

A photograph of a village scene. In the background, a church spire with a dark roof and a small cross on top is visible through the branches of trees. The foreground is filled with lush green foliage, including large leafy plants and clusters of small white flowers. A path or stream bed is visible in the lower center, leading towards the church. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and rural.

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DOG FOULING (again !)

When I attend Sherborne St John Parish Council meetings I hear this subject mentioned time and again but it remains an ongoing problem. I suspect the other villages have a similar problem.

This month I have had reports made to me but the responsible authority is the Borough Council and complaints should be made to them via their call centre 01256 844844. The BC employ both dog wardens and community safety officers who have the power to issue Fixed Penalty Notices to any offenders caught. The time of these officers is limited so they are generally deployed to locations with most complaints. When I made an enquiry I was told there were virtually no reports from Sherborne St John.

My conclusion is that whilst most of our citizens deplore dog owners who allow their dogs to foul public places they are not prepared to make a proper complaint and so it will continue unless dog owners themselves all take clearing up seriously. I well recognise that the majority of dog owners do clear up but they are also in best position to witness offences being committed by others.

So in conclusion may I ask you to report every offence you witness or discover even if this means the BC get multiple reports of the same incident it will all help our cause.

Ted Wilkinson



Clift Surgery, Bramley

The growing population of Bramley is putting increasing pressure on the Surgery, as some of you will have been discovering to your cost. As most of you will know, the surgery is in the process of being extended and we will keep you informed about the progress there.

The other way in which the problem is being addressed is by working with the Chineham and Whitewater (Hartley Wintney and Hook) surgeries to offer appointments on weekday evenings and during weekends. You will be able to access these appointments by ringing the Surgery in the normal way. You will then be offered an appointment at the Clift Surgery or whichever one is on duty.

There will be problems, for example, patients with limited access to transport. But this group of surgeries is one of three in North Hampshire trialling the service, which is called Improving Access, before it becomes available nationally in October. This will allow for it to be developed and adapted. So please come back with any suggestions and complaints during this period (either directly to the Surgery or to the PPG.)

Victoria Clarke, Patients' Participation Group

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Future Events

May 2018

1	SSJ Women's Fellowship – Make Do & Mend, SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
2	SSJ Tennis Club Open Evening: drills and Wimbledon ballot, Chute Pavilion. All welcome	7pm
5	Plant Sale at Monk Sherborne Village Hall. Refreshments available	11.00am-2.00pm
14	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	10.00-11.30am
14	Sherborne St John Parish Council AGM, Chute Pavilion. (Planning meeting 7pm)	7.30pm
14	Pamber Parish Council Meeting AGM, Pamber Heath Memorial Hall	7.00pm
14	Pelican Film Society, Loving Vincent, The Ark Conference Centre. Guests £6, all welcome	7.30pm
19	🔔 Royal Wedding Community Picnic Celebration 🔔 Village Hall, Monk Sherborne	From 2.00pm
21	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion. (Planning meeting 7pm)	7.30pm
21	Basingstoke Horticultural Society, Roses – David May, Kempshott Village Hall	7.30pm
28	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	10.00-11.30am

June 2018

4	Pelican Film Society, The World's Fastest Indian, The Ark Conference Centre. Guests £6, all welcome	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, Village Green & Village Hall, Sherborne St John	2.00-4.00pm
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
30	Grange Nursing Home Summer Fete, All welcome	2pm

July 2018

2	Pelican Film Society, The Post, The Ark Conference Centre. Guests £6, all welcome	7.30pm
3	SSJ Women's Fellowship – Strawberry Tea, SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
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 Conference Centre. Guests £6, all welcome	7.30pm
3	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	10.00-11.30am
4	SSJ Women's Fellowship – To be advised at a later date,	2.00pm
10	Pamber Parish Council Meeting, St Stephen's Hall, Little London	7.30pm
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	11.00-3.00pm
30	Basingstoke Festival of Choirs, The Anvil	7pm

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Church Matters May

At the time of writing we are yet again facing the likelihood of becoming engaged in war in the Middle East. We have had Iraq, we have had Libya – now the target is the Assad regime in Syria. Of course writing in advance it is impossible to know what the situation will be by the time this is read. We may be at war; it might be about to start; conceivably it might be over or the tension and build up may be continuing. Whatever the situation, the question we need to think through is this: Is the war with Syria a “just war”? The phrase “just war” has long been current among Christian thinkers to refer to a war which, while undesirable, is necessary and should be fought.

