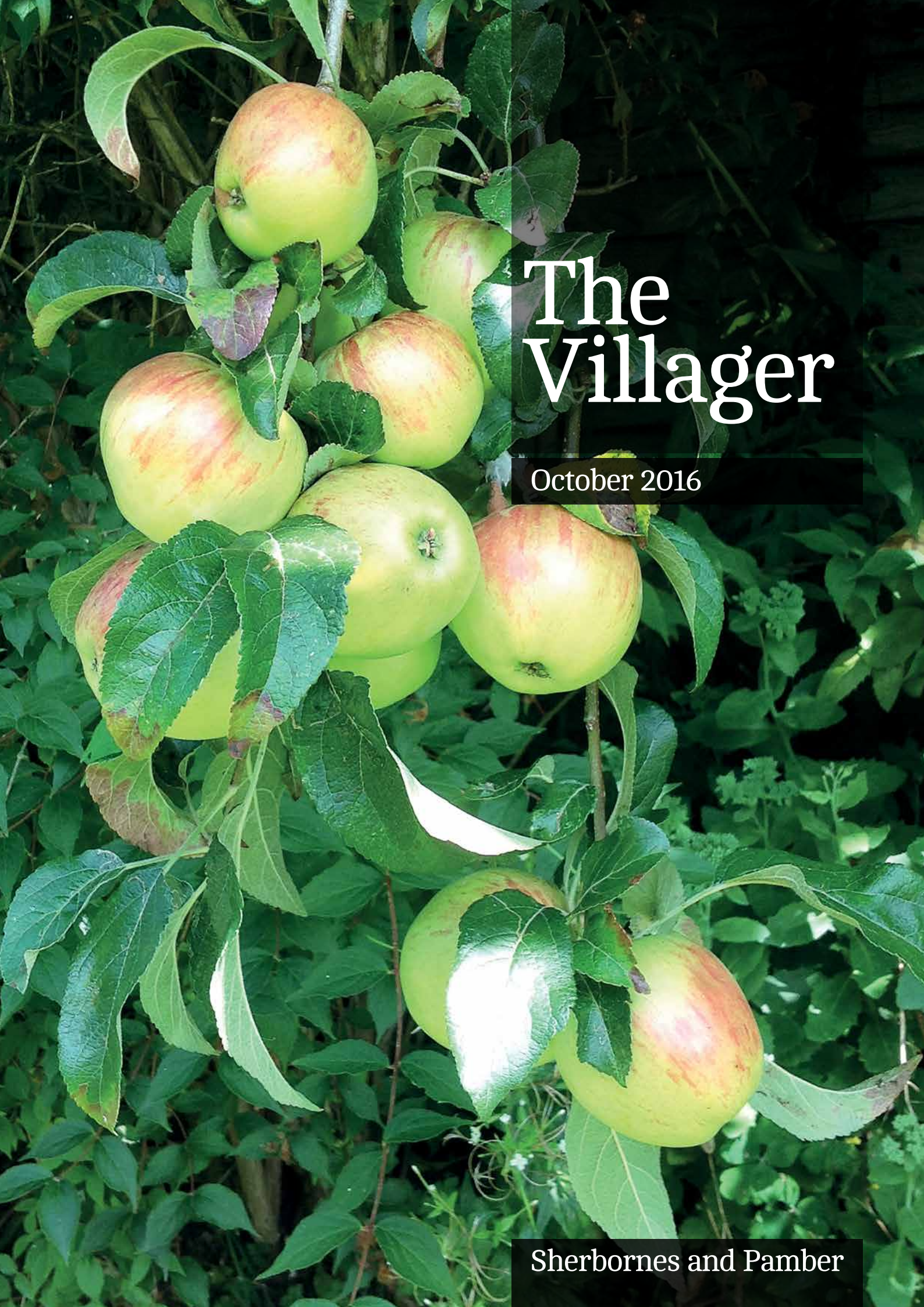




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1. Aged 65 years or over
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5. Lung Disease
6. Kidney or liver disease
7. Neurological disease
8. Immunosuppressed
9. Pregnant
10. Carers

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From the 31st Oct 2016 we will be trialling a new telephone triage system for all urgent appointments. Anyone needing an appointment on the same day will receive a telephone call from the duty doctor. They will assess each patient and advise on the necessary action. This should help patients to see the appropriate clinician as soon as possible.

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Future Events

October 2016

3	Pelican Film Society, Jimmy's Hall, The Ark Conference Centre, Guests welcome £6	7.30pm
4	SSJ Women's Fellowship, Newlyn's Farm Shop, SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
11	Bridge with Sparkling Afternoon Tea, SSJ Village Hall, Call Pat 850593 or Tracey 850611	2.00-5.00pm
11	Sherborne St John Parish Council Planning Meeting, Surgery Room, SSJ Village Hall	7.30pm
22	Race Night, SSJ Village Hall, Call Hilary 850404 or Tracey 850611	7.30pm
24	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting SSJ Village Hall	7.30pm
28	Royal British Legion Queen's Birthday Dinner, £20 Tickets John Delafield 889789	7pm
29	SSJ Village Market, Village Hall	10 – 1pm

November 2016

1	SSJ Women's Fellowship, Lifetime Shepherd & Storyteller (Part 2) SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
7	Pelican Film Society, The Source, The Ark Conference Centre, Guests welcome £6	7.30pm
8	Sherborne St John Parish Council Planning Meeting, Surgery Room, SSJ Village Hall	7.30pm
11	Royal British Legion, 11.11.11 Service at Sherborne St John War Memorial	10.45am
12	SSJ Village Market, Village Hall	10 – 1pm
12	Quiz Night, SSJ Village Hall, Call Hilary 850404 or Tracey 850611	7.30pm
19	NSPCC Fayre, SSJ Village Hall, Call Shawna/Lorah 889434	10.00-4.00pm
28	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, SSJ Village Hall	7.30pm

