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Editorial

What a strange time we are living through. At the time of going to press the lockdown is beginning to ease a little but normal life, as we remember it, still seems quite some way away.

During these past weeks we have been able to celebrate our precious NHS with banners, flags and Thursday night clapping whilst For the love of Scrubs has kept many ladies crouched over steaming sewing machines.

Whilst we all remembered VE Day in our own particular way the commemorations were of course somewhat diluted, although for many their celebratory drinks were not ! Many went ahead with street parties, tea parties whilst still maintaining social distancing.

I have included in this month's issue some wonderful items about what some of the villagers have been getting up to during these last few weeks; such as Alex Rae whose grandmother Brenda Lewis lives in SSJ. Some have been growing veg plants to sell in aid of the NHS charity. Young James has been producing protective visors on his 3D printer for the NHS workers, and was featured in the national press as well – a real local celebrity!

I would love to hear about what else our readers have been doing – this period will go down in history and it would be wonderful to document these strange times for future generations.

Sadly recently we have lost some very special people from our community and we send our condolences to their families and friends. We were all saddened by the death of SSJ resident, Dr Judith Darmady, a lovely modest lady who achieved so much for the benefit of children throughout the world. She was a dear friend and neighbour to many and will be sadly missed.

Above all we have all experienced “the kindness of strangers” over the past few weeks and hopefully will continue to do so! One reader asked me to “Just say thank you to all the kind people who phone, pick up medication, shop and just smile as they pass by”. So thank you to all those who have been putting themselves out for others – it is so appreciated.

To make up for missed magazines in May and June, Bert has been extra busy while away on his enforced holiday. I am delighted that he is now home and enjoying the Hampshire smells again.

On page 4 there is a piece from the Clift Surgery re Covid-19; but I am sure it applies equally to all the other local GP surgeries.

Whilst we are happy to publish items and opinions in this magazine it should be noted that the views expressed by the contributors are not necessarily endorsed by the Editorial team. Readers should also make their own enquiries about, and assessment of, claims and services made by advertisers in this magazine.

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The Clift Surgery Update

The coronavirus pandemic has brought many changes to The Clift. We have had to find new ways of working, often at short notice to maintain the best service we can. As you will already know we are using telephone and video consultations whenever we can.

By the time you read this we will have moved from a Basingstoke wide approach to a more small scale operation shared with our sister practices: Chineham: and Hartley Wintney.

If you are registered with The Clift Surgery and need health care, regardless of the problem, please phone the usual Clift reception telephone number 01256 881228

The diagram below gives you an indication of what the service now looks like.

Help us to carry on helping you:

- Please ensure we have your **up-to-date mobile phone number**- we are relying on mobile phone numbers very heavily now to phone, text and video consult with you.
- We are asking all adults who need to attend the practice to wear their **own face covering** with the exception of adults with breathing problems made worse by a face covering.

Not sure how to make one?

Go onto the gov.uk website and search 'how to wear and make a face covering'.

- Please **allow more time** than you used to for appointments and collecting medication. We are trying to work with minimum reception staff and

sometimes there is only one on duty to both answer the phone and attend to arrivals at the front door.

- To minimise the risks **family and friends** are asked **not to come with you into the building**. Children should have just one parent with them.

Finally thank you for all your support, kind words and encouragement. It continues to be greatly appreciated.

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Clift Surgery, Minchens Lane, Bramley, Hampshire RG26 5BH
01256 881228
Opening Hours: 8.30am-6.30pm.



Whitewater Loddon PCN Practices



Appointments:

- Telephone consultations on the day
- Possible COVID patients will be instructed further after telephone consultation
- Video consults being offered
- E-consults being offered
- Minimal Face to Face appointments – Clinical Decision: patients given instructions for entry.



Services:

- Support for At risk Patients with essential items (food/ medicine)
- Liaising with voluntary sector for additional support
- Home visiting service & review of current care/treatment plans in place
- Wound care
- Blood tests & Samples
- Cytology Screening



Additional Services:

- Ante/post-natal checks
- Baby Immunisations
- Childhood Vaccines
- Midwife/Health Visiting

COVID Assessment Centre & Home Visiting Hub:

Whitewater Health, 1 Chapter Terrace, Hartley Wintney, Hampshire, RG27 8QJ
01252 842087
Opening Hours : 8am-6.30pm.



Appointments:

- Referral by clinician from Whitewater Loddon Practices
- Symptomatic of Suspected COVID-19



Anyone can get swabbed for COVID-19 through NHS 111 online.

Visit <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19> for more info



Services:

- Assessment on site
- Possible Admission to hospital
- Discharged home with treatment plan & or Medication
- Home Visit to assess the care



Ranil Jayawardena MP

Member of Parliament for North East Hampshire



Official guidance continues to evolve, however the information in this article was correct as of 15th June 2020.

We've now come under what could have been a huge peak, as though we've been going through an alpine tunnel. We can see the sunlight ahead, but it's vital we do not lose control and run into a second, even bigger, mountain. As we continue to make progress on our journey, I thought it would be useful to share some key information with you today:

1. MEETING LOVED ONES. You can now meet outdoors in groups of up to six, including in gardens and other private outdoor spaces, provided social distancing guidelines are followed. And a household with only one adult can form a 'support bubble' with one other household.

2. GETTING THINGS MOVING. Nurseries and schools have started to welcome back children across a range

of years, places of worship are open for private prayer and all retail and some outdoor attractions, like safari parks and outdoor cinemas, can reopen so long as they follow the safety guidelines.

3. TEST AND TRACE. These adjustments are underpinned by the launch of NHS Test and Trace. We have capacity for 200,000 tests per day now, so every person with symptoms, including under-5s, is eligible and should get tested. Visit nhs.uk/coronavirus or call the NHS coronavirus helpline on 119. If you test positive, NHS clinicians will work with you to identify who else might be infected. Crucially, if NHS Test and Trace contact you – asking you to isolate – please do. To protect your family, friends and community, this must become a new way of life.

4. RECOVERY STRATEGY. While we must continue to proceed slowly,

and with care, the government has published its roadmap to recovery and we're moving to the next phase. The plan will continue to adapt in line with the science, but it is a roadmap that should give local people hope that we can rebuild. The latest guidance is always available online but, if you need help, please do email my special inbox and I'll try and help you if I can, to: covid@ranil.uk

As we see the 'lockdown' cautiously begin to lift, I thought you'd like to know that our local Police only had to issue 244 fines by the time that exercise rules were relaxed, out of two million people who live here in Hampshire – half the rate they were issued across England. Thank you to our fantastic local Police for keeping us all safe – and thank you to you too. If we remain alert, we will beat this – together.

Dr Alexander Rae



A former pupil of the Priory School, Alexander, has spent six weeks working on the Covid-19 Intensive Care wards at Northwick Park Hospital London.

Alex is a qualified dentist working in London. His dental practice, along with others, was closed at the start of the crisis – so he then volunteered for redeployment to the ICU at Northwick when virus admissions peaked in March/April and the NHS was under serious pressure.

In the ICU he used his medical training to support specialist nurses and doctors treating patients on ventilators requiring around-the-clock monitoring and care.

Speaking of his experience, Alex said that although it was very hard work and understandably stressful at times, he will look back with pride at the part he played in the team at Northwick Hospital.



