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Pavement parking

Over the past few months it has become quite a problem where drivers feel that they can occupy the pavement in Manor Road, SSJ all day with various vans and cars. A gentle reminder that there are children and the elderly living in the road who need to use the pavement and not walk into the road because of vehicles blocking their way. Also pavements are not tough enough to withstand vehicles constantly being parked and will eventually become worn and possibly dangerous. Could residents who are parking their cars on the pavements, or having work done on their properties, please be a bit more respectful to pedestrians in our village.

Doreen Turner

Going To The Cinema

I went to the cinema the other day
The first time in years I have to say
The last film that I went to see
James Bond was played by Sean Connery
So what has changed since then?
Or will it be the same again?

Cinema tickets are cheap no more
And as I walk through the door
I'm hit by the smell of sweet popcorn
And to the counter I am drawn
Where hot-dogs and sweets galore
Try to tempt me into spending more.

So to the screen I eventually go
Find my seat and wait for the show
But my ears are subjected to
Loud adverts that I have to sit through
It seems they just go on and on
And what a relief when they've gone!

But at that point the trailers begin
Of new films with the same loud din
I'll probably be deaf before I leave
Such is the battering my ears receive
Was the film worth going to see?
I think I'm better off watching TV.

Bill Breakspear

Editor's Note:..... or join the Pelican Film Society Bill – good films, no popcorn, free parking at the Ark Conference Centre and friendly audience !

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Future Events

October 2017

2	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall	10.00-11.30am
2	Pelican Film Society, The Eagle Huntress, The Ark Conference Centre, Guests welcome £6	7.30pm
3	SSJ Women's Fellowship 'A Year in the Life of a New Forest Pony' SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
3	St Michael's Hospice Christmas Gift Fair, Sandford Springs Golf Club	8.30 - 4.00pm
6	Royal British Legion Dinner, SSJ Village Hall. Tickets £24 – non-members welcome	7.00 for 7.30pm
6	St Michael's Hospice Concert, BHMVC + Ooh Mama Ladies Choir, Winchester Cathedral	7.00pm
7	Dads and Tots, Sherborne St John Village Hall, £2 per family, Tel. Scott 416272	8.00 – 9.30am
11	"Batty Evening", Hants & IoW Trust, Hook Hall, United Reform Church	8-10pm
14	Artisans Market, Sherborne St John Village Hall, all welcome	11.30 - 4.30pm
14	Fungal Foray, Newtown Common, South of Newbury, Hants & IoW Trust	10 – 12.30pm
16	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall	10.00-11.30am
21	Guide, Brownie and Rainbows Jumble Sale. Donations welcome from 12.30pm. SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
23	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion. (Planning meeting 7pm)	7.30pm
25	Chris's Jazz Friends, SSJ Social Club £1 entrance to non-members	8.00pm
30	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall	10.00-11.30am

November 2017

6	Pelican Film Society, Lion, The Ark Conference Centre, Guests welcome £6	7.30pm
7	SSJ Women's Fellowship 'The Miracle Flower' SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
15	BHMVC + Hart MVC Joint Concert @ All Saints Church, B/S, Free, in aid of The Ark Cancer Charity	7.30pm
13	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall	10.00-11.30am
13	"Early Winter Birds at the Vyne", Hants & IoW Trust, meet at Swan Pub SSJ	10.30 – 12.30
18	Quiz & Supper in aid of Ungureni Trust, Chute Pavilion Tickets £20	7pm
22	Chris's Jazz Friends, SSJ Social Club £1 entrance to non-members	8.00pm
27	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall	10.00-11.30am
27	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion. (Planning meeting 7pm)	7.30pm

December 2017

2	Dads and Tots, Sherborne St John Village Hall, £2 per family, Tel. Scott 416272	8.00 – 9.30am
4	Pelican Film Society, Hidden Figures, The Ark Conference Centre, Guests welcome £6	7.30pm
5	SSJ Women's Fellowship Christmas Lunch Details to be advised	
7	BHMVC Xmas Carol Concert, St Michael's Church, B/S, Free, in aid of B/S Hosp. Medical Fund	7.30pm
11	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall	10.00-11.30am
18	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion. (Planning meeting 7pm)	7.30pm

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

Summer 2017

2017 Pamber Green David Cullum	May	June	July	Aug	To 12 Sept
Avg Day Max Temp C	19.4	23.3	23.3	21.5	19.4
Diff from 30-yr ave C	+3.3	+5.3	+2.4	+1.0	+0.5
Highest Max Temp C	28.2	32.1	32.3	28.1	22.5
Avg Night Min Temp C	8.5	11.7	12.9	11.3	9.6
Diff from 30-year ave C	+2.6	+3.0	+2.6	+1.2	+0.7
Lowest Min Air Temp C	-1.6	5.8	9.2	7.1	6.1
No. Nights with Air Frost	1	0	0	0	0
Night frosts diff from ave	-1	0	0	0	0
No. Nights with Grass Frost	1	0	0	0	0
Total Rainfall mm	70.7	39.2	104.6	77.4	20.0
Highest 24-hour Rainfall mm	18.5	22.1	29.3	14.4	7.7
Percent of 30-year ave	128%	78%	190%	119%	83%
No. of days with >1mm rain	10	5	10	11	5
Diff from 30-year ave	0	-5	+3	+4	+2

