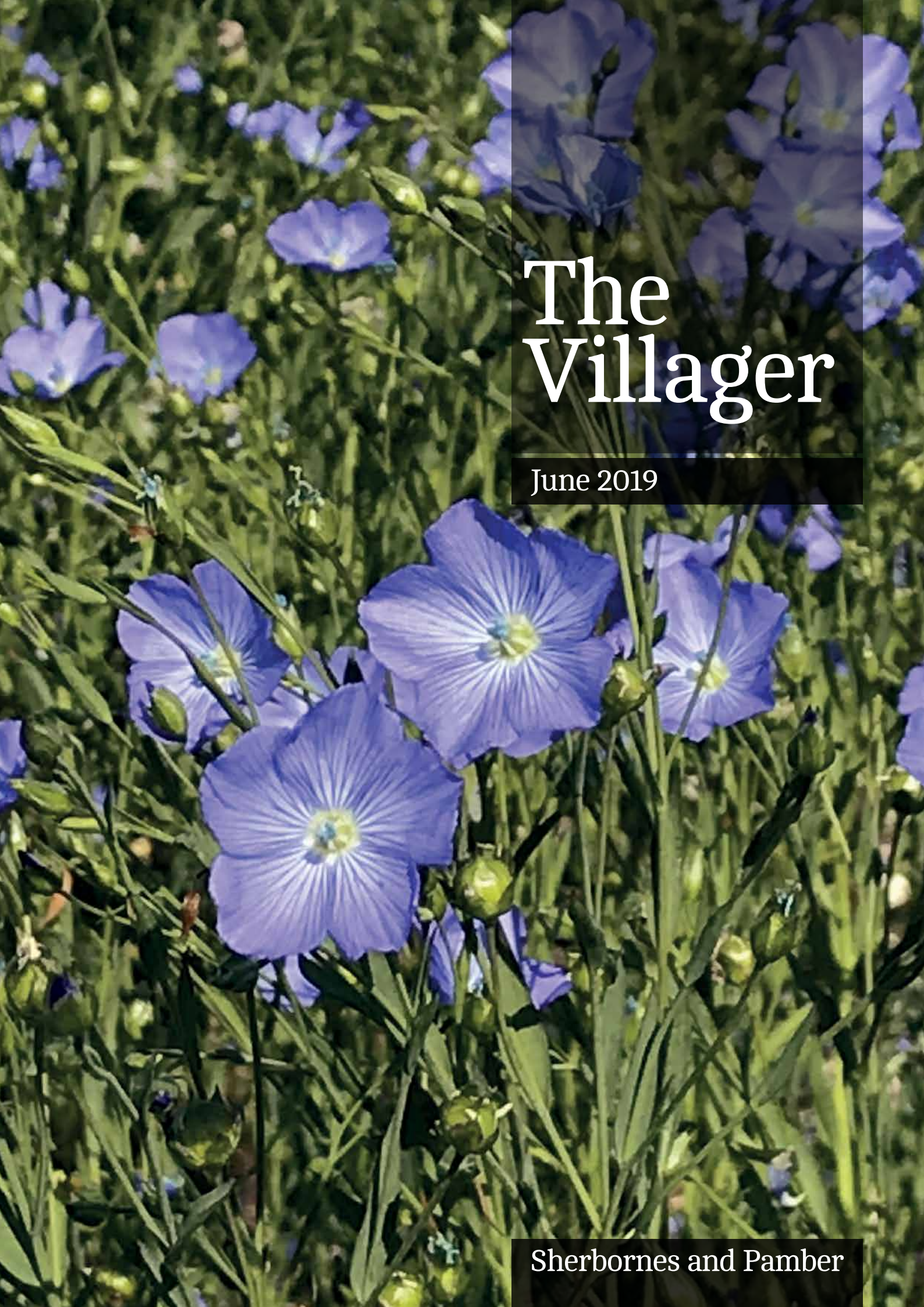


A close-up photograph of a field of blue flowers, likely cornflowers, with green foliage. The flowers have five petals and a yellow center. The background is a dense field of similar flowers and green leaves.

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Editorial



I have been asked to request if all dog owners would keep their dogs on leads while walking around Sherborne St John village. Many people are anxious around dogs, particularly large ones, and would feel happier if dogs were obviously under the control of their owners.

By the time you read this many of you will have heard that Shelley Moore, who has been organising the Over 60s coffee mornings for a long time, has moved from the village. We would all like to thank Shelley for all her hard work and wish her well in her new life.

What happens now you may ask?

A few people have got together and plan to continue to provide the coffee morning. As it is a new beginning it was decided to rename the morning "SSJ RETIREMENT COFFEE MORNING" but apart from that it will be 'service as usual' *except for a new start time of 9.30am*

New Leader and Deputy Leader at Borough Council

The new Leader and Deputy Leader at Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council are focusing on enriching lives and bringing continued prosperity for local people.

Cllr Ken Rhatigan was elected Leader at the Council meeting tonight (Thursday 16 May). He replaces Cllr Clive Sanders, who stepped down following seven years as Leader. Cllr Simon Bound, previously the Cabinet Member for Communities and Community Safety, is Deputy Leader.

In his first weeks, Cllr Rhatigan is concentrating on what people want most from the council and listening to possible solutions from other councillors, local organisations and businesses to the challenges the borough faces. He said: "This is a great place to live but it could be even better. My job as the new Leader is to make it amazing, not just for our residents, but for the people who work and spend their free time here. Together as a strong Cabinet team, we will strive to protect what we have and make the future brighter for all the people in the borough."

Cllr Bound said: "I am proud to have the opportunity to serve as Deputy Leader, supporting the Leader in delivering the things that people most want us to do every day and in the medium and long term. I will be strengthening our links with partner organisations to ensure we are acting as one to make a real difference to the lives of all the people in our communities."

