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Editorial

What an amazing number of new “residents” appeared overnight in Sherborne St John at the beginning of the Scarecrow Festival week in September. A lot of thought, imagination and hard work had gone in to producing some wonderful scarecrows. Thanks to the Village Hall Committee for their part and it certainly has been an inspiration to others for next year..... Winners on page 18.



Andrea and Peter of Peppercorn, 10 Vyne Road would like to thank all the people who helped and supported us in raising £303 for Macmillans Cancer Support on 30th September. Special thanks to Liz Edwards who helped organise the event. It was nice to see so many of you and we hope you enjoyed the day as much as we did.



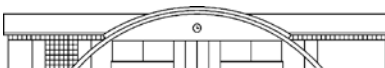
There will be a demonstration of how to use a defibrillator at 6.30pm on Monday 28th November 2016 at Sherborne St John Village Hall, prior to the Parish Council Meeting. Come along and learn how to use this piece of equipment.

Do you look after grandchildren, parents or friends? Are you interested in attending a 1st Aid Course? If enough people are interested we are willing to investigate the possibility of running a course in SSJ. Please contact me by email or phone to add your name to the list.

My thanks to Bill Brakespear for the photo quiz on page 19 of this month's issue. I would love some more of this type of piece – can Monk Sherborne and/or Pamber come up with something ????

The Editorial Team

Sherborne St. John Parish Council **The Chute Sports and Recreation Centre**



The renovation project undertaken by the Parish Council on their facilities at the Chute grounds, aided by a grant from Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council, is now completed. The Recreation Centre Pavilion has been repainted and re-floored, new storage facilities erected on the grounds and the tennis courts totally re-fenced and re-surfaced.

There are now many regular users enjoying the improved facilities from Short Mat Bowls, Judo, Martial Arts, Triathlon, Tennis and even a local Nursery School as well as many one off party bookings. But there is always room for more!!!

It is appropriate to note that whilst there are close links between the Chute Recreation Centre and the Village Hall, providing 2 great Parish venues for the Community, both are run as separate venues. The Chute Sports and Recreation Centre is a Parish owned and run facility while the Village Hall is run by its own separate Committee.

So if you interested in obtaining information about the groups already using the Chute sports grounds and Recreation Centre, with a view to joining, or just want to enquire about renting for a new sports group or a party or wedding please contact us by e mail ssjclerk@gmail.com 01189332379 or direct with our Site Manager Terry Buller buller@gmail.com 07860435831 and we'd be happy to help.

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Future Events

November 2016

1	SSJ Women's Fellowship, Lifetime Shepherd & Storyteller (Part 2) SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
7	Pelican Film Society showing 'The Source', Squire Theatre, The Ark, Basingstoke, RG24 9NN	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
12	Wine Tasting - £10 pp to be paid 10 days in advance, SSJ Social Club	
14	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall	10.00am
14	Pamber Parish Council Meeting, Memorial Hall, Pamber Heath	
16	Monk Sherborne Parish Council Meeting,	
19	NSPCC Fayre, SSJ Village Hall, Call Shawna/Lorah 889434	10.00-4.00pm
19	Quiz Max 6 people per team £1 per person, SSJ Social Club	
26	Skittles £1 per person per game, SSJ Social Club	
28	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, SSJ Village Hall	7.30pm
28	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall	10.00am

December 2016

4	Light up a Life, St Michael's Hospice, Fundraising Hotline 01256 848848	
5	Pelican Film Society showing 'A Little Chaos', Squire Theatre, The Ark, Basingstoke, RG24 9NN	7.30pm
6	SSJ Women's Fellowship, Christmas Lunch, Venue to be Advised	2.00pm
9	Quiz Max 6 people per team £1 per person, SSJ Social Club	
10	Family Christmas Celebration, SSJ Village Hall	4.00-6.00pm
12	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall	10.00am
14	Christmas Draw – Tickets 25p each available at the bar, SSJ Social Club	
17	Family Christmas Party – further details on club noticeboard, SSJ Social Club	
19	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, SSJ Village Hall	7.30pm
24	Christmas Eve Disco, SSJ Social Club	

January 2017

3	SSJ Women's Fellowship, TBA, SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
10	Launch of SSJ Scout Troop, SSJ Village Hall	7 – 9pm
16	Pelican Film Society showing 'Bridge of Spies', Squire Theatre, The Ark, Basingstoke, RG24 9NN	7.30pm
18	Monk Sherborne Parish Council Meeting	

February 2017

7	SSJ Women's Fellowship, AGM, SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
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SWP Baby and Toddler Group

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Autumn Term Come and Play!



Join us for free-play, craft, bible stories and song-time and get to know others in the area. There are teas and coffees for grown ups and a fruit snack-time for the children.

From bumps to full-grown toddlers, come along and make friends!

Wednesday mornings
(during school term time)

10.00–11.30

Sherborne St John Village Hall



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Sherborne St John Christmas Fair

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Cruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.