Some preliminary points before we look at the criteria for a just war. First, we need to recognize that all war is horrible. There can be no eagerness for it. Films have a tendency to glamorise war by telling stories of great heroism. Such stories should be told, but films can never adequately portray the horror and suffering involved. And news reports, while providing information of what is happening ‘out there’ enable us to take a

somewhat detached view. We need to be careful that we do not forget the human anguish of those caught up in all this.

However Christians are not pacifists. Of course some may be out of personal conviction, but the Bible does not teach pacifism. We have to accept that war is a fact of life in a fallen world. It would be lovely to have a world in which war ‘shall be no more’, but we will have to wait until heaven for that. As long as this world continues there will be ‘wars and rumours of wars’ as Jesus himself makes clear¹. Moreover to some extent each of us has an element of responsibility for this, for what causes wars if it is not our selfish and sinful nature? So we cannot escape the fact of war, but we can, or rather governments can, choose when to fight a war and when not to do so. As far as we have any influence in this we should put it behind the concept of the just war.

So what are the criteria for a just war? They are as follows:

1. There must be a just cause for the conflict.
2. War must be waged only when there is a proper authority to do so.
3. War must be waged with correct intent.
4. There should be a reasonable likelihood of a successful outcome.
5. It should be the lesser of two evils; i.e. the total good should outweigh the total evil.
6. It should be a last resort – when every other means of resolving the conflict has been tried.

7. War must be waged with the final aim, not of territorial gain, but of the peace and prosperity of the inhabitants of the country or countries involved.

Each of us will have a view on how war with Syria matches up to these criteria. Of course the political discussion has been going back and forth on points like these for several years. Because of the different countries, interests and groups involved the situation is anything but straightforward. The suffering inflicted on ordinary people by the Assad regime is appalling, but it would be a mistake to imagine that the rebel groups are benign. We know what happens when they get into government. There was once a lively church in Baghdad. They met without hindrance. They were able to distribute the scriptures. But a consequence of “victory” in Iraq was that almost all of them were dispersed. There is no church there now.

There was once another man in authority in the Middle East. His name was Nebuchadnezzar, the Emperor of Babylon. He was a pagan king, but God dealt with him and this is what he realised:

“His dominion is an eternal dominion, his kingdom endures from generation to generation”².

That kingdom is revealed in Jesus Christ, and it is for all who trust in him. We may not know what the future holds, but in Christ we know the one who holds the future of all of us in his hands.

John Hamilton

¹ Matthew 24:6

² Daniel 4:34

Services for May

06 May

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

13 May

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

20 May

10am Morning Service St Andrew's
Church weekend Denham Grove

27 May

10am Family Service St Andrew's
10am Morning Service Priory

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 10AM:

06 May	A believer's questions	Habakkuk 1	John Hamilton
13 May	A believer's prayer	Habakkuk 3	John Hamilton & Scott Seivewright
20 May	Humble yourselves...	Luke 18: 9-14	Andy Spence
27 May	... Like a child	Luke 18: 15-17	Scott Seivewright & Steve Howe

MIDWEEK MEETINGS FOR MAY

Home Groups meet during the weeks beginning Tuesday 8 & 22 May.

We meet for Central Fellowship on Tuesday 1 and 15 May.

Coffee at 7.45pm followed by short Bible message and prayer; finish at 9pm



Wednesday 25th to Friday 27th July at the Chute Pavilion and Sunday 29th July in St Andrew's church

Roman Catholic Services (Tel: 819772)

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Weekday Mass

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

* Time & Venue could vary

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PARISH MATTERS

The Parish has now joined the Hampshire County Council 'Length man scheme'. The scheme provides funds to various parishes that join together and employ someone to carry out small repairs/works in the parishes. While it will only fund about 40 hours of work a year it will mean items like cleaning signs, repairing gates etc can be undertaken.

