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My name is PCSO Matthew Woods 15973 and I will now be replacing PCSO John Dullingham as the local officer for Baughurst, Sherborne St John, Ramsdell, North Tadley, Monk Sherborne, Charter Alley, Wolverton, Inhurst and other local areas. I will be making contact with you to introduce myself properly in the next few weeks so I look forward to meeting you all.

If anybody wishes to contact me, my email address is below.
Many thanks PCSO 15973 Matthew Woods Work mobile: 07392 314033
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Message from the Flood and Water Management Team:

Unfortunately it is fast becoming the time of year when we need to think about the state of Hampshire's land drainage network. As the rain begins in earnest and leaves begin to fall, all riparian owners (those who have watercourses on or bordering their properties) across Hampshire, and beyond, should be looking at the state of their drainage ditches, culverts and other watercourses to ensure the clear transference of rain water and a reduced risk of localised flooding.

Please find a poster on page 13 detailing what responsibilities riparian owners have and guidance on how to undertake this maintenance to reduce flooding from surface water after rain event. Please feel free to share this poster with other residents. If you have any further enquiries regarding this or any other areas of flood risk management, please visit our website at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/environment/flooding>

Many Thanks, Flood and Water Management Team
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Future Events

November 2017

4	35th Annual Firework Fiester, Loddon Valley Lions, Barlows Park, Silchester Rd, Tadley	
6	Pelican Film Society, Lion, The Ark Conference Centre, Guests welcome £6	7.30pm
7	SSJ Women's Fellowship 'The Miracle Flower' SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
10	B/S Ladies Choir Food Bank Charity Concert, Bishop Challenor School, St Michael's Rd, B/S	7.30pm
11	Remembrance Ceremony, SSJ War Memorial, New Cemetery, SSJ	10.45am
13	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall	10.00-11.30am
13	Hampshire & IofW Trust walk: Early Winter Birds at the Vyne. Meet at The Swan Pub, SSJ	10.30-12.30pm
13	Pamber Parish Council Meeting, St Stephen's Village Hall, Little London	7.30pm
15	BHMOV & Hart MV Choir ARK Cancer Charity Concert, All Saints Church, B/S. Free with refreshments in interval	7.30pm
18	Quiz with a difference in aid of Ungureni Trust, Chute Pavilion, £20 a ticket including supper	7.00pm
22	Chris's Jazz Friends, SSJ Social Club, £1 entrance to non-members	8.00pm
25	Country & Western Night, SSJ Social Club, Members £5, Guests £7	
27	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall	10.00-11.30am
27	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion. (Planning meeting 7pm)	7.30pm

December 2017

2	Dads and Tots, Sherborne St John Village Hall, £2 per family, Tel. Scott 416272	8.00 – 9.30am
2	Tadley Singers Annual Christmas Concert, Pamber Heath Memorial Hall. Free in aid of Tadley Day Centre	
4	Pelican Film Society, Hidden Figures, The Ark Conference Centre, Guests welcome £6	7.30pm
5	SSJ Women's Fellowship Christmas Lunch Details to be advised	
7	BHMOV Christmas Carol Concert, St Michael's Church, B/S. Free. Aiding B/S Hosp. Medical Fund	7.30pm
11	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall	10.00-11.30am
14	Thursday Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion. (Planning meeting 7pm)	7.30pm

January 2018

2	SSJ Women's Fellowship To Be Advised SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
8	Pelican Film Society, The Time of Their Lives, The Ark Conference Centre, Guests welcome £6	7.30pm

February 2018

5	Pelican Film Society, Going In Style, The Ark Conference Centre, Guests welcome £6	7.30pm
6	SSJ Women's Fellowship AGM SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm

Roman Catholic Services (Tel: 819772)

Sunday Mass will be celebrated at the Church of St Bede, Popley at the following times: 9.00am 11.00am 6.30pm

Weekday Mass

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

* Time & Venue could vary

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Church Matters **November**

In a recent PD James novel, the Lighthouse, a sergeant happens to arrive at a cottage where the occupant is playing *Scrabble* with her butler! It is part of a regular contest. They have almost finished the game but she is stuck with 7 letters: OIESMSI. To the annoyance of the butler the sergeant spots a seven letter word – using all the lady's letters. This play wins the game. (The word is meiosis!)

Not surprisingly the butler objects. He says “we have never said that help is permissible”. His employer however is ready for that one! “We’ve never said it isn’t” she reminds him. “Whatever is not forbidden is allowable” she asserts. “That is in accordance with the sound principle of English law that everything is permissible unless legally prohibited, compared with the practice in mainland Europe where nothing is permitted unless legally sanctioned.”

This division goes back to the Reformation which we have been considering in this column over the last couple of months. When Luther's gospel

teaching was established both on the continent and in England the movement divided. In Germany a strong thrust, not sanctioned by Luther himself and mainly seen among the Anabaptists, was that all that you do must be found in Scripture. So, nothing could be included in the church's meetings unless it was found in the New Testament. This was called the “regulative principle”. When applied widely across all areas of life it tended toward fanaticism.

In England however things proceeded along rather more moderate lines. Richard Hooker was the major theologian of the Church of England toward the end of the sixteenth century. He died in 1595. He taught that if something is not specifically forbidden in Scripture then it is permissible for the Christian to do that. This was called the “normative principle” and it was the key principle for deciding questions of church life and practice in the English Reformation.