December 2016

4	Light up a Life, St Michael's Hospice, Fundraising Hotline 01256 848848	
5	Pelican Film Society, A Little Chaos, The Ark Conference Centre, Guests welcome £6	7.30pm
6	SSJ Women's Fellowship, Christmas Lunch, Venue to be Advised	2.00pm
10	Family Christmas Celebration, SSJ Village Hall	4.00-6.00pm
19	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, SSJ Village Hall	7.30pm

January 2017

3	SSJ Women's Fellowship, TBA, SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
16	Pelican Film Society, Bridge of Spies, The Ark Conference Centre, Guests welcome £6	7.30pm

February 2017

7	SSJ Women's Fellowship, AGM, SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
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Basingstoke Lions Club

Barn Dance: It was another really good fun evening. Pitchfork gave their usual excellent performance and their caller made sure everyone knew what they were doing. Unfortunately attendance was poor so we only managed break even. But, on the plus side, a number of teenagers came in and, once they'd tried it, never missed a dance. They'll be back.

Upcoming Events:

World Sight Day stall in Festival Place with sight problems related information. It's also a great way to get rid of your old specs with the assurance that they will be recycled to people who need them!

13th October, 9 am - 3 pm, Festival Place

45 million people in the world are blind

90% live in areas with little or no access to treatment

80% of blindness is curable and preventable

66% of the blind are women or girls

Basingstoke Lions Club is again inviting people to bring along any old, unused spectacles to the Club's stall in Queen Anne's Square, where they can also collect information leaflets, receive advice on help available locally and see small items of equipment that assist those with impaired vision. Contact: philipjhwilson@btinternet.com or tel: 01256 352393.

29th October: New Orleans Style Halloween Jazz Party, 8 pm, at the Viables Community Hall with the Sussex Jazz Kings. Fancy Dress, Supper, Dancing – what are you waiting for? Tickets, which cost just £15 and include a buffet supper, are available from: John Hibberd jhibberd440@btinternet.com 01256 461086 or direct from our website: www.basingstokelions.org.uk/fundraising.html

19th November: Quiz Night at the Cliddesden Millennium Hall. Always innovative! Contact: philipjhwilson@btinternet.com or tel: 01256 352393

Mexican Day of the Dead

Friday 28 October - 12 noon till 8pm

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Autumn Term Come and Play!

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Wednesday mornings
(during school term time)
10.00–11.30
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phone Barbara 850173 or Liz 850800

Church Matters October

I realise that by the time this reaches you the memories of summer will be fading fast. That's always the problem with writing for a monthly publication. However there is one particular memory that I would like to share with you. We went to East Anglia for our holidays and had a brilliant time. Holiday in this country is always a bit of a risk, but if you get good weather you can't beat it.

My particular memory is not about the weather but a visit to a church building. Now that could be the sort of thing you assume I will write about! Actually it isn't – I hardly ever visit them – they all look the same! (Of course that is not including our buildings in the parish here!) But this one is special. I am referring to the church at Helmingham about 6 miles north of Ipswich. It is on the edge of the park of the pretty, moated, Helmingham Hall, home of the Tollemache family.

The Tollemaches have lived there for 500 years. As with so many noble families, memorials to their forbears adorn the walls of the church. In death they

appear in an attitude of pious prayer. Whether they were thus genuinely devoted in life is not clear! But here there is something else on the walls other than these large memorials. There is a whole raft of Bible texts! They are written in bold letters and bright colours. You cannot miss them. As the preacher enters the pulpit he is confronted with the words "Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel"! Indeed the gospel is proclaimed from almost every side.

Great texts abound – such as "I am the way, the truth and the life"², "By grace are you saved through faith"³, "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"⁴ and "Come to me all who labour and are heavy laden"⁵. It is a feast! I am 85% sure that these texts were written on the walls during the ministry of J.C.Ryle. He was a faithful minister of the Gospel and a great teacher of the Bible. He wrote many tracts and commentaries, notably his Expository thoughts on the Gospels. Best known among his major books are *Knots Untied*, which addressed the issues of the day, and *Holiness*, a practical and Bible rich book on living the Christian life. A theme text of that book is "Holiness, without which no one will see the Lord"⁶. It is there on the walls of Helmingham church. Ryle's writings have lost nothing of their power. He remains a standard bearer for true Christianity in a church which is increasingly confused.

Ryle moved to Stradbroke after 16 years at Helmingham and became Bishop of Liverpool in 1880. He retired in 1900 (aged 84!) Throughout his ministry his

confidence was not in human power and authority but in the supremacy of the Word of God. Hence the texts on the church walls at Helmingham. He was committed to a practical obedience to Jesus' word: "If anyone loves me he will obey my teaching."⁷

But there was another thought which struck me as we surveyed all this. I could not but observe 2 kinds of authority represented there: the large and highly ornate Tollemache family memorials on the one hand and the simple statements of the Word of God on the other. Which is the more powerful of the two? It is obvious of course – human authority is temporary – it stands only for a short time. Those memorials are saying that. The people in them may have been powerful in life but they aren't now. Those texts on the other hand with which Ryle decorated the inside of his church speak of a permanent eternal authority which nothing can deny – for "the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands for ever"⁸

