

A close-up photograph of a flowering chestnut branch. The branch is covered in clusters of small, white flowers with prominent yellow centers and long, thin, white stamens. Some flowers have pinkish-red markings on their petals. The leaves are large, green, and serrated. The background is a soft-focus green, suggesting a dense foliage.

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Communications to the Editor:

Oh dear, if it is not dog poo it is bonfires.....I have had an email from an SSJ resident asking for greater consideration from the handful of villagers who seem to find it necessary to dispose of garden waste by lighting bonfires.



I was enjoying lunch in my garden with a friend recently on one of the few nice days we have enjoyed after so much wet weather. All the windows to the house were open and I had two loads of washing on the line. And then someone lit a bonfire. Unsurprisingly, given the amount of rain we've had, the bonfire was very smokey; there was also a breeze so within minutes, our garden was full of billowing smoke. The smoke was so widespread I couldn't even work out where it was coming from. We had to retreat indoors, close all the windows and put the washing back in the machine. So much for enjoying the fine weather!

Preventing fellow villagers from enjoying their gardens on a nice day is nothing less than antisocial behaviour. Most of us, out of consideration for our neighbours, manage our garden waste without resorting to bonfires but should they be absolutely necessary, could those lighting them please give consideration to the time of day and the type of day - not breezy, not immediately after weeks of wet weather and preferably not a glorious sunny day - before doing so.

I have also received a long and very newsy letter from a Monk Sherborne resident about the amazing wildlife we have in the nearby countryside including a white buzzard and a possible sighting in November 2003 of a black panther! I would certainly love some wildlife photos for the magazine cover.



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Future Events

June 2018

4	Pelican Film Society, The World's Fastest Indian, The Ark, Guests welcome £6	7.30pm
5	SSJ Women's Fellowship – Yoga for Over 60s, SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
11	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	10.00-11.30am
11	Pamber Parish Council Meeting, St Stephen's Hall, Little London	7.30pm
17	(Sunday) Sherborne St John Village Fete & BBQ, Village Green & Village Hall, Sherborne St John	1.00pm – 4.00pm
17	Basingstoke Ladies Choir Cream Tea concert, venue to be confirmed	
18	Basingstoke Horticultural Society, Woodland Crafts & Ind – Tim Winter, Kempshott Village Hall	7.30pm
25	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion. (Planning meeting 7pm)	7.30pm
25	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	10.00-11.30am

July 2018

2	Pelican Film Society, The Post, The Ark, Guests welcome £6	7.30pm
3	SSJ Women's Fellowship – Strawberry Tea, SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
7	Party on the Green, SSJ Village Green & Village Hall if wet	pm
9	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	10.00-11.30am
9	Pamber Parish Council Meeting, Pamber Heath Memorial Hall	7.30pm
16	Basingstoke Horticultural Society, Visit TBA	7.30pm
23	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion. (Planning meeting 7pm)	7.30pm
23	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	10.00-11.30am

August 2018

6	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	10.00-11.30am
7	SSJ Women's Fellowship – More Where & What in Hampshire, SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
20	Basingstoke Horticultural Society, Tufton Small Holding – Jane Huxton, Kempshott Village Hall	7.30pm
20	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	10.00-11.30am

September 2018

2	Pelican Film Society, Darkest Hour, The Ark, Guests welcome £6	7.30pm
3	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	10.00-11.30am
4	SSJ Women's Fellowship – Talk by Anne Siever	2.00pm
10	Pamber Parish Council Meeting, St Stephen's Hall, Little London	7.30pm
15-22	SSJ Scarecrow Competition, further details to be announced	
17	Basingstoke Horticultural Society, Growing Plants for RHS Chelsea Flower Show – Jamie Butterworth, Kempshott Village Hall	7.30pm
17	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
29	Artisan Market, Sherborne St John Village Hall	11.00am-3.00pm
30	Basingstoke Festival of Choirs, The Anvil	7pm