Wikipedia, the on-line encyclopaedia, gives this example of the difference between these two principles of worship (normative and regulative): the announcing of notices in church (i.e. news, upcoming events, and other information). The normative principle holds that since such activity is not prohibited in the New Testament, and since announcing notices may well be beneficial for the congregation and their involvement in the activities of the church, then this practice should

be permitted. On the other hand, the regulative principle would ban such activity from taking place in the church service, because no example of announcing notices at the church gathering can be found in the New Testament. This is a somewhat trivial example but it makes the point!

I have to say that I am grateful that we live under the normative principle. It is just one example of the benefits that have come to us through the Reformation. Supremely of course is the rediscovery of the Gospel message itself. The Reformation is a massive subject and covers a large part of our history; it merits far more study than my brief pointers here. The best thing to do is to read a book on the subject. I would recommend particularly *The Unquenchable Flame* by Michael Reeves.¹ He has the gift of combining the accuracy of the story with the vividness of the characters.

May I also encourage you to join us at 6pm in the Village Hall on November 5th when Dr Richard Turnbull will be with us for an informal “Teach & Discuss” evening. Richard was formerly vicar of Chineham and Principal of Wycliffe Hall. He is now Director of Enterprise, Markets and Ethics in Oxford. He speaks well: it should be a good evening.

John Hamilton

¹ www.ivpbooks.com/product/the-unquenchable-flame

Services for November

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

05 November

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

12 November *Remembrance Sunday*

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

19 November

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

26 November

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

03 December

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

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 10AM

Nov 05	Deep Conviction	1Thess 1:1-10	Scott Seivewright
Nov 12	Gentle encouragement	1Thess 2:1-12	John Hamilton & Andrew King
Nov 19	Suffering for Christ	1Thess 2:13-20	John Hamilton
Nov 26	Love overflowing	1Thess 3:1-13	Scott Seivewright & Andy Spence

SUNDAYS AT SIX

Nov 05	Teach & Discuss	The Reformation: how do the issues affect us today?	Dr Richard Turnbull
Nov 12	Internal problems	Nehemiah 5	John Hamilton
Nov 19	More opposition	Nehemiah 6	Scott Seivewright
Nov 26	Reason to rejoice	Nehemiah 8	John Hamilton

MIDWEEK

Home Groups meet in the weeks of Tuesday 14 & 28 November.

We meet for Central Fellowship on Tuesday 7 & 21 November.

Coffee at 7.45pm followed by a short Bible study discussion then prayer; finish at 9pm

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Monk Sherborne Parish Council

This is the report from Cllr Andrew Lennard, Monk Sherborne Parish Council from our meeting held on 13th September 2017

Rural Policing & Neighbourhood Watch

A new NW Co-ordinator is still required within Monk Sherborne following the resignation of Mr M Budd. We have a new PSCO – Matthew Woods 15973 replacing John Dullingham as our local beat officer. Matthew can be contacted at matthew.woods@hampshire.pnn.police.uk or 07392 314033.

Residents continue to be reminded to secure all outbuildings and sheds to avoid any temptation or opportunists. Concerns remain regarding the speed of traffic using the parish as a cut through during rush hour. The parish council continues to pursue speed check request with the local police.

Finance & Health

The external audit process had been completed with no actions having been identified.

Planning

Investigations are to be made into the possibility of Queens Cottages becoming a listed building. Further information is being sought in relation to the application submitted to increase the number of caravans at the Blackberries site. BDBC planning department have advised that at present a date has not been set for determination.

Cllr Gibson & Cllr Spencer attended a training session at BDBC on the 11th September updating members of the planning process as a whole

Local Authority & Rural strategy

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council is in receipt of the final submission version of the Sherfield on Loddon Neighbourhood Plan (NP) along with all accompanying documentation required under the Regulations. The Sherfield on Loddon NP sets out a vision for the neighbourhood area and planning policies which will be used to determine planning applications locally and guide development in the neighbourhood area up until 2029.

Village hall

Design ideas have been finalised with members of the parish being encouraged to comment at a public meeting scheduled for later in the month.

Highways Transport and footpaths

The following work remains outstanding within the parish:

Signage to be erected prior to Manor Farm, Rookery Lane with a further sign at the corner (heading towards the Chalk Pit) advising traffic to “Give Way to on- coming vehicles” is currently being assessed by the Traffic Management team at HCC.

- An assessment of Chapel Lane and Pamber Road, Charter Alley has been undertaken.
- An order for a patch in Pamber Road, just before the 30mph has been placed.
- The level of soil banked on the road edge leading from The Priory Primary School towards Charter Alley following the recent carriageway works is to be investigated.
- Pot holes in the lay-bys on Salters Heath Road between Claygate and the corner of Blackberries.

Playground

BDBC are to continue emptying the bin twice weekly.

Last but not least

The Council would like to express their thanks to those in the parish who have volunteered their help with jobs large and small within our parish.

Next meeting is Wednesday 15th November 2017




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SHERBORNE ST JOHN PARISH COUNCIL

This month's council meeting was held on Monday 25th September at the Chute Pavilion.

Weekly Refuse Collection

Some good news to start. It was reported to the council at this month's meeting that Basingstoke and Deane have voted to retain weekly black bin collections for the next few years. This is a decision supported by the majority of Sherborne St John residents and was welcomed by the Parish Council.

