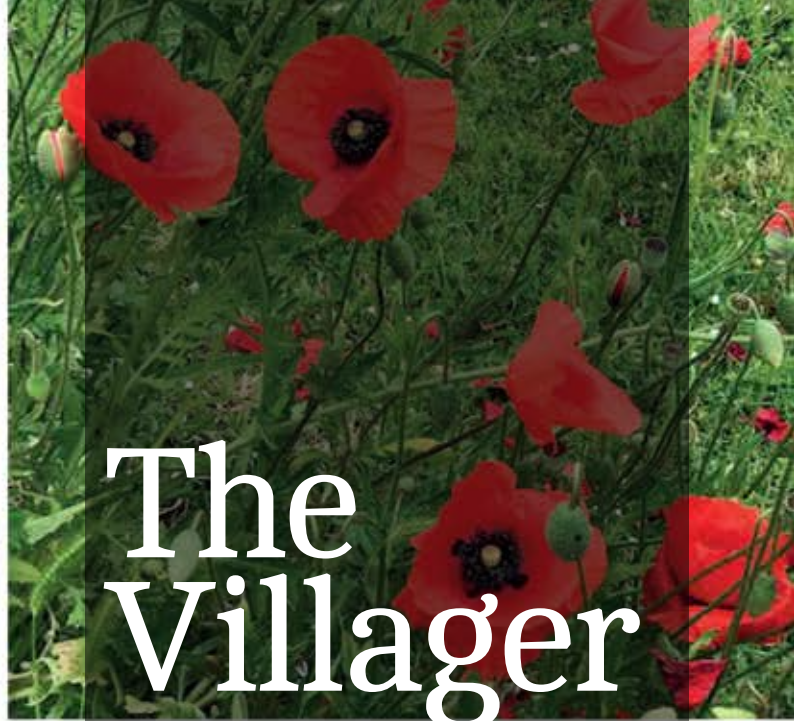
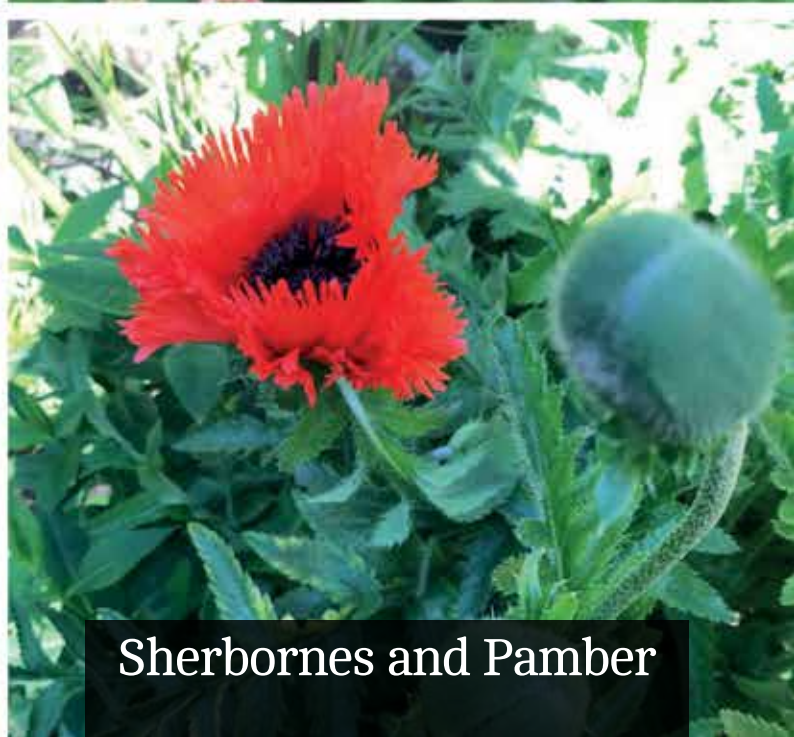




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As events start happening and venues begin to open up again we are delighted to advertise them in the Villager. But, bearing in mind the magazine copy goes to the printers 2-3 weeks before it lands on your doorstep some information might change in the meantime; so please check with the organisers of the event just to be on the safe side. No sooner does the sun come out and we start enjoying time in our gardens when I receive complaints from readers about bonfires being lit by thoughtless neighbours..... enough said!

Please be considerate with noise and air pollution - good neighbours are so precious!

Congratulations to our County Councillor Rhydian Vaughan, who has been elected Chairman of the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Fire & Rescue Authority.



He is seen here with the Chief Fire Officer

Claiming Dates

July 2021

- 6 Women's Fellowship AGM, SSJ Village Hall 2.00pm
- 17 From the Wild West to an English Rectory, Talk with Brooke Newman 7.30pm
- 21 Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, via Zoom. (Planning meeting 6.30pm) 7.30pm

August 2021

- 3 Women's Fellowship, Talk & Demonstration on Garden Flowers, SSJ Village Hall 2.00pm
- 26-30 Hampshire Open Studios, Artwork for sale. Sherborne St John Village Hall 11.00 - 4.00pm

September 2021

- 7 Women's Fellowship, The History of Knitting, SSJ Village Hall 2.00pm
- 11 Scarecrow Competition - put your scarecrows up
- 12 Scarecrow Judging Day
- 18 Scarecrow Trail and Prize Giving
- 29 Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, via Zoom. (Planning meeting 6.30pm) 7.30pm

October 2021

- 5 Women's Fellowship, Talk & Demonstration on VH Defibrillator, SSJ Village Hall 2.00pm
- 27 Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, via Zoom. (Planning meeting 6.30pm) 7.30pm

Notify Claiming Dates to Lindsay Berry on lindsayberry0@gmail.com or message on 07775 800955



Ladies ...Come and meet
BROOKE NEWMAN,
the wife of our new Rector

SSJ Village hall at 7:30pm on Saturday July 17th.
As well as enjoying a drink and nibbles together,
Brooke will give a short talk.

