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# Editorial



I know the front cover of this issue doesn't look very Christmassy – but the scarecrows in SSJ in September were SO AMAZING that I felt they deserved full-on publicity to cheer us all up during the dark winter months and election blues !

## Winners of SSJ Scarecrow competition 2019

**MOST INVENTIVE SCARECROW** — **A Magical Sporting Opportunity Comes to SSJ** by The Isles Family - West End (Harry Potter and friend in the trees)

**MOST TOPICAL SCARECROW** — **Howzat!** by Chris and Nuala Hart  
Manor Road (cricket)

**MOST TRADITIONAL SCARECROW** — **Bobcat** by Emily McEwan  
Spring Close (rabbit character with ears sitting in a chair)

**PEOPLES CHOICE** — **Jacob Rees Mogg** by Penny Luke  
(Jacob RM reclining in the hedge)

**COMMITTEE'S AWARD** — **Farmer John** by the Grange staff and residents  
(farmer with chickens sitting by the fence)

Thanks to everyone who took part and for those that enjoyed the Scarecrow Trail.  
Also thanks to Harlequin Printing for producing the leaflets. Thinking caps on for next year !

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## Good news!

The Abbey Road post office is to reopen on 6th December. It will be part of a newsagent shop

## Bad news

A quantity of lead was stolen from St. Andrews church roof sometime between 31st October and 2nd November. It will cost a substantial sum to replace and we thought it might be worth reporting through the Neighbourhood Watch channels. The police were informed and we have a crime number. Our concern is that the thieves might return.

If anyone has any information about this please contact Ted Wilkinson on 01256 850891

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# Future Events



## December 2019

|    |                                                                                                   |                   |
|----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 3  | Women's Fellowship, Christmas Lunch, Weybrook Golf Club                                           |                   |
| 7  | Beau Farm Shop, open on corner of Morgaston/Vyne Road                                             | 10.00am – 4.00pm  |
| 8  | Tadley Singers Christmas Concert, Pamber Heath Memorial Hall, in aid of the Ark Cancer Centre     | 3.30pm            |
| 9  | SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME                                | 09.30am – 11.30am |
| 9  | B/S Horticultural Society, Members Christmas Party, Kempshot VH, Tel: 01256 466281                | 7.30pm            |
| 9  | Pelican Film Society Xmas Meal £27 non-members welcome (Members£20) "Funny Cow", Guest Welcome £7 | 6.00pm            |
| 14 | Beau Farm Shop, open on corner of Morgaston/Vyne Road                                             | 10.00am – 4.00pm  |
| 18 | Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion. (Planning meeting 7pm)                  | 7.30pm            |
| 21 | Beau Farm Shop, open on corner of Morgaston/Vyne Road                                             | 10.00am – 4.00pm  |

## January 2020

|    |                                                                                  |                   |
|----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 6  | SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME               | 09.30am – 11.30am |
| 6  | Pelican Film Society I Tonya, The Ark Guests welcome £7                          | 7.30pm            |
| 7  | Women's Fellowship, TBA, SSJ Village Hall                                        | 2.00pm            |
| 20 | SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME               | 09.30am – 11.30am |
| 22 | Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion. (Planning meeting 7pm) | 7.30pm            |

## February 2020

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|----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 3  | SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME               | 09.30am – 11.30am |
| 3  | Pelican Film Society Stan and Ollie, The Ark Guests welcome £7                   | 7.30pm            |
| 4  | Women's Fellowship, AGM and Bring and Buy, SSJ Village Hall                      | 2.00pm            |
| 17 | SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME               | 09.30am – 11.30am |
| 26 | Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion. (Planning meeting 7pm) | 7.30pm            |

## Bert's Blog

Winter is upon us and my fur coat comes in very handy on the cold nights and frosty mornings. The Mrs complains that most of my fur seems to be distributed haphazardly around the house but I assure her that the majority is on my back and I just need an all over two hour brush every day to keep it sleek and luxurious. She seems to think this is a joke but I will say anything to get some extra petting and attention. Alas out comes the Hoover again and I am tortured with the noise and suction as it removes my excess hair not only from my back but from any surrounding areas that the Mrs insists it has crept into.



Winter brings not only cold weather but the season for shooting and filling the freezer with game and venison to sustain not only the Boss for the rest of the year but me as well. The Boss has had many requests to reduce the pigeon population in the village as apparently these cheeky and prolific birds are causing untold damage to gardens, plants and crops and leaving unsightly

white deposits wherever they perch. This photo is me doing what my breed does – retrieving – in this case one of the despatched pigeons that have been terrorising the neighbourhood. I am bringing it back to the Boss and adding it to the number he will be taking to the game dealers minus the few he keeps for himself so he can have pigeon breasts braised in red wine for dinner – a little number he is quite fond of and so am I. He now needs to instruct the Mrs to forget my stray hair, stop the Hoovering and get cooking – the certain way to man's heart is through his stomach swiftly followed, in my case, by oodles of strokes and a long loving petting – can't speak for the Boss!

# Sherbornes with Pamber

The season of advent and Christmas is a time of expectancy and excitement. No - I'm not describing the General Election! The word advent means 'to come' and during December we await the birth of Jesus and the beginning of a new dawn as God comes down to earth to dwell among His people.



This theme of waiting, expectancy and excitement is very apt for us too as we look forward to welcoming our new rector. We are delighted that Rev Daniel Newman will begin his ministry with us just after the New Year, and his first Sunday service will be in St Andrews on Sunday 19th January. I hope you will join us to welcome him to our parish.

Daniel is currently Associate Minister at St John's and Emmanuel church in Woking. He is married to Brooke and they have five children, Caedmon, Reuben, Jerome, Anastasia and Isaac. It is an exciting time for him and his family and also for all of us in the church and the community as a new chapter in the life of the church and parish begins.

Meanwhile, the Advent and Christmas period is a busy time for us all and please see the special services in all three of our churches during December. Some are particularly aimed at children and families and it will be wonderful to welcome you to any of our services and gatherings. The Christmas story is meant to be shared and understood by everyone.

I am always struck by the fact that the angels chose to announce the birth of Jesus to shepherds who were tending their flocks at night.\* This is an announcement about the saviour of the world; God's own son. You would think the announcement would have been made to royalty or government leaders or church/synagogue leaders. But instead it is to shepherds, who at that time would have been almost outsiders; barely on the social scale at all. This highlights that the message of Christmas is for every one of us.

It is a message of hope that comes in the form of a baby. The angel announced to the shepherds that this is 'good news to all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Christ'. \*

Jesus came to save us and to reconcile us to God. He came to offer a new life with Him and a peace which only he can offer. What a wonderful message in amongst the trials and troubles that everyday life can bring. Please come and help us to celebrate and to worship our great God in this Christmas season.