Roads

The state of the roads both within and surrounding the village continue to cause concern. The Parish Council has previously reported that Hampshire County Council would repair the damaged surface around the junction of Cranes Road, Elm Road and Kiln Road by the end of the summer. This has not happened and we continue to apply pressure to HCC, despite their budget cuts, to get these works planned. As I write this we are told that the work is now likely to take place end of October so hopefully it will be completed by the time you read this.

If you see, and would like to report, any potholes, this can be done on the HCC website. A link to the site can be found on the SSJ website www.sherbornestjohn-pc.gov.uk on the Local Companies and Contacts page of the Directory.

Traffic

Speeding traffic through the village is also a major worry for parishioners. The Council commissioned a review from HCC of possible traffic calming measures for the A340 / West End and the report findings and options will be reviewed at the Parish Council meeting in October.

It was agreed at the September meeting that the village "gates" at the top of Elm Road need to be cleared of vegetation, painted white and a new 30mph sign attached. This is with a view to improve visibility of the reduced speed limits. If

successful in slowing down motorists, this should be repeated on the other entrances to the village on Vyne Road and Sherborne Road.

The Parish Council have also been looking into the potential of putting planters on the chicanes on Elm Road. Not only would this add some welcome colour to the village but will hopefully make the chicanes even more substantial and act as a way to further slow vehicles down.

Village Bus Service

You will have noticed that the no. 22 service is now running the opposite way through the village. This change was instigated by a group of parishioners and it has been reported to the council that this service is working better than before as users can now make use of the shelters on this side of the road.

We still fear that that without regular use, this service will reduce further or may even be cancelled. The Parish Council will continue to do what we can to ensure a bus route continues to run through the village but please can we ask that you support the service when you can so that we can retain this valuable benefit to our community.

Allotments

There are a small number of allotments coming available soon. If anyone is interested please contact the Parish Clerk in the first instance.

Mobile Shop

The mobile shop, Keith's Pantry, which has been situated in the Village Hall car park two days per week is no longer trading. Unfortunately this means that the village is once again without any form of shop. The plans for the Cranes Road development continue to offer the facility for a shop and the Parish Council will ensure that this is retained throughout the planning process. We will keep you advised of progress in future articles.

Dark Lane

As reported in last month's Villager article, the empty Dark Lane site formerly owned by Downing College has been sold after being neglected for quite some time. The new owner has approached the Parish Council with ideas for development of the site and is looking for a solution that improves the village and is in keeping with the site. This has been welcomed by the council and we look forward to discussing in more detail soon.

Superfast Broadband

The Hampshire Superfast Broadband Programme has so far rolled out to 91% of premises in the county and are planning on reaching 95% by the end of 2017. Despite this widespread rollout, the actual take-up from households is low because people either don't realise that superfast broadband is available where they live or they believe it is more expensive than their current package.

Upgrade is not automatic and so Hampshire County Council are promoting this programme. In North East Hampshire upgrades have already been made enabling over 2,500 premises in the parishes of Silchester, Sherborne St John, Bramley, Pamber & Mortimer West End to receive this capability. So don't lose out. To find out if superfast broadband is available at your address go to www.hants.gov.uk/broadband and enter your postcode in the Search box.

December Meeting

And finally, the December meeting of the Parish Council will now be held on **Thursday 14th December** instead of Monday 18th December. Location remains the Chute Pavilion at 7:30pm.

We are here to help you. If there are any matters or problems you wish to bring to the attention of the Parish Council, please contact the Parish Clerk, Penny Mayo at ssjclerk@gmail.com or you can write to her at West End House, Stratfield Saye, RG72DP

Cllr Carl Davies

Notes from Pamber Green and Pamber End

There's a definite autumnal feel now and the nights are slowly closing in. Definitely not my favourite time of year now looming!

Still on a brighter note, I'm told by those who went to Winchester Cathedral to hear the Basingstoke Hospital Male Voice Choir and Ooh Mama Ladies Choir sing in celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the founding of St Michael's Hospice that the evening was most enjoyable. Such a superb venue to sing at and in support of a wonderful good cause.

The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Trust is organising an 'Early Winter Birds at the Vyne' event on Monday 13/11/17 from 10:30am - 12:30pm. This is a chance to see birds and other wildlife in Morgaston Woods and the Vyne Estate Wetlands. Bring binoculars and footwear appropriate to the weather for a walk over fields and woodland, no stiles. From Basingstoke take the A340, Aldermaston Road; turn right at Elm Road for Sherborne St. John, Kiln Road. Permission has been given to park in The Swan pub car park, RG24 9HS.

A reminder that Little London has a flourishing Book Exchange run out of the telephone box on the junction of Beach's Crescent and Silchester Road. Donations of quality books can be delivered to 5 Beach's Crescent and left in the porch if no-one is at home. The coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Research at St Stephen's Village Hall raised an incredible £475 and thanks go to everyone who attended and supported the event. Anyone who would like to receive Little London village news and updates can contact Sue at sarmitage@origisoft.com.

Pamber Parish Councillors have held an open meeting to gain the views of the community on the future development and growth of their area as a prelude to formulating a Neighbourhood Plan. The Plan will be voted in a referendum, giving it real weight in local government

decision making. More news on this soon. The next meeting of Pamber Parish Council is on Monday 13/11/17 at 7.30pm at St Stephen's Village Hall, Little London.