October 2018

1	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	10.00-11.30am
2	SSJ Women's Fellowship – The Glass Maidens', SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
7	Pelican Film Society, 3 Billboards outside Ebbing Missouri, The Ark Guests welcome £6	7.30pm
8	Pamber Parish Council Meeting, Pamber Heath Memorial Hall	7.30pm
15	Basingstoke Horticultural Society, Australia, A Plantsman's Paradise – Steve Austin, Kempshott Village Hall	7.30pm
15	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	10.00-11.30am
27	Basingstoke Ladies Choir Annual concert + Hants Police Male Voice Choir, QMC	
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

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Church Matters June

How is God's power seen and experienced today? This is a question of real importance because many people are all too ready to write God off saying that they have seen no evidence for his eternal power. They are not sure that he does anything or that what he does is at all impressive by comparison with the vaunted displays of the powerful of the world.

We are all familiar with the various manifestations of worldly power - whether it be military might or money or political influence. Here is power which is visible. We both see it and feel its effects. Who wields power and how that power is used makes a difference to our lives. But many feel that God makes no difference to their lives at all because they are unaware of his power.

Of course worldly power has huge limitations. The absolute dictator will die one day. The rich man will leave all his money behind. The powerful of the land cannot eliminate hunger and

poverty, illness and disease, disasters and death. Indeed, while impressive in a transitory way it would be true to observe that worldly power achieves little or nothing in the longer time-frame, let alone in the context of eternity.

We instinctively realise that the power of God must be absolute and infinite by definition. He is after all the Creator of the entire universe, visible and invisible. If there were a greater power than God's power then God would not be God. He would have been upstaged by this other power. Realising this, people look for a demonstration of that power which impresses them. But God does not seem to be eliminating all the bad things from our world so people conclude that he is not there. This is a great mistake.

If we want to be able to assess accurately the power of any individual we must first know how that person has chosen to manifest his power. We cannot demand that their power is demonstrated according to our particular criteria. You could not test the power of a train by its ability to take off at an airport! Perhaps God has chosen not to eliminate all the bad things from this present creation. If that is so it is pointless to deny his power because he is not doing that. We ought to notice that it is a good thing that God does not instantly obliterate everything bad or he would have to eliminate us - for every one of us has a selfish and sinful nature.

The Bible tells that sufferings of all sorts are a feature of life in this present age. There is a reason for this. It is not that God could not prevent such things but that he has chosen not to do so - in fact he himself has 'subjected creation to frustration'.¹ This world will never be free from sufferings and death. But God is preparing a future from which all such things will be absent for ever. This glorious future, more wonderful than anything we can imagine, is prepared for those who love him.²

But how may we share in that glorious future? That takes power - real power. For God has declared that only those who have 'clean hands and a pure heart'³ may dwell with him in glory - how may we ever have that? And it's not just a matter of pleasing him one day and ignoring him the next - this is about a consistent relationship. How can we possibly achieve that? The answer is of course that we can't - but he can - and he does - through the substitutionary death of Christ.

St Paul says that the message of the cross 'is the power of God'.⁴ By it he converts the sinner to Christ. One day we will see that bringing an individual sinner to faith in Christ, sustaining him or her in relationship to Christ and bringing them at last to glory is a mighty demonstration of his power. And we shall see it all the more clearly if that sinner just happens to be us!

John Hamilton

¹ Romans 8:20

² 1Corinthians 2:9

³ Psalm 24:3

⁴ 1Corinthians 1:18

Services for June

03 June

10am Family Communion St Andrew's

10 June

8am Holy Communion Priory
10am Morning Service, Sunday Club, Crèche St Andrew's
10am Morning Service All Saints

17 June

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

24 June

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

01 July

10am Parish Communion, Sunday Club & Crèche St Andrew's

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 10AM:

03 June	Money Problems	Luke 18:18-27	John Hamilton
10 June	The grace of God	Ephesians 2:8	Scott Seivewright & John Hamilton
17 June	The wisdom of God	Ephesians 3:10	Andrew King
24 June	The Holy Spirit of God	Ephesians 4:30	John Hamilton & Andrew King
01 July	The Church of God	Ephesians 5:32	John Hamilton

MIDWEEK

Home Groups meet in the weeks of Tuesday 5 & 19 June.