So, as we look forward to welcoming Daniel and his family we are praying for a smooth transition and that God will work mightily through him in the days, and years to come and that his ministry with us will be fruitful and a joy to us all.

So as we look forward to celebrating this season we thank God for Jesus and wish you all a happy Christmas and a prosperous and peaceful New Year.

**Steve Howe**

*\*Luke 2 v 8, Luke 2 v 10b - 11; Luke 2 v 14*



## Letter to the Editor



After reading the letter posted in the October Villager I'd like to give my point of view on the situation and hopefully give the younger generation more of a chance.

Unfortunately young people are going through just as tough of a time due to lack of funding in the NHS, predominately the mental health section, and this is putting a big strain on young people. Where are they meant to turn to when the NHS won't help them and you can't afford private health care?

Also, people are allowed to wear what they please and as long as they are happy in their skin; they should not be judged or body shamed by their choice of clothing or tattoos as long as they are body confident and happy then who are we to comment? What needs to be learned is to not knock peoples' confidence as this can have lasting effects.

We, the younger generation, are doing a great job while battling all sorts of problems: from current political climate, how our future in education could be

affected by leaving the EU and mental health cuts to name a few. We are a strong generation, the next generation and the older community need to realise that we are here to stay and make a greater change! The older generation need to take a step back and look at what we are dealing with. Yes you may have had it tough, but so do we. Give young people a chance to share their voice and support them for a change. See the positive impact we can have and you'll see a better community.

**Megan Huggins**



## 01 Dec

|      |                                        |               |
|------|----------------------------------------|---------------|
| 10am | Parish Communion, Sunday Club & Crèche | St Andrew's   |
| 5 pm | ADVENT CAROLS                          | Pamber Priory |

## 08 Dec

|              |                                       |             |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| 10am         | Morning Service, Sunday Club & Crèche | St Andrew's |
| 10am         | Morning Service                       | All Saints  |
| 4.15 for 5pm | CHRISTINGLE SERVICE (see below)       | St Andrew's |

## 15 Dec

|        |                                              |             |
|--------|----------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 10am   | Morning Service, Sunday Club & Crèche        | St Andrew's |
| 4.30pm | CHILDREN'S CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT (see below) | St Andrew's |
| 6.30pm | CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT                        | St Andrew's |

## 22 Dec

|      |                |             |
|------|----------------|-------------|
| 10am | Family Service | St Andrew's |
|------|----------------|-------------|

## 24 Dec

|     |                            |            |
|-----|----------------------------|------------|
| 5pm | Christmas Eve Crib Service | All Saints |
|-----|----------------------------|------------|

## 25 Dec

|       |                              |            |
|-------|------------------------------|------------|
| 9.30  | Christmas Day Family Service | All Saints |
| 10.45 | Christmas Day Family Service | St Andrews |

## 29 Dec

|      |                |             |
|------|----------------|-------------|
| 10am | Family Service | St Andrew's |
|------|----------------|-------------|

8 DECEMBER CHRISTINGLE SERVICE starts at 5 pm but please come to church at 4.15 pm to make your "Christingle" and enjoy a cake and drink. *GIFTS OF TOYS (New and Unwrapped)* are welcome and will be distributed through The Besom in Basingstoke (a Christian charity) to those in need.

15 DECEMBER CHILDREN'S CAROLS. Children are invited to dress up as any character from the Nativity story. Refreshments will be served after the service.

## SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10AM:

|        |                                |                  |                            |
|--------|--------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| 01 Dec | Birth of Isaac                 | Genesis 21:1-21  | Reverend Rob Phillips      |
| 08 Dec | Sacrifice of Isaac             | Genesis 22:1-19  | Warren Trask & Andy Spence |
| 15 Dec | The coming of the Son of Man   | Matthew 24:29-35 | Steve Howe                 |
| 22 Dec | The coming of the unknown hour | Matthew 24:36-51 | Warren Trask               |
| 29 Dec | Be prepared for the Bridegroom | Matthew 25:1-13  | Andy Spence                |

## MIDWEEK MEETINGS

Home Groups meet in the week of Monday 9 December.

We meet to **Pray** in Sherborne St John school at 9.30am, prior to the service, during term time.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

As last year church members are encouraged to wish one another happy Christmas by signing one big card in church rather than sending cards individually. The money thus saved may be given to the missions we support. The card will be in St Andrews throughout December and giving envelopes will be available.

# Programme for January 2020

## 05 Jan

10am Family Service St Andrew's

## 12 Jan

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

## 19 Jan

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

## 26 Jan

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

## 02 Feb

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

### SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10AM:

|        |                            |                   |                                  |
|--------|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| 05 Jan | Be prepared for the Master | Matthew 25:14-30  | To be advised                    |
| 12 Jan | A different Gospel?        | Galatians 1:1-10  | Steve Howe & Andy Spence         |
| 19 Jan | Paul the persecutor        | Galatians 1:11-24 | Reverend Daniel Newman           |
| 26 Jan | Entrusted with the Gospel  | Galatians 2:1-10  | Warren Trask & Rev Daniel Newman |
| 02 Feb | In line with the Truth     | Galatians 2:11-21 | Reverend Daniel Newman           |

### MIDWEEK

Home Groups meet in the weeks of Monday 13 & 26 January.

We meet to Pray in Sherborne St John school at 9.30am, prior to the service, during term time.



## 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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# Pamber Green, Pamber End and Little London notes

There are a number of reasons I always know Christmas is coming - the dark evenings and cold; the dreaded carols and Christmas songs at choir rehearsals and Christmas goods appearing in the shops in October. Also you will have to wait for further Villager news until February 2020 (copy deadline 12/1/20) as this December issue will cover January as well.

The weather has been devastating for so many of late. It must be truly heartbreaking to see everything you have worked for destroyed. Nearer to home, the limit of difficulties in Pamber Forest are very muddy paths, some being underwater. No doubt it will get worse!

It is nice to report that three parishioners have contacted me with news this month. David Cullum says that on Saturday 26th October there was a wedding at Pamber Priory with about 120 guests coming from far and wide. On the Saturday morning four professionally made direction signs (24 x 18 inches) which were put out along Ramsdell Road and Salters Heath Road. By 4pm the same day one of those signs had been removed. David asks who could possibly object to a sign helping motorists find their way to the wedding and would like the missing sign be returned to Pamber Priory. He adds that a few years ago the same sign at the same location was uprooted and thrown over a wall.

Steve Rackstraw writes about the Little London Ping Pong (LLPP) group meeting at St. Stephen's Hall, Little London on most Tuesday evenings for a game of table tennis. Currently only a few locals attend and the group is keen to increase numbers so please come along and join the fun. Steve also raises a question about the new Parish notice board at the A340/ New Rd junction in Pamber Green and whether it would be possible to put an LLPP notice in that board and who holds a key. I have made enquiries and will report back.

