

The background of the page is a collage of autumn-themed images. On the left, there's a large, golden-brown pumpkin pie with a cinnamon stick on top. Below it is a large, green vegetable sculpture of a rabbit, made of broccoli, with a carrot for a nose and a white egg-shaped vegetable for an eye. To the right, there are several bouquets of flowers, including red and yellow dahlias. In the bottom right, there's a basket of autumn produce like pumpkins and gourds. The text 'The Villager' is overlaid on the top right, and 'November 2015' is in a black box below it. At the bottom, 'Sherbornes and Pamber' is in a black box.

The Villager

November 2015

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Editorial

It is that time of year again: Beautiful autumnal colours, fallen leaves and.....bonfires ! I have received the following email from a resident of Elm Road, Sherborne St John but I am certain the complaint is universal.

Wasn't it a beautiful afternoon yesterday? blue sky, hardly any wind, birds singing – and I did all my washing – towels, sheets etc.....only to be thwarted, yet again, by the bonfire menace who lit up literally in the middle of the day – and I had to quickly bring everything in and close all my windows.

I am saddened that people think they need to burn waste, do it in the middle of the day and with no regard for anyone else.

Please, please, please can we once again put a notice in the Villager to request that people DO NOT have bonfires during daylight hours – it is very antisocial. I have checked the facts and it would appear that if this persists and we can identify the culprit, an order can be made against them to desist, which if they ignore can result in large fines against them.

I hope you may be able to put some 'encouraging' words in the Villager to try and stop this.

Thank you for considering this.

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Macmillan Coffee Morning

*Another wonderfully successful day at 8 Vyne Meadow, when, as a result of the enormous generosity from our guests, the sum of **£643.35** including gift aid was raised. With grateful thanks to everyone involved.*

John and Liz Edwards.

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Front Cover photos taken by Miles Roberts. On a clear sunny Sunday morning Harvest Festival was celebrated at All Saints' Church, Monk Sherborne. The decorating team used locally sourced foliage and a splendid crop of dahlias, plus a home-baked harvest loaf (which was enjoyed later!) to decorate the church. At the end of the service homemade apple juice and biscuits were enjoyed by the congregation.

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Future Events

November 2015

1	Odiham Art Group Annual Art Exhibition, Robert Mays School, West Street, Odiham	10am – 5pm
1 - 30	Basingstoke Art Club Exhibition, 'Family' at the Willis Museum, Basingstoke, until 18 Dec	
2	Pelican Film Society, Woman in Gold, The Ark, Guests welcome £5, Supper available	7.30pm
2	60+Club, Sherborne St John Village Hall. Contact 01256 850577 for transport	10.00am
3	SSJ Women's Fellowship, Christmas Table Settings, SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
6 & 7	CPRE Art Exhibition, Swallick Farmhouse, Winslade, Basingstoke RG25 2NG	10.30am – 5.00pm
14	4 Men & a Quiz, Fundraising evening in aid of Ungureni Trust, Tickets: 850029 or 889291	7.00pm
16	60+Club, Sherborne St John Village Hall. Contact 01256 850577 for transport	10.00am
21	Sherborne St John Village Christmas Market, SSJ Village Hall	10am – 1pm
21	Murder Mystery Evening at the SSJ Village Hall including fish & chips supper, tickets: 850514	7.00pm
28	NSPCC Christmas Fair, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10am to 4pm,
30	60+Club, Sherborne St John Village Hall. Contact 01256 850577 for transport	10.00am

December 2015

1 - 18	Basingstoke Art Club Exhibition, 'Family' at the Willis Museum, Basingstoke, until 18 Dec	
1	SSJ Women's Fellowship, Christmas Lunch TBA	2.00pm
7	Pelican Film Society, The 100 year old man who climbed out of the window, The Ark	7.30pm
14	60+Club, Christmas Lunch at the Swan. Contact 01256 850577 to book	12 noon
19	Sherborne St John Village Christmas Market, SSJ Village Hall	10am – 1pm

January 2016

5	SSJ Women's Fellowship, World Cruise Adventure, SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
11	Pelican Film Society, Walk in the Woods, The Ark Conference Centre, Guests welcome	7.30pm

February 2016

5	SSJ Women's Fellowship, AGM, SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
8	Pelican Film Society, Grand Seduction, The Ark Conference Centre, Guests welcome	7.30pm

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 *

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Church Matters November

I don't know if you are familiar with the term "mission creep"? It refers to the gradual broadening of the original objectives of a mission or organisation. It is the tendency of any project or task to take on more than its defined aim. The phrase was originally used of the way a military operation, may unintentionally become wider in scope than its initial objectives.

Mission creep proceeds by a series of gradual changes in the aim of a group of people, with the result that they eventually end up doing something different from what they planned to do at the beginning. It may be a consequence of success, but as *Wikipedia* says, mission creep is usually considered undesirable due to the dangerous path of each success breeding more ambitious attempts, only stopping when a final, often catastrophic, failure occurs.

The term is vivid and useful in many situations, not least the work of the gospel. Jesus made perfectly clear what his disciples were to do once he ascended to glory. "Go and make disciples of all nations"¹ was what he said. There is the mission of the church in a nutshell. How is it to be achieved? By getting God's word to God's world. The mission of God is defined by the gospel of God.

This is often where things start to go wrong. The church loses sight of what the gospel is. Unfortunately the church has a constant tendency to backslide and broaden out. The cutting edge of the gospel becomes blunted or forsaken altogether. The church becomes preoccupied with improving the environment or issues of social justice. Let's be clear – it is not that these things are unimportant – some people should do them – it is just that the mission of the church cannot be defined in these terms. Indeed to do so is to succumb to mission creep.

