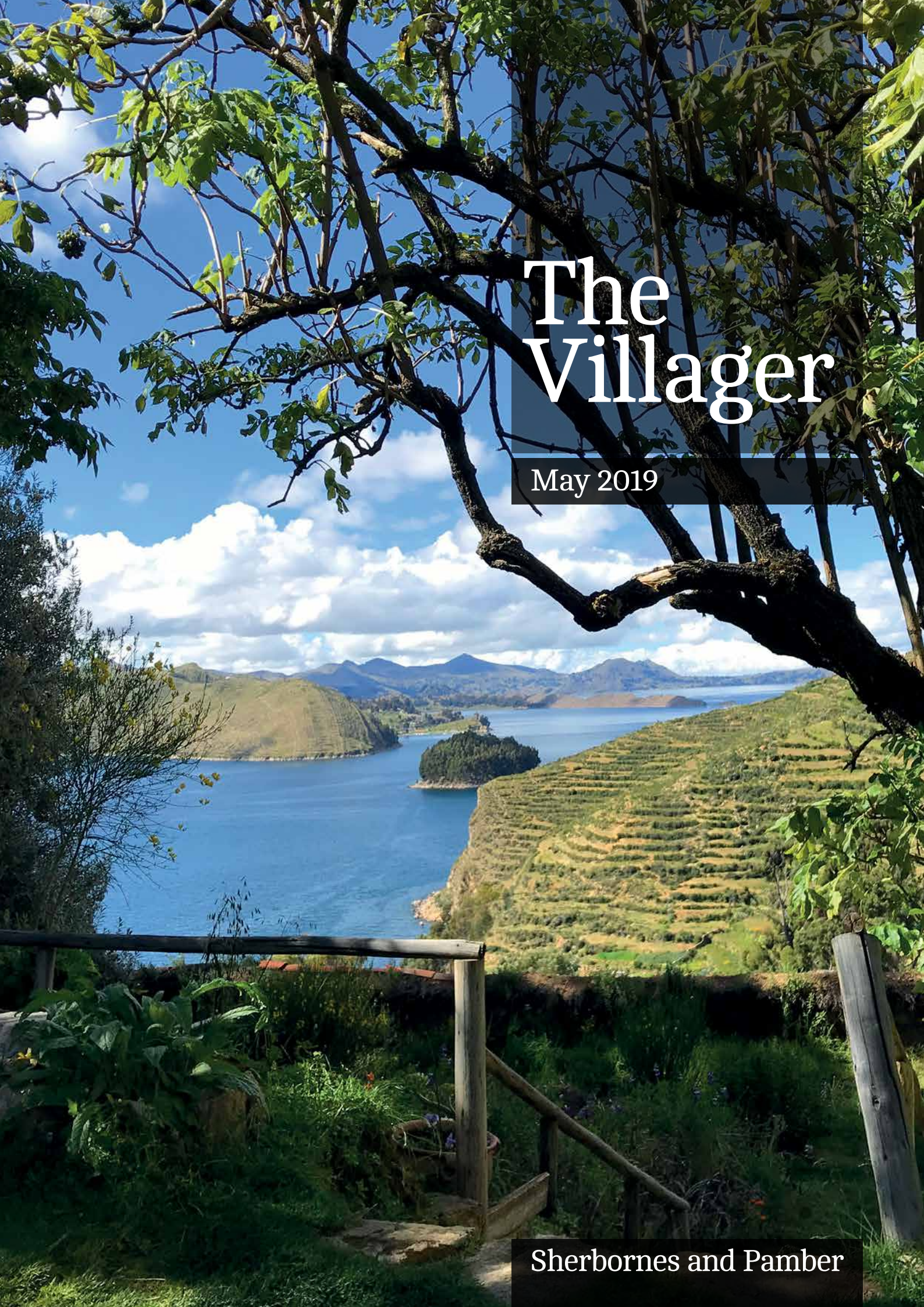


A scenic view of a coastal landscape. In the foreground, a large, dark tree branch with green leaves frames the top and right sides of the image. Below the tree, a wooden fence runs across the bottom. The middle ground features a blue body of water, likely a bay or fjord, with a small, forested island in the center. The background consists of green, rolling hills and mountains under a blue sky with white clouds.

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Editorial



Dear Editor

I would like to thank everyone who came to my aid in early March following a fall in Old Cranes Road, SSJ. Particularly to Sam who took care of our dog and returned her home.

Since then I have had so many messages, telephone calls, visitors, flowers and get well cards, offers of help, including a rhubarb crumble, and a lovely poem and plant from the brownies, and prayers.

I am so very grateful and truly humbled.

Thank you all so much Daphne Thirlwall

On page 6 is Reverend John Hamilton's last contribution to the Villager. We wish John and Trish a long, healthy and enjoyable retirement in their new home. Warren Trask arrived in January, with his wife Lisa, to be our new parish assistant. Any queries regarding church matters please contact Wendy Howe, Parish Administrator, Sherbornes with Pamber PCC phone number 01256 851616.

Magazine distribution in Monk Sherborne:

Mary Plester has 'retired' after very many years distributing the magazine in Monk Sherborne and we extend grateful thanks to her for her long-standing effort. Her round has been taken over by Dorinda Tanner.

Justine Walker has handed over her round to Nancy Brownlie and we thank her for her efforts over the past ten years.

We welcome our new distributors to the 'healthy exercise' it gives!

Many thanks George Rust (who organises the distribution of the magazines)

Front Cover

View of Lake Titicaca from the Isla del Sol on the Bolivian side of the border. The lake is the highest inland lake in the world at 3,825 metres above sea level and covers 8,300 square kilometres with a maximum length of 178 kilometres. The border between Bolivia and Peru crosses across its "waist". At its maximum depth it is 275 metres deep. The French oceanographer, naturalist (and inventor of scuba diving) Jacques Cousteau explored the lake in the 1980s – an expedition which was very dangerous at the time.

