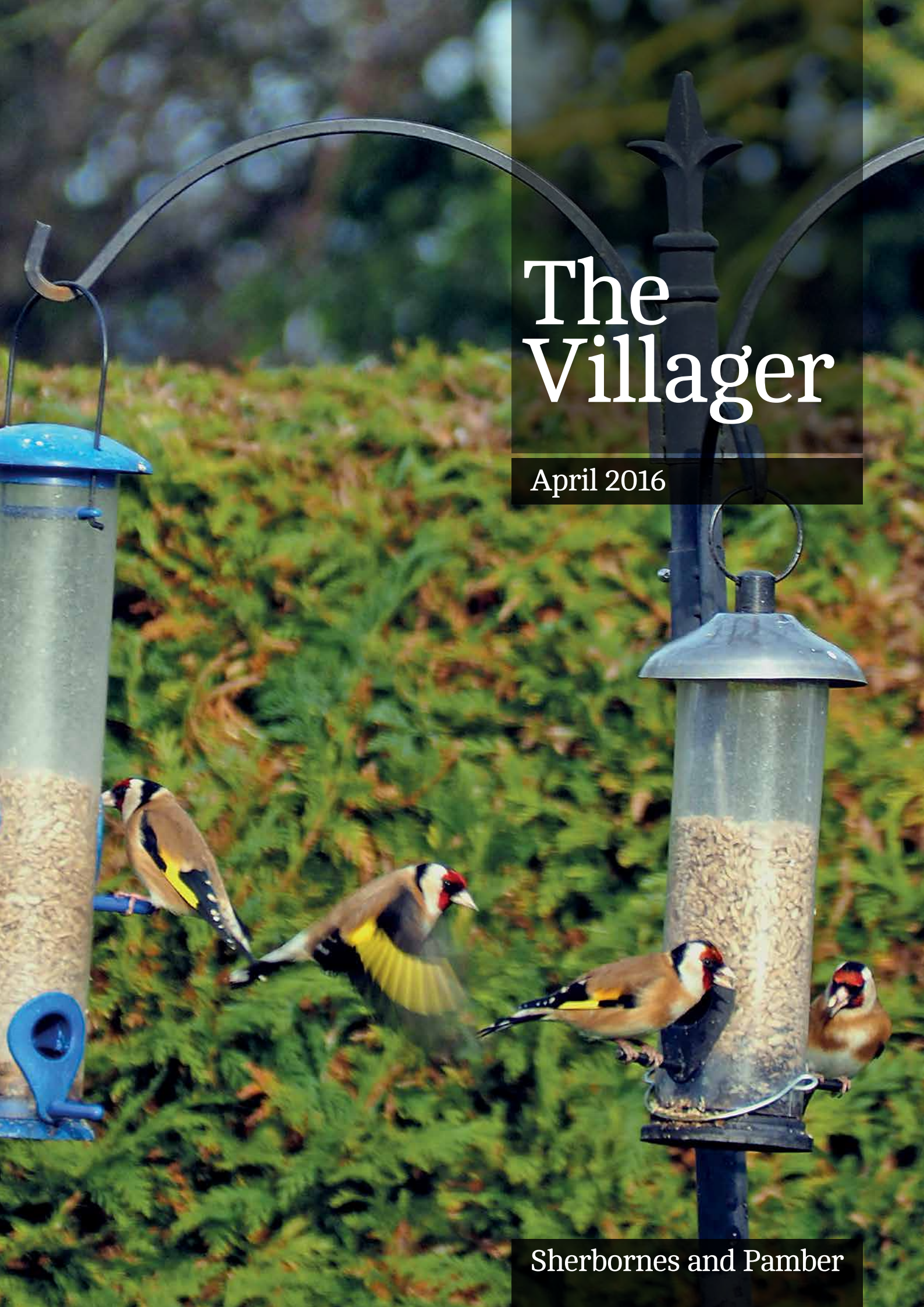


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John Edwards and Judith Darmady are so grateful for the very generous cheques that they have received from the Chute users and other friends as they step down from their past positions. We will have fun spending it.

We have really enjoyed working with you and appreciated the friends we have made in the process. We wish you good fortune in the future and thank you so much.

John & Judith

FIRST DAY OF SPRING

JOAN BRANDON

I would like to lay to rest once and for all the old fallacy that the 21st March is the first day of spring. It is NOT, I repeat NOT THE FIRST DAY OF SPRING.

March 21st is the Spring Equinox. Equinox comes from the Latin that means equal on both sides therefore it is the middle of Spring. Spring actually starts around the 5th February and that is why at that time we get pure white Snowdrops, Crocuses and Grape Hyacinths during that month. They are the first of our Spring flowers followed by Daffodils, Narcissus etc. in March.

Midsummer's Eve is the 21st June. It is what it says, midsummer. As we all recognise that each of the four seasons lasts approximately thirteen weeks and there is only thirteen weeks from the 21st March to the 21st June it goes by everything that is logical, that if mid-summer is the 21st June then the 21st March cannot by any stretch of the imagination be the start of Spring. It just isn't possible.

Again, the Autumn Equinox is the 21st September. The thirteen weeks from June to September is therefore the last half of summer and the first half of Autumn. Likewise, as 21st December is the shortest day it must be the middle of Winter and by logical progression we come round to the 21st March being THE MIDDLE OF SPRING.

I have spent my entire life explaining this since I was first taught by Mr Jenkins in the third year of my junior school and the constant correcting of the old myth never ceases to amaze me.