The two ongoing "hot topics" in the Parish continue to be broadband speed and planning matters. Much of the south of the parish experiences dire broadband speeds. The exchange in Monk Sherborne has been upgraded which, it seems, has had a positive impact on the A340 and western end of New Road, Pamber Green and Green Lane. Unfortunately, much of the remainder of the village remains too far from the distribution cabinets to see any improvement. It seems that BT has no current intention of improving this situation in the current roll-out ending in December 2019. If affected, you should continue to lobby Openreach to try to get an earlier resolution. It is also possible for those affected to club together and pay Openreach to install a new cabinet. Subject to fulfilling certain criteria, grants up to 50% are available. The number of affected properties would have a big impact on the cost to the subscribers but it could be around £250 per household. Rotherwick did this a few years ago. More information to follow. I have no news as yet of planning applications I have previously told you of but I have heard of two new applications involving the replacement of two barns with six houses at Pamber Farm. These applications cover change of use so I understand the full planning process is not relevant. The applications will not go before the planning committee or Pamber Parish Council and will be approved or rejected by the planning authority based on whether they meet criteria set down or not. However, I understand you can make representation to the Borough Council if you wish.

The autumn is a busy period for concerts. Basingstoke Ladies Choir is holding a fund raising concert in aid of the Food

Bank charity on Friday 10/11/17 at Bishop Challenor School, St Michael's Road, Basingstoke at 7.30pm. A wide range entertaining pieces will be performed and wine and soft drinks will be provided. Basingstoke Hospital Male Voice Choir and Hart Male Voice Choir hold a joint concert at All Saints Church, Basingstoke on Wednesday 15/11/17 at 7:30pm. There is no admission charge but a bucket collection will be made in aid of the ARK Cancer Charity. Refreshments provided in the interval. Tadley Singers are holding their annual Christmas Concert on Saturday 2nd December at Pamber Heath Memorial Hall and will be singing a range of festive pieces in aid of Tadley Day Centre.

I am aware that Little London parishioners do not receive a hard copy of the Villager which, I gather, is simply historic. If there is interest from residents to receive a copy or have more ready access to it there are some possibilities which would not increase production costs. Currently some spare copies are available each month which could be located in certain places in the village, the telephone box library being one possibility. There is also an electronic mailing list which would enable households to receive their own electronic copy. I would ask that you spread this discussion topic as widely as possible and encourage parishioners to contact me with their views. Anyone who would like their own electronic copy can email the Editor, Julie Crawley, at villagemagazine@gmail.com With so much news currently coming in that affects Little London, it seems a shame that the sharing of this is limited. Please do let Julie or I know as soon as possible so we can help.

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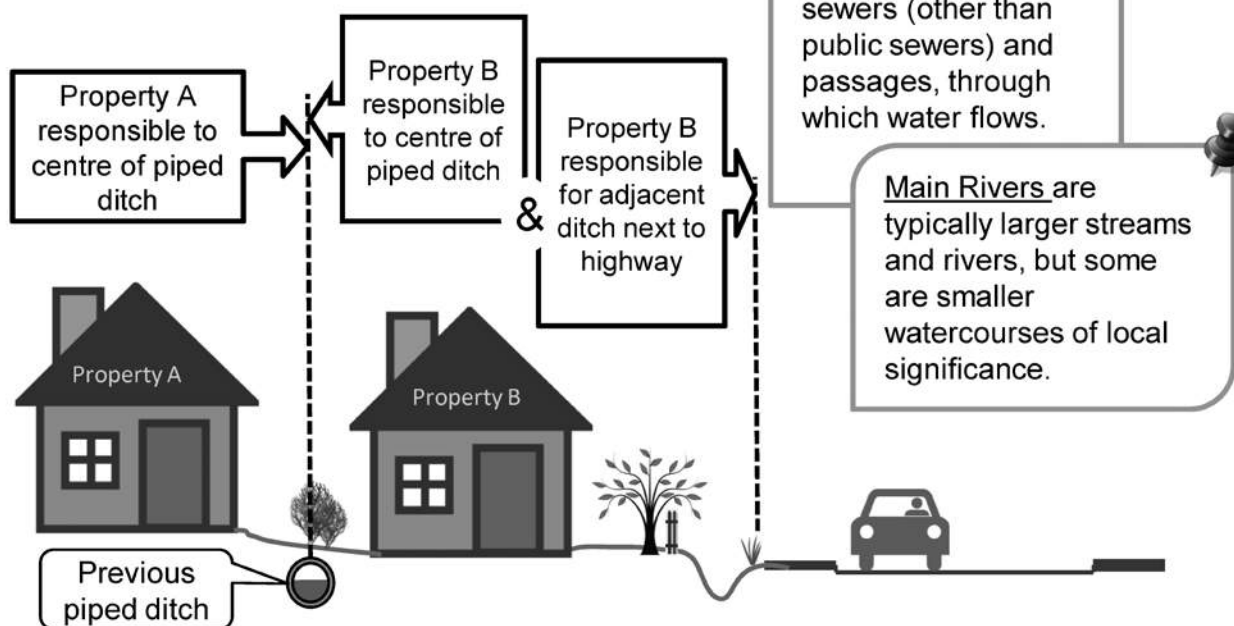
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Ordinary

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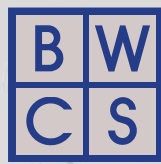
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One of the really enjoyable events of the Autumn Term is the conker championship, and the children are always very keen to take part. The competition in Key Stage 1 is a reasonably sedate affair, with conkers being delicately swung to see who can score the most hits. In the Juniors, however, conkers are carefully selected and aimed with great concentration – many of the contests end in sudden death play-offs and shattered conkers!