"Interestingly, though, is that the divers found the diving easier than just trying to breath on land at this elevation! A good old fashioned case of the bends easily could have resulted!" As for the lake itself, it was NOT full of fish like Cousteau had assumed. Instead, fish were sparse and dying and what were thriving were some very weird gigantic toads!"

In the photo you can also see the Inca terraces which would have been hand-ploughed as too steep for even mules. At this altitude horses and oxen do not survive easily; alpacas are used for carrying very light loads; llamas are just plain difficult and apparently very fussy about what they will – or will not – carry !?

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Future Events

May 2019

4	Hungerford Rock Choir, St Lawrence's Church, Hungerford. In aid of Church & Armed Forces	2.30pm
13	Sherborne St John Parish Council AGM, Chute Pavilion.	7.30pm
13	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	10.00-11.30am
13	Pelican Film Society, The First Man , The Ark, Guests welcome £6	7.30pm
15	Pelican Cancer Foundation Golf Day, Donnington Valley, contact: events@pelicancancer.org	
16	Sherborne St John Social Club AGM – members only	
20	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	10.00-11.30am
20	B/S Horticultural Society, Japanese Gardens, Graham Bowyer, Kempshott VH, visitors £3	7.30pm
20	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion. (Planning meeting 7pm)	7.30pm
22	Sherborne St John Social Club, Jazz Jam Event with Chris Cooke, bring your own instruments	8.00pm
26	Basingstoke Hospital Male Voice Choir, All Saints Church, Southern Rd, B/S. Ark Cancer Centre	3pm

June 2019

3	Pelican Film Society, The Cold War, The Ark, Guests welcome £6	7.30pm
10	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	10.00-11.30am
17	B/S Horticultural Society, Bees & Horticulture, John Fowler, Kempshott VH, visitors £3	7.30pm
21	The Swan, Retro 80's Night with DJ's Christine & James Rowley for Ark Cancer Centre Charity	9pm – 11.30pm
22	Sherborne St John Village Fete, Sherborne St John The Village Green/Village Hall	1.00pm-4.30pm
22	Tadley Singers, Pamber Heath Memorial Hall, To Be Confirmed	7.30pm
22	Sherborne St John Social Club, Country & Western Night with Ruth Jones	7.30pm
22 /23	Rotary Family Festival, Castle Fields, Basingstoke	11-4pm
24	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

July 2019

1	Pelican Film Society, Green Book , The Ark, Guests welcome £6	7.30pm
6	Tadley Rock Choir, Mortimer Fun Day	
6	Tadley Singers Summer Concert, Pamber Heath Memorial Hall	7.30pm
8	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	10.00-11.30am
11	Hungerford Rock Choir, Hungerford Arts Festival	7.30pm
13	Tadley Rock Choir, Guide Dogs for the Blind Open Day, Burghfield	
15	B/S Horticultural Society, Visit, TBA, Tel: 01256 466281	7.30pm
22	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	10.00-11.30am
22	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion. (Planning meeting 7pm)	7.30pm

August 2019

5	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	10.00-11.30am
19	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	10.00-11.30am
19	B/S Horticultural Society, Current Trends & Varieties in the Bulb World, Kempshott VH, visitors £3	7.30pm

September 2019

2	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	10.00-11.30am
7	Monk Sherborne Fete and Horticultural Competition, Monk Sherborne Village Hall	2pm – 5pm
14-21	Sherborne St John Scarecrow Trail	
16	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	10.00-11.30am
16	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion. (Planning meeting 7pm)	7.30pm
16	B/S Horticultural Society, growing Flowers for Cutting, Nikki Roberts, Kempshott VH, visitors £3	7.30pm
21	Artisan Market, Sherborne St John Village Hall	11.00am–3.00pm
30	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	10.00-11.30am

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Church Matters May

I heard the story once of a rather reactionary Churchwarden. He had been in office for 43 years. Someone said to him "Wow, that's a long innings. You must have seen some changes in that time?" "Yes", he said with emphasis, "I have, and I've opposed every one of them"! Now I do not intend either to praise or blame the Churchwarden, I didn't know him; I was not in his church. But I think he represents an attitude which is more widespread than we might care to admit. The fact is we don't like change. There is something in most of us which would rather continue as we are whether in our lives personally or in our church family.

It is therefore good to prepare for any time of change by reminding ourselves that there will be aspects of any major change in our lives which we may find difficult. Of the various times of change I might mention I understand that moving house and retirement are at the higher end of stressful life events. As I mention this I am aware that we are about to experience both! Rather less than 2 weeks after writing

this I shall have retired after 43 years in full time ordained ministry, nearly 31 of them here in the parish of The Sherbornes with Pamber. Very shortly after that we will have moved, as they say, to pastures new. Now that the news is out I am frequently reminded of the changes ahead: Where will we live? What are going to do with all that time?! Which church family will we become members of?

As a Christian minister I have found that there is a lot of change involved in retirement – rather more than is the case in many other occupations. The most obvious is that we have to move house. A builder, a banker or a baker does not have to do that. They stay in the same house when they retire – they just do not go out to work. But as the occupants of a "tied house" we have to move house within a short time. I am not complaining about this – the Lord has been good to us and we have a house to go to.

Then again, we have to move church. In my view that is absolutely right. We need to leave the field clear for the new minister to settle in. And it is good for the congregation that there should be a gap between one minister leaving and the new one arriving – as the bishop who ordained me in 1975 used to say, "There has to be a period of mourning"! We meanwhile are looking forward to getting to know our new church family and to making more friends there.