Sherbornes with Pamber

It has been a privilege over the past few months to be part of a parish in which those who live here have cared for each other, offering practical help in collecting food and medication, produced PPE for front-line health care workers, and contributed to those in need in our wider borough. It was heartwarming to see that our villages were undeterred in commemorating the 75th anniversary of VE Day. There have also been occasions where we have mourned together, which has been made especially difficult when only immediate family members have been able to attend funerals, and the wider community has not been able to express its grief and offer its support. Now our society faces new challenges.

One of the nation's top ten favourite hymns is *Amazing Grace* by John Newton. It begins:
*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now am found.
Was blind but now I see.*

John Newton echoes Jesus' words in Luke 19.10, that he 'came to seek and save the lost'. Jesus is saying that human beings have wandered from God's ways and are in need of rescue, but that he came to bring us back to God. He died on the cross in the place of those who trust in him to take the punishment they deserve. He changes those who trust in him so that they walk in God's ways. John Newton was one such person. He

was for a time the captain of a slave-trading ship, but he later comes to feel intense remorse for his participation in the slave trade. He supports William Wilberforce in using his position in public life to abolish the slave trade.

'Grace' in the Bible means an undeserved gift. God's grace is one of the most significant reasons that racism is completely abhorrent to consistent Christianity. The fact that we are lost and blind and need Jesus to find us and save us means we have absolutely no reason to think that we are better than anyone else because of our ethnic descent. Jesus demonstrated this in his own life. Though he was Jewish, he spent time with and helped Romans, Syrians and Samaritans. In the early church in the book of Acts, Jews, Samaritans, an Ethiopian, Romans, people from what is now modern-day Turkey, and Greeks all believe the good news about Jesus, join the church and share in God's gift of the Holy Spirit. The early church leader, Paul, wrote that Jesus' death on the cross breaks down all ethnic barriers between people. Earlier in the year, we were looking at Paul's letter to the church in Galatia in our Sunday services, where he writes: "There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3.28). In Ephesians 2.15-16, Paul writes: "His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility."

In another verse of *Amazing Grace*, John Newton writes:
Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

When John Newton was 18, he was pressed into naval service against his will. At the age of twenty, he was put off his ship on to some small islands just south-east of Sierra Leone, West Africa, where he was treated cruelly and lived in destitution for around a year and a half. A ship put into anchor, the captain happened to know his father, and was able to free him. After more than a year at sea, the young man was on his way home to England in the North Atlantic. He woke one night to find his cabin filling with water as the ship was caught in a violent storm. A man who took his place while he ran an errand for the captain was washed overboard. He worked the pumps for several hours and then took the wheel. Over the next two weeks, he read the Bible and prayed about what he read. By the time he returned home, he was convinced of the truth of the Christian faith, is sorry for his past life, and realises his need for forgiveness. This was a significant step in his faith, and he certainly believed that God had shown him undeserved mercy, or grace, although he doesn't consider himself to have been fully a Christian believer until some time later. We may face many dangers, toils and snares in the days ahead—a second peak of infection, the hard work of building up what we have lost, or the general risks of life. God will bring home all who trust in Christ to be with him for ever. May we have that hope, as John Newton did.

Do join in with our YouTube services to hear more of God's amazing grace. When we can meet together again safely, please visit us and experience for yourself how we try to be a community that lives in the light of God's grace.

Daniel Newman
Rector



Services For July & August

We will keep you informed of when we are able to meet legally and safely in the church building. Even if you don't normally come to church why not give us a try from the comfort of your armchair. Our 'virtual' service is recorded and shown on our YouTube channel via this link or from our website: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBbHQM4CvpnnPsSGuuglR_w

July Sermon Series: Lifting the curtain on lockdown?

05 July

10am	Morning Service, Sunday Club	
How will history unfold?	Revelation 6	Warren Trask

12 July

10am	Morning Service, Sunday Club	
What is the afterlife like?	Revelation 7-8:5	Revd Dr Daniel Newman

19 July

10am	Morning Service, Sunday Club	
How should we respond to disaster?	Revelation 8:6-9, 21	Warren Trask

26 July

10am	Morning Service, Sunday Club	
What task do we have?	Revelation 10	Revd Dr Daniel Newman

August Sermon Series: Dare!

02 August

10am	All Age Service	
The Daniel diet	Daniel 1	Warren Trask

09 August

10am	All Age Service	
Age of Empires	Daniel 2:1-49	Steve Howe

16 August

10am	All Age Service	
Extreme musical statues	Daniel 3:1-30	Andy Spence

23 August

10am	All Age Service	
The madness of King Nebuchadnezzar	Daniel 4:1-37	Revd Dr Daniel Newman

30 August

10am	All Age Service	
Banksy at Belshazzar's banquet	Daniel 5:1-31	Warren Trask

NB: Sunday club groups are meeting 'virtually' during term time. For more information please contact the Parish Administrator, Wendy Howe at pa.swppcc@gmail.com.

Mid-Week

Home Groups meet during the week of Monday 12th July at 8pm on Zoom.

The Prayer meeting takes place on the first Tuesday of the month at 8pm on Zoom.

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The State of the Villager Magazine

I don't need to tell anyone that these are difficult times and no less so than for the Villager Magazine. Due to the present circumstances this issue may be the start of an exciting new era for the Villager - or its future may be very uncertain.

Due to the Covid virus the magazine is facing various problems concerning income: -

1. The suspension of the magazine at the end of March came at the end of our financial year and our advertisers had not yet signed up, and paid for, their next year's advertising slots.
2. Sadly many local businesses may not survive the effects of the virus, and its knock-on repercussions, so may not be able to advertise with us in the future.

Possible Solution:

- If every household that receives this magazine would be willing to make a one-off donation of **at least £5** that would provide us with a buffer for the next "rainy day". Surely Bert's Blog is worth £5 of anyone's money!

Please consider how you could help your village magazine. Donations can be made either by bank transfer to the Villager account at Lloyds Bank number 00608061, Sort Code 30-18-45 or by cheque made payable to the Villager and sent to me at The Old Post Office, 13 Kiln Road, Sherborne St John RG24 9HS.

Whilst many households have the internet and could read the magazine online (via the Sherborne St John Parish Council website) many people tell me they still prefer a hard copy although some readers already receive their monthly magazine via email as far afield as Little London, Marnel Park, Melbourne Australia and the Cayman Islands!

Many clubs, events, concerts and our schools have, for the time being, been suspended /postponed but they will start up again and will need to be showcased and reported on in our villages. The magazine is a vital part of the community keeping us up to date with Bert's adventures, the goings on in our schools and parish councils, tales

from the History Society, past weather patterns, and even the odd poem – all part of the rich tapestry that makes up village life. Where else would you read all this so easily and also be able to find a local plumber when you need one – certainly not on a single webpage!

I would love to receive stories of how you have been coping with the lockdown. We are unfortunately living through an episode which will go down in history and it would be good to know how our villagers have been experiencing this time – both positively or negatively.

At the time of going to press my thanks go to SSJ and Pamber Parish Councils, Borough Counsellor Rhydian Vaughan, Sherbornes with Pamber Church and some anonymous donors for their generous donations that have made this issue possible.