John Hamilton

¹ 1 Corinthians 9:16

² John 14:6

³ Ephesians 2:8

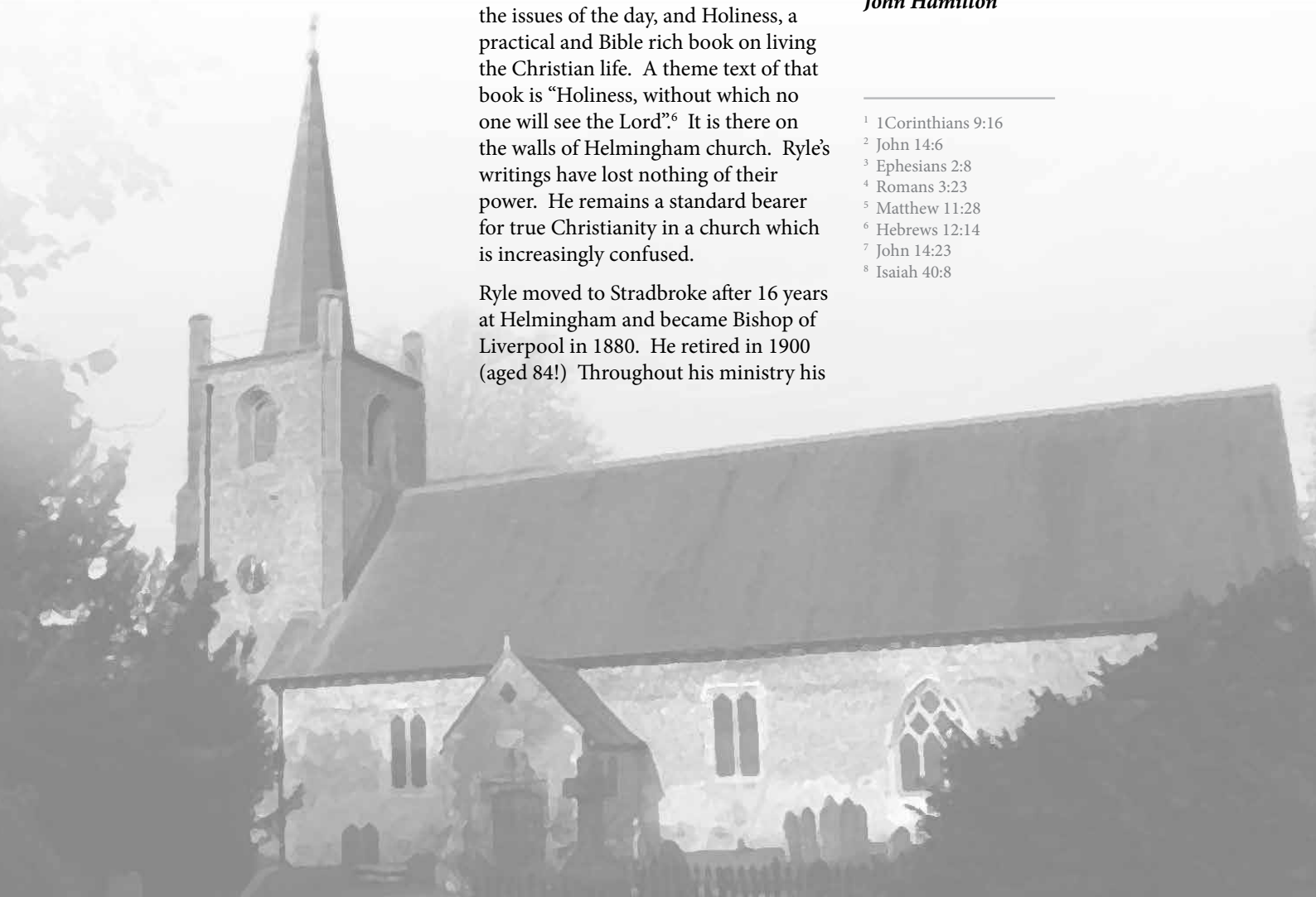
⁴ Romans 3:23

⁵ Matthew 11:28

⁶ Hebrews 12:14

⁷ John 14:23

⁸ Isaiah 40:8



Services for October

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

2 October

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

9 October

8am	Holy Communion	Priory
10am	Morning Service, Sunday Club, Crèche	St Andrew's
10am	Morning Prayer	All Saints
6pm	'Sundays at Six'	Sherborne St John Village Hall

16 October

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

23 October

10am	Family Service	St Andrew's
10am	Morning Prayer	Priory
6pm	'Sundays at Six'	Sherborne St John Village Hall

30 October

10am	Family Service	St Andrew's
6pm	'Sundays at Six'	Sherborne St John Village Hall

Sunday Mornings at 10AM...

We continue Deuteronomy. Much of this is a closed book to most of us – we tend to think it's rather "heavy". But in fact it is a lively book, recording Moses' preaching to the people as they are about to enter the Promised Land. Family services focus on places Jesus went to.

Oct 2	No compromise	7:1-11	Scott Seivewright
Oct 9	A godly diet!	8:1-11	John Hamilton & Andrew King
Oct 16	Decision Time	11:26-32	John Hamilton
Oct 23	Tyre	Matt 15:21-28	John Hamilton & Andy Spence
Oct 30	Bethesda	John 5:1-15	Scott Seivewright

... and at SIX pm in the Village Hall: we look at what Luke says about Jesus in chapters 6 & 7 of his gospel. We then move on to chapters 4-7 of the last book of the Bible.:

Oct 2	The King of a new people	Luke 6:39-49	John Hamilton
Oct 9	The King over death	Luke 7:1-17	John Hamilton
Oct 16	The King of a greater kingdom	Luke 7:18-35	Scott Seivewright
Oct 23	The King of forgiveness	Luke 7:36-50	Andy Spence
Oct 30	Introduction	Revelation 1	Steve Howe

MIDWEEK

Home Groups meet on the weeks beginning 10 & 31 October: they will be following up the Sunday morning teaching: this month looking at Deuteronomy chapters 7-12.

Central Fellowship

– Tuesdays 6 and 20

September.

Coffee at 7.45 pm. Bible study
and discussion at 8 pm.

Pray at 8.20. Finish at 9 pm

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 Church of England Primary School

Welcome back to a new School Year, and a particularly warm welcome to all the new children who have started in Year R. They have settled in well and have been working hard! One of the first tasks of the term has been to make the scarecrows for the village competition – I hope that you noticed ours outside the school!