We meet for Central Fellowship on Tuesday 12 & 26 June. Coffee at 7.45pm followed by Bible study discussion and prayer; finish at 9pm

Roman Catholic Services (Tel: 819772)

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

Weekday Mass

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

* Time & Venue could vary

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PARISH COUNCIL

This month's Council and Planning meetings were held on Monday 23rd April at the Chute Pavilion.

Parish Matters

Hopefully many of you will have noticed that the village "gates" on Elm Road have been cleared of weeds and re-painted white. This is not only tidier but makes the entrance to our village more obvious to motorists. We will now repeat this for the other village entrances. See the before and after shots below.



Planning Matters

We have received feedback from residents that they would like to see planning applications in the monthly article. It must be noted that many of these will have already been reviewed by Basingstoke and Deane by the time the Villager goes to press. If you do wish to view the full applications or make comments this can be done on the BDBC Planning Department website - www.basingstoke.gov.uk/view-planning-applications.

The applications discussed this month were as follows:

18/00780/FUL - Vyne Road 1 x 2 Bed Dwelling OS ref 462845 155806.

18/00828/ROC - The Vyne - Variation on planning application 16/02330/FUL

T/00157/18/CA - 15 Kiln Road Yew Tree Cottage

18/01123/HSE - High Bank Elm Rd Erection of Single Storey Rear Ext & Roofed Veranda

Roads

After another winter, the roads within and surrounding the village are suffering from potholes. The Parish Council continue to apply pressure to HCC, despite their budget cuts, to undertake timely repairs. If you see, and would like to report, any potholes, this can be done on the HCC website. A link to the site can be found on the SSJ website www.sherbornestjohn-pc.gov.uk on the Local Companies and Contacts page of the Directory.

Speeding traffic through the village is also a major worry for parishioners. The Parish Council is currently reviewing the Hampshire County Council's Community Initiative scheme quote to improve traffic and reduce speeding at West End on the A340. This follows a review by HCC and the Parish Council on the best solution to make the situation in the area much better. The scheme will make it much more obvious to drivers that they are entering the village area and to respect the 30mph signs.

Village Events

And finally, don't forget that with summer nearly upon us there are a number of village events to put in your diary.

The Village Fete, organised by the Village Hall, is back again this year and will held on **Sunday 17th June** on the Village Green.

Piccolo Nursery is also holding a fete on **Saturday 22nd June** at the Chute Recreation Ground.

And this year's **Village Party** is on **Saturday 7th July** on the Village Green. Bring your own food, drink, gazebos etc. and enjoy the entertainment – and it's all free!

We are here to help you. If there are any matters or problems you wish to bring to the attention of the Parish Council, please contact any of the councillors or the Parish Clerk, Penny Mayo.

Cllr Carl Davies

Unfortunately the meeting for 21st May had to be cancelled due to lack of a quorum of Councillors – the next meeting is on 25th June 2018 at the Chute Pavilion at 7.30p.m.

Please see the notice below as it is important.

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Email (essential for information flow)

Tel (not essential but can be helpful)

Address (not essential but can be helpful)

If you do not respond by 31 May 2018 we will delete all the contact information we hold.

If at any time you wish to cease being a member of the group let us know and we will delete all the contact information we hold.

Notes from Pamber Green and Pamber End

Well I suppose things are looking up with some welcome periods of calm and warm weather. The garden is showing real signs of life and mowers are often heard. With the better weather, you may wish to consider using long distance path 'The Brenda Parker Way' which passes through Pamber Forest, www.brendaparkerway.hampshire.org.uk for more detail.