Any help, both financial and copy, would be gratefully received

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Julie Crawley
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PARISH COUNCIL

Volunteer Groups

The last few months have been exceedingly difficult for everyone as Lockdown has affected our ability to interact with each other.

The Parish Council would like to thank everyone in the Parish who have become volunteers helping elderly or vulnerable resident with shopping etc and all those who have been working hard to make PPE equipment – sewing face masks, coveralls and anything else needed. There are too many to mention individually but it really bought the whole Community together and showed its resilience. The group received grants from County Councillors, the Parish Council and a Just Giving site for donations to buy supplies and the Parish Council agreed to act as administer within their bank accounts with any residual monies donated to a charity. Thank you to you all for your unstinting efforts to help others.

Parish Matters

With the cancellation of May elections, the Councillors have all remained in post for another year - Cllr Morgan as Chairperson, Cllr Rougier as Vice-Chairperson, Cllr Davies as Treasurer, Cllrs Agnew & Cooper for Planning matters. Despite no meetings since March the Councillors have been continuing to work via e mail to address any residents' concerns. A meeting was held on Monday 11th May 2020 in the Chute and meetings as previously advertised will start again from 24th June 2020.

It was with great sadness that the Parish Council heard of the death of Judith Darmady and they plan to place a bench in the Village commemorating her work both for the local and wider community. Her personality and energy will be greatly missed.

The Litter bins that had been sealed off have now been re-opened but can I please ask people to ensure they take any excess home and especially to clear up after their dogs, failure to do so can result in a fine of £1000.

Chute Recreation Ground & Pavilion

With the Lockdown all sports events in the Pavilion were cancelled although the Nursery school will reopen with limited numbers for June and part of July. The Tennis courts have now been reopened and because of the good weather have been in constant use. So, if you wish to take advantage please contact the Tennis club to join. While closure has meant an almost total loss of income the Borough Council have been distributing Central Government grants to help local Organizations over this difficult period.

Chute Recreation Ground's new drainage



The Parish Council is pleased to report the completion of the new extensive drainage work on the Chute Recreation ground which will allow the pitches and area to be used without waterlogging during the rainy winter months. This has only been possible with a grant from Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council specifically aimed at improving local facilities for residents.

The picture below, taken with a drone camera, shows just how extensive the work was both to the pitches and even the new tennis courts. It is thanks to Terry Buller, the site Manager, that it has gone so smoothly as he has single handedly oversee the work with the contractors and then erected the cordons to allow the grass seed time to germinate.

The Parish Council is pleased to report the completion of the new extensive

Over the last years the Parish Council has been able to steadily carry out work to improve the whole facility from the Pavilion itself, erect new storage units and totally renovated the 2 tennis courts to ensure the facilities are there for all parishioners to enjoy.

Roads/Footpaths

The state of the roads is still not good, but some work has been carried out. Unfortunately, because of the necessity to cordon off the Recreation ground for Health and Safety reasons during the drainage work, it came to light that the Chute Pavilion was built on top of footpath 208 to Popley and no re-direction application was made at the time. An application for re-direction has now been formally submitted but it will result in a cost to the Parish Council.

Lengths man Scheme

This scheme has allowed the Parish Council to get many small repairs made around the Parish. There is an ongoing schedule of work so if there is anything to add please contact me.

Finances

Despite a loss of income from the Chute there is still sufficient monies for all planned projects with the annual 2019/20 audit submitted to the External Auditors. This has been posted on the website together with the Statutory Notice of Public Rights of inspection.

Don't forget everyone is welcome to attend the Parish Council's monthly meetings so if you have any issues you wish to raise please come along to the Wednesday evening meeting with social distancing in place or e mail clerk@sherbornestjohn-pc.gov.uk.

Penny Mayo

Pamber Green, Pamber End and Little London notes

What a very odd world we are living in at the moment, unprecedented in all of our experience and lifetime. It's no wonder that everything and everyone is confused. We seem to be getting a bit more used to things but I for one would not wish to live this way indefinitely. So with so much cancelled or postponed there is a rather different feel to this month's article in the main.

Very little parish news to hand. The tarmac track opposite Cottage Farm, New Road, Pamber Green through the stable area has long been used as a through route to other designated footpaths and the forest. The registered designated paths are largely unkempt and in a dangerous state in places. Access to the tarmac track has been closed by the current occupant of the farm and efforts are being made by locals and the Ramblers Group to change this. An application for designated right of way status has been made, supported by a number of user statements and historic evidence of designated footpath status. If you wish to add to the evidence base you are still able to by contacting Jonathan Tinkler, the Footpath Secretary, The Ramblers, North Hampshire, Downs Group. This is likely to be a protracted process and, in the meantime, use of this track is not permitted. There has been a spate of attempted and successful car thefts locally, mainly higher end vehicles, with thieves using electric cloning device. Keep your keys well out of the way. An unauthorised development at Berry Court Farm which has been subject to an enforcement notice, appears to have been extended and has still not ceased operating. Please access the Basingstoke and Deane Portal should you wish to make comments. Criminals are exploiting the Covid-19 crisis with

a range of scams. Be very wary of any approach which seems out of the ordinary.

Yellow is a colour that I love at this time of year. It's the sign of spring, bringing hope at worrying times. My garden has been full of the beautiful richness of primroses, mahonia before it moves into the rich plum coloured berries, winter jasmine, forsythia, double japonica, daffodils, witch hazel, a shrub I can't name and the very elegant and forever multiplying dandelions. And we're now moving into the blue period, that and yellow being my favourite colours. Ongoing Spring is making everything go ballistic so lots of weeding but also lots of beautiful blue flowers in the garden now – iris, forget-me-not, grape hyacinths, bluebells, violets, virginia creeper all a beauty. So it's useful there is a lot of time to catch up with gardening though I'm grateful to reward myself with an indoor day when it's cooler. But the weather has been a brilliant mood lifter and looking out in the late evening and realising there is a life to work for. It is summer come early when I not only eat lunch outside but breakfast too.

Such a shame that the VE Day celebrations did not meet full expectations. Certainly my choirs had planned to participate in a number of events and had focused on some of the traditional wartime favourite songs. Some of these are rescheduled for the autumn so I hope they'll still happen. My Dad served in the Navy and was in the Pacific at this time 75 years ago so VJ Day was more of a celebration for him. But I did hear a lovely story from a young friend of mine recently. During lockdown she has been tasked with recording her 91 year old Grandpa's memoirs. He is now

blind and, as he can't see what he had written, she is producing an audio book for him, all 104 pages of typed text. He wrote "Following closely on what was VE Day two of us, Skipper Williams and I cycled to London to watch the parade, calling at Amersham to gather Skipper's cousin on the way. It was a total of 120 miles each way. We got to London and took up our places near the underground station opposite Big Ben, locking our bikes to the railings. We had taken some food and drink with us, adding to our stocks on the way. In addition, we bought a bit in London – remember food was rationed and there were limits on what you could buy out. We stood for hours waiting and more hours as the parade passed by, cheering ourselves hoarse. Then back on bikes and home via Rickmansworth where we visited Dad's cousin, a civil engineer and inventor, Alf Hiley, (who made us very welcome). I got to school the following day, how I don't know, but Skipper didn't manage it until the afternoon. Staff and our peers thought we were mad ... so did we! But it was something we'll never forget. Not a jaunt like that feasible in these days." She says it's been a magical project and she watched footage of all the London celebrations from 1945 on the television. She tells that it has been a special treat to put herself in the shoes of the people at that time. A fascinating insight, thanks Kat!