The Bible makes it abundantly clear, from Genesis to Revelation, that the Gospel of God is not primarily about meeting the many felt needs that beset people in the world today. It is about spreading the gospel of God in such a way that as many as possible believe it and are saved by it. The question is therefore how can we maintain our aim of consistent involvement in God's mission? Here are some pointers:

First, keep **the bible** central. The Word of God generates mission. We cannot listen to a statement like "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son

so that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life"² without realising that there is a job to be done. That task is to tell people about Jesus in such a way as to enable them to believe in him. The more we absorb the Word of God the more it generates the work of mission.

Second, keep **prayer** central. As has often been pointed out, "when we work, we work – but when we pray, God works". Prayer empowers mission and that is what we need if we are to make any headway in an indifferent and sometimes hostile world. Each convert to Christ represents a spiritual battle won and such battles can only be won through prayer.

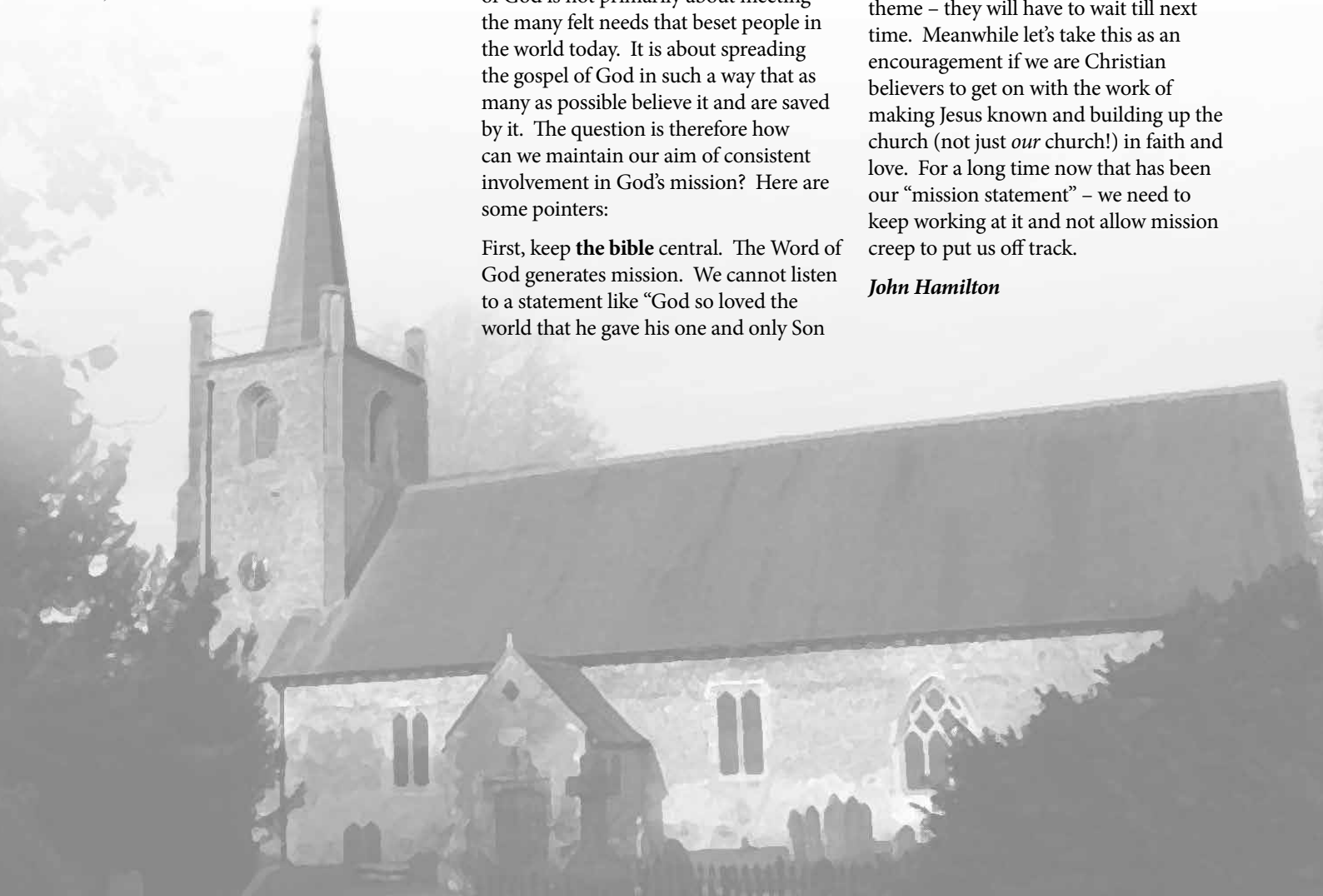
Thirdly, keep **people** central. It is people that matter in the work of Christ – not programmes or projects, not buildings or winning arguments. We need to keep people in the centre of the frame – this focuses mission. It is easy to become excited by schemes of one sort or another when saving and serving people should be what we're about.

I have four more points on this theme – they will have to wait till next time. Meanwhile let's take this as an encouragement if we are Christian believers to get on with the work of making Jesus known and building up the church (not just *our* church!) in faith and love. For a long time now that has been our "mission statement" – we need to keep working at it and not allow mission creep to put us off track.

John Hamilton

¹ Matthew 28:19

² John 3:16



Services for November

St Andrew's – Sherborne St John
All Saints – Monk Sherborne
The Priory – Pamber End

1 November

10am	Family Communion	St Andrew's
6pm	'Sundays at Six'	Sherborne St John Village Hall

8 November *Remembrance Day*

8am	Holy Communion	The Priory
10am	Morning Service, Sunday Club & Crèche	St Andrew's
10am	Morning Service	All Saints
6pm	'Sundays at Six'	Sherborne St John Village Hall

15 November

10am	Morning Service, Sunday Club & Crèche	St Andrew's
6pm	'Sundays at Six'	Sherborne St John Village Hall

22 November

10am	Morning Service, Sunday Club & Crèche	St Andrew's
10am	Morning Service	The Priory
6pm	'Sundays at Six'	Sherborne St John Village Hall

29 November

10am	Morning Service, Sunday Club & Crèche	St Andrew's
6pm	'Sundays at Six'	Sherborne St John Village Hall

6 December

10am	Parish Communion, Sunday Club & Crèche	St Andrew's
5pm	Advent Carols	The Priory

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10AM...