We have a new set of projects for this term. The Infants' topic is 'Sea My World' so expect some fishy goings on! Class 3 have the intriguing title of 'Growls, Howls and Roars' and as I write this they are busy designing dragons which has

really inspired their imagination. Class 4's project covers the Second World War and includes study of the causes of the war, evacuees, code-breaking, rationing and bomb shelters. Don't worry if you walk past the classroom and hear the air-raid siren – we are only practising! Class 3 are also continuing their association with the National Trust with an Autumn walk with the Vyne wardens before starting group work on various open-air projects.

Following our successful 'Road to Rio' exercise campaign over the summer, we have sports coaches in school this half

term to lead some of the PE lessons.

Class 2 will be doing multi-skills, and the juniors will be at the Chute Recreation Ground first thing on a Monday morning (weather permitting!) for Keep Fit sessions. The swimming programme at the Aquadrome starts again with Class 4 this term, and our own expert tag rugby coach (Miss Biles) has started training the tag rugby team with hopes of future glory again this year!

Sherbert – SSJ School Villager Correspondent

The Priory School

After their long summer break, all the children at The Priory have returned to school ready to enjoy life with their new teachers. As usual, they have done lots of exciting things over the summer, whether abroad or closer to home and they have shared their adventures with us in Assembly time. We have been pleased to welcome not only children and families who are new to the school but also a number of new staff; we hope they will all have a very happy time with us and that they will quickly feel part of The Priory family.

This term we have introduced a number of new initiatives to inspire the children (and staff)! We now hold a "Stars of Wonder" Assembly on a Monday where up to three children from each class are awarded a certificate in one of six special categories – Achievement, Effort, Progress, Citizenship, Sport and The

Arts. Photographs of our weekly stars are then displayed in each classroom to further celebrate the children's achievements. Other awards that we have introduced are our "Dazzling Dustpan" award which is presented by our new site manager to the class with the tidiest room and cloaks area and our "Over and Above" award which will be awarded each half term to one member of staff nominated by colleagues for going "the extra mile" in their everyday Priory life!

Another new idea that we are trialling is our own version of "The Golden Mile" where all of our children are encouraged to walk, jog or run a mile each day, reaching various milestones culminating in an award for 150 miles (by the end of their seven years in primary school). So far, everyone is very enthusiastic about this and is a great way to feel energised for the day ahead.

And finally, on behalf of everyone at the school, I would like to thank the staff and customers at Lloyds Bank in Tadley for the presenting us with a defibrillator; obviously, we hope that we will never have to use it but we are pleased to have the facility to use it if the occasion arises.

As I write this article, the sun is shining brightly and I hope that we can all continue to enjoy this lovely start to Autumn for many days to come! I am looking forward to welcoming prospective parents and other visitors to the school over the coming weeks and if you are passing the school on the afternoon of Thursday, 6th October, do feel free to pop in, from 2.30pm onwards to our annual Harvest Farmers' Market.

With kind regards,
Suzanne Kelly, Head Teacher

Pamber Parish Council Notes for Pamber End and Pamber Green

Pamber Parish Council met on September 13th 2016 for its monthly meeting.

Highways

A huge thanks has to be given to the people who have volunteered for the speedwatch scheme. We now have enough people to make it viable and our police commissioner is currently undertaking full training to be able to get the scheme up and running. This should hopefully make a huge difference to speed levels in the area.

Planning Applications:

T/00284/16/TPO

Crown reduce 1 no.

oak 25 Silchester Road Pamber Heath

No objection

16/02469/HSE

Erection of part two storey, part

first floor rear extension The

Always Ramsdell Road Pamber End **No objection**

16/02235/FUL

Conversion of a six bed house into 2 no. three bed semi detached.

Pamber Place Cottage Pamber End

No objection

16/02957/FUL

Creation of new vehicular

access Hawthorn Lodge Aldermaston Road Pamber Green **Objection**

16/02958/FUL

Change of use of workshop to use class B1 Hawthorn Lodge Aldermaston Road Pamber Green **No objection**

16/02909/FUL

Erection of replacement dwelling and new access

Oakside 1 Heath

Road Pamber Heath **Council objected**

16/03066/OUT

Erection of two storey detached dwelling with double detached garage using existing access. Land Adjacent To Ramblers, Aldermaston Road, Pamber End.

Planning decisions:

16/02793/GPDE

Single storey extension with twin

pitched roof. 35 Silchester Road Pamber Heath. **GRANTED**

16/00932/FUL

Erection of 1 no. four bedroom

dwelling. Skates Lane, Pamber Green.

GRANTED

16/01901/FUL

Erection of an Energy Storage System to the operational Berry Court Solar Farm.

Land at Berry Court

Farmhouse, Bramley Road, Little

London. **GRANTED**

16/00597/FUL

Erection of replacement 4 bed dwelling and detached double garage following demolition of existing bungalow and re-

positioning of driveway entrance.

8 Clappsgate Road, Pamber Heath.

Application Withdrawn

15/02627/FUL

Change of use of land to use of site by Gypsy/Traveller families including construction of hardstanding, siting of 2 no. mobile homes and 2 no. touring caravans and erection of 2 no. utility rooms (retrospective).

Land To The North Of Pelican Road, Pamber Heath. **REFUSED**

T/00231/16/TPO

T1,T2,T3 English Oak trees: crown lift to no higher than 4.5m above ground level. Reduce the length of those lateral branches in the southern canopies, to create a parallel pruning line with no more than 1.0m clearance from the fabric of the dwelling. Remove deadwood as necessary. Prune the small diameter branches to give no more than a 0.25m radial clearance from the overhead telephone cables.

Rustlings Green Lane Pamber Green **GRANTED**

The next meeting of Pamber Parish Council will be held at 7.30 pm on Monday October 10th at St. Stephen's Hall. All Parishioners are welcome to attend. Details of meetings are displayed on the notice boards and on the website www.pamber-pc.gov.uk

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In welcoming members to the meeting on 7th September, John Lambeth, Chairman, thanked everyone for their good wishes during his recent hip replacement from which he was recovering well. Christine Broadbent, Welfare Officer, gave her report on the progress of members who had been unwell and Tony Brazier, Secretary, gave details of the forthcoming Mystery Tour on Friday 14th October, which was now fully booked, and of the trip to visit the Canine Partners Centre on Thursday 17th November.