Dai Ogborn reports that the Carol Concert and Christmas tree lighting at St

Stephen's Hall, Little London will be held on Friday December 6th, starting at 6.30 pm. There will be a short carol concert and then the Village Christmas tree outside the hall will be lit. Everyone is then invited into the hall to socialise over mince pies, sausage rolls and a glass of mulled wine, wine of your choice or soft drinks. This is a very happy and relaxing opportunity to meet each other for a chat and exchange Christmas greetings.

It is pleasing to see the 'Silent Soldiers' reappeared as Remembrance Day approached.

Parish Council planning related news from September notes complaints about unlawful storage of construction vehicles and machinery at Pamber Farm. They have been instructed to stop all work and await the result of a retrospective planning application. Yet another planning application for 4 dwellings on land at Berry Court Farm, opposite St Stephen's Hall was due to be heard by BDBC Planning Committee at the beginning of November. The Parish Council had, this time, agreed to object to the application but the application was withdrawn from the Planning Committee agenda just before the meeting whilst the biodiversity report is reviewed. Outline permission on 11 dwellings opposite Elm Park Garden Centre in Pamber End has been granted.

Other Parish Council news includes the award of £350 for Pamber Forest; the next phase of the Neighbourhood Plan update is due to roll out with a leaflet and request for local views; Cllr Tyson is doing a sterling work updating the Parish web site and adds reports to social media such as Facebook and Twitter, including the Chairman's synopsis Report of Council decisions prior to release of formal minutes. The next Parish Council meeting is on 9/12/19 at St Stephen's Hall, Little London. Dates for 2020 are not yet published but the first will, presumably, be 13/1/20 at Pamber Heath Memorial Hall.

The season for opportunist burglaries are upon us again. Tools and other

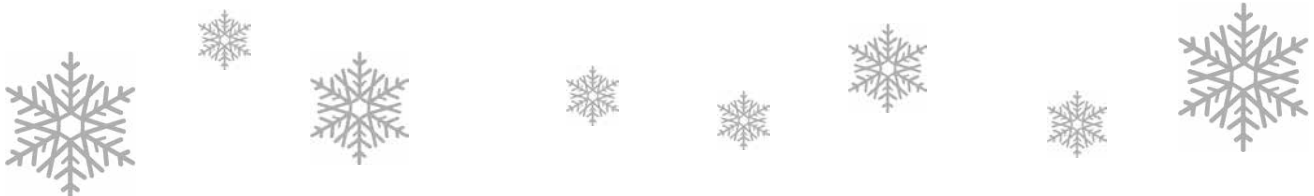
valuable items and equipment have been stolen from stables, sheds and storage facilities in Pamber Green. Some of these locations were very well secured but extreme force still allowed the thieves access. Please take extra special care of your belongings.

Foodbank donations can again be made at Tadley Swimming Pool on Saturday 7th December from 10.00am – 12.30pm. Please be mindful that donations should have a longish use by date and be easy and cheap to cook.

A date for the Planning Inspectorate to hear the Traveller and Gypsy appeal against the refusal for retrospective planning permission for 13 residential caravan pitches on the land off Culhams Mill is still awaited. However, news has been received about the unauthorised Traveller encampment in Cufau Lane, Bramley which has seen unauthorised residential development on the land since 2014. Development has increased significantly over the last two years with a number of caravans, mobile homes and other buildings now established there. The appeal has been refused and the occupiers are required to vacate the site within the next twelve months. This is a flood plain and has a visual impact locally and on the highways. The implication that the site is on a flood plain will have significant consequences for the Culham's Mill site which is adjacent to Silchester Brook and has a history of flooding.

Choir events are very busy as Christmas looms so don't forget the Tadley Singers Christmas Concert at Pamber Heath Memorial Hall, 3.30pm on Sunday 8th December 2019. Tadley Rock Choir will be singing at the Tadley Christmas Lights switch on outside Tadley Town Council Offices, Franklin Avenue on 29th November at 6.35pm and at Rosebourne Garden Centre, Aldermaston on 7th December between 1pm and 3.30pm. Enjoy!

**Ann Ellis**  
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## PARISH COUNCIL

### Parish Matters

Cllr Vaughan was happy to report that the Remembrance Day Service will take place again this year and the Silent Soldiers will be placed at appropriate points around the Parish.

New trees have been agreed with the National Trust for the Village Green and hopefully will be planted in the next couple of months.

Unfortunately ponies and traps again gained access to the Village Green apparently the gate was open and the lock broken! Some lockable bollards are to be installed to hopefully stop this happening again.

### Roads

HCC has agreed to place a warning sign in Cranes Road by the bus stop at Manor Road to aid people crossing as visibility is restricted.

There are several road works being undertaken by HCC – Elm Road/A340 to be resurfaced with alterations to junctions on A33 by the Wellington Monument & on A340 by the Queens Arms.

Unfortunately there was a recent accident on Vyne Road near the School when a child was knocked down by a car luckily they were not badly hurt. The Parish Council continues to try to think of any measures that could 'persuade' parents not to park on Vyne Road as it is dangerous. If you know someone who parks there please ask them to stop & park further away or next time a child might get killed!

The A340/Elm Road junction is still unsatisfactory, sign posts are in the wrong place and flooding was reported on Kiln Road. I'll be registering these with HCC for action.

### Lengths man Scheme

This Hampshire County Council initiative is working very well. Let me know if there is anything you think they may be able to undertake during their visits.

They will in fact be carrying out work on the Chute Recreation ground entrance to dig out the ditch by the path and install a drainage channel at the top in the car-park to direct water running off into the newly cleared ditch. This will hopefully stop the water pouring down onto Vyne Road and becoming dangerous during very cold conditions.

### Chute Recreation Ground & Pavilion

The Parish Council wish to remind residents that the car park is only for users of the Recreation ground or Pavilion while they are on site and NOT for people to use it to park their cars.

The quotes have been received for the installation of new drainage on the Recreation ground pitches planned for May 2020. Once BDBC have reviewed these we will be able to book the work.

A contractor has been sourced who has painted and repaired/replaced items on the small playground.

The new licenses are now ready for weekly users of the Pavilion although the Parish Council has still to discuss the position of the Tennis Courts and agree usage with the Tennis Club. However a contractor has been sourced to carry out chemical treatment on the courts to remove moss etc and early next year to completely wash and clean both courts so that hopefully they will last for many years.

The Chute Recreation ground is run as a self funding unit and is still managing to keep the charges low so as many people as possible can use the facilities while also creating sufficient funds to maintain everything from the Pavilion, to the car park, tennis courts and football pitches.