June is usually the sunniest month of the year, daylight is at its longest and the weather is often quite settled. But June 2016 was a poor month with less sunshine than the two previous months and less than the two following months; the 5th and 6th were days of unbroken sunshine but the rest of the month was mainly cloudy and mild. The result was that the harvest was nearly three weeks late. June 2017 weather was absolutely the opposite – very warm, very sunny and below average rainfall. July 2017 started warm and sunny but it all changed on the 11th with continuous rain from 4pm until 6am the following day producing well over an inch of rain and making it very difficult to put heavy harvesting equipment on to the fields, and the rain continued on many days for the rest of the month making for

a difficult and delayed harvest (apart from those able to harvest very early following the fine June weather).

Climate is usually defined as ‘average weather’ and we usually take a period of 30 years as representative of all the weather variations likely to occur. It is very instructive to compare successive 30-year periods (e.g. 1951-81, 1961-2001, 1971-2011). The climate is always evolving and these 30-year periods do show a general warming trend.

In some parts of the world the climate is changing more rapidly than others; here in the UK the warming trend does not appear very great, but some parts of the world (especially in high latitudes) are indicating quite rapid warming trends with a consequent loss of snow and ice cover and a resulting reduction in the

amount of solar energy being reflected back into space – therefore accelerated warming.

It has been known for some 200 years that carbon dioxide in the atmosphere assist in the absorption of solar radiant energy. It has been estimated that in the 1760's the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere was about 280 parts per million; by 1958 this had increased to 316 parts per million and, in September 2017, it reached 405.07 parts per million. In addition, carbon dioxide is accumulating in the oceans in vast quantities resulting in sea water becoming more acidic which could be serious to marine life.

And the main source of the carbon dioxide – industrial activities, especially the use of fossil fuels.

Church Matters October

Last month we considered the beginnings of the Reformation with Martin Luther nailing his 95 Theses to the door of Wittenberg church. That was exactly 500 years ago. In England things took a bit longer: it was a while before the same convictions which gripped Luther, and through him much of Germany, began to take effect here. And the circumstances leading to Reformation in England were rather different from those in Germany. Key names to remember are William Tyndale, Hugh Latimer and Nicholas Ridley – and Henry VIII!

I mention Henry because he had massive issues with the Catholic church as well, but they were of a very different kind from Martin Luther's. Luther was focused on gospel questions: how can a man be right before God? Can we be assured of a place in heaven when we die? He wrestled with the agony of a guilty conscience until he found peace through the grace of God received by faith alone. Henry was not interested in his conscience, guilty or otherwise – he just wanted to be rid of his Queen,

Catherine of Aragon and to be set free from the power of the pope.

In other words while Henry's concerns were essentially political Luther's were spiritual. Both brought them into conflict with the ecclesiastical powers of the day but while Luther majored on ideas and theological truth Henry wanted divorce and remarriage. The starting point of the English Reformation was therefore very different. Having said that, it was the ideas that won through in the end – here as in Germany. You cannot stop ideas spreading, that is the great thing about gospel truth. You may put the preacher in prison but you can't lock up his message, as Paul wrote "The word of God is not chained."¹

William Tyndale was a preacher of the gospel. He gave himself both to making Christ known as Saviour and to translating the New Testament. Eventually he fell foul of the ecclesiastical powers that be, to whom he said as he sought to finish his translation work "If God spare me I will make sure that a ploughboy knows more about the truth of the Gospel than you do." This was not exactly popular with them and Tyndale had to flee to the Continent. After a time he was caught and condemned. As death approached he was heard to pray "Lord, open the King of England's eyes".

Meanwhile the truths of the gospel were being discovered by Latimer and co. They were fellows at Cambridge

University and they used to meet at the White Horse Inn. Through these discussions they came to true personal faith. A certain Thomas Bilney was probably the first. In 1547 Henry died, leaving England free of the pope, but himself as ardently catholic as ever. He was followed by Edward VI who was a gospel believer. In his time the Reformers made great progress in England and several of them became bishops. Edward reigned only 6 years however and he was followed by the passionately catholic ("Bloody") Mary who burnt many of them at the stake, including Latimer and Ridley. You may have seen the Martyrs' memorial in Oxford where their execution took place. On that day Latimer uttered the unforgettable encouragement to Ridley when he said as the faggots were being lit "Be of good courage Master Ridley and play the man. We shall, this day, by God's grace, light such a candle in England as I trust shall never be put out"