The speaker was Tony King who gave a talk about his trip by train across

America from Hollywood to Broadway. He started off by giving a history of the Union Pacific Railroad which opened on May 10th 1869 as the world's first transcontinental railway running West to East from San Francisco to New York. He then went on to describe his journey, starting in Los Angeles, which he illustrated with photographs and film clips, highlighting the towns and cities along the route. Of particular interest to him was that during the trip he was able to experience the unforgettable thrill of a ride on the Georgetown Loop Railroad a 3 foot gauge railway which used to serve the Denver silver mines

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The next meeting is on 5th October when Sheila Hill will be the speaker on a Civilian's Year in Afghanistan

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David Cowling



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SSJ Village Hall

Thursday, 10th November 2016

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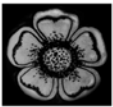


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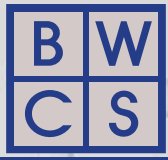
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As many of you may recall, the Sherborne St John branch of the British Legion merged with the Bramley Branch a while ago and we have now decided to call this merged branch THE BRAMLEY AND DISTRICT BRANCH and it includes Sherfield on Loddon.

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SSJ Women's Fellowship

On the 5th September we left the village hall promptly at 9.30am and set out by coach for Lyndhurst in the New Forest. We stopped there for morning coffee and a wander round this quaint little town. Much has changed over the years and yet it seems to be a timeless place.

Onward from there we rode via part of the New Forest to Beaulieu Motor Museum. The day was hot and very humid but despite the uncomfortable weather conditions we all managed to enjoy a splendid day out. With so many things to see and do, including riding on the mono-rail and the vintage bus, there was something to please everybody.

We then moved on to a pretty little village called Pennington where the local W.I. gave us a splendiferous tea. They put on a raffle for a scrumptious looking sponge cake which was duly won by our Cynthia Hall.

We arrived back in Sherborne St John just after six o'clock agreeing, as we each left the coach, on what a lovely day it had turned out to be.

Joan Brandon



Monk Sherborne Parish Council

Lengthsman Scheme.

We have applied to be included in the Lengthsman scheme. The projects to be included for 2017/2018 were, firstly, hedge cutting at the following sites: the junction of the War Memorial; along Salters Heath Road from Claygate to the junction of Monks Ford; from the Priory School to Charter Alley; from the Stone Circle masons down through to the chalk pit; the area immediately in front of the phone box in Ramsdell Road. Next, ditching; specifically surrounding the war memorial and just prior to Rawlins Farm.

The roadside verges have now, thankfully been cut back.

Defibrillator.

The plans for a Defibrillator are progressing. The approximate costs are £1700, though we are hoping to get a grant for half the cost.

Planning.

There had been concerns about the location and number of caravans on the Blackberry site. Enforcement at BDBC

have decided to refuse the application for the erection of a day room.

There was a public meeting in Charter Alley by Antler Homes concerning the planning permission being sought for the site. The application has been dropped.

The premises licence for the Mole has been approved and there is the possibility that the bar at least will be open soon. The retrospective application for the decking has been resubmitted.

Playground.

The monthly inspection of the playground had identified that the entrance gate required a stopper and the fencing supports were rotting due to the strimmer. These will be rectified.

The Fete

On 4th September we had our Monk Sherborne Village Fete. Set up was on Saturday morning and our thanks to all those who lent their marquees and to those who came and helped put them up. Thanks also to the many who helped on the day, and my own thanks to my

committee who did a great job getting it all together.



Sunday was warm and bright and we had lots of people crowding the playing field. The tea tent, PIMS and the BBQ all did good business. In the Village Hall Jocelyn Kynoch expertly judged the various classes. The children's races were as exciting as ever and an impromptu dog show was a great success, judged by a committee of the children. We finished off the day with a massive tug of war: Monk Sherborne against the Rest of the World. Monk Sherborne won but only because the Rest of the World were falling over the tombola tent!

(Editor's note – This looks a bit one sided to me !!)

Bill Hayter

Allotments in Sherborne St John



There are 3 allotments sites at present in the Sherborne St John Parish.

The existing waiting list for vacant allotments needs updating to record who is still interested, as a few plots will soon

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SSJ Tennis Club Courts

As we go to print the courts are being painted so by the time you read this they should be ready to use. Please contact Paul and Maria Saunders on 01256 850430, or John Edwards on 01256 850507 re using the courts and club membership respectively. There is an evening rota during the winter when we play at the Totally Tennis courts in Basingstoke.

We can appreciate the disappointment that it was not possible for the courts to be used over the summer holidays. There were many different factors that all had to be taken into account not least the donation of the grants, the availability of the contractor, and a prolonged period of good weather so that the best outcome possible could be achieved.

Thanks again to Penny Mayo and the SSJ Parish Council for their generous donation of money and time to discuss this project. Also to all past and present members of the Tennis Club whose subscriptions have allowed us to contribute to these lovely "new" courts.

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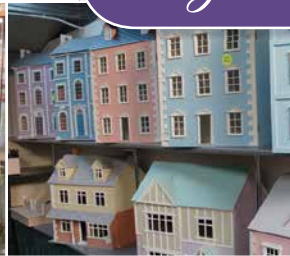


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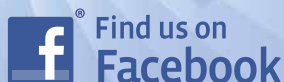
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Notes from Pamber Green and Pamber End

September already but, thankfully, the sun still shines although this will probably not be the case by the time you read this. David Cullum's weather data made interesting reading, reinforcing the low rainfall we have experienced in July and August. We are very aware of areas in our garden having suffered from a lack of water whilst we have been away.

