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Editorial



Treacle Fair

LODDON VALLEY LIONS CLUB staged their 36th annual Treacle Fair at Saunders Field, Tadley on Sunday 4th June. The weatherman was reasonably kind and a large crowd enjoyed the many and varied attractions. The event raised £9000 which will be used for charitable purposes and the main beneficiaries this year will be Sebastian Action Trust and Tadley Citizens Advice Bureau.

Our thanks to our many sponsors and all those who attended on the day.

Ken Williamson, Loddon Valley Lions



Clift Surgery News

Patients' Participation Group

The Surgery is in the process of installing a new telephone answerphone system. This may not seem like headline news but a user-friendly, time-saving answerphone is the first step in making booking an appointment that bit easier. It is the patient's first point of contact with the surgery and therefore of great importance. If you have any views about the present system or suggestions for the new one, please contact us by telephone or via the Virtual Group.

On the subject of the Virtual Group, I have had some questions about its purpose and its communication skills. Our IT guru, Steve Myers has been away on holiday, but will be working on the website. Please can I repeat last month's plea to sign up to it.

We are getting a new nurse, starting in June. Initially she will be working one day a week and her speciality is respiratory problems - which may come in handy as the pollen count rises!

Vicky Clarke

The Vyne Roof Renovation



Photographs showing the addition of insulation to the roof and chipping away render for the brickwork renovation.

Chris Pound

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Future Events

July 2017

1	Afternoon Tea at Carlyle House, Ramsdell Rd, Monk Sherborne aiding St Michael's Hospice	3pm onwards
3	Pelican Film Society, Suite Francaise, The Ark Conference Centre, Guests welcome £6	7.30pm
4	SSJ Women's Fellowship Strawberry Tea, SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
8	SSJ Parish Council invites you to Picnic on the Green starting with Cream Teas from 3pm	3.00 – 10.00pm
8 & 9	Ramsdell Open Gardens aiding Christ Church, Ramsdell. Tickets from d.finch21@btinternet.com	2 – 5pm
10	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall	10.00-11.30am
11	Royal British Legion Bramley & Dist. Branch next meeting at Cross House, Bramley	7.30pm
24	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall	10.00-11.30am
24	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion. (Planning meeting 7pm)	7.30pm
26 - 28	Sherbornes & Pamber Bible Holiday Club, Chute Pavilion, SSJ. Wild West themed	9.15 – 12.00
30	Sherbornes & Pamber Bible Holiday Club, St Andrews Church, SSJ www.swp.churchbuilder.org.uk	10.00am

August 2017

1	SSJ Women's Fellowship 'Where & What is That in Hampshire' SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
7	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall	10.00-11.30am
21	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall	10.00-11.30am

September 2017

3	Monk Sherborne Village Fete	12 noon
4	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall	10.00-11.30am
4	Pelican Film Society, Sully, The Ark Conference Centre, Guests welcome £6	7.30pm
4	Loddon Valley Lions Charity Golf Day at Bishopswood Golf Club. Enquiries: 0845 833 7494	
5	SSJ Women's Fellowship - Annual Outing, Location to be advised	
16	Felix Fund Live Music Festival, Brickledons Farm, Silchester. Tickets from www.felixfestival.co.uk	
16-24	Sherborne St John Village Scarecrow Competition	
18	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall	10.00-11.30am
24	Organ Recital in aid of RadCan, Pamber Priory	3pm
25	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion. (Planning meeting 7pm)	7.30pm

October 2017

2	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall	10.00-11.30am
2	Pelican Film Society, The Eagle Huntress, The Ark Conference Centre, Guests welcome £6	7.30pm
3	SSJ Women's Fellowship 'A Year in the Life of a New Forest Pony' SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
6	Royal British Legion Dinner, SSJ Village Hall. Tickets £24 – non-members welcome	7.00 for 7.30pm
7	Dads and Tots, Sherborne St John Village Hall, £2 per family, Tel. Scott 416272	8.00am – 9.30am
16	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall	10.00-11.30am
23	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion. (Planning meeting 7pm)	7.30pm
30	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall	10.00-11.30am

November 2017

6	Pelican Film Society, Lion, The Ark Conference Centre, Guests welcome £6	7.30pm
7	SSJ Women's Fellowship 'The Miracle Flower' SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
13	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall	10.00-11.30am
27	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall	10.00-11.30am
27	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion. (Planning meeting 7pm)	7.30pm

December 2017

2	Dads and Tots, Sherborne St John Village Hall, £2 per family, Tel. Scott 416272	8.00 – 9.30am
5	SSJ Women's Fellowship Christmas Lunch. Details to be advised	
11	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall	10.00-11.30am
18	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion. (Planning meeting 7pm)	7.30pm

Church Matters July & August

“Holidays are here again....” goes the familiar ditty with its jolly tune and I suppose more words, though I cannot remember what they are! There is usually something rather cheerful about this time of year – at any rate *before* we go on holiday. The thought of a break, we hope in warm & lazy surroundings, does much to raise the spirits. Indeed I sometimes think that the prospect of a holiday, the anticipation of a lifting of the pressures under which we labour the rest of the year, is often better than the holiday itself.