Indeed by God's grace that candle has not been put out. It still burns and will continue to do so as long as there are those who, often at real personal cost to themselves and to their families, are prepared to take a firm stand on the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. For, as Peter said when he was accused by the powers of his day "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved"²

John Hamilton

¹ 2Timothy 2:9

² Acts 4:15

Services for October

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

01 October

10am Parish Communion, Sunday Club & Crèche
6pm 'Sundays at Six'

St Andrew's
Sherborne St John Village Hall

08 October

8am Holy Communion
10am Morning Service (Harvest), Sunday Club & Crèche
10am Morning Prayer (Harvest)
6pm 'Sundays at Six'

Priory
St Andrew's
All Saints
Sherborne St John Village Hall

15 October

10am Morning Service, Sunday Club & Crèche
6pm 'Sundays at Six'

St Andrew's
Sherborne St John Village Hall

22 October

10am Family Service
10am Morning Prayer
6pm 'Sundays at Six'

St Andrew's
Priory
Sherborne St John Village Hall

29 October

10am Family Service
6pm 'Sundays at Six'

St Andrew's
Sherborne St John Village Hall

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 10AM ... we continue looking at the Gospel of Luke

Oct 01	Where is your treasure?	Luke 12:13-34	Andrew King
Oct 08	Be ready for Jesus	Luke 12:35-53	Scott Seivewright & John Hamilton
Oct 15	What is God doing?	Luke 12:54-13:17	John Hamilton
Oct 22	From small beginnings	Luke 13:18-21	Scott Seivewright & Andy Spence
Oct 29	The last who will be first	Luke 13:22-30	John Hamilton

... and at SIX pm in the Village Hall:

Oct 01	Teach & Discuss	Tolerance: how clear should we be?	Scott Seivewright
Oct 08	Careful administration	2 Cor 8:16-9:5	John Hamilton
Oct 15	Generosity continued!	2 Cor 9:6-15	Scott Seivewright
Oct 22	Where to start	Nehemiah 1 (2)	Scott Seivewright
Oct 29	When the going gets tough	Nehemiah (3) 4	John Hamilton

MIDWEEK

Home Groups meet in the weeks of Tuesday 3, 17 & 31 October.

We meet for Central Fellowship on Tuesday 10 October.

Coffee at 7.45pm followed by Bible study discussion and prayer; finish at 9pm

Join us for a screening of the film Luther

Starring – Joseph Fiennes - Bruno Ganz – Peter Ustinov

Saturday 14th October – 7.45 for 8pm In Sherborne St John Village Hall

Cost of £5 - includes a glass of 'Wittenberg' beer, wine or soft drink and nibbles

There will be a short Christian talk

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Monk Sherborne Village Fete

The Monk Sherborne Fete took place on Sunday and despite a very damp day with almost non stop rain we all had a great time. I would like to thank everyone who helped - setting up the tents, organising the car parking, judging the fruit and veg show, manning the tea tent and the PIMS tent the BBQ, the raffle, the games, the kids races and finally the dog show. And of course all those who braved the weather and turned up.

One of the attraction was a model of the proposed new hall, made by the architect, Oliver Percival. Oliver used to live in the village so has a good feel for what will fit in.

The new hall is a little bigger than the current one, but not much. It will be sited a bit further down the car park and facing onto the playing field. At the back of the hall will be big sliding doors opening onto decking overlooking the playing fields.

It is hoped that we will be able to continue using the old hall whilst the new one is being built.



Winners of the veteran class

Georgia Bilderbeck

These plans are going to be discussed with the villagers on the 27th to get their views and if everyone is happy we can fine up the design and start raising the money.

There was a great turnout despite the wet weather, sponsored by Donnington Grove Vets, raising funds for the new village hall.

Bill Hayter



Dads and Tots

Saturday 7th October

8am – 9.30am

Sherborne St John Village Hall

£2 per family

Tel. Scott 416272



SHERBORNE ST JOHN PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH MATTERS

There is no Parish report this month due to no PC meeting. But that has not stopped the work of the Parish Clerk!! So please continue to e mail problems you are experiencing for me to see if I can help.

PLANNING MATTERS

The empty Dark Lane site has now been sold & one Councillor and I have had a good preliminary meeting with the new owner & what he is hoping to build. He is very keen to work with the Parish Council to ensure that the plans when finally submitted are what the PC can support. His aims are to build houses that are in keeping with the older existing ones – and uses supplies, bricks, roof tiles, that are the same as existing older buildings to keep the visual impact welcoming. He is also wishing to build smaller 2/3 bedded houses something that the Neighbourhood Plan identified as essential to accommodate 'downsizers' and families into the village. So prospects look good to finally solve the problem of a derelict and unsightly area being cleared.

There has been no further information about Bob's Farm site and what the new owners plan to do with the site as a complete development.