As I write today, on 11th September, I am conscious of some important milestones occurring. Of course, uppermost in our minds are the tragedies of 9/11, 15 years ago today which had such major impact on so many and changed our way of life forever. After the excitement of the very successful Olympic medal haul, the Paralympics are now in full swing and look like delivering similar successes. Well done everyone. And the imminent release of the new plastic £5 pound note featuring Sir Winston Churchill will be interesting to get used to. Will they still fold up in my wallet when I shut it or will I need a new wallet?

I was pleased to see in the last Villager a "Correction" from Councillor Goss, Chairman of the Pamber Parish Council, relating to my previous article. At least it shows that my articles get read which is heartening. I don't intend discussing his points in depth at this juncture but I will say though that I never include anything in my articles unless I have sources that I feel are reliable. On this occasion, the sources were an email from the treasurer of St Stephen's Management Committee to Cllr Goss and Cllr Goss' reply. Had I attempted to contact the Parish Council Clerk for information, as suggested by Cllr Goss, I assume she would not have been able to discuss detail with a 'lay person' that was not out in the public domain. My own search for

information from the Parish Council website today for information in the public domain gave me access to Parish meeting minutes for 13th June so hardly very current.

A decision is still awaited on the outline application for housing and a village hall on land at Berry Court Farm, Little London, which has now been ongoing for 14 months.

I was interested to read in the Parish Council minutes that it was agreed the perception of the Council needed to be addressed and for the Council to reconnect with its Parishioners. To this end, a new seating layout should by now have been trialled so Councillors can more readily interact with attending parishioners. It was also noted that people who wanted to get their views across and minuted needed to be made more aware of the Public Participation element of the meeting rather than Open Forum. It was agreed improved communication was needed to help bridge the gap between the Council and its residents.

Also of note from the Parish minutes was the recognition that the grass needed cutting along the A340 which could be something for the Parish Lengthsman Scheme to address. There certainly are a number of areas of neglect around the parish that will hopefully benefit from this scheme. Further to my comment last month about the overgrown sight line from the A340 bus shelter at the end of New Road, Pamber Green, Val Holford from Pamber End tells me the same problem exists at the bus stop opposite the Queens College Arms with hedging and verges overgrown. Val finds this particularly annoying given that the verges are cut further along on the A340 allowing the kebab van to be seen in the

lay-by. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 10th October 2016.

Pamber Forest Advisory Committee reported that bat boxes were due to be erected during the summer. Having not been in the Forest for some while, I would be interested to hear if there have been any sightings of the boxes.

The Kennet Morris Men gave their usual energetic demonstration at The Plough, Little London in August which culminated in an invitation to the audience to join in. Many watchers did just that and they made a good showing of skill and enthusiasm. Their season is now coming to a close but we look forward to repeat local performances in 2017.

Please remember Basingstoke Ladies Choir's first concert of the year when they will be joining forces with the Basingstoke Hospital Male Voice Choir on Saturday 15th October at 7.30pm at the United Reform Church in London Street, Basingstoke. An enjoyable evening will be had resulting in valuable funds raised for well deserving local charities. Both choirs welcome newcomers with the Ladies Choir rehearsing on Monday evenings and the Hospital Male Voice Choir rehearsing on Wednesday evenings.

The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust are holding an autumn Fungus Foray in Inham's Copse nature reserve with local expert Mike Waterman on Saturday 22nd October, 10:30am to 12:30pm. An interesting opportunity to find and identify fungi but the reserve may be wet after rain so bring suitable footwear. More detail at <http://www.hiwwt.org.uk/whats-on>

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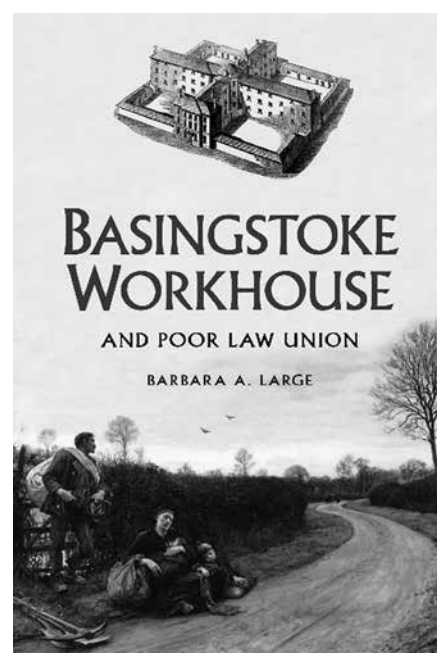
A new workhouse on a standard design was built on Basing Road, on the site of the present BMI Hampshire Clinic, at a cost of £7,500.

The first paupers entered the workhouse in October 1836. Over the course of its life it was occupied by about 150 to 200 paupers at any one time - most of them were children or sick and elderly people who had become destitute. Most of the poor relief provided by the union was in 'out-relief' in the form of money for rent and nursing care, bread and

occasional meat or even brandy for the sick. The poor law unions in England provided the first free medical care for poor people.

The workhouse system ended in 1929, but Basingstoke Workhouse and its new infirmary remained open for many more years, through WW2 and the beginning of the NHS in 1948, until it was finally abandoned in the 1970s. It fell into disrepair and the site was cleared, making way for the new private hospital in 1984.

The book describes in detail how all this happened, from the first meetings of the new Board of Guardians, through the beginnings of our local government system, still in place today, to the demolition of the old workhouse and infirmary.



Basingstoke Music and Arts Festival

This is an open invitation to you, family members, your friends and/or work colleagues to actively participate in and support the 54th running of the annual Basingstoke Music & Arts Festival (BMAF).



The Basingstoke Music and Arts Festival is run in the town, every year over three weekends in March and we would like to thank Queen Mary's College staff for allowing us to use their premises again next year.