The Parish Council will again be holding a get together event on the Village Green on Saturday 7th July with the same format and bands as last year so make sure you put it in your diaries as it is a great day to relax and meet your neighbours.

The Nursery School is also holding a fete on 22nd June 2018 at the Chute Pavilion while the Village Hall has a fete on 17th June.

PLANNING MATTERS

There were several planning applications to consider at the last meeting. I have asked for extensions on time for some to enable the Planning Committee to review them. I know some residents would like planning applications included in the article but please remember that they may well have already been reviewed by the Borough Council when you read this – any comments should be sent direct to the Planning department via the website. The applications are as follows:

18/00641/FUL 24 Cranesfield – change of use of open space to residential land

18/00814/GPDADW Bobs Farm – change of use of agricultural buildings

Rerouting of footpath 502 – this is being considered by Hampshire County Council.

17/04276/FUL & 18/00006?RET change of use to private gypsy sites

18/00540/FUL 2 Manor Road 3 dwellings

18/00479/HSE 25 Tyfield - new garage & conversion of existing garage to living accommodation

18/00475/FUL Dark Lane site for erection of 7 dwellings.

18/0078/FUL Vyne Rd next to Kestrel court 1 x 2bedded dwelling.

CHUTE PAVILION AND RECREATION GROUND

The remit of the new Chute Management Committee is still under review. The new storage unit is now finished and the equipment re all user groups is being reassigned areas so that the main Hall will be totally clear except for the tables & chairs which are provided by the Chute for people hiring the hall. The 2 beds each side of the Pavilion by the time of this article will hopefully have been totally transformed with fencing around all sides, a gated entrance and artificial grass which will need very little maintenance and will provide renters with a mud free area to sit outside if and when the weather improves!!!! The initial cost will dent the balance reported in last month's article but with the whole facility looking so much better we should be able to get more bookings. Some of the rest of the balance is also being used to fund the new storage unit as unfortunately there were unexpected costs due to the need to totally re do the gas supply to the Pavilion which was not covered by the Leader grant awarded by HCC.

Don't forget it is a great place for parties and groups so if you know of anything that could use the hall please let me know. There is always room for more activities to suit all age groups. If anyone knows of a Pilates group who may like to use the hall please let me know.

I am extremely happy to report that we have received many new renters who have all complimented the facility as clean, very well kept and how helpful Terry Buller has been in welcoming them to the site and showing them where everything is.

I would like to add my thanks to Terry as well as I could not remotely manage to keep the area in such brilliant condition without his unstinting efforts.

Unfortunately the football pitches have been unusable due to the constant rain and bad drainage. This will mean the pitches need remedial work as soon as the weather improves – Sand Master work which is expensive to improve the drainage on what is clay ground.

TENNIS COURTS

WANTED STILL MORE PLAYERS!!!!!!

A meeting is to be arranged between the Tennis Club, Chute Management Committee and an interested tennis coach to review the use of the courts so no decisions have so far been made. The Committee want to ensure as an asset it is kept in good condition and that adequate funds are available to maintain the area. With the season just starting don't forget to re join the tennis club for this year but they need as many new players as possible. So if you or your family or friends living locally are interested please get them to contact me. The Parish Council is investigating all options at present to increase their use which could hopefully lead to tennis coaching sessions being held. Membership is not expensive, and ranges from family, singles, students and children in scales. It would be great to see more youngsters and teenagers using the facilities. So if you are interested please get in touch with me by e mail ssjclerk@gmail.com for more information.

ALLOTMENT

All the allotments are now taken so if you want to be added to the waiting list please e mail ssjclerk@gmail.com.

ROADS/TRANSPORT

The Parish Council is hoping to accept the Hampshire County Council's Community initiative scheme quote to improve traffic and speeding at West End on the A340. This will be expensive but will hopefully make the situation in the area much better with 'gates' and signs warning drivers that they are entering the village area and to respect the 30mph signs.

Unfortunately the Parish Council was informed that loop of the bus through the village will not be reversed.

The state of Vyne Road was noted. The more parishioners who report it directly to HCC the better chance we have of them carrying out the necessary repairs.