CHUTE PAVILION AND RECREATION GROUND

I am happy to say that I have managed – despite various stops unfortunately due to ongoing illness – to finally complete and submit the grant application to HCC for the erection of another storage unit at the Chute Pavilion. Since taking over, and may I say with considerable help from our Site Manager Terry Buller, we have been progressively improving the whole complex. But as a sports pavilion it goes without saying there is a lot of equipment needing to be stored between sessions. The situation has now

reached a crisis point. I now just have to wait for their decision. The Parish Council gave me permission to remove all the brambles & vegetation from the 2 beds each side of the Pavilion which looked terrible and were an extremely bad advertisement to anyone looking to hire the hall. At the next PC meeting various options will be discussed about what to do with the 2 cleared areas – grass over, install artificial grass, install flower borders in wooden units. The major consideration is the cost and the necessity to ensure maintenance is easy & not expensive. This will vastly improve the visual view of the Pavilion and help increase rentals.

Don't forget it is a great place for parties and groups so if you know of anything that could use the hall please let me know – we have had an approach from a yoga group but there is always room for more activities to suit all age groups. If anyone knows of a Pilates group who may like to use the hall please let me know.

I am extremely happy to report that we have received many new renters who have all complimented the facility as clean, very well kept and how helpful Terry Buller has been in welcoming them to the site and showing them where everything is.

I would like to add my thanks to Terry as well as I could not remotely manage to keep the area in such brilliant condition without his unstinting efforts.

TENNIS COURTS

WANTED STILL MORE PLAYERS!!!!!!

I am pleased to say that I have received quite a few enquiries about joining the tennis club to play on our excellent new courts but would love more. So if you or your family or friends living locally are interested please get them to contact me. The Parish Council is investigating all options at present to increase their use which could hopefully lead to tennis

coaching sessions being held.

Membership is not expensive, and ranges from family, singles, students and children in scales. It would be great to see more youngsters and teenagers using the facilities. So if you are interested please get in touch with me by e mail ssjclerk@gmail.com for more information.

ALLOTMENT

There is still one or 2 plots available at Moss hill site so if you are interested please get in touch. Contact me by e mail ssjclerk@gmail.com. If you don't have internet please write to me at West End House, Stratfield Saye, RG72DP for information.

Don't forget to contact your site warden Ted Wilkinson at Moss Hill to ensure you place rubbish in the right place..

TRANSPORT

The new reversed route for No 22 has hopefully now started so please remember to look at the bus stop for new timetables to be put up by Stagecoach. I have been informed that it is difficult due to vegetation to wait on the opposite side of the road at Elm Road so am looking into how to get this dealt with.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Unfortunately there is still no updated information about West End road improvements. I continue to 'chase' them & am also chasing re road problems like the junction of Dark Lane/Elm Road & Vyne Road which was promised to be done by August. Perhaps the incessant rain has held up repairs but it is more likely the problems with finance as HCC has had to make very significant cuts in their budgets.

I hope you all had a really good summer break and please contact me if there is anything you want to bring to the Parish Council's attention ssjclerk@gmail.com.

Penny Mayo Parish Clerk

Pamber Parish Council Notes for Pamber End and Pamber Green

Pamber Parish Council met on Monday September 11th for its monthly meeting.

Planning applications:

a) Planning applications

Application 17/02723/FUL. Erection of 12 dwellings (Rural Exception Scheme) with associated access, car parking and landscaping. Land east of Pamber Heath Road. *It was agreed at the meeting that an urgent meeting with HASTOE would be held following queries from many residents.*

17/02798/FUL. Erection of 2 no. detached dwellings with associated garaging, parking, turning, landscaping, private amenity space and access arrangements following demolition of existing bungalow. Brooklands, New Road, Pamber Green. **No objection**

17/02533/HSE. Erection of single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory. Re-roofing of existing rear single storey element and conversion of loft to living accommodation. The Always, Ramsdell Road, Pamber End. **No objection**

17/02287/FUL. Erection of 1 no 3 bed dwelling to provide staff accommodation for riding school. Pamber Green Riding School, New Road, Pamber Green. **No objection**

17/02858/HSE. Conversion of garage to workshop/hobbies and store. Terra Nova, Green Lane, Pamber Green.

17/02896/HSE. Erection of front, rear and side extensions, relocation of chimney and construction of driveway. Lynwood, Aldermaston Road, Pamber End. **No objection**

b) Planning decisions

17/01874/HSE. Erection of single storey rear extension and outbuilding. Coach House, Aldermaston Road, Pamber End **GRANTED**

17/02098/HSE. Erection of a single storey rear extension. Hyde Cottage, Bramley Road, Pamber End **GRANTED**.

17/02097/HSE. Erection of single storey extension to north east elevation, two storey extension to south west elevation, front porch and detached cart shed. Demolition of existing side extension and conservatory. Queensbridge, New Road, Pamber Green. **GRANTED**.

17/02202/FUL. Erection of detached dwelling with replacement car business workshop. Hawthorn Lodge, Aldermaston Road, Pamber Green. **GRANTED**.