The other members of the Cabinet, announced by Cllr Rhatigan, are:

- Cabinet Member for Borough Development and Improvement – Cllr Rebecca Bean
- Cabinet Member for Environment and Enforcement - Cllr Hayley Eachus
- Cabinet Member for Finance and Service Improvement – Cllr Hannah Golding
- Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Property – Cllr John Izett
- Cabinet Member for Homes and Families - Cllr Tristan Robinson
- Cabinet Member for Planning, Infrastructure and Natural Environment – Cllr Mark Ruffell

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Future Events

June 2019

3	Pelican Film Society, The Cold War, The Ark, Guests welcome £6	7.30pm
4	Women's Fellowship, New Forest: History & Ecology from Ice Age to NP, SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
8	SSJ Primary School Summer Fayre	11 – 1pm
10	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	9.30-11.00am
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	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	9.30am-11.00am
26	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
2	Women's Fellowship, Outing	
6	Tadley Rock Choir, Mortimer Fun Day	
6	Tadley Singers Summer Concert, Pamber Heath Memorial Hall	7.30pm
8	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	9.30-11.00am
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	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	9.30-11.00am
17	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion. (Planning meeting 7pm)	7.30pm

August 2019

5	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	9.30-11.00am
6	Women's Fellowship, Learn about the Lions, SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
19	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	9.30-11.00am
19	B/S Horticultural Society, Current Trends & Varieties in the Bulb World, Kempshott VH, visitors £3	7.30pm

September 2019

2	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	9.30-11.00am
2	Pelican Film Society, Kontiki , The Ark, Guests welcome £6	7.30pm
3	Women's Fellowship, Mission Aviation Fellowship: Flying for Life, Harvest Tea, SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
7	Monk Sherborne Fete and Horticultural Competition, Monk Sherborne Village Hall	2pm – 5pm
14-21	Sherborne St John Scarecrow Competition	
16	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	9.30-11.00am
18	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	11.00–3.00pm
21	SSJ Scarecrow Trail and Prizegiving	
30	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	9.30-11.00am

Getting local results for our NHS

It goes without saying that one of the most precious things to each of us is our health. That's why I felt it was important that local improvements to the health service were part of Our Plan for North East Hampshire.

At the beginning of this year, HM Government committed to spending an extra £20.5 billion a year in the NHS in real terms by 2023/24. That's £394 million extra every week. But it isn't about simply throwing money at the health service. It is more important than ever that every penny of your taxes is spent wisely, which is why this funding was released as part of the NHS Long Term Plan to transform patient care. Improving local services are part of this change, and £4.5 billion will be going into local primary and community care. This is a big investment and will make a real difference to the care you receive

over the next five years. But, as ever, there is more to do.

Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council, part of which is in North East Hampshire, have really taken ownership of this infrastructure issue by building new GP surgeries themselves and inviting doctors to use them. This is a win-win for the community because GPs get modern surgeries, communities get enough clinicians locally, and the council gains a long-term income to help fund local services. I hope Hart District Council will follow this great example – and make it even better.

I'm interested in your thoughts on this though. How would you like to see local services improve, and how would you like to see that achieved? You can email me on email@ranil.uk or come to one of my regular 'Tell Ranil' events. Details are available on my website.



Sherborne St John Art Exhibition – Easter Weekend



Lindsay and Pat would like to thank all involved in helping make a success of our Art Exhibition at the Village Hall in April. Thought you might be interested to hear that from the commission from sales along with generous donations for sponsorship, wine and catalogues and the silent auction we are very happy to be able to donate £914.83 to Wellington & Dummer Riding for the Disabled. Also as a gesture to thank the Village Hall ladies for all their hard work in the kitchen over the weekend we donated £100 to boost their funds to a £362 total.

Neighbourhood Watch

Sherborne St John

If all goes well by the time this Villager is published many of you living in Spring Close and The Severals, or Monk Sherborne Road and Weybrook Court will have responded positively to the invitations in The Villager for May. Subsequently circular letters will have been delivered by Jane Bechelet to Spring Close. She and Jane Shelvey have been confirmed Co-ordinators of the two schemes. Unfortunately due to a health problem the delivery of circular letters to Monk Sherborne Road and Weybrook Court has had to be postponed.

It is important that you ensure that we have your membership details so that we can support you with news, warnings and security advice. If you have not already done so please get in touch and signed up NOW. Generally across the village we have vacancies for deputy co-ordinators so if you feel able to give a little support to your neighbours please get in touch. The full list of schemes, co-ordinators and contact details appeared in The Villager for March and is also to be found on the village website.

Ted Wilkinson

Church Matters June

This is the first 'Villager' article written on behalf of the church since the retirement of John (and Trish) Hamilton and so first, I would like to wish them a long and happy retirement. I pray that they settle quickly into their new home, and that they find much happiness in all that they do.

As John mentioned in his final article last month, our church now enters a period of 'vacancy' when we will be going through a process to find a new leader. This is an exciting time for us. It is a time of change, a time of reflection, a time of planning and a time of prayer. It's also a time of hope.

As I write this, the announcement of the birth of Archie Harrison Mountbatten-Windsor has just been made. The news bulletins and the newspapers are full of footage and pictures of the smiling parents and all are desperate for a glimpse of the new born baby, the seventh in line to the British throne.

For many, there is something very special about the birth of a royal baby. Perhaps it's because it is a good news story when so much of our news is not so good. Perhaps it is because it has the power to unite us as a country when so much news seems to divide us. Perhaps it's because it reminds us of the good times in our own lives and we identify with the royal couple and the journey into parenthood which they are about to take - a journey which will have its fair share of ups and downs. Perhaps it's because there is a permanency about the royal family that acts as an anchor to our lives when so many things are transient and temporary.

There are parallels for our church which give us great encouragement as we enter this time of vacancy:

1. The message of Jesus is good news (gospel) and we celebrate with joy that he is our Lord and Saviour;
2. Jesus unites us as His church. As God is our Father in heaven so we are his children. We are His family. We share a love for Him and for one another and help each other in our walk with Him;

3. The message of the gospel is permanent. It is the same now as it has always been. So whilst we may be seeing change in our organisation, the gospel remains the same.