Don't forget to e mail me if you want to be kept on the lists I maintain to inform Parishioners of any important issues ssjclerk@gmail.com

Penny Mayo Parish Clerk

Pamber Parish Council notes for Pamber End and Pamber Green

And we hoped there would be signs of Spring by now! Doesn't look much like it to me as I sit here watching the rain continue to fall again. The Spring flowers have been duped into poking their heads up, let's hope they don't get them chopped off.

Planning, as always, seems to make an appearance each month. A new application has been made for four houses (4 to 5 bedroom I understand) on a green field site opposite Pamber Place, Pamber End. This ground has been agricultural land for as long as the locals can remember. I understand that the land is owned by Pamber Place Ltd which is a trust based in the Channel Islands. The application would not seem to meet current requirements in terms of size so it cannot be classed as affordable housing and is on green field land. Pamber Parish Council are recommending an objection, in part due to the housing needs being too wide.

Don't forget the Pamber Parish AGM to be held on 14th May 2018 at Pamber Heath Memorial Hall. This is your chance to be heard.

Bollards and signs along the A340 continue to be dirty and broken creating major potential safety risks. I hear from

one parishioner that he regularly puts the bollards back up on the island near the Queen's College Arms but they only survive for a couple of weeks at best. I don't know whether it is that the bollards are not fit for purpose or the road is too narrow at that point to allow larger traffic to pass without clipping the bollards but, either way, there are big problems along the A340 within our parish.

And pot holes!! Well what can I say that you don't already know but the roads in the parish and country-wide are in a dire state. I regularly hear stories of damage of varying degrees to vehicles of all types and no doubt our insurance premiums will be set to rise before too long to account for the increase in claims. It is going to cost major investment to rectify but these repairs and current materials used do not seem to last very long. I have read of projects for road building and repairs using plastic waste that is supposed to be cheaper and more durable. Whether this is true or not, it has got to be worth investigating and trialling as current processes are simply not effective.

Reports of burglaries locally continue to be received so do please take care in securing your possessions and property.

The Morris dancing season starts in May. Basingclog Morris Dancers are at the White Hart, Sherfield on Loddon on the 1st of May and the Four Horseshoes also at Sherfield on Loddon on 5th June. Many more events locally and further afield appear in their programmes so do look at the websites for the Kennet Morris Men and the Basingclog if you fancy a trip out to a nearby venue.

If you don't already save them for some other good cause could you please save your milk bottle tops which can be used to raise money for charity. Please contact me to arrange for drop off or collection. Many thanks.

Don't forget the quiz at the Plough, Little London every 3rd Monday in the month starting around 8.30pm. A thoroughly enjoyable evening can be had with a contribution of 50p per person for the quiz.

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The Weather has been awful recently – Easter 2018

I have analysed the 21-day period from 20th March to 12th April, which covers Easter and much of the school holidays and conclude that it really has been has been that bad.

This is Spring and there should be plenty of sunshine bringing out the flowers and the blossom, but in this 21-day period there were only 2 really sunny days – the 26th and the 5th - and on one of those it clouded over at 4pm as thick cirrostratus spread in from the West; we did see a little bit of sun on the 29th and 6th. Not only has sunshine been largely absent but the rain has kept coming; there were only 3 days without rain and there were several days with significant

rainfall – 16.4mm on the 30th and 14.6mm overnight 1st/2nd. There was appreciable rain on 14 of those 21 days. The total rainfall for this 3-week period has been 101.1mm (4 inches) whereas the average would normally be 45mm (1.77 inches).

Day-time temperatures have been near normal but night-time temperatures have been, 3.0Celsius above average – again due to persistence of the cloud. Air and ground frosts have been few and far between, only two (minus 0.7C on the 26th and minus 2.0 on the 29th March), but this was due to the cloud preventing the night-time radiation of heat energy.

Another problem has been the lack of drying winds, overall winds during this period have been quite light and the humidity has been high; the winds were mainly from between west and south until the 5th when it turned more from an easterly direction..

However there has to be light at the end of the darkness. I am writing this on the 12th and am hopeful that the situation will soon improve. The weather has an extraordinary ability to average things out over time. So we will have some good warm weather (sometime!).