Julie Crawley - Editor

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Future Events

April 2016

4	60s+ Coffee Morning, SSJ Village Hall. ALL OVER 60S VERY WELCOME	
4	Pelican Film Society, Brooklyn, Ark Conference Centre	7.30pm
5	SSJ Women's Fellowship, Landscape Photography in the British Isles, SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
9, 10	Bramley Art Exhibition, Bramley Village Hall	
12	Sherborne St John Parish Council Planning Meeting, Surgery Room, SSJ Village Hall	7.30pm
17	Woof & Wellies, St Michael's Hospice, Fundraising Hotline 01256 848848	
18	60s+ Coffee Morning, SSJ Village Hall. ALL OVER 60S VERY WELCOME	
23	SSJ Village Market, Village Hall	10 – 1pm
23	SSJ Village Quiz Night	
25	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting AGM, SSJ Village Hall	7.30pm
27, 28	Easter Art Exhibition at St Leonard's Church Room, Sherfield on Loddon	10am – 4pm

May 2016

2	60s+ Coffee Morning, SSJ Village Hall. ALL OVER 60S VERY WELCOME	
3	SSJ Women's Fellowship, Jonathan Jones IS Rudyard Kipling, SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
9	Pelican Film Society, The Dressmaker, Ark Conference Centre	7.30pm
10	Sherborne St John Parish Council Planning Meeting, Surgery Room, SSJ Village Hall	7.30pm
11	5 and 10 K Run, St Michael's Hospice, Fundraising Hotline 01256 848848	
16	60s+ Coffee Morning, SSJ Village Hall. ALL OVER 60S VERY WELCOME	
16	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, SSJ Village Hall	7.30pm
19	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, (Thursday) Chute Pavilion	7.30pm
28	SSJ Village Market, Village Hall	10 – 1pm
30	60s+ Coffee Morning, SSJ Village Hall. ALL OVER 60S VERY WELCOME	

June 2016

5	Sunflower Fete, St Michael's Hospice, Fundraising Hotline 01256 848848	
6	Pelican Film Society, Lady in the Van, Ark Conference Centre	7.30pm
7	SSJ Women's Fellowship, The Dragon and The Damsel, SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
13	60s+ Coffee Morning, SSJ Village Hall. ALL OVER 60S VERY WELCOME	
14	Sherborne St John Parish Council Planning Meeting, Surgery Room, SSJ Village Hall	7.30pm
25	SSJ Village Market, Village Hall	10 – 1pm
27	60s+ Coffee Morning, SSJ Village Hall. ALL OVER 60S VERY WELCOME	
27	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting AGM, SSJ Village Hall	7.30pm

July 2016

5	SSJ Women's Fellowship, The Dragon and The Damsel, SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
6 – 16	Farnham Art Society Annual Exhibition, University for the Creative Arts, Falkner Rd, Farnham	9.30am – 5.00pm
11	60s+ Coffee Morning, SSJ Village Hall. ALL OVER 60S VERY WELCOME	
12	Sherborne St John Parish Council Planning Meeting, Surgery Room, SSJ Village Hall	7.30pm
24	Big Wheel, St Michael's Hospice, Fundraising Hotline 01256 848848	
25	60s+ Coffee Morning, SSJ Village Hall. ALL OVER 60S VERY WELCOME	
25	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting AGM, SSJ Village Hall	7.30pm

August 2016

2	SSJ Women's Fellowship, Hearing Dogs for the Deaf, SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
8	60s+ Coffee Morning, SSJ Village Hall. ALL OVER 60S VERY WELCOME	
9	Sherborne St John Parish Council Planning Meeting, Surgery Room, SSJ Village Hall	7.30pm
22	60s+ Coffee Morning, SSJ Village Hall. ALL OVER 60S VERY WELCOME	

September 2016

6	SSJ Women's Fellowship, Annual Outing	TBA
10	Moonlight Walk, St Michael's Hospice, Fundraising Hotline 01256 848848	
13	Sherborne St John Parish Council Planning Meeting, Surgery Room, SSJ Village Hall	7.30pm
23	SMH & TC Golf Day, St Michael's Hospice, Fundraising Hotline 01256 848848	
24	SSJ Village Market, Village Hall	10 – 1pm
26	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting AGM, SSJ Village Hall	7.30pm

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Church Matters April

I mentioned our Lent series last month, in which we discussed some of the points about prayer made by Richard Bewes in his book “Talking about Prayer”¹. That series has now come and gone, but it has left us with much to think about in connection with personal and corporate prayer. Richard starts the book with a description of a true revival of the Christian faith. It is “marked by 5 major characteristics – an impassioned preaching of the Cross, deep-seated moral repentance, hundreds ... of conversions to Jesus Christ, widespread unashamed personal witness and unceasing prevailing prayer”².

Have you ever encountered anything like this? I am not talking of a mere revival of interest in the Christian faith, but something much deeper than that. Revival means a fresh and powerful movement of the Holy Spirit of God leading many people to put their trust in his son Jesus Christ. For most of us the answer to my question about encountering such a time will probably be “no”. We may perhaps have known

something of this on a small scale – we have had the privilege of seeing some people turn from darkness to light and come to Christ. But we have never been involved in a large scale revival which is really what the word implies. That is not surprising because there has not been a major revival in our country since the Welsh revival right at the beginning of the last century! Such times are exceptional by definition: the normal Christian life is a steady plod.