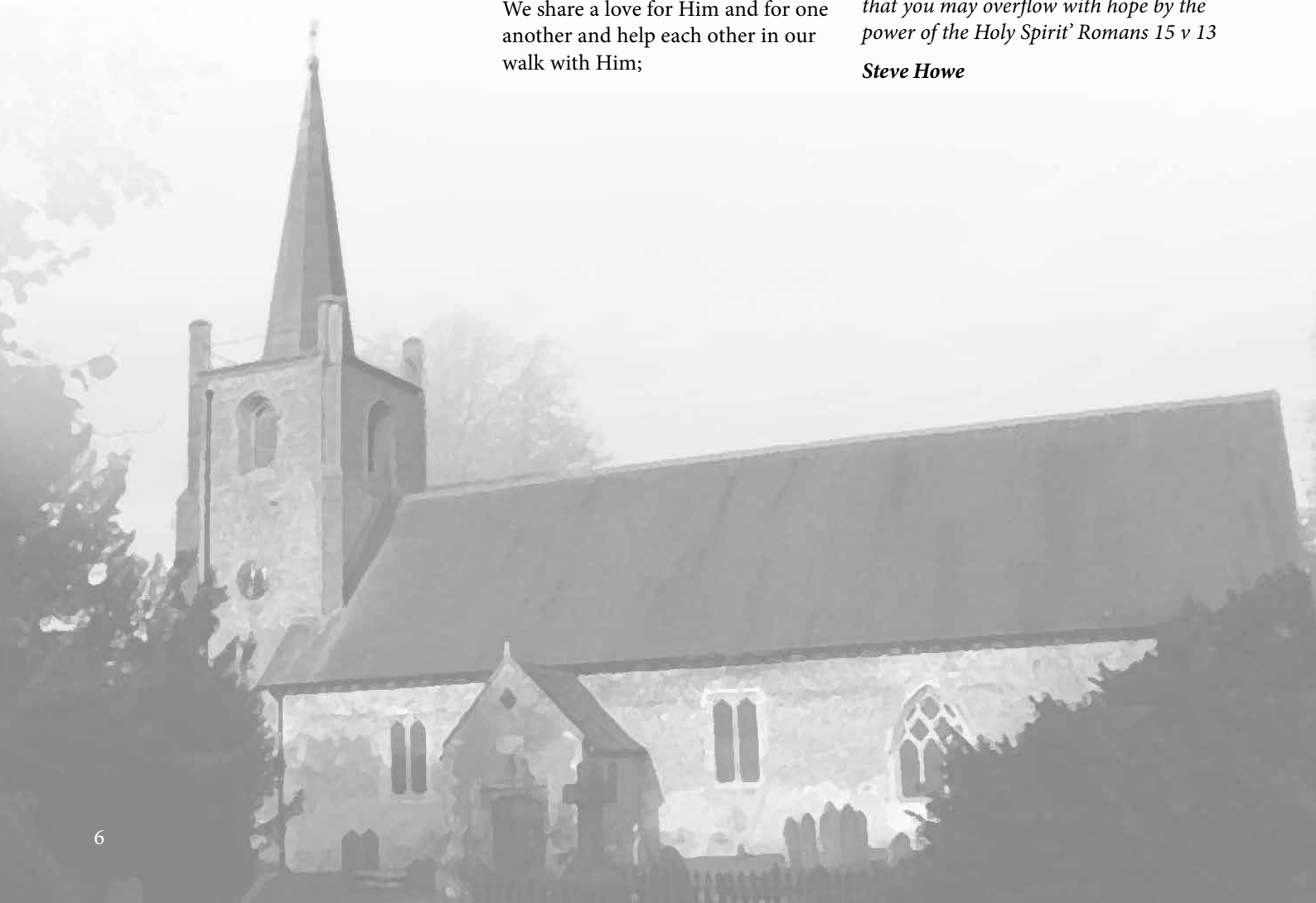
So during the vacancy and beyond, we will continue to be an active and prayerful church, holding on to the truths of the gospel and rejoicing in the good news of Jesus.

We would love you to join us at any of our Sunday worship meetings. We meet every Sunday morning at 10.00am in St Andrews, Sherborne St John. We also will continue to hold services at All Saints, Monk Sherborne and the Pamber Priory - please see the programme on the opposite page.

A new baby brings hope for a bright future. We celebrate with The Duke and Duchess of Sussex and pray that their family's future, and the future of our church will continue to be bright as we put our trust in The Lord Jesus.

'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit' Romans 15 v 13

Steve Howe



Programme for June

02 June

10am Family Communion St Andrew's

09 June

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

16 June

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

23 June

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

30 June

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

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10AM:

02 June	Paralysed man	Mark 2:1-12	Clive Hawkins
09 June	Harvest from a famine	Ruth 1:1-21	Warren Trask & Malcolm Surman
16 June	Refuge for a refugee	Ruth 2:1-23	Warren Trask
23 June	A Redeemer's rest	Ruth 3:1-18	Warren Trask and to be advised
30 June	Centurion	Matthew 8:5-13	Jonny Anderson

MIDWEEK

Home Groups meet in the weeks of Monday 3 & 17 June.

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
CHUTE PAVILION, SHERBORNE ST JOHN
AND SUNDAY 28TH JULY, 10AM AT ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, SHERBORNE ST JOHN

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Weekday Mass

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

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PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH MATTERS

To accommodate the new exciting additional sports use of the Chute Pavilion it was necessary to move the monthly Parish meetings from Mondays to Wednesdays although they are still held in the Chute Pavilion see below for new dates.

The new speedwatch equipment is now in use, much lighter for all the volunteers and the Parish Council again thank Becky Jones and all her volunteers for their efforts to stop speeding vehicles.

The Lengthsman scheme will continue for the next financial year so if you have any suggestions for items they could tackle please e mail clerk@sherbornestjohn-pc.gov.uk.

After discussions the Parish Council approved the suggestion by the developer that the houses on Dark Lane to be named 1-6 Watercress Cottages.

TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The misuse of the lay-by on the A340 near Gales Garage was raised and Borough

Cllr Tristan Robinson is investigating the problem to get it resolved.

Traffic Calming measures A340. The Parish Council are hoping that the work will be carried out before the summer.

ALLOTMENTS

There is one vacant plot and it is hoped this will be filled soon. All the allotment sites look in excellent condition.

CHUTE PAVILION

The new yoga classes have now started on Monday and Thursday evenings. If you want any information about joining the classes please e mail clerk@sherbornestjohn-pc.gov.uk. This is a welcome addition to ensure the financial health of the facilities and to allow the Parish Council to build a reserve fund for work and maintenance needed as the Pavilion is now over 20 years old.

The Parish Council hope the new licences will soon be available and ready for agreement with all the Chute facility users.

There will be a 'users' meeting in the next month or so to review their use of the facilities and any problems that need resolution.

The Parish Clerk has obtained another LIF grant from BDBC to install totally new and extensive drainage to the recreation ground pitches to stop problems with waterlogged soil. The work will hopefully be carried out next

May at the end of the season ready for September 2020 and ensure the grounds are usable for many years to come by residents, football and the Village school.

Work on the trees around the grounds has been agreed and the contractors appointed.

VILLAGE GREEN

The work necessary on the trees around the green has been carried out so the barrier fencing will now be erected to stop misuse of the area.

FINANCE

The Clerk presented the duly completed audit forms to the Council after the internal auditor's visit. They agreed them as accurate and the Chairman signed so that they can be submitted to the External Auditors. If you wish to view the accounts please check the notice-boards in the Parish for dates etc. The Chute Recreation facilities 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.

PLANNING

The following planning applications were discussed at the meeting.

Application no	Address	Description of work	Actions
19/00880/HSE	Silver ring 13 Manor rd	Increase in ridge height to single storey side ext approved under PD application	Parish Council will support neighbours objections – raising roof height will be overbearing on the neighbouring property because of the very significant drop in ground levels & will be visible to the road because of the increased height & significant drop in ground levels as the road has a steep incline up a rise.
19/00293/HSE	7 Manor Road	Amendment to application re location of double garage	Request plans of new position of garage
18/03679/FUL	Bob's Farm	amendments to application	Check with Mr Whitmarsh it is as he informed the PC.