Nov 1	Multiply!	Genesis 9:1-7	John Hamilton
Nov 8	Judge not	James 2:1-13	John Hamilton & Ian Roberts
Nov 15	What faith looks like	James 2:14-26	John Hamilton
Nov 22	What so often lets us down!	James 3:1-12	Andrew King & Andy Spence
Nov 29	Two ways to live	James 3:13-4:6	John Hamilton

SUNDAYS AT SIX

Nov 1	Hezekiah: faith in tough times	Chapter 19	John Hamilton
Nov 8	Manasseh: worst king of all time?	Chapter 21	Steve Howe
Nov 15	Josiah and partial revival	Chapter 23	John Hamilton
Nov 22	Don't lose your reward	2 John	Scott Seivewright
Nov 29	No greater joy	3 John	Scott Seivewright

MIDWEEK

Home Groups meet on the weeks beginning 10 & 24 November: they will be following up the Sunday morning teaching on James.

On other Tuesdays we continue THE HUMAN JOURNEY a series of talks produced by the Christian Medical Fellowship. 8-9pm in the Parish Room.

Tuesday 3 November: No meeting

Tuesday 17 November: Physical health – how should I live?

PRAYING TOGETHER

While there should always be time for prayer at all our meetings we will meet specifically to pray every week (almost!) on THURSDAY afternoons at 2.15 pm.

(Please note the new timing – the aim is to meet each week to focus on the weekend coming up as well as other needs). This month we meet on Thursdays 5, 12, 19 & 26. Finish by 3 pm.

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This footpath will be closed at night from 17.00 to 7.00am in the morning on posted dates starting from 10th November 2015.

This measure is necessary in order to allow the contractors sole access to the area to reduce the pest nuisance caused by the heavy increase in the rabbit population. It is being carried out by a professional company with the full agreement of Hampshire County Council officers and at their cost. The work will be night shooting with silenced equipment

operated from a vehicle, at times with lights, and means the path must be closed from dusk to dawn on selected nights starting from 10th November 2015.

The contractors will carry out up to 8 night shoots, with one each week. Unfortunately as the work is weather dependent it will not be possible to give much advance notice of the exact dates chosen. Notices will be fixed at the entry points giving up to date information 24 hours prior to the date that the contractors plan to carry out the night

work so **please do not attempt to use the footpath on dates posted.**

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but the work is essential to eradicate the problem and for safety reasons the footpath must be closed to all during the chosen dates.

Further information will be placed on Sherborne St John notice boards.

Please contact the Parish Clerk ssjclerk@gmail.com if you have any queries or concerns.

Summer into Autumn 2015

May was a very variable month with more than one inch of rain in the first 6 days and gales on the 5th; pressure then rose and there were some good sunny days, but the 14th was a dismal day with continuous rain. Overall it was warmer than average with good sunshine totals and average rainfall.

June was a fine month with lots of high pressure, well-above average temperatures and sunshine and very low rainfall. Then the 1st July was exceptionally hot – reaching 33.5C (93F) here in the late afternoon with a thunderstorm at 9.45pm; the rest of the month was characterised by many cloudy days, below-average temperatures and (here) 42mm rain on the 24th (elsewhere much heavier falls were recorded).

August started with a good warm spell until the 9th but then deteriorated into mainly cloudy conditions, apart from good sunny days on the 21st and 22nd. Overall temperatures were near average but sunshine totals were very poor and there were many days with significant rainfall totals.

September started dry and mild with negligible rain up until the 13th and again after the 23rd. Sunshine totals were good. So far October has continued in a similar vein.

The late Spring provided an excellent start to the growing season which continued into June, although the lack of rain caused some concern. The early cereal harvest started well in July, but the main harvest was greatly delayed by the very poor conditions in mid- to late-August, however September enabled a good recovery.

2014/15 Pamber Green	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	To 11 Oct
Avg Day Max Temp C	17.4	21.6	22.1	21.8	18.5	16.9
Diff from 30-yr avg C	+1.7	+2.6	-0.6	-0.2	+0.6	+1.6
Highest Max Temp C	20.9	29.7	33.5	30.6	22.4	19.2
Avg Night Min Temp C	6.8	9.1	11.1	11.2	6.6	6.2
Diff from 30-year avg C	+0.9	+0.4	+1.2	+1.0	-2.1	-1.5
Lowest Min Air Temp C	0.6	3.1	3.2	3.6	1.6	1.3
Total Rainfall mm	56.6	27.7	61.1	92.4	58.4	34.2
Percent of 30-year avg	103	55	110	142	94	118
No. of days with >1mm rain	11	5	6	10	6	3
Diff from 30-year avg	+1	-2	-1	+3	-3	-2

David Cullum. Tel. 850315

Monk Sherborne Parish Council

Work continues with Highways to ensure pot holes are filled as quickly as possible. Please report any as soon as you see them via the Hampshire County Council online reporting system. This ensures the defect is logged and added to the schedule of works for the Highways team.

We have also been pursuing Highways in ensuring the cast iron finger posts are repaired. We have been reassured that the replacements are on order and will be installed within the next 6 weeks.

Following concerns having been raised by both local parishioners and members

of the parish council regarding the noise levels from Manor Farm, details in relation to amendments to the application submitted for Manor Farm were received from Hampshire County Council. Calculations demonstrating the level of noise reduction the proposed barrier would provide were received. Comments were submitted to Hampshire County Council in objection of the application.