Other parts of the world have seen revival movements since then. If you are in your eighties and have an interest in Rwanda and Uganda you may have just experienced the Rwanda revival. This was a powerful movement which brought new life to churches that had become formal and dull. It led to many people becoming Christians. They would have revival meetings in the evenings where people would confess publicly ways in which their profession of faith had become a sham, and give testimony to cleansing through the blood of Christ. There were excesses of course and sometimes these meetings were not conducted wisely, but many many people's lives were changed for good.

At one time (and more in North America than here) people used to talk in terms of “organising a revival”. They really meant organising a series of meetings with a revival “flavour”, appeals to come forward to make a commitment and so on. It is of course impossible for us to organise a revival! The fact is that revival is a sovereign work of God, brought about by his Spirit. It is not something that we can “programme in” when we feel that there is a need. We can plan a mission but we cannot create a revival.

Should we then pray for revival? Many keen Christians do this regularly and yet see no movement. We need to realise that it is possible to pray such a prayer out of wrong motives. We would like there to be a revival because it would make our task of witness much easier (we think). Or maybe we want the church to prosper and we think that revival would move things forward. That doesn't mean that it is wrong to pray, just that the Lord's response may be to purify our motives rather than to send revival.

We also need to remember that each time an individual is converted to Christ there is the seed of revival. For the power of God is at work in that individual life in essentially the same way as when a crowd believes. Indeed the New Testament tells us that that power is like “God's mighty strength which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead.”³ Christian witness is all about the power of God expressed in the Gospel which is “the power of God for salvation”⁴. It is our turn now to bear the gospel torch. When Jesus was soon to give the Spirit to his followers after he ascended to glory he said to them “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you shall be my witnesses ... to the ends of the earth.”⁵

The gift of the Spirit has never been withdrawn. His power is just the same today. Jesus is alive and commands his church to preach the same gospel as at the beginning. Let's pray that we may do our part in prayer and bold witness. Who knows but that the Lord may even send revival in our day.

John Hamilton

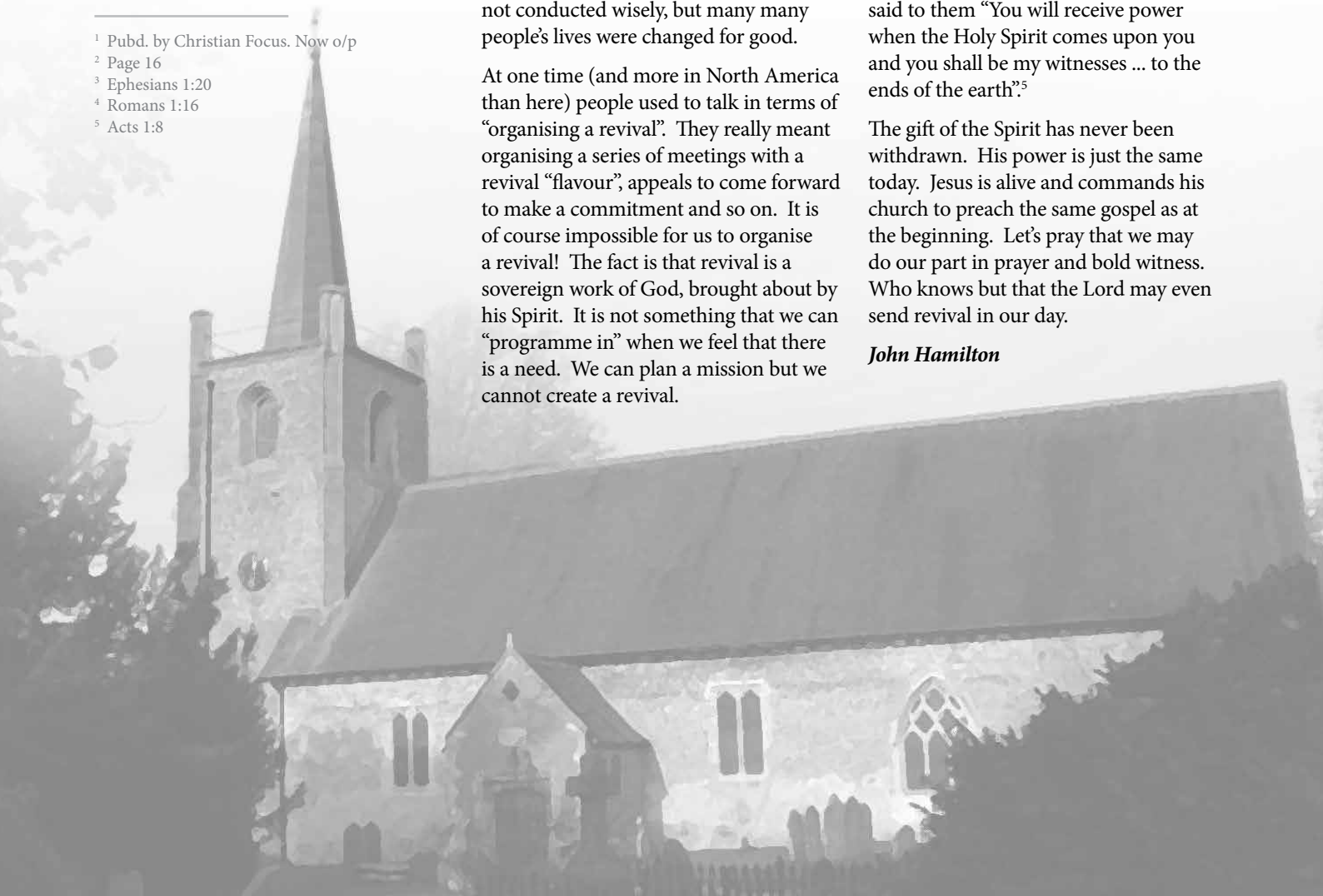
¹ Pubd. by Christian Focus. Now o/p

² Page 16

³ Ephesians 1:20

⁴ Romans 1:16

⁵ Acts 1:8



Services for April

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

3 April

10am	Family Communion	St Andrew's
6pm	"Easter Praise"	Sherborne St John Village Hall