The new dates for the Parish Meeting are below, all parishioners are welcome to attend and if you have any issues to raise please e mail me on clerk@sherbornestjohn-pc.gov.uk

PLEASE NOTE BELOW THE CHANGE TO PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR THE REST OF 2019 –

STILL HELD AT CHUTE PAVILION

June WEDNESDAY 26th
July WEDNESDAY 17th
August No meeting

September WEDNESDAY 18th
October WEDNESDAY 23rd
November WEDNESDAY 20th
December WEDNESDAY 18th
Meetings start at 7.30.p.m. Planning at 7.00p.m before the meeting at Chute Pavilion Vyne Road

I would also like to thank Jane Brind for all her efforts to keep the Village and roads clear of rubbish. Unfortunately residents would only notice if she did a bad job but by doing it so well her efforts go unrecognised! *Penny Mayo, Parish Clerk*

Monk Sherborne Parish Council

Rural Policing & Neighbourhood Watch

We have a new PCSO, John Dullingham who has served us previously. John has made contact with me to advise that he will now be covering the whole of "Rural West". This includes Tadley North, Baughurst, Sherborne St John along with Ashford Hill, Kingsclere and Hannington. PCSO numbers have been dramatically reduced and where Rural West was previously looked after by 3 PCSOs, John Dullingham is now the sole PCSO serving the area.

Finance & Health

The End of Year process is to be completed with all documentation being prepared for internal audit, scheduled at the end of May.

Planning

The Parish Council had received correspondence from a planning consultant, Vocalism, to request a meeting to discuss potential areas within the parish for potential development. The planner has been invited to the next Parish Council meeting in May to enable discussions to be facilitated.

Local Authority & Rural strategy

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) has submitted the final draft for the new boundaries to the House of Commons. Under the new proposals, Basingstoke and Deane will be represented by 54 borough councillors in the future: six fewer than the current arrangement. This means that each new ward across the borough will have 3 councillors. These changes will come into force at the May 2020 elections. The changes will impact all but two of the current ward boundaries in the borough. Specific impact to our parishes is that Sherborne St John, Monk Sherborne, Charter Alley and Ramsdell join with Rooksdown and a very small part of Popley to create the new Sherborne St John and Rooksdown Ward.

Village hall

Lord Hayter provided a summary updating member regarding the proposed new village hall:

We have raised just short of £60,000 from local donations and pledges and have now applied for grants from Basingstoke and Deane Local Infrastructure Fund, Hampshire County Council and the Big Lottery fund.

We are planning to set up a Village Hall website and are currently in discussions with two web providers.

We will be making a final decision on which heaters to install at our next meeting on Monday 25/3.

Highways Transport and footpaths

The following remain as outstanding Highway works within the parish:

- The bollards requested at the end of the A339 remain outstanding.
- The "SLOW" markings at Manor Farm have now been reinstated

- The two single track passing place signs are awaiting repair having been reported to HCC
- Concerns were raised in relation to "Road Closed" signs being in-situ longer than the planned works.
- A request is to be presented for the white lining to be reinstated running along the middle of the road at the War Memorial bend to ensure people are aware of the sharp bend.
- The pot holes at Manor Farm have started to break up and reappeared. A request to HCC is to be presented for a larger repair patch.

Next meeting is Wednesday 15th May 2019

Cllr Andrew Lennard

Monk Sherborne Village Night

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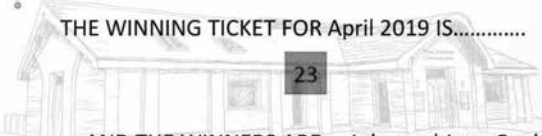


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23

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CONGRATULATIONS TO John and Jane WHO WINS £245

AND THANKS TO EVERYONE ELSE FOR TAKING PART

Pamber Parish Council

Thank you to all those who attended the annual and monthly meetings. Please do follow the Council on Facebook or Twitter-these are the places where you can add any comment and interact with us all. Our Speedwatch scheme has officially launched but we are still urgently needing more people to help the team carry out traffic watches. Please contact the Clerk if you would like to be involved.

Chairmans Report - May 2019 Annual Parish Council Meeting 13th May

The following were elected to office:
Chairman - Councillor Goss
Vice-Chairman - Councillor Greaves

Three Councillors from the North Ward to consider planning applications: Councillors Goss, Young and Kingston

Three Councillors from the South Ward to consider planning applications: Councillors Greaves, Lissman and Stephens.

Highways Representative for the North Ward - Councillor Kingston Highways Representative for the South Ward - Councillor Greaves Two Representatives to review HGV Licence Applications: Councillors Young and Stephens.

Two Representatives to act as signatories on St. Stephen's Hall cheque signing mandate: Councillors Lissman and Quilter Representatives on the following committees: Pamber Forest Advisory Committee - Councillor Tyson

Basingstoke & District Association of Town & Parish Councils - Councillor Kingston Pamber Heath Memorial Hall - Councillor Kingston St. Stephen's Hall Committee - Councillor Lissman AWE Liaison Committee - Councillor McGarvie

Internal Auditor - Councillor Gardiner Independent Internal Auditor - Mrs Karen Dignan Cheque Signing Authority: any two Councillors from Councillors Goss, Kingston, Gardiner and Greaves plus the Clerk to sign cheques

The Council reviewed Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Freedom of Information Publication Scheme, Risk Assessment Schedule, Disciplinary Procedure, Grievance Procedure, Complaints Procedure, Environmental Policy, Health and Safety Policy, Public Participation and the Protocol for Reporting at Meetings.

Parish Council Monthly Meeting 13th May

There were no requests to speak during Open Forum

Two parishioners requested to speak during Public Participation The first made allegations of breaching the Code of Conduct against a Councillor. The Chairman said that the Council would provide a written response.

The second questioned when St. Stephen's Hall Committee would be holding their AGM and was told that it was scheduled for ? A further question was asked concerning the posting of accounts and again the Chairman said the Council would provide a written response

Discussion took place regarding planning application 18/00858/OUT (4 houses on Ramsdell Road) which has now gone to appeal. The Council voted to object again and accepted reasons to object proposed by Councillor Kingston

Planning applications 19/00523/FUL (Rehweise, Silchester Road) and 19/00898/HSE (Fairacre, Bramley Road) were discussed and the Council voted to make no comment.

Planning decisions were noted.

The Council voted to sign cheques for the payment of items including 780.00 for the survey of St. Stephen's Hall and noted the receipt of the Parish Payment from BDBC.