Lots of different local news this month and much of it positive. A 40mph speed limit will be painted along the A340 as well as a speed limit painted at the entrance and exit to Little London on Silchester Road. Hopefully, this will firmly re-enforce in the minds of drivers what the requirements are. Those of you living near the A340 end of New Road may, by the time you read this, have greatly improved broadband speed. SSE has been seen running power to the BT cabinet and, hopefully, it is now live. Work is also progressing at the Silchester Road end though this is still some way from completion.

The Neighbourhood Plan is progressing well with the Steering Group working on a proposed Mission Statement which is yet to be completed. The Group, chaired by Dee Woolfender and Secretary Simon Greaves, has representatives from each of the four settlements within Pamber, plus two Parish Councillors. News from every meeting they hold will be published on a dedicated page on the Pamber Parish Council website. Parishioners are

welcome to contribute at any point and an email address pambernp@gmail.com has now been set up for anyone wishing to contact the Steering Group. The next meeting of the Parish Council is 11/6/18 starting at 7.30pm at St Stephen's Village Hall, Little London.

In conjunction with the illegal traveller site in Silchester, MP for North East Hampshire, Ranil Jayawardena MP, is launching a petition to urge HM Government to strengthen police powers. Rhydian Vaughan, who is the County Councillor for our part of Hampshire, is working with Ranil to create a better solution for unwanted traveller settlements. He is looking for support for his petition and the link is <http://ranil.uk/travellers>

Local items of a more social nature are also plentiful at the moment. Basingclog Morris Dancers will be at the Four Horseshoes, Sherfield on Loddon on the 5/6/18. The Boars Bridge Festival, hosted each year at Boars Bridge House on the Bramley Road, raises money for Multiple Sclerosis – over £45,000 so far. The event this year is from the 22 to 24/6/18 so please visit their web site for more information and tickets. Advance warning that St Stephen's Village Hall in Little London is planning a fun afternoon and barbeque on Saturday, 7/7/18, more detail to follow. So please diary date this to attend and support the committee in fund raising to maintain the hall.

Details are emerging of local residents who have an exciting range of skills and talents. These range from handcrafted cakes and cards for every occasion, babysitting, bed and breakfast accommodation, gardening, Italian lessons, home IT support, Pilates and hypnotherapy. The list is ever growing and if you are interested in receiving details of this information or getting your name added to it please let me know.

Feedback is in of the local choir charity fund raising concert successes. Basingstoke Ladies Choir raised in excess of £900 for St Michael's Hospice whilst Tadley Singers raised about £1,400 towards the Tadley Lunch Club's new minibus, a replacement which is very much needed. Tadley Rock Choir has also been raising money for St Michael's Hospice at their rehearsals since October 2017 with all sorts of events and services purely aimed at their own members. Currently they have raised £1,300 and are aiming for £2,000. Forthcoming events for the choirs include Tadley Rock Choir singing at Tadley Treacle Fair on Sunday afternoon 3/6/18 and Tadley Singers on 30/6/18 at 7.30pm, Pamber Heath Memorial Hall.

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The Basingstoke Ladies Choir



The Basingstoke Ladies Choir is an outstanding choir who **"JUST LOVE TO SING"**. Do you love to sing? Do you love music of all genres? If so why don't you come along and join us? The Basingstoke Ladies Choir rehearses every Monday evening. For further information, visit our website at www.basingstokeladieschoir.co.uk. Alternatively, contact: Alwyn Branchley alwynb46@talktalk.net (01256 781194) or Pam Verdon verdon@verdonet.org.uk (01256 702905).

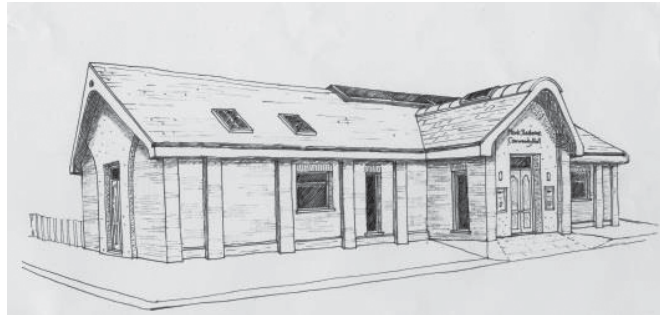
Apart from the well documented health benefits of singing, our choir participates in concerts both home and away and overseas! We are very friendly, welcoming and inclusive and enjoy a range of social events specifically organised for our members. We also love raising money for charity.

