning to

Inverness down the spectacular setting of the west coast of Scotland.

The other important difference from our southerly sojourns was the introduction of wild camping which is legal in Scotland. Simply put, this involved finding a suitable parking place, lay-by, or car park where we stayed for the night free gratis. Once darkness descends all traffic ceases and a good night's sleep is guaranteed.

We motored northwards up the east coast until we finally arrived at John O'Groats where we parked up for the night. We had arrived! This motor-homing lark was becoming a doddle. However, there was a gale coming off the North Sea but our four wheels clung tenaciously to the tarmac. The following morning, we headed off to Dunnet Head – actually, the most northerly part of mainland UK before staying in a campsite by the beach in the metropolis of Thurso.

Continuing eastwards along the top of Scotland we negotiated the single-track roads with their often, hair-raising passing spaces along the way. We wild camped at every stop over, most memorably one overlooking a small bay, where when opening the bedroom curtains in the morning we were met with a mesmerising sea of tranquil beauty.

The scenery was stunning. Particularly surprising were the expansive but empty sandy beaches located in every bay. If it wasn't for the weather the Scottish west coast could easily rival any Spanish Costa. The dramatic,

moody, mountains (or munros), sheltered valleys coated in bracken and thistle with lochs surrounded by water sodden peat – all with virtually no sign of habitation, were magnificent.

Another highpoint (pun intended) was the route towards Applecross, which has the steepest ascent of any road climb in the UK, rising from sea level at Applecross to 2,054 ft, and is the third highest road in Scotland. This put the motorhome and its driver (me) through their paces negotiating the hairpin bends and testing the efficiency of the brakes and strength of nerve of both occupants.

Walks, whisky tasting (of course), beaches and magnificent scenery were all highpoints of our motorhome adventure. We finished our Scottish adventure at Gretna Green where we spurned the anvil but enjoyed a delicious Scottish breakfast before crossing the border to go home. In total we travelled in excess of 2000 miles in 14 days without incident or trouble.

The secrets of motor homing are patience and tolerance. It takes a while to get used to living in such a confined space, whilst sharing the minutia of everyday life and leaving all inhibitions behind you.

Was the purchase of our motor home a good decision? The answer is yes definitely! Trips to France and Spain have already been mooted, although we could take off at any time to any part of the UK once Covid restrictions are lifted.

Having said this however, we have booked a flight to Argentina in December 2021!!!!

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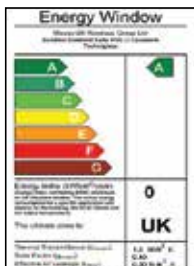
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