Saturday 19th November
10am until 4pm
SSJ Village Hall

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Church Matters **November**

Every villager will I think know, by the time we read this, that at the beginning of last month Ian Roberts died. So also will many in Basingstoke and the surrounding area. Ian was deservedly well known, having lived and worked and played (rugby, that is!) in this area for many years.

Ian's death came as a shock. That is always the case with death of course, even when it is expected. Ian was found to have a brain tumour at the end of December. He made a good recovery from the operation and had seemed to be doing well until it started to grow again and caused internal bleeding. He suddenly fell into unconsciousness and died a few days later.

I spoke to Ian on the Wednesday before he died. He was perfectly content. We mentioned the hymns he would like at his funeral. He asked for "And can it be?" the Charles Wesley classic. Ian said how much he loved the line "No condemnation now I dread, Jesus and all in him is mine." "That's what I believe" he said.

Ian believed passionately in the power of the gospel to bring new life and the forgiveness of sins. He sought to

take every opportunity to tell people. One colleague of mine who left 8 years ago said "Above all I remember Ian's enthusiasm for telling the gospel to others. I still use his notes and illustrations in Christianity Explained."

When Ian was first diagnosed with a brain tumour and the likelihood of terminal cancer he was depressed for 24 hours. But then he realised that he knew where he was going and the most important thing he could do with the time that was left to him was to point others to Jesus. So he started work on writing down his reasons for confidence in Jesus about the life to come. This in due course became a booklet "The valley of the shadow of death." If you would like a copy, please ring me on 01256 850434.

It is a privilege to have worked with Ian and to have known him as such a good friend. He has been a great support and encouragement. Many would be keen to say the same. I have asked one, David Corbett, to do so below.

John Hamilton

David Corbett writes:

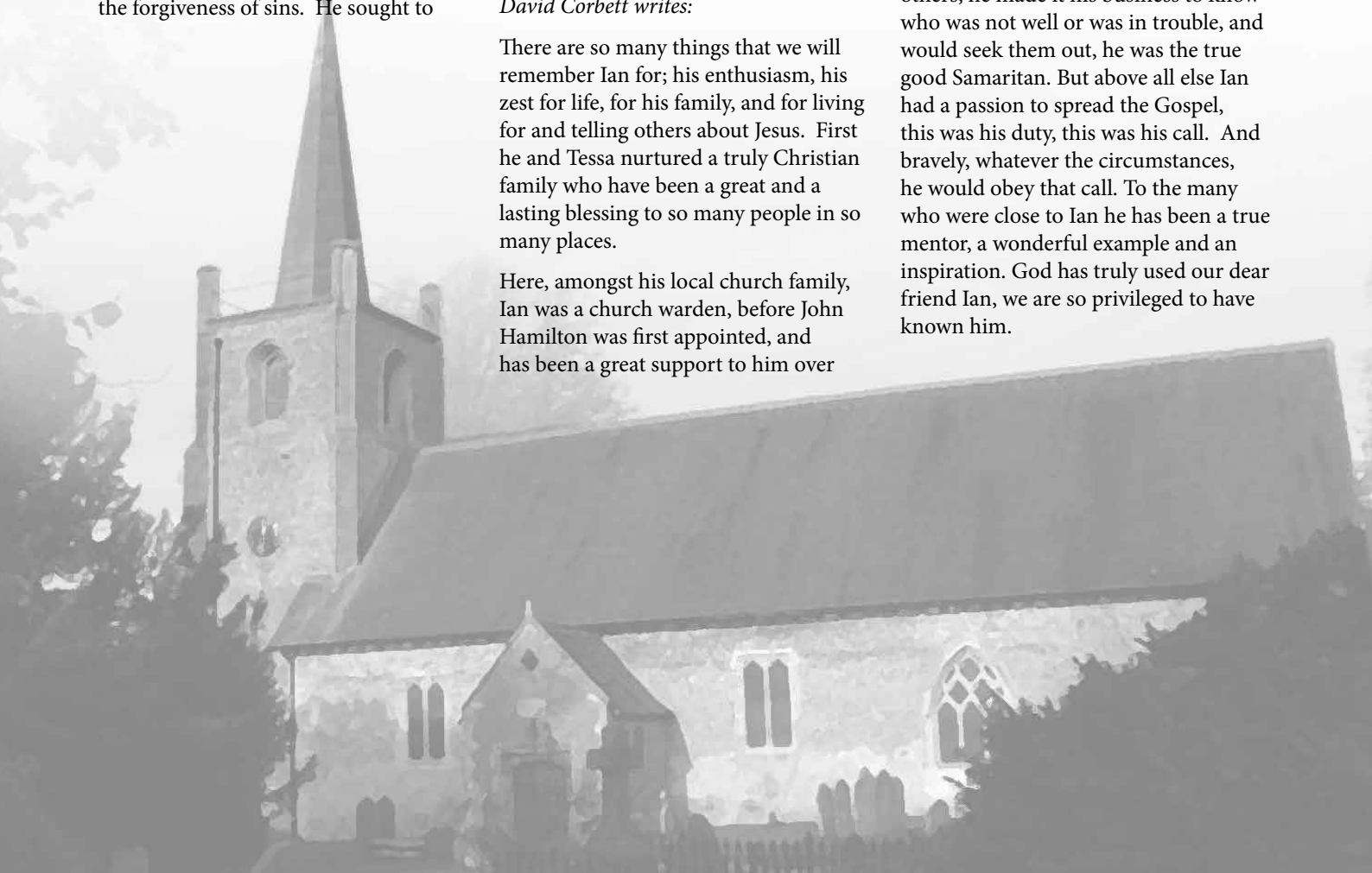
There are so many things that we will remember Ian for; his enthusiasm, his zest for life, for his family, and for living for and telling others about Jesus. First he and Tessa nurtured a truly Christian family who have been a great and a lasting blessing to so many people in so many places.