Congratulations go to this year's champions, Ellie and Harvey; Ellie managed to survive a tense Junior final with only part of her conker intact!

The School took part in the Village Scarecrow competition with our own Tag Rugby Scarecrow put together by Mrs Curd, with the help of Daniel and a few children from KS1. It was obviously a lucky mascot, as the new Tag Rugby team played very well in their opening round of league matches and are currently top of the table.

Whilst some classes took an Autumn walk to look at the Scarecrows, Class 3 walked to the Vyne Woods for their introductory Guardianship Scheme walk. They had the opportunity to look at various habitats in and around the woods, and later in the year will visit in small groups to study topics such as

bats, fungi and insects with the Vyne wardens.

We held our Harvest Festival Service at St Andrews Church and our guest from the Trussell Trust was very pleased with the large number of donations for the Basingstoke Food bank. We all enjoyed a piece of the beautiful harvest loaf too!

November is the start of a busy month including Remembrance Day, Children in Need fund-raising and preparations for the Christmas Nativity. Our Christmas Fayre this year will be held on **Friday 8th December from 5pm until 7pm**, so make a date for your diary to come along and play some games, have a glass of mulled wine and maybe even visit Father Christmas!

Sherbert – SSJ School Villager Correspondent

Charity Tea Dance in Memory of Loyal Dancer, Hilda Riddle

On Sunday 10th September, dancers from across the South East came to Chineham Village Hall for a Charity Tea Dance, which was held in memory of their dear friend Hilda Riddle, who passed away on Thursday 18th May 2017, at the age of 89 years young.

Hilda had been by the side of David Smith, Principle of David Smith Dance, which now operates from Chineham Village Hall, since its formation over 8 years ago. Welcoming everyone who came through the door, for their ballroom, latin, sequence, line dance classes or Tea Dances, with a beaming and unforgettable smile.

The afternoon Tea Dance raised a magnificent sum of £1084.00 for St Michael's Hospice, North Hampshire. Monies were raised through combinations of Door Ticket Sales, Raffle, Name the Teddy competition,

silent auction, plus many donations that were made by those who were not able to attend.

Everyone who attended wore the something Blue, as this was Hilda's favourite colour. Hilda's daughters Marion & Christine with their husbands Ron & Colin plus many of her

grandchildren and great grandchildren came along to support the afternoon.

Daisy Mitchell, a representative from St Michael's Hospice, came along to accept the cheque which was presented by David Smith and Hilda's Family & Friends.



David Smith & Hilda's Family & Friends, presenting a Cheque to the Hospice representative, Daisy Mitchell

SSJ Scarecrow Competition 2017

September saw the arrival of even more Scarecrows than last year lurking in the hedgerows and front gardens of SSJ.

The standard of entries was really high and the judges had their work cut out, however there was unanimous winner.

1st prize went to E.T.- the Extraterrestrial - built by Robert Vermeer of Cranesfield. ET was seen sailing through the air by bike with music and lights attached.

2nd Prize was the 'Purrfect Crime' by the Cullum family of Elm Road which saw a very agile cat burglar climbing their drainpipe.



The People's Choice prize also went to ET.

Congratulations to all the winners.

The committee would like to thank everyone who entered. They really were all excellent and gave the whole village a talking point. They also got lots of the village children and grown ups (as well as lots of visitors) out and about on the scarecrow trail.

3rd Prize went to Jan Beattie of Tyfield for her very imaginative 'Oh No It's A Gruffalo'



4th Prize was awarded to SSJ Social Club for their excellent 'Run Rabbit Run'



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We will be celebrating 30 years of the SSJ toddler group in the next issue.

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The photo below dates from spring 1988 when we raised start up funds through a sponsored toddle

We are planning a Mums' reunion for January 2018



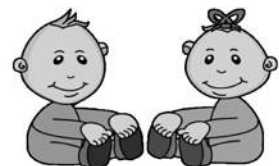
Light up a Life

St. Michael's Hospice would like to invite you to their Light up a Life service, taking place on **Sunday 3th December at 18.00hrs** in the grounds of the Hospice. The service, led by The Reverend Tom Honey, chaplain at St. Michael's Hospice, will give time for reflection, remembering precious memories of loved ones who cannot be with us this Christmas. If you would like to make a dedication in memory of a loved one, please visit stmichaels hospice.org.uk/events or for further information please contact the Fundraising Hotline on 01256 848848.



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Sherborne St John Women's Fellowship

On the 5th September this year the ladies set forth on their annual outing. The weather was not as kind as previous years and the day was very overcast with occasional heavy showers. However, we never actually got caught in any of them thank goodness.

Firstly we took a coffee break at the fantastic Garden Centre at Frilford. We could have spent a couple of hours there as there was so much to see but pressing on after forty minutes we duly arrived at our luncheon destination, the designer outlet at Swindon. If you were

not interested in shopping (and show me a woman who is not) or had a male companion, then you could browse the Railway Museum instead.

Leaving there our coach took us on the most scenic route imaginable taking in four white horses carved in various hillsides. Mervyn, our driver, regaled us with an enormous amount of information about various points we passed that he had gained through his many years of coach driving. We finished up at Amesbury for the most delightful tea provided by the local W.I.

