

A small bird, likely a Brambling, is perched on a snow-covered branch. The bird has a blue-grey head, a small beak, and a plump body with orange-brown plumage. Its wings show black and white streaking. The background is a clear, pale blue sky. The branch it sits on is covered in a layer of white snow, with other bare, brown branches visible in the foreground and background.

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December 2014

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# Message from the Editor

Sadly in October we lost a longtime SSJ resident of 48 years, Mac Capelin; Mac died at home on October 12th. He was very involved in so many aspects of village life and will have been particularly missed on Remembrance Day this year as we all remember him for the dignified way he carried out his duties on behalf of the British Legion. This photo was taken in June 2012 at the unveiling of the new lychgate at the cemetery in Sherborne St John on the occasion of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.



We were also sorry to hear of the death of Harry Vickery, another SSJ resident. Harry lived in Manor Road. His sister, Jan, has sent the Villager some of Harry's poetry which he enjoyed writing during his life. One of his poems appears on page 29.

To give all the Villager team a break over Christmas there will not be another issue of the Villager magazine until February 2015. May I take this opportunity to thank everyone who has provided me with articles and photos over the past year – please continue to do so. This is YOUR magazine so send me information that you want others to know about!

We would also like to thank all our advertisers who allow this magazine to arrive on your doorstep free of charge! Emma Foreman does a wonderful job dealing with the income generation of the magazine.

A Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year to all our Villager readers.

With best wishes

*Julie and the Villager team*

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# Future Events

## December 2014

|    |                                                                                                 |             |
|----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1  | 60+ Club, Sherborne St John Village Hall. Contact 01256 850577 for transport                    | 10am        |
| 2  | SSJ Women's Fellowship, Christmas Lunch                                                         | TBA         |
| 5  | Sherborne St John C of E Primary School Christmas Fayre                                         | 5pm – 7pm   |
| 8  | Pelican Film Society Sunshine on Leith, Ark Conference Centre, Guests welcome £5                | 7.30pm      |
| 15 | SSJ PC Meeting, SSJ Village Hall (the planning committee will meet at 7pm prior to the meeting) | 7.30pm      |
| 15 | 60+ Club, Sherborne St John Village Hall. Contact 01256 850577 for transport                    | 10am        |
| 20 | SSJ Village Christmas Market, Sherborne St John Village Hall                                    | 10.00am-1pm |

## January 2015

|    |                                                                        |        |
|----|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| 6  | SSJ Women's Fellowship, To be Advised, SSJ Village Hall                | 2pm    |
| 12 | Pelican Film Society, Tracks, Ark Conference Centre, Guests welcome £5 | 7.30pm |
| 24 | Burns Night & Ceilidh, Tickets £10 contact saclokey@gmail.com          | 7.15pm |
| 30 | MS & Dist. Horticultural Society AGM, MS village hall                  | 7.00pm |

## February 2015

|    |                                                                                  |             |
|----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 5  | SSJ Women's Fellowship AGM, SSJ Village Hall                                     | 2pm         |
| 2  | Pelican Film Society, Saving Mr Banks , Ark Conference Centre, Guests welcome £5 | 7.30pm      |
| 28 | Table Top Sale at SSJ Village Hall in aid of the VH                              | 10 -12.30pm |

## March 2015

|   |                                                                         |        |
|---|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| 2 | Pelican Film Society, Boyhood, Ark Conference Centre, Guests welcome £5 | 7.30pm |
|---|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|

## April 2015

|       |                                                                           |          |
|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| 3 - 6 | The Sherbornes Art Exhibition, SSJ Village Hall                           | 10 – 5pm |
| 13    | Pelican Film Society, Mr Turner, Ark Conference Centre, Guests welcome £5 | 7.30pm   |



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# Church Matters December

December is a wonderful month as the shops never tire of telling us (in September!). And I guess most people would agree what a great time Christmas is – at least in the imagination! We look back on memorable Christmases in the past which have left a definite imprint on our minds. Over the years that mental image has become something idyllic, almost magical. It wasn't actually like that of course but somehow our minds tell us it was near perfection. That creates a problem, for it is difficult if not impossible to compete with something so far in the past. The truth is that Christmas in those years was a mixture just like today. But it is a good mixture and I for one look forward to it as much as anyone – that is I look forward to the Day; I'm not so keen on starting it weeks in advance!

No doubt we are aware as we enjoy so many good things – the cards, the cake, the presents, the pudding, the dinner, the decorations, the friends and family gatherings, the carols and the Christmas

Tree – that there are many in our country who are not able to enjoy this season. They may be lonely or bereaved, short of money or homeless – for them Christmas can be an exceptionally difficult time precisely because everyone is enjoying themselves so much and they cannot do so. Further afield many Christians are suffering: they face war, persecution, execution, prison, forcible removal from their homes, temporary accommodation, living in fear.

All this comes to our attention at Christmastime. The question is how do we react? How do we process this knowledge? Many try to shut it out completely – to escape into a fantasy world and keep reality out. Some party like there was no tomorrow and they will let nothing spoil it. Others become so depressed by the state of the world that they become incapable of enjoying the good things which are so richly provided for us. A vague sense of guilt inoculates them against the celebrations. A dull sense of foreboding, a feeling that our whole way of life is under threat, takes the edge off it all for them. We can understand that.

Is there a “third way”? Yes, I think there is. It is a way that the Christian believer can gladly take. Because we believe that the Sovereign God, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, is in charge of his world even when we can't see it, we can both receive good things from him and have a genuine concern for others. This will be expressed both in prayer and in acts of compassionate service. We may well want to give to those in need and the websites of three well known Christian organisations are listed at the end of this article.<sup>1</sup>

Secondly, let's recognize that despite the commercialism Christmas is a real time of opportunity for people to come to faith. The Bible says that “In these last days God has spoken to us by his Son”<sup>2</sup> God is speaking but the truth is for many this is the only time they will ever have a chance to hear what he is saying. It is vital that we hear him. We must not let the clutter crowd him out.