Here, amongst his local church family, Ian was a church warden, before John Hamilton was first appointed, and has been a great support to him over

the years. He was an active lay reader with a busy preaching schedule, a long term home group leader and an encouragement to all the preaching team. He also did much work behind the scenes in designing and bringing about the Parish Trust which has supported our Parish assistants over the years. He was a trustee for the Ark Centre at the hospital and for many local charities.

As senior partner of Lamb Brooks, Solicitors, Ian lived a hectic business life and was well respected by his clients and by all within the profession. But Ian was a fanatical sportsman too, Rugby was his chosen battle ground, playing hooker with many years of service for Basingstoke, being regularly mangled in the scrum by John Boyle, Peter's dad! Summer was a somewhat quieter time but Ian had his group of competitive tennis players to keep him fit on a regular basis. Sport for him did not stop at playing it – whenever Wales was playing there was no stopping him – he was the Welsh fan club.

In spite of this exhausting list of commitments Ian always had time for others, he made it his business to know who was not well or was in trouble, and would seek them out, he was the true good Samaritan. But above all else Ian had a passion to spread the Gospel, this was his duty, this was his call. And bravely, whatever the circumstances, he would obey that call. To the many who were close to Ian he has been a true mentor, a wonderful example and an inspiration. God has truly used our dear friend Ian, we are so privileged to have known him.



Services for November

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

6 November

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

13 November Remembrance Day

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

20 November

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

27 November

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

4 December

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

Sunday Mornings at 10AM:

Nov 6	Do things his way	Deut 12:1-14	Andrew King
Nov 13	Deadly idolatry	Deut 13:1-15	John Hamilton & Steve Howe
Nov 20	God's standard of Giving	Deut 14:22-29	John Hamilton
Nov 27	The One to come	Deut 18:14-22	John Hamilton & Andrew King

Sunday at SIX:

Nov 6	Our worthy Lord and God	Revelation 4	Scott Seivewright
Nov 13	Worthy is the Lamb	Revelation 5	Scott Seivewright
Nov 20	Who can stand?	Revelation 6	John Hamilton
Nov 27	No more tears	Revelation 7	John Hamilton

MIDWEEK

We meet in house groups on the weeks beginning 31 October, 14 & 28 November

Central Fellowship –
Tuesdays 8 and 22
November.

*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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Monk Sherborne Parish Council

By way of introduction, I am new to the parish council and this will be my first report for the Villager.

A brief resume of the various portfolios starting with my portfolio, Rural Policing & Neighbourhood Watch, at our meeting held on 21st September 2016:

Rural Policing & Neighbourhood Watch

There continues to be a low crime rate in our area; whilst I am sure we will all be pleased about that now is the time of year to be making sure that security lighting is working with the dark nights upon us. This is very important along with making sure garages and out buildings and vehicles are secure at night.

There is always a small element of people who speed through the local villages and we should be mindful that if they repeat this procedure it would be a good idea to make a note of the registration number and inform the local PCO.

Planning applications

Applications received:

T/00178/16/TCA - 1 Monk Sherborne House, Ramsdell Road, Monk Sherborne

Notice of Intent to tree 1- fell tree 2 Ash - fell tree 3 Cherry - fell tree 4 Oak - fell tree 5 Apple - fell trees 6 and 8 Birch - fell tree 8 -fell No objection

T/00222/16/TCA - Paddock View, Paddock Field, Ramsdell Road

Proposed works to trees in a conservation area notice of intent to fell a group of dying fir trees in front boundary hedge, replace with a yew hedge No objection

Planning Decisions

16/02060/HSE – Oakdene, Old Chapel Lane, Charter Alley
Erection of a two storey rear extension

16/01899/HSE – Willow House, Ramsdell Road, Monk Sherborne
Erection of two storey side extension, front porch and detached garage.
Widening and alterations to existing access and drive

16/02300/HSE – Holly Cottage, Aldermaston Road, Salters Heath

Erection of side ground floor and rear two storey extension

16/02344/LDEU – The Cottage, Rawlins Farm, Tubbs Lane
Application for a certificate of Lawfulness for the continued use of The Cottage as a dwelling

16/02577/HSE – 10 Queens Cottages, Salters Heath Road
Conversion of garage to garden/family room to include roof light and external alterations

16/01135/HOUSE – Queens House, Ramsdell Road
Conversion of existing barn to ancillary accommodation to main dwelling, to include single storey extension to form enclosed swimming pool and plant room.