David Cullum
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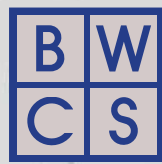
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Growth mindset is a way of thinking, believing that intelligence and abilities can be developed through effort, persistence, trying different strategies and learning from mistakes. People with a growth mindset believe that they can get better at something by practising, so when faced with a challenge, they become more and more determined to succeed, wanting to persevere and overcome setbacks. Researchers have found that developing a growth mindset helps children at school, making them more motivated, more engaged in the



classroom and likely to achieve more. To find out more about growth mindsets have a look on our school website ssj-school.co.uk under the information tab.

Towards the end of term we had two events that presented challenges for the children, and I am pleased to say that they rose to the occasion wonderfully. For Sports Relief, all the classes ran 1 mile around the Chute Recreation Ground and a fantastic total of over £1,100 was raised from sponsorship. The Juniors all took part in the annual recitation competition; the finalists were Hugo Thompson, Freya Lillywhite, Alice Baker and Elizabeth Kronfeld, who was the overall winner. Congratulations to all of them

The Spring term finished with our Easter Bonnet parade, in doors this year because of the inclement weather. Once more we saw a wonderful array of bonnets, as the photos show.

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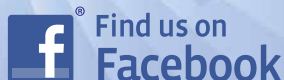
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Women's Fellowship

The talk and demonstration at the April meeting was presented by Blanche Miles MFHT, on the subject of Holistic Massage Therapy. Blanche started her presentation by outlining her background and history of the therapy.

Blanche was employed previously at Basingstoke Council and then decided to train in Indian head massage and Swedish massage 15 years ago and has been practising full time for the past 6 years. Further training has included Japanese face, foot reflex, and deep tissue massage. A recent addition is hot and cold stones which has added a new level of experience for her clients. She explained that touch is vital to our well-being and helps to keep the body moisturized. During her therapies, Blanche is also able to recognize some skin abnormalities such as spots and moles, especially on the back area where her clients are unable to detect them and then advises them to seek an appointment with their GP.

She explained that when we are born we have 270 bones in our body some of which fuse over time giving us a total of 206 by the time we are adult. We have 650 named muscles, 43 of those are in the face.

She did say that it takes more muscles to frown than it does to smile but having checked her facts since, it would appear that there's some argument about this and there seems to be a similar number required to do both. However because humans generally smile more than frown the smiley muscles are stronger !

Massage has been used for 1000's of years to aid healing and promote wellbeing.



Galen a Greek physician, from 2,000 years ago is generally considered to be the father of massage, having used it extensively on Roman gladiators along with the use of

herbs and other plants. He extended the knowledge of his predecessor Hippocrates who both thought that the body and the mind needed to be balanced in order to work properly and that the whole body needed to be treated to affect a cure for any particular complaint. The word we use to describe this theory is 'holistic', and is something that is used by complimentary therapists today.

Between the 1st and 2nd world wars a gentleman from Sweden developed techniques for various massages and then in the 1970s massage became a more acceptable therapy to have done. Massage therapy is still used widely as a treatment for illnesses and to promote good mental and physical health in Chinese and Indian medicine. Indian mothers regularly give their children head massage as it's thought to increase intelligence and decrease the onset of baldness in men.

Massage can reduce blood pressure, increase blood flow, relax muscles and reduce stress. It deeply moisturises the skin and can help with itchy skin conditions such as eczema. It can decrease the stress hormone cortisol and increase the levels of oxytocin known as the cuddle hormone which is present in new and nursing mothers.

Regular massage treatments should be considered as important maintenance for both our body and minds. You have your car serviced regularly in order to keep it working properly so why not do the same for yourself?

Massage in the hospice environment is vital to help with end of life care, making the patient more comfortable and relaxed during their stay.

Blanche produced her 'hot stones', - hot stones are made from volcanic stone and are amazing when applied to our joints to relieve pressure. The stones are warmed to a temperature hot enough to be handled by the therapist. Some of her stones were found on the beach at Littlehampton. These she uses for the

relief of congestion in the sinuses, eyes and headaches, hot stones are usually followed by the use of cold stones.