It is also important to look at this not just from the point of view of the "departing incumbent" (that's

me!) but from the perspective of the congregation and also that of the new man. It will be some time before the parish knows who will be asked to be the new Rector. It would not be surprising to find that this causes a bit of impatience among people wanting to see the new minister start. However I want to encourage the church to see this time of "inter-regnum" as it used to be called – now "vacancy"! – as an opportunity for growth and for the development of the membership. Given the determination to work together and to go forward trusting God in the unity he gives, there could be some great times ahead.

Over this time the congregation needs to be much in prayer for the selection of new Rector. Pray that the selection process will produce a man who is sound in the faith, of mature Christian character and able to teach the word of God effectively. Pray for someone who is on fire for the gospel, who can step up to the challenge of reaching our ever-increasing parish with the good news of Jesus Christ. Pray that he will be given a good welcome and will speedily gain the respect of the congregation. Indeed may this prove to be a fruitful time of change for all concerned.

Meanwhile, many thanks to all who have contributed to making the last 30 years an enjoyable and encouraging time for us.

With warm greetings and best wishes for the future from us both,

John & Trish Hamilton

Programme for May

05 May

10am Parish Communion, Sunday Club & Crèche
Visit of David Williams, Bishop of Basingstoke St Andrew's

12 May

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

19 May

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

26 May

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

02 June

10am Family Communion St Andrew's

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10AM:

05 May David Williams, Bishop of Basingstoke

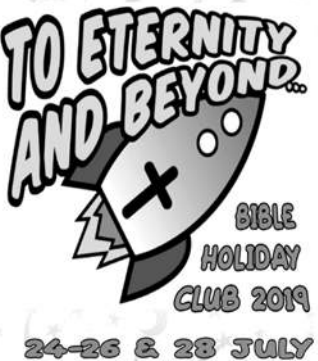
Encounters with Jesus

12 May	John the Baptist	John 1:28-34	Steve Howe
19 May	Satan	Luke 4:1-13	Andy Spence
26 May	Fishermen	Matthew 4:17-22	Warren Trask
02 June	Paralysed man	Mark 2:1-12	Rob Phillips

MIDWEEK

Home Groups meet during the week beginning Monday 13th May.

We meet for our Central prayer meeting on a Sunday morning at 9am in the Parish Room



★ Announcements and Special Events ★

WEDNESDAY 24 – FRIDAY 26 JULY 09:15AM – 12:00PM
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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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PARISH MATTERS

Traffic Calming measures. The Parish Council are still awaiting the traffic calming measures on the A340 at West End at the entrance to the village from Tadley, and improvements along Vyne Road. We have recently heard that work on the erection of gates on the A340 should start mid-May, good news!

One of the lengthsman's tasks is to paint the gates at the Vyne Road entrance to the village and this is scheduled for April.

Speed equipment – new equipment has been ordered and is expected to arrive soon. This will replace the old, outdated and inefficient equipment. Volunteers to help with monitoring speeding traffic are always needed, so if you have an hour or so to spare please contact Penny Mayo, clerk@sherbornestjohn-pc.gov.uk.

ROADS/TRANSPORT

The A340/Elm Road junction continues to be very dangerous, with accidents

occurring all too regularly. Steps are being taken to try and improve signs in this area. As the viability of the bus 22 route is in question Mr Wilkinson, who attends transport forums on behalf of the Parish Council, and the Parish Clerk will contact BDBC & Stagecoach to discuss various options re days and times to ensure it continues to service the Village. Unfortunately the 56 no longer comes to Sherborne St John going directly between Tadley and Kingsclere.

ALLOTMENTS

There is one vacant plot and this is expected to be filled soon. The allotments are looking well tended so let's hope the current good weather continues.

CHUTE PAVILION

New yoga classes are due to start in May, these will be held on Monday and Thursday evenings; so get out your yoga mat and come along! If you want any information about joining the classes please e mail clerk@sherbornestjohn-pc.gov.uk.

VILLAGE GREEN

Discussion regarding security around the village green continues, and steps are in place to erect suitable fencing in the gaps along the boundary. For further details contact the parish clerk. The Parish Council wish to thank Mr

John Edwards for all his help in meeting contractors and arranging quotes for the work which will hopefully be carried out very soon.

FINANCE

The Parish Council finances are in good order ready for the Audit which will be carried out in April. When they have been approved they will be available for residents to view on request. Please see notice boards for further information when available.

The Chute Recreation facilities have had a successful year and continue to be self-funding carrying out improvements while maintaining the high standards. Thanks as always go to Terry Buller for all his efforts to ensure it runs smoothly.

Since the meeting the Parish Clerk has reported that her application for a LIF grant from BDBC of £45000 has been approved. This grant is to fund new expensive under surface drainage needed on the pitches and surroundings to stop the water-logging at present which results in cancellation of many matches. The work will ensure the grounds are usable for many years to come by residents, football and the Village school.

PLANNING

The following planning applications were discussed at the meeting.

Application no	Address	Description of work	Actions
19/00539/FUL	30 Manor Road	demolition of existing dwelling & construction of 3 no 3 bedroom detached dwellings	The PC object to application as it is overdevelopment in relation to adjoining properties. The style of house out of keeping in this location – there are no Georgian style houses or windows in Manor Rd. PC concerned about suitability and approval from the property owner of the track and the implications of waste removal etc. PC concerned that design plots 2 & 3 will automatically lead to an extension to accommodate an extra bedroom. The roof height is too high compared to the rest of Manor Rd.
19/00337/ROC –	Weybrook Park Golf Club	variation of 18/01751/FUL to allow tipping till 11.2019	No Objections
19/00018/OUT	Land at upper Cufaude lane	350 dwellings & land reserved for primary school with ass access, community Facilities – demolition of existing farm buildings	No Objections
Trees			
T/00078/19/TCA	Dark Lane site		No comments
T/00084/19/TCA	5 Vyne Meadows		No comments
T/00110/19/TCA	Springfield Cottage		No comments

Faster, better, longer trains

If you read my last column (!), you'll know I've been writing about 'Our Plan' for a better North East Hampshire recently — six priorities to make our constituency an even better place to live and work. Among these are faster, better, longer trains. So let's talk about trains.