17/01511/FUL. Erection of 2 no. 3 bed dwellings with detached double garages using existing access to Ramsdell Road. Land at grid reference 460800, 158895, Ramsdell Road, Pamber End. **GRANTED**.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Council agreed to formally notify BDBC if its intention to form a Neighbourhood Plan for Pamber, with sub committees from Pamber Heath, Pamber End, Pamber Green and Little London playing an active part in influencing what the Plan will incorporate. Members of the Council met with representatives of Plan.et to discuss costings and at the next meeting more detailed discussions will be held over what initial steps need to be taken.

Power lines

Following on from concerns raised over the power lines by the garden centre, Southern Electric sent a team of Engineers to inspect the lines. They reported back that after assessing the lines, the lines are National Grid lines and completely safe. It is entirely natural that they emit a low buzzing or vibrating sound or frequency, particularly in damp or humid weather and no further action needs to be taken.

The next meeting of Pamber Parish Council will be held at The Memorial Hall, Pamber Heath on Monday October 9th 2017.

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Notes from Pamber Green and Pamber End

It's nice to be back home and rejoin the activities of the choirs I sing with and our dancing sessions with David Smith Dance, all of which Dave and I thoroughly enjoy. Not so nice though to return to the rigours of the garden and the erratic weather.

Into October, plans are proceeding for a "Silent Auction" with a social evening at St. Stephen's Village Hall on Friday October 27th starting at 7pm. All proceeds will be donated towards the upkeep of the hall. Contact Doreen Quilter or Dai Ogborn (doreen.quilter@btinternet.com or davidogborn@yahoo.com) for more details.

Recent news of the illegal traveller's encampment at the sewage works, Silchester residents have banded together to fight the establishment of this site. Acting as the Calleva Society, they have employed consultants to produce a formal objection to the Travellers' planning application which has now been submitted. Public submissions were submitted to Basingstoke and Deane Planning Department by 19/9/17 after which a High Court hearing into the application which includes variations to the existing injunction will take place. Members of the Calleva Society planning advisors and residents will be attending the hearing to make representations.

Plenty of musical occasions to delight you are looming:-

- Basingstoke Ladies Choir Annual Concert on Saturday 14th October 2017 at 7.30pm at United Reform Church, London St, Basingstoke at which they welcome 'Quintessentially Wind', a five piece wind ensemble.

This is the launch concert to introduce their new Musical Director, Rob Elliott, who is very enthusiastic, talented and committed to direct the Ladies towards new performance heights.

- Tadley Singers, with Kingsclere Singers are holding a concert on 21st October 2017, 6pm, the Fieldgate Centre, Kingsclere. A new venture for both choirs, well worth a visit.
- Tadley Singers are also branching into new territory with a joint concert together with some most exciting professional singers from London Shows who are all giving their services free to raise funds for "Daisy's Wish" - a charity supporting young children in our area who have lost a parent at a young age. There is no charge for admission but voluntary donations will be very much appreciated. The programme will suit all tastes with some of the most wonderful music, including the famous "Nessun Dorma" and the Pearlfishers' Duet along with items from Carmen, Sound of Music, Carousel etc.. The concert starts at 3 pm at Pamber Heath Memorial Hall, Sunday 29th October. Not to be missed!
- Basingstoke Hospital Male Voice Choir will be singing with the Ooh Mama Ladies Choir for the St Michael's Hospice 25th Anniversary Celebration at Winchester Cathedral, Friday 6th October, 7.30pm. There is no admission charge. The Choir sang at the Hospice 20th Anniversary in the Cathedral in 2012 when the event was very well received.

Lots happening with Hampshire and Isle of Wight Trust over the coming weeks. Firstly '**A Batty Evening**', Wednesday 11/10/2017, 8:00pm - 10:00pm in Hook Room, United Reformed Church. An Illustrated talk on the life of bats, an often misunderstood group of mammals, it's a chance to understand more of their diversity and lives. It's a joint meet with Basingstoke Natural History Society, refreshments available. Next is '**A Fungal Foray**' on 14/10/17, 10:00am - 12:30pm - The always popular event this year is to a new site, Newtown Common, south of Newbury. A good variety of fungi is expected and the expert leader Mike Waterman will help you identify your finds. Bring cameras and boots if wet ground after rains. From the A339 Newbury Road, turn left on B4640 to Burghclere, left at Swan public house and right onto Well Street. Finally advance warning of '**Early Winter Birds at the Wyne**' on Monday, 13/11/2017, 10:30am - 12:30pm. A chance to see birds and other wildlife in Morgaston woods and the Wyne Estate Wetlands. Bring binoculars and footwear appropriate to the weather for a walk over fields and woodland, no stiles. From Basingstoke take the A340, Aldermaston Road; turn right at Elm Road for Sherborne St. John. Permission has been given to park in The Swan pub car park, Kiln Road RG24 9HS.

Pamber Parish Council next meet on 9th October 2017 at Pamber Heath Memorial Hall.