Please reply to Jenny Cooke by Friday 9th July.

E: jennycooke@outlook.com or T: 01256 850837

WILD WEST TO AN ENGLISH RECTORY



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Learning to tell a better story

If you took the time to listen you'd discover that everyone has a story. We all have a story to tell and in our stories we weave our life's experiences together to explain who we are, where we find ourselves, and how we got here. It goes without saying but stories are filled with characters; heroes, villains, and victims, damsels, drunkards and dragons. When we tell others our story we let them into our world, we invite them to see things from our perspective and we present ourselves as a particular kind of character within that story, a character we hope others will love.

In the world of popular psychology the key to gaining self-esteem is learning how to tell a better story. A story where you, the storyteller, are no longer a victim to life's circumstances but instead one who is victorious against all odds. The very real struggles we face and their messy details are washed over, pushed to the side, or simply ignored in this new edited version of events. We're encouraged to manipulate the story and

shape it so we're presented polished with pride. The trouble is our story begins to sound more and more like a fairy tale with us as heroes or heroines at the centre of it all. The autobiography becomes a fantasy.

We do need to learn how to tell a better story. That's where the book of Acts becomes so helpful. Acts is filled with all sorts of characters, and commentators debate the importance each one of them. Some believe the Acts is all about the "acts" of the apostles. Others highlight the importance of Peter, the lead apostle. Others say Paul is the most influential character and that it is he who is the hero of the Christian faith, the hero who takes the gospel to the ends of the earth. There are many many characters in the book of Acts and many many books could be written about each one of them but, and it is a big BUT, the more and more familiar you become with the characters in Acts the more and more you'll begin to see Jesus between the lines.

One example – and there are many - is that of Stephen. As Stephen is being stoned to death in Acts 7 he asks the Lord to forgive his murderers. On the surface level this leads us to think about the incredible strength of Stephen. However, as we continue to reflect on Stephen's character we are slowly reminded about Jesus' own death and we're reminded of Jesus' words in Luke 23:34 where Jesus himself prays for the

forgiveness of those who were crucifying him. Acts 7 is a story about Stephen and yet the more time we spend with Stephen the more we begin to see the story of Jesus playing itself out. It starts off being something read between the lines but then, with time and familiarity, we discover that Luke's intention was to bring Jesus front and centre in all the stories in Acts so that even in the story about Stephen's stoning, Jesus is the main character. This is the better story being told in Acts 7 when we read about Stephen. Jesus is the better story being repeatedly told in the book of Acts. Jesus is the better story - period.

Learning to tell a better story is what the book of Acts encourages us to do. We all have a story to tell but the key to discovering our better story is realising that Jesus is the main character even in our personal life story. We no longer have to be the centre of attention; we don't have to fight for centre stage. That position belongs to Jesus. Our role in this better story is to turn the spotlight on him. Our better stories are stories that shine the light on Jesus as we slowly fade into the background. It no longer becomes necessary to cover up or ignore our weaknesses, failures and faithlessness because they simply highlight God's amazing grace and his loving acceptance of us, sinners as we are, into his story.

Our better story is one that reveals Jesus as the main character. Each of us has a better story to tell. What's yours?

Warren Trask
Parish Ministry Assistant

SERVICES FOR JULY 2021

We had to plan our services before the Government announces the lifting of restrictions. Therefore we will continue running two services in St Andrew's church (9:30am and 10:45am) under the current guidance, but this might be reduced to one service at 10:45am if restrictions are relaxed. Please check our website or Facebook page for the latest information.

The services at All Saints Church and Pamber Priory continue to be held at 9.30am on their respective weeks.

You are welcome to join us. Please don't attend if you are symptomatic. Until we have further details on any change to the rules, please use the alcohol hand gel on entering the building, maintain social distancing of 2m, and wear a mask unless exempt.

Details of how to advise us of your attendance are included in our weekly email to the members of our congregation. If you aren't on our database please contact our Parish Administrator, Wendy Howe (pa.swppcc@gmail.com) by 12.45 pm on the Thursday before or our Rector, the Revd Daniel Newman rector@sherborneswithpamber@gmail.com – 01256 541607.

Services at St Andrew's are live streamed on our YouTube channel and are available to watch afterwards. Visit https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBbHQM4CvpnnPsSGuuglR_w or the link on our website under the Resources Menu.

Sunday Club:

Explorers: School years R-Y6 will meet during the 10.45 service.

Pioneers: Y7-Y9 meet virtually with Warren and Lisa Trask via Zoom at 4pm

Creche: In the Bell Tower Room during the 9.30am service without supervision and with supervision at 10.45am. Those using the room can watch and listen to the service.