Portfolio reports

Finance & Health – Cllr Boyle advised members the Annual Statement of Accounts had been reviewed by the external auditors, BDO. The councils accounts were acknowledged as being fully compliant with no items of concern raised.

Following a request being presented to County Cllr K Chapman for 50% of the required funds for a Defibrillator, £900 has been received. Thanks are expressed to County Cllr K Chapman for his generosity. A request has also been forwarded to BT for the adoption of the phone box ensuring the electrical supply is retained for the defibrillator. A second sponsor has been approached for the remaining cost of the unit. Further details to be provided at the next meeting.

Local Authority & Rural strategy – Members were advised that the final recommendations from the Boundary Commission in relation to the Electoral Review had been presented. A draft order is now being prepared for implementation at the local elections in 2017.

Cllr Gibson and Cllr Ashfield attended a workshop detailing the devolution within Hampshire and how Hampshire is to be

served in the future. A verbal report was presented highlighting areas of interest or specific concern to the parish.

Village hall – Lord Hayter provided an update to members regarding the village hall and the lease. Details were also confirmed in relation to the granting of permission by the village hall committee for the car park to be utilised as additional parking on an “as and when” basis for The Mole.

Highways Transport and footpaths

– The clerk advised of the various frustrations currently associated with trying to get any action from Highways. After four weeks of continuous correspondence the roadside verges were cut along Ramsdell Road. The help of Borough Cllr T Robinson has been sought to entice further action from highways on areas of immediate concern, specifically within Charter Alley.

Playground – The clerk advised that the bin just inside the play area was not being emptied. Cllr Hayter is to present a request via the village hall committee to determine whether a volunteer would be willing to take on the regular emptying of the bin.

The Mole - Further to receipt of planning permission for the decking at The Mole and the application for a premise licence, we are advised that The Mole is due to open imminently. The parish council wishes the new owners success in their new venture.

Last but not least:

The Council would like to express their thanks to those in the parish who have volunteered their help with jobs large and small within our parish.

Next meeting is Wednesday 16th November 2016

Cllr Andrew Lennard



SHERBORNE ST JOHN PARISH COUNCIL

A quiet month on the Parish Council
Representatives from Manydown and Hampshire County Council attended to give the Parish Council an update on the future development plans so far.

The PC members raised a number of questions including the traffic impact to the greater area including the village, proposals for junctions. The Consultation period continues – please look at the website and give your comments.

The Parish Council have submitted the Neighbourhood Plan to Basingstoke and Deane, this will now go through a process which will result in the residents of the village taking part in a referendum to accept the Plan or not. Once we have details of the date we will let you know.

We are in the process of appointing a Site Manager for the Chute Pavilion

and the recreation grounds who will be undertaking caretaker duties as well as managing the bookings. Their contact details will be on the website as soon as they are available. Meanwhile if you would like to book the Chute please contact the Parish Clerk – Penny Mayo.

Please note: The Site Manager for the Chute will be completely independent of the Village Hall, they are making their own arrangements for a caretaking and bookings.

The new 22 bus route operates approximately hourly doing a loop from Basingstoke via the hospital, down Elm Road, Cranes Road back to the hospital and then back into Basingstoke, with a reduced service on Sundays. The No. 2 route from Basingstoke to Tadley, stays on the Aldermaston Road with a stop at Dixons Corner and does NOT come through SSJ.

On College days only route 622 operates 2 early morning runs via Tadley and S.S.J. including Manor Road and Cranes Road to the train station and Queen Mary's College and one afternoon return journey. This route does NOT serve the hospital or bus station.

Times of buses are displayed at relevant bus stops, full timetables can be obtained at the bus station or found on Stagecoach website.

You may have seen the new very colourful defibrillators outside the Chute Pavillion and the Village Hall.

We have a demonstration at the Parish Council meeting on the 28th November 2016 at 6.30pm.

As always – anyone wishing to come along to a Parish Council meeting is more than welcome – details on notice boards and on the website.

Councillor Linda Agnew

Pamber Parish Council Notes for Pamber End and Pamber Green

Pamber Parish Council met on October 10th 2016 for its monthly meeting.

Audit:

The annual audit was concluded with no issues being raised. The budget for next year is starting to be pieced together but with so many financial cuts needing to be made at higher levels, this will undoubtedly have an impact on finances for future years and is therefore an issue that the Council will be debating over the next few months.