Computer users who experience head and shoulder ache find much relief from massage...as the head weighs approximately 10 lbs it's not surprising their shoulders ache.....

Indian Massage can take approximately 1 hour, good for a quick fix. Finger pressure is applied to the upper back and shoulder, squeezing to lift and relax the muscles. Massage is a great way to relieve tension in the upper back leading to lower back pain, which most of us experience.

Blanche uses essential oils during massage using her 'counting method'. When massaging the head she works her way up from the ears increasing blood flow which is beneficial by allowing for good oxygen flow to the scalp and brain, and releases essential oils to our scalp helping to keep our hair healthy.

Before the end of her talk, Blanche asked if any of our members had experienced any types of massage, a few of us were able to say we had.

One of our members volunteered to have a shoulder, neck, face and head massage. As the massage progressed it was noticeable how relaxed our friend became, thoroughly enjoying the experience.

After an enjoyable afternoon, the vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Daphne Thirlwall. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 1st May, 2018, our speaker will be Deborah Wheeler and her topic will be 'Make do and Mend'. The "bring and buy" will be for plants and produce.

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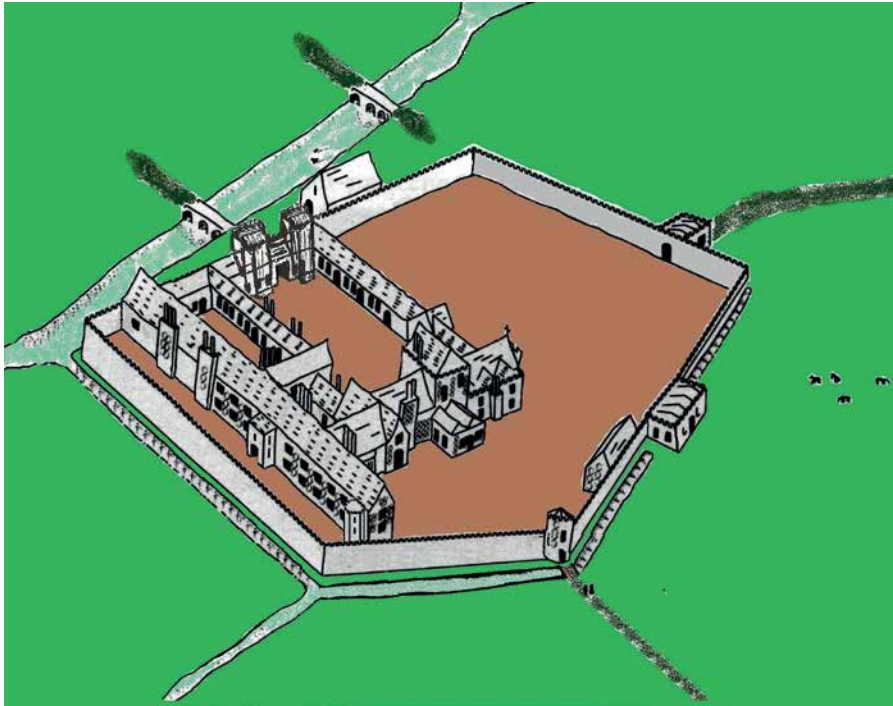
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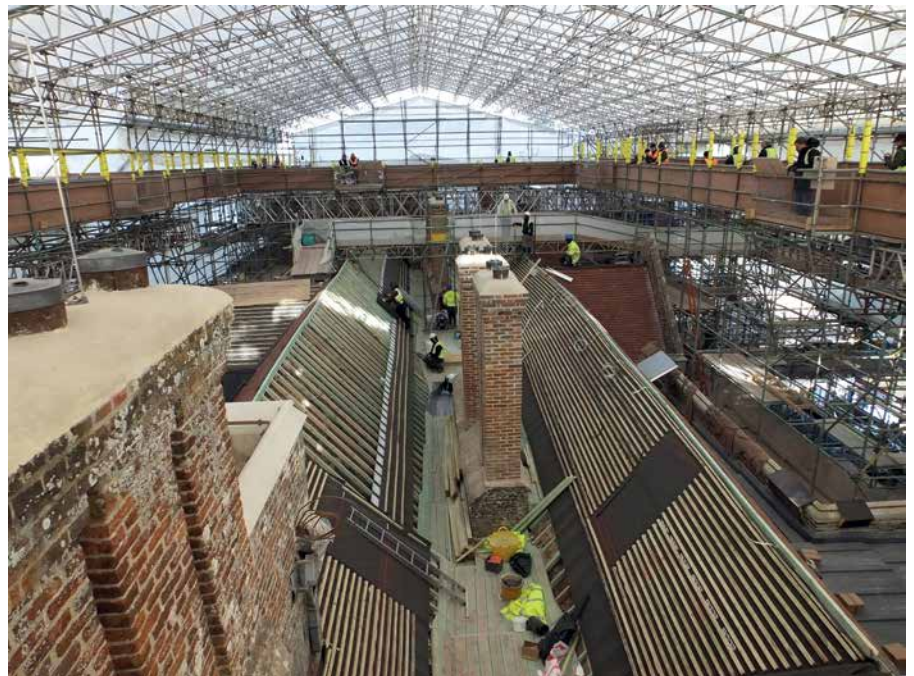
The history of this local Tudor Palace, situated just north of Sherborne St John, and its much publicised roof project were the subject of a talk given by Chris Burrows to the Probus Club of Basingstoke.