The Chute Recreation Facilities now have an exciting number of different sports activities taking place on site - football, judo, martial arts, bowls, tennis and yoga. It is also a popular venue for children's parties. So if you want any details about classes or clubs or want to make a party booking contact me on [clerk@sherbornestjohn-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@sherbornestjohn-pc.gov.uk)

### Neighbourhood Plan – Cranes Road Development.

The Parish Council is in the process of arranging a meeting with the new developers Antler Homes to discuss any alterations to the plans especially the position of the shop that was in the original plans. The plans provide the smaller home units that the Neighbourhood Plan required with 15 of the units being 3 bedded or less. The Parish Council has objected to the removal of trees on the site although does not object to removal of dangerous bramble hedging bordering the site.

### Finances

It is the time of year that the Parish Council has to decide on the precept for Sherborne St John for 2020/21 and will be setting budgets in the next month or so to provide all the needs of the Parish for the following year. So if there is any area of particular concern you feel they need to address please let me know so they can discuss it prior to setting the budget.



## Planning Applications received during October 2019

| Application no  | Address                | Description of work                                                                                                                  | Actions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 19/02408/RET    | Beaurepaire Farm House | change of use of barn to B1 use (retro)                                                                                              | No Objections                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 19/02449/OUT    | Hollies Aldermaston Rd | outline appl. Residential dev. Of 21 flats                                                                                           | No Objections                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 19/02449/OUT    | Vyne Farm              | works to listed building, re-roofing, structural masonry alt rainwater goods, reps & decoration, window draught proofing             | No Objections                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 19/02358/HSE    | Stable Cottage         | erection of part 2 storey, part single ext to north elevation after demolishing single storey ext & one to south relocation of porch | No Objections                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 19/02740/FUL    | Bobs Farm              | erection 4 x 3bed & 1x4 bed dwellings etc – demolition of existing agricultural buildings                                            | No Objections                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 19/02856/GPDOFF | Kestrel Court –        | Change from BI Office to Class 3 – 8 dwellings                                                                                       | No Objections                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| T/00435/19/TCA  | Grange Nursing Home    |                                                                                                                                      | No Objections                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| T/00442/19/TCA  | Dark lane              |                                                                                                                                      | No Objections                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| T/00448/19/TPO  | 24 Cranesfield         |                                                                                                                                      | No Objections                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 19/01828/RES    | Cranes Road            | Removal of trees on site                                                                                                             | No lime trees to be removed Agree that T4, T26, T27 & T28 can be removed<br>Also removal of intrusive bramble hedging                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 19/01828/RES    | Cranes Road site       | Outline plans viewed appears to show alteration to the layout & types of buildings                                                   | The Parish Council were extremely unhappy with what appeared to be considerable alterations to the original Rydon outline planning permission as granted 16/04110/OUT<br>They want Antler Homes to meet the PC to explain & discuss exactly what they wish to do on the site as the Village Shop was an essential part of the original application as sanctioned by the PC for inclusion in their Neighbourhood Plan.<br>Clerk to approach Developers & BDBC Planning for advice & assistance |

Don't forget everyone is welcome to attend the Parish Council's monthly meetings so if you have any issues you wish to raise please come along to the Wednesday evening meeting or e mail [clerk@sherbornestjohn-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@sherbornestjohn-pc.gov.uk).

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I have just completed a survey of all the NHW schemes including West End to detect those signs which are incorrect or missing and that is quite a lot. I am also adding new signs at points of entry to the village which have not been previously covered. I hope to get all the material by end of November and get installation done soon after.

Good progress has been made by the Co-ordinator Jane Bechelet with reviving the Spring Close and The Severals scheme. Half the residences have received a letter

and many have received a visit resulting in a very high level of enrolment. We hope to have letters delivered to the remainder and many more visits completed by the end of November.

As ever we have several vacancies in the schemes mostly for deputy co-ordinator and any volunteers will be most welcome.

**Ted Wilkinson**  
Area Co-ordinator

## Sherborne St John Neighbourhood Watch – November 2019

| Scheme                                                           | Co-ordinator                                         | Telephone                  | e Mail                                                                      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
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| The Severals                                                     | merged with Spring Close                             |                            |                                                                             |
| Tyfield<br><i>Deputy</i>                                         | Vacancy pending<br>Carole Stanley moving.<br>Vacancy | 851250                     | carole_stanley@yahoo.co.uk                                                  |
| Vyne Road and Vyne Meadow<br><i>Deputy</i>                       | John Edwards<br>Vacancy                              | 850507                     | edwards@sherborne8.plus.com                                                 |
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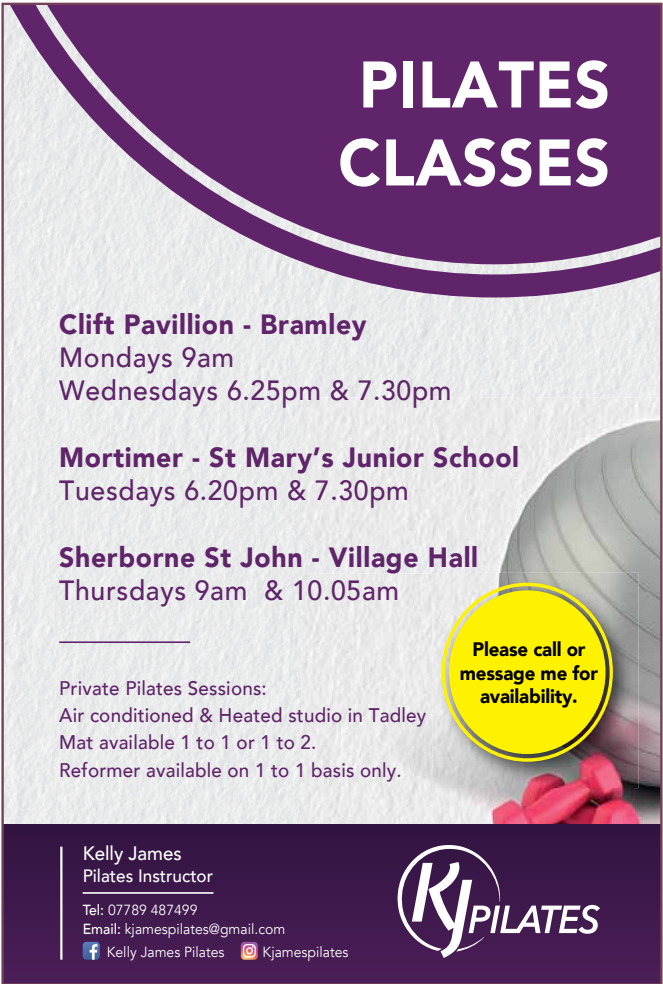
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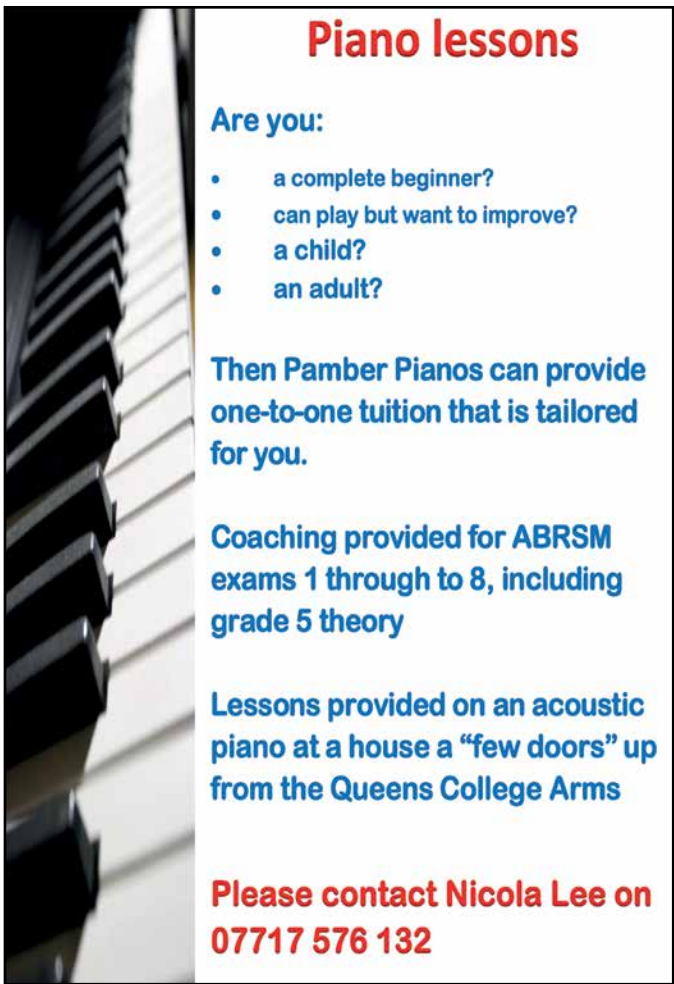
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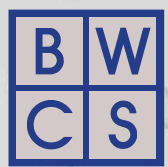
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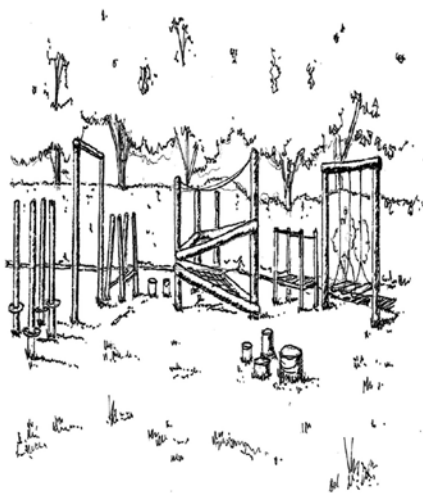
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# Sherborne St John Church of England Primary School