I remember the old 'slam door' British Rail trains and I'm pleased that we've seen improvements. But we can probably agree that, in the past year, this service has simply not been good enough. In February this year, only 81.2% of South Western Railway's mainline services arrived at their destinations within five minutes of the scheduled time – compared to a

national average of 89.1% - while only 53.9% actually arrived at the scheduled time.

But this isn't just about South Western Railway. Network Rail, which is in public ownership, owns and maintains the rail network and infrastructure – and many of the delays in the figures above will have been out of South Western Railway's control, including those all too common signal failures. That's why I don't buy the argument that nationalising everything is the solution to our problems.

I've made your frustrations clear to both Network Rail and South Western Railways, and they have agreed to meet you to listen to what you want



from your railway. The public meeting will take place in Fleet on Thursday 20th June. For more information, please visit my website: ranil.uk – or email me: email@ranil.uk – and please sign up to attend. It is important that we send a clear message. If you can't make it, or you want to raise something else with me, you can always meet me at one of my regular 'Tell Ranil' events; again, details on my website!

Bert's Blog



This is me rolling in laughter at the Mrs and her fitness regime, which in my doggist opinion is not working. I intend to get her walking more and more steps. Every morning racing down the hill for my walk I do not have to do much encouragement as she is fairly brisk. We walk around looking for sticks, balls, smells, evidence of night visitors and

then we walk back up the hill but believe me that is when the 'fitness' comes into question...

All the stick throwing, collecting spoor (mine), and path meandering means her energy levels for climbing back up the hill are already spent and towing her behind me is fairly hard work. We arrive on flat ground again only to have the delicious silence broken with heavy breathing, a heated red face, bending double with hands on knees and instructions to "wait a minute". I have to turn away and feign investigating a nearby scent so she cannot see the amusement on my face. After "several minutes", we can resume upright again and stagger home where I am reduced to unmitigated mirth again tinged with relief that we made it. If she thinks this one walk a week is working I am a poodle's topknot!

My mission is to reduce the unfit and spruce her up a bit so that she can keep up with me on the hill climbs and reduce the drag on the lead as it is giving me a pain in the neck. Progress is slow and steady but if I get too barkingly encouraging and start pulling her she gets a bit sharp with the reprimands. Gently does it with nudges against her legs, the lead in my mouth and a wistful look on my face she eventually succumbs and we set off on another exercise, oops, I mean walk! I try to remain straight faced but heard her tell the Boss the other day that she was sure she caught me laughing when we returned from a walk – the Boss and I exchanged a cautious smile as he commented on how fit he thought I looked! Ha! What a tactician.

To read my past antics see:
Bertsdogblog.blogspot.com

Pamber Green, Pamber End and Little London notes

What a pleasure in the last couple of Villager magazines to see the very colourful photographs on the front cover that our Editor, Julie Crawley, has taken during her South American travels. Stunning views and memories for Julie I'm sure.

The War Horse at The Plough Inn will soon be on the move as landlord, Terry Brown, has had some changes made to the frontage of the pub. The patio facing the road has been extended and looks very smart. And "Arthur" will soon to take pride of place here and be illuminated for everyone to admire.

Unfortunately the February Parish Council minutes are not yet published on the website so I can add nothing further on that front. However, please do remember to vote in the local elections on Thursday 2nd May at your Polling Station. We hope we will have a full house of five Parish Councillors who reside within the South Ward and have the best interests of the Ward at heart. Also diary date Monday 13th May 2019 for the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm and Council meeting at 8pm at St Stephen's Hall, Little London.

It's been a quiet time for singing unfortunately but a few events are in

the pipeline. Hopefully you will get this magazine early enough to consider the following choices. Whilst a little further afield, why not go to beautiful Hungerford where the Hungerford Rock Choir are giving a concert at St Lawrence's Church, Hungerford on Saturday 4th May 2019. The performance will be at 2:30pm and followed with an afternoon tea. Entry is free with a retiring collection being split between church funds and the West Berks Rock Choir's current charity focus, SSAFA: The Armed Forces Charity. You will be guaranteed to have an excellent afternoon of entertainment. Later in May, on Sunday 26th at 3pm, the Basingstoke Hospital Male Voice Choir will be holding a joint concert with Mansfield Male Voice Choir at All Saints Church, Southern Road, Basingstoke, raising funds for The Ark Cancer Centre Charity. Two renowned male voice choirs who will ensure you have an enjoyable time. Advance warning of Tadley Rock Choir appearing at the Tadley Treacle Fair in the late afternoon of Sunday 2nd June, more details to follow.

It seems the government have listened to views on unlawful traveller encampments and are considering

making 'intentional trespass' a criminal offence and increasing the period of time that trespassers moved off land will be unable to return, and enabling the police to move trespassers off highway land, saving our councils having to spend money going to court. A follow-up petition that backs this change is being launched asking the government to get this into place. If you wish to sign it and share it with your friends and family please use the link ranil.uk/travellers

Whilst walking in the south of Pamber Forest we and other neighbours have noticed some sets of metal steps with a platform at the top which are strapped to trees. Whilst these vaguely look like bird watching platforms, they are very exposed affording no cover for any watchers and set in areas where there are not many trees as suitable nesting sites. Views on these would be appreciated please.

Hopefully Spring will have reliably arrived as we move into May. One minute it is too hot and the next the heating goes back on. Whatever comes, enjoy.