Holidays do have a number of built-in problems there’s no doubt. First, the anticipation is never quite fulfilled, even in the best of them. What looked so lovely in the brochure turns out to fall short of what we had hoped for. The food is bad or the bed is uncomfortable, or the weather is atrocious. What we thought it was going to be so relaxing turns out to be productive of a fair amount of tension.

I remember going on a narrowboat holiday years ago. It looked truly lovely – lazing around on deck reading a book while beautiful countryside drifted past! It turned out to be anything but. For one thing it rained a lot of the time, but on a circular route you had to keep going, which meant getting soaking wet with little opportunity to dry off. The rope got snagged in the propeller, there seemed to be an endless number of locks to negotiate, collisions were only narrowly avoided, cooking facilities were inadequate and so on! By the end of day 3 we had to hold a “stress conference” to see if we could reduce the tension level. It was partially successful.

Holidays are often advertised as an ‘escape’ but they can never really be that. We have to take ourselves after all. And many people take their mobile phones ...! We need to preach a bit of reality to ourselves and prepare to be disappointed. That way it won’t be too bad if we are. No holiday can be perfect, whatever the brochure says! And not

only that but no holiday can last. So often we are somehow unprepared for this: we long for the holiday and when it arrives we enjoy it. But then we’ve got to go back to work with no prospect of another one. It is a reminder that lasting and perfect happiness is found in heaven. That never comes to an end.

On one occasion Jesus said to his disciples “Come apart with me and rest awhile”¹. He makes that same invitation to us today if we are Christian believers. Perhaps we should ask what space do we make for him on our holidays? Amidst all the fun do we give him time? What about unhurried reading of the Bible or a helpful Christian book? What about the chance to think things through as in his presence? How about finding a keen church to attend while we’re away? Such things make a big difference and their benefit lasts.

Holidays are here again. Have a good one.

John Hamilton

¹ Mark 6:31



Services for July

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

2 July

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

9 July

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

16 July

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

23 July

10am	Morning Service & Children's activity	St Andrew's
10am	Morning Service	Priory
6pm	'Sundays at Six' with Lord's Supper	Sherborne St John Village Hall

30 July

10am	Holiday Club in Church	St Andrew's
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SUNDAY MORNINGS at 10AM:

2 Jul	The Lost Ark 1	1 Samuel 4	John Hamilton
9 Jul	The Lost Ark 2	1 Samuel 5	Scott Seivewright & Andrew King
16 Jul	The world's way	1 Samuel 6	Andrew King
23 Jul	Effective leadership	1 Samuel 7	John Hamilton & Andy Spence
30 Jul	Holiday Club		Scott Seivewright

SUNDAYS AT SIX:

2 Jul	Teach & Discuss	Immigration: more than one Christian attitude?	Scott Seivewright
9 Jul	Don't lose heart	2 Corinthians 4:1-12	Steve Howe
16 Jul	Whether home or away	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:10	John Hamilton
23 Jul	Christ's Ambassadors	2 Corinthians 5:11-6:2	John Hamilton

MIDWEEK

Home Groups meet on the weeks of Tuesday 4 & 18 July.

We meet for Central Fellowship on Tuesday 11 July. Coffee at 7.45pm
followed by Bible study discussion and prayer; finish at 9pm

Services for August

6 August

10am Family Communion St Andrew's

13 August

10am Morning service for all St Andrew's

20 August

10am Morning service for all St Andrew's

27 August

10am Morning service for all St Andrew's

AUGUST SERMONS

6 Aug	Why did Sarah laugh?	Genesis 18:13	Rob Bowen
13 Aug	Looking in a mirror	James 1:23	Andy Spence
20 Aug	At the Name of Jesus	Philippians 2:10	Steve Howe
27 Aug	There is one body	Ephesians 4:4	Scott Seivewright

Roman Catholic Services (Tel: 819772)

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

Weekday Mass

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

* Time & Venue could vary

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SHERBORNE ST JOHN PARISH COUNCIL

This month's council meeting was held on Monday 22nd May at the Chute Pavilion.

Neighbourhood Plan

Following the vote to accept the Neighbourhood Plan at the Referendum on 4th May, I can confirm that it was formally adopted by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council on 18th May. This means that the Plan now takes on full material weight and gives the Parish Council more control over any development in the village, and the power to object to any planning requests that are not in line with the Neighbourhood Plan.

Our first action is to ensure that the planning submission for the Cranes Road development, which formed part of the Plan, adheres to the types and maximum number of houses required. The current draft submission was reviewed in an extended Planning Meeting before the full meeting on 22nd and detailed feedback provided to Basingstoke and Deane.