I should start this article with a big 'thank you' to the children and parents who have helped with raising money this term. 61 shoeboxes filled with toys and gifts were collected by the Rotary Club to be shipped to children who would not otherwise receive presents this Christmas. The School Councillors organised a pyjama day and cake sale to raise money for Children in Need; and we sold poppies and other gifts to raise money for the Royal British Legion.



Our School Association, a group of parents and staff, are currently fundraising to replace the wooden adventure trail in the school grounds. Replacing our current adventure trail, which is now beginning to deteriorate, will give the children increased opportunities to play and increase their fitness during PE sessions and break times. The School Association are planning several extra fundraising events over this academic year with the aim of raising £10,000 to achieve their target so that the new adventure trail could be installed next summer (see artists impression). We would love it if you are able to come along and support our events such as our Summer Fete and Christmas Fayre next year. We would be very grateful of your support at the events; however if you would prefer to make a donation to our fundraising that would also be extremely welcome – either cash brought into the school office or a cheque made payable to Sherborne St John School Association. The fundraising got off to a great start at the end of last half term when many of the children, and some staff, took part in a Fun Run which raised over £1500 towards the new trail.

As we reach December, the rehearsals for the Infant Nativity are in full swing, and this year they are preparing for 'Jesus' Christmas Party'. The innkeeper and his wife settle down to sleep after a hectic day, but are disturbed again and again, as visitors keep arriving and asking for Mary and Joseph, who are spending the night in their stable. Desperate for sleep, the innkeeper flies into a rage when he eventually hears everyone having a party, but softens as soon as he sees the new born baby.....

And after the performances of this lovely Nativity play, we can have our own Christmas celebrations. Once again, the School Association have generously funded a trip for the whole school to go to the Anvil to see the pantomime, *Aladdin*. Then, the final week of term, we have the Infant and Junior Christmas parties, and the Christmas service at St Andrew's Church. Class 3 will be carol singing at The Grange Nursing Home, and hopefully there will be an opportunity for the whole school to sing Christmas songs together before we break up for the Christmas Holidays and a well-deserved rest!

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#### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN DECEMBER 2019

Teams from our club will be in action prior to Christmas providing hands-on support to:

**St Michael's Hospice Light up a Life event on December 1<sup>st</sup> 6.00pm** This event gives individuals and families the opportunity to remember and celebrate the life of a loved one or someone special. The special commemorative service offers time to reflect and share memories with those closest to us. See the Hospice website for further info

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And on the December 18<sup>th</sup> just to get you in the Christmas spirit, **Basingstoke Samaritans** - will hold their fundraising Carol Concert at the United Reform Church, London Street, Basingstoke RG21 7NU 7.30pm, (until about 21.00) £7 per ticket Includes mulled wine and mince pie. A great festive evening with lots of chance to join in the singing

#### A date for your diary

#### HER MAJESTY'S ROYAL MARINES ARE IN TOWN

**ANVIL 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020. 3.00pm**



It is a real privilege to welcome the 48 strong full concert band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines for their annual visit to Basingstoke.

The RM band of HMS Collingwood will be accompanied by the Royal Corps of Drums and everyone's favourite - The Chelsea Pensioners from the Royal Hospital Chelsea. In recent years we have been entertained with themes from the movies, including Star Wars and James Bond, as well as Big Band music, popular music and good old fashioned patriotic tunes known by all generations. Unashamedly patriotic, a fabulous concert !

#### Tickets available from The Anvil Box Office.

A great Christmas present for that hard to buy for person

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*If you would like to find out more about how we enjoy ourselves, just tune in to [www.rcbd.org.uk](http://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.*  
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## See the Mill in a new light this January!

The Whitchurch Silk Mill and its gardens in the heart of rural Hampshire will glisten and sparkle this January with an all new magical, after dark illuminated trail. The Mill will be transformed by spectacular installations, leaving the dark winter evenings aglow. This is a first for the Mill as it features dazzling light artworks, installations and an illuminated trail.