Further works have been carried out at the playground with the swings having been secured in accordance with health & safety requirements.

The Senior Tree officer at Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council visited the Millennium Oaks at the request of the parish council. Basingstoke & Deane commended the current condition and overall health of the trees, advising that only minimal pruning was required. The required pruning is to be undertaken during the autumn period.

Next Parish Council meeting -
Wednesday 18th November at 7.20pm.

The SSJ Neighbourhood Plan November 2015 Update

The Draft Plan - Call for Sites



Thank you for taking part in the 2nd Consultation Event. The voting results for the development proposal at A340/Cranes Rd were as follows:

'Yes' 134 - of which 90 were 'Yes' irrespective of whether a shop is available or not, and 40 were 'Yes' only if the shop is available (+ 4 undefined).

'No' 65.

As a consequence, we have advised the developer Rydon that we will support

their proposal for 18 Dwellings - as long as they don't seek further development in SSJ within the current BDBC Local Plan. If this can be delivered it will be a good result for Sherborne St John. Perversely, this is also good news for Spring Close; the likelihood otherwise is that the developer would be applying to build as many as 80 houses in the field, stretching up to the top of Spring Close.

One point that must be stressed - BDBC (and Central Government) have stated very clearly that we must opt for some new housing in Sherborne St John.

Voting for no new housing would not be accepted. A340/Cranes Rd became the only valid option.

The Steering Group will now proceed with the writing of the Neighbourhood Plan - for submission to BDBC for



examination by Inspector, followed by the Referendum (when the Parish is asked to vote for adoption of the Plan) next year.

One of the options provided by the A340/Cranes Rd site is the possibility of a new Village Shop/Post Office. For this to become a reality, a full study (resulting in a robust Business Plan!) will be required.

Maybe you are interested to help and have enthusiasm and/or the appropriate skills? Please register your interest by phoning Mrs Penny Mayo, Clerk to the Parish Council (01189 332379).

Julian Crawley
SSJ Neighbourhood Plan



SHERBORNE ST JOHN PARISH COUNCIL

Unfortunately the Parish Council meeting 28th September 2015 had to be cancelled at short notice due to illness.

New Parish Councillors

Becky Jones has agreed to be co-opted onto the Parish Council to fill the recent vacancy until elections next May 2016. Unfortunately another of the Parish Councillors will be resigning in November as she is leaving the Village for pastures new. So we urgently need someone else who would be available to join the Parish Council until next May 2015. This is the perfect opportunity for someone to 'test the waters' without committing themselves to 4 years. So please contact me on ssjclerk@gmail.com if you are interested. **A good Council needs a range of people who all bring different talents and expertise to the service of their community could you be one of them?** Membership of the Parish Council is not too arduous but is very fulfilling to help ensure your parish remains as you'd like!!!

Chute Pavilion Project

As many of you will be aware the 2nd phase of the Chute improvement project is now well under way. The old wooden unit has been removed, the order placed for the new steel unit, which will have 3 sides dark green and the front lighter green so that it merges into the surrounding trees and hedges, and the new reinforced base being laid.

The Parish Council will now move on to Phase 3 and, with the help and input from the tennis club, decide which of the quotes to accept to upgrade the court fencing.

It has taken longer than at first thought but the Parish Council hope you are all happy with the improvements to parish facilities.

Rabbit Infestation near Moss Hill Allotments

The Parish Council has done all it can to eradicate the problem from the allotment site. Hampshire County Council has agreed to fund contractors to now remove as many rabbits as possible from their field siding the allotments. This will have to be carried out at night which means that the footpath from Kiln lane to Sherborne Road will have to be closed for safety reasons. There will be several night shoots to remove the rabbits, one per week, but because the work is weather dependent they will only be able to give around 24 hours notice of the intended closure of the footpath each time. **So PLEASE check for notices at each end of the footpath and don't attempt to use it !!!**

Neighbourhood Plan

The 2nd consultation was held in order to review parish options after the withdrawal of Bob's farm as the preferred site. Hopefully an update with the results will be available very

soon as the Committee hope to start writing the draft plan in the near future ready for submission to Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council prior to the public vote.

Chute Administrator

We are still urgently looking for someone who has a few hours free a week to run the booking etc at the Chute as Judith Darmady retires. So please contact me by e mail if you think you could help. ssjclerk@gmail.com.

Speeding on Parish Roads

The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Speedwatch volunteers for their time and efforts. While vehicles are still going too fast through the parish some progress has been made and with the help of the Neighbourhood Policing Team at Tadley it is hoped to get the situation on Vyne Road under control.

General Village Issues

I am continuing to raise problems encountered by residents re road conditions, trees, hedges and pavements and would like to thank people who have sent me e mails with issues. I am at present dealing with these but if there are any other problems which concern you please contact me on ssjclerk@gmail.com and please give detailed locations.

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Pamber Parish Council

The next meeting of Pamber Parish Council will be held at 7.30pm on Monday, 9th November 2015 in St. Stephen's Hall, Little London. All parishioners are welcome to attend. Details of meetings are displayed on the notice boards and on the website www.pamber-pc.gov.uk

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Notes from Pamber Green and Pamber End

What a pleasure to have a late burst of summer in late September and early October with glorious sun and warmth. A very nice reward after the rust stains endured during the summer. But now it's becoming chilly and, by the time you read this, the clocks will have changed and the dark evenings will be with us.

It was lovely to see the early publication of the short story *Lucky Alice* in last month's *Villager* and I hope the 'anonymous author' will put pen to paper again very soon.