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weekly walk based at the surgery. The timing of which has now changed to 6.30pm every Wednesday evening starting outside the Dispensary in order to reach as many of our patients as possible. Assistance will be given to anyone less mobile and the walk can cater for all levels of fitness.

Dr. Roisin Ward

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Neighbourhood Watch – Sherborne St John

GOOD NEWS

Soon after the April issue of The Villager went to press I was informed by the police that the three schemes I was worried about were now “defunct”. I asked for an exact meaning of that term but have so far received no answer. However, subsequent events may well mean that these will all be resurrected.

Weybrook Court and Monk Sherborne Road

First I heard that Jane Shelvey had enquired about the West End scheme although living outside it. I called her and she has agreed to become Scheme Co-ordinator for Weybrook Court and Monk Sherborne Road, her appointment has now received police approval. Some membership records have been passed on by her predecessor. It will save some work if any readers in this area e.mail JShelvey@lillydown.co.uk giving their postal address, email address and telephone number. In May she will start to canvas for further members

Spring Close and The Severals

As a direct result of The Villager for April I was contacted by Jane Bechelet on April 2 and we met to discuss details the same day and agreed to proceed. The application for Jane's check was emailed to the police office on 4 April, I am confident that she will be approved. We will then prepare for the scheme to relaunch in early May. Some membership records have been passed on to me by Rene Tonon Jane's predecessor. It will save some work if any readers in this scheme e.mail janeg113@btinternet.com giving their postal address, email address and telephone number. In May she will start to canvas for further members.

Tyfield

The police prematurely declared this scheme defunct although Carole Stanley will continue until she relocates which will not be before September. I now have two people neither of which could take over now but will be available in the Autumn

so the scheme is secure and I have advised the police accordingly. Your contact is Carole Stanley email carole_stanley@yahoo.co.uk telephone 851250

West End

We have now signed up enough members to meet the police criteria but we will be very pleased to receive more. I will now ask the police to formally activate the scheme and arrange to erect signage and distribute window stickers etc. Your contact is Mike Perman at Mongers email brenda@amongerltd.com telephone 850025

Finally a thank you to all the past, present and future co-ordinators for their support.

Ted Wilkinson, Area Co-ordinator for Sherborne St John

Update from a Hospital Governor

The reality is that for all of us at some stage in our lives we are going to need the support of our local hospital. In the case of our local NHS Foundation Trust, following its recent inspection when it was rated as ‘Requires improvement’, much has happened, with some very encouraging signs of key improvements, thanks to the incredible hard work of staff, although greatly stretched as a result of both the NHS currently being short of funds, but also staff shortages.

To be more specific, I was on the panel selecting, two excellent Non Executive Directors for the Trust; Simon Holmes formerly a highly respected Urology

consultant at Portsmouth, and Ruth Williams with immense nursing experience, with an emphasis on quality maintenance. For those with children who have had the unhappy experience of having recently had to take them to A & E, what a change you will have noticed, and what a much more inviting child centred focus it now has. Finally, I have had the privilege of judging the latest round of ‘WOW’ awards, which are designed to recognise those who have shown outstanding care – what a challenge with so many amazing stories of those who have gone beyond their duty, and the compassion of staff and commitment to their patients.

To find out more as to what is happening during this period of rapid change in the NHS, why not become a Trust member, it is free to anyone over 16. To join either go to the website hampshirehospitals.nhs.uk/get-involved or email Hampshire.hospitals@hft.nhs.uk, alternatively pick up a leaflet in the hospital. Membership will not only give you an insight into what is happening, but information on open days and health focus events, and of course the right to participate in the election of your local governor, who is there to ensure the Board of the Trust is working well.

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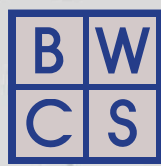
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Although the weather became noticeably colder, there was a definite spring in our step as we approached the end of last term! This was literally true for Class 4, who performed their dance routines to 'Lean on Me' and 'Giants' to the school and parents as the culmination of their dance lessons with coach Faye.



We all had experience of interpretive dance with Blair from West End at the start of Book Week; he ran workshops for all the classes resulting in performances of 'Where the Wild Things Are', 'The Iron Man' and 'Gangsta Granny' through dance and music. We also had a visit from author and illustrator Sophie Ambrose, who

inspired the children to write their own storybook, and the staff shared some of their favourite stories with the children. At the end of the week, we all dressed up as a book character, resulting in a plethora of Potters (Harry), a wonderment of Where's Wallies and a great selection of fairy stories, as well as the staff dressed as crayons (from *The Day the Crayons Quit*).

There was a second opportunity to dress up as the Infants celebrated a medieval day, with knights, jesters, musicians, servants and even a queen or two around to enjoy the fun. They enjoyed a medieval banquet and took part in a medieval dance. This was a great finale to the project on Castles.

At the end of term we had our Easter service at St Andrew's Church, saying farewell to the Rector who has been a school governor for over 30 years and has regularly visited the school for Collective Worship. We send him our best wishes for his retirement.

The term ended with the Easter bonnet parade. As usual, there was hot competition for the prizes, which

included the most Eggciting hat, the most Springlike hat and the most Chocolatey hat! Luckily the sun came out for us and we were able to parade around the playground, enabling the parents to have a great view of the amazing array of Easter bonnets on display!



By the time this is printed, we will be back at school for the Summer Term and our first big event, which is the May Festival on 10th May, when, weather permitting, we will be celebrating with maypole and country dancing and a barbeque.