Sermon Series: Living in Love and Faith

04 July

xxx	Morning Worship with the Lord's Supper	St Andrew's
xxx	Sexuality	The Reverend Daniel Newman

11 July

xxx	Morning Worship	All Saints
xxx	Morning Worship with Sunday Club	St Andrew's
	Unity	The Revd Daniel Newman & Warren Trask

18 July

Gift Day	Morning Worship with Sunday Club	St Andrew's
xxx	Generosity (2) God's generosity and a big-hearted life	The Reverend Daniel Newman

Sermon Series: Joining God's Family

25 July

xxx	Morning Worship	Pamber Priory
xxx	All Age Service	St Andrew's
	Chosen	The Revd Daniel Newman & Andy Spence

Mid-Week

We meet for **Central Prayer** at 8pm on on Tuesday 6th July. **Home Groups** meet in the week of Monday 12th July.

Depending on Government rules at the time these meetings may be held via Zoom.

Ranil Jayawardena MP

Member of Parliament for North East Hampshire



19th June 2021

You will have heard the Prime Minister's call to 'Build Back Better' many times – a 'big-picture' vision for Britain's post COVID world that, given the struggles we have all faced recently, can seem too big and abstract to imagine. But, as with many of Boris Johnson's big ideas, it will happen.

Over the coming months, I would like to explore and explain what this could mean for Hampshire, North East Hampshire as a constituency, Sherborne St John and the Pambers, starting with the environment.

We have all seen nature boom throughout our time in restrictions. At the start of the pandemic, newspapers and social media were full of images and clips of animals 'taking back control' of areas man has overused for generations. Venice waterways filled with fish and dolphins, previously well-trodden country paths bursting with wildflower and bugs – locally, I

have noticed the bird song much more prevalently as we bound into Spring. I don't think anybody could doubt that our connection with nature has been key to us being able to stomach restrictions put in place to protect us. Nature was given a chance to recover, and it did – we must now protect its recovery and include it in our thinking as we grow. Locally in Sherborne St John and the Pambers, this means the Council must continue to take it into account – not just for nature itself, but for our wellbeing too.

I have written many times on the regeneration of our retail centres, and I know it is an issue residents in both Sherborne St John and the Pambers care about. COVID has given us an opportunity to reflect on what our towns and retail centres mean to us and to rethink our relationship with the buildings that bring our area down. We have some fantastic independent stores, pubs and restaurants in our local towns – these should be supported

by increased footfall with attractive community and leisure facilities; and the concrete carbuncles of old replaced with new but in-keeping, traditionally-designed, architectural masterpieces for new shops and cafés too. Having previously been a Borough Councillor – when, as Deputy Leader, I led regeneration in Basingstoke – I know our local Council is fully equipped and able to bring these changes about.

'Build Back Better' is more than a slogan, it the groundwork of a plan across the country and here in North East Hampshire to still look and feel like home – whilst allowing it to mature and modernise.

For my latest updates, you can follow me on Facebook ("Ranil Jayawardena MP") – or sign up to my newsletter at: [ranil.uk/newsletter](https://www.ranil.uk/newsletter) – and, as ever, if there is anything my team and I can help you with – send us a message: email@ranil.uk.

Ranil Jayawardena MP
North East Hampshire

Pamber Green, Pamber End and Little London notes

It does seem like summer has arrived with plenty of sun and the garden is bursting with growth. Lovely to see but certainly makes a heck of a lot of work. Reports received show Forest wildlife is also thriving.

I was really pleased to get further news from Mr Hungerford after my comment last month about the historic circular cast aluminium finial at the entrance to Wyeford Lane. He reports that Pamber End resident, Andy Rooms, read my article. He said that during hedge cutting in the area, the machine knocked the finial off, and it lay hidden in the long grass. Andy retrieved it and it is now being repaired ready to be re-instated to its former glory.

Talking of sun, one of the choirs I sing with has just completed a very special project which is close to my heart and that of the other members. In March 2021, one of our VoxSonix members lost her little boy, Dylan, in a tragic accident. We wanted to do something to help and

using our voices and community spirit, the assets for which we're known best, we created a virtual choir video. Dylan attended Chieveley Pre-School where he loved nothing better than playing outside. When asked what he liked best about pre-school Dylan would say 'riding on the bikes'. We wanted to raise funds to help the pre-school to create an outdoor play space in memory of Dylan. We chose a song which summed Dylan up perfectly so please watch the video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QB1dsLcSgEM>. If this brings a little bit of sunshine to your life today then please try to make a donation to <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/voxsosnix-herecomesthesun> £1 could make such a big difference in helping us remember Dylan and his lovely smile.

It is the annual Worldwide War Horse Walk Week from, 23rd to 29th August 2021. It will be a virtual event, you can walk, run, ride or even

a swim and the distance and time is up to you. Please sign up: entry fee - Adults £10, Child 6 to 16yrs £5, Infant 0 to 6yrs Free. Registration forms from www.cognitoforms.com/ArthurTheWarHorse1/WorldwideWarHorseWalk2021. Entrants will receive a War Horse Medal and all of the proceeds will go to the Animal Purple Poppy Fund <https://thewarhorsememorial.org/purple-poppy-appeal/>.

Feedback received shows this magazine is much appreciated by many of our readers particularly over the past difficult months. So please continue to contact me and our editor, Julie Crawley, with any comments and information for inclusion. This copy of the Villager will cover both July AND August, so you won't hear from me again until the September issue.