10 April

8am	Holy Communion	Priory
10am	Family Service	St Andrew's
10am	Morning Service	All Saints
6pm	'Sundays at Six'	Sherborne St John Village Hall

17 April

10am	Morning Service	St Andrew's
6pm	'Sundays at Six'	Sherborne St John Village Hall
7pm	ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING	Sherborne St John Village Hall

24 April

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

1 May

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

SERMONS ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10AM:

Apr 3	Light from heaven	Acts 26:9-18	John Hamilton
Apr 10	Living in the light	Eph 5:5-10	Scott Seivewright & Steve Howe
Apr 17	Future glory	Isaiah 54	John Hamilton
Apr 24	Gospel invitation	Isaiah 55	James Ballinger & Scott Seivewright

SUNDAYS AT SIX:

Apr 3	Joined up thinking	1Cor 15:12-20	John Hamilton
Apr 10	Then the end will come	1 Cor 15:20-28	John Hamilton
Apr 17	Dealing with ignorance	1 Cor 15:29-44	Scott Seivewright
Apr 24	At the last trumpet	1 Cor 15:44-58	John Hamilton

MIDWEEK MEETINGS FOR APRIL

Home Groups meet during the weeks of 5 & 19 April.

Please note that this is a change from the original dates on the programme card.

12 & 26 April: Central Fellowship: 8pm in the Parish Room.

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 *

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Monk Sherborne Parish Council

We thank all readers for their continued interest in the Parish Council.

Planning

“The Mole” has applied for a licence to sell alcohol and made an additional planning application both of which are available to view at the Borough Council offices and on-line.

At the time of writing (14th March 2016) the Manydown Masterplan Consultation is still taking place and is open until 29th March 2016. If you have any questions and/or would like to make comments please do so by emailing feedback@manydownbasingstoke.co.uk or calling Freephone 08081 683600.

Highways

There is a lot more traffic through the village, particularly past All Saints church, and we suspect this is mainly due to drivers using the lane

as a short-cut to try to avoid the road works at the hospital. This has led to the said increase in traffic, some of which appears to be speeding, which clearly has a detrimental effect on the environment, wild life and well-being of residents. Given the narrowness of part of the lane past the church villagers are asked to be even more aware of possible driving issues. (We have already heard of somebody losing their offside wing mirror). As was said many moons ago we would like to start a village SpeedWatch initiative in collaboration with the local police and ask again for you to contact us to register your support for such a scheme. By having a presence on the roadside it is one sure way to deter people using us as a cut-through, speeding or not, to somewhere else.

Litter

Following on from the above there is a noticeable increase in roadside

litter. We thank local parishioners and near-by dwellers for assisting in clearing up this eyesore and environmental hazard due to the thoughtlessness, mainly, of others passing through the village. The age old phrase still applies: “Take your Litter Home”.

Burglaries

Again it is heartening to know we are in a relatively low-crime area but that does not mean to say we should be complacent. It regularly comes to our attention about garden sheds and out-houses being broken into. Please secure such buildings and lock away all high-priced garden equipment. A lot of this type of theft is opportunistic so please do not give the potential thief that opportunity.

We look forward to seeing you at our next Parish Council meeting.

Lynne Harling



SHERBORNE ST JOHN PARISH COUNCIL

Neighbourhood Plan

The draft plan was submitted informally to BDBC for their comments, as requested. These have now been received and reviewed, and the Steering Committee is currently completing any alterations, ready for formal Regulation 14 Consultation in March / April 2016.

John, Judith and Janet

John, Judith and Janet have been presented with their gifts on behalf of the Parish residents for their years of dedication to the community of Sherborne St John. They have asked us to pass on their thanks for their gifts - they were very touched.

Parish Website

We are currently updating the Parish Website and would like it to become

the first place you go to find out about local services such as waste collection and transport as well as details of local events such as the Village Party. The new website will be setup and managed by the PC but it is being created to give villagers and the public access to news and useful information about the village and the local area. If anyone has ideas about what they would like to see on the site please let us know by emailing the council on SherborneStJohnWebsite@gmail.com

Potholes!

We have reported some potholes along Vyne Road and Chineham Lane – if you have any concerns about pot holes please log on to Hantsweb <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/roads/potholes.htm> and fill out the form – we have been advised

this is the quickest way to get them repaired!

Precept

Further to last month's report in the Villager regarding the precept, there has in fact been a very slight increase of pence across the bands. The example Band D has risen by 0.34p to 42.55p. However the new rate is significantly lower by £1.82p than the 2013/4 figure in line with the Parish Council's drive to reduce the burden on residents as much as possible.

Councillor Becky Jones

Pamber Parish Council

The last meeting of Pamber Parish Council was held on Monday, 14th March 2016.