Thankfully, virtual choir rehearsals have started with some of the choirs I sing with, Yippee! Life has restarted with some sense but much more still to be recovered.

Keep safe and well.

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Progress Report On New Hall Project



Introduction

The Village Hall AGM normally happens around this time of year. The Trustees had hoped to use that opportunity to update the local community on how the New Hall Project is progressing. Unfortunately, the current pandemic means this meeting has had to be postponed. Hence, we are having to rely on other methods of communication, including this article and a series of updates that will be posted on the Hall's new website at <https://www.monksherbornevillagehall.org.uk/new-hall-project>.

Fundraising

The Trustees set a target for fundraising of £366,500 based on costings prepared by a quantity surveyor at the time the design was submitted for planning approval. The initial funding came from local residents who generously agreed to make donations, joined the monthly 50/50 lottery and supported fundraising events. We have currently raised £75,000 from the immediate community. Thank you all so much.

This level of commitment from the parish gradually helped to unlock grants from major funders. The National Lottery pledge of £100,000 in October 2019 was rapidly followed by £30,000 in total from the Garfield Weston and Bernard Sunley Foundations.

We reached our target with a generous contribution of £180,000 from Basingstoke and Deane's Local Infrastructure Fund in March this year.

In total, you can see we have exceeded the initial target. However, there is the impact of inflation since the budget was set to consider. We also need to make sure we can cope with any surprises during the build phase and still have enough in hand to equip the hall to a standard of which the community can feel proud. As a result, the Trustees have decided that fund raising will continue for the time being. You can find out how you can help at the weblink provided earlier in the article.

Progress to date

In order to qualify for grant funding, the Trustees have had to ensure that a number of requirements have been put in place. The two key items were planning approval, which was granted with no objections, in March 2018. The second was to secure a long-term lease for the land on which the hall sits. A new 125 year lease was agreed in early 2019.

A sub-committee comprised of local residents with relevant skills has been established to oversee the remainder of the project. Over the lockdown period, they have been hard at work identifying and appointing the specialists we need to help us deliver the project, reviewing

the final building design, setting up a separate bank account to control project finances and working with the architect to choose fixtures and fittings. The members of the sub-committee and how to contact them is explained in the first update posted on the website. This document also contains a series of 'Q&A' that we hope will address most questions from residents.

Timetable moving forward

The plan is to issue a tender pack to interested contractors around the end of July. It will then take another couple of months to receive and analyse responses before final negotiations and the appointment of the prime contractor. In the current climate, the length of time it will take the contractor to mobilise is uncertain. However, we hope to see preparatory activity on site around the turn of the year. Throughout the build process, we will need to keep safe access to the current hall and the village playing field. Once the new hall is available for use, the existing building will be demolished before the contractors leave site.

In closing, please stay safe and I hope we will all be able to meet up to celebrate in our fabulous new hall later next year!

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Chairman

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Chairman's Report - Meeting 8th June 2020

Before opening the meeting the Chairman thanked the Locum Clerk, Liz Knight, for all the hard work she had done on behalf of the Council and introduced the new Clerk, Chris Gunnell to the Council.

There were no matters raised under Open Forum or Public Participation

Planning

20/01080/FUL - Dunelm, Silchester Road, Little London - objection

19/02372/FUL - Land at O/S Ref.461271, New Road, Pamber Green - withdrawn

20/01159/HSE - High Gables, Silchester Road, Little London - no objection

19/03096/FUL - Pamber Farm, Little London - no objection

20/00085/FUL - Wayside, Silchester Road, Little London - granted

20/00589/PIP - Cottage Farm, New Road, Pamber Green - application withdrawn

APP/H1705/W/20/3248772 - objection sustained

TPO/BDB/0676 - Burney Bit, Pamber Heath - TPO noted

Finance

It was agreed to amend the bank mandate to allow Councillor Greaves internet access and the Clerk full access.

A total of 7 payments were authorised and income noted.

Bank balances including fixed term deposits were noted.

Request for Funding

It was agreed to donate £150 to The Villager magazine.

Pamber Heath Memorial Hall

The damage caused by recent vandalism was discussed.

An application for a grant from the Local Infrastructure Fund towards the proposed extension to the hall was discussed at length and it was agreed that the Council would apply for a £200,000 grant. It was also agreed to offer £15,000 from the Council's reserves and £10,000 from the precept towards the project.

Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor Greaves presented an update which was noted.

I.T. Matters

It was agreed to purchase a computer printer and accountancy software for the Clerk.

Police Matters

Councillors commented on the lack of information provided by the police. The Chairman offered to provide Councillor Gardiner with the email address for the rural policing officer.

Highway Matters

Councillor Greaves stated that the new village gates had been installed from today (8th June.)

Open Spaces

Councillors considered a request from Hampshire County Council regarding alternative delivery of footpath maintenance. It was agreed to write to the Council asking if funding would be provided.

It was agreed to discuss the maintenance of the tennis courts as an agenda item at our next meeting.

Borough and County Councillor Reports

Councillors Simon Mahaffey and Roger Gardiner provided reports on the Borough and Councillor Rhydian Vaughan provided a report from the County. It was noted that the waste tips would be operating a booking system from June 15th and that Basingstoke NeighbourCare has received the Queens Award for Voluntary Services.

Reports from Parish Council Representatives

Reports were received from St Stephens Hall and the AWE Local Liaison Committee.

Date of Next Meeting

13th July either virtually using Zoom or in St Stephens Hall, Little London at 7.30 pm.

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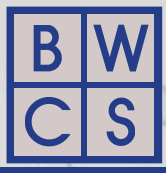
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News from the Hospital

Covid 19 has badly damaged Government finances. At Treasury level there is growing appreciation that re-vitalising the economy is crucial, so it is encouraging major construction projects and in particular new hospitals. Already our hospital trust has received funding to develop the business case for a new hospital with, as Alex Whitfield told BBC South Today, the money already being promised for the build. As part of that process the Trust is working closely with local primary care (GPs) and social care with the objective of creating a more integrated healthcare system. Vital to the process of creating such a system are the views of us the potential users. Thus a comprehensive document has been issued encouraging all of us to provide feedback by the end of July –

please see either the website www.hampshiretogether.nhs.uk or

on twitter www.twitter.com/hampshireMOHHS or on

facebook www.facebook.com/hampshiretogether.

Although part of this integrated system involves a new hospital, at this stage no decisions have been taken, in regard to location, facilities, design, or even timing; much depends on the feedback we all give.

At the time of writing with only 6 patients in our local hospital suffering from the virus, the risk of visitors being infected is now quite low. Nevertheless many are still concerned about visiting; so much so that people are reluctant

to seek help with developing health conditions, and for some there might be potentially serious consequences from delays. Both the hospital and local GPs are keen that people quickly get back to seeking their help as in the past.

Finally Basingstoke hospital has again hit the headlines, as a result of the microbiology team developing a simple and fast (results in about 20 minutes) test for the virus, using readily available chemicals. As a result the Trust has recently received national funding to create a mobile testing unit.