Ann Ellis
annjellis@googlegmail.com

SERVICES FOR AUGUST 2021

01 August

xxx	All Age Service with the Lord's Supper	St Andrew's
xxx	Called	

08 August

xxx	All Age Service	St Andrew's
xxx	Born Again	

15 August

xxx	All Age Service	St Andrew's
xxx	Faith	

22 August

xxx	All Age Service	St Andrew's
xxx	Jesus Paid It All	

29 August

xxx	All Age Service	St Andrew's
xxx	Adopted	

Mid-Week

We meet for **Central Prayer** at 8pm on on Tuesday 3rd August.
Depending on Government rules at the time these meetings may be held via Zoom.

Pamber Parish Council

Developments in Pamber Park

The Council have used money provided by developers in the Parish to construct a wheelchair friendly path between the car park and beacon and to install 4 pieces of exercise equipment in the park. We will monitor the use of both of these facilities to decide if they should be extended.

Developers' contributions have also been used to provide 4 new benches in the Parish, 2 of which are dedicated

to all those who supported us through the Covid crisis. One of these will be installed in Beaches Crescent and the other in the park. Another bench to be installed in the park is a wheelchair accessible picnic table.

The Council are investigating the purchase of noticeboards, again funded from developers' contributions, to be placed in the park giving guidance to the users of the park and Pamber Forest.

Subject to government guidance it is hoped to resume face-to-face Council meetings with the next Parish Council meeting taking place on Monday July 12th at Pamber Heath Memorial Hall @7.30pm. Please keep watch on the Council website or noticeboards for further information. The Annual Parish meeting due to take place before 30th June was cancelled and will be rearranged for a date later in the year.

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Patient Participation Group

Nobody can dispute that the past year has taken its toll on everyone; the pandemic, the lockdowns, changes to work patterns and workplaces, furlough, shielding, isolation to name but a few have all contributed to a feeling of fatigue, despondency and general apathy.

Long forgotten are the days for clapping for our NHS Heroes, in its place is frustration, annoyance, impatience at not being able to access our GPs as we were able to perhaps before the pandemic hit. Whilst the world stopped for everyone else healthcare delivery kept going. While everyone else makes a slow return to work and normal life, demand on medical time and expertise has more than doubled. It has multiplied, spiralling out of control as GP surgeries and Practices, conduct regular appointments, engage in telephone consultations, prepare and deliver medications, keep patients and staff safe and arrange and administer countless life saving vaccines. I was saddened today to speak with one of my staff members who had been reduced to tears by a patient's frustration and demand. She was left feeling worthless,

insignificant and made to feel that she had been obstructive when all she had been trying to do was help. This is sadly not the first time and I fear it won't be the last.

The truth is that all our staff really want to be able to do is say “Yes”.

“Yes of course you can speak to a GP within the hour”

“Yes of course your prescription will be ready today”

Undoubtedly access to General Practice has changed – this is true and for good reason too but contrary to the rants in some national press, General Practice has always been open, albeit in a different way. Face to face appointments have been replaced where appropriate by telephone appointments. Video consultations have been utilised along with the arrival of E-Consult. Routine general practice has kept going, blood tests, immunisations, women's health screening as well as on the day urgent face to face appointments. All the while General Practice has bent and flexed to the constant barrage of guidance being issued by NHS England, Public Health England and local Commissioners, detailing the safety measures to put in place for protection of our patients and our staff alike.

So as the world opens up after lockdown and we move towards June 21 with hope, what does the future look like

for General Practice? Life is returning to some kind of “normal” for the UK but for the healthcare system new challenges lie ahead. It's how we move towards a “new normal” whilst trying to keep our patients both happy and safe. Even as restrictions ease, Covid is still circulating and new variants remain a concern. Safety is of prime importance so to continue protecting our patients we still need to limit how many can be in the surgery at any one time. Our waiting room capacity is, and will be significantly, reduced both in our reception and dispensary areas and will be for some time to come. This in turn does affect the number of patients that can physically be seen each day.

Telephone and online consultations will continue to play an important role despite Covid becoming less of a threat; however our patients must be reassured that face-to-face appointments will increase as it becomes safe to offer them and where our capacity allows.

We will continue to communicate via our Patient Participation Group, local magazines and our website with further updates. Please be assured that we are trying to help you the best we can with the availability that we have. We understand that times are frustrating, and we ask you to bear with our teams – a kind word goes a long way!