Planning applications:

16/00300/FUL: Erection of 2 no. three bedroom bungalows

Land Rear Of Greenacres Aldermaston Road Pamber Green. **Comments**

16/00555/LBC: Installation of 7 no. security cameras to main house and entrance gate (Part Retrospective) Wyeford Farm Road To Wyeford Farm Ramsdell. **No objection**

16/00552/HSE and 16/00553/LBC : External and internal alterations to stable block to form ancillary residential accommodation, including installation of a biomass boiler, new chimney, replacement windows to the north elevation and the removal of an internal partition Wyeford Farm Road To Wyeford Farm Ramsdell. **No objection**

16/00508/FUL: Erection of 1 no. three bed dwelling Land Adjacent To Barnsted (Plum Trees) Green Lane Pamber Green. **No objection**

16/00069/HSE: Erection of open porch Ramblers Aldermaston Road Pamber End. **No objection. Comments regarding access.**

16/00118/HSE: Erection of first floor extension involving raising of the roof with Juliet balcony to front elevation. Avenbury Ramsdell Road Pamber End. **No objection**

Planning decisions made by the Borough Council:

15/03813/FUL: Erection of replacement dwelling and garage following demolition of existing bungalow Nut Trees Ramsdell Road Pamber End. **GRANTED**

15/00691/FUL: Amendment and 15/00692/LBC: Change of use of listed house to offices, change of use and single storey extension of listed barn to small tool hire facility, Open plant storage, retention of security lighting and associated works. Retention of existing parking area and access with new surface treatment; (Part Retrospective) Skates Farm House, Skates Lane, Pamber Green. **GRANTED**

16/00069/HSE: Erection of open porch Ramblers Aldermaston Road Pamber End. **GRANTED**

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday, 9th May 2016 at 8pm in St. Stephen's Hall, Little London. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting.

Her Majesty The Queen's 90th Birthday

The beacon will be lit at 7.30pm on Thursday, 21st April to mark the 90th birthday of Her Majesty the Queen. This event will take place at Pamber Park, Pamber Heath (off Burney Bit). Members of the Parish Council invite all parishioners to join them at the lighting of the beacon and to drink a toast to her Majesty.

Book Exchange

The Little London Book Exchange has now opened in the decommissioned telephone kiosk at the corner of Beach's Crescent. If you have any books to donate, please contact Mr. Rob Huitson at 5, Beach's Crescent, Little London.

Parish Lengthsman Scheme

Further to the report in the January issue, work to set up the scheme is continuing. The programme will give the parish council the opportunity to carry out some of the essential maintenance work that is normally carried out by the County Council. The contractor will not be able to work on the highway but will be able to attend associated maintenance. A scheme of work will be drawn up over the next few weeks.

Highways

Highway issues can be reported directly to Hampshire County Council - visit <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/transport> or telephone 0300 555 1388.

The next meeting of Pamber Parish Council will be held at 7.30pm on Monday, 11th April 2016 in The Memorial Hall, Pamber Heath. 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

Thank goodness that the weather is seeing serious signs of improvement. Spring is definitely showing its head and the clock change with lighter evenings is ever nearer. As I write, today has been a beautiful sunny day, a real pleasure to be out and about in.

Lovely to read news from the Priory School and their exciting activities, in particular taking part in the Young Voices Concert at the O2 Arena. Also very pleasing to hear from Roger Quilter, the Treasurer of St Stephen's Hall Management Committee, that a new full committee was elected in January, the first time there has been a full committee in 40 years. The Parish Council has now appointed two representatives to the Committee. There has also been a keen team of volunteers who have been busy redecorating the hall and carrying out minor repairs. Well done all of you for keeping St Stephen's Hall as a valued local facility and long may it last.

Issues raised about the state of the footpaths along the A340 have resulted in some flailing of hedgerows which has helped, albeit that modern methods are so unsightly. However, the extent of trimming is still not sufficient to allow you to stand in the bus shelter at the end of New Road, Pamber Green, and see the bus in plenty of time to hail it. I was grumbled at by one bus driver who was critical of how much warning I gave him to stop one day when it was persistently raining. I think it is probably debateable whether he was adhering to the speed limit and how much he wanted to try to stop in a timely way. Hopefully, the Parish Council will get permission from HCC to do what they can do within their

financial constraints, having agreed to obtain a quote for clearing a section of the footway from New Road to Dix Hill. The next Pamber Parish Council meeting will be on 11th April.

My past comments back in November about the felling in Pamber Forest has led to warden, Graham Dennis, to contact me this month disagreeing with some of the comments I made and reports from Rob Searle who had met with Graham in October. Graham disagrees that clear felling took place and that damage caused by the extraction machinery has been left un-repaired. He says the 40ha worked on so far has recovered well and that many scarce plants and species of butterflies and moths have re-emerged. Rob and Sam feel the views they passed to me were a good representation of the discussion and photographs they took in the last few days and from my own observations I do not see damage well repaired but, as I said last month, beauty is in the 'eye of the beholder'. However, I am happy to pass on views from Graham and all other parties as I have in the past.

The planning application opposite Elm Park Nursery has been approved subject to the legal agreement meeting planning requirements. However, Berry Court Farm development is still not settled. The Planning Department did not follow process in contacting all relevant departments, but now the affordable housing aspects are now being looked at. I am told the decision will almost certainly be made by committee because of the high level of local interest and it is possible this may take place in May. You still have time to make your views known to the Borough Council.

I recently heard from the Chair of Basingstoke Hospital Male Voice Choir, Andrew Long. The Choir was formed in 2011 to provide a means of relaxation for hospital staff and for patients who can come and listen to rehearsals and it now has in excess of 35 singers, both hospital staff and others. Their reputation has grown under the musical direction of Dai Ogborn and they have performed many charitable concerts and venues, including Winchester Cathedral, and appeared on BBC TV to promote Gareth Malone's programme when he was trying to get large companies' to form staff choirs. The Choir is very proud of its achievement in helping to raise a considerable amount of money for good causes, including the Hospital and is equally very proud to have Hepatobiliary Consultant, Mr Myrddin Rees, as their Honorary President.