The Council voted to accept an increase in rent for Pamber Park of 7.60 per quarter.

The Council decided to install the new Notice Boards in Pamber Green and Pamber End. The installation of Village Gates will take place once the Highways Department agree the siting and the Council has checked with the utility companies.

Considerable discussion took place concerning the continuing problem of speeding traffic on the A340. The Council reported that they were still awaiting a promised meeting with the Highways Engineer.

A written report was submitted by PCSO Emma Page. The parishioners were told that the Speedwatch Scheme was officially launched on 24th April and a request was made for further volunteers.

The Clerk reported that Twitter and Facebook accounts have been set up for the Council which have proved popular with

parishioners. Parishioners were also told that a Chairman's Report will be added to these pages giving a synopsis of decisions made by the Council prior to the release of formal minutes the following month.

Councillor Greaves presented a progress report on the Neighbourhood Plan.

Annual Parish Meeting 13th April

The Chairman welcomed the new Councillors elected on 2nd May and thanked those who had previously served on the Council. He reported on progress of the Affordable Housing for Local People Scheme in Pamber Heath and thanked all those on the Council who has worked so hard for 10 years to bring this scheme to life.

Hampshire County Councillor Vaughan gave his report pointing out that the County had lost 476 million pounds in Government funding and are required to make further savings of 80 million pounds in the years 2020/2021. He spoke of the Hampshire 2050 - a vision of the future. Bus transport was discussed and he said that the No.14 route was the only one in the County wholly financed by the County.

Councillor Tyson gave a full report on Pamber Forest and encouraged volunteers to join the regular Friday working parties.

Councillor Kingston gave a report on Pamber Heath Memorial Hall and explained why the Committee were seeking to expand the premises the better to accommodate the pre-school group and improve the facilities for Council Meetings whilst providing a Parish Council office.

The Chairman of St. Stephen's Hall Committee gave a full report including the survey report which was mainly positive but did point out that an asbestos survey was required as it was believed that the roof covering contained asbestos. It was confirmed that a meeting between members of the Committee and the Council was planned to discuss this item.

A parishioner asked why matters raised under Open Forum were not recorded. It was explained that Open Forum was held outside of the formal meeting and the reasons for this procedure were explained at length. It was further said that the production of a Chairman's Report in future would go some way to address their concerns.

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Bert's Blog



Can you believe it!? I am supposed to wear this snout hugger when I go sailing. Most people on board get issued with a life jacket but I get this! I am seriously dogged off!

This is a demonstration photo only. I have already completed around 16 channel crossings without one but being

a stickler for following the rules the Mrs heard that animals should have a muzzle and decided to add one to my very limited wardrobe. To date it consists of 4 things, this, a lead, a neckerchief I never wear and my blanket. That's two things more than I need – ditch the neckerchief and this muzzle.

Upon the very unlikely happening of the boat sinking apparently, I need to be wearing one of these when I am rescued to ensure I do not bite the hand that saves me – as if I would! I only have to wear the snout hugger on board when I am outside of the vehicle and as I am always inside the vehicle I am a little confused. When on the boat I stay in my bedroom on wheels and go to sleep while my two chauffeurs depart to their own cabin to sleep. I am not allowed to vacate my vehicular bedroom

and must stay there until they return in the morning to transport me and themselves off the boat. There are a lot of other dogs around me occupying their own vehicular bedrooms. Presumably if the boat starts sinking someone will rush round applying this contraption to all concerned while letting them out of the vehicles so that they can all swim to safety - ridiculous - I am going to practice removing it and may well have to eat the evidence.

Muzzled!! I prefer the term mugged and I am not at all sure I can swim with this thing on – best keep that to yourselves in case the Mrs hears and decides we need to trial it in the lake – this could be the last time you hear from me!!

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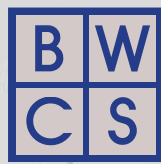
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This was an unusually short half term, with only 23 school days, but what they lacked in quantity, they made up for in quality!

There was plenty of competitive sport activity. Congratulations to the three year 3/4 teams that competed in the Tennis competition – they did very well, all reaching the quarter finals. One of the teams won the competition and now will compete in the Hampshire School Games. There were two tag rugby festivals and both the year 3/4 team and the year 5/6 team took part – the senior team reached the quarter finals but narrowly lost that match; however, they did win the local league so plenty to celebrate! The KS1 football team competed in a football festival held at Brighton Hill and had a great day. A group of children from years 5 and 6 took part in Quad Kids at the Vyne School and won the Small Schools Trophy, and a team from year 5 were runners up in Sports All Stars at the Hurst, with Sophie finishing first overall and Poppy finishing second in a very competitive field. Two Junior teams also took part in a Trigolf tournament at the end of May at Sandford Springs Golf Club – results of this are not available at the time of writing!

The May Festival was held on Friday 10th May, with Maypole and Country Dancing displays from Class 3, who had been carefully trained by Miss Biles. There was plenty of demand for burgers and hotdogs from the barbeque – this will be in

action again on **Saturday 8th June from 11am until 1pm for the School Summer Fayre**. Do come along to play the games and visit the stalls.

On 8th May, Class 3 was magically transformed back 150 years to become a Victorian classroom. All the children came into the school wearing the type of clothes that the pupils of our school would have been wearing when the school was founded, and Miss Biles and Mrs Rogers were the strict teachers, with Mrs Payne threatening the cane for any miscreants! As well as using chalk and blackboards instead of interactive whiteboards, the children played with toys of the period – no technology here! I am sure that the experience made the children value their 21st century education more!



During May we had two very interesting visitors in school. The first was a robot named Boris, made of junk, who we met during a school assembly to launch the HeartSmart programme. This is a framework to develop positive attitudes and to improve mental health and wellbeing in school, engaging the children with fun activities on the way.

We learnt the importance of “letting the love in” and that “too much selfie isn’t healthy”!

Our second visitor arrived to launch the Key Stage 1 project of CSI (Children’s Scientific Investigation) and was a forensic scientist. As well as talking to the Infants, he ran sessions for the Junior classes as well, so that everyone found out about the use of fingerprints and DNA testing in solving crimes, and had the opportunity to piece together clues to identify the culprit of their own crime scene!

So a busy few weeks, and I haven’t even mentioned the SATs tests (enough said about those) and the auditions for the Junior production – details of this to follow next month!!!!