The outline planning application made by Cllr David Snook for the erection of 4 houses, 2 bungalows and a village hall with associated parking, landscaping and access (15/02132/OUT) at Berry Court Farm, New Road, Little London, has split local opinions. Following a consultation meeting of interested parties on 20th July 2015, the results of a follow up survey show local opinions overwhelmingly against the proposal, viewing it as unnecessary. It does seem strange to suggest a new hall now when the Pamber Parish Council signed a new lease in January 2015 for St Stephens Hall opposite the proposed development site. In addition, Pamber Parish Council contributed towards the repairs to St Stephen's Hall. Unfortunately, the September Parish Council Minutes have not been published at the time of going to press but the July minutes report that Cllr Snook left the room whilst the planning item was discussed.

You can review the September minutes and the full survey results online at pamber-pc.gov.uk. The next Pamber Parish Council meeting date is on 19th October 2015.

Outline planning application has been submitted for the erection of up to 12 dwellings (4 two bedroom, 2 three bedroom homes and 6 four or more-bedroom homes) together with the creation of a new vehicle and pedestrian access onto the A340 to be sited on land between Elmdene and Fairholme at Pamber End, opposite Elm Park Garden Centre. It is a very busy stretch of the A340 to increase the volume of traffic joining it and the scope of the development would not seem to be weighted in favour of the concepts of affordable housing.

Local resident, David Spencer, warned me of the recommencement of tree felling in Pamber Forest again. This morning I followed the sound of the chain saw and found the area in Mariners Copse, just south of the gravel route into the forest from Honey Mill Bridge. It was easy to follow the route of the heavy caterpillar tread machinery to find the area being felled. I spoke to the workman felling the trees who told me it will be continuing for a couple of weeks (whatever that means!) and that the wood will be stacked alongside the gravel track ready for removal but the heavy machinery will be moved away from the site at weekends for storage

along the route of a well used public footpath clearly shown on the Ordnance Survey 1:25,000 series map. So if the weather turns wet over the next few weeks (high probability I suspect) yet another footpath will become a quagmire impassable to Forest users. Why, oh why do they always come in at this time of year when greatest damage is caused to all that surrounds the work site. Last time deep ruts, caterpillar track wide and up to 18 inches deep, filled with rain water, never to drain all winter. These tracks are still clearly visible scars after over two years.

Thankfully, elsewhere in the Forest away from the work, the paths are holding up well despite the recent heavy rain. Sweet chestnuts are again in abundance so get out there, have some fresh air and exercise and collect your chestnuts for Christmas.

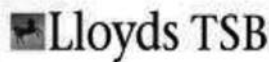
Tadley Singers November Concert will take place on Saturday 28th November at Pamber Heath Memorial Hall, always a very well enjoyed event. The Choir's chosen charity is the Ark Cancer Centre to which profits will go.

Basingstoke Wildlife Watch are focusing on Bird Box Building 28th November 2015 from 2pm to 4pm. Donations are welcome, contact 07905 256966/ 01256 782665/ 01256 770831 for details

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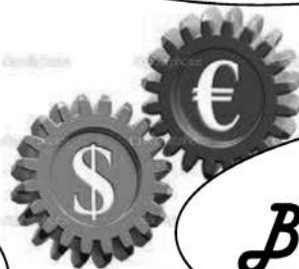
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Basingstoke Civil Service Retirement Fellowship

John Lambeth, the Chairman, welcomed 49 members and 1 visitor to the monthly meeting held on 7th October and remarked on the very enjoyable Mystery Tour the previous week which included a tour of Guildford Cathedral, lunch in Redhill and then a stop on the way home at Long Sutton to see the 12th Century church and enjoy tea provided by the WI. Tony Brazier, the Secretary, gave the welfare report on behalf of Christine Broadbent who was on holiday and went on to remind everyone of the forthcoming trip to the Geffrye Museum and Spitalfields on 12th November and the Christmas lunch at BCOT on 10th December.

The speaker was Dave Goldsmith from the Andean Medical Mission who gave a summary of the work the charity carries out in the Amazon region of Bolivia

where blindness and low vision affects 3.8% of the population compared with about 0.7% in the UK. They returned again for this year to the villages of Magdalena and Baures where they saw previous patients doing well and attended to new ones. They also went back to Remanso, Bella Vista and Huacaraje and added in two new areas by expanding south and west from Itenez to the village of Santo Corazon and to the town of Santa Ana. During the 1 month trip they attended over 1350 patients and were operating until 1am some nights.

At the next meeting on Wednesday 4th November the speaker will be Gordon Massie on The Life and Legends of Mary Queen of Scots.

The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at Brookvale Village Hall



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from 10 am – 12 noon and all retired Civil Servants and their partners are welcome. Further details about meetings can be obtained from the Secretary Tony Brazier on 01256 418770 or at bjmapbr@ntlworld.com and if you would like to join us on any of our trips please contact Kate Lambeth on 01256 328791.

David Cowling



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Charlotte and Ian's wedding



Charlotte Edwards and Ian Lumby were married at St Peter's Church, Carmarthen in August. Having left the Army Charlotte met Ian, who was based at Tidworth barracks and coming to the end of his Army career! The reception was held at The Mansion House, Llansteffan, where there was an informal gathering of friends and family.

Charlotte, Ian and daughter Ruby (14 months) have now made their home in Cefneithin, South Wales, but we're glad to say that Sherborne St John is still top of their visiting list!