Built in 1268 the building was added to over the years. Sir William Sandys, had developed the property into a Tudor palace, and had the honour and great cost of being a recipient of the King Henry V111 and Queen Anne Boleyn’s “progress” in 1535.

Baron Sandys endowed the Holy Ghost chapel in Basingstoke and is buried there. The painted glass windows from the chapel were installed at The Vyne, some of which underwent restoration in 2016.

Chaloner Chute bought the Tudor palace in 1653 demolished it in 1665, rebuilding in the Palladium style. In 1767 John Chute began further modernisation and installed the grand

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A little sunbathing never did anyone any harm as long as you don't overdo it and keep certain parts covered... I am reliably told that sunlight directly on the skin makes vitamin D in your body which the Mrs told me apparently you can't do without. Assuming that vitamin D stands for Dog I consider it a huge compliment that the Boss and the Mrs take a considerable amount of time pursuing this sunbathing lark as it

obviously means they wish to emulate me as much as possible and eventually hope to be able to do all the things I can (with some exceptions). The Mrs usually covers herself in cream and hides under sun shades but the Boss eschews such cissy stuff and so do I. He just enjoys himself and never thinks about Vitamin D but I have noticed that the Boss seems to be copying more of my mannerisms lately in malting, sleeping, snoring and generally enjoying the ball orientated sports.... There may be hope for him yet. The Mrs says he just needs to be trained to fetch and he will be up to my standard..... Vitamin D for Dog, I wonder if Vitamin C is for cat.....

Basingstoke Civil Service Retirement Fellowship

There were 55 members at the meeting held on 4th April who enjoyed the usual tea, coffee and biscuits along with some chocolate Easter treats donated by Tesco Metro in Basingstoke. David Cowling, the Chairman, then welcomed everyone and gave a reminder that all forms relating to the new Data Protection Act should be completed and returned by the end of May. Christine Broadbent, the Welfare Officer, gave her report and then Tony Brazier, the Secretary, gave details of the forthcoming trips to Windsor with a river cruise and lunch on Wednesday 23rd May and St Mary's House and Brighton on Wednesday 13th June.



The talk this month was from Alan Copeland on Eccentric London in which he took

us on a photographic tour of the city highlighting many of the unusual buildings and features which are either

extremely visible or hidden away in little known places. His examples covered some of the really modern buildings which have acquired nicknames such as the Armadillo, the Shard, the Gherkin and the Walkie Talkie through to old buildings, statues and memorials such as the Burlington Arcade, the Monument and Temple Bar. He particularly examined the Albert Memorial with its many statues and groups of figures representing Manufacturing, Commerce, Engineering and Agriculture, as well as the four continents. He also told the story of Zimbabwe House which when built in 1908 as the Headquarters of the British Medical Association was decorated with 18 bold sculptures, including male



and female nude figures, by Sir Jacob Epstein that had to be mutilated in 1936 when parts starting falling off onto the street. Further details can be found on at www.curiosities.co.uk – click on London.