Sherbert – SSJ School Villager Correspondent

Monk Sherborne Village Fete fruit and veg competition classes

Vegetables

1. Five potatoes
2. Five large or medium tomatoes
3. Five cherry or plum tomatoes
4. Three carrots
5. Three leeks
6. Two courgettes
7. Five beans (any sort)

Fruit

8. Five apples (any sort)
9. Dish of raspberries
10. Three figs
11. Five pears (any sort)

Novelty

12. Heaviest marrow or courgette
13. Heaviest carrot
14. Ugliest vegetable
15. Longest runner bean

Children's classes

20. A miniature garden
21. A flower arrangement
22. A Mr Potato head
23. A painting
24. Best scarecrow

Flowers

16. A vase of five flowers (any one sort)
17. Two roses
18. A flower arrangement (60cms diam max)
19. Three dahlias

Home cooking

25. A chocolate cake (men only)
26. A fruit cake
27. A jar of jam
28. A jar of marmalade

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Bill Hayter

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This year the Club was given 10 pairs of Wimbledon tickets to be offered up for sale to members who had opted in to the LTA ballot.

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Sherborne St John Women's Fellowship

Hats! Hats! Hats! Confronted by a table full of hats, trimmings, hat-blocks and a mirror, we could settle down to an interesting and enjoyable afternoon. Sophie Fryer's talk was called 'Hats off to Couture Millinery' and she explained that a couture hat was hand-sewn and made for you personally. She recommended trying on shop-bought hats to find a shape that suited the face and then, for a special occasion, having one made. A bought hat for a lady would measure 22.5 inches in circumference and be machine made. As a child, Sophie had always enjoyed trying on hats in shops with her mother and when she was 50 she decided to learn to make herself a hat and has been making hats ever since. Hand-made hats are made on a wooden block, often of an African wood so soft that pins can be used on it. Sophie has a friend who hand-turned special blocks for her. Blocks can cost £150, but hats can be made using buckram which is moulded when damp and is much cheaper, but less durable. In the 1500s a milliner was someone who sold hats imported from Milan, but hats go back at least to the Stone Age, when they were made of animal skin. Babies need hats to prevent heat loss. In Roman and Ancient Egyptian Society hats were a mark of rank and a skullcap was given as a mark of freedom. These were usually made of cloth. Nomadic tribes in Asia invented a coarse woollen felt but in the 1600s it was made of rabbit and beaver fur. Milan and Florence remain centres of hat making. In England, Luton became a centre for hat making both in felt and plaited straw. The Luton football team is still called the Hatters. A section of the Luton museum is devoted to the craft, which involved several dangerous processes. The use of mercury, which is poisonous, led to the saying 'mad as a hatter'. Stockport also has a hat museum as it too made felt hats. It is said that when people started travelling by car, they stopped wearing hats and the commercial industry virtually died. Today hats are worn by the Queen and other royal ladies and for special occasions such as weddings or Ascot.

We all remembered Mrs Shilling whose hats were made by her son David. Noted present day milliners such as Stephen Jones, Philip Somerville, Philip Treacy, Frederick Fox, Rose Cory (who trained Sophie) create hats for the cat-walk, stage and private customers, often using natural fibres, cotton and straw, leather, feathers.

Materials for hats are often used wet or damp or steamed. If cut on the bias they can be stretched to fit. A silk hat needs a structure and the base can be felt or canvas and is made in two stages on the block which is a lot of work. Each part takes approximately one hour, first the crown, then the base, binding, then steaming and drying, which explains the expense. Petersham ribbon used inside can alter the sizing. An extra piece can make a hat fit more snugly. Measuring should be done from the front to the back of the head rather than using the circumference. When choosing a hat it is important to check the shape rather than the colour. A hat should be worn tipped forward and over the right or left eye depending on the dominant hand. Sophie recommended that a fascinator should be held in place with elastic, as a comb or band could slip or dig in. Many hats are now made using a banana-based material called sinamay which looks like woven canvas and was originally a packing material from China. As well as couture, Sophie also works in AmDram, which requires different techniques. At the end of her talk Sophie was thanked by Jean Linford who told of a lady who flew to Milan with an empty case and brought back seven hats. We were then able to try on all the different styles that we had been admiring on the table.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 7 May when we shall have a speaker from the gardening charity Thrive and also have a Plant and Produce Stall. On 4 June we have a talk on the History and Ecology of the New Forest. Visitors are welcome.



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YOUR LOCAL **ROTARY** **ROUNDUP**

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 2019

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Basingstoke Festival of Transport Sunday 12th May 2019 from 11.00 - 16.00

The War Memorial Park, Basingstoke, RG21 4AH,
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PeaceJam UK For the last 4 years Winchester University has hosted PeaceJam UK for a 2 day youth leadership development weekend conference attended by 200 young people where they meet and work with a Peace Laureate. Held in March, this year's PeaceJam Laureate was Betty Williams who together with Mairead Corrigan Maguire received the Nobel Peace Prize for promoting peaceful resolution of the troubles in Northern Ireland. Over the last 4 years more than 100 young people from local Schools have been sponsored by Rotary in Basingstoke to attend and have been



War Memorial Park,
Basingstoke,
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able to take part in workshops to learn about such topics as Water Aid and tools for self-reliance for under developed countries as well as being able to discuss controversial issues of diversity, tolerance, social justice, conflict, and non-violence and all whilst enjoying the excellent facilities at the University. If you are between 14 -19 and want to find out more about getting involved in next year's PeaceJam see contact details below. "I worked with a Nobel Peace Laureate" sounds great on your CV

WHAT IS ROTARY

Rotary is about helping communities, both local and internationally through our network of clubs with 1.2 million members in over 200 countries. It is a non-religious and non-political organization comprised of both men and women who enjoy socialising together. As Rotarians we do some fantastic work each year whilst having fun and raising money which enables us to donate it to more than 20 local and a few international causes, including locally The Ark Cancer Centre Charity. To find out more about Basingstoke Deane Rotary check out the links below

Basingstoke Deane Rotary is a group of 35men & women from a wide variety of backgrounds. All live locally in the borough but some commute to work outside Basingstoke. Most joined Rotary to help others less fortunate, and they find Basingstoke Deane Rotary adds another extremely enjoyable dimension to their lives.