Roads

The state of the roads both within and surrounding the village continue to cause concern. The Parish Council have informed Hampshire County Council about the junction of Cranes Road, Elm Road and Kiln Road and this is on the list to fix this summer. We continue to apply pressure to HCC, despite their budget cuts, to undertake these, and repairs to Vyne Road from the village all the way to Bramley, sooner rather than later.

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

Traffic

Speeding traffic through the village is also a major worry for parishioners. The Council have already begun a review of possible traffic calming for the A340 / West End and are looking to use Section 106 funding from the Cranes Road development to fund this and further initiatives to deter speeding motorists throughout the village.

Concerned about speeding? We do have a mobile speed camera operated by a team of volunteer villagers primarily along the Vyne Road near to Bob's Farm. If anyone is willing to gather some friends and spare some time to form other teams, it would help to deploy this device more frequently and catch or deter offenders in other parts of the village. Training will be provided. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Village Bus Service

You will have read in previous Villagers that the Parish Council has expressed concern over the lack of passengers using the no.22 service, which serves the hospital and town, from the village. Stagecoach look to run profitable routes and the service has now been reduced dramatically and only operates from around 9:30am to 1:30pm Monday to Saturday only.

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

Allotments

One of our allotments has become available unexpectedly. If anyone is interested in renting it please get in touch with the Parish Clerk.

Village Party

And finally, don't forget that this year's Village Party is on Saturday 8th July. Bring your own food, drink, gazebos etc. and enjoy the entertainment – and it's all free!

We are here to help you. If there are any matters or problems you wish to bring to the attention of the Parish Council, please contact the Parish Clerk, Penny Mayo at ssjclerk@gmail.com.

Cllr Carl Davies

Postcard from... The Isle of Man



The Isle of Man may not be an obvious holiday destination for travellers from the South of England. However, the Tourist found him/herself there for a long weekend in May. The weather was variable at best but, nevertheless the Island proved to be a little gem, 'hiding' (so to speak) in the middle of the Irish Sea.

There are two ways to get there - by boat from Liverpool / Birkenhead or Heysham, or fly. Ronaldsway Airport is a windy space, which provided an efficient, informal welcome to this self-governing British Crown Dependency, arriving (as we did) from London Gatwick. Located near to the southern end of the island, we set off immediately from the airport to explore the Calf of Man and the Sound that separates it from the main island. A pleasant open green space with a cafe from which admire the view.

The Isle of Man is relatively empty - with the same overall population as Basingstoke distributed over an island 30 miles long by 10 miles wide. Comparing it with (say) the Channel Islands is pointless, this is altogether a much bigger canvas with much more space, which is

really beneficial for the wildlife. Over a long weekend it was possible to see red-beaked Choughs, Hen Harriers, Marsh Harriers, Plovers, Gannets, Arctic Terns, as well as buzzards, wagtails and other more common species.

The history of Man is strongly influenced by the Celts, and the Vikings who visited frequently. It was alternately part of Scotland and England. Peel, on the West Coast, boasts an imaginative museum recording life in earlier times, and across the road, you can purchase your kippers from the Manx Smokery.

The Tynwald (Parliament) dates from 979 AD and is formed of the (upper) Legislative Council and the lower, elected, House of Keys, overseen by the Lieutenant Governor - the Queen's representative on the island.

In general, the terrain is hilly with rolling countryside and a 2000ft mountain - Snaefell - in the centre of the island. The Northern tip is altogether flatter - formed of ice-age boulder clay and coastal shingle terraces, providing the perfect nesting terrain for sea-birds to colonise. With binoculars to hand, we

watched the sea-birds protecting their young while the wind whistled past the lighthouse and other buildings at the Point of Ayr.

A further bonus is the acceptance of National Trust membership, providing UK members free entrance to the Island's attractions. For those with an engineering bent, the Great Laxey Wheel (between Ramsey and the capital Douglas) is without doubt a most impressive piece of Victorian Engineering. Built in 1854, this is the nearest thing to perpetual motion you are ever likely to see. Water pumped out of the (now closed) Laxey Mine (copper, zinc, lead, tin) is channeled half a mile down the hillside to power the 22m diameter wheel - which in turn moves a long well-greased wooden piston that runs half a mile back up the hillside, to power the lift pumps that remove the water from the Laxey Mine. In addition, there is also the Electric Tram, the Steam Railway and the Mountain Railway to enjoy.

Lots to do, plenty of unspoilt nature to enjoy, and I haven't even mentioned the famous TT motorcycle races.

The Tourist.

Monk Sherborne Village Fete

Sunday, 3rd September 2017 12 noon MS Village Recreation Ground

So get your fruit and vegetables ready. There will be games, side shows, a BBQ, teas, cakes, PIMMS and beer.