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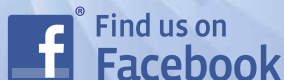
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Pamber Green, Pamber End and Little London notes

Borough and Parish local elections are now over and, it seems we have the European elections to look forward to! Will we receive any election material this time to make our decision? Pamber and Silchester Ward Borough election saw Conservative Councillor, Simon Mahaffey, retain his seat and joined by new councillors Martin Baker (Liberal Democrat) and Lydia Massey (Labour). Of the twenty parishes due to hold parish elections, only Pamber South Ward actually contested. This covers the villages of Pamber Green, Pamber End and Little London. Eight candidates stood for 5 seats in an amazingly high turnout of 45.15%. Congratulations to Simon Greaves, Robert Lissman, Doreen Quilter, Mike Stephens and Judith Tyson on their election. Thanks go to the remaining three candidates who put themselves forward. We wait with interest to see how Pamber Parish business moves forward with South Ward retaining its small village outlook.

Parish Council minutes for February and March are now in the public domain and a lot seems to have happened. An application for 11 dwellings between Elmdene and Fairholme, Aldermaston Road, Pamber End was discussed and comments were made to BDBC that native hedgerows and trees be planted on the west side and tree protection orders be placed on all existing trees; a sustainable drainage systems survey and ditch clearance be carried out; conditions be placed on the designated play area; pedestrian access be made to the roadway; unobtrusive lighting be provided; during construction A340 pavement

access be maintained and access to the site be via the A340 only with deliveries restricted to 9am and 3pm to minimise traffic impact and road safety work at the entrance be carried out. A number of questions of concern will be posed.

Safety at the Bramley Road junction and elsewhere in Pamber End continues to cause concern, hopefully this will be reviewed and covered by the Speedwatch Scheme. Speedwatch training has been held and 2 roads have been approved for the scheme with 2 more soon to be approved. At first only 30mph zones will be covered and initially equipment can be borrowed. However, AWE will be approached for a grant towards equipment suitable in 30 and 40mph zones and Cllr Vaughan may be able to help with funding. Volunteers always welcome.

Two Parish notice boards have been delivered to be installed once the location of the South Ward board has been agreed. A Parish Facebook page has been setup and councillors are asked to send articles to the Clerk. A further application was received regarding the continued use of land at Berry Court for storing caravans and motorhomes and the Council resolved to object for the same reasons given to the previous application. The Council also objected to an application at Wigmore Farm, Pamber End as it is believed to be a listed property.

It is hoped a South Ward residents e-mailing list will be developed. Previous lists have evolved during the affordable housing debate in 2015 and merged during more recent debates over

the future of St Stephens Village Hall, Little London. If you don't currently receive Little London and other parish news and would like to please let me know and I'll pass on your details.

The question I posed last month on the appearance of sets of metal steps with a platform at the top strapped to trees has encouraged two responses. One is that they are for deer hunters as deer do not tend to look up trees for danger and the 2nd is that they are for deer watchers. Whilst thinking of the forest, recent sunny days have brought sightings of increasing numbers of wildlife. These have included Dartford Warblers, Chiffchaffs, female Black Redstart, Blackcaps, Linnets, Stonechats, heathland moths including a Latticed Heath Moth.

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Women's Fellowship

The speaker at our May Plant and Produce meeting was, very suitably, Wynne Aherne from the local gardening charity Thrive. When Wynne retired from her job as a scientist she decided she would like to be involved with other people and with gardening. She has now been volunteering with Thrive for ten years working with people with physical and mental disabilities or illnesses such as dementia and seeing the benefits of being outdoors and taking part in garden activities.

This year Thrive celebrates its 40th anniversary. Thrive was originally set up in the West Country in 1978 by Chris Underhill as the Society for Horticultural Therapy and Rural Training with the help of a grant from the Joseph Rowntree Memorial Trust. It became a charity the following year. In 1985 it took over a garden in Battersea Park, the first UK public garden specifically for people with a disability. In 1989 Rev. Dr. Geoff Udall and his sister donated the Trunkwell Park estate in Beech Hill, Reading and work started on the 3 acre walled garden using local volunteers. The name was changed to Thrive in 1999 and there is now a centre in Birmingham and a new centre in Battersea. There are classrooms and workshops as well as gardens such

as 'Just for Fun' for disabled children, others to promote mental health and raised beds for wheelchair gardening. Mark Lane, the wheelchair-bound presenter from Gardeners World is an ambassador for Thrive.

There are some 13 million people in the UK with some form of disability who could benefit from 'social and therapeutic horticulture', promoting relaxation, relieving stress, providing exercise, fresh food, a sense of achievement and reducing isolation. As Wynne said, some GPs are now prescribing community gardening. Each client at Thrive has a metre square plot and it is theirs to do anything they like. Wynne told us of Mel, a 55-60 year old lady with cerebral palsy who had always lived in Norwich with her parents. After their deaths she moved to Reading to live with her sister but found the change very difficult. Going to Beech Hill transformed her life and she was able to live in a flat on her own. A keen supporter of Norwich football club, she turned her plot into a football pitch, complete with a canary. Another client, Nicole, also had cerebral palsy and was very lonely, but she grows potatoes, has learnt to use a wheelbarrow and uses a pink leaning pole to help

her garden. 91 year old Phil, who had been a professor at Reading University but now has dementia, loves sweeping leaves and is a champion potter-on. The aim at Thrive is to give hope, meaning and purpose to lives, improving choice, giving responsibility and confidence and improving physical and social skills as well as introducing new skills.

There are 70 gardeners at Trunkwell, Beech Hill where there is an allotment, an orchard and 5 gardens. Last year they provided 10,000 sessions and answered 3,000 enquiries. Some groups go to other places, such as the walled garden at the Vyne. Some clients are able to gain qualifications and there are 500 students online. Research is also undertaken. Donations are always welcome as each client session needs funding. £20 buys a pair of boots which are used until they wear out and then they become plant pots. Thrive seeks to help people carry on gardening in later life and there are helpful tips on the website, www.carryongardening.org.uk. Open afternoons are held at Beech Hill (www.thrive.org.uk).

Wynne answered questions after her talk and was thanked by Joan Brandon.

Royal British Legion Bramley & District Branch

You don't need to have served in the Armed Forces to join the Royal British Legion.

As I am writing this, I am reminded of the talk given by our Secretary Bryan Jenkins on the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Air Force in World War I to the Branch Meeting on 14th May. To think of the way the country got behind the "New" technology of Air Warfare in a relatively short period of time is amazing. The meeting was well attended with 19 members and non-members present, including one of the Care Home Residents. On behalf of the branch, I

would certainly like to thank Cherry Blossom Manor Care Home for hosting our meeting for a second time.

We have a few events coming up that I would like to mention. We will be hosting our second summer BBQ on Saturday 27th July 2019, and I hope to see many of you there (more of that in next month's magazine). Also in the diary are a Branch Visit to the Normandy Battlefields to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of D-Day, which will take place towards the end of August, and our Branch Annual Dinner on Friday 4th October 2019 (please see

advertisement in this magazine).