Charlotte is the youngest daughter of John and Liz Edwards of Vyne Meadow, SSJ. Seen here with her sister Caroline and brother Daniel



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Joan Brandon



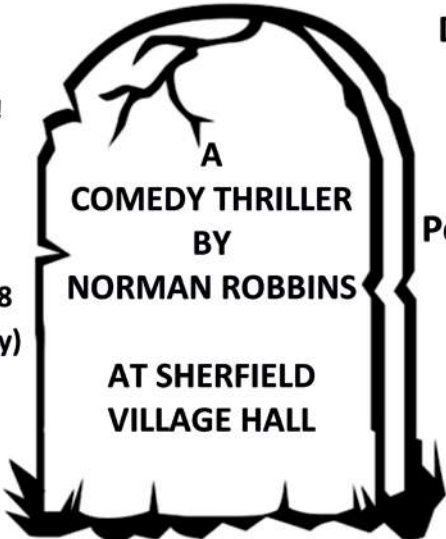

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- a willingness to listen and make informed judgements
- the ability to work well with others
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If you are interested, look at the information for prospective governors on the Hampshire County Council website: www3.hants.gov.uk/education/governors and apply through the online process. The deadline for applications is 30th November 2015.

If you wish to find out more before applying online, please contact the school office on 01256 850180 to arrange an appointment with the Chair of Governors.

Please note that for the protection of children all governor appointments are subject to a vetting process and identity check

One of our favourite events during this half term is the conker tournament, and there have been plenty of conkers on the trees this autumn! Most of the children took part, and after several knock-out rounds and a hard-fought final, this year's conker champions were Matthew and Owen.



For the first time in recent years our Harvest Festival service was held in St Andrew's Church, which meant that parents were able to attend. Food donations were gratefully received from our visitor from the Trussell Trust (Basingstoke Food Bank) and each class gave a harvest-themed performance which made the service really special.

On 9th October, classes 3 and 4 took part in story-writing workshops with



a children's author named Billy Bob Buttons. He kept them entertained for an hour, explaining how to plan and write fiction stories and illustrating this with examples from his own work.

Just before half term, the Infant children had an exhibition of their project work 'Me, Me, Me' for parents. They proudly displayed their drawings and writing, as well as preparing healthy snacks for their visitors.

Finally, congratulations to the new Year 5/6 Tag Rugby team who played their first league matches of the season, winning the first and drawing the second – keeping up the high standard of the last few years!



SSJ School currently has a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor for one or two lunchtimes each week. If you are interested and would like to find out more, please contact the School Office on 01256 850180.

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Sherborne St John History Society

PARK PREWETT



Now that Park Prewett is largely a residential development and the area has become a separate parish from SSJ Rooksdown is establishing its individuality. Members of their community are interested in knowing about its history.

Park Prewett has a long history, first recorded in the 14th century as one of probably four areas with permission to enclose as deer parks in SSJ; the others were Morgaston, Cufaude and Beaurepaire. By the 17th century the park was part of the Vyne Estate and had become a farm with a three storey farmhouse in the middle. The site was sold to Hampshire County Council in about 1900 with the intention of building what was then called a 'lunatic asylum'. Plans were well underway when the first World War broke out and the hospital was then commandeered to become a hospital for the Canadian Army. After the war Park Prewett was altered to fulfil its purpose as a mental hospital, opening in 1921.

The second world war brought further changes. Rooksdown had been built as

a private wing of the hospital. During the war it was taken over as a plastic surgery unit where Sir Harold Gillies and others did important work on treating severely wounded soldiers using skin grafts.

All this time the farm continued as a mixed farm. Its size was increased to 456 acres with land bought from the Vyne Estate to 456. More farm worker cottages were built and buildings renovated. The farm provided food for the hospital and occupational therapy for the patients. By 1965 the farm was deemed to be too expensive to continue in the same way. The larger fields were given over to cereal crops and most of the workers were redeployed.

Many local people had associations with the hospital and farm and memories that they may like to share. We're asking those who have memories of Park Prewett to share them with us and Rooksdown. You may have worked on the farm, in the laundry, the bakery, in office work or at the hospital, or perhaps have helped in a voluntary capacity.

An important part of Park Prewett was the splendid large hall with its high vaulted roof, stage, orchestra pit and sprung dance floor. It was the venue for many Basingstoke functions including concerts, pantomime, dance evenings and the Carnival Ball. Many villagers will have memories of attending functions.

We are particularly interested in hearing about these memories, so if you would like to share them or have memorabilia that might help with this project please email the History Society at SSJHisSoc@Lillydown.net or phone Jean & Pat Linford 850264 (for SSJ), Jane Shelvey 850379 (Monk Sherborne) or Jenny & David Cullum 850315 (Pamber).

If you wish to contact Rooksdown directly please phone Claire on 01256 869626 or email her at admin@rooksdowonline.com.

Bag 2 School

We would like to invite you all to have an "autumn sort out" and donate any unwanted clothing to Sherborne St John School to help us raise funds.

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Priory Soccer Success



On the 21st of September, we travelled to Oakley Primary School to compete in a Basingstoke inter-schools football competition. It was to decide who was going to play in the final three days later and then ultimately to decide who was going to represent Basingstoke in the Hampshire finals down in Southampton.

There were seven teams competing and we had to play six games, each one lasting fourteen minutes (seven minutes each way). We won five of our games, 1-0, 6-1, 6-1, 2-0, 4-0 and a 1-1 draw to Castle Hill primary school. These scores resulted in a top of the table finish which meant we were through to the finals back at Oakley.

Four teams took part in the final on the 24th of September which was played as knockout stages (if you lose than you are out). In our semi-final against Rucstall Primary school the result did not show how hard the game was but we took our opportunities and won 6-1. The final was against Oakley Primary School, whom we had played in the qualifying rounds. It was a closely fought final against a well matched Oakley side but eventually we broke through and Ollie scored a brilliant brace; could he be the next Pele? The whole team were definitely pulling their weight. We went up to collect our medals and Will (our captain) received the trophy. Also, as we have less than one hundred pupils in Key Stage 2, we were presented with the small schools award. All of our hard work had paid off as we were now in the Hampshire final.

On the day of the final, everyone in the team was buzzing with excitement. We set off from The Priory and arrived a while later at the University grounds of Southampton.