We can be grateful for Christmas – for “everything given by God is good and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving”<sup>3</sup> We are not to be ascetics or kill joys. But let's remember that there are many people who need our help, both spiritually and materially, and pray that we may be able to take opportunities to make some difference to some of them.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas

**John Hamilton**

<sup>1</sup> Barnabas Fund – for the persecuted church:

<https://barnabasfund.org>

London City Mission – for homeless in London:

[www.lcm.org.uk](http://www.lcm.org.uk)

Tear Fund – for famine relief, working with

churches: [www.tearfund.org](http://www.tearfund.org)

<sup>2</sup> Hebrews 1:2

<sup>3</sup> 1 Timothy 4:4



# Services for December

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

## 7 December

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

## 14 December

|      |                                       |             |
|------|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| 8am  | Holy Communion                        | Priory      |
| 10am | Morning Service, Sunday Club & Crèche | St Andrew's |
| 10am | Morning Service                       | All Saints  |
| 5pm  | CHRISTINGLE SERVICE                   | St Andrew's |

14 DECEMBER CHRISTINGLE  
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please come to church at 4.30 pm  
to make your "Christingle". Gifts  
of toys (unused) are welcome  
and will be distributed through  
the Salvation Army.

## 21 December

|        |                                      |             |
|--------|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| 10am   | Morning Service, children's activity | St Andrew's |
| 4.30pm | CHILDREN'S CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT     | St Andrew's |
| 6.30pm | CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT                | St Andrew's |

## 24 December

|         |                            |            |
|---------|----------------------------|------------|
| 5pm     | Christmas Eve Crib Service | All Saints |
| 11.15pm | Midnight Communion         | Priory     |

## 25 December

|       |                                                            |            |
|-------|------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| 9.30  | Christmas Day Family Service                               | All Saints |
| 10.45 | Christmas Day Family Service<br>followed by Holy Communion | St Andrews |

## 28 December

|      |                |             |
|------|----------------|-------------|
| 10am | Family Service | St Andrew's |
|------|----------------|-------------|

## PREACHING ON SUNDAY MORNINGS (10AM):

Concluding studies in Paul's letter to the Philippians – Christian Fellowship in action:

|        |                              |               |                           |
|--------|------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| 7 Dec  | Gospel accountancy           | Phil 3:1-14   | Andrew King               |
| 14 Dec | Christian Maturity           | Phil 3:15-4:7 | Sean Clokey & Ian Roberts |
| 21 Dec | Content in all circumstances | Phil 4:8-23   | Steve Howe                |

## MIDWEEK MEETINGS

We pray together on Tuesday 9 December; do join us then to pray for the church's witness at Christmas, as well as God's work in other areas. Home Groups meet in the weeks beginning 1 & 15 December.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

As last year church members are encouraged to wish one another happy Christmas by signing one big card in church rather than sending cards individually. The money thus saved may be given to the missions we support. The card will be in St Andrews throughout December and giving envelopes will be available.

## \*\*Advent Carols

Sunday 7 December at 5pm

A selection of carols and seasonal hymns with Bible readings.

Pamber Priory

Note the early start. Mince Pies to follow.

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# Services for January

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

## 4 January

|      |                           |                  |
|------|---------------------------|------------------|
| 10am | New Year Family Communion | St Andrew's      |
| 6pm  | 'Sundays at Six'          | SSJ Village Hall |

## 11 January

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

## 18 January

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

## 25 January

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

## 1 February

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

### PREACHING AT 10AM...

We begin a new series for the new year: Letters from the King : Revelation 2 & 3

|        |                       |                    |
|--------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 4 Jan  | New Year              | Isaiah 43:19       |
| 11 Jan | First love lost       | Revelation 2:1-11  |
| 18 Jan | Compromise            | Revelation 2:12-17 |
| 25 Jan | Tolerating immorality | Revelation 2:18-29 |

### ... AND AT SUNDAYS AT SIX

New series from 1Chronicles on the theme of God's ideal King.

|        |                                 |                          |
|--------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 4 Jan  | A failed king                   | 1Chron 10:1-14           |
| 11 Jan | God's King is crowned           | 1Chron 11:1-9 & 12:16-22 |
| 18 Jan | God's worship restored          | 1Chron 13:1-14 & 15:1-13 |
| 25 Jan | The endless reign of God's King | 1Chron 7:1-15            |

# Roman Catholic Services (Tel: 819772)

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

### Weekday Mass

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

\* Time & Venue could vary

# Monk Sherborne Parish Council

## Highways.

Potholes continue to be a problem particularly as we go into the winter and the road conditions deteriorate. Residents are urged to go on to the Hampshire Highways website and report the location of any pothole issues as this helps to push the areas higher up the order to get them repaired.

Most of you will be aware of the road closure in Salters Heath Road due to a fractured sewage pipe by the pond. Although the works have dragged on a bit Thames Water did react quickly to attend to the problem and we are only a few days away from completion.

## Play area.

Further repairs have been carried out to the play equipment surfacing, two

new trees planted, fence repairs and gate fittings renewed. The area also looks tidier since the contractors have caught up with the required number of visits.

## Neighbourhood Watch.

Dennis Plester has decided to retire from his role as co-ordinator for Salters Heath Road after 20 years!! Thank you Dennis for your valued contribution. This means there is an opportunity for another resident in the road to carry on the good work. This is not an onerous task and if anyone is interested please contact Martin Budd, 850239 for more details.

We are aware that PCSO Nathaniel Johnson has been selected to cover our area so we look forward to his presence in order to combat the relatively low level of very irritating crime. Please be

vigilant and report details of suspicious behaviour/vehicles to the Police on 101.

## Speeding.

Historically, when speed checks are carried out in the Parish the main offenders are residents. If that is you, beware. Volunteers are being trained to use speed watch equipment, to be rented initially. So if you persist in speeding through the villages you are likely to receive a letter through the post. Don't say you haven't been warned.

As this is the last report for 2014, thanks to all those residents who have made contributions to keep the Parish tidy.

*Wishing everybody a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.*

*Peter Boyle*

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## Notes from Pamber Green and Pamber End

My apologies for not producing notes for the last Villager. I found myself at a total loss to come up with anything of any value to write about. Thankfully, this month there is more.