Planning applications:

16/03453/HSE

Erection of a single storey rear extension Plum Tree Cottage Bramley Road Pamber End

16/02911/HSE

Conversion of bungalow into house, including front and rear extensions and addition of first floor, with new vehicular access

15 Clappsgate Road Pamber Heath
No objection subject to the privacy of neighbouring properties not being compromised.

T/00370/16/TPO

Crown raise trees overhanging road and driveway and remove deadwood
35 Silchester Road Pamber Heath

T/00319/16/TPO

Crown lift to remove lower branches
6 Georgina Gardens, Pamber Heath
No objection

Planning decisions:

16/02235/FUL

Conversion of a six bed house into 2 no. three bed semi detached.
Pamber Place Cottage Pamber End.
GRANTED

16/02909/FUL

Erection of replacement dwelling and new access
Oakside 1 Heath Road Pamber Heath
REFUSED

T/00284/16/TPO

Crown reduce 1 no. Oak
25 Silchester Road Pamber Heath
REFUSED

Highways

At the CSW Basingstoke meeting it was noted that a renewed effort is being made to harmonise the operation of Speed watch schemes throughout northern Hampshire and there is much more enthusiasm surrounding the schemes than before. All roads with a 40mph limit will no longer be monitored by Speedwatch programmes but provided that Speedwatch volunteers co-operate with traffic vans in the area, they could be allowed to operate with them.

Golden Oldies... Silver Citizens

Gold and silver. Precious things. A little time on your hands?

Bramley Volunteer Drivers, formerly Bramley Voluntary Care Group, help by giving lifts to local people who are unable to use public transport. This could be to the hospital, to the local doctors' surgery, to a dentist, collecting prescriptions, or taking them to visit local elderly or sick friends.

We are trying to help in your area, if Sherborne St John residents use the Clift Meadow surgery in Bramley, but we need to find some local people who can join us as drivers in order to keep this going.

If you feel you could give a little time during the day, every now and then

and think this is something you'd like to do, then please get in touch. You'll need to have a car that older people could get in and out of easily, and have comprehensive insurance.

Also, because we work with vulnerable adults, we'll need to set you up with a DBS check, which is all organised and paid for by us. We also pay you petrol money.

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Priory School – Great New Hall is looking for a Great Name!



As you read this, I am pleased to report that construction work has now begun on the new extension to our school hall. Like your kitchen is the heart of your home, then the hall is very much the heart of the school. It is a hub of activity whether it is for Assembly or school lunches, PE or plays and it has been a long held dream to increase the space available to us. It will be truly amazing that by the beginning of the summer term 2017, we will have a Hall extension that is twice the size and as equally beautiful, being of flint, brick and glass construction to match seamlessly with the rear elevation of the school.

You may not be aware that as an academy, we have to generate funds for such significant projects by bidding to central government. We are not able to rely on any other income to fund major projects; nor does this money transfer to us as an automatic right – we have to submit a lengthy bid for scrutiny, along with hundreds of other schools across

the country, to a central body known as the Education Funding Agency. As you can imagine, it is not a straightforward application process and so we were both surprised and delighted to receive just under £300,000; the achievement was even more remarkable as only 3% of similar projects were successful.

Unfortunately, due to increased building costs since the original project was submitted to the government 12 months ago, we still need an additional amount of money to completely finish off the hall's interior fixtures and fittings and this is where we hope that you may be able to assist us. Perhaps you are a current Priory parent, perhaps you are a former Priory parent or perhaps you have no direct connection with the school at the moment but you still like to keep in touch with what's going on here. Whatever your interest in the school, you can make a huge difference to the lives of our current 169 children for their 7 years at The Priory and, in

addition, you can create a lasting legacy for the Priory children of future. This is where we hope that you can help! To help us to cross our final financial hurdle (which in relation to the funds allocated is a relatively small sum), we are now looking for a benefactor whose generosity will help us to finish the hall with finesse and in return, we would love to name our hall in his or her honour.

We do hope that you will consider this opportunity to help us and to leave a lasting mark on our local community. If you would like more information or would simply like to discuss how you can help us, we would be really pleased to hear from you. Please contact the school by telephoning 01256 850062 or by emailing Lucinda.dunne@priory.hants.sch.uk

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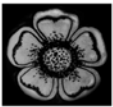


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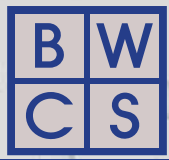
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11th November each year marks the anniversary of the end of The First World War and it also serves as an occasion to remember all those who died in the service of this country in the 2 World Wars of the last century as well as in other conflicts since then.

You are invited to a ceremony to be held at the Sherborne St John War Memorial at **11am on Friday 11th November**.

The names of those who died in conflict will be read out and I am sure there will be some whose family names are still known in our community. Please come.....

For those who wish to attend a Remembrance service in church, there will be one held at St James's Church at Bramley on Sunday 13th November starting at 10.30 am. Seating will be limited so please arrive in plenty of time.

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By the time you are reading this, we will already be in the second half of the Autumn Term, which seems to be going very quickly!

It always takes time to get into a new routine, but our new Year 6 pupils have risen to the challenge of their responsibilities and we now have a great team of School Ambassadors who are on hand to show visitors around the School and to explain about our traditions.



One of these annual events is the Conker Competition, and after a number of hotly-contested heats, the winners were Matthew and Harry. Well done to both of them!