In the very near future, we will be Blessing our New Branch Standard, along with the laying up of the old standard. This will take place in St James' Church, Bramley in the coming weeks. Please watch out for this event.

Steve Day – Branch Treasurer – 07341 552732

<http://branches.britishlegion.org.uk/branches/bramley-district>



The Longest Day will be Ark Day!



IT'S a fundraising campaign that people in Basingstoke and Deane are at the heart of – and now Ark Cancer Centre Charity has launched a special 24-hour event where everyone in the borough can make a big difference in a small way.

Friday, June 21, 2019 will be Ark Day – a day when everyone in the town and borough can play a part by supporting the charity that is raising £5million to help fund a much-needed NHS cancer treatment centre at Basingstoke hospital.

In 2019, Ark Cancer Centre Charity wants the Basingstoke and Deane community to make a really big difference on Friday, June 21 – the longest daylight day of the year – by

raising as much money as possible for the good cause in 24 hours.

Every pound counts – and that's why £1 donations will be at the heart of the Ark Day fundraising campaign. And it's also very much about putting the fun into fundraising as people of all ages are encouraged to have a good time while raising money for the good cause.

"People have the power to make a really big difference with a small donation on Ark Day," said world-leading liver cancer surgeon Merv Rees, who is a trustee of Ark Cancer Centre Charity, and a driving force behind the cancer treatment centre project.

"Nearly 180,000 people live in Basingstoke and Deane. If everyone donates just £1 on Friday, June 21, then this will make a massive difference to Ark's £5m campaign."

The team behind Ark Day will be organising a series of special events on June 21 – a daybreak golf competition and a sponsored firewalk are already in the pipeline.



It is hoped that local people, businesses, schools and community organisations will support these (please register your support at arkday.co.uk) and also organise their own fundraising activities. There are lots of fundraising ideas at <https://arkday.co.uk/ideas/>

Ark Cancer Centre Charity's £5m will provide a range of support services and complementary therapies, alongside chemotherapy and radiotherapy treatments, in a calm and uplifting environment. The new centre will largely be funded by Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.



Fun for all the family!

**Save the date for Basingstoke Festival
Friday 21 June to Sunday 7 July 2019**

There's fun for all the family at this year's Basingstoke Festival. The annual arts festival is designed to showcase the best of the arts locally, nationally and internationally. From music to dance, visual art to theatre, you will 'discover art in unusual places'.

To kick the festival off, you can take part in an 80's silent disco at the Top of the Town on Friday 21 June. Dust down your Rubik's Cube™ and grab your leg warmers ready to boogie the night away. On the festival's opening weekend head into town to be entertained by street theatre and acrobatics.

On Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 June get involved with an alien interaction.

Don't forget to also check out what's on at Anvil Arts, Proteus and Hampshire Cultural Trust as part of the festival.

The packed programme also features a series of outdoor cinema screenings showing popular movies with tickets for *Moulin Rouge!* and *Mamma Mia!* Here *We Go Again* still available.

The festival builds up to the popular B LOVE festival- Basingstoke's biggest weekend of live music, packed with a variety of exciting performance, art and fantastic family fun, in the War Memorial Park on Saturday 6 July and Sunday 7 July 2019. This year's B LOVE will see an incredible line-up of local music and art talent as well as international headliners on a number of stages. Headliners announced to date include Toploader and a Faithless DJ set

by Sister Bliss, and many more will soon follow!

There's plenty of opportunities to get involved in wonderful family activities and events including thrilling outdoor performances, beat-boxing workshops, and pop-up theatre or explore the Magical Forest created for festival goers aged 12 and under, with face-painting, arts and crafts, games, and storytelling.

Keep an eye on the website for more information www.basingstokefestival.co.uk. Tickets for B LOVE can be purchased at <https://blovemusic.com/>. Children 12 and under go FREE with a paying adult.





Accumulator Challenge

How much could you raise with £50 in 3 months for your local Hospice?

St. Michael's Hospice are inviting local organisations to put their money-making skills to the test with their first ever Accumulator Challenge. Each participating team will be given a £50 loan and three months to find interesting and innovative ways of accumulating their pounds to make as much profit as possible, all of which will be donated back to St. Michael's Hospice.

The three-month challenge kicks off with a launch night on 2nd September where teams will collect their £50 cash loan, as well as receiving lots of fundraising ideas to help generate their money. They will also be taken on a tour of the Hospice to learn how their money will make a difference to local people suffering from a life-limiting illness. The challenge will culminate with an awards evening in December, where the top teams will be awarded for their fundraising efforts.

Laura Holmes, Events Manager at St. Michael's Hospice said, "We are very excited to launch our brand-new challenge for 2019! This is the perfect team building activity for companies, groups and societies, schools, colleges,

family and friends who'd like to do something fun to raise vital funds to support our Hospice. We can't wait to meet the teams at our launch event and see all the innovative ways they choose to raise money for our Hospice. We're expecting competition to be fierce amongst our local supporters so don't miss out, sign up today!"

To register for St. Michael's Hospice Accumulator Challenge, please visit: www.stmichaelshospice.org.uk/events

To discuss taking part in the Accumulator Challenge or if you have any queries, please get in touch with Laura Holmes:

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Ramblers Association

The North Hampshire Downs Ramblers group is part of the Ramblers Association. We walk mostly in Hampshire and the surrounding countryside. In the last few months our group has enjoyed both walks and social activities, including a Ramble and Roast and Christmas Lunches.

The group walks on Tuesday, Saturday and occasional Thursday walks which are sometimes a bit shorter for those who do not want to walk the longer distances. The walks cover areas in and around Basingstoke as well as sometimes going further afield. We have had some lovely Winter and Spring walks, enjoying the changing landscapes and of course trying to avoid the worst of the cold weather.

On our Tuesday morning walks, which are typically 6- 7 miles, we continue to attract many walkers. We have recently walked around Hinton Ampner, Windsor Great Park, Ellisfield and Old Basing. The bluebells around Ellisfield were stunning this year. We usually end up with an end of walk pub stop, to give people time for a catch up.

Our Saturday walks tend to be longer, with fewer walkers, and can sometimes take most of the day. This last quarter our walks have included walking around Hayling Island; it was a clear day and we had spectacular views of Portsmouth. We also walked around Woolhampton, Hannington and Odiham and Greywell. Our Thursday walks have included walks around Ibworth and Old Basing.

As well as the walks, the group also enjoys social activities; these include an Annual Summer Picnic, Boys lunches, and Ladies walks and lunches, and the group occasionally organise weekends and days away.