Basingstoke Ladies Choir is holding a charity concert on 9th April with the Basingstoke Male Voice Choir at the United Reform Church, Basingstoke, at 7.30pm. Tickets are available on the door at £8. A super venue for a concert with a well mixed balance of music. I will keep you up to date with forthcoming concerts for the choirs as they draw nearer.

Ann Ellis

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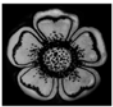


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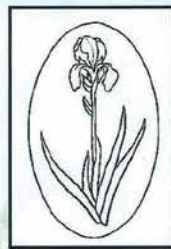


World Book Day at the Priory School



The beginning of March always sees the celebration of World Book Day in schools across the country. This year, we decided to honour the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death and invited the children to come to school dressed as a character from one of his plays. As you can imagine, the costumes were amazing; we had kings and queens, fairies and witches, noblemen and ancient Egyptians as well as some fantastic animals. As well as the children, the staff also got into the spirit of the day and there was much laughter in the staffroom! During the day, the children took part in a variety of Shakespeare themed activities, including a parade and we hope that they went home feeling truly inspired. We will let the photographs "speak volumes". Kind regards,

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This half of term has been very short, due to the early Easter, but it has certainly been action packed! We will all need our 2 week Easter holidays to recover and recharge our batteries!

There has been a big focus on Literacy and drama this term. We celebrated Book Week in February and we were visited by author Debi Evans who spoke to the Juniors about story writing. You may have seen the 'Story Bus' which was parked in the car park of the Swan for a day (and many thanks go to The Swan management for coming to our rescue when the bus couldn't negotiate Church Lane!). Each class visited the Bus and went on board to enter the world of Alice in Wonderland – a really interactive experience! The drama company 'Perform' has been into school to run workshops for the infants on the theme of 'Peter Pan' and led the Juniors in a modern interpretation of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' through drama. All the children produced a story for the 500 words competition – at the time of writing the stories are with the judges so we are waiting for the results! Everyone dressed up for Book Day, including the staff who amounted to rather less than 101 Dalmations although Mrs Payne



was a convincing Cruella de Vil. Finally, towards the end of the term the Juniors took part in the Recitation Competition and each one learnt a piece of poetry to recite to the class, with the winners competing in a grand final in front of the whole school.

The Infants have been studying 'Castles' this term and had a very enjoyable day at Windsor Castle, where they could look at the State Rooms and St George's Chapel as well as dressing up as knights and ladies in an educational session. The children also spent a Science day at Queen Mary's College investigating materials and their properties, which formed part of their project. They finished the topic with a Medieval Banquet which allowed them to show their work and to dress up again – taking on roles such as entertainers, servants or castle defenders.



Meanwhile Class 3 have been finding out about rivers, and they spent a day at the Gilbert White study centre in Selborne – getting their feet wet! They waded into the river to discover what creatures lived there, and used scientific techniques to measure the flow of the water and to map a cross-section of the river bed.

Despite the wet and windy weather this term, we have managed to fit in plenty of sport. The Juniors have had Tag Rugby coaching at the Chute Recreation Ground, and the Infants have taken part in Football training sessions and swimming lessons. Class 4 have enjoyed a term of Street Dance lessons, and the West End Dance Studio visited the school for a day of Dance workshops; Key Stage 1 dance was inspired by the book 'Where the Wild Things Are' and Key Stage 2 was 'Dance around the World'. The Year 6 children had two mornings of Bikeability training, which developed the skills that they had learnt last year. Then all the children ran a mile around the Chute playing field for Sport Relief! And congratulations go to the Tag Rugby team who maintained their good record in league matches – they drew against Bramley School and won against Ashford Hill and Silchester.

Our term finished with the traditional (and spectacular!) Infant Easter Bonnet Parade and then we all went home to chocolate Easter eggs and a well-earned break!

Sherbert – SSJ School Villager Correspondent

Sherborne St John Women's Fellowship

As usual, on the first Tuesday in March (which just happened to be the 1st) the members of the Sherborne St John Women's Fellowship gathered in the Sherborne St John Village Hall for their monthly meeting.

With the usual routine business of the reading and signing of the last meeting's minutes, and March's 'birthday girls' receiving their cards we were treated to a talk and demonstration of Thai Carving Art. Mrs Salinla Mills who was giving the talk and demonstration explained that learning to carve wooden figures is part of the national curriculum in Thailand, and what she had originally learnt as a child, she had diversified into carving real fruits and vegetables as a business.

From a whole pineapple she produced slices that looked like butterflies.

A large carrot became a bird with

individual tail and wing feathers, and another became the most dainty flowers with five petals you have ever seen.

Oblong slices also became butterflies. A melon, with a few deft strokes and the thinnest paring, emerged into a full blown rose while the bottom half was the bowl it was sitting in complete with delicate leaf design decorations. Halved apples decorated with leaf designs which showed white against the coloured

skin of red and green and courgette ends that also turned into flowers were absolutely amazing.



Mrs Mills explained that all these things which took a very little time to produce, once you were taught, could be used to enhance plates and dishes of food and snacks for parties and the like. It certainly was an enthralling afternoon and we all thoroughly enjoyed it.