The next meeting is on 2nd May when the speaker will be Alan Grace on Amazing Berlin 1914 - 1989. The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at Brookvale Village Hall from 10 am to 12 noon and all retired Civil Servants and their partners are welcome. Further details about meetings and outings can be obtained from the Secretary Tony Brazier on 01256 418770 (Answerphone)

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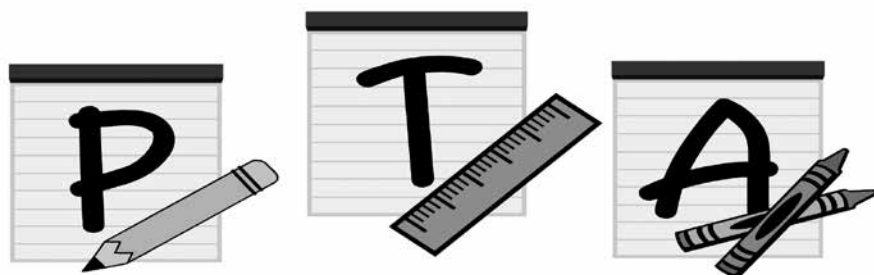
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The Robin Scott Band returns to Silchester!

Silchester Primary School PTA are delighted to announce the return of The Robin Scott Band to Silchester Village Hall on Saturday 9th June, doors open at 7.30pm.

This phenomenal group of talented musicians have taken the village hall by storm for the last two years! This year's

line-up is: Christabel Cossins – Vocals, Robin Scott - Keys/Vocals, Tom Walker - Guitar/Vocals, Gavin Scott - Bass and Barry Cook - Drums/Percussion.

Between them they have recorded/toured with many artists such as Cat Stevens, Barry White, Jermaine Jackson, Mcfly, Barry Manilow, Jocelyn Brown, Lesley Garrett, The Waterboys, Rod Stewart, Gloria Gaynor among many others.

They have also supported artists such as Shania Twain, Cher, Sting, Alanis

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Hopefully you don't need any more convincing to join us for what is set to be a fabulous evening and on your doorstep! Not only will you have a fantastic night out but will help raise precious funds for the school.

Tickets are £20 per person and include a free drink on arrival. Available in advance from The Calleva Arms and the Silchester School Office.

Find out more about the musical maestro, Robin Scott, who the PTA are indebted to for helping coordinate the event, visit www.robinscottmusic.com.

For more information on tickets contact Sarah on 07929 732166.

Basingstoke Racketeers Badminton Club



We would like to let previous and new players know that the Aldworth 8:30 Badminton Club is now the Basingstoke Racketeers Badminton Club.

After more than 25 years of playing at Aldworth School, as the Aldworth 8:30 Badminton Club, and after much discussion the club has decided to move location to the Everest Community Academy which has a more modern sports hall facility and provided the opportunity to play for a longer 2 hour session. With the move obviously required a change in club name.

From April 2018 the club became the Basingstoke Racketeers Badminton Club, playing at Everest Health and Leisure Club, Everest Community Academy, Oxford Way, RG24 9UP, playing Thursday evenings 20:00 – 22:00.

We are a friendly, sociable non-league badminton club with a wide range of age, abilities and styles, playing for fitness and pleasure and partake in the occasional competition. We have players of all levels, who enjoy challenging fun games. As long as you are 18+, have played badminton before, even if it was when you were younger, you'll fit right in.

Mark Chilton, Club Chairman explains:

"The essence of the club is to play Badminton in a friendly environment for exercise, and pleasure. We invariably play doubles, both mixed and same sex and whilst we all play to win and enjoy 'being'/'trying to be' competitive we do not take ourselves too seriously. Exercise and fun is what it is about"

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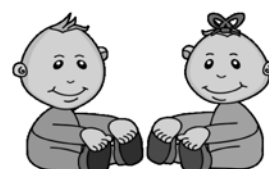
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Fri 18 May, 7.45pm The Anvil

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