The group have an active path patrol group, who report problems to the local council and also do some work on the paths, which can be as varied as checking waymarking and replacing waymarking discs, minor clearing or even repairing stiles and gates. To date this group has replaced 20 plus gates in conjunction with the local council.

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

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

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

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The War Memorial park

Classic Cars and the Sun bring the crowds to the War Memorial Park

The sun brought the crowds to Basingstoke's 28th Festival of Transport held in the War Memorial Park on Sunday. Jointly organised by the Thornycroft Society and Basingstoke Deane Rotary the show attracted nearly 1000 exhibitors and was attended by over 20,000 visitors.

The exhibitors included - Pre War Cars, Post War Cars, Commercial Vehicles, Tractors, Stationary Engines, Motor Bikes and Car Clubs. With 92 stalls including autojumble, trade stalls and 10 local charities there was plenty to entertain the public. The children were well catered for with the addition this year of The Funky Playbus, a double decker bus converted into a play area and the ever popular Fire Engines which are always a great attraction to children. On such a sunny day ice creams were very popular while a Hog Roast, Burger Vans were complimented by tea and coffee vans.

President of Basingstoke Deane Rotary Julian Ricketts said "The club were delighted to have the opportunity to serve the local community of Basingstoke and Deane and look forward to organising future Festivals and carrying on the excellent work and high standards set by the Thornycroft Society.

The Basingstoke Festival of Transport has become one of the largest shows of its kind in the South of England Photos of the show can be viewed and downloaded free of charge from BDRC's Photo storage site basingstokedeanerotary.smugmug.com

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Tony Frimley with his 1979 Bedford TK which won him the Best Commercial Vehicle in Show award.



Basingstoke Deane Rotary is a group of 35 men & 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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The group's meeting on Wednesday 1 May opened with a plant sale which included 40 pots of bedding plants kindly donated by Wyevale at Dummer. This raised £68 which will go towards group funds. In welcoming everyone the chairman, David Cowling, thanked all those who had both contributed, and bought plants, at the sale. After this the secretary, Tony Brazier, gave details of the forthcoming trips, and the Welfare Officer, Christine Broadbent, gave an update on those members who had not been well.



The speaker this month was Dr Becky Peacock from the Mid-Hants Railway which is known as the Watercress Line. She gave a history of the line which was formed in 1861 when the Alton, Alresford and Winchester Railway

Company was authorised to build a new railway to connect to the existing lines at Alton and Winchester. It was opened on 2 October 1865 as the Mid-Hants Railway with trains being operated by the London & South Western Railway which eventually purchased the line in 1884 after it went bankrupt. It was mainly a freight line and obtained the nickname "The Watercress Line" as this was a large part of its business from the Alresford area. The line was closed by British Rail in 1973 and bought in 1975 to reopen as a heritage line in 1977 running a 10 minute journey from Ropley to Alresford. It now runs the 10 miles from Alresford to Alton and has many special events and themed days throughout the year.

Bookings are now being taken for the trips to -

- Tea on the Watercress Line on Thursday 13 June

- Bosham Arts & Craft Centre on Wednesday 10 July
- Isle of Wight during Cowes Week on Thursday 18 August.

The next meeting is on 5 June which is our open meeting with refreshments and the speaker is Deborah A Brady on "My Life as a Journalist". The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at Brookvale Village Hall from 10am to 12noon and all retired Civil Servants, their relatives and friends are welcome. Further details about the group and information about our trips can be obtained by contacting csrfbasingstoke@gmail.com.

David Cowling

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Divorce reform to end blame game

Divorcing couples will no longer have to blame each other for the breakdown of their marriage thanks to a new law announced by the government.

The Family Law team at Phillips welcome a recent announcement from the Justice Secretary David Gauke who said the aim of the new law is to help reduce family conflict. The move follows a 12-week public consultation which showed widespread support for no-fault divorce.

New legislation will be introduced to Parliament to update the current 50-year-old divorce law which has been shown to exacerbate conflict, working against any prospect of reconciliation as well as being damaging to children by undermining the relationship between parents.

The issue was highlighted in the media last year when 68-year-old Tini Owens' appeal for divorce was rejected by The Supreme Court. She wanted the Court to grant her a divorce on the grounds that she is unhappy with her marriage. Mrs Owens maintained that her relationship with her 80-year-old husband Hugh had broken down irretrievably because of his unreasonable and controlling behaviour.

However, Mr Owens refused to divorce and denies the allegations from his wife. The couple, who were married over 40 years ago, have lived separately since 2015.

Although sympathetic to her situation, The Supreme Court's decision meant that Mrs Owens must remain married until 2020. The reason for this is that under the current law, unless a person can prove their marriage has broken down due to adultery, unreasonable behaviour or desertion, the only way to get a divorce without a spouse's consent is to live apart for five years.

Welcoming the much-needed changes, Hayley Eachus, who is a family law specialist at Phillips Solicitors, said: "The news will help move family law in this country into the 21st Century."

"The change will mean that separating couples will no longer have to apportion blame for marriage breakdown, which can be very painful not only for the separating couple, but also for their children and wider family."

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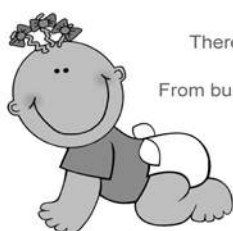
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Probud Spring Ladies' Lunch

The annual Spring Ladies' lunch was the latest formal gathering of the Probud Club of Basingstoke, the social club for retired professional and business managers.

Organised once again by Alan and Liliane May they came up with the goods when they arranged this occasion for members and their spouses. It was held at the Test Valley Golf Club. By working closely with the chef they ensured that all forty one attendees received their pre-ordered food – there were four selections available from three courses – and they produced all the printed menus and table name cards as well as the information sheets after they devised two separate quizzes. And if that wasn't enough they also organised the raffle.

Alan has been the Honorary Treasurer of the Probud Club of Basingstoke for over a decade. In that time he and Liliane have become experts at successfully arranging

not only this lunch but also the club's Christmas dinner. While these are the two formal events to which wives/lady friends are invited there are many other social occasions during the year when the distaff side of the family are involved.

Guest of honour was Janet Fagg, the President of Basingstoke Ladies' Probud Club, who was welcomed by Vice President Richard Wood. She was equally at home on this occasion as the wives of some members of the men's club belong to the Ladies' Probud Club.

For more information about the Probud Club of Basingstoke see their web site www.probudbasingstoke.wordpress.com or for an informal chat contact their Secretary, Paul Flint, on 07770 886521. For enquiries about Basingstoke Ladies' Probud Club contact Janet Fagg on 07986 133382.



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