Often known as Blue January, for many it is a time to mark the end of the yule season and celebrate the end of winter

and the return of the sun. Normally this quiet Hampshire town falls into darkness but this January the Mill will glow brighter than usual from 17 to 26 January thanks to the addition of sparkling installations from Yes Productions.

As part of the illumination, there will be a series of events including a business networking event, artists' development event, a health and wellbeing day and a skills project involving local young people. There will be markets and family activities over the weekends.

It will be an amazing time of year to visit the Mill as the unique facades of this weaving icon will be brought to life with colour, shape and movement, and the tree canopies and river vista will be drenched in grand illuminations reflected in the crystal clear waters of the River Test. Vintage lanterns in the Mill and light pipes on the lawn continue the surprises both inside and outside the Mill.

For more information visit <https://whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk/>

# Draft Council Plan for 2020 to 2024

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council would like to hear your views on its draft Council Plan to ensure the borough continues to be a great place to live over the next four years and budget proposals to support this.

The draft Council Plan for 2020 to 2024 sets the key priorities for the council over the next four years and into the future. With a focus on putting residents at the heart of everything the council does, four priorities have been developed – strengthening communities, protecting and enhancing our environment, improving safety and planning for the future.

Supporting the council plan, proposals for a balanced budget for 2020 to 2021 aim to protect services that residents value. To do this, proposals include a £5 average increase for the borough's

part of the council tax and a 3% average increase in fees and charges to help pay for the cost of optional services the council offers.

Over the last 11 years £13.7 million in savings have been made without cutting services, with the borough council continuing to look at how it can run more efficiently. Further savings of £1.42 million have been identified in 2020/21, increasing to £1.82 million by 2023/24.

Executive Director of Finance and Resources said: "Residents give the area a 94% satisfaction rating however the council is not complacent. Based on what people and businesses have said matters to them, this draft plan sets priorities that put residents at the heart of the council's future plans.

"This is supported by the council's proposals to deliver a balanced budget for 2020 to 2021. As residents, businesses and partner organisations are key to the success of these plans, the council would like to hear from a range of people to help shape its proposals."

To give your views on our Council Plan and budget proposals, please go to [www.basingstoke.gov.uk/priorities](http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/priorities). Feedback from the consultation, which runs until Wednesday 1 January at [www.basingstoke.gov.uk/priorities](http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/priorities), will be considered before final decisions on the Council Plan and budget are taken at a meeting of Council in February.

If you require information in an alternative format, such as paper, please contact the council by emailing [customer.service@basingstoke.gov.uk](mailto:customer.service@basingstoke.gov.uk) or by calling 01256 844844.



# Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship November talk was given by Mrs Jenny Mallin who told the story of her five-times Grandmother's recipe book and which was handed down to each generation for them to add to, change, or tweak, and to introduce new aspects of household affairs in the British Raj in India.



Born in 1828 in Chennai, formerly Madras, her family came from Yorkshire and travelled with the East India Company where an ancestor was employed as a young drummer boy. In 1844 Wilhelmina began writing her recipes in her leather-bound book, recipes originating first from Yorkshire, but soon incorporated the local fruits and spices of the region. Next in line was Ophelia, born in 1855. Jenny told us that she was christened within six days of her birth which was the custom as it was unusual for babies to live 'more than two monsoons'. She lived until she was 89. Ophelia really started the tradition of adding to Wilhelmina's recipes but it was perhaps Maud, born in 1879, who wrote not only recipes, but recorded many aspects of the life the family lived, thus revealing a social history, writing down the household accounts, what the servants were employed to do, and where they carried out their duties. Maud was definitely in charge of the entire household, and was therefore known as the Memsab – Madam Boss – as she oversaw everyone employed, it being quite usual for a British family with two children to have no less than twenty servants, ranging from the cook, or Khansamah, two assistant cooks, Malachi, who would prepare breakfast away from the house and cook over a wood fire, making the tea and cooking pancakes.

The remaining staff would comprise a laundry bearer, bringing the washed and starched laundry back on a donkey and take the dirty laundry, wrapped up in a huge bag and put on the donkey for the journey back to be laundered. The children of course had their nanny, or Ayah, a much loved member (almost) of the family. There were gardeners, polishers, one for the silver and one for the boots, a ladies' bearer to serve the food, the milkman who would bring the milk each day with his cow, who would then be relieved of said milk, the Punkah-Wallah who had to keep the bungalow – upstairs as well as downstairs – comfortable for the Memsab and household with a healthy draft running through the verandah, windows and doors, helped by the use of fans.

Before important occasions, there would be tailors living on the premises to make the suitable clothes for the occasion. These people were known as Dirzi. In the book there is an entry in 1831 which states 'Patience and a sunny temperament is needed for keeping harmony in the house'.

Maud entered recipes familiar to us, such as Christmas cake, but the quantities were somewhat larger – 40 eggs were used. The raisins had to be washed and cleaned manually – before it was realised that the local shop stocked them already prepared. This was now in Bangalore.

There were a number of early recipes which originated from Yorkshire; of course Yorkshire pudding was entered, along with roast beef. When the khansamal was instructed to cook the roast beef and Yorkshire pudding, he served the beef first, thinking that the Yorkshire pudding was indeed a pudding, which caused some consternation and possibly some amusement.

The introduction of fusion cooking appeared, with cakes and curries being popular. There is a Telegram Cake, known as such when the first telegrams were sent from Bangalore back to England in a matter of minutes. There is a Maharatta Curry which each generation had changed slightly, and which affectionately became known as Railway Curry, a job on the railways being good employment, particularly when the monsoons tore the lines away.

Another curry came from Jenny's Great Uncle Eugene's mother, Vivithal curry, of Portuguese origin, made with vinegar to detract from the taste of the rotting meat. This is now known as Vindaloo. Another Portuguese dish was fifteen layers of pancakes called Bombay Bereca, made for a Rumble Tumble Sunday breakfast. The mulligatawny soup, not to be confused with the tinned version, literally means in Tamil 'peppered water' and according to Jenny is indeed very good.

Jenny's mother Cynthia, who immigrated to England in the 1950's found life rather a culture shock, a combination of the cold winter she arrived in, where everyone walked the streets very speedily, unlike back in Bangalore where the heat meant everyone moved more slowly, and of course back in the '50's there were no spices with which to make her gorgeous curries; but she made the best of things and managed to make a curry of sorts, more of a lamb stew, using neck of lamb, onions and some condiments such as Coleman's mustard.

Jenny's talk was very well received, we were only sorry she had sold all copies of her book, though it can be bought online. Mrs Joan Brandon thanked her for her inspirational tale of her family, and everyone tucked into some Telegram Cake, kindly made by Jenny.

The next meeting is the Christmas lunch on the 3rd December at Weybrook Park Golf Club.



# Don't have a rubbish Christmas – recycle



'Tis the season for family and presents – and plenty of extra household waste. Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council is urging residents to recycle more and try to waste less during this festive season.