The Year 6 children have also been trained as Young Playleaders, so that they can help the lunchtime ladies by running activities for younger children during the lunch break. Another important responsibility is their role as 'Buddies'; each member of Year 6 is

allocated a 'buddy' from Year R, and they regularly meet up with them for play and class activities. They all seem to benefit from this arrangement and have lots of fun!

The Year R children had a wonderful surprise when they saw a new addition to their play area – a



beautifully hand-made mud kitchen! Here they can cook up wonderful recipes from sand, water, leaves and any other ingredients they can find in the playground! Maybe they will become 'British Bake Off' stars of the future!

It seems very early to be thinking about Christmas, but our Christmas Fayre is on Friday 2nd December from 5pm to 7pm – we hope to see you there!

Sherbert – SSJ School Villager Correspondent



Sherborne St John Scarecrow Festival



17th to 24th September 2016

The first ever Sherborne St John Scarecrow Festival was a huge success.

The amazing creations caused quite a stir as they jumped from hedgerows, peeped over walls and reclined in front gardens. The fun finished off on Saturday with a treasure trail followed by children's craft activities and refreshments in the Village Hall.

The Village Hall Committee would like to thank everyone, especially the SSJ School Association and Sarah Ayto from Rainbows.

This year's Scarecrow Festival winners were:



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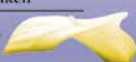
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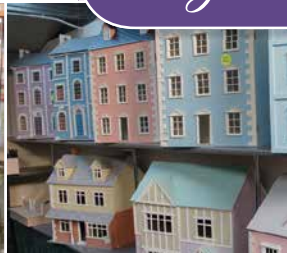


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whilst waiting for the parents to arrive for the pack AGM later that month. The cubs were also able to show the visiting District Commissioner how it was done. Fortunately, he didn't get as soaking wet as the cub scouts!

SSJ Cub Scout Pack is open to boys and girls aged 7 ½ to 10 ½.

They meet on Thursday evenings from 6:30 - 8 pm in the Sherborne St John Village Hall.

If you would like more information, please either come along one evening or visit the website www.bwds.org.uk or phone Tricia on 01420 544904.



Sherborne St John Social Club

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Day	Date	Event
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Saturday	26 th November 2016	Skittles £1 per person per game
Friday	9 th December 2016	Quiz Max 6 people per team £1 per person
Wednesday	14 th December 2016	Christmas Draw – Tickets 25p each available at the bar
Saturday	17 th December 2016	Family Christmas Party – further details on club noticeboard
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Last month I wrote about important milestones that were occurring. This month is no different as the memory of the Aberfan disaster engulfing Pantglas Junior School and the loss of life of 28 adults and 116 children. On the 21st October, the 50th anniversary is marked which will remind many of the horrors that unfolded before our eyes. I was 13 years old at the time and remember the television coverage vividly, being not a great deal different in age to the generation of children wiped out. Sir Karl Jenkins has written "Cantata Memoria – For the Children" as a memorial. You will find on 'YouTube', "Lament For The Valley", a very emotive, stirring video accompanying the piece which incorporates newsreels from the time vividly bringing to view the enormity of what happened that day 50 years ago and the graves of those lost spreading far across the graveyard. As a mother now, how those poor parents and families coped in the aftermath is a dread in my mind. The Karl Jenkins piece is performed by Bryn Terfel and accompanied by choirs including the very appropriate light voices of Hywel Girls and Boys' choirs.

I have received news from members of the parish of suspicious activity. A white pick-up vehicle was spotted lurking in the early hours of the morning which disappeared promptly

when disturbed without putting on its lights. It would be well worth householders being mindful about their property and taking extra precautions. It has been also mentioned to me about people going away on holiday and putting their wheelie bins out a number of days before collection. This can be seen as a clear sign that householders have gone away and the house is vacant. It can also cause a potential safety issue on our narrow country lanes by adding obstacles to negotiate around and they are unsightly for neighbours remaining.

Activity in Pamber Forest is 'hotting up' as weather cools down. A number of rambling groups (some quite large) have been seen enjoying the wonderful, quiet atmosphere of the Forest, (thankfully no chain saws currently). And I understand it was also the venue for a run last Sunday. However, the deer seem to be forsaking their usual habitat and venturing into gardens in early evening. Time to protect my roses and variegated laurels from attack!

I have recently heard news of St Stephens Village Hall. Over the past weeks they have been opening their doors and raising some splendid amounts of money. They have held two very successful Antique/Bric a brac sales which have raised over £250 for Hall funds. A very enjoyable Quiz Night saw a packed hall thoroughly enjoying themselves with over £300 being contributed to funds at the end of the evening. Congratulations are due to Karen Snowball and her team who held a Coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Nurses - over £500 being raised for this very special charity. Well done to all of the St Stephens' Hall Management Committee and their local supporters, together with all those who come to their organized events. It keeps the Hall

as a thriving, viable venue for locals to enjoy.