There were eight teams at the final. Our first match ended in a 0-0 draw against Arreton, a team from the Isle of Wight. In our next match we were the better team as we were determined to win and we came out on top with a 3-0 triumph, with everyone playing their part. In our other games we were not as fortunate as we lost three games and drew two. We ended up in fifth place out of all of the schools in Hampshire who entered the competition. A massive achievement for such a small school and one that we are all really proud of.

A big thank you from the team to our parents and teachers for supporting our team throughout the tournament.

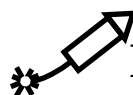
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By Guy and Ben



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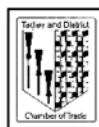
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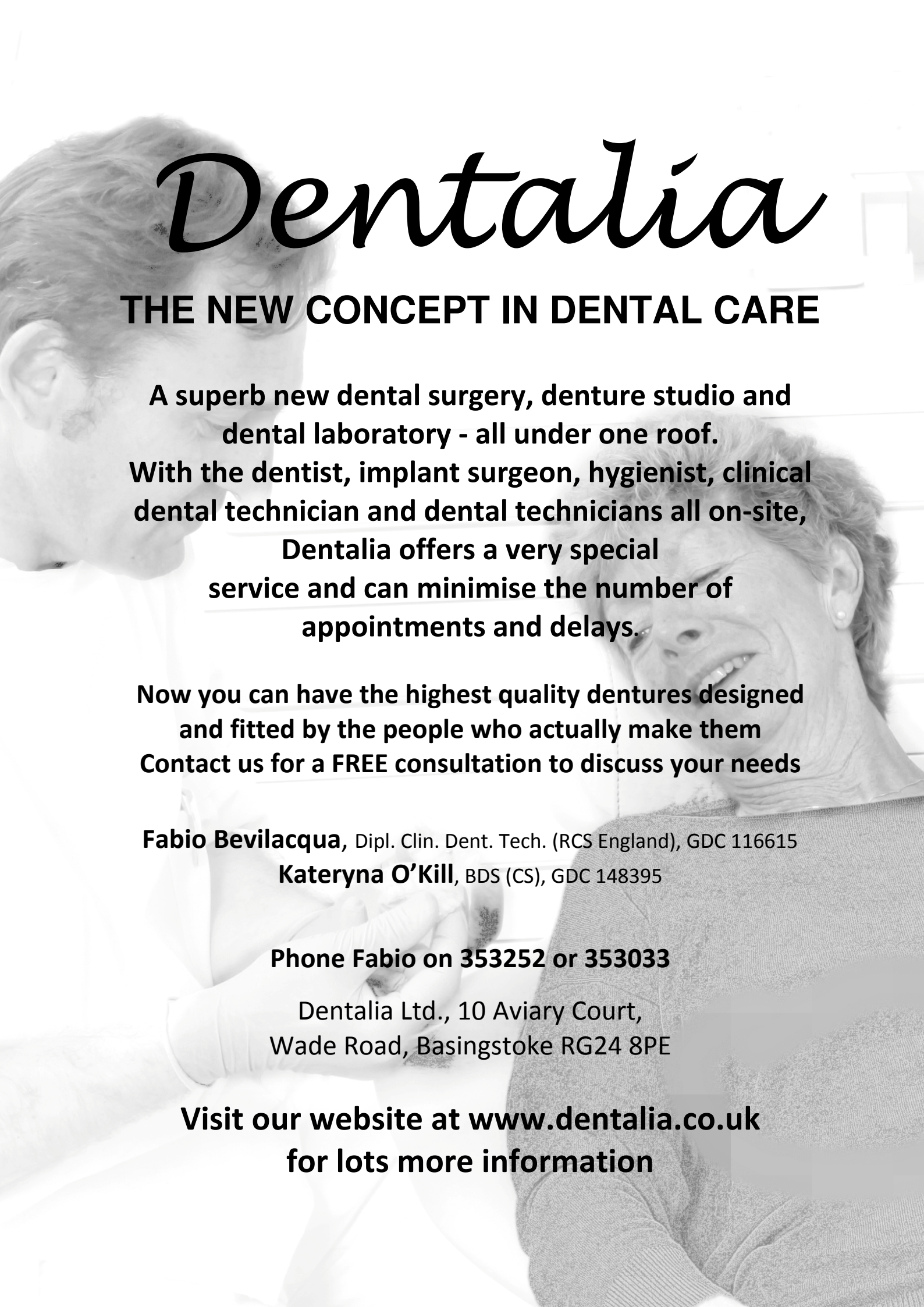
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Congratulations are due to Margaret Paterson for the excellent work she has done since volunteering in July to become the co-ordinator for this scheme she made all the preparations to make house calls after September Villager was published. She has succeeded in getting well over 50 % of the householders signed up thereby qualifying to have the

scheme registered by the police. Thanks are also due to our beat officer PCSO Antony Brady for his excellent support.

Those few residents who have not yet responded to Margaret please do so promptly, membership will enable you to get a reduction in cost of home insurance.

Sherborne St John Village Market

Saturday 21st November

Please take the time to come and visit your local village market at SSJ Village Hall!

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Bert's Blog



I am keeping an eye out for those dog nappers that sneaked through the village recently. Did you see the roters late that

night? They pinched two of my friends and made off with them in suspicious looking vans. The doggie door locks were found on the ground and their rooms were bare – honestly, you are not safe in your own bed any longer. I had a good smell round but couldn't pick up their scent. The Mrs put the word out over the ether after seeing a message from my canine friends' distraught owners. We figured if we made the little doggies too hot to handle they might well be set free and thankfully as it turned out, they were later found abandoned in Vyne Wood and kindly returned to their owners. I have yet to get together with them for a good chin and tailwag to get the low down on their unfortunate adventure. The Boss gave me a good talking to about stranger-danger which I will pass on to the miniatures if they ever get round to sitting still long enough for me to talk to them. Every time I get near enough to have a tickle, scratch and chat they run round in circles, screaming, holding their noses and calling me Pongo! I don't think they appreciate my delicate canine perfume – nor does the Mrs as I have had several hose downs in the garden this summer while that small furry spitty thing sits nearby smirking and cleaning herself for the millionth time. Never have I seen an animal spend so much time prinking and preening. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder so she obviously feels the need to continuously improve her looks as every time she walks past the mirror she nearly jumps out of her skin, whereas I am confident I pass muster and get by with a lick and a promise, except when the Mrs has that hose pipe pointed at me.