I have received a complaint of a dog not being kept under proper control in Pamber Forest and the owner being exceptionally abusive when asked to call the dog back. The Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust website very clearly states that dogs must be on a lead whilst in the Pamber Forest nature reserve. Personally, I do not find this necessary as long as dog owners exert proper control over their animals and do not allow them to terrorise other forest users. A dog that approaches someone barking and growling is not pleasant and those who are wary of dogs should not have to be subjected to such frightening experiences. To then be subjected to abuse from the dog owner over such an incident is totally reprehensible. A very few irresponsible dog owners spoil the pleasure for others using such the wonderful community facility as Pamber Forest. Everyone has the right to use and enjoy the reserve. It is not for the sole use of a very few who may think they can behave as they wish without due regard for others. Let's hope that all dog owners will behave in a civilised and safe manner in future, in keeping with the vast majority of dog owners.

Pamber Parish Council website continues to provide up-to-date and valuable information, including the timely publication of their Minutes. As I write this piece, the last set of published Minutes comments that the Parochial Church Council has agreed that St Stephen's Village Hall will be sold with the proviso that the premises remain as a community facility. Pamber Parish Council wishes to explore the possibility of St Stephen's Village Hall being sold to the Parish Council. Hopefully news will be forthcoming on this soon.

I recently enquired of Pamber Parish Clerk about the status of the A340 speed limit reduction to 40mph between New Road, Pamber Green and the outskirts of Tadley. She tells me she understands the scheme is going through the due legal process, and the process of putting the work out to a contractor. It does seem an exceptionally protracted affair that is top heavy with bureaucracy. Let's hope that Hampshire County Council finally gets this stupid speed limit anomaly sorted as soon as possible.

Some Pamber residents are hoping that high speed broadband provision will eventually arrive in the Green Lane/ New Road area. This provision could become increasingly important in the valuation of residential properties and is highly desirable in the modern day.

Please register your interest at <http://www.hampshiresuperfastbroadband.com/> to encourage a roll out of technology to our rural areas. I am fortunate being within the Reading exchange area and able to access this service. If they can get it to me at the end of the Reading line, then they should be able to get it to those at the end of the Basingstoke line.

I have heard recently of a planning application, 14/02826/FUL, for a dog day care centre and retail shop at Cottage Farm, New Road, Pamber Green. Details of the planning application can be found at <http://planning.basingstoke.gov.uk/online-applications/>

A number of Pamber residents participate in Tadley Singers who will be giving a choral Christmas Concert at Pamber Heath Memorial Hall on Saturday 6/12/14 at 7pm when the Air Ambulance will benefit from a collection. The choir will also take part in the Mayor's Carol Service at St Michael's Church on Saturday 13/12/14 at 7pm when 3 charities will benefit. There is no entry charge for either event. The choir performances are very beautiful to hear.

Please do send me your contributions to include in the Pamber Notes. I do find it challenging to write this column on occasions and do really need your support.

*Ann Ellis [googlemail.com](mailto:googlemail.com)*



## SHERBORNE ST JOHN PARISH COUNCIL

### Village Maintenance

The Parish Council has engaged with BDBC in order to ensure that a number of 'housekeeping' tasks in and around the village are progressed.

We've asked them to

- take a look at the drains and gullies
- cut back a number of hedges currently encroaching on pathways e.g. Elm Road
- plant a new tree as promised in the village 'square' outside of the Post Office
- implement a number of road improvements, both in the village and to the key entry and exit points e.g. the A340 and Vyne Road

As always the ways of BDBC are many and confusing – the only certain fact is that progress is slow. Hopefully there will be obvious signs of improvement re: the above in the coming months.

### Bulb Planting

The middle of October saw a number of villagers engaged in what at first sight might have been construed as random acts of vandalism as in that they were digging up various verges, etc. in and around the village. Please be assured that all will be revealed in next spring when several thousand bulbs will bloom, enhancing the look and feel of the village. The process is not yet complete with more planting targeted along Vyne Road. Sincere thanks to John Edwards and his team of horticultural assistants.

### Trees

Focussing on matters horticultural, the Woodland Trust has donated 30 trees to the village, 10 silver birches, 10 rowan and 10 cherry trees. The Parish Council has decided to plant these trees at the back of the Chute Recreation Ground as a visual barrier to the planned Marnel Park development. We're looking for volunteers to help in the planting process – probably a Saturday

in December. So if you're interested in becoming a trainee Monty Don then in the first instance please contact the Parish Clerk (ssjclerk@gmail.com).

### Speedwatch

With a significant grant from the Hampshire Police Commissioner the Parish Council are in the process of purchasing a mobile speed detection unit together with the requisite yellow safety jackets, etc.

The idea is that this unit will be operated by villagers and will supplement the static units currently located on the A340 and Cranes Road.

The data the unit captures is then downloaded and sent to the police. Be caught 3 times and you're fined. Again if you're interested in joining the team of volunteers then in the first instance contact the Parish Clerk (ssjclerk@gmail.com).

### Infrastructure Fund

There is a fund, administered by the BDBC, to which Parish Councils can apply to for a grant of up to 50% towards infrastructure projects. The Parish Council has applied for £40k for improvements to/maintenance of the Chute and its facilities e.g. the tennis court. The initial response from the BDBC has been positive – fingers crossed.

### Neighbourhood Plan

Thank you to all those who have completed their questionnaire. The anticipated completion rate was about 5% to 10%. At the time of writing this update the response rate is well over 40%. It's gratifying to see the level of input re: maintaining the village identity. More as the team progresses in the next couple of months.

### Village Bus Service

Hats off to Ted Wilkinson and Mike Walker. Despite Hampshire CC reducing the bus subsidies by £1.5 million, Ted and Mike have secured

an additional late night bus service covering the village.

### Village Party

From the e-mails and comments I received this was a 'not to be missed' event. My thanks to Tracy Jeram and Pat Burt for their advice, cajoling and general 'can do' attitude in making this happen and, of course, the forbearance and support of my wife, Debra.

I'd also like to thank the 'Ladies of the Church' for providing the cream tea entrée.

In the April it was the germ of an idea, in the August we ended up donating £800 to the Village Hall funds and £500 to RadCan, a charity to provide radiotherapy in Basingstoke vs. having to travel to Guildford or Southampton.

We're going again next year on July 4th. The acts have been booked, some the same, some new and given the date, the day will have an Independence Day theme.

