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Editorial



Would it be possible to remind villagers that it is inconsiderate to have a bonfire during the day. Thank you



As our villages are so local to Basingstoke Hospital and in North Hampshire, I wondered how many people know about the new Ark Cancer Treatment Centre to be built in North Hampshire www.arkcancercharity.org.uk ?

Listening to Mr Merv Rees, a cancer surgeon from Basingstoke, give a very strong and moving speech with regards to cancer and how it will effect one in three of us who was present in that room, it really hit home! Also the many people you have known who have gone through the dramatic experience. In brief, once people have cancer they have to go for treatment, and the nearest treatment centres are Southampton and Guildford for radiotherapy - this can mean a journey every day for up to six weeks when patients are feeling unwell and vulnerable.



So I thought, right, let's get off my back side and do something to help this worthy cause! On the back of riding the London to Brighton last year, this year on July 12th -15th July I will be riding from the Ark to L'Arc de Triomphe (Basingstoke to Paris) in aid of the new Ark Cancer Centre.

The new centre will take on an approach to ensure that all support services and complementary therapies are available alongside the chemotherapy and radiotherapy treatments in one unique local cancer centre.

For the last few years Mr Rees has worked painstakingly and tirelessly to get a site and planning to build this treatment centre in North Hampshire, but to do so the Charity has to raise £5 million pounds on their own. Please can you consider helping me to help others by donating to this really worthy cause. Here is a link to our Just Giving page <http://www.bike4cancer.org/Ark-to-Arc-2017-perry-champion>

Be part of knowing you helped!
Kind regards
Perry Champion



Perry with Mark Jones of the Ark Cancer Centre

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Future Events

June 2017

5	Pelican Film Society, Queen of Katwe, The Ark Conference Centre, Guests welcome £6	7.30pm
6	SSJ Women's Fellowship, Stained Glass SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
12	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall	10.00-11.30am
17	Sherborne St John Village Fete	
26	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall	10.00-11.30am
26	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion. (Planning meeting 7pm)	7.30pm

July 2017

3	Pelican Film Society, Suite Francaise, The Ark Conference Centre, Guests welcome £6	7.30pm
4	SSJ Women's Fellowship Strawberry Tea SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
8	SSJ Village Party CREAM TEAS FROM 3PM	3.30pm onwards
10	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall	10.00-11.30am
24	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall	10.00-11.30am
24	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion. (Planning meeting 7pm)	7.30pm

August 2017

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

September 2017

4	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall	10.00-11.30am
4	Pelican Film Society, Sully, The Ark Conference Centre, Guests welcome £6	7.30pm
5	SSJ Women's Fellowship - Annual Outing Location to be advised	
16-24	Sherborne St John Village Scarecrow Competition	
18	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall	10.00-11.30am
25	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion. (Planning meeting 7pm)	7.30pm

October 2017

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

November 2017

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



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The SSJ Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan
Referendum (under the control of
the BDBC Electoral Department)
was held on 4th May. Voting was
organised alongside elections for
a new County Councillor and was
strictly controlled.

The turn-out was **58%** and the vote:

Yes - to adopt the Neighbourhood Plan:
346

No - to reject the Neighbourhood Plan
Plan: 242

A majority of 104 in favour of the Plan.

Following this success at Referendum, the
Plan now takes on "full material weight
for (planning) decision-making purposes".

It is expected to be formally adopted by
BDBC Council on 18th May 2017.

Thank you for your support!

*Julian Crawley for the SSJ
Neighbourhood Plan Team*



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Wednesday mornings
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Church Matters June

How many hours per week do you reckon you spend on the internet?

And, just to narrow it down a little bit, what percentage of that time goes on the “social media”? To define what I’m talking about, the internet is the global network of “servers”. These are large computers which store information (“data”) and make it readily available to other servers which are connected with them. These servers “talk” to each other, so that it is just as easy for me to find the weather conditions on Table Mountain as on Snowdon. Provided I know the right website to access that information (which I can locate through a “search engine” such as Google) then I can find the info virtually instantaneously. Obviously such a facility has huge potential, both good and bad.