Under the direction of our new musical director, Rob Elliot, we are learning a new and varied repertoire so NOW is the time to join. Our last concert in

April "A Celebration of Life and Love" in memory of loved ones, raised over £900 for St. Michael's Hospice. The informal cabaret style table arrangement was well received by our guests, including the Mayor and Mayoress of Basingstoke. The venue was packed to the rafters. At the end of the concert the hall was buzzing, with an ovation plus many comments of praise. If you would like to be part of this exciting, progressive choir **COME AND JOIN US!**

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Fund Raising for Monk Sherborne New Village Hall



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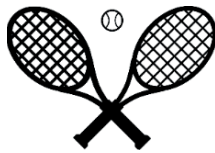


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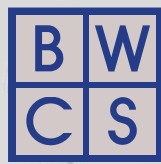
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There seems to be a food theme running through our topics this term. Classes 1 and 2 have a project entitled 'Global Grub' where they are looking at foods of the world as well as being educated on healthy eating and trying out cooking for themselves (the scones were excellent!). Class 3 are studying Fair Trade which seems to involve close examination of chocolate bars, amongst other foods! Only Class 4 are not food focussed, with their project called 'What have the Romans ever done for us?' (The answer, amongst other important inventions, also includes wine and olives, so not totally food-free!)

Class 3 were also investigating rivers, and they had a class sleepover at the Gilbert White Study Centre. This was great fun, and the class are now in the process of applying for a green Blue Peter badge as a result. They all had to write letters to Blue Peter; this one, written by Poppy, gives a flavour of the event:

Dear Blue Peter

I am writing to apply for a green Blue Peter badge. I want to tell you about

my camping trip to Gilbert White Field Study Centre. We had a camp fire and we cooked some bread. While we were cooking, Pipistrelle bats were flying around us. Then we went on a nightwalk and we saw a female fox (vixen) and 3 nests – kestrel, owl and duck. Then we went to a pond and in the pond were great-crested newts and smooth newts. Then we made animals out of clay and sticks and leaves. I made a hedgehog. In the morning we saw some moths because we set a moth-trap but it didn't make the moths die. We looked at some taxidermy animals; a fox, badger, weasel and stoat. Then we saw a living vole – it was a male and we weighed it to check it was healthy. After that, we went to a river and we measured it across the river to see how long it was. We put some nets in the river to catch some creatures, like bloodworms, shrimp, worms and leeches. We put green dye to see how fast the river flows and used ducks to see how fast it flows around the edges at five metres.

Yours sincerely

Poppy

PS It was brilliant!

The end of the tag rugby season for this year saw the Year 3/4 team and the Year 5/6 team taking part in the Sparkling Rugby festivals at Overton. Both teams showed excellent teamwork and there was some super tagging and try-scoring. Year 3/4 reached the quarter finals, and Year 5/6 reached the semi-finals, so well done to both teams! Other sporting events this half term have included a Sports Festival run by the Change 4 Life leaders, a Year 3 / 4 tennis competition to which we sent 3 teams for the first time, and a Tri-golf competition for Years 3/4 and 5/6. At school, there has been coaching in tennis and gymnastics for Class 4 and cricket for the Infants.

Our May Festival was held on 11th May and whilst we enjoyed the barbeque and a little glass of something, we were entertained with displays of Maypole dancing and country dancing from Class 3.

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Sherbert – SSJ School Villager Correspondent

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Sunday 10th June

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All around could be seen the Beatles, Elvis Presley, the death of Marilyn Monroe, the assassination of President Kennedy, James Bond films, Twiggy with miniskirts and men with long hair and flared trousers not forgetting England winning the World Cup. But what to do?