### Suggestions

The Parish Council continues to look for ideas as to how it might be able to improve the infrastructure of the village. If you have any suggestions as to a likely project or projects then in the first instance please contact the Parish Clerk (ssjclerk@gmail.com)

### Finally....

By the time you read this it will be early December and Christmas, with all its associated hustle and bustle, will soon be upon us. I look back on a year of progress and much activity. My thanks to my fellow councillors, the clerk and villagers who have all made this past year entertaining and fun. On behalf of the Parish Council I wish you and yours all that you might wish for yourselves for 2015.

*Richard Morgan  
Chair, SSJ PC*

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# Pamber Parish Council

*Pamber Parish Council met on 10th November 2014.*

## Planning Matters

Details of all planning applications are available on the Borough Council website however, parishioners have requested that the applications are once again included in these notes.

### Applications:

14/02826/FUL: Change of use of building and associated land to Sui Generis dog day care centre and retail shop.

Unit 2/4, Cottage Farm, New Road, Pamber Green. **Objection**

14/02951/LDEU: Certificate of lawfulness for the use of part of the site for the recycling of non-ferrous scrap metal.

The Old Rickyard, Aldermaston Road, Pamber Green. **Objection**

### Planning decisions made by the Borough Council:

14/02457/: HSE: Erection of two storey rear and single storey front extension. Erection of single storey front extension to detached garage.

Savannah, New Road, Pamber Green. **GRANTED**

14/02484/HSE: Erection of single storey front extension to include reconfiguration of front entrance with new central porch. Erection of rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory. Erection of side extension above existing garage. Installation of rooflights.

Tanglewood, New Road, Pamber Green. **GRANTED**

**Withdrawn applications:** 13/00429/FUL and 13/00430/LBC: Skates Farm Skates Lane Pamber Green

## St. Stephen's Hall, Little London

A grant of £1,000 was approved for St. Stephen's Hall. The money will go towards the cost of carrying out essential repairs and it is hoped that the work can now be started very soon. Booking details for the hall are on the parish council website.

## Emergency Plan

Minor changes to the Emergency Plan were approved at the meeting in order to bring it into line with the latest government guidance. Some additional contact numbers have been added and

there is a change in the order that the information is presented: the emergency rest centres for the south ward remain the same. The revised version of the plan will be made available on the website.

## Meeting Dates

The dates for 2015 were approved and may be found on the website and on the notice boards. Meetings are generally held on the second Monday of the month (except August) and start at 7.30pm, however there are occasionally variations and so it is advisable to check if you wish to attend a meeting.

The next meeting of Pamber Parish Council will be held at 7.30pm on Monday, 8th December 2014 in St. Stephen's Hall, Little London and on 12th January 2015 in The Memorial Hall, Pamber Heath. All parishioners are welcome to attend. Details of meetings are displayed on the notice boards and on the website [www.pamber-pc.gov.uk](http://www.pamber-pc.gov.uk)

The members of Pamber Parish Council wish all parishioners a very Happy Christmas and send their best wishes for the New Year.

*E.A.Knight (Clerk) (01256) 882571*

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The Village Agent programme has been running for 3 years and has been highly successful in helping to reduce social isolation and loneliness in older people by enabling them to access resources that they need, and assisting them to engage with their local communities.

Age Concern Hampshire is pleased to be working in partnership with Hampshire County Council and Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service.



If you would like to get involved and have some time to offer or know anybody else who might be interested, please get in touch today! Call the Village Agent co-ordinator on 01962 892443 or Freephone 0800 328 7154 or email [villageagent@ageconcernhampshire.org.uk](mailto:villageagent@ageconcernhampshire.org.uk).



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# The Monk Sherborne and District Horticultural Society

## THANK YOU

We wish to extend our gratitude to all those who attended our annual illustrated supper evening on 7th November.

The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all. As a committee we decided this year that all profits would be donated to St. Michaels Hospice.

Due to your generosity, I am pleased to inform you that we are able to send them a cheque for £650.00 which I am sure they will be most grateful for.

Thank you again for all your support.

Kim Fleming, Miles Roberts and the Committee.

## Notice of Annual General Meeting

FRIDAY 30TH JANUARY 2015 7PM  
MONK SHERBORNE VILLAGE HALL

Members can vote on a new committee and chair should volunteers be found.

Information on the future plans for the society will be presented, followed by (time permitting) a talk (subject not yet confirmed) by Mr Alick Jones.

Tea and coffee will be available.

Please let me know if you would like anything added to the agenda no later than 24/12/14

Kim Fleming (Chairman) 01256 851225 or email kimf790mail.com

## Charity Plant Stall 2014



In contrast to last year, this year has been an excellent gardening year especially for flowers and as a result, and with your help, we have managed to raise **£4103** for Macmillan Cancer Support, selling plants, cut flowers, fresh fruit and vegetables, planted tubs and cards.

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to this fantastic sum by bringing along their surplus plants and vegetables and to all those who stopped to buy from us.

Next year we again hope to have a stall on the drive of Lynten House in Monk Sherborne and hope you will continue to support us – as with this year all proceeds will go to Macmillan.

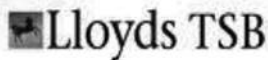
We hope to open the stall late February/early March (weather permitting) with daffodils selling at 50p a bunch. We will also have pots of bulbs, primroses, polyanthus and an even wider variety of perennials, the majority of which will be 50p a pot.

Many thanks again to everyone who supported us and if you haven't visited the stall we hope you will give it a try next year. It's a very worthwhile charity.

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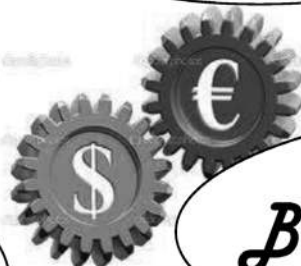
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# Sherborne St John Church of England Primary School



It seems that November is a month for fund-raising and thinking of others – as we were aptly reminded in our worship theme of Remembrance at the beginning of the month. The sale of poppies in school and the minute's silence on 11th November was more poignant as the infants are finding out about World War I and Class 4 have been studying World War II this term. A more light-hearted fund-raising day was organised by the pupils on the School Council for *Children in Need* – children came to school in superhero costumes or their own clothes, and a bumper cake sale took place!