Ann Ellis

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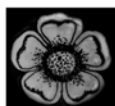
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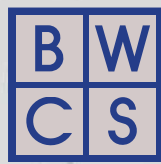
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We are well and truly back and the Autumn Term has started well. We have welcomed 18 new children into Year R and two into Year 6, and everyone else has settled well into their new classes.



There have been a few changes to the playground over the holidays – the far end has been resurfaced so that there is a bigger play area, and we have bright new playground markings. Hopefully this rainy weather will end so that we have more time to enjoy it!

We are making full use of our PE budget to fund external coaches to teach skills and encourage participation in new sports. Steve Moria is taking hockey sessions with Class 3 and football with Class 4 at the Chute Recreation Ground, and Coach Debbie is improving the fitness of Classes 1 and 2 in her training sessions! Premier Sports are running a Young Leaders' Course for Year 6 so that they will be able to organise activities for the younger children at lunchtimes. Swimming lessons also restart at the Aquadrome for Class 4 this term – other classes will have their lessons later in the year.

A group of Year 6 children went to the Newbury Building Society to be trained as cashiers, and they will be running our in-school branch of the Junior Newbury Building Society. This is an excellent opportunity for children to get into the habit of regular saving, and it gives the cashiers a taste of real-life responsibility! Members of the Building Society branch also ran a session on Marketing for the Year 6 pupils.

We like to encourage our Year 6s to take on positions of responsibility as part of their preparation for secondary

school, and a number of them have been appointed as School Ambassadors. These will be the children who give tours of the school to visitors - if you are a parent who has a child due to start school next September and you would like to visit the school, the Ambassadors will be the first people that you meet! They do a wonderful job – they love to show others what a fantastic school we are! Do come and meet them!

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St. Michael's Hospice in Basingstoke is celebrating its 25th Anniversary this year and invites everyone to come along and mark the occasion at **Winchester Cathedral on Friday 6th October**. Guests are invited to arrive for 19:00 and the service will start at 19:30.

The Basingstoke Hospital Male Voice Choir and Ooh Mama Ladies will be performing accompanied by the Basingstoke Heritage Light Orchestra. Tickets aren't being issued but the Hospice asks you to register your interest by visiting their website at stmichaelshospice.org.uk.

It is hard now to imagine a time when there was no adult hospice in North Hampshire but thanks to the vision and drive of local residents in the late 1980s, the story of St. Michael's Hospice began when a committee led by former borough Mayor, Cllr Margaret Weston, began its work. 25

years later the Hospice has seen over 5,000 patients on its in-patient unit, 2,000 more have been cared for in their own homes, and countless more have been into the Hospice during the day for therapy. In addition, the Hospice now works supporting local care homes to improve their end-of-life care and has a partnership with Odiham Cottage Hospital to befriend local residents.

St. Michael's doesn't just care for people during their final days but can be there for patients for years; from the time of their diagnosis of a terminal illness through supporting their loved ones with bereavement counselling for as long as they need.

To mark all of this, and to thank the thousands of volunteers and supporters who have made this remarkable journey possible, you can join in the celebrations in glorious Winchester Cathedral.

The Basingstoke Hospital Male Voice Choir is known for its measured, smooth, deep, tones; put simply, it makes a very pleasing noise! Formed some 6 years ago, it has thrived - there are now roughly 40 members - under the inspired leadership of an outstanding local musical talent - Dai Ogborn BEM, who was recently recognised in the Honours list for his services to music.

All are welcome at the Choir who practise at 7.30pm on Wednesday evenings in the Hospital canteen. Choir members are largely hospital employees, supporters, and former and current patients. The Choir motto is 'Singing for Health'; there is a strong spirit of mutual support.

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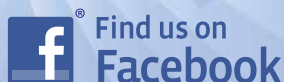
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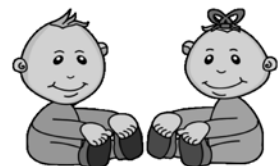
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This Christmas Rotary will again be collecting and transporting Christmas shoe boxes for children who live in the mountains and very poor regions of Montenegro, Albania, Romania and Moldova. You are invited to make up and donate shoeboxes, which will bring joy and delight to these children who have virtually nothing.

If you would like to make up a box here are some helpful suggestions:

Choose the sex and age range for the child you would like to receive your box.

The age ranges for boxes are:

1- 3 years, 4 - 7 years, 8 -11 years, 12 - 15 years.

Please ensure that all items included are new or 'as new'. Last year there was a great shortage of boxes for children in the older age groups.

Suggested items you might include:

Learning toys, mosaics, Lego, games, balls, jigsaws, modeling clay, sticky tape, coloured paper, skipping ropes, playing cards, dominoes, chess sets and clothing such as socks, gloves, pants, tights, hats, scarves.

Depending on the age you select you may like to include items for use at school, e.g. ball point pens, pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers, paper, colouring pencils, solar powered calculators, geometry sets.

Soap, combs, face cloths, hand cream, talc, football memorabilia of famous teams, sports magazines, books, especially paper-back English Classics.