As we walked into the hall we received the warmest welcome, and by tables that would have done any four star hotel proud.

Once again we enjoyed our annual outing immensely.

Our meeting on the 3rd October followed its usual pattern and our speaker was Miss Ann Sevier, who is a commoner farmer (her family having been commoners since 1650) at Fordingbridge in the New Forest. She came to tell us about "A Year in the Life of a New Forest Pony". Already of retirement age (though farmers never really retire) she told us how from birth in March or April, through the summer months wandering fifty-six thousand acres of woods and heathland, which they are vital in the management of, and on through the harsh winters they shed or grow coats to cope with the varying temperatures. Ann had such a practical and down to earth, as well as down right comical way of talking about her everyday life, that she soon had us laughing along with her.

After her talk which was enjoyed by all so much we rounded off the afternoon with a Harvest Tea of sandwiches and scones, all prepared by the committee members as usual.

Our next meeting on 7th November 2017 we will be treated to a talk by Jeremy Prescott entitled "The Miracle Flower - From Flanders to the Tower".

Joan Brandon

Sherborne St John Social Club

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Forthcoming Events

Day	Date	Event
Saturday	28 th Oct 2017	Fancy Dress Halloween Disco Prizes for best under 5, boy, girl, man & lady fancy dress
Saturday	18 th Nov 2017	Wine Tasting £10 pp to be paid by 11/11/17
Wednesday	22 nd Nov 2017	Jazz Jam Event with Chris Cooke & Friends Why Not participate bring your music & instruments 20:00
Saturday	25 th Nov 2017	Country & Western Night & more with Tequila Duo Members £5 & Guests £7

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Our next Branch Meeting will be on Tuesday 14th November at 19:30 in Cross House, Bramley, but before then is one of the most important events in the Royal British Legion Annual Calendar.

The Royal British Legion is the custodian of the Remembrance of those who died serving their country in both World Wars and other conflicts. This year Ann Lenton, Michael and Pam Luck, have taken over the Poppy Appeal

for the Branch and we would ask that you give them all of your support. The period of Remembrance for the Branch culminates in a Church Service in St James' Church, Bramley at 10:30am on Sunday 12th November. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you there on the Sunday. Let us all make a special effort this year to raise as much money as possible to support the welfare of those that have served their country and their dependants. "Lest We Forget"

Remembrance Ceremony at Sherborne St John

A short Remembrance Ceremony will take place at the War Memorial in the SSJ Cemetery on Saturday 11th November. You are invited to attend.

Please could you be present from 10.50am for the commemoration service that will conclude with the 2 minutes silence at 1100 hrs.

Steve Day – Branch Treasurer
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Bert's Blog



It is not usual that I pull on the lead, in fact I pride myself on not pulling as the Mrs is always telling me that if I was a trained guide dog for the blind I would not be stopping every five minutes to investigate odours, toilet stops or something that is of no interest to anybody but me, therefore I have learnt that this model behaviour is expected of me when on the lead.

However..... on a recent hot day in France investigating a quaint village and looking at all the architecture and possible future compositions the Mrs may wish to paint I suddenly noticed a sign which read "Dogs Bar !" and immediately had the same reaction as the Boss does when he sees the word Bar – I stopped mid stride – something so unusual the Mrs nearly collided with the Boss as it was she who had hold of the end of my lead and had her head in the air looking at picturesque things. Why she doesn't let me hold my lead myself I don't know – she knows I love doing it and I am quite capable of taking myself for a walk.

On a lot of these art inspiration walks she usually holds the Boss' hand who, seeing she has her eyes on anything but where she is going, stops her from walking into lamp posts, bollards and tripping up steps. But on this occasion she had hold of me and I had spotted the Dogs Bar and pulled on the lead so confusion reigned for a while until the Boss, after a nudge from me, suddenly woke up and said "what a good idea, lets investigate this bar....." One beer, a glass of "pink grape juice", a bowl of water and a thankful pat from the Boss later we resumed our walk.....

Celebrate Christmas in and around Hampshire with the National Trust

If you're looking for somewhere special to escape the crowds this Christmas and celebrate festive traditions, look no further than the National Trust.

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At Hinton Ampner we're bringing favourite fairy tales like Cinderella and Rapunzel to life. Colour-rich scenes in Mottisfont's show rooms feature vibrant decorations with a quirky and contemporary twist.

Uppark's Victorian owner Lady Featherstonhaugh and her servants invite you to a country house Christmas party, above and below stairs.

There's baking demonstrations and carol singing, craft workshops and guided winter walks at our places too. Festive outdoor activity trails take children on fun adventures through the gardens, whilst downloadable walks take you further afield, through frosty winter landscapes of meadows, fields, and ancient woodland.

All our places have shops filled with gifts big and small, from children's stocking fillers to beautiful objects inspired by our historic collections. In the cafes you'll find seasonal treats, many made using locally produced ingredients.

Every festive day out you enjoy supports the National Trust's conservation work at our houses and gardens, as well as at our countryside and coastal areas.