Thank you to all the parents and children who turned out their unwanted clothes to fill for *Bags 2 School*,

and also for those who filled a shoebox with gifts. 70 shoeboxes were collected by the Rotary Club and are now on their way to disadvantaged children in Albania, Montenegro, Moldova and the Philippines. They were loaded into the car by way of a human chain so that every child played a part in sending each shoebox on its way.



A lot of fun was had on our Puzzle Day, which was funded by the School Association. The Happy Puzzle Company ran workshops with each class at which they had the chance to work in teams to solve different puzzle



challenges – a very good brain work-out for all!

Christmas is approaching fast and the Infants are working hard on this year's Nativity play – *The Apprentice*. Simeon, the carpenter, has recruited an apprentice named Sarah who makes the journey to Bethlehem and needs to use her skills to help some important visitors! We can't wait to see it!

As the term draws to a close, we will have our usual Christmas events, but this year there will be a new addition – Christmas lunch! As hot meals are a new initiative this term, we haven't had the opportunity for roast turkey et al in the past, but this is about to change!! Other highlights include the trip to the Anvil to see the pantomime '*Cinderella*'; Class 3's winter visit to the Vyne; the Junior Talent Show; Infant and Junior parties and our Christmas Service in the Church. This year we also have a brand new Christmas Post Box for our Christmas Cards (a big thank you to Adrian Ede!)

The School Christmas Fayre is on Friday 5th December from 5pm to 7pm; we hope as many of you as possible will call in and listen to the choir, enjoy a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie and look around the stalls.

Have a very Happy Christmas!

**Sherbert – SSJ School Villager Correspondent**

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We knew at the outset that the Parochial Church Council would not be able to help financially; but its officers could not have been more helpful in setting up the financial arrangements (to enable us to get the benefit of Gift Aid), and arranging for the necessary faculty, the Church of England equivalent of planning permission.

The campaign was formally announced at a Village Hall supper in June 2013, but fund-raising really only started at the Monk Sherborne & District Horticultural Show on 3 August, with a display showing what needed to be done, and the sale of specially commissioned mugs. With a village of only about a hundred houses, most people expected the fund-raising to take perhaps a couple of years or so, but 'most people' had reckoned without the Monk Sherborne spirit.

Amazingly, within six months, by the end of January, the campaign had raised over 90% of the likely cost before VAT, and we had had some good news - the Government had announced that the Listed Places of Worship Grants Scheme was being extended from October 2013 to repairs to bells and bell ropes. The Scheme provides for up to £42m a year to be made available, so that as long as our applications were in the first £42m to be made, our target could probably be reduced by £5,000. We did, though, have first to pay the VAT before we could claim it back.

We have received two three figure grants from charities, but the whole of the rest of the funds have been raised locally, with some very welcome and generous support from a few well-wishers in Sherborne St John and Pamber. Apart from the individual donations from villagers, we had support from the Village Hall, the Horticultural Society, the bellringers themselves (from fees they had received), and two village businesses. Our one real fund-raising event, a bridge tea, raised a staggering £1,300. We have also been awarded a grant of up to £3,000 from The Winchester and Portsmouth Guild of Church Bellringers Bell Restoration

Fund, which enables us to cover the VAT without having to borrow, and which we plan to repay when we get the VAT back.

So after only eighteen months, we have gone from zero to completion, with the bells, splendidly refurbished by the excellent Whites of Appleton, back in place and ringing. We are hoping to be able to place a plaque with a list of donors at the back of the church, and there is likely to be a formal re-dedication of the bells in the spring.

Thank you Monk Sherborne.  
*Miles Roberts*

## **Sherborne St John Club**

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# Womens Fellowship

The November meeting was a musical entertainment given by Mrs Carol Edgar, a singer who has gone from strength to strength during her career.

She studied as a mature student while her three children were young, becoming a senior Lecturer and Professional Tutor of Further Education, also organising and teaching City & Guilds Adult Teacher Training, Stress Management and Staff Development.

Twenty years ago Carol rediscovered her beautiful singing voice when she joined a class with Anthony Witt, following which she set up her own group of soloists called 'A Touch of Class'. Carol now sings with Ian Westley's 'Vivace Voices' in the Reading area.

The songs on our programme included renditions from Rogers & Hammerstein, Ivor Novello and Doris Day, some of which required 'help' from the audience. Fortunately, we were assisted by recorded accompaniments by Anthony Witt. One of the songs, 'What a Wonderful World' arranged by Weiss & Tiele, had a more 'Satchmo' quality from some of us, but no-one seemed to mind.

After a very enjoyable and uplifting afternoon, Carol was thanked by Mrs Daphne Thirlwall.