Over and above the fundraising at St Stephens Village Hall, I have been told there has been the bonus gained from hearing the many villagers complimenting the hall's atmosphere not realising what a lovely old hall this is. Hopefully more will now take the advantage of visiting the Hall and participating in the various activities planned. One of these will be on December 18th when a Christmas "wine and mince pies" event will be organized along with carols and other Christmas music, readings and solos. So make a note of the date in your diaries and come and enjoy this special event. If you wish to make a contribution to the event please let the Management Committee know, either directly or via myself. There is a lot of talent in our village, both musical and literary and of all ages, so let us give this talent a platform for the benefit of the Village and St Stephens Hall.

Whilst talking of musical events, I am busy practising for the first concert of the year this Sunday for Basingstoke Ladies Choir. Once we are through that, rehearsals will start for their free annual Christmas Concert. Tadley Singers are also busy rehearsing for their annual Christmas Concert. I will give more information next month including details of the well deserving local charities which will be supported. Both choirs, as do all other local choirs, love what they do and new members are always welcome. No matter how downhearted I feel as I set out for rehearsal, the 'blues' quickly disappear and I come home with a spring in my step.

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The October meeting was a Talk given by Mrs. Abby Janaway from Newlyn Farm Shop in North Warnborough. She married in to the 4th generation farming family and her husband Rob is a shepherd, looking after the livestock and overseeing the three lambing seasons each year.

The large family involved in Newlyn Farm decided to split 14 years ago, the cousins moving to arable, whilst they continued with the livestock. The heart of the business is the livestock and they take great pride in the welfare of their animals from birth through to taking them to the abattoir nine miles away. As Abby said, the animals remain relaxed on the journey and, unlike the mass produced livestock which travel large distances, the wellbeing of the animals is reflected in the quality of the meat.

Their beef, pork and lamb is all produced on the farm, and they have a local farmer who produces their chickens. The cattle are Herefords and Shorthorns; the calves have more fat which gives more flavour. Unlike supermarket meat, they hang for three weeks on the carcass – apparently the meat in large stores may say ‘hung for 21 days’ but are in fact put in vacuum packs to retain the liquid – thus more weight – as opposed to the authentically hung meat which loses the liquid during the hanging period.

The three lambing seasons is unusual, twice is more common, but their 850 ewes lamb three times a year; Christmas, ready for Easter Spring lamb; again in March and again for their lambing event which is open to the public and popular with children, in the summer. Approximately 25 lambs are born each week during these times.

The calves are weaned at six months. Born in May, they are kept outside which is a less stressful environment for them. Following weaning they are put into groups – heffers and steers. One calf is normally born to each cow, occasionally twins occur but these tend, though not always, to be less strong and healthy.

Pigs – there are one hundred breeding sows who average ten piglets per litter. 25 pigs a week are slaughtered. The breed on the farm are Berkshire Cross, more fatty which makes better crackling. They are free-range and kept outside in the best possible environment. The butchers make 12-14 different varieties of award-winning sausages and make them twice a week, using only natural skins. They also make their own bacon.

There are two distinct facets to the business; as Abby said, the girls are in charge of the shop, the boys in charge of the farm. The shop stocks a huge range of produce, as much of it as possible is sourced locally, particularly the fruit and vegetables. They do not stock any out of season produce for this reason. Their salad produce comes from up to half an hour away, as does their delicious breads.

There is available a range of cooked foods, all made from the produce on the farm. Everything tastes home-cooked because although it is cooked in larger batches, the method is exactly the same as in your kitchen. They cook in 36 kilo batches; they make their own stocks, and there is a stock-pot on the cooker constantly. Abby clearly enjoys the Newlyn puddings, and did mention that the chocolate roulade is pretty special.

All the cheeses are local, and there is now an English feta available. Chutneys, jams and marmalades are made in

Church Crookham, not far away. The milk comes from Salisbury, and is from a Jersey herd, so of course you can find a selection of cream as well. Their bread comes from Camberley and is delivered at 8 am every morning.

The deli counter has been expanded over recent years and is very popular, with 150 scotch eggs made each week, pates, pies and pasties, as well as a variety of salads.

The Cafe, which was extended three years ago, is also very popular and all the dishes made by them on the farm.

As if this wasn't enough for the family to be doing, they also have a Cookery School, now in its 9th year. The school caters for all ages and is very popular with children. There are 4 – 5 courses each week, and is not a ‘sit and watch’ course but very much hands-on. They also cater for corporate days as well as one-to-one tuition.

Newlyn Farm Shop is just off the M3, junction 5, on the A287 towards Odiham. To find out more information, go to www.newlyn-farmshop.co.uk

Abby was thanked by Mrs. Joan Brandon.