There is no limit to how much you can recycle. Any extra recycling can be put in cardboard boxes or clear sacks which are available from larger supermarkets and homeware stores. Leave the cardboard box or clear sacks filled with recycling and large, flattened cardboard boxes next to your recycling bin. Please remove the polystyrene and plastic packaging before leaving cardboard out.

There are lots of items that can be recycled including cardboard packaging, paper, newspapers and magazines, food tins, drinks cans, aerosols and plastic bottles.

Remember that Christmas wrapping paper cannot be recycled and needs to go into your black waste bin. Try wrapping presents with brown paper instead, it's recyclable and can look beautiful when decorated. Christmas cards can be recycled but only if they do not contain glitter, ribbons or bows.

If you're unsure about what can and can't be recycled visit [www.basingstoke.gov.uk/recycle](http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/recycle) or call the council on 01256 844844.

Christmas can mean extra rubbish which can't be recycled, so extra sacks will be collected for the first collection after Christmas only.

If you're thinking of getting a real tree, you can recycle it at one of a number of drop off points across the borough between Thursday 2 January and Sunday 26 January 2020. For the first time those people signed up to the Garden Waste service will be able to put their real Christmas trees out for collection with their fortnightly garden waste. Christmas trees over 6ft need to be cut in half and decorations must be removed from all trees.

For more information visit [www.basingstoke.gov.uk/christmas-tree](http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/christmas-tree).

Cabinet Member for Environment and Enforcement Cllr Hayley Eachus said: "It's inevitable that extra rubbish will be created over the festive period. I would ask residents to make sure they're disposing of their waste and recycling correctly so we can enjoy a more sustainable start to 2020."

This year bin collections will be affected over two weeks and, unless adverse weather affects bin rounds, collections should return to normal from Monday 13 January 2020.

| Normal Collection Date | Festive Collection Date |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Monday 23 December     | Monday 23 December      |
| Tuesday 24 December    | Tuesday 24 December     |
| Wednesday 25 December  | Friday 27 December      |
| Thursday 26 December   | Saturday 28 December    |
| Friday 27 December     | Monday 30 December      |
| Monday 30 December     | Tuesday 31 December     |
| Tuesday 31 December    | Thursday 2 January      |
| Wednesday 1 January    | Friday 3 January        |
| Thursday 2 January     | Saturday 4 January      |
| Friday 3 January       | Monday 6 January        |
| Monday 6 January       | Tuesday 7 January       |
| Tuesday 7 January      | Wednesday 8 January     |
| Wednesday 8 January    | Thursday 9 January      |
| Thursday 9 January     | Friday 10 January       |
| Friday 10 January      | Saturday 11 January     |

Check your bin collection day on the website [www.basingstoke.gov.uk/bincollections](http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/bincollections) or call 01256 844844.

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# Probust Hears about Life in the Modern Army

In the last 100 years the British army has moved on from using horses and fairly basic transport to today it has at its disposal great technical as well as mechanical equipment so necessary to defend our way of life and support overseas missions. It also has the benefit of working closely with the RAF and Navy to ensure victory in the field. But what will it be like in twenty or thirty years from now?

This is the question posed by Lt Col Richard C O Grover MBE who told of his experiences as an officer in today's infantry regiments at the latest Probust Club meeting.

In the eighteen years since graduating from the Sandhurst Military Academy he has risen up the ranks and in 2020 takes command of the 2nd Battalion of The Mercian Regiment. Getting to this position has not been easy with exposure to great personal risk and deep sadness from the loss and injuries to his troops on the battlefield.

Richard's first posting was to Northern Ireland where he was stationed in Dungannon. He had great respect for the police force who used water cannons to good effect against rioters of either side but when the shooting started the army had to step in.

On detachment to Afghanistan and the night the England football team were playing a world cup match they determined to keep safe in their compound but the Taliban had other ideas. Thirty insurgents attempted to overrun their base. Richard was full of praise for the NCOs, the back bone of the British army, who were able to take the fire fight to the enemy so that despite the action of the Taliban his men suffered no losses. During their time in that country, of his company of 130 men, eleven lost their lives and 30 suffered wounds, some life changing. As a result of his activities Richard Grover, a major at the time, was awarded the MBE.

Iraq proved to be a different experience being involved with the post war clear up of Basra. The vagaries of the British weather he considered to be a plus point in handling some of the climate extremes they encountered. The summer heat reached 50 degrees and, without air conditioning, was difficult to cope with but the winter was cold.

Somalia was different again but this was a small operation engaged in trying to prevent internal conflict and also influence matters so as to keep the Russians at bay.

Recent time spent at the Staff College was very much involved with anticipating changes that will occur with the increasing use of cyber attacks and fake news. It is important to counter Russian influence and that of the Chinese in Syria and Africa.

Equally, the positive interaction between the British population and the military, which mainly becomes clear around Remembrance Day in November, has to be managed carefully. The British tax payer needs to continue to support the army that consumes 25% of the defence budget. It is reassuring that the British military are apolitical and therefore will always follow the ruling of which shade of government is in power.

See [probusbasingstoke.club](http://probusbasingstoke.club)



*Probust President  
Richard Wood with  
Lt Col Richard Grover  
MBE and his father  
Dr Jeff Grover*



## Basingstoke Blues Club

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**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

**TRAFFICKER xI**

Tommy Allen, guitarist, singer and songwriter returns home to Basingstoke with his band. Tommy's diverse musical apprenticeship has given him a very individual guitar style ranging from rock-orientated to mellow blues, where his approach to improvisation and spontaneity could be labelled as modernistic blues. Tommy has worked with a variety of artists such as Lazy Lester, Mojo Buford, Otis Taylor, Marcus Malone, Nicky Moore and Sugababes.

TRAFFICKER believe in composing their own original material and thrive in the importance of pushing their authentic music forward, whilst mixing it together with a handful of classic blues master pieces which are twisted into the modern, hard hitting sound that Trafficker deliver so effectively.

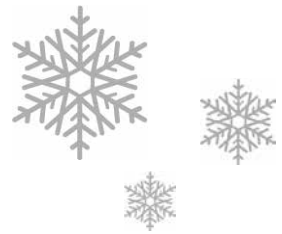
All welcome - 8pm till late. £8 on the door. Licensed bar and Low Prices.

Profits to Brain Tumour Research - Charity number 1153487.

Future date:

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January - Mark Olbrich's Blues Eternity.

# Basingstoke Civil Service Retirement Fellowship



There were 57 members and 1 visitor at the meeting held on Wednesday 6 November who were welcomed by the chairman, David Cowling. The secretary, Tony Brazier, gave details of the forthcoming trips and reminded those going to the Christmas Lunch to return their menu choices as soon as possible. The Welfare Officer, Christine Broadbent, then gave her update on members who had not been well and had been contacted.