Here are the categories for the fruit and veg competition. Don't be shy if you are worried your veggies are not up to scratch - you could be happily surprised. This is not a show for the professional exhibitor; it's just for fun and the more the merrier.

Vegetables

1. Five potatoes
2. Five large or medium tomatoes
3. Five cherry or plum tomatoes
4. Three carrots
5. Three leeks
6. Two courgettes
7. Five beans (any sort)

Fruit

8. Five apples (any sort)
9. Dish of raspberries
10. Three figs
11. Five pears (any sort)

Novelty

12. Heaviest marrow or courgette
13. Heaviest carrot
14. Ugliest vegetable
15. Longest runner bean

Children's classes

20. A miniature garden
21. A flower arrangement
22. A Mr Potato head
23. A painting
24. Best scarecrow

Flowers

16. A vase of five flowers (any one sort)
17. Two roses
18. A flower arrangement (60cms diam max)
19. Three dahlias

Home cooking

25. A chocolate cake (men only)
26. A fruit cake
27. A jar of jam
28. A jar of marmalade

Pamber Parish Council Notes for Pamber End and Pamber Green

Pamber Parish Council met on Monday June 12th for its monthly meeting.

Planning applications:

17/01726/OOBC

Outline planning permission for the erection of up to 64 dwellings, together with garages, parking areas, access roads, footpaths, landscaping, surface water swales and associated ancillary development. Matters to be considered: Access. West Berkshire Council contact name: Bob Dray Ref: 17/00852/OUTMAJ Please note the decision on this application is made by West Berkshire Council. Land at Pelican Road, Pamber Heath. **Objection**

17/01626/LDPO

Certificate of lawfulness for the proposed construction of first floor rear dormer. Hartsholm, Silchester Road, Little London

17/01568/FUL

Erection of a cattery and 1.8m high fence following demolition of outbuildings. Cob Cottage, Aldermaston Road, Pamber End. **Objection**

T/00199/17/TCA

T1 Ash - pollard to a standing stem at 4m in height. Iona Winston Avenue Tadley

Planning decisions

17/01249/FUL

Erection of replacement dwelling and detached double garage following demolition of existing bungalow and repositioning of driveway entrance (amended scheme to that approved under 16/04386/FUL to alter proposed floor level and raise roof height) 8 Clappsgate Road, Pamber Heath **REFUSED**

17/01226/GPDE

Erection of a single storey rear extension (Permitted development notification) Queensbridge, New Road, Pamber Green **GRANTED**

17/01037/HSE

Garage Conversion and Porch Boarsbridge Cottage, Bramley Road, Little London **GRANTED**

17/01031/GPDOFF

Notification of proposed change of use of Class B1(a) office to Class C3 (dwelling house) consisting of 1 no. three bed dwelling. Wakeford Farm House, Aldermaston Road, Pamber End **GRANTED**

15/04527/OUT

Outline planning permission for erection of 1 no. dwelling to provide staff accommodation for riding school, with all matters reserved except for access, following demolition of hay shed/toilet and tack shed. Pamber Green Riding School, New Road, Pamber Green **GRANTED**

Council Election.

The election to fill the two South Ward vacancies was held on Thursday June 1st at St. Stephen's Hall, Little London. Consult the website for details of who the new Councillors for Pamber Parish are.

Neighbourhood Plan.

After the presentation on Neighbourhood Planning at May's annual meeting, the Council debated the merits of a Neighbourhood Plan for Pamber and it was decided that, given the feeling amongst parishioners, it should

be looked into. Representatives from the Council will meet with a company who specializes in Neighbourhood Plans to look at the most cost effective options available and further details about this will be presented at September's monthly meeting.

Police.

Aimee Scott Molloy, the local Beat Officer to Pamber, has been redeployed suddenly to Whitchurch. The Council are hugely grateful for how responsive and efficient she has been during her year here and she will be missed.

The next Council meeting will be held at the Memorial Hall on Monday 11th September at 7.30pm.

Have a wonderful summer!
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Notes from Pamber Green and Pamber End

Things seem to have been rather quiet of late. Maybe it's just that everything in life seems overshadowed by the recent frequent trips to the polling station. Voting for the Parish Council vacancy elections are still to come in as I write this article with 3 candidates standing in the ballot, the first fought for many years. Whoever wins, at least this time parishioners will have had their say.

The Landlord at The Plough Inn, Little London, Terry Brown, deservedly received the CAMRA best pub in North East Hampshire award. Members of CAMRA arrived at The Plough on a vintage bus to make the presentation. Well done Terry.

St Stephens Village Hall has applied to the Calor Rural Community Fund for a grant of £1,000. Voting has been ongoing up until 26th June to try to secure sufficient votes to successfully be awarded a grant which will be used for materials and some expert labour to install proper guttering and to replace part of the rotten wooden façade.

The next Parish Council meeting date is 10th July at Pamber Heath Memorial Hall. No meeting will be held in August but 11th September sees the following meeting held at St Stephen's Village Hall.