Here are some Christmas highlights:

The Wyne

Father Christmas and Friends family trail PLUS rooftop walkway, 1 December - 2 January 2018, £1 per trail, walkway open 10am - 3pm (last entry 2.30pm), closed 24 & 25 December

Father Christmas is visiting The Wyne a little early this year. He needs to check

that he can still park his sleigh on the roof, despite our huge roof project scaffold. Follow the trail around the property to find his festive helpers, then ascend our exciting rooftop walkway to see if Father Christmas has made a safe landing.

In the house.....

In this penultimate month before our magnificent rooftop walkway is removed (on 31 January 2018), you'll have opportunities to watch the final pieces of this £5.4 million jigsaw being slotted into place in front of your eyes, making this former Tudor 'power house' watertight well into the future. Inside the house we're telling the fascinating story of King Henry VIII's visit to The Wyne with Anne Boleyn in 1535. Our eerily beautiful chapel 'soundscape' transports you back to a 16th-century Mass as Henry would have heard it. Other show rooms reveal how Victorian owner Wiggett Chute saved The Wyne from dereliction.

Sandham Memorial Chapel

Christmas at Sandham Memorial Chapel, events on specific dates in November & December. Visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/sandham-memorial-chapel for details. Chapel open Friday to Sunday from 3 November to 17 December, 11am - 3pm. Guided chapel tours are also available.

In the lead up to Christmas, this modest red-brick little building tucked away in a quiet corner of Hampshire is a haven of creativity. A series of colourful workshops are on offer, from decoupage on glass and candles to papercraft where you'll make your own gift cards. The wreath-making day uses fresh greenery and natural decorations like fir cones and cinnamon sticks. There's a special decopatch session for children too.

Sandham's intimate chapel housing war artist Sir Stanley Spencer's famous series of large-scale murals is open Friday to Sunday from 3 November to 17 December. Guided tours are available too. All the activities except the poetry readings and hand bell ringing must be booked, on: 0344 249 1895

BASINGSTOKE CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT FELLOWSHIP



There were 49 members and 2 visitors at the meeting held on 4th October who enjoyed the usual tea, coffee and biscuits before David Cowling, the Chairman welcomed everyone and gave apologies from those unable to attend. Christine Broadbent, the Welfare Officer, gave her report and then Tony Brazier, the Secretary, gave details of the forthcoming trip to the Festival of Christmas at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard on Friday 1st December for which there were still places available. He also confirmed arrangements for the Christmas lunch at BCOT on Thursday 14th December which was now fully booked, when a drink will be served on arrival, before a 4-course meal with wine or a soft drink followed by tea or coffee and mince pies.

The title of the talk by this month's speaker, Iain Kennedy, was "Cuba Libre or not so free yet?" in which he traced the turbulent history of this the largest of the Caribbean islands with an area of 109,884 square kilometres with over 11 million inhabitants. The island was colonised by the Spanish in the 15th Century which resulted in the indigenous Arawak people becoming extinct as they succumbed to European illnesses. The English took control in the 18th Century and exploited the trade in sugar and tobacco but it was not until the early 1900's despite interference from America that it took its first faltering steps to democracy with Fidel Castro eventually taking power in 1959 after the corrupt mafia controlled regime of Fulgencio Batista. World War 3 nearly came about after the Bay of

Pigs invasion in 1961 but over the past few years relations with America had been steadily improving under President Obama only now for a very questionable future under President Trump and the pending retirement of Raul Castro. Throughout all this time the one main influence has been the Roman Catholic Church to which the majority of the population still belong, however, will this beautiful Island and its people ever be really free?

The next meeting is on 1st November when the speaker will be Vicky Chulworth from the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance. The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at Brookvale Village Hall from 10 am to 12 noon and all retired Civil Servants and their partners are welcome. Further details about meetings and outings can be obtained from the Secretary Tony Brazier on 01256 418770 (Answerphone) or Mobile 07715 640171.

David Cowling

November Nights

Hold a fun evening and at the same time raise money for St Michael's Hospice. Our 'November Nights' campaign is a great way to get involved. Have a cheese & Wine evening, a games evening, Bonfire Night Party, or a girl's night in being pampered. The list is endless of the different things you could do to be involved.

If you have an idea please let us know, or if you need supporting material to help promote your event, please give Lynne Grimshaw a call on 01256 848845 or email: Lynne.grimshaw@stmichaelsospice.org.uk



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

HELPING OUR SMALL, LOCAL CHARITIES TO MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE TO THE PEOPLE THEY SUPPORT

There are many local charities who do not have the capacity to raise funds for themselves to enable them to do the critical things for those people they support. That's where Rotary can really make a difference. Take Helping Hands for the Blind as one example. Dave Chatten-Smith, who was struck blind, started up & runs this local charity. He understands all too well the difficulties people with severe sight impairment have finding out information about anything. He is developing a suite of electronic aids and is training his group of 50 local blind people how to use them to restore some independence to their lives.



The group also needed help with specialist transport to get from their homes or work to the small training unit Dave runs, but their old minibus is on its last legs. Talking with Dave these were his Charity's two main challenges, and Basingstoke Deane Rotary is proud to have helped him with both matters. He can now focus on what he does best - giving much needed specialist support to 50 local, blind people.

The Camrose Centre in Basingstoke looks after those people who are really down in life - the 26 or so homeless rough sleepers in our town.

The creation of shower facilities at the Camrose Centre has made a huge difference to the support the Camrose team can provide, but they continue to need regular ongoing support with food, clothing and now towels & simple toiletries.