If you would like to find out more about how we enjoy ourselves, just tune in to www.rcbd.org.uk to see what we have coming up, or contact Helen or Paul above to find out more. You might be pleasantly surprised!

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Friday 21 June

Retro 80's Night



Friday Charity Night at
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arkday.co.uk

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Ark Cancer Centre Charity is raising £5million
towards a cancer treatment centre that will be
built by Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation
Trust (HHFT) at Basingstoke hospital. This is a
facility that will be invaluable to ALL families in
Basingstoke going through Cancer treatment.



Nearly 180,000 people live in Basingstoke & Deane.
If everyone donated just £1 on Friday, June 21,
imagine the difference it would make to Ark's £5m campaign.

Ark Day has been created by the Ark Day organising committee to raise money for Ark Cancer Centre Charity

Developing the talents of our youths

We hear a lot today about youths and the negative side of things. Across the country Rotary Clubs are helping develop youth talents through a number of initiatives.

In Basingstoke we have just had the Young Technologist competition. This annual competition attracted 21 teams on Thursday 14th March. It was encouraging to see the teams working so well designing and producing a vehicle which would run uphill.

Two of the winning teams were from Forthill School. The third winner was QMC.

Another initiative is the annual Rotary Young Musician Competition. It culminates in the awarding of the

Rotary Young Musician titles to one vocalist and one instrumentalist but more importantly it offers to so many youngsters across Great Britain and Ireland the opportunity to develop their musical talent and their personal confidence.

It all starts with local competitions organised by individual Rotary Clubs. Basingstoke Rotary utilised QMC last November. These initial events provide young musicians under the age of 18 with the opportunity to display their talents and for most this is their first experience of performing in front of an audience. In 2017 750-800 Rotary Clubs participated giving some 8000 young musicians this experience.

Other initiatives include Young Chef where entrants plan and cook a three course meal, develop their food presentation skills and gain experience in high pressure situations and Young Photographer among others.

You can learn more about these initiatives or become a 'friend of Rotary' and help our community. We are organising a Family Festival at the Basingstoke Cricket Club in the centre of town - RG21 3DR - on Saturday and Sunday 22 and 23 June. Free entry, entertainments and food. Come along, support local charities and find out more.

BATS - The Madness Musical



BATS Next Gen (winners of 2 Regional NODA Awards in March 2019) are proud to announce their forthcoming production of Our House.

This high energy, funny, yet thought-provoking musical takes us back to the 1980s and features the music of Madness, including "Baggy Trousers", "It must be love", "Driving in my car" and of course "Our House".

Joe Casey is trying to impress his new girlfriend, Sarah, on the night of his 16th birthday. He breaks into a brand new, unoccupied block of flats owned by local property developer Mr Pressman. The police turn up and Joe must decide whether to run or face the music. At this point his life splits into two and we see the consequences of both these decisions on Joe, his family and on Sarah. Just how difficult can it be to make the right choice?

The show runs at The Haymarket, Basingstoke from the 25th - 27th July. Performance on the 25th-27th July at 7.30pm, with a matinee performance on Saturday the 27th July at 2:30pm.

Ticket prices (inclusive of £2 booking fee): Adults - £19.50

Concessions (under 16s, over 65s) - £17.50

Available online via www.anvilarts.org. uk or tel 01256 844844 or in person at the Anvil Box Office, Churchill Way, Basingstoke.

Director is John Eddie. Musical Director is Rachel Glover.

Choreography by Debbie Hemmings and Jade Hollingshead.

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Sherborne St John Social Club

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Forthcoming Events

Day	Date	Event
Thursday	16 th May	Club Annual General Meeting Members Only
Saturday	18 th May	Themed Disco
Wednesday	22 nd May	Jazz Jam Event with Chris Cooke & Friends Why Not participate bring your music & instruments 8:00pm
Saturday	1 st June	General Knowledge Quiz Night
Saturday	22 nd June	Country & Western Night With Ruth Jones Members free & their guests welcome with a sign in fee of £1 accompanying a member

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On Saturday 11th May we shall be holding an open day at our site which is beside the large carpark off St Andrew's

road in South Ham (RG22 6TP). You can come and have a go at bowls or croquet or both if you wish. Come at any time between 10am and 4pm. You don't need any special equipment other than flat shoes/trainers to wear on the green.

If you can't come on the 11th May then for croquet only come any Saturday morning at 10am and you will be made most welcome. You can find more on our website at www.basingstokecroquet.co.uk – we shall be delighted to see you!



Little London Ping Pongers are go!

Fancy a game of table tennis? Why not come along to St Stephen's Hall, Little London at 7pm on Tuesdays. £2 per player, with all proceeds going towards the upkeep of the hall. Two full size table tennis tables, plus bats and balls provided.

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Probos hears about the RFC & RAF in WW1

Probos Club member, retired RAF Wing Commander Bryan Jenkins gave a presentation about the growth of the Royal Flying Corps during the Great War.

Military thinking in 1910 was that aeroplanes had no potential use in war. General Haig thought in July 1914 that reconnaissance was the cavalry's role. By September this changed when basic aerial reconnaissance enabled the British Expeditionary Force to win a critical battle.

Aviation had to rethink its design and production. There was no domestic production with much reliance on French aircraft and engines. Failure to fire through the propeller was overcome by having the propeller at the rear of the pilot. By 1915 the German Fokker Eindecker monoplane had overcome this technicality and had superior aerial performance than any British design. Manfred von Richthofen flew a Fokker tri-plane credited with 80 "kills", becoming known as the Red Baron.

Early aerial battles were not successful. Our planes strafed enemy infantry and bombed airfields, factories and transportation facilities. Average life expectancy of a pilot on the Western Front was only 23 days, some for only three days. Of 10,000 RFC airmen who lost their lives, 4,000 died in training, 4,000 in post training and only 2,000 killed as a result of enemy action.