The buzzards in Mariners Copse continue to make themselves known even though their young must by now have fledged. They are very vocal, which is usually a better sign as the moment they become silent they are likely to swoop down for the attack. Whilst they do not usually make contact, they can get quite frighteningly close so a stick at hand to force them to leave some distance is to be advised. Hopefully, by the time I next write they will have given up.

Basingclog Morris Men will be at the Calleva Arms, Silchester on 25th July and will be joined by the Hook Eagles at The Plough, Little London on Tuesday 5th September. Kennet Morris will be at the Calleva Arms on Monday July 17th with guests Theale Tattoo at 8pm and at The Plough Inn at 8pm on Monday 14th

August. Try and get there and enjoy an evening's entertainment and a pint.

The Basingstoke Festival which continues through to 15th July with a vibrant programme of events taking place at venues across the Borough for all ages to enjoy. More news can be found at <http://www.basingstokefestival.co.uk/> and a visit is to be recommended.

Don't forget the quiz at the Plough, Little London every 3rd Monday in the month starting around 8.30pm. A thoroughly enjoyable evening can be had with a contribution of 50p per person for the quiz. Maybe a Pamber team could take on the might of other local teams!

Ann Ellis

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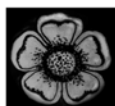
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The deadline for the Villager articles dictates that I am writing this with some trepidation at the beginning of June, when the wind is rattling the window frames and the children are having 'wet playtimes' due to the rain! Therefore dare I hope that by the end of the month we will be able to hold our Sports Day in sunshine at the Chute Recreation Ground, and that we can walk across the fields to the Vyne to look at the roof repairs without the need for waterproofs and wellies?

Despite the weather, rehearsals are in full flow for this year's Junior Production of 'Peter Pan'. The stage is up, the backdrops are painted and the costumes and props are being prepared – we have a whole tribe of Indians, a frolic of fairies and a pandemonium of pirates as well as a small legion of lost boys, all in good voice for the performances in July.

Whilst the country went to vote in the General Election on 8th June, we held our own School Elections. Children in Class 4 formed five 'political' parties – the Other Hand Party, the Jolliffe Believers, Penney's Party, the Preserver's Party and Britain's Helpful party - and prepared their manifestos, slogans and posters. The party leaders delivered their election speeches to the whole school and the ballot box was set up for everyone to vote. Congratulations to all of the parties, and especially the winners, Penney's Party. Future politicians in the making?!

For some weeks we have had a large sheep in the corner of the classroom for Class 4. 'Dolly', as she has been nicknamed by the members of staff old enough to understand the joke, has now been decorated to represent the school and she was taken to Winchester Cathedral where she met up with 11 other sheep in the grazing area at the back of the Cathedral for the Leavers' Service in June as part of a Diocesan initiative called 'Ewe Matter'. The Year 6 children prepared designs for the decoration and painted the trees that represented the school and then each pupil left a thumb print as a leaf on the



tree. The biggest challenge, however, was manoeuvring the sheep onto the coach and then through the streets of Winchester to the Cathedral – a sight which, I am sure, amused a number of tourists in the town!

Thank you to everyone who supported our School Summer Fete on 10th June.

We had great fun playing all the games, enjoying burgers from the barbeque and watching the Judo and Dance displays. Thank you too to all the parents and children who manned the stalls and helped to make it a successful afternoon.

As the term draws to a close, we say a sad farewell to our Year 6 pupils and wish them well in their secondary schools. We have a Leavers' Service in St Andrew's Church at the end of term, and their final act at the school will be the traditional ringing of the school bell. Have a wonderful holiday – and let's hope that the weather is better!

Sherbert – SSJ School Villager Correspondent

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Programme of Events

12.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. Set up of own use gazebos, chairs and tables on the Village Green

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3.00 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

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4.00 p.m – 4.30 p.m.

Magic Show

4.30 p.m - 6.00 p.m.

Magic Workshop – Try your Hand !

4.30 p.m

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Jazz Band

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The Priory School



This year we have been making the most of our National Trust membership, kindly provided to us by the Parents' Association. Here are some members of Year 6 to tell you more about our most recent visit....

Year 6 Vyne Trip 2017

On Tuesday the 6th of June, Year 6 went on a trip to The Vyne for an exciting but historical look at what life was like in Tudor times.

Rooftop Walkway

Whilst we were there we were fortunate enough to have the privilege of going on the new Rooftop Walkway which was where we saw the construction of the old Tudor Roof. It was also spread out with interesting facts to help us learn about the roof's history and 10

Lego figures which we had to spot along the way. It had an amazing view of the grounds.

The House

After the Rooftop Walk, we got split into groups and half of us did the "Tag a tile" and the other half were given a tour of the house. During the house tour, we learned lots of fascinating facts about the furniture and facilities they used for different reasons like: Mirrors to reflect light, tapestries on the wall to keep warm and a stool to exercise the thighs for horse riding.