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Needless to say the restrictions placed on indentured apprentices of yesteryear of not visiting playhouses and taverns, gambling, committing fornication or marrying did not apply to the speaker during his five years with day release at technical college and night school. A company in the Cambridge Instrument group was the benefactor of the speaker’s ambitions having told the managing director at interview, that his job looked attractive.

Like apprentices in all trades he was subject to the usual initiations by the “timed served” tradesmen. Sending him for a tin of elbow grease or a bag of bubbles for the spirit levels, having his tools welded to the bench or having parts of his anatomy painted with marking blue dye was all to be endured. The only consolation was that he could look forward to applying the same rituals to the next incoming apprentice.

To enhance his appreciation of how the instruments made by his company were used in the wide world visits were arranged to some customers. The David Brown factory in Newport Pagnell, was home of Aston Martin and Lagonda, the super cars of the 60s. Here he heard about the Aston Martin DB5 used by James Bond in the film Goldfinger in 1964 when six body shells were needed for various scenes.

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David Wickens was clearly good at his job, achieving the award of apprentice of the year. To demonstrate some of the skills learned in the early part of his apprenticeship he brought along some of the hand tools he had made in those years.



Further experiences were developed in Work Study and Production Engineering, then in the Drawing Office where draughtsmen used pencil and paper well before the advent of CAD technology and eventually into Sales and Marketing. This latter area held him for the rest of his career as he progressed to become Export Manager visiting many manufacturing plants throughout the World.

And it all started the day he saw a fan blade being tested.

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Bert's Blog



As I was saying last month - sunbathing is fine if you cover up certain parts - however at the moment I seem to have been overtaken by the Mrs who thinks I need some protection! I kept trying to tell her

that I was fine without the hat but she can be insistent. I do have a need for some kind of protection as I will explain but not necessarily from the sun... The Mrs is decorating my bedroom. At first she put my bed out of doors while she

was sanding down the walls and ceiling. However, due to the concern from the Mrs of not constantly remaining in the brilliant sunshine I had crept back in doors to lay down on the cool floor for a bit of respite from the heat. When I ventured outdoors again to find the Boss he didn't recognise me. After a quick intake of breath he loudly asked what the Mrs had done to me as I now resembled a white, pasty ghost of a dog and not his favourite chocolate. This elicited surprise from the Mrs who didn't know I was inside when she was sanding down the walls and she instantly began patting and brushing me with her hands to rid my coat of white dust. This was such an enjoyable experience that I sneaked

back inside again when she had her back turned, only by this time the sandpaper had been replaced with paint and rollers and I later emerged into the sunshine rather reminiscent of a Dalmation with large white spots..... The Boss instantly decided he and I needed to take a run down to the lake so I could swim my way back to being a chocolate Labrador again. Just by chance the Boss remembered he had to check out his fishing tackle and together we spent a pleasant afternoon playing by the water. On our return my bedroom had a perfect white ceiling and the Mrs treated me to a jolly good towelling and brushing which almost made up for trying to change my breed!

Sherborne St John Social Club

Elm Road Sherborne St John RG24 9HP

Forthcoming Events

Day	Date	Event
Saturday	2 nd June 2018	Quiz Night
Saturday	16 th June 2018	Summer Wine Tasting
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GP90 is poignant for me, as my grandfather, who was 19 years old at the time, was sent to the Front Line

for the first time on 30th August 1918 from "Dirty Bucket" camp just outside Ypres, ready for the Big Push, so he may well have marched on the same route of the GP90 almost exactly 100 years ago. He served in the Machine Gun Corps (MGC) and miraculously survived the war, even though his Battalion suffered severe casualties. More than one third of those who served in the MGC were killed or wounded during the conflict earning it the nickname "The Suicide Club".

Armistice Day this year coincides with Remembrance Sunday and to commemorate this event, at 7pm on Sunday 11th November, a Beacon will be lit on Clift Meadow. This will be replicated in villages and towns all over the country. Then at 7:05pm all the Church bells in the United Kingdom will ring out, including the bells at St James Church, Bramley but at the time of writing (11th May) I do not know if SSJ is taking part in this National event.