Now is the time for us to highlight the fun and achievement hundreds of entrants to the festival, have had over past decades. They have created for themselves wonderful memories of competing and receiving certificates, medals and even cups to treasure – even spurring many on further to successful careers in the performing arts.

The sections available this year are:-

1. Band, Choir, Ensembles and Orchestras, Creative writing, Pianoforte and strings – these sections have a closing date for entries on Monday 5th December 2016.
2. Then the brass, recorders, singing, woodwind and speech and drama sections - these have a closing date for entries of Thursday 17th January 2017.

All the BMAF Festival categories shown above are open to both Children and Adults.

For more information on any of the Festival categories, please visit the festival website at www.basingstokemusicandarts.org.uk/syllabus - where you can also download the entry form.

We should add that BMAF is a non-profit making charitable status concern actively supported by volunteers and by two of our local Councillors.

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Lottie



Who is that, there? curled upon the mat,
Why, it is Lottie my black and white cat.
Twelve years she's walked upon this earth
And nobody except me really knows her worth.

She gives an offhand greeting to any who may call
As she walks slowly and serenely before them down the hall.
But when I return from being out and about
Its purrs, rubbing round legs and cold and moistened snout.

She fondly greets me with excess and sits and watches me,
And waits for yoghurt drops so calm and patiently.
In the afternoon she's sat upon my lap as happy as can be
But eventide responds to the call of the wild, and is free

To explore and hunt for the wildlife all around.
Brings me presents of mice and shrews that nearby abound.
I'm so contented with life and so is she,
That Lottie deigns to acknowledge and abide with me.

Joan Brandon

Bert's Blog

It has been very hot here and you have caught me napping. Over here in France it is normal to have a little sleep after lunch which can last for one, two or even three hours depending on the weather, the amount of work or exercise undertaken in the morning and of course, the lunch! This particular morning had involved a pre-breakfast walk and diving lesson in the lake and many retrievals of sticks, along with a very tiresome bout of sitting still whilst the Boss did a spot of fishing, followed by a game of tag with my new friend next door and another boring bout of sitting still while the Boss and Mrs sat bird watching.

Why they seem to be so interested in these flighty feathery cheepy critters I cannot fathom. No sooner has one been

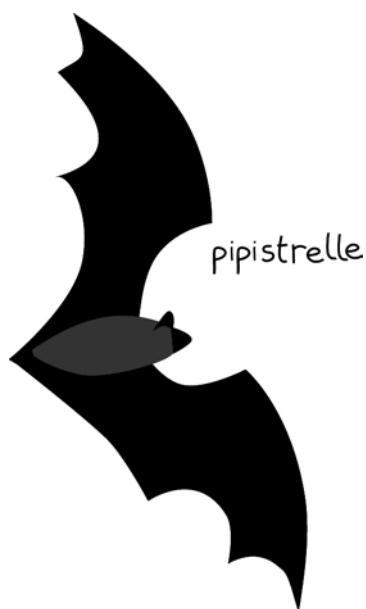
spotted than they instantly fly off and become heavily camouflaged in the nearest tree, never to be seen again. However, there was one interesting flyer at the lake recently who executed an even more perfect dive that I can. He was a very striking turquoise blue and emerged from the water carrying a fish in his beak even faster than I can retrieve a stick - I was actually impressed by this feat and the Boss and Mrs seemed very pleased to have seen him, I believe he had some connection with Royalty and fishing....

Just in case you are wondering - the pink bone was a gift from a predecessor and



I am manly enough not to be bothered by its colour. It has a lovely little squeak and fits neatly into my mouth for carrying. The Mrs has a nasty habit of hiding it when she thinks I am not looking - hence my guarding it tightly in my paw while I sleep. I like the squeak!

Creatures of the Night



Artwork:- www.gregpoole.co.uk

A Bat and Moth evening, the first meeting of the Sherborne St John Wildlife Group, took place on Wednesday 24rd August. Despite the threat of rain, sixteen people turned up to hear an interesting introduction to the intriguing world of the bat. This was followed by a short walk through the village and surrounding countryside where we discovered four out of the seventeen bat species breeding in the UK. By using bat detectors to pick up the high pitched pulses of sound that they use to locate the insects on which they feed, we were able to find and identify Common and Soprano Pipistrelles, a Noctule and a Myotis bat.

At the end of the walk, which started and finished at St. Andrew's Church, we examined the moths attracted by the moth trap set up in the churchyard. Altogether, 30 moth species were identified by our expert. Perhaps the most spectacular was the Poplar Hawk-

moth, with its strangely shaped wings. We also saw several Brimstone moths and other moths with names such as Maiden's Blush, Orange Swift, Vestal, Flame Shoulder and Gold Triangle. The trap also attracted an orange and black Sexton Beetle, as well as other insects.

This interesting and informative evening was the first of what is hoped to be a number of wildlife themed events. If anyone has suggestions for future events, or would like to get more involved with wildlife locally, please contact me, care of the Villager.

I would like to thank Sarah and Simon Boswell and Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust for organising and delivering the event, St. Andrew's Church for allowing us access to the churchyard and Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council for supporting the event.

Mike Harrison

Bells At St Andrews



It is just on 50 years since the bells at St Andrews church had a major revamp, when a new steel bellframe was installed by Taylors Bellfounders of Loughborough, but using the existing six bells – which had been accumulated over several centuries.

In 2004 we took out the clappers from the two heaviest bells and had new modern bearings put in by Taylors. The bellringers decided that now, after 50 years of regular use, the four lighter clappers also needed attention. We asked Whites of Appleton (who had carried out the recent major refurbishment of the bells at All Saints) to quote for the work. They gave us a favourable costing as the Baughurst church bells were due to have the same treatment but to all their six bells at the same time.

The Tenor bell has become progressively more difficult to raise into the ringing position so we decided that we would ask Whites to replace the wrought iron shaft of the clapper with one made of wood (ash); this would lighten the clapper and lower the centre of gravity.