Tag-a-tile

We were given an incredible opportunity to design a tile using marker pens. Our tiles are going to be used to re-tile the roof; they will remain there for the next 200 years! Everyone drew whatever they

wanted on their tile and Mrs Coe (our teacher) created a "Priory School Year 6 Leavers 2017" tile for us all to sign.

Personally, we think that EVERYONE enjoyed the trip and we would definitely like to visit The Vyne for another trip again!

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Bert's Blog



I have been reliably told by the miniatures that if I blow on to these dandelion seed heads I should be able to tell what the time is. Whenever we go for walks there is always a mad rush to find a dandelion "clock", pick it and then blow it all over the place while counting. Basically, which is one of the miniatures recently learnt favourite words of the moment, basically, I don't need to blow anything as the only interest I have in time is how far away from dinner we are which my tummy tells me by the amount of empty space therein and how many pats and tickles I can squeeze into one day.

If one miniature finds a 'clock' then the other miniatures must also find one or all hell breaks loose. I have been told on many occasions to refrain from playing this game as every time I come across one and have a sniff to check it out the fluff goes straight up my nose, huge sneezes follow and seed clocks disperse faster than I can chase a stick, the miniatures all start crying and I am the least favourite dog in the vicinity.

As you can see from this photo the inhalation and ensuing sneezes left bare heads and blew 1 o'clock through to 12 o'clock straight into the azure sky and the miniatures are at present racing around like lunatics trying to catch time! Man, these kids play some weird games. Give me a stick or a ball to catch any time but you just can't get your teeth into this fluffy stuff. The whole object of the game is defeated anyway when the Mrs looks at her wrist and says it's time to go home – how does she know, when time is floating about all over the place?

Fun at the fair to help local cats!

Basingstoke & District Cats Protection will be celebrating the 90th anniversary of the founding of the charity at The Linda Burgess Memorial Summer Fair at Viabes Craft Centre, Harrow Way, Basingstoke on Saturday 22 July 2017. Running from 1.30pm to 3.30pm, it promises to be a fun-filled afternoon for all the family.

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RadCan is a local charity which is raising funds to pay for radiotherapy equipment for Basingstoke Hospital. These pieces of equipment will enable patients in this part of Hampshire to be treated locally instead of having to travel to Southampton Hospital.

David Cullum.

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But then forget what I'm here to find

I've got so many passwords in my brain
That remembering them all is a pain
It seems everything needs a word or pin
To open up and get you get in.

Sometimes I sit here staring into space
Wondering if I can keep up with the pace
Of so much information that I need to retain
And fit in my already overflowing brain.

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Womens Fellowship Sherborne St John

The June meeting was a talk given by Mande Siegart on Stained Glass. Mande had a selection of her work using different techniques.

Although the history of stained glass was apparently not Mande's forte, she gave us an outline of how stained glass evolved from the 11th century, when the craft was used in churches, mosques and cathedrals in Europe and the Middle East.

England imported artisans from France who had developed the expertise to solder pieces of glass together using lead. Examples have been found at Pompeii as well as the Middle East where alabaster was used to fill the gaps. In 1666 stained glass had been hidden in London, possibly due to the Great Fire, and has never been found.

Glass is made from sand, Cilicia, potash, flint and quartz crystal. One very important part of the art of making stained glass is the soldering. Techniques have changed throughout its history as well as the materials. In modern glass, yellow stained glass for example is bought pre-stained but earlier the stains were made using different chemicals according to the colour required.

After the Dissolution of the Monasteries windows were re-created using new lead. York Minster has more medieval stained glass on one site than any other building.

In the 19th century stained glass was used in stately homes as well as churches to show the owner's wealth. In the 1930's new techniques were formed, partly due to the well-known company Tiffany, founded back in the 1880's but it wasn't until the early 1920's that Tiffany lamps were being made in beautifully intricate stained glass. Craftsmen made an 'H' shaped section of lead which the glass slotted into, then cement would hold the glass tightly in the groove of lead. It was Louis Tiffany who invented the Copper Foil which is a soft material which would bend, enabling him to make the highly decorative lampshades.

Mande had a selection of tools to show us and said that although the technique of cutting glass looks simple, it requires practise and patience. Her main cutter is best described as a pizza cutter which rolls along the glass and breaks the surface. At a certain point the glass can be snapped in two. The sound made is crucial and tells the user the correct

weight and depth of pressure. She also showed us her pliers, or rozers, used mainly to break corners.

Mande mentioned that Baughurst Chapel, now privately owned, is being restored and she was asked to assist in the renovations on the stained glass windows. She has been involved in constructing film scenes, namely the new Mary Poppins film Mary Poppins Returns, as well as restoration of the ceilings at Windsor Castle following the fire in 1992.