Aircraft production increased but the front line was always waiting for replacements due to insufficient engines. By 1918 there were over 4,000 planes in storage waiting for an engine.

In 1914 the Royal Flying Corps had 2073 personnel. By 1919 there were 4,000 combat aircraft and 114,000 personnel in 150 squadrons. Eleven members of the RFC were awarded the Victoria Cross.

The RFC started with very little, poor equipment. At the end they had better machines, better engines and better pilots than existed anywhere in the world. On 1st April 1918 the RFC became the Royal Air Force.

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Hugging in the workplace – is it acceptable?

Hugging has become a newsworthy topic lately, particularly given the allegations levelled at Sir Philip Green the owner of Top Shop and other high street stores. Also even more recently was the news that Ray Kelvin, the founder and chief executive of the fashion chain Ted Baker was accused of misconduct including inappropriate hugging.

At least 50 employees recorded incidents that they regarded as harassment and more than 2,000 employees signed a petition to draw attention to the problem.

There were claims that as well as engaging in frequent and inappropriate hugging, Mr Kelvin had asked some female employees to sit on his knee, cuddle him and allow him to massage their ears. Mr Kelvin denies all allegations of misconduct, but he did resign in the face of these allegations against him.

This may be an extreme example, but it does raise the question as to when physical contact such as hugging is acceptable and when it becomes unacceptable behaviour. What are the boundaries when it comes to physical contact in the workplace?

Naturally behaviour such as inappropriate touching, unwarranted or dominating physical contact and sexual advances are completely unacceptable. However, not all physical contact is inappropriate. Many people do engage in hugging at work within quite acceptable boundaries and between consenting adults, the emphasis being on “consenting”. A sincere hug can be emotionally uplifting, especially if discussing ill health, comforting someone who has received bad news or in the course of a celebration. Huggers should still be mindful that not everyone welcomes physical contact and to be aware of this and exercise some common sense.

The law regards unwanted physical contact as a violation of a person’s rights. It is therefore particularly important that managers and figures in authority do not take advantage of their position or make employees feel uncomfortable. Employees often feel that if they object to inappropriate physical contact it could jeopardise their career or even result in them losing their job. However, if a boss or someone in a position of authority forces an employee into a hug or any other physical contact that makes their employee feel uncomfortable or even violated, this should be reported to their HR department, a director or person in authority or a trade union representative or the behaviour is likely to continue. If the matter is not resolved appropriately and immediately then it is advisable to take specialist legal advice.

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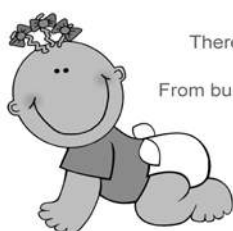
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Weather Winter into Spring 2018-19

Overall 2018 was a warm year with rainfall very close to average (97%) but this disguises some quite extreme months. There were only 2 months with below average temperatures (Feb and March) and then only slightly; but the summer months (meteorologically June, July and August) were exceptionally hot and dry – almost 4 degrees above average throughout and rainfall only 23% of what we would normally expect. July was the hottest month with temperatures above 30 Celsius (86F) on 11 days – in some years we don't even see a single day with that kind of temperature. The ground was cooked and the grass brown and lifeless resulting in exceptionally difficult grazing conditions for livestock.

December 2018 was a very cloudy (dismal) month and wet, consequently temperatures were above the normal by 1.5 C – the frequent cloud cover reduced radiation cooling at night. January 2019

was, as usual, chilly with many air frosts but temperatures were only a little below the norm; however it was a dry month with no rain for the first 14 days and not a great deal thereafter. But there was a significant snowfall starting about 8pm on the 31st and finally petering out by the evening of the 1st of Feb – this was the beginning of a week of wet weather with considerable rainfall; it then became mainly dry with several days of unbroken sun at the end of the month with some extraordinary warm days (for Feb) with 19.6C on the 26th, giving an average daytime temperature for the whole month of 3.4C above average, but the clear skies did lead to low night-time temperatures and air frosts.

March 2019 was quite unsettled with several major storms seriously affecting Northern Britain and many days with rain, but, after the 16th, there was no rain and plenty of sunshine and some good

warm days. Unlike 2018, Feb and March 2019 were warm months.

April 2019 has reverted to type (so far), it is often a cold month but, maybe, after the warm start to the year we can but hope for good growing weather to come!

Again in 2019 there have been fewer than normal significant winter Scandinavian or Siberian anticyclones (bringing very cold east or northeast winds from Siberia) the anticyclones that did occur were of limited duration and not seriously cold and mostly with east or southeast winds; this has been an important factor leading to milder than usual conditions across northern Europe and into Russia, although snow accumulations in parts of Norway must have been enormous.

David Cullum. Tel. 850315

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Highest Max Temp C	15.2	14.0	11.1	19.6	20.3	16.6
Avg Night Min Temp C	4.0	3.7	1.5	+0.9	4.2	2.7
Diff from 30-year ave C	+0.3	+1.8	+0.5	0.0	+3.1	+0.1
Lowest Min Air Temp C	-6.5	-7.1	-8.6	-7.9	-1.8	-2.3
No. Nights with Air Frost	4	8	17	11	2	3
Diff from ave night frosts	-3	-5	+6	-1	-8	
No.Nights with Grass Frost	7	10	19	18	10	5
Total Rainfall mm	91.1	96.2	34.7	61.2	70.3	28.0
Percent of 30-year ave	123%	130%	63%	99%	112%	174%
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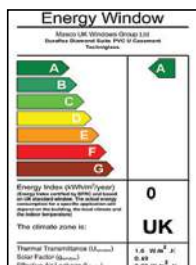
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