Keith Bunker

Public Governor North Hampshire and West Berkshire

The Show Must Go On!

Basingstoke's Community Radio continues to broadcast on air during the lockdown.

HHCR continues to broadcast with presenters hosting their radio shows from home. Determined not to be beaten by Covid -19, and with lockdown put in place and unable to use the station's building located in Eastrop Park, HHCR has managed to air with live and pre-recorded shows every week.

The station which celebrated its 1st year anniversary in May, has been going strong with good listening figures and local support. With a fantastic group of volunteer presenters that have managed to set up their own home recording studio and host their shows each week, the station has been delivering to its loyal listeners. Station manager, trustee and presenter, and SSJ resident, Christine Rowley and Programme Controller, Founder and Chairperson David Chatten - Smith have really brought it all together; presenting live shows from home and putting the

community support in place for local residents of Basingstoke. Local guests have been informing listeners about help and support they can receive during Covid - 19 and what is available in the area. The people of Basingstoke have been kept up to date with the current events.

HHCR welcomes volunteers, and with new presenters coming on board, the station is set to continue to grow strong with a supporting base behind it. To listen live go to their website at www.hhcr.org.uk

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Dr Judith Darmady

Supercharged childcare visionary

Article from the BMJ



It is hard to imagine how a consultant paediatrician from Basingstoke initially reacted to the horror of seeing children so undernourished it was hard to tell how old they were. There was only one spoon in each room, meaning that the strongest children had the most food. The weakest were left to grab at titbits on a floor wet with urine. Toddlers with bone stick arms and legs were tied to their beds. Starving babies were unattended. Naked older children had shaved heads. The death rate was inevitably high.

Romanian orphanages and international work

This is what Judith Darmady found in 1990 in the remote village of Ungureni, north of Bucharest, in one of Romania's 29 infamous orphanages for "incurables." She had answered an appeal from the Romanian Orphanage Trust for a consultant paediatrician who specialised in caring for children with special needs.

How did Darmady react to the legacy of the 25 year regime of repression by Romania's communist leader Nicolae Ceausescu? Did she wilt? She did not. A nursing friend, Jane Waldram, described Darmady as being "mentally built like a tank." It was hard to reconcile her irrepressible energy with her plump, short stature (she was less than five feet tall) and her age. Most of her 100 or so Romanian trips were made in her retirement. She also had a formidable reputation for rising to challenges.



Few challenges were more daunting than the 100 000 abandoned Romanian children classified as incurable. Fired

by the Stalinist theory that a large population would generate rapid economic growth, Ceausescu outlawed contraception and abortion, except in women over 40 with four or more children, and taxed childless couples. The inevitable population explosion led to legislation subjecting abandoned children to perfunctory tests at the age of three. Those who failed were deemed incurable and hidden away from public view.

Knowing that something bigger was needed after her first Romanian trip, Darmady set up the Ungureni Trust to pay for British physiotherapists, occupational therapists, special needs teachers, nurses, and junior doctors to help Romanian children and their carers. Everyone benefited. The British teams had their horizons stretched; the Romanian carers had their eyes opened to knowledge and training denied to them in the Ceausescu years.

The trust developed models of good practice for the region. These included establishing houses for disabled teenagers who learnt farming skills and how to grow fruit and vegetables. Children were also taught basic but critical skills such as cooking, washing clothes, handling cash, and how to cross a busy road.

The Ungureni Trust revealed another of Darmady's strengths. Highly persuasive and a great charmer and motivator, she could have been a professional fundraiser. But she was primarily a dedicated frontliner who demanded the same total commitment from her teams. For example, one afternoon in Romania, just before Christmas, she was horrified to see two British colleagues up a tree. In a rare loss of temper, she bawled, "What are you doing up there? You're meant to be working." She pardoned them immediately when they explained they were picking mistletoe for the children.

After the Ungureni orphanage closed in 2001, Darmady donated £50 000 (£56 400; \$61 000) of her own money towards a centre for the elderly. She is also believed to have paid for a

Romanian surgeon's study tour in France and the USA. He is now an eminent surgeon who in turn is teaching surgery outside Romania.

Other countries

Romania was but one of many countries on which Darmady stamped her mark in retirement. In Ecuador she evaluated proposals and programmes for premature baby units. In India she provided paediatric support aboard the Lifeline Express, the world's first hospital train, which carried specialists to remote regions to treat conditions such as cataract and cleft palate. Colleagues said that she would never go to an airport without meeting at least one acquaintance.



Darmady was also a founder member of the Basingstoke Hoima Partnership for Health charity, which established links between the Hampshire Hospitals Trust and Hoima Hospital in Uganda. Nowhere was Darmady's resourcefulness tested better than in Uganda. She arrived at a down-at-heel hotel with an erratic electricity supply, needing a reliable power supply for her sleep apnoea device. Not for the first time, colleagues wondered whether this 75 year old doctor should be in East Africa at all. She was unperturbed. Disappearing to a nearby garage she returned with a wry smile and a secondhand car battery that—maybe against all odds—worked.

Early life and career

Perhaps she inherited her inventiveness

from her father, Michael. He trained in pathology but led the construction and first clinical use of an artificial kidney machine in the UK, the introduction of central sterile supply services for hospital equipment and dressings, and the application in renal histopathology of the techniques of microdissection and single nephron autoradiotherapy.

With such a medical pedigree, it may seem surprising that Judith stood out as a kind, compassionate doctor and not a laboratory based scientist. Her niece Lucy said, "She was a people person. She liked anything where people were central and was an inspirational fundraiser." Retired hospital worker Jane Frankum, former mayor of Basingstoke and Deane, said, "She had no children herself and so all her patients became her children, without her taking anything away from their parents."

Educated at Godolphin School, Salisbury, where she was later a governor, Darmady qualified at St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, in 1961. Dr D, as she became known to patients and parents, worked at the Cleveland Clinic, Ohio, between 1964 and 1966.

Darmady returned to the UK as a senior lecturer in child health at Southampton General Hospital and as a research fellow at the Institute of Child Health in London. Her interests included cholesterol in infancy. In 1972 she took up her Basingstoke consultancy. Her contract included community paediatrics sessions, the first such contract in Wessex and perhaps in the UK.

During her outstanding 23 years in Basingstoke, she developed extensive expertise in a wide range of conditions—including cancers, cystic fibrosis, and disability—and raised concern about childhood sexual abuse, resulting in the development of specialist services in Hampshire. In 1996 she became a founding fellow of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health.

Darmady was as active in Hampshire in her later years as she was internationally. In 2007, for example, she became a patron for Home Start West Hampshire, which provided support to more than 100 vulnerable families in 2017-18.

In 2010 she became an OBE. In 2012 she was runner-up in the Times Sternberg Award, which honours the achievements

of people over the age of 70. She will be remembered as a visionary who brought together hundreds of healthcare professionals to care for vulnerable children in some of the world's most deprived regions.

What made Darmady's achievements more remarkable was that she had dyslexia. Numbers were a problem. Her Basingstoke secretary for 27 years, Ms Berry Lamden, resolved to "organise Judith," but was warned that "this would never happen." With hindsight she accepts that this was good advice.