The speaker this month was Pete Lemon from the Blue Lamp Trust's Bobby Scheme which is a registered

charity providing a free home safety and security survey to assess the work needed to make a home safe and secure for vulnerable and elderly people. They will, if necessary, fit door and window locks, spy holes, window alarms, door chains and smoke detectors, all free of charge. He explained that the charity is supported from their base in Eastleigh by the emergency services and here in North Hampshire by Motorola Solutions and went on to go through a number of important fire and security points that we should all be aware of. He covered internal and exterior security, the installation of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, telephone scams, cold callers and internet scams. At the end of his talk he gave out leaflets

summarising the scheme after which he answered a number of questions. Further information can be found at [www.bluelamptrust.org.uk](http://www.bluelamptrust.org.uk) or by calling 0300 777 0157.

The next meeting is on 4 December when we will be having our Christmas buffet with entertainment provided by Simon Williams and his Magic. The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at Brookvale Village Hall from 10am to 12noon and all retired Civil Servants, their relatives and friends are welcome. Further details about the group and information about our trips can be obtained by contacting [csrfbasingstoke@gmail.com](mailto:csrfbasingstoke@gmail.com).

*David Cowling*



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Among the top beneficiaries are Cancer Research UK, the British Heart Foundation and the RNLI.

Caroline Wallis, who heads the Wills and Probate team at Phillips said: “Legacies in Wills can make an enormous difference in helping charities to continue their good work and what a wonderful way to ensure that your legacy lives on after you’ve gone.”

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Caroline added: “If you are looking to leave money to a charity you may well consider one or more of our many local such as Pelican Cancer Foundation, which happens to be Phillips Solicitors’ current chosen charity, or the Ark Cancer Centre Charity and St Michael’s Hospice.”

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## Basingstoke Male Voice Choir Christmas Concert



### In aid of Parkinson's UK – Basingstoke Group

The annual concert of BMVC will take place on December 14th. This year the programme features an eclectic selection of songs from our 2019 repertoire with

some Christmas numbers thrown in to celebrate the festive season. The choir will be supported by ‘TAKE NOTE’ - an acappella group formed in 2018 by Carolyn Robson and based in Farnham. We shall also have soloist Hannah Melrose featuring in the programme. Audience participation is also catered for – come and join us to celebrate the festive season.

The concert will take place at the United

Reformed Church, London Street on Saturday, December 24th at 7:30PM.

This is a great opportunity to see the Basingstoke Male Voice Choir in action and also to support a great charity locally.

Entrance to the concert is free though there will be a retiring collection in support of our chosen charity Parkinson's UK – Basingstoke Group. Please come and help us donate a huge amount to charity.

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# And Then The Rain Came

**June 2019.** May 2019 had been a relatively warm and dry month, there were many days with little or no rain. June tended to continue that warm trend but there were several days with significant rain, especially the 9th when we had over 50mm (2ins) of rain with thunderstorms during the afternoon then, during the last 10 days of the month only 8mm rain fell. Temperatures continued above average both day and night; but we had to wait until the end of the month for the really high temperatures, rising to 33C on the 29th. (there have been years when at no time did temperatures even reach 30C – but not this year). Sunshine totals were a little below average.

**July 2019** was a very warm month with below average rainfall (22 days with no rain at all) which resulted in a considerable loss of moisture by evaporation and transpiration. Temperatures were consistently above average peaking at 35.6C (97F) on the 25th (and 32.9C on the 23rd). It has often been said that a British summer was ‘2 fine days followed by a thunderstorm’ – not this year.

There were again 22 days with no rain at all and only 2 days with moderate amounts (the 18th and 30th) and, again, sunshine totals were a bit down.

**August 2019** continued the warm and relatively dry character of this summer with temperatures consistently above average (apart from the 14th and 16th which were both decidedly chilly, both were quite wet). The warmest day was the 25th when the temperature reached 32.9C under cloudless skies, but, being August the first of the chilly nights arrived – down to 6.4C overnight on the 24th. However it was a very sunny month – very good for solar panels.

**September 2019** continued the warmth with the highest temperature of 25.7C quite late in the month on the 21st. Most of the first 3 weeks were relatively dry but the rain arrived at 5am on the 22nd and a total of 79mm fell in the last 9 days.

**October 2019** was a contrast to the previous months with temperatures back near the seasonal average

– unusually, on no day did the temperature rise above 20C. and the first air frost arrived on the 28th. There were only 5 days with no rain at all but no days with exceptionally heavy rain (which would be normally be expected in October).

**November 2019** has started very changeable with rain on most days (and 23.2mm on 6th).

It has been an unusual month with a succession of depressions moving southeast across the country; normally depressions in our latitudes tend to move east and then northeast, but a persistent upper atmosphere system has remained almost stationary resulting in a northwest-southeast Jetstream persisting to the west of the British Isles.

**David Cullum**  
Tel. 850315

| 2019 Pamber Green          | Jun   | Jul  | Aug  | Sep  | Oct   | To 12 Nov |
|----------------------------|-------|------|------|------|-------|-----------|
| Avg Day Max Temp C         | 20.15 | 25.1 | 23.9 | 20.3 | 14.3  | 10.1      |
| Diff from 30-yr avge C     | +2.0  | +4.1 | +3.4 | +2.4 | +0.2  | -1.4      |
| Highest Max Temp C         | 33.0  | 36.5 | 32.6 | 26.0 | 19.8  | 15.0      |
| Avg Night Min Temp C       | 0.6   | 12.0 | 11.5 | 8.8  | 6.6   | 3.3       |
| Diff from 30-year avge C   | +1.0  | +1.7 | +1.2 | +0.4 | +0.3  | -1.0      |
| Lowest Min Air Temp C      | 4.0   | 6.5  | 7.3  | 1.4  | -2.0  | -2.8      |
| Total Rainfall mm          | 96.9  | 45.2 | 51.9 | 89.7 | 120.5 | 54.0      |
| Percent of 30-year avge    | 194%  | 82%  | 80%  | 145% | 161%  | 182%      |
| No. of days with >1mm rain | 11    | 4    | 9    | 11   | 17    | 6         |
| Diff from 30-year avge     | +4    | -3   | +2   | +2   | +6    |           |

## Local Dance Teacher Wins British Title

Local Professional Dance Teacher & Examiner David Smith who runs his own local dance School ‘David Smith Dance’, has won the Blackpool British Title for Best Original Inventive Dance in Classical Sequence (Old Time). The competition was held on Monday 21st October in the famous Empress Ballroom at Winter Gardens, Blackpool.

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This Gavotte has now been published and will now be danced all over the World in Sequence Clubs & Dance Schools.

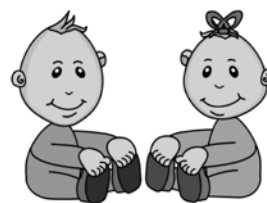
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