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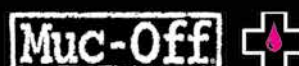


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Thanks so much to all who contributed and a particular thanks to Jean Young, our secretary and Poppy Appeal Organiser, for her tireless efforts to raise this money.

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Best wishes

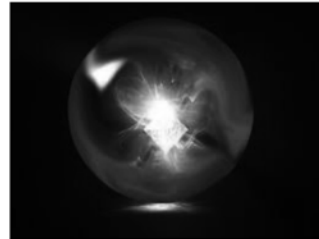
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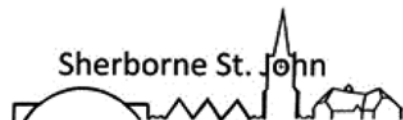
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The SSJ Neighbourhood Plan **April 2016 Update**



Draft Plan Consultation

Open for responses until Monday 16th May



**Reg. 14
Consultation**

The next step is the Regulation 14 Consultation. You are invited
to read and comment on the Draft SSJ Neighbourhood Plan and
supporting documents – which can all be found on the SSJ
Neighbourhood Plan website –

www.SSJNeighbourhoodPlan.com

Please use the proforma response on the website to respond, being sure to identify the
section/ policy/ specific item you wish to comment on. All comments will be registered, reviewed, answered as
appropriate and fed back to all by the Neighbourhood Plan Team. A limited number of hard copies of the Plan will
be available for borrowing via the SSJ Clerk – tel: 01189 332379. Please stay involved in your local Neighbourhood
Plan! Remember it's all on – www.SSJNeighbourhoodPlan.com - deadline Monday 16th May 2016.

A laminated copy of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan and Baseline Report can be found in the SSJ Village Hall and Chute
Pavilion.

Julian Crawley
SSJ Neighbourhood Plan

Bert's Blog



I hope you missed me in March? Sorry I couldn't write in my blog but I was being transported via a very choppy overnight ferry

crossing to my new playing place in France. It was so rough the Mrs said she had to sleep flat on her back to avoid being thrown out of the bunk and the Boss swore his body actually levitated several times but I slept straight through the trip, snug in my usual bed in the Boss's pickup. Once at Maison Millie I ensured all the usual smells were still in place and we went to check the fish were still in the 'etang'. This photo shows me trying very hard to resist their retrieval by jumping in but I now know better and that the Boss has to reel them in himself!

I spent my time in France making friends with dogs, electricians, builders, farmers and neighbours, some of whom were intelligible but gave good friendly pats and cuddles. We also found some shooting buddies and watched the 'shoot' going on all around us, I found it very exciting and wanted to join in with the tangle of hounds but the Boss said no as I don't speak the language....

Sadly, on our return the small furry spitty thing was not well and a week later saw the end of her sixteen year feline reign. Apparently she is planted in the garden deep enough to ensure my bone burying will not disturb her. I will miss my protagonist but not the nose batting she always gave me. I was rather hoping I would take her place on the Mrs' lap now, but that does not seem to be happening. The Mrs explained it is a question of sizing but I am not sure if it is her size or mine she is worried about.... Nevertheless I will keep trying, as she says - I can be very trying!

Have you seen a little dog?
His tail up in the air
A whirly tail, a curly tail
A dog that doesn't care

I called him gaily for a walk
He came with ears pricked up
I took his lead down from the hall
A naughty little pup

We skipped along to the gate
The lead tight in my hand
I knew he must not roam alone
Upon the farmer's land

But, oh dear me, alas a cat
Came prancing down the lane
Pup made a dash, the lead was gone
He raced off like a train



Daphne now lives in Manor Road with husband Alan (Thirlwall) and their dog, Carrie

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Written by Daphne Wild (aged 7)

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Probus Hears from a TV Comedy Writer

Writing “gags” for a living is a cut throat business Brad Ashton explained to the Probus Club of Basingstoke. The club for retired professional and business managers was amazed to hear that he had written over 1500 comedy shows for television over a working lifetime and the names he mentioned were household favourites that the audience recalled with ease.

Since his retirement he has been telling his anecdotal tales to passengers on cruise ships about working with the comedy greats. Ted Ray, Tommy Trinder, Jimmy Edwards, Jon Pertwee, Leslie Phillips, Harry Worth and Dick Emery from the early days; Benny Hill, Tommy Cooper, Les Dawson, Frankie Howerd, Tony Hancock, Ken Dodd, Bob Monkhouse, Bernard Bresslaw, Mike and Bernie Winters, Morecambe & Wise and Little & Large were the British stars. And Brad worked with Groucho Marx for fourteen weeks on a UK tour.

Brad's first script was broadcast on the wireless on 28 September 1952, but was unable to listen as it was Yom Kippur. “I come from a traditional Jewish family and my father would not let me turn on the radio during Holy Days, which I respected.”

“In the early 50s I found the BBC a bit anti-Semitic so having the Jewish surname of Abrahams did not help, so for professional reasons I changed my name by deed poll.”

Spike Milligan was a witness at Brad's marriage in 1961 and had an office below Brad's for 20 years. They would lunch together with Ray Galton and Alan Simpson, Johnny Speight and others. In fact there were 16 of them in the building and if unsure of a gag or routine they would pop into one of the other offices and try it out on each other.

Some comedians were well known for being a little tight over money. Brad gave an example “I sold a gag to a well known name for £250 but six months later he phoned me to tell me that as he had not used it he wanted his money back.”



Brad was asked by Ned Sherrin at the BBC to help decide between David Frost and Brian Redhead who was to be the anchor man on a new topical show called That Was The Week That Was. Initially Brian Redhead was ahead but then Brad saw David Frost handle a 300 strong audience with top quality political impersonations.