A spokesperson for United Aid for Azerbaijan said: "There are many children all over the world who have better lives thanks to the influence of this amazing warrior."

Darmady leaves her sister, Sarah, and brother, John; two nieces, Lucy and Fiona; two nephews, Simon (a consultant anaesthetist) and Peter; and 22 godchildren.

Judith Mary Darmady (b 1935; q London 1961; OBE, MRCS Eng, LRCP Lond, DCH Eng, FRCP Lond, FRCPC(H), died from Covid-19 on 13 April 2020

Success of the Dig Deep campaign

The Hampshire Medical Fund, which buys state of the art medical equipment for the hospitals of Basingstoke, Winchester and Andover, launched an emergency fund raising campaign called "Dig Deep" on March 18th 2020. This was printed in the April issue of this magazine and has since raised over £1m to buy vital equipment to be used by Hampshire Hospitals Foundation Trust. This equipment would not ordinarily have been financeable by the Trust's NHS budget. Faced with the cancellation of all its 2020 events schedule, which had been forecast to generate 50% of the Fund's income for the year, this campaign has seen an unbelievable response from the people of Hampshire and beyond, and not least from the villages of Monk Sherborne, Pamber and Sherborne St John.

Guided by the Chief Medical Officer, Lara Alloway, the focus of the funds raised has been to accelerate the purchase of much needed equipment to help in the fight against Covid-19. One of the key pieces of equipment purchased has been 2,000 of the innovatively designed PerSo respirator, which is a protective hood with attached air supply, which front line workers can use when treating Covid-19 affected patients. "The staff are so excited to have this amazing PPE, particularly something world leading and designed in Hampshire by the University of Southampton, says Lara".

The 200 Club

One of the ways in which local people help finance the Fund is by joining its 200 Club. Supporters commit to paying

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For the Love of Scrubs

Throughout lockdown there has been a busy team of ladies beaver away at their sewing machines making scrubs, hats, bags, masks and headbands for our keyworkers. What started as a team of 15 ladies in Chineham quickly grew and now has around 850 members across Hampshire including more than 20 ladies from Sherborne St John. Together we have made over 15,000 items supporting the key workers of Basingstoke, Andover and Winchester. Initially, the priority was to ensure our NHS hospital frontline workers were safe, but we quickly moved on to supporting local care homes, other NHS departments, outreach workers and schools.

Sherborne St John has played a key role in this wonderful initiative contributing over 100 scrub sets, 130 hats and 125 bags, headbands and masks made out of old duvets and sheets kindly donated by fellow villagers. Every item has been made with love for, and gratitude to, our keyworkers. If you see anyone walking around in Disney princess or superman scrubs you can give them a knowing smile!

If you are in any doubt about how important this initiative has been, here is some feedback from a nurse.... *"I cannot thank you all enough. I received my scrubs today. Actually cried. You have given me the ability to work and look after my patients and my family XX"*



We are now moving on to making masks for the local villagers and we will make these available to anyone who needs them. Our

mask 'tree' can be found in the bus-stop outside the SSJ social club but if anyone needs them and cannot get out please email vickidavies1650@gmail.com or call 07925 539292.

Personally, I am proud and humbled by what our village has achieved and of our contribution to the 'war effort' against this dreadful virus. Thank you to everyone who has donated, washed, cut, sewn and ironed for us over the last couple of months. Xx

Vicki Davies



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During the summer school holidays the club has the facility to provide coaching sessions for children, run by a registered LTA coach and complying with government Covid 19 guidelines. The Sherborne St John hard courts are in great condition and it would be lovely if we could make use of them to their full potential.

New restrictions mean sessions are limited to around 5 children per court/coach and so before any commitments are made we are looking to gauge the level of interest so we can plan the level of coaching required. We are estimating the cost to be approximately £8 per session, rackets and balls can be provided. If this is something your child would be interested in, or you have any questions, please drop Anne Todd a line via the contact details below. (We may also be able to offer other coaching for adults and children on a private or group basis. Again let Anne know and she will fill you in on more details).

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Bert's Blog



May

I am not sure if this is really necessary but the Boss and Mrs are wearing their masks so I thought I should follow suit. It

does hamper the old nozzle a bit and I can't really bark very well without it getting all tangled up with my teeth and ending up a soggy mess. Perfumes are really muted and it certainly puts a damper on getting to know the ladies as I can't really tell if they are ladies or not without a jolly good sniffer. The Mrs thinks I look quite well, the Boss said it was a waste, the Mrs said it was all doggerel and the boss just pulled a face.....I quite like the anonymity of it – I could be the Lone Barker!

Life in lockdown has resulted in much more attention for me so I am not really complaining but on two occasions I felt really under the weather and the Mrs was worried and rushed me straight to the guys in the white coats for a once over. After being reassured that dogs are not prone to the illness that has kept us here in France for much longer than planned, I was subjected to an injection and some tablets and felt as right as rain again but rain seems to have done a bunk and the sun has taken over now. The heat makes me puff but I rest a lot and not going out means I don't have to be wear the disguise which is a bonus, although apparently I am really the only one allowed out without a certificate, the Boss and the Mrs have to produce one every time they leave the house. This is for the gendarmes to check they are obeying the rules and not straying too far which is strange for it is usually us dogs that get it in the neck for straying too far.

Meanwhile back on the farm we only wear masks if we leave the homestead and as the Mrs is the only one to shop it is she who leaves looking like the Lone Ranger every so often while the Boss stays with me and awaits her return – us elderlies get to stick together and we never stray!

Hope you are all masked, locked down and safe in your own homes.



June

The Mrs thinks I am going deaf..... she was wondering if there were hearing aids for dogs when the Boss offered his. I hastily

backed away and said no thanks.....it's bad enough when she wants me to do something and I don't quite catch the drift. Mind you sometimes an enticing smell that just needs to be sniffed can produce complete encompassing deafness on my part no matter who is calling – I just need to follow that scent. I have noticed occasionally when the Mrs makes a request to the Boss that he too has this same affliction. We are not so unlike!

Just to check my faculties completely she persuaded me to try her glasses which I can say produced a completely different picture of the world. I don't know how she can wear them, the underwater effect of everything going swimmy made me wander off and check out the nearest plant to see if it needed watering.... This produced another hearing check when her request to "stop that" reached me fairly loudly. I returned to her side instantly being the obedient dog that I am. Luckily my training was complimented with hand signals so even if I don't always catch what she is saying I can usually understand hersomething she insists the Boss needs to work on.

Disconcertingly the world has suddenly turned quieter and I seem to be getting their undivided attention whereas before I had to share it with all and sundry. We are now alone together and receive no visitors. I am told we are experiencing difficult times and there is a dangerous virus about. We still go for walks but precautions are being taken. I keep my eyes alert for any danger but the Boss and Mrs have assured me that this quiet is worldwide and nothing to do with my ears. I hope you are keeping safe too.

A Scrubber's Lament and Triumph

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'China's output has run dry!'

To arms! Was the cry in Sherborne

St John

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Could you be one?

Well...my pockets are puckered...

and so are my lips

Where's the instructions

The clues, hints and tips?

Have I forgotten my skills

Will they come back?

Am I deluding myself

This top's like a sack!

But we scrubbers are a hardy bunch

Determined, skilled...no stopping

for lunch!