Please do not include:

Food, drinks, liquids, items for the bath, sweets, large soft toys, swimwear, toilet rolls, large items of clothing, toy soldiers, toy guns and other military-type toys, penknives, anything breakable or anything which needs a battery.

While you are making up your box think of the delight on the face of 'your child' when they open their box that you have sent to them.

Please cover your box and lid **separately** with decorative paper and secure the lid with strong elastic bands (the boxes need to be opened easily as they may

be inspected by Customs). Put a sticky label on the outside of your box and indicate the sex and age range you have chosen. Please donate £1 per box to help to cover the cost of transportation costs and attach the coin to the outside of the lid.

The maximum size for the shoeboxes is 13" x 8" x 6"

Boxes should be delivered by 14 October latest please to the Rotary collection points at Eden Fiat, A30, Old Basing, Basingstoke or The Bear Factory, Festival Place or Oakley Carpets and Furniture, Oakley Railway Station, Andover Road, Oakley

If you would like to contribute to this cause but you are unable to fill a complete box, donations of any of the items above would be very welcome because they can be used to make up extra boxes. These donations can be taken direct to the collection points listed above.

Bert's Blog



It is morning coffee time and I am sitting here waiting for mine..... Needless to say the Mrs was a bit put out that I was in her chair especially as the Boss was having a spirited conversation with me about the benefits of ball games and whether I liked golf over football or tennis over cricket to which my reply would have been give me a tennis ball any time of the day and I would be happy. At which point the Mrs became quite jealous of me being the recipient of so many words coming out of the Boss's mouth as opposed to the usual monosyllabic replies her attempts at conversation usually brought forth.....

I now recognise the word "ball" and can usually find one somewhere in the flowerbeds or on the lawn or failing that I have been known to retrieve any reasonably sized object in place of a ball if I can't find one. I regularly donate sticks of firewood, stones, fallen apples, slippers, socks, newspapers and sometimes articles of clothing to the collection of ball replacements all in the hope they will attract someone to amuse me by letting me show off my retrieving capabilities.

While we were having our coffee break our neighbour arrived with what I thought would be some new playmates but sadly I am only allowed to watch them through the fence with no retrieving and no playing. Confusingly they are called ewes but they are nothing like me although they do have four legs. They have white fluffy coats, a bit of an odour problem and spend most of their time eating grass, baaaa-ing a lot and the little ones frolic and jump all over the place for no apparent reason. I did try to strike up a conversation with them to inquire about frolicking but after a while their responses became somewhat boringly monotonous so now I just ignore them and have gone back to conversing with the Boss about ball games just to annoy the Mrs.....

Autumn Fair



Basingstoke & District Cats Protection are holding their autumn fair at The Ambrose Allen Centre, Franklin Avenue, Tadley on Saturday 7 October 2017. Running from 1.00pm to 3.30pm, it promises to be a fun-filled afternoon for all the family and a chance to start your Christmas shopping!

As well as a variety of stalls to appeal to all ages, visitors can treat themselves to some of the delicious homemade cakes available and sit down for a cuppa.

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At the meeting held on 6th September the Chairman, David Cowling, welcomed all those present and introduced 3 new members and 2 visitors. The Secretary, Tony Brazier then reported that the Mystery Trip on Wednesday 25th October was fully booked but that the next outing to the Festival of Christmas at Portsmouth Dockyard on Friday 1st December still needed some more people to ensure that it went ahead.

The speaker this month was Tony King who spoke about "Vanished London". He illustrated his talk with many photographs of places around London that were mainly photographed in the 1800's but that sadly no longer

stood today either because of ill thought out reconstruction or through bombing during the war. Many of the photographs were taken by Henry Fox Talbot (1800 - 1877); a British scientist, inventor and photography pioneer; who had the foresight to use his newly found technique to record many of the landmarks of London. Some of the streets have completely disappeared or been drastically changed as was Regent Street whose wonderful colonnades were removed in 1925, many buildings hotels and bridges have been demolished and rebuilt or as in the case of London Bridge shipped to America as a tourist attraction. The coming of the railways was a considerable cause of disruption with 76,000 people being

displaced, houses demolished and great new architectural structures being built as railway stations which themselves have undergone changes throughout the years. One place which has, however, survived all of this is The George Inn, Southwark, now owned by the National Trust, where both William Shakespeare and Charles Dickens reputedly drank and wrote.

The next meeting is on 4th October when the speaker will be Iain Kennedy on "Cuba Libre". 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

The Lions' "MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE" Scheme

Loddon Valley Lions have now distributed the 7,000th "Bottle" in our catchment area. The "Bottles" are available free of charge at local surgeries, pharmacies and various community support groups, and are intended to contain info such as medical details, next-of-kin and other contacts such that it is readily available in the event of an emergency.