We have a number of events planned for the Branch in the coming months, including an informal Summer Barbeque

in conjunction with the Bramley Youth Organisations, a visit to Worthy Down, which is now home to the Defence College of Logistics, Policing and Administration and our Branch Annual Dinner on Friday 5th October in Sherborne St John where our Guest of Honour will be a former Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshall Sir Richard Johns GCB, KCVO, CBE.

Our next Branch meeting will be on Tuesday 12th June 2018 at Cross House starting at 7:30pm. We serve light refreshments, including drinks. I look forward to seeing members and any casual visitors who may be interested in what we do. We are open to anyone who is interested in finding out more about the Royal British Legion, so please feel free to just turn up. Remember you DON'T need to have served in the Armed Forces to become a member.

Steve Day – Branch Treasurer – 07341 552732

<http://branches.britishlegion.org.uk/branches/bramley-district>

St. Michael's Hospice Big Wheel 26

Sunday 22nd July 2018, Down Grange Sports Complex, Basingstoke, RG22 5SN

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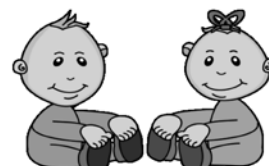
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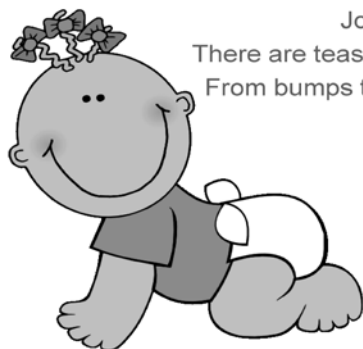


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It was very important that "Women should keep up Appearances". But with an annual personal clothing allowance of 61 coupons, of which 57 would be required to clothe a child for both school and home, ways and means had to be found for you and your family to be well presented. First look around the home, back of the wardrobe for some discarded woollen, unpick the stitches, wrap resulting wool around cardboard template, wash, before knitting into a desirable garment. Mrs Stacey displayed such a fairisle pullover she had made for herself with a smart white silk blouse

underneath, unfortunately the front had a scorch mark and the back a burn hole which had been patched with a highly coloured patch, but no matter both were hidden and she was smartly dressed for her meeting. The best suits of husbands (serving in the forces) could be 'liberated' from the back of wardrobes, inner trouser seams undone and smart skirt designed. Mrs Stacey was herself wearing a handsome tweed suit which could itself have been so 'liberated', as Mr Stacey was working for the War Office and was himself in uniform. A pair of short long johns appeared which Mr Stacey was seemingly not allowed to wear, these together with woollen knitted knickers, with ribbons instead of elastic, were passed round with other unmentionable female apparel of the time. It was stressed that we should keep our eyes on the skies, and on seeing parachutes descending we should rush to the drop zone with a large bag and scissors, cut the cords, gather up together as much parachute silk as possible and only then administer first aid if necessary! Very useful material for undergarments. Then hints on make up. Burnt cork instead

of eyebrow pencil, melted lipstick ends into new stick, gravy browning instead of stockings, beware of rain! Then a recipe from Marguerite Patten's, (food writer and broadcaster for the Ministry) recipe book. First ingredient Mr Stacey had brought in from garden, 1 tsp sugar from meagre ration and a secret ingredient all stirred together until smooth, could be used for cake or sandwich filling - based on mashed potato, turnip or parsnip with cocoa as secret ingredient.

There were many more 'useful' hints and entertaining tales before Mrs Stacey made apologies that the Wing Commander had not made an appearance to thank the ladies for their large heap of pots, pans and cans contribution towards the Spitfire Appeal. The afternoon ended with a sing song of War Time favourites after which Mrs Daphne Thirlwall thanked our Speaker for a very entertaining, and instructive talk.

At the June meeting Members look forward to 'Yoga for Over 60s' by Maryrose Loxley.

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