Ah! Now I can see

How the outfit should look

I found it on YouTube

Just 10 minutes it took!

I zigzag and stitch

I pink and I sew

It's a top and some pants

To North Hants it will go.

The result is a riot of colour and shapes

All cut from some duvets and sheets

and old drapes

We can't all be nurses

Or doctors or such

But hopefully our scrubs will help just as much

Pat Burt

Message from the Mayor of Basingstoke

Cllr Diane Taylor



My year as Mayor has been an amazing time for both me and my Consort and Chaplain Andy. It has been refreshing to set aside politics for a time (although still serving my ward as councillor) and concentrate on the lovely people of this Borough. It has been a joy to visit people and places, present awards, cut ribbons, attend shows and concerts, give speeches and generally get to know and encourage people who do all sorts of things in our locality – mostly getting on with the job of helping others who are in need.

It is therefore an extra privilege to continue to serve as Mayor for this coming year. After much consideration and discussion with the Deputy Mayor, it was decided that the time simply isn't right for the hand over. So much that makes the mayoralty such a joy and honour would be missed as we continue to handle the current pandemic. I will therefore be the Mayor of Basingstoke & Deane until May 2021 when I sincerely hope we will have put aside

the restrictions, difficulties and – for some – heartbreak of the coronavirus emergency and returned to normal life.

With a year's experience under my belt I realise that it is helpful to let more people know about my aims and aspirations and encourage everybody to feel free to ask me to visit – or to visit me in the Parlour. Although this role brings with it many duties and expectations, the aspect that I love most is simply finding out about all the work that people are doing to serve our community and doing all I can to encourage that work and help people of like mind to join together in cooperation to be as effective as possible.

My husband, Dr Andy Taylor, is again my chaplain. He has worked in the church for many years, in recent years as Community Pastor, helping to start up and maintain church-run charities in addition to preaching and teaching. However, we have many good friends of other faiths (and none) and have enjoyed joining in their celebrations and learning about their traditions –

from Ramadan meals to the Hindu celebration of Navrati (complete with dancing!). I hope to continue those friendships across cultures and religions that I have already formed, and make new ones too. Our Borough has become increasingly diverse over recent years, and that has been a good thing. I am a great believer in learning from people who are different from me – embracing their different views and ideals – and hopefully as a result learning to be tolerant and understanding.

So, as Mayor for the coming year I am looking forward to meeting many more Basingstoke people. It will be very different for the time being as we emerge from our period of distancing, but let's find a way to connect, encourage and function again, if not face to face then at least online. Please contact me either via the Mayor's official route if it is to do with a visit or occasion, or direct to cllr.diane.taylor@basingstoke.gov.uk.

See you soon!

Women's Fellowship

At the time of going to press in mid-June, we have no update for you as to when we will resume our meetings in the Village Hall. I am sure we can't wait for life to resume to some kind of normality, although we don't know quite what the new normal will resemble.

At the time (March seems such a long time ago!) the lockdown started, the committee made the decision to cancel everything, speakers and outing, until August. This turned out to be the right decision, with hindsight, but as yet we still do not know if we will be returning for the August meeting. The speakers

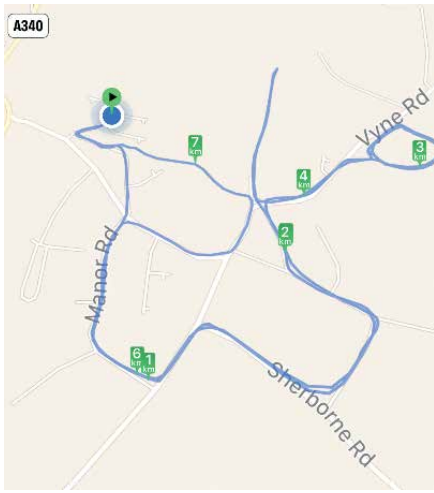
we had to cancel have all kindly agreed to return next year, so we look forward to talks on Finland, Jam Jerusalem and Doing Porridge, as well as challenges of serious and organised crime.

We will let you know as soon as we have any updates. I suspect this will not be until nearer the time of the August meeting, if indeed it goes ahead.

Let's not despair! We will get together again soon and we will be able to put this horrible time safely behind us.

Rose Cooper

My lockdown Walk



Apologies in advance if this sounds a bit corny, but I've fallen in love with Sherborne St John again.

Prior to lockdown I was attending a Pilates class once a week in an (uphill) effort to stay fit. As this was my only organised exercise, I was concerned, like many others, at what the impact of the lockdown might be. I need not have worried as classes were transferred to Zoom and I was able to continue attending online, not once, but 5 times a week if I wanted to, with the added benefit of not leaving home.

However, my rosy outlook was quickly dashed as I managed to severely strain my shoulder trying to keep up with the youngsters who were doing the class 5 times a week. I gave myself a week off to let my shoulder recover during which I reassessed my fitness campaign.

Helped by the fact that the weather was so beautiful I decided to try a new method of keeping fit. I thought I would follow the government guidelines and explore this amazing village of ours by leaving the house for local exercise. For someone whose local walk is usually to the Swan and back, it was a revelation. I had forgotten how pretty our village is and found myself walking further and further every day. There was very little traffic on the road and I found myself noticing things that had previously past me by. I became very conscious of the nature around me and actually enjoying the sound of birdsong and saying hello to the horses and cows in the fields. Unfortunately, I also found myself noticing where people have dropped litter, and dog poo which I find really sad; (why do they do that?).

Another benefit is meeting and establishing a rapport with people in the village that I have met along the way, who are maybe walking during their lunch break or like me, doing their daily exercise. They have all been warm and friendly, going out of their way to observe the 2 metre social distancing guidelines, even walking in the road to avoid encroachment.

I started walking a couple of miles around the village, Manor Road, Elm Road, Kiln Road, Dark Lane and back into the village and would then turn left along the church path back towards

Cranesfield. As I started to enjoy my walk more and more and as the weather was so beautiful, I started turning right along Vyne Road towards the Chute. Despite what I had read on the website I found myself easily able to negotiate my way to the footpath around the groundwork that was taking place. On a couple of occasions I got carried away and followed the footpath to a point where, quite frankly I was lost, resulting in me walking a record 8.2 miles albeit through beautiful countryside and thoroughly enjoying it. Exciting though it is to go exploring I felt more comfortable lapping the Chute and saving the footpath trips to share with Andy when he is able to accompany me.

I've always loved the Chute, and now having watched his efforts on a daily basis, really appreciate Terry's effort to repair the ground from the recent work that has been done amidst the sunniest May ever.

The Coronavirus has affected us all and it has been a miserable time, however, we should count our blessings that we live where we do and when this is all over I will carry on taking my daily 5 mile walk around the village but hopefully we will be able to stop at the Swan sometimes.