Her hallmark on her work is a bird – usually a kite, but she also loves to create the phoenix (pictured on the front cover).

Mande also makes jewellery – she runs her business, AS Stained Glass, from her studio in Pamber End. She also holds classes. Her website is AS-stainedglass.co.uk.

Mande was thanked for her fascinating and informative talk by Mrs. Margaret Lewis.

The next meeting on 4th July is the strawberry tea and bring-and-buy sale.

Rose Cooper

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The club address is Maydene, Sherborne Road, Basingstoke RG21 5TG.

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Probus hears from ex UK Ambassador to Syria



The greatest human disaster in the 21st century is how Adrian Sindall sums up the situation in Syria. And he should know because he can see the differences today to when he was our man in Damascus twenty years ago.

Today Syria has become an international proxy war with US, Russia, France, Turkey and the EU involved; sometimes in military action but also attempting a diplomatic solution. This is hindered by 1500 factions either for or against the Syrian government and also fighting amongst themselves. The statistics of this conflict, now in its seventh year, are staggering. 300,000 dead, 1,000,000 wounded, half the population, 6,300,000, living in refugee camps in Syria and 4,900,000 refugees in neighbouring countries.

It was never a straightforward situation in Syria and the surrounding Middle East. This whole region was divided up by the French and British after the First World War following the fall of the Ottoman Empire. Syria was further sub-divided by France to include an area dominated by the Kurds. The Second World War saw Syria support the Palestinian cause with later increasing Russian influence, both militarily and commercially where Syria adopted a Marxist command style economy. Over the years various types of relationships were developed in the region by the dividing powers with increasing support from US.

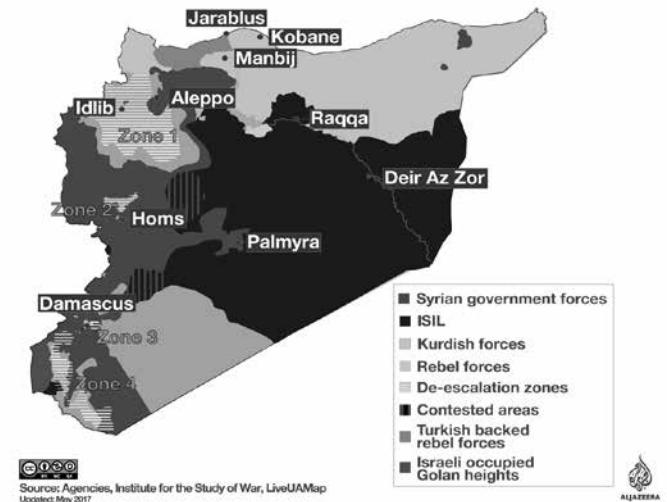
Syria felt betrayed that Egypt signed a peace accord with Israel and thought it necessary to strengthen ties with Iran. Similarly Iraq was supported by the US. And there were all kinds complicated cross supporting alliances that if charted looked more confusing than an electrical wiring diagramme.

After the end of the Cold War and the collapse of the Soviet Union, Syria was left almost isolated and needed to develop relationships with western countries. It had helped that they had supported the allies in the Gulf War. When President Assad died and his eldest son having previously been killed in a car crash, the second son, Bashar, was in London training to be an ophthalmologist. He returned to Damascus to become leader of the Ba'ath Party and President.

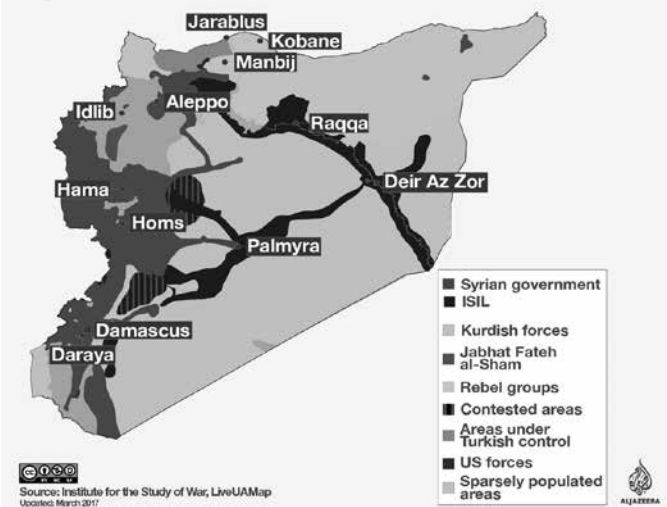
With the rise of the Arab Spring movement in 2011 across several countries it soon became the turn of the Syrian government to defend its position. At that time the US considered that Assad should not benefit from any western assistance as Russia was increasing their influence and Iran wanted to keep him in power. Then Turkey and Qatar and the Muslim Brotherhood put in their pennyworth but this upset Saudi Arabia.