Claire Berry
Practice Manager – Clift Surgery

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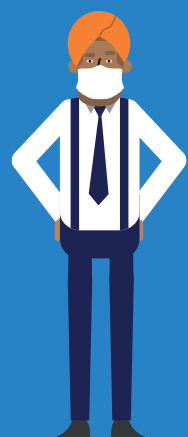
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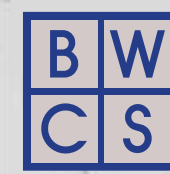
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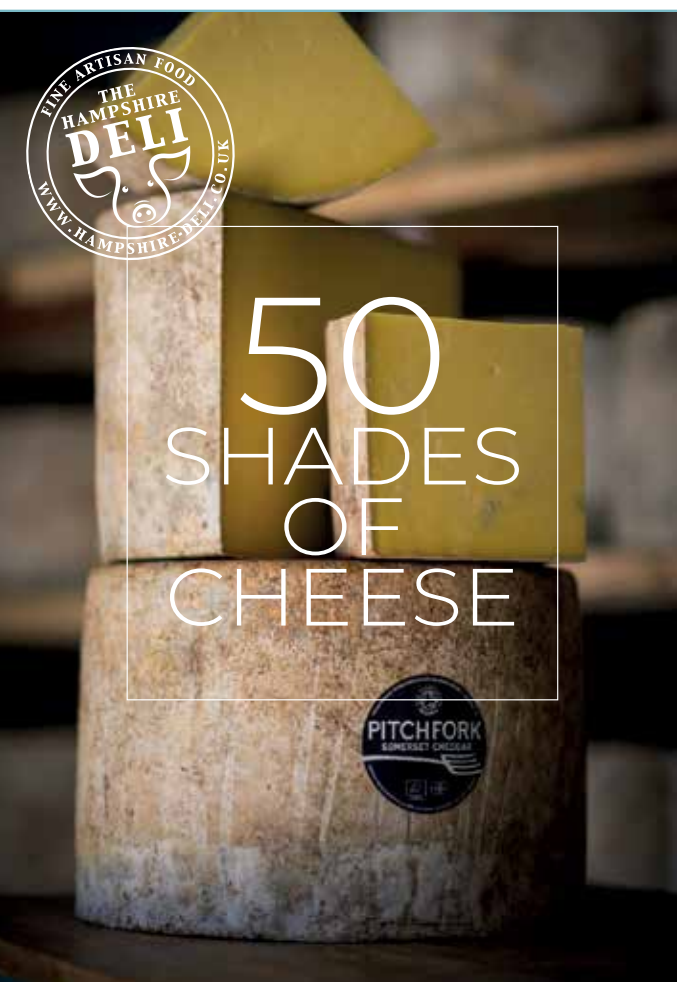
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Sherborne St John Church of England Primary School

As we approach the end of one of the strangest school years that we have had, we are looking forward to some sort of normality in September. The children have adapted to the class 'bubbles' incredibly well, and although it has restricted mixing between classes, each bubble contains more than one year group so there has been plenty of opportunities for friendships to grow. Although outside play time is necessarily more limited, the reduced number of children at each break time has meant more space to play – so there were some silver linings!

Meanwhile we are gradually increasing the number of activities we can take part

in. Swimming lessons at the Aquadrome have started for Year 5 and 6 pupils, and Mr Moria has taken over from Miss Biles as tag rugby coach so that the after-school club can recommence. KS1 children have been refining their scatterball skills so that a team can take part in an inter-school competition, and we are preparing for our 'Sports in a Bubble' version of Sports Day! Assuming that there are no changes in Government restrictions, Class 4 will have a trip to Legoland at the end of term, and there will be a Leavers treat and special service for the Year 6s to mark their transition to secondary school. We wish them all a successful future!

Although Covid restrictions mean that we cannot end the term with a Junior production, the School Association have been busily planning a Summer Fun week for the final week of term. They have also been extremely busy fund-raising to raise money for a new adventure trail and running track – thanks to some generous donations and great support from parents they are now within reach of the target so hopefully the wait is almost over!

Have a great summer!

Sherbert
SSJ School Villager Correspondent

Monk Sherborne Village Hall



RJS builders are still making good progress with the new village hall, with the windows and the 'Monk Bond' brickwork in place.

The build is still on track for completion in the summer and we're hoping to open it in September and for Revd Daniel Newman to bless it shortly afterwards.

For more details and photos of progress please visit the Monk Sherborne Village Hall website and select the link on the home page.

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Roman MS

Salve!

My name is *Fabia*, the daughter of *Quintus Avidius Fabius*. In the third century I lived in the Roman villa that once stood close to what you now know as Manor Farm in Monk Sherborne. My father had been a soldier in the famous Victorious VI Legion of the Roman Army. He was fortunate enough to survive twenty five years of service in the VI Legion and so was allowed to leave the army and was given a pension and was entitled to some land in *Provincia Britannia*. When he retired from the army my father settled in *Calleva Atrebatum* which you know as Silchester. It was there that he met and married my mother, Marcella, and subsequently they took ownership of some land near Manor Farm.

My father had been an engineer in the army. Actually, two centuries earlier his legion was one of the three involved in the building of Hadrian's wall. He used his knowledge overseeing the

construction of the villa. He is very proud of the villa, it is rectangular in shape and is about 23 metres wide by 11 meters from front to back. As you approach the villa there are two protruding square wings on the NE and SW west corners and these are linked by a corridor that is 2.5 metres wide and has a verandah supported on posts. Behind the corridor are the 4 main rooms of the villa. And before you ask, yes, we are installing a *hypocaust* or underfloor heating in the NE wing. We are very excited about this but it is not quite complete so we haven't had a chance to use it yet.

In one of the outbuildings my father built a grain drying oven which has been put to good use during the wet harvest sessions that are a feature of *Provincia Britannia*. Surprisingly, in the twenty first century grain still drying takes place just across the road at what you now call Rookery Farm. In the third century, however, the grain was dried by lighting a fire in a chamber under the

floor of the dryer, similar to the way that the *hypocaust* will work in the villa.

Well, I think you now have an idea of how things were in the third century, but that is not my reason for writing. I need to ask for your help. Today has not been a good day. My father has lost a ring which was very important to him. It was given to him by his father before he joined the army and he has kept it safe for all these years. Well, I say he has lost it but my father thinks that one of the slaves has stolen it. The whole family has searched everywhere but there is simply no sign of it. It's not really very precious, it's not made of gold or anything, just bronze, but as you can imagine it's of great sentimental value to my father. It is a very simple design and about 20mm in diameter. Perhaps you might keep an eye open for it? It's surprising just how often Roman items are found centuries after they have been lost.

Vale, Fabia !

Notes from Rural France



Many occasions, festivities and venues we look forward to attending have had to be cancelled or postponed for the last two years.