Chris Page

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July 2020

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Covid 19 and Emergency Disasters

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JULY CORONA QUIZ

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e.g. Gary Power's spy plane = U2

1. Quartet of spinning toys
2. The shaver is not dark
3. Distorted vision
4. Not a light Sunday
5. Primates from the North Pole
6. Gathering no moss
7. Guarding the Piste
8. These lads went surfin in the USA
9. Not death in the Orient
10. Danger, Spice warms up Mexican food
11. In the beginning.....
12. Ginger maidens, well one is
13. Gathering no moss
14. 16 B.A., B.Sc. and MA
15. Girls not allowed
16. Who uses the YMCA
17. Upholders of the law
18. A desert watering hole
19. West, Sutcliffe and Crippen
20. George, Andrew, Patrick and David

Answers will be on our website and Social Media after July 1st 2020

We all owe huge thanks to the NHS and all Care workers in our local area

We also need to acknowledge and be thankful for the work of BVA, The Food Bank, Inspiro and Spotlight who have stepped up over and above their normal charitable work to ensure that the shielded, vulnerable and people in poverty have been supplied with emergency food ably supported by many volunteers and local supermarkets.

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Manydown development planning application due for virtual committee

The Manydown outline planning application is to be considered at a virtual meeting of Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's Development Control Committee in July.

Outlining the main principles for a new community of up to 3,520 new homes, businesses, shops and community facilities, schools and a 250 acre country park, the application will be the only one considered at the committee's virtual meeting on Wednesday 8 July at 2pm.

The application was originally scheduled to come to a Development Control Committee meeting on 24 March. However, based on government advice on social distancing during the coronavirus pandemic, the decision was taken to postpone all scheduled meetings at that time to protect the safety of councillors, officers and members of the public who would have wanted to attend.

At that point councillors had to attend meetings in person, but the government has since removed these requirements in response to COVID-19. Following this, the council trialled the best way of holding meetings virtually as closely

to their normal format as possible, especially around public participation. Two virtual meetings of the Development Control Committee were held successfully on Wednesday 20 May and Wednesday 27 May 2020.

The meeting on 8 July will be live streamed through You Tube so it can be watched through the website at www.basingstoke.gov.uk in the same way as it would normally be webcast. Those registered to speak at the original meeting will be provided with details as to how to participate ahead of the meeting.

Chair of the borough council's Development Control Committee Cllr Paul Miller said: "Manydown is the largest site allocated for housing in the Basingstoke and Deane Local Plan and, as it was ready for the committee to consider in March, we were keen for it to be scheduled for a meeting as soon as possible. The virtual meetings that we have held so far with smaller applications have gone well so we now feel in a position that we can reschedule this as a virtual meeting. Given the size and complexity of the development and the amount of information councillors will need to consider, the meeting on Wednesday 8 July will only consider this outline planning application."

The outline planning application seeks permission for the overall principles of developing the site, including the type and size of development and the infrastructure to be provided, specifically the three vehicular access points onto the B3400, A339 and Roman Road. It does not provide a detailed layout of the development or the designs of buildings and spaces. This would follow in future planning documents and detailed applications.

The applicants are Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council and Hampshire County Council, acting as landowners, who acquired a lease on the land to help to meet the borough's future housing needs.

The application was first submitted in 2017, with updates and amendments made in 2018 and 2019. Throughout the process there has been extensive work by the planning and highway authorities, together with the landowners, to respond to feedback during several stages of consultation.

For more information about the application visit www.basingstoke.gov.uk/manydownplanning

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The Court has recently introduced a way of filing Probate applications online. However, this does not mean that the process is any way simpler than previously.

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A local enterprise to help the NHS

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From various initiatives across the country, it soon became clear that I could potentially use my own 3D printer to help produce face shields. The face shields are comprised of a headband with an acetate sheet fixed to the front to shield the wearer from splashes.

I soon joined forces with another local 3D printer owner called Adam Pilkington and over the following weeks, we collaboratively produced over 1,600 face shields which were directly supplied to NHS workers, care homes, schools and businesses.

A 3D printer takes a design created on a computer and prints the model using, in this case, an environmentally friendly

'plastic' called PLA which is made from corn starch.

Initially, we printed 400 headbands for The National 3D Printing Society who had formed a network of 3D printer owners and were working in conjunction with medical suppliers to assemble, sanitise and distribute the shields.

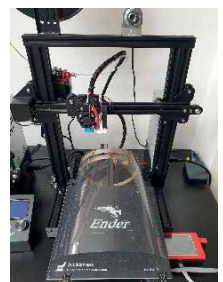
With lots of demand locally, we soon moved on to directly helping those within our immediate community. With the amazing support of funding from our community and the local council, we were able to continue our effort and buy the supplies needed to help with the local demand. Day and night, we set our 3D printers to work. This was followed by checking every single headband for faults, preparing acetate sheets, assembling, boxing and distributing face shields. Our doorsteps soon became face shield distribution hubs!

In May, policies emerged that underlined the requirement for PPE producers to certify their products.

This resulted in us pausing printing until we could understand the implications. We wrote to our local MP, who swiftly took on board our desire to continue to help and we have since received communication back from the Minister of State for Business, Energy and Clean Growth stating that the Government is exploring ways to support small scale production. We hope that this will enable us to continue printing soon.

It has been amazing to be part of a wider initiative that really has helped to make a difference.

James Baker (14)



Sherborne St John Charity Plant Stall

Donna Watson, Spring Close, SSJ

A massive thank you to everyone who has supported our charity plant stall 🌟 we have already raised £130 for our NHS just on 50p plants and there are still more to come this weekend including climbing beans, purple sprouting broccoli, beetroot, chilli peppers and a few runner beans left 😊 I intend to keep the stall stocked throughout the season and really appreciate all the pots that have been left to help me to do this 😊



The Monk Sherborne Horty competition 8th August 2020

Advance notice of the horticultural categories

This year the categories are as follows:

Vegetables

1. Five potatoes
2. Five medium or large tomatoes
3. Five cherry or plum tomatoes
4. Three carrots
5. Two cucumbers
6. Two courgettes
7. Five runner beans
8. Five broad bean pods
9. Five onions
10. Five pea pods
11. Five shallots
12. A dish or raspberries

Novelty

13. Heaviest marrow
14. Heaviest carrot
15. Ugliest vegetable
16. Longest runner bean
17. A photo of an insect

Flowers

18. A vase of five flowers all the same
19. Two stems of roses, both the same

20. A flower arrangement
max diameter 60cm
21. Three dahlias, all the same
22. Sweet peas, a vase of 12 stems

Children's

23. A farmyard
24. A wild flower arrangement
25. A vegetable monster
26. A painting
27. A photo

In line with Covid regulations this year we shall operate the following system to limit contact with others;

- you must bring your own entry card
- entry to the hall will be via the front door
- exit through the side door
- one family to enter at a time
- drop off will be at a set time
- absolutely no late entries accepted
- collection at a set time
- judging conducted within guidelines
- results to be published via email/on the hall website and in the villager

**All entries must be presented at the
village hall from**

**10.00hrs to 11.00hrs on Saturday 8th
August.**

Judging from 11.30hrs to 12.30hrs

Collections from 1pm-2pm only

Note: tables will be labelled. Please put your entry in the correct category. Place a card/ A5 piece of paper face down with the following information

Name and number of category you are entering

Your name

Age if applicable

If you want to keep and collect your items

If you agree to photographs and your name being displayed on the results communications. (The Villager, email, Facebook)

We ask that you do not gather at the hall or spend time looking at the other exhibits when placing your own items as there will be others waiting to come in to set out their entries.

Thank you for your cooperation.



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