*Rose Cooper*



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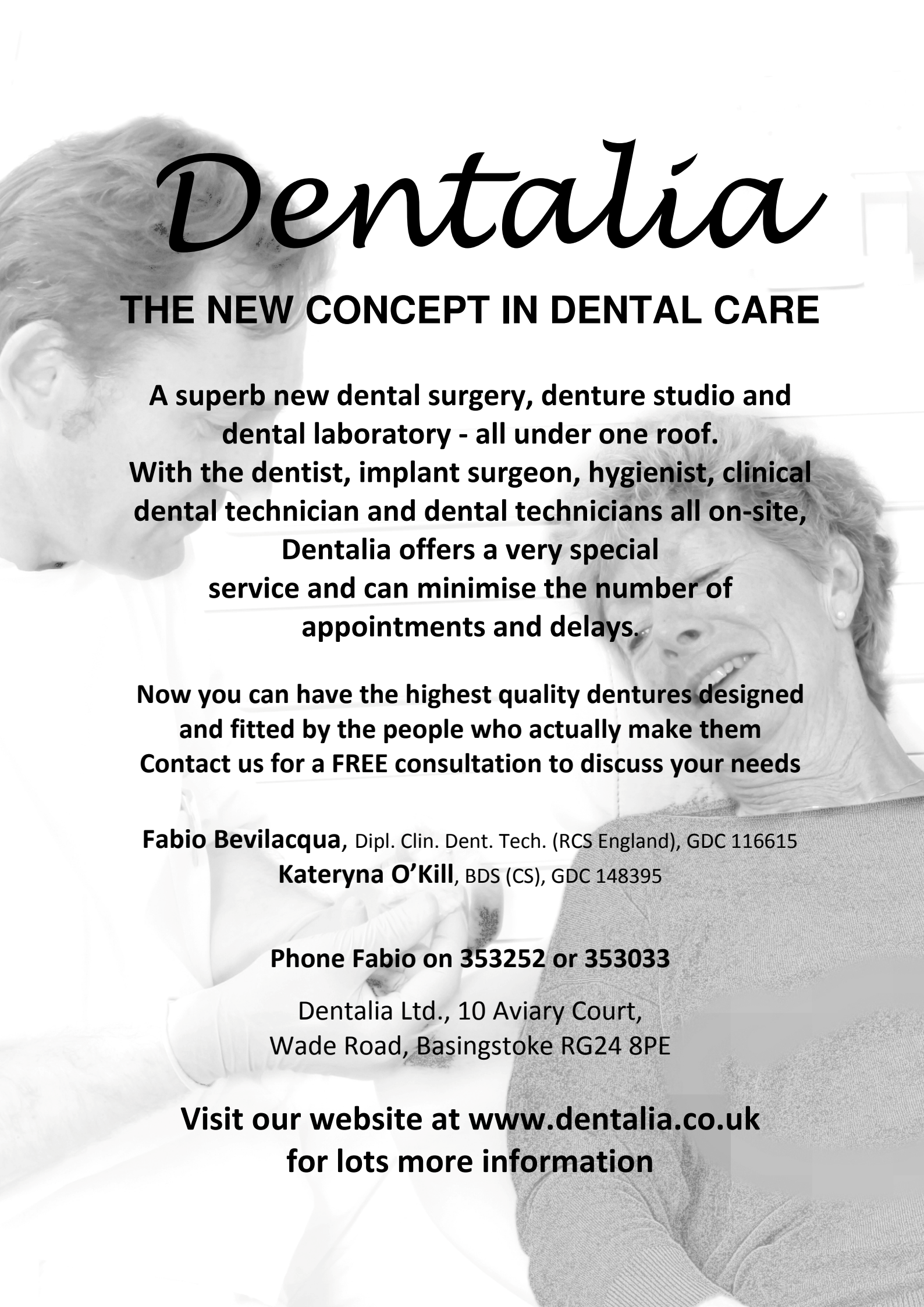
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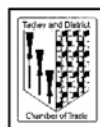
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# The SSJ Neighbourhood Plan



December 2014 / January 2015 Update

The Questionnaire – Congratulations! The questionnaire has now closed and we have received 233 returns. This is over 50% of all homes in the Parish – a really excellent effort.

## The Questionnaire



We are now collating the results – the first feedback should be available via the website [www.ssjvillage.org/neighbourhood-plan.html](http://www.ssjvillage.org/neighbourhood-plan.html) by the time the Villager goes to press at the end of November. If you need to refer back to the questionnaire there is a full copy on the website.

A quick reminder – **the next step in the process will be to talk to interested developers / landowners about their proposals**, and how these can fit in with the Parish's wishes. You will appreciate that this can be a highly contentious

issue, so please be understanding, and remember the starting point - that Basingstoke & Deane will impose their decision on us if we do nothing and don't forget that we are looking at

- a limited number of houses
- reflecting the wishes and requirements identified by the Survey and The Questionnaire
- over the period of 15 years to 2029.

The Steering Committee will ensure transparency throughout the process.

Housing Needs Survey. We have just received the first draft of the Housing Needs Survey, compiled by Action Hampshire. The full results require interpretation; however, they suggest:

- A majority in favour of a small development in SSJ
- A common desire to maintain the integrity of SSJ as a rural village / separate entity.

The full results will be presented to the Parish Council shortly, and will then be made available on the website.

**Then what?** When the information from

the Questionnaire has been reviewed, we will hold a **Consultation Feedback Exhibition** and a **Consultation on the Draft Options**. This will take place in early 2015 (please watch the website and noticeboards for more details), before writing a Draft Neighbourhood Plan based on the Questionnaire and the further consultation.

At the same time we will continue to collect data of - birds, butterflies and moths, other insects, mammals, reptiles and amphibians, flowering plants, ferns, mosses, liverworts, lichens and fungi - for a **Wildlife Map of Sherborne St John**.

We are currently looking for interested volunteers to assist with this - if you would like to help, please get in touch with Penny Mayo, Clerk to SSJ Parish Council at [ssjclerk@gmail.com](mailto:ssjclerk@gmail.com) or 07714 770 940.

... and finally, don't forget, more and more background information on the SSJ Neighbourhood Plan at [www.ssjvillage.org/neighbourhood-plan.html](http://www.ssjvillage.org/neighbourhood-plan.html)

*Julian Crawley*

# Willis Museum Project, 50 years on

## A remarkable project fifty years on

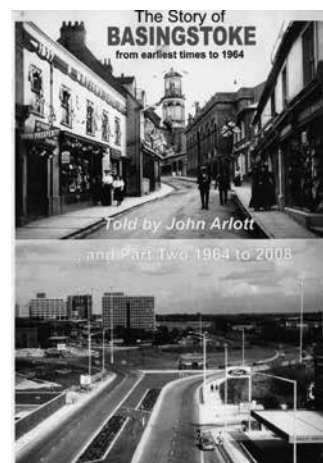
A remarkable local project – and fund raiser – has just achieved a fiftieth anniversary. What became part one of The story of Basingstoke DVD sponsored by the Friends of the Willis Museum was launched as a tape/slide presentation before a packed audience at Queen Mary's Grammar School on November 11, 1964.

Made for the WEA by architect and staunch Willis Museum supporter Derek Wren, it covered the whole history of Basingstoke up to the plan to make it a London overspill town. Success was instant, resounding and lasting, thanks to Derek's authoritative but easily followed script, to the high quality slides, mostly photographed by Derek himself, and because the script was read by Basingstoke's famous broadcaster John Arlott.