Bert's Blog

This is my ball and you are not having it! So there! OK, OK, you can have it, as long as you throw it for me. I love jumping over the flower borders and bringing it back to you. It is a bit tatty now and I am not sure you could score a goal with it but I do love ball games and so do the Miniatures. I never tire of returning it to their little feet so that they can give it a kick for me to fetch. There is a slight downturn to



the activities pertaining to my mention of jumping over the flower borders. Although I can easily clear them with my gigantic leap it appears the kicking and throwing abilities of the Miniatures and indeed occasionally their parents fall far behind in the desired lift and direction. The Mrs becomes very agitated when this game is played and the cry 'not in the flower beds' is often heard lilting over the air from the kitchen window.... Oops, there goes another pelargonium!!

In between ball games there has been a lot of work on preparing for the imminent shooting and beating dates

and I am benefitting from a clearing out of the freezers in readiness for this seasons booty. I always take an interest in the game stock in the freezer and look forward to any bits and bobs tossed my way that are not required for the Boss. Actually the Mrs is a bit ambivalent about the game stock sometimes and longs for prepacked neat meat from the supermarket so my ears always prick up when I hear the phrase 'not again', then I know that whatever the Boss has suggested for dinner will end up on my plate. It's a dog's life – food and ball games, but someone's got to live it.

Probus Club hears telling tales



Amusing anecdotes kept coming when Susan Howe gave a talk to the Probus Club of Basingstoke, the social club for retired professional and business managers, about what she called her "Canter through a funny life". This had nothing to do with anything equine but was about her wide experiences of life and with the ability to recall minute details that made the talk so interesting.

She had been working as a cook on a yacht in the Mediterranean in the 60s when she met Bridget Bardot's ex-husband, Gunter Sachs, who was one of the original playboys. She went to work for him and his celebrity guests in his chalet in St Moritz. During her time there she met several well known people including the Formula 1 World Champion, Jackie Stewart, the film director, Roman Polanski, several members of the Bismarck family and the last king of Morocco. Susan admitted: "I couldn't really cook but the good thing about very rich people is that they dine out a lot."

In the early 70s Susan worked for Sir John Betjeman, soon to become Poet Laureate. She stood in for his long-standing PA for a year and met his famous teddy bear, Archie and Jumbo the toy elephant. A well known eccentric John Betjeman had many visitors including Mary Wilson, wife

of Prime Minister Harold Wilson, who was a published poet. Barrie Humphries (of characters Dame Edna Everage and Sir Les Patterson fame) was a regular caller. Various men of the cloth came seeking financial support for their particular church. If they were from what he considered to be the lower sects of religion, Methodists or Baptists, he would not let Archie sit in on their discussions in case it affected its thinking. On another occasion Susan recalled that the great poet had made a theatre booking with pre-performance supper for himself and Archie. That night he didn't think that Archie was feeling up to it so Susan had to change the bookings.

When John Betjeman got married he arrived, on his wedding night, at his bedroom door wearing a long nightshirt and carrying Archie and Jumbo under each arm. When his new bride commented about what she saw he made it very clear to her that she was very much in fourth position in his life. When Susan left his employment he bade her farewell with: "Gosh we've had fun – what a shame you couldn't type!"

During this time she shared a flat in London with Jan who was the daughter of a vet in Thirsk called Donald Sinclair. He was the partner of the vet who used the pen name James Herriot to write "All

Creatures Great and Small" that became a successful TV series. Apparently Jan knew her father was so incensed by the character Siegfried Farnon, played by Robert Hardy, that he refused to watch the programme.

After completing the notoriously demanding two year course she passed the exam set by the London Tourist Board, qualifying as a Blue Badge Guide which enabled her to guide at all the major London sites. London Blue Badge guides can also guide in other parts of UK which meant she could be away for up to three weeks. She accompanied an amazing array of specialist groups ranging from hymnologists studying hymn writers to Mills & Boon authors specialising in the Regency period, and from debt collectors to the American Bar Association and the 200 strong Yale Alumni choir. Immediately prior to her visit to Probus she had accompanied the Bishop of North Dakota around London.

Not content with acting as a guide in Britain she has taken painting tours to Zanzibar, riding tours in the Rockies, wildlife tours in Africa and tiger tours in the jungles of India.

Her wide interests match the experiences of the members of the Probus Club, and their web site www.probusbasingstoke.webs.com gives more information about their activities.

Basingstoke Civil Service Retirement Fellowship

November Nights

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The speaker was Alan Grace who gave a talk about women in the First World War. He started by giving a background to the conflict, its spread internationally, and how the shelling of Hartlepool, Scarborough and Whitby in December 1914 involved the whole civilian population in the war and gave women the impetus to show that they could make their contribution while men were fighting on the front line. Despite opposition from the War Office organisations such as The Women's Emergency Corps and the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry were founded and women worked in a whole range of occupations previously done by men. Women's football became popular and women such as Flora Sandes who joined the Serbian Army and was the only British woman to become an officer, Gladys Storey (the Bovril lady),

the Duchess of Sutherland who sent nurses to the front and the Duchess of Westminster who set up a military hospital in Le Touquet all contributed to the war effort. Alan illustrated his talk by playing recordings of interviews made by the BBC with some of the women involved in these undertakings and he also had with him some WW1 mementos.

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. Further details about meetings 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

David Cowling

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