Today, with direct Russian military support Assad appears to have turned a corner in this highly complicated conflict. Looking at a map of the current situation appears confusing to the layman but the reality is that while ISIS and their acolytes occupy 75% of the land mass it only contains 25% of the remaining population whereas Assad controls 25% of the land, mainly by the coast, and this is the important bit, 75% of the population.

Syria's de-escalation zones



Syria: Who controls what?



In recent times there has emerged an international feeling that Assad might stay in place and therefore should be involved in the diplomatic process of finding a solution. Any US/Russia joint initiative has hit a snag because of a US law that prohibits cooperation between these countries. There then comes a question of who will be in charge of those parts of the country after ISIS has been defeated. Shades of Iraq and Libya where there was a failure to have a proper exit policy.

The toll on Syria, both culturally with the destruction by ISIS of World Heritage sites like Palmyra and economically, has been substantial. Only time will tell if it ever recovers.

Adrian Sindall summed up the overall situation that Syria is rather like a Rubic's cube when compared to a cross word puzzle.

Details about the Probus Club of Basingstoke, the social club for retired professional and business managers, can be seen on their web site www.probusbasingstoke.wordpress.com or contact their secretary Paul Flint on 07770 886521 for an informal discussion.

Basingstoke Civil Service Retirement Fellowship

The Group held its annual open meeting on 7th June where 40 members and 2 visitors were welcomed by the Chairman, David Cowling who also expressed thanks for the large number of raffle prizes which had been donated.. The Secretary, Tony Brazier, then gave details of the forthcoming trips to Beaulieu and Buckler's Hard on Monday 10th July and Stourhead on Thursday 10th August for which there were still places available. He also reminded everyone of the Thames river trip to Greenwich on Thursday 21st September, the Mystery trip on Wednesday 25th October, Portsmouth Dockyard and Victorian Market on Friday 1st December and the Christmas Lunch at BCOT on Thursday 14th December.

The speaker this month was Professor Alix Booth who gave a full history of The Punch and Judy show which has its roots in the 16th-century Italian

commedia dell'arte. The figure of Punch is derived from the Neapolitan stock character of Pulcinella, which was anglicized to Punchinello. He is a manifestation of the Lord of Misrule and Trickster figures of deep-rooted mythologies. With help from her many puppets she recreated the show which evolved as we know it today in the Georgian period. She included many of the traditional characters such as Judy's ghost, Hector the horse, Pretty Polly, the Doctor, Joey the clown, the Constable, Jack Ketch and the Crocodile and went on to explain how following a slight decline in popularity at the end of the 19th century a revival came with the railways and bank holidays when people went to the seaside and the Punch and Judy show followed.

The next meeting is on 5th July when the speaker will be Mark Watts on Winchester Prison – Past and Present.

The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at Brookvale Village Hall from 10 am to 12 noon and all retired Civil Servants and their partners are welcome. The year's programme and further details about meetings and outings can be obtained from the Secretary Tony Brazier on 01256 418770 or at bjmapbr@ntlworld.com and if you would like to join us on any of our trips please contact Kate Lambeth on 01256 328791.

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Misuse of the internet and social media is thought to cost our economy billions of pounds every year through theft of time used engaging in social media instead of working, defamation of businesses and their products and cyber bullying of other people often leading to absenteeism. Your employer has the right to protect itself and although you do have certain rights to freedom of speech and protection from invasion of your privacy, these rights have to be exercised with caution.

The first thing to do is to check your employer’s Social Media Policy. These vary as some companies allow and even embrace it as part of a working day. More commonly, however, there are strict rules on its use during working hours or even a complete ban on its use. These rules are separate of course to your legal duty not to make defamatory remarks about the company or work colleagues, or to make comments, that even unintentionally, might bring your employer into disrepute. Most company policies make it clear that breach of their Social Media Policy will lead to disciplinary action and even dismissal.

You must remember that it is not safe to rely on social media privacy settings because comments can and often are copied, shared or forwarded on and quickly get into the public domain.

Just be aware that in a recent case the Employment Tribunal upheld a company’s right to dismiss an employee, who made derogatory remarks about her company. The employee’s defence was that she did not know that her Facebook page could be seen at work and she denied that she was talking about her employer. She also said that the company should have taken into account that she had been with the company for many years and had a previously clean disciplinary record. In spite of all of this, the Employment Tribunal found that it had been within the band of reasonable responses for the company to dismiss her given the derogatory nature of the comment, which was clearly aimed at the company.

If you require clarification on your rights regarding social media or any other employment issue, we are here to help with professional advice. Contact Gill Brown on 01256 854605 or Karen Bristow on 01256 854670.

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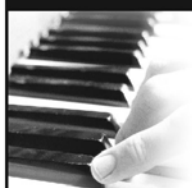
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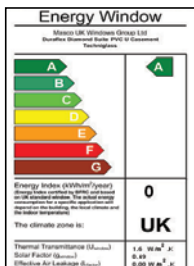
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