In 1991 the presentation was turned into a VHS video, and in 2008 it was digitally re-mastered as a DVD by David Mann. Derek enhanced the story to 1964 with re-drawn maps and additional archive illustrations, and David Mann added a second part to bring it up to date, using more of Derek's photos, this time with captions and music but without spoken narrative, for who could compete with the voice of John Arlott in part one? Part two powerfully evokes the "before", "during" and "after" of the re-development period, and finishes on a positive note about the Basingstoke of today, whilst Derek's photos of a much changed town in part one now comprise a valuable archive in themselves.

Hundreds of copies have been sold so far at the Willis Museum, at Waterstone's, Basingstoke and other local outlets, raising funds that the

Friends of the Willis, a registered charity, use to improve the museum; these have helped with enhancements to the fabric, and with the purchase of exhibits and equipment, and will help with major improvements yet to come.



# Bert's Blog



Do I need this brolly or not, is the sun going to shine or is the rain going to wash my fur coat? Last week I almost needed an extra fur coat, then the

one I had was too hot! I know I am only a dog but a bit of consistency would not go amiss. The boss says the same and bitterly complains about the rain, I know just how he feels – too many baths can drive a man mad. At least with the big wash outside there are no bubbles and I don't end up smelling like a woofter, but paws for thought, my feet are clean, my coat is washed, rinsed and soft and I can dry naturally, even though the Mrs turns her nose up at my natural wet dog perfume. This time of year brings an added extra – sometimes I am allowed to lie in front of a nice warm fire but only when the Mrs is not around to get a whiff of my aroma and only, of course, when the boss has struck this strange stick and made flames appear indoors. As you read this I expect you will be thinking about another strange act – that of bringing a real tree indoors which ends up looking strangely useful to me but is always out of bounds and adorned with all sorts of paraphernalia, some edible and some not. I know because I have tried a few. ... which, last year, caused a rather large contretemps but I eventually found a nicely wrapped chew beneath the tree. However trouble struck as apparently I had found it too soon – before the day when a strange white bearded guy in red manages to squeeze down the chimney without burning himself. All in all I think I am safer outside under the umbrella!

# Bus Service News

Hampshire County Council (HCC) have announced a further forum is to be held on December 3 at which the savings to be made to the transport budget in the next financial year will be announced. The Parish Council will be represented by Mike Walker and Ted Wilkinson. At the time of writing we are not expecting any reductions to the route 2 service to SSJ, in fact quite the reverse is our hope.

However, it is likely there will be confirmation that the start time for seniors' bus passes will be changed from 9.00 to 9.30 in line with national policy sometime in 2015. Since there is no service on Cranes Road / Elm Road in this half hour period the change will only impact those passengers using A340 only services currently running during that time.

Parish Council representation at the meetings is important as it helps us to develop a good relationship with Basingstoke and Deane's public transport department. They have been responsible for the trial of later buses and are very supportive in getting more buses diverted into the SSJ village from the A340. We understand that the results of the late bus trial so far are encouraging and so they might become permanent (these are not dependent on support of HCC).

**Whilst it would be beneficial for most users to get further route 2 journeys diverted through the village in the New Year we are conscious that this might inconvenience those residing on the Aldermaston Road between Elm Bottom and Dixon's Corner. If you are affected please let us know.**

We will particularly be targeting:

**Additional services from Basingstoke:**  
Mon – Sat 18.50, 20.00 and 21.40 Sun 19.05

**Additional services to Basingstoke:**  
Mon – Sat 20.07, 21.17 and 22.27

Sun 18.00, 19.00 and 19.56 (times are estimated at Manor Road).

**The Parish Council is seeking to have the late trial 22.55 bus from town, and the two journeys into town at 17.51 and 18.48, which were introduced in August, made permanent and all running on Mon- Sat.**

The additional services through the village will greatly increase the opportunity for residents to use the bus for hospital visiting, later shopping in Basingstoke or Tadley, meals out, visits to the Haymarket or Anvil and importantly family visiting. In our research we discovered several instances of grandchildren visiting grandparents and vice versa, also visitors to The Grange and some staff on whom the current bus service has imposed restrictions on the shifts they can work.

The extra days for the 22.55 service will directly impact the operating costs so we will have little chance of success unless a reasonable level of use is currently being made of the Fri – Sat only trial which is due to end about March / April 2015.

Any suggestions or comments will be most welcome.

Mike Walker 01256 889884  
mikewalker.gwork@gmail.com

Ted Wilkinson 01256 850891  
ted\_wilkinson@btinternet.com

# Poems

Where has the meaning of Christmas gone  
Over the last few years.  
When families gathered and shared their joy  
And company banished tears.  
Then it was sharing the meagre and few  
And delight as each simple thing appears  
Each one you met smiled and called "Happy Christmas"  
And you eagerly anticipated THE DAY  
Grouped round the table, all full of laughter,  
Everyone had nice things to say

But now all the worry of not looking mean  
Has ousted the joy and aplomb.  
With dad out of work and maybe mum to  
From where is the money to come.  
Children no longer contented with 'seconds'  
Or happy with 'make-do' and 'mend'  
Winging and whining 'bout what they've not got  
and envious of so-called friends

Once it was small gifts  
And greetings and laughter and care.  
Now it's all money and what it can buy,  
The true meaning of Christmas is no longer there.  
For CHRIST come to show us how to love and to share  
And though poor, you can still hear HIS call.  
Not for riches or wealth or money galore  
But a heart full of love for all

*Joan Brandon*

The best smell to me has always been the furrowed earth.  
Follow the tracks of the plough; breathe in the deep, earthy,  
chestnut colour.

Bend and squeeze the earth in your hand, breathe and feel  
the warmth between your fingers, a warmth you won't feel  
anywhere else, and you will never forget.

Ask the Ghillie and he will guide you to the greatest taste,  
a jar on string in the right position, the taste of crystal clear  
water from the stream.

Take yourself to the counties of Lincolnshire, Norfolk and  
Cambridgeshire and see the sky stretch from one side to  
the other.

The food growing on that land to feed us. No better sight  
will you see.

From fields of food to forests of trees and plants, the life of  
insects and the life of birds. Sleep al fresco to be awoken by  
the Dawn Chorus, no better sound will you hear.