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Womens Fellowship

The October meeting was a fascinating and lively talk given by Mrs. Frances Benton, on the subject “A Passion for Pearls”.

Mrs. Benton lives in France with her husband but travels extensively in the UK giving talks and visiting family. She is, in her words, a pearl-stringer, a hobby which has taken her on extensive travels to wherever pearls are grown and cultivated. She strings with silk, the strongest and most pliable material in existence, and stringing she informed us is one-pearl, one-knot; she estimates a minimum quarter million knots have been knotted in her pearl-stringing career.

The passion Frances Benton still has actually began when she was 7 years old, when her Grandmother gave her a string of pearls to hold and she discovered that very quickly they became warm in her hands. She still likes to think of them as ‘moons from fairyland’.

Pearls have been in existence for over 10,000 years; indeed, Cleopatra may have seduced Mark Anthony with her pearls! Queen Elizabeth 1st owned eight pearl necklaces, some or all of which reached her knees. Now Queen Elizabeth 2nd wears her ancestor’s pearls, and there is a tradition which still exists that she wears one row for ‘every day’, two rows for special occasions, and three rows which is her decision on the importance of the occasion. So when she is meeting an important ambassador or delegate we only need to look at the number of rows of pearls she is wearing to deduce her recognition of that person!

We were educated on the colours, types and sizes of pearls, as well as their structure and formation. She told us that we tend to think of them as white, but

there are over one hundred and sixteen shades of white, her favourite being shade number 76. There are also pink and black colours, the black thus called in the West, but referred to as Peacock in the East and Asia.

There are three categories – the first is faux (fake) being made of glass beads, the other two being referred to as real, either natural or cultured. The rarest, natural pearls, are the rarest gemstones on Earth, and outprice even diamonds. Mrs. Benton saw a beautiful large, egg-shaped pearl, with no blemishes, being auctioned for £600,000.

The cultured pearls are natural, but have been ‘cultured’ by man interfering with oysters on oyster farms. There is no difference in the appearance between a natural and cultured pearl. The most important part of the pearl is the centre, commonly and mistakenly thought to be constructed out of sand or grit, but this is apparently a myth. The problem was always that, in order to know what exactly was inside the pearl, the pearl had to be cut in half, but at the huge value put on the natural pearl, no-one was prepared to cut it in half.

In 1895 a Japanese jeweller, with an enquiring mind, began his long career of introducing the Akoya oyster to Japan. Mr. Mikimoto began experiments to enable the oyster to produce a pearl inside its shell, so he opened many, cutting them in half, and discovered, after much experimentation and research, that the outer edge, or mantle, of the shell filters tiny mineral salts, mainly calcium carbonate (chalk), not

seen with the naked eye. The oyster does this by ‘quivering’ its shells open and shut, during which time a tiny parasitic worm enters the oyster and burrows inside. The oyster defends itself by growing an additional flap of ‘flesh’ and wraps this around the worm and mixes mineral dust from juice from its body, which eventually hardens into a chalky ball, with the worm inside. When Mr. Mikimoto discovered this, he dropped tiny seeds into his pearls, and after two years found a ‘cultured’ pearl inside. Only an X-ray is able to discern whether a worm or a bead exists inside the pearl.

In the UK we have pearl-bearing mussels. These are found in five rivers in Scotland, three in Wales and one conservation project in England, in the Lake District. We were informed that Scotland wish to keep the whereabouts under wraps, but the ‘Tay pearl’ gives a clue as to their whereabouts.

Mrs. Benton had a selection of beautiful Mother of Pearl shells to show us, and explained that the lustre, or shine, is very important. If you want to know the age of the shell, count the rings.

The profits Mrs. Benton makes from her jewellery sales go to the charity which she is involved in, namely the Jabulani Project in Durban. This charity helps children, often very young, who are living on the streets, to get access to food and water, as well as schooling and shelter.

Mrs Benton was thanked for her talk by Mrs Olive Carter

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An employer can only lawfully dismiss you for a potentially fair reason under English law. These reasons are:

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4. Redundancy – where the employer's requirement for employees to carry out work of a particular kind has ceased or reduced.
5. Some other substantial reason (SOSR) - a 'catch-all' category which applies if there is a substantial reason to dismiss, e.g. refusing to accept reasonable changes following a business reorganisation.

Employers will often look to avoid dismissing employees where they have a potentially fair reason to dismiss, such as on capability, misconduct or SOSR grounds, due to the time-consuming procedures in place which they would be expected to follow.

Sometimes employers wish to dismiss for discriminatory reasons (e.g. because of the employee's age, sex, race, disability, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or

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For a redundancy dismissal to be fair, there must be a genuine redundancy situation, the employee must have been fairly selected for redundancy and the employer must have followed a fair procedure. When determining the fairness of a redundancy dismissal Employment Tribunals are not normally entitled to investigate the reasons behind the redundancy situation.

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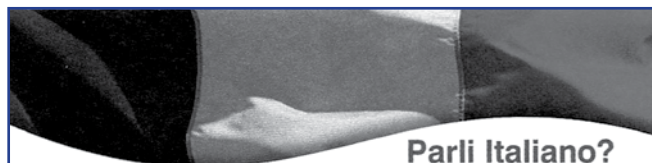
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