Charity Golf Tournament - The Club held their 23rd annual Golf Tournament at Bishopswood Golf Course, Tadley on 4th Sept. 18 pairs competed and

the event raised £1500 of which the beneficiary was St. Michaels Hospice. Lion President Peter Haggith presented the cheque to the Hospice representative who gave a very informative talk on the running of the organization.

Firework Fiesta - Our next major fund-raising event will be our 35th annual Firework Fiesta to be staged on Sat 4th Nov. at Barlows Park, Silchester Road, Tadley complete with Funfair and refreshments. There will be 2 displays with an earlier one for the younger audience. The "Best Guy" competition

will give free entry to each child who brings a "Guy".

The Clubs latest Charity donations also include a combined initiative with Basingstoke Lions to fund work for Dove House School at their Privet Centre near Petersfield with each Club contributing £1250 to fund the work which was carried out by a charity group Team Rubicon who are ex-Service personnel who are on call to assist at disaster sites around the world.

Ken Williamson

PR Officer Loddon Valley Lions

Probus Club Hears about British Forces Broadcasting

The Probus Club of Basingstoke enjoyed a presentation by Alan Grace about the life of a programme maker living with our armed forces whose broadcasts allowed them to maintain morale by keeping contact with families in UK and also provided them with much needed entertainment.

Many people of mature age will remember Two Way Family Favourites on Sunday mornings. Then known as the wireless it was broadcast on the BBC Light Programme. It was claimed that this was the only radio programme that had the smell of roast beef and Yorkshire pudding. The German end was run by BFBS (British Forces Broadcasting Service) with Jean Metcalf there and Cliff Micheltmore in London.

In World War 2 both the German and Russian military had radio services for their troops and after the Americans joined the war effort the British War Office was persuaded by Col David Niven and supported by Glenn Miller that our troops would benefit from a similar operation. The first military broadcast services saw life begin in Algeria in 1943 and run by the Army Welfare Service. The only drawback was that there was no money, no equipment and no staff. And it was firmly established that editorial control was to be independent of the Ministry of Defence and the armed forces themselves. By some miracle they were on air in seven weeks. It was set in a former harem but the fully glazed floor and wall tiles had to be draped in army blankets to deaden the appalling acoustics. The first requested record was the famous German wartime song, Lily Marlene.

In the following years over 100 radio stations were set up from Aden to Zeltweg. Some of the earlier stations were mobile housed in ten ton trucks with transmitters, generators, record library and studio. They followed troops through the Italian campaign and then into mainland Europe. Fixed sites were based in a range of extreme locations from the magnificent Musikhalle in Hamburg that had escaped bombing,



down to an old cow shed in Cyprus, tents in the Canal Zone and shipping containers at Camp Bastion in Afghanistan.

Some of the people involved became household names. Cliff Micheltmore, Frank Muir who was a photographer but volunteered to be a writer, Peter Sellers, Brian Moore who went on to become a top sports presenter with ITV, and Roger Moore who was told that as he could not act he should go back to being a male model for knitting patterns. He later sent a postcard to the producer who had dismissed his talent which said that although he could not act he had still had a good life and signed it 007.

In 1957 Alan Grace started working with what then was BFN in Cologne as an announcer and sports producer, while a national serviceman in the RAF. Over the next four decades he experienced life throughout the world's trouble spots where British forces were involved. Such places of conflict had radio and then television services provided for service personnel and their dependents worldwide. Places of interest included Palestine, Cyprus during EOKA, Kenya in Mau Mau times, Aden with terrorist troubles, Cyprus, again, during the Turkish invasion, Hong Kong, The Balkans, The Falklands, Gulf Wars 1 and 2 and Afghanistan.

For more information about the programmes enjoyed by the Probus Club of Basingstoke, the social club for retired professional and business

managers, see their web site www.probusbasingstoke.wordpress.com or phone their secretary Paul Flint on 07770 886521 for an informal chat.



Top - Announcers at the Army Broadcasting Service in Graz, Austria rehearsing a play.

Middle - Cliff Micheltmore and Jean Metcalf in the studios of BFN Hamburg in 1949.



Bottom - Bill Crozier the longest serving presenter of Two Way Family Favourites in the studios of BFN Cologne in 1961



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From a family law perspective it is very important that you plan your contact and visiting arrangements in a timely manner before the hectic Christmas period.

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If not, use an impartial third party or solicitor to liaise over access and put it in writing.

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?

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and it was great to see the confidence of beginners and the mastery of some very talented individuals which reflected a tremendous amount of practice and dedication by them and their teachers. Very helpful encouragement was provided by guest adjudicators who themselves are very accomplished performers often involved in assessing performance skills internationally. The festival season concludes with a Gala concert at which the top performers are invited to perform. This is attended by the mayor amongst others.

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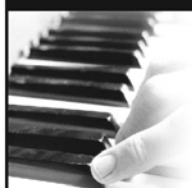
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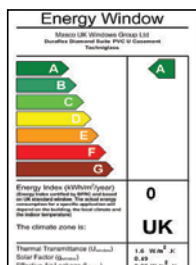
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