*Harry Arthur Vickery*

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## Probus Hears From a Legal Eagle

The Probus Club of Basingstoke, the social club for retired professional and business managers, heard Ann Orr update the legal situation about some matters that had changed in the six years since her last visit. Working for Collective Legal Solutions, the largest independent legal service providers in the UK meant that she was an expert about problems that can sometimes surround the matter of inheritance.

There is a danger that having made a Will, it is safely put away until the time it is required, but her recommendation is that a Will is reviewed at least every five years to check that it is up to date and fit for purpose. One specific benefit of such reviews was that it is a simple check that the solicitor was still conducting business and had not moved

location. And seeing the original Will is important as a copy is not considered a legal document. Any appearance of grandchildren should give good cause to revisit the Will to properly target any inheritance. She also said that if anyone remarried then their Will prior to that event would be null and void and a new document would be needed.

A surprise to most of the audience was that any property owned abroad cannot be included in an English Will as a separate Will is required to be written in the country where the property is situated.

Consideration should also be given to incorporating medical decisions in a Lasting Power of Attorney. The rights involving dispensing of medication were

explained and any individual wishes will need to be included within the LPA. Monetary considerations if a partner enters a care home were highlighted together with possible funding implications and to what extent assets will be taken into account.

The rules surrounding Probate were outlined and there are considerable pricing differences for executive services provided by banks compared to solicitors or specialist company executors.

More details about the activities of the Probus Club of Basingstoke can be seen on their web site [www.probusbasingstoke.webs.com](http://www.probusbasingstoke.webs.com) or ring their Secretary Paul Flint for an informal chat on 07770 886521.

# Think WARMTH across

## Basingstoke & Deane to save lives this winter

Older people, their families, friends and neighbours need to think WARMTH across the local area this winter to save lives, leading home care provider Bluebird Care (Hook) has urged.

As the weather starts to get colder, Bluebird Care is sending out the strong message that cold weather can kill – and is urging people around the country to prepare for the winter with some simple steps to stay warm and safe. Last winter was one of the coldest on record with 31,000 additional deaths where two thirds (25,600) were accounted for by over-75s, according to figures from the Office of National Statistics. In March this year, one of the coldest in fifty years, 1,582 people died each day because of extreme weather. In Basingstoke & Deane, the Office of National Statistics recorded 70 excess winter deaths.

The threat of another severe winter has lead Bluebird Care (Hook) to issue a reminder for people to prepare for the cold weather. Bluebird Care (Hook) is urging the public to think **WARMTH** this winter.

### **Wrap Up** indoors and outdoors.

Wearing extra layers indoors can help you keep warm. If you need to go outside, sturdy shoes with good grip or attachable grips to wear over your shoes can help prevent falls, and an insulated waterproof coat will help keep you warm and dry.

**Alert** Keep an eye on the weather forecast and stock up with nutritious food and speak to your GP about medicine in advance of a cold snap. If you have vulnerable neighbours, try and check up on them during cold weather.

**Risk** Minimise the risk of falls or becoming ill by taking the weather into account when you plan activity when severe weather is forecast. Plan ahead for the cold weather by talking to your GP about getting a flu jab, and talking to your neighbours about clearing snow in front of your home.

**Money** Winter bills can be very expensive. Make sure that you're receiving all of the benefits you're eligible for. In addition to the Winter Fuel Payments (Helpline 0845 915 1515), if it gets very cold you could be entitled to additional

Cold Weather Payments (Helpline 0800 731 7898). [www.gov.uk/browse/benefits/heating](http://www.gov.uk/browse/benefits/heating)

**Temperature** Keep your bedroom heated to 18°C (64°F) and your living room around 21°C (70°F). If you prefer to heat just your living room during the day, to keep you warm through the night try heating your bedroom just before you go to sleep.

**Hot Meals** One hot meal a day, and hot drinks throughout the day can help to keep you warm. Eating nutritious food regularly can help to keep up your energy levels and support your immune system in the cold weather.

Commenting, Phil Miles, Director said: "We love to talk about the weather in this country, but we are often unaware of the real threat to life that our winters can cause for older and vulnerable people.

"Our winters can be quite sudden and catch us off guard, which means people have little time to take precautions against the cold. It's important to start planning for the cold weather now by taking simple

precautions like making sure you are getting any benefits you're entitled to, speaking to your neighbours about how to cope with heavy snow or ice, and talking to your GP about getting your flu jab.

"We're also urging people across Basingstoke & Deane to make sure that they keep in regular contact with their friends and neighbours to make sure that they stay safe this winter. Simple measures like helping a neighbour stock up on food ahead of a cold snap could save them from a nasty fall if they try to venture out in bad weather. If anyone would like further advice on coping with the cold weather, please contact Bluebird Care (Hook) on 01256 762324 for advice.

"After our long warm summer and autumn we must not be complacent about the upcoming winter. We're urging everyone to think WARMTH this winter and to help to prevent the thousands of needless cold weather deaths each year."

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A recent ruling confirmed that for the purpose of calculating holiday pay, commissions earned by an employee had to be taken into account when working out holiday pay. The issue that was left outstanding related to whether or not non-guaranteed overtime also formed part of an employee's remuneration for the purposes of calculating the amount of holiday pay they should receive. This decision was left to the Employment Appeals Tribunal (EAT) to decide and they have ruled that, "Yes it does."

Employers have traditionally only based holiday pay calculations on basic pay. Some employers even employ staff on a part-time basis and get them to make up their hours with overtime specifically to keep down their holiday pay liability to part-time pay only. Well no more – employers will now have to include both commission and over-time when calculating holiday on the basis of "a week's pay" under the provisions of the Working Time Regulations.

The other matter that was considered in this landmark case by the EAT related to claims for back dated holiday pay. Clearly there is potential for these to arise thick and fast. There has been some effort to limit such claims by suggesting that where there has been more than a 3 month gap between underpayments of holiday pay, then the right to claim back payment of arrears of holiday pay will be lost. This would limit any claim for arrears of holiday pay to holiday that was taken within the last 3 months plus any other holiday that fell within the 3 months preceding that. Watch this space, however, as this will no doubt be appealed.

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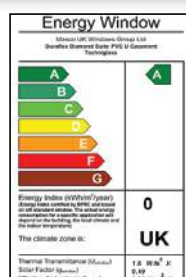
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