On Saturday 3rd September four of our bellringers removed the five clappers, added them to the six from Baughurst; they then were taken to Whites on the Monday. On Thursday 8th Sept Whites brought them all back and we re-installed ours in the morning and then did Baughurst in the afternoon.

The final result is a much better ring of bells and the tenor bell is easier to raise.

Mears and Stainbank were the bell founders at The Whitechapel Bell Foundry from about 1865.

A hundredweight (Cwt) is a weight of 112 pounds (lb) and there are 4 quarters (qtr) in a hundredweight.

David Cullum

Bell	Mouth Diameter	Clapper Weight	Weight Cwt.qtr.lb	Note	When Cast	Maker and Bell Foundry
Treble	2ft 3in	20 lbs	3 – 3 - 10	E	1928	Mears and Stainbank
2	2ft 4in	22 lbs	3 – 3 - 25	D	1602	Joseph Carter of Reading
3	2ft 6in	29 lbs	4 – 3 - 16	C	1587	Joseph Carter of Reading
4	2ft 9in	33 lbs	6 – 1 - 27	B	c.1390	Wokingham Med Foundry
5	3ft 0in	42 lbs	8 – 1 - 24	A	1587	Joseph Carter of Reading
Tenor	3ft 4in	40 lbs	10 – 3 - 13	G	1618	Henry Knight of Reading



Clappers: Tenor (wooden shaft), No.4, No.3, No.2, Treble



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Although it's only October and it may seem too early to even think about Christmas, from a family law perspective in relation of children of separated parents, it is very important to ensure contact and visiting arrangements are in place well in advanced of the festive period.

Christmas can be a hectic and challenging time for parents, even for those with a strong family relationship. As any parent will know, the demands of the season can put considerable pressure not only on your time and wallets, but your emotions too. It can be even more stressful when there is a difference of opinion as to who should have the children over the festivities.

No doubt mums and dads will always try their best to make sure their children have as enjoyable and fulfilling a time as possible, whilst ensuring that their own needs as parents and their wish to spend time with their children are satisfied.

It can be very frustrating when one parent will not allow contact or access over the holiday and it can be a distressing and tense situation when a parent is not able to watch their children open their presents on Christmas Day. But it is possible to come to an agreement.

Ideally, it is best to start discussing the situation with your children's other parent as early as possible, to give yourself plenty of

time to come to an arrangement about times and days to see the children.

Think about how to divide your children's time over the period. Is having the children over on Christmas Day every other year a good idea or would it be better for your children to have two Christmases, one with each parent?

With a little planning well before the holiday season starts, a lot of distress and arguments could be avoided.

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Four hand built models of the Royal State coaches housed at Buckingham Palace and one of Prince Phillip's "Eventing" carriages were demonstrated to the Probus Club of Basingstoke by expert model maker Peter Smith. He is a member of the Guild of Model Wheelwrights that although based in Britain has many overseas members, and has been presented with a Gold Award for his outstanding quality of craftsmanship. In twenty years of entering his models in competitions under the auspices of the Model Engineering Exhibition he has achieved nineteen medals and one highly commended certificate.

The models displayed are part of ten precision models he has made of the coaches held in the Royal Mews. They are unique in being the only set of scratch built 1/8 scale (1 ½ inches to one foot) models ever made of the State coaches and only came about after Peter was initially granted permission to take the measurements from the 1838 State Landau at Windsor Castle. When the model was completed he took it back to show the staff at Windsor Castle. They were so impressed at the quality of workmanship that he was summoned to show the model to the Crown Equerry who subsequently gave Peter permission to go to the Royal Mews.

HRH The Prince Phillip no longer uses his "Eventing" carriage in competitions but is today used for shooting parties in Windsor Great Park and at Royal Ascot. Peter took 15 months to make this model but it was the door opener to him being able to make what he describes as his Royal Collection.

The Scottish State coach was built in 1850 and is used by HM The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh. The model took about sixteen months to make of which about a quarter of this time was used in its painting.

The Queen Alexandra State coach is used for the State Opening of Parliament. Whenever HM The Queen uses it then only Windsor Grey horses are used. The model has bevelled glass windows that fully open.



King Edward VII had a landau built in 1902 as a town coach made to suit his bulky size but he died before it was completed. It has been used for the wedding of HRH The Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer and more recently for the marriage of HRH The Prince William and Miss Kate Middleton. The model took twenty months to complete and had five coats of paint and six of varnish. Each layer was rubbed down with the smoothest emery paper with each coat left to harden for at least a week.

The Irish State coach was built in 1838. A quotation had been issued for £850 and even though Buckingham Palace had not responded the carriage manufacturer in Dublin proceeded thinking that the quotation had been accepted. When the finished result was seen by the representatives of the Royal household they decided to pay the quoted price. Peter made 40 pages of detailed drawing and measurements before then taking six weeks to make the final detailed working drawing. The model took two years to make and has been valued at £50,000. The National Trust valuer described it not as a model but as a "Fine Work of Art".

In fact the ten models in the Royal Collection have a value of £300,000 and

have been seen by the Queen, Prince Phillip, and Princess Anne while on display at the Royal Windsor Horse Show. They have featured on TV and in numerous magazines and newspaper articles. However the stipulation from Buckingham Palace is that the models in the Royal Collection cannot be sold but must be bequeathed to the Royal Household when Peter passes away.

Peter lives in Bourne End in Buckinghamshire and is a carpenter by trade. He started making model horse drawn vehicles in 1977 and worked his way through sixteen of the Guild's plans before developing his own measured models.

The Guild of Model Wheelwrights, whose patron is HRH The Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh KG KT, is a group of enthusiasts who are devoted to the construction and promotion of precision scale models of all types of horse drawn vehicles. The range includes agricultural machinery, carts and wagons, light and heavy commercial vehicles, passenger and road vehicles, gypsy caravans and many little known but fascinating vehicles that are of great historical interest.

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