One which we hope will make a reappearance in May 2022 and which we hope to visit again is Les Floralties de Saint-Jean de Côte. In past years it has been a delight to visit this little village not far from our French home and spend the day wandering among the blooms and scents of a myriad of different flowers. This floral weekend event has been running for 30 years and attracts as many visitors as it has flowers.

Growers, wholesalers, nurseries and garden centres converge here each year to display what can only be described as an

assault on the senses; colour everywhere covering the whole village, houses, fountains, windows all adorned with flowers of every species along with the perfumes and scents that go with them.

The street in the photo has a temporary ceiling of handmade paper tissue roses to compliment the display of colourful plants on sale beneath, such a sight - giving shade to those below and making an awesome spectacle. Goodness knows how long it took to make them all and string them above the street.

Many long term favourites, rare plants and new species are for sale with local children helping transport purchases to the buyers' cars in wheelbarrows. The church and the chateau are decorated throughout with flowers using a different theme each year, one year it was famous French artists with the displays depicting different paintings from each artist. Another year it was the elements with huge displays representing earth, wind,

fire, air, water and sunshine the all-important requirement !

St Jean de Côte dates back to the 11th century with the chateau, priory, cloisters and the old cobbled bridge which sits over the Côte river arriving later in the 12th and 13th centuries! The population now is less than a third of what it was in the last 200 years but this little village along with their council members and the Floralties committee manage to attract thousands each year to view their colourful and perfume filled show of flowers, a rare treat to see if you happen to be there in May but a lovely village to visit at any time.

The Mrs



Basingstoke Festival set for a flying start with free events for all the family

Flying astronauts and singing jukeboxes will help draw the crowds to Basingstoke Festival's first weekend of creative arts and entertainment later this month.

The return of the popular Basingstoke Festival, which was cancelled last year due to COVID-19, has a fabulous programme of open air theatrical productions, music and dance performances, creative workshops and much more, planned from Friday 25 June to Sunday 11 July.

Health and safety measures will be in place to protect the public at all events.

For more information about the activities on offer during Basingstoke Festival, please visit www.basingstokefestival.co.uk. Follow Basingstoke Festival on social media for the latest updates on:

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Tickets now on sale for the long-awaited return of Pictures in the Park

Don't miss your chance to experience the magic of the movies this summer following the return of the popular Pictures in the Park event.

Tickets for this year's event are now on sale with a fantastic line up of 10 film favourites to enjoy in the beautiful surroundings of The Walled Garden at Down Grange from Thursday 8 July to Sunday 11 July.

Priced between £5 and £15 (plus booking fee), tickets are available for Frozen 2, Wonder Woman 1984, Downton Abbey, Ghostbusters, Bridesmaids, Madagascar, Black Panther, The Incredibles and Back To The Future, as well as a musical extravaganza with The Greatest Showman sing-along!

Following the introduction of a new screen, there will be afternoon

screenings in addition to evening performances, so that people of all ages can enjoy the entertainment which is part of Basingstoke Festival 2021.

Cinema-goers are invited to bring their own deckchairs and a picnic or buy hot drinks and snacks on site. Ticket holders should check the Pictures in the Park website for any updates and wrap up warm for evening screenings.

To ensure that the event is COVID-secure, audience numbers will be limited and safety measures will be in place.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's Cabinet Member for Communities, Culture and Partnerships Cllr Simon Bound said: "Following the easing of COVID restrictions, we are delighted to bring back our Pictures in the Park event in the stunning

surroundings of The Walled Garden at Down Grange.

"This is always an incredibly popular event as part of the wider Basingstoke Festival programme and we are looking forward to seeing friends and families come together to enjoy this fantastic outdoor cinema experience.

"As this event is so popular, we would encourage people to get their tickets early to avoid disappointment."

To book your tickets, visit www.basingstokefestival.co.uk/picsinpark2021/ and to keep up-to-date on Basingstoke Festival, follow:

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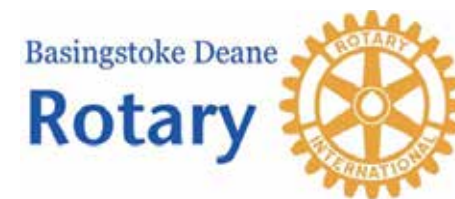
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One of the things Rotarians rarely admit to is the selfish side of volunteering and that is that we always come away feeling that we have made a difference. It's a very uplifting feeling and we know it has helped our general wellbeing and mental health in recent times. If you haven't experienced that feeling, then come and

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Dates for your diary

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

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

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PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Matters

Both Cllrs Rougier and Cooper had agreed to remain as co-opted Councillors until new members could be found. Resident David McIntyre has agreed to be co-opted as a member of the Parish Council and it is hoped that the 2nd position will be filled by the summer break.

The weekly Basingstoke Community Bus from the Village to Chineham, funded by the Parish Council, is continuing so please reserve your place.

The Telephone Box book Exchange is now open thanks to the work of several residents.

Roads/Footpaths

The speeding problem at West End on the A340 continues and the Chairman has contacted other local Parishes to see if a joint approach to the new Police Commissioner, with the support of the County Councillor Rhyddian Vaughan, would result in action and the potential to purchase a camera to be used on problem roads.

Re-direction of footpath 208/18/b has now been completed with HCC. The last section now loops around on the grass in front of the Pavilion and ends at the entrance to the carpark.