Each month members of Basingstoke Deane Rotary put together and take over parcels of supplies of these basics so that the Camrose team can continue doing what it does best for the homeless.

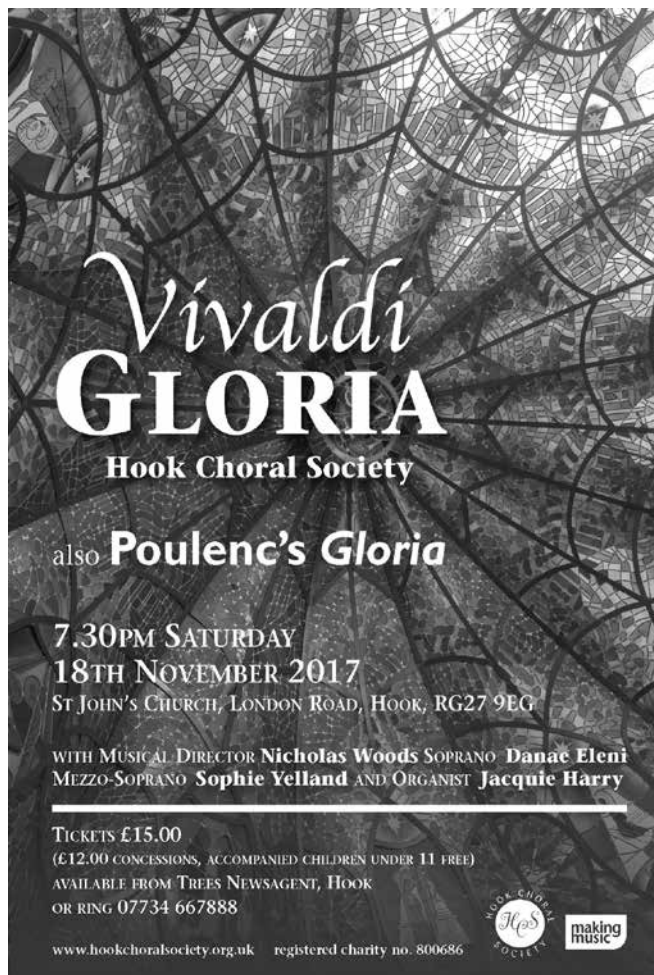


2 years ago Camrose did not have the funding nor the peoplepower to provide its Christmas Lunch for those it supports. Last year, and again this year, we shall be cooking and serving up Christmas Lunch specially for the rough sleepers – a really rewarding act of community service.

A second example of Rotary talking with those who run our small local charities to find out how best we can make a real difference to support their work.

If you would like to find out more about the many local charities we support, or about anything else we do, just tune in to our website:- www.rcbd.org.uk, or contact Helen or Jim above.

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The Pitfalls of the Office Christmas Party

With the Christmas party season approaching, Gill Brown, Head of the Employment Law Team at Phillips Solicitors, has some sound advice about the do's and don'ts for office gatherings.

The most important thing to remember is that at a Christmas Party arranged by your employer, even if it is offsite, is that it is still regarded by the law as time spent "in the course of your employment." This means that even if there is a free bar provided by your employer you have to retain some semblance of sensible and responsible behaviour.

It does not give any excuse that if through excessive alcohol consumption, hidden desires or grudges come to the surface and give rise to any form of harassment, fighting, inappropriate language, unwanted advances or discrimination. It also does not make inappropriate use of the photocopier acceptable!

Another often forgotten, but important point, is that it is completely inappropriate to discuss work matters, other members of staff, clients, suppliers or customers in a social environment. It also does not offer any excuse for drinking and driving. Employees may be dismissed for gross misconduct for things that happen at the Christmas party.

If you are a manager, you should in addition remember that after a few

cocktails, it is not appropriate to discuss appraisals, plans, promotions or pay increases, as there could be a promise made under the influence of alcohol that you later regret.

The general rules relating to discrimination still apply in a Christmas party environment. For example, respect must still be shown to those who do not drink, have specific dietary requirements or have a disability. If this applies to you then be sure to notify your employer in advance so that they are able to cater for you appropriately. Remember that jokes that you would not tell in the office because they might cause offence are just as likely to cause offence in a party situation even if they do get a laugh from all concerned.

Getting home afterwards is also important. Check whether your employer is arranging transport back from the office party and if not ensure that you have arrangements in place so that you do not under any circumstances drink and drive.

Have fun, enjoy the party season, keep safe and make sure you turn up for work the next day, even if you do have a hangover!

Whether you are an employer facing these issues or an employee that has fallen foul of them, Gill Brown will be happy to assist.

Contact her by emailing gill.brown@phillips-law.co.uk or call 01256 854605.

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Tue 5 December, 7.45pm
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The Night Before Christmas

Fri 8 – Sun 10 December
Fri 10.30am & 1.30pm; Sat 11am &
2pm; Sun 11am, 2pm & 4pm
The Haymarket
Tickets: £13

Suitable for: Ages 2 and over

On the night before Christmas, Emily
stares out of the window, hugs her teddy
and waits excitedly for the morning,
while in the corner a little mouse
called Eddie can't understand why only
humans are allowed to get presents. So
he sets off in search of Father Christmas
to find out for himself.

Along the way he dodges the family cat,
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A Christmas Carol

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The Haymarket

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celebrate it. One night he is visited
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the earth shackled by the chain of wrong
doing he forged in life. He tells Scrooge
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