“On the day of the show I would get all the newspapers, sit down by 7.00am and by 3pm I'd have my target of 33 gags. I would read them out to David in his dressing room at the BBC for the show that night and those that excited him, he'd remember. On average he would use at least fifteen in that night's TW3. He was without doubt the most talented person I ever worked with.”

Les Dawson was another of Brad's favourites and unbeknown to most, spoke seven languages. At lunch with Brad in a Chinese restaurant Les spoke in Mandarin for twenty minutes with a waiter. He was also a good pianist who by deliberately playing out of tune avoided paying royalties.

Brad went on “Everyone says, having written for all these comedians I must have had an exciting life. I probably did but was too busy to notice as each day I would be at rehearsals and script meetings. I slept at my desk using a satchel as a pillow, but they were marvellous experiences. The best thing about my profession was by not having to be a performer I could watch a good comedian get a laugh, sit back and think, I wrote that!”

See the Probus Club's web site www.probusbasingstoke.webs.com for more information about their activities.

CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT FELLOWSHIP

(BASINGSTOKE GROUP)

The Group held its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 2nd March 2016 with 46 members in attendance.

The chairman, John Lambeth, welcomed everyone and in his report thanked the committee and volunteers who had helped to ensure that the group continued to fulfil a programme of interesting speakers and trips. Apologies were received and the minutes of the last AGM were agreed with no matters arising. In his report the secretary, Tony Brazier, thanked everyone for their continued support in making the past year a varied and enjoyable one for the group. The treasurer presented her report and accounts which were accepted. The membership secretary, Sonia Waite, in giving her report said that she was pleased to see that overall numbers had been maintained and that there had been a slight increase in the number of members regularly attending the monthly meetings. This was followed by the welfare officer's report from Christine Broadbent after which the election of officers and committee for the forthcoming year took place. At the end of the meeting a general knowledge quiz was held which was followed by the raffle and lunch at the Conservative Club.

The next meeting will be on 6th April when the speaker will be Iain Kennedy on Liverpool, Capital of the Transatlantic Slave Trade. The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at Brookvale Village Hall from 10 am - 12 noon and all retired Civil Servants and their partners are welcome. The programme of speakers and trips for the year can be obtained from the Secretary Tony Brazier on 01256 418770 or at bjmapbr@ntlworld.com.

David Cowling

Ramblers Association

The North Hampshire Downs Ramblers group, is part of the Ramblers Association, we walk mostly in Hampshire and the surrounding countryside. In the last few months our group has enjoyed both walks and social activities.

The group walk on both Tuesday and Saturday and cover both areas in and around Basingstoke as well as sometimes going further afield.

Our Tuesday morning walks, which are typically 6- 7 miles continues to attract quite a number of walkers. We have recently walked around Hartley Wintney, Frimley Green as well as in the Kingsclere area. We usually end up with an end of walk pub stop, to give people time for a catch up.

Our Saturday walks tend to be longer, with fewer walkers, and can sometimes take most of the day. We recently did a walk from Shawford to St Catherine hill and then picked up the Valley of the Fields walk back to Shawford. This afforded beautiful views back down over Winchester.

As well as the walks, the group also enjoys some social activities, this includes an Annual Summer Picnic,

Boys lunches and the group occasionally organise weekends away.

The group have an active path patrol group, who report problems to the local council and also do some work on the paths, which can be as varied as checking waymarking and replacing waymarking discs, minor clearing or even repairing stiles and gates. To date this group has replaced 20 gates in conjunction with the local council. The most recent being the replacement of 4 gates at Cottington Hill, where as well as the gates and steps being erected, some footpath clearance work was done at the same time .

Our walks are graded so you can tell whether a walk is right for you. The grading is as follows:-

Easy: *Suitable for anyone who does not have a mobility difficulty or a specific health problem or is seriously unfit; suitable for pushchairs if they can be lifted over occasional obstructions. Comfortable shoes or trainers can be worn.*

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If you are interested in finding out more about the North Hampshire Downs group, there is more information on our Website. www.northhampshiredownsrabblers.org.uk.

If you are new to walking and want to give us a try, or already walk, you would be given a very warm welcome by the Group. We hope to see you soon!

If you are interested in joining the Ramblers we suggest you come along for a couple of walks with the group first to get a taster. Membership details are available from the Ramblers' national website: www.rabblers.org.uk

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By Ben Pearson

Small businesses and costly disputes Pt. 2

In the Autumn I wrote about the options available to prevent disputes occurring in the first place through work we do to improve on the contracts you have and the Terms & Conditions you trade under. I also briefly referenced alternative ways of resolving any disputes outside of the Court. This is why: an increasingly austere legal landscape is throwing up plenty for parties to a dispute to consider before entering into formal proceedings. For starters, the Small Claims Track of the County Court is now something of a misnomer as it deals with claims up to £10,000 in value. It is always worth being mindful of the threshold for Small Claims as in those cases legal fees are not as a rule recoverable. That means that Claimants retaining lawyers to work on Small Claims cases may find themselves out of pocket even if they win, or at the very least find that the margin of victory is eroded by legal costs.

Current national policy is therefore fairly clear: when it comes to Small Claims, even where there are complex issues to be dealt with, claimants are financially incentivised to act in person (without lawyers). That is coupled with the fact that starting a claim is easier than ever: claims can be issued online now which is cheaper and more efficient than the paper based alternative. However there are still plenty of pitfalls for the Litigant in Person. The Court process

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