The new Oak Lectern showing the Parish and footpaths has been installed at the end of Church Path and has been well received. The Parish Council hope to put some other signs around the Parish so if you have a suggestion of a good position, please let me know.

It was noted that some signage around the roads and Village need repair so if you know of any please let me know so I can arrange for the work to be carried out.

Lengths man Scheme

The scheme is still successful at solving small issues around the Parish. If you have any issues, please let me know so I can add them to the schedule for action on their next visit.

Chute Recreation Ground & Pavilion

With the continuing alterations of the regulations the Chute is slowly getting back into use by clubs and residents. It has been a difficult time, but all users will be asked to continue to adhere to the instructions re masks, sanitizing and masks to ensure peoples' safety. The Parish Council will be having a mirror placed by the entrance from Vyne Road as it was noted that visibility was bad.

The request from residents to recommend new equipment for older children at the Recreation ground resulted in many especially useful and interesting suggestions. With monies available from various sources via BDBC, such as 106 and CIL contributions, it is hoped that something can soon be agreed by the Parish Council for installation to include equipment and picnic tables.

Finances

Due to grants during the past year from the Government the loss of income from the Chute Recreation grounds and Pavilion has been minimized so the Parish Council still has sufficient to ensure all budgeted work can still go ahead. The Parish Council is in the process of instructing a contractor to carry out roof repairs and cleaning to ensure it is fit for many more years.

The Audit for 2020/21 has been signed and submitted to the External Auditors and if you wish to view, please contact me.

Please contact me if there is anything you wish to say or if you have any problems that the Parish Council could help you with or suggestions for improving the Parish.
clerk@sherbornestjohn-pc.gov.uk

Penny Mayo

Probus Hears about Doing Business in 1980s Russia



Export or die was a common expression, along with permanent complaints about the balance of payments deficit. Yet there were many people involved in trying their best to right matters.

Probus Club of Basingstoke member, Richard Stettner, was one such person and he told of his experiences in trying to find export customers for products made by his employer, Basingstoke based Wiggins Teape, in the 1980s. The company was well known for producing printing and office type papers, but there was a different part to the business, at their mill in Stonehaven, Aberdeen. This was the Industrial Casting Paper section for whom Richard was the Export Sales & Marketing Manager.

This division made specialised paper which was the base material used by other companies in the manufacture of imitation leather for use in the automotive, clothing, shoes and upholstery industries.

The thought was that Russia surely held potential? Russia probably operated in a similar way to the other Eastern bloc countries where Richard had experience but what central buying organisations existed in Russia and what protocols needed to be followed?

Based in London, a Russo-British Chamber of Commerce has operated since 1916. Annual trade missions took

representatives of British companies to meet the Ministry of Light Industry in Moscow.

"The Russian Embassy in London wanted details of our company and what business I wanted to develop in Russia" explained Richard. "Other than receiving my visa and learning the name of the hotel I had no further information about where, when and who I was going to see in the seven days in Moscow."

At the hotel, each member of the party was given an envelope containing their scheduled visits for the week. Bedroom keys were handed out by a lady guardian on each floor, to whom they would be returned to each morning. Bedrooms were large and basic with an empty fridge.

"We had been educated by the trade mission about the various surveillance techniques that would be used to monitor our activities", continued Richard. "And we knew the top floor of the hotel was given to monitoring the guest bedrooms." A taxi was at his disposal each day with the driver noting which offices were visited, duration of meetings and how any spare time was used.

One evening, instead of ballet at the Bolshoi, it was opera and rather than sit through the complete evening colleagues from the London trade mission decided to stay in the bar. They were the only customers while the performance continued except for a young woman. After a while, they asked her what she did for a living. She was a chambermaid at their hotel and worked on the same floor as their bedrooms. It was obvious she was there to monitor their movements that night.

Like all Eastern bloc countries, the Russian rouble was not traded in the West and so hard currencies like US

dollars, Deutschmarks and Pounds Sterling were needed for any purchases made by the trading companies. Hard currency shops existed where only Western money could be used, and while \$10 would buy a pack of 200 Marlboro cigarettes their value to the Russian public multiplied many times.

"Let me illustrate this in action," said Richard. "One evening ten of us had a meal together and it was paid for by a pack of 200 Marlboro cigarettes."

Consumer products were in short supply during Richard's eight visits with the Chamber of Commerce, so he used to take products to help maintain relationships - ladies' knickers, sanitary products, toothpaste and cotton wool.

Was any business conducted? "A large order for 400 tonnes of Casting paper was achieved plus a subsequent smaller order, and at £1,200 per tonne was valuable." Richard continued, "As the forestry industry is an important component of the Russian economy there was policy to barter trade with Russian wood pulp, which Wiggins Teape constantly needed in paper manufacturing. We had one delivery of their wood pulp, but it was black and was of extremely poor quality meaning we didn't use it. So that was the end of our relationship."

Other Eastern bloc countries turned out to be more productive.

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Last summer SSJ Tennis Club hosted a number of coaching sessions for children, run by a top LTA registered coach and complying with government Covid-19 guidelines. These popular sessions took place on the Chute

Recreation ground's immaculate hard courts, and were a real hit.

Following last year's success, Coach Ben is back and anyone who is keen to learn the game or develop their skills are welcome. If your child is up for some fun tennis whilst getting fit, why not put their name down. All ages and abilities welcome.

The following dates and times are available.

July 26th 10-11

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James and Catherine - Two more happy readers at the Sherborne St John book exchange

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Borough's new Mayor 'honoured' to take on civic role



"A tremendous honour" is how Basingstoke and Deane's new Mayor Cllr Onnalee Cubitt views her forthcoming year in office.

Cllr Cubitt, who represents Basing and Upton Grey ward, was made Mayor last night (Thursday 27 May) at the annual Council meeting held at The Haymarket, owing to COVID restrictions on the number able to fit in the Council Chamber.

Having served two years as Deputy Mayor, following Cllr Taylor's Mayoral term being extended in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, Cllr Cubitt is looking forward to getting out and about to meet as many borough residents and businesses as possible, in line with guidelines, as restrictions ease and lift.

This year, the new Mayor and her Consort, her husband Hugo Cubitt DL, hope to be able to resume many of the annual events on the Mayoral calendar in person, rather than online.

She said: "I am very excited to become Mayor of this wonderful borough and celebrate all that it has to offer, especially after the difficulties of the pandemic. It will feel extra special to attend events and ceremonies in person and meet people, one of the pleasures that we will no longer take for granted."

The Mayor's Charity Appeal 2021/22 supports two local good causes - The Community Furniture Project and The Friends of St. Michael's Hospice.

Since the early 1990s, Cllr Cubitt has been involved in helping to raise funds for St. Michael's Hospice. The Friends of St. Michael's Hospice's fundraising contributes towards maintaining the excellent standard of palliative care for which the hospice is renowned.

Described by Cllr Cubitt as "simply amazing", The Community Furniture Project gives a new life to unwanted furniture, appliances, bicycles and household goods, selling them to raise money, as well as providing at low cost or free to those in need. The project gives local people with learning disabilities or mental health conditions the opportunity to train and gain new skills.

Cllr Cubitt has been a board member of Loddon Social Enterprise Ltd for over 12 years. The charity provides a safe working environment for adults with learning disabilities. She was also a local education authority governor of Dove House School, an outstanding local special educational needs secondary school, for a number of years before it became an academy.

The Mayor is also hoping to use the year to encourage more adults to volunteer to support the army, air, sea, police and St John Ambulance cadet groups. Cllr Cubitt has seen what a difference the cadet movements can make to young people, helping them to develop life skills, such as problem solving and teamwork. She is keen that the current lack of volunteers doesn't stop more young people having the chance to benefit.

Cllr Cubitt was raised in Weston Patrick and has spent most of her life in

Basingstoke and Deane. She has been a borough councillor since 2008 and lives in Up Nately. The couple have two children, Billy, aged 21, and Summer, 19, who are both studying at universities in Oxford.

After leaving school, Cllr Cubitt was a voluntary worker in Sri Lanka, teaching English and Mathematics in an orphanage in Moratuwa. Cllr Cubitt holds a joint Anglo-French BA Hons degree in European Business Studies and a Diplome d'Ecole Superieure de Commerce de Reims, ESC Reims. She joined Standard Chartered Bank as a graduate trainee in 1988 and spent the next 14 years based in London in international finance. She also worked for a couple of other banks before returning to Standard Chartered Bank in 1997 to be Head of Loan Syndications, running a multi-national team covering Africa, the Middle East, the Indian sub-continent and Europe.

She met her Hampshire-born husband Hugo by the shores of Lough Dan in the Wicklow Mountains.

In 2001, Onnalee and Hugo moved to Basingstoke and Deane and founded a local building company specialising in period properties. The couple have been extensively involved with fundraising for a number of charities over the years, including St. Michael's Hospice and the Army Benevolent Fund. They also raised £550,000 for the Piam Brown Ward, the children's cancer ward in University Hospital Southampton, where their daughter Summer spent three years being treated for T Cell Lymphoblastic Lymphoma.

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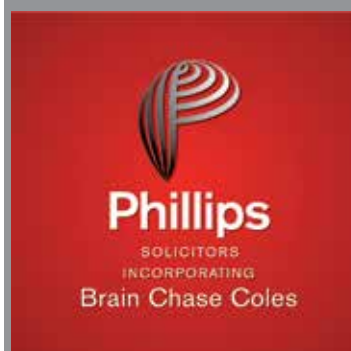
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Neighbourhood Watch



May has been a quiet month with no incidents to report. There have been changes to Basingstoke Rural police which have not yet been confirmed however there is a new inspector based at Tadley – Insp. Hannah Luchesa. I hope we will have further details for the next issue. Our former beat officer PCSO Emma Page now has a permanent supporting role at Basingstoke Station, I understand one of her duties is to improve liaison with NHW.

The e.mail address for Basingstoke Rural Police no longer works and we

are waiting to be advised of the new one. If anyone wants to e mail BRP they can send their message to me and I will forward it for you.

Cranesfield

As announced in June Jamie Whitehorn and myself are now starting to call at homes in the scheme to increase the number of residents signed up as we did not inherit a membership list. Any residents who care to e.mail their details to Jamie will help us. (jamiwhitehorn@icloud.com). Please give your names,

your street number and at least one telephone number.

Tyfield

We still need a volunteer to serve as scheme co-ordinator surely there is someone who could take on this role. It is not onerous just a need to compile a membership list at takeover then little to do other than relaying occasional reports of criminal activity and warnings to the scheme members.

Ted Wilkinson
Area Co-ordinator

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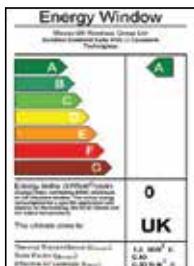
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