The “Social Media” are applications (“apps”) of the internet which enable people to communicate with each other more easily, frequently and fully. Examples among many are Facebook, Twitter, Whatsapp and Snapchat. We had an evening on this recently – the first of a new series of monthly “Sunday

at Six” meetings called “Teach and discuss”.

Facebook was the first of the trendy social media. When you join it you are given a “page” on which you may post all sorts of information about you and what’s happening in your life. You also have a register of “friends” who are sufficiently interested to want to read that info / see that photo or whatever you may be “up-loading” to your page. Facebook sends them all a notification whenever you put something new up so you know your “friends” are seeing it. Again it is clear the effect may be good or bad, it all depends on the users.

At our evening on this we asked people (who were sat round tables with a cup of tea!) to list what they saw as the positives and the perils of the social media. They produced more than 15 for each; here is a selection of what they came up with. As positive benefits of the social media:

“It’s instant” Spread the Bible’s message • Family - keeping in touch • Education use • Share similar interests • Opportunities for the small business • Free to connect • Group messages Overcome language barrier • Church publicity.....

And here are some disadvantages and dangers:

Cyber bullying • Time consuming/ wasting • Fake news • Hacking • Faceless communication • Paedophiles – grooming • Terrorism • Poor language skills • Security & privacy • Information overload • Anxiety.....

We went on to consider some things that it would be useful for us as Christians to bear in mind in our use of the social media. First, they are no substitute for real relationship. “I want to see you face to face” wrote the apostle John, “so that our joy may be complete.”¹ Another thing is to be aware of the danger of misunderstanding – we can so easily be interested merely in firing off our own response. We should remember that “A fool takes no pleasure in understanding, but only in expressing his opinion.”² One more, accumulating friends and followers is the obsession of the Facebook user, especially among the young. But we should remember that not everyone is a friend: “Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.”³

For good or ill the social media are here to stay. We should be aware of the potential danger for the vulnerable while using them (if we wish to do so) positively ourselves.

John Hamilton

¹ 2 John 12

² Proverbs 18:2

³ 1 Peter 5:8

Services for June

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

4 June

10am	Family Communion	St Andrew's
6pm	'Sundays at Six' – "Teach and Discuss"	Sherborne St John Village Hall

11 June

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

18 June

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

25 June

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

2 July

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

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 10AM:

4 Jun	Your enemy the devil	1 Peter 5:8	John Hamilton
11 Jun	The birth of Samuel	1 Samuel 1	John Hamilton & Andrew King
18 Jun	National apostasy	1 Samuel 2	John Hamilton
25 Jun	The call of Samuel	1 Samuel 3	John Hamilton & Scott Seivewright
2 Jul	The Lost Ark 1	1 Samuel 4	John Hamilton

SUNDAYS AT SIX:

4 Jun	Teach & Discuss	Assisted Dying: should doctors help?	John Hamilton
11 Jun	Satan's devices	2Cor 1:23-2:11	Steve Howe
18 Jun	Men sent from God	2Cor 2: 12-3:6	Scott Seivewright
25 Jun	Glorious Ministry	2Cor 3:7-18	Andy Spence
2 Jul	Teach & Discuss	Immigration: more than one Christian attitude?	Scott Seivewright

MIDWEEK

Home Groups meet in the weeks of Tuesday 6 & 20 June. We meet for Central Fellowship on Tuesday 13 & 27 June. Coffee at 7.45pm followed by Bible study discussion and prayer; finish at 9pm

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Pamber Parish Council Notes for Pamber End and Pamber Green

Pamber Parish Council met on Monday May 8th for its monthly and annual meeting.

Planning:

a) Planning applications

17/01434/HSE

Erection of a single storey front extension, and a pitched roof.
22 Springfield Road, Pamber Heath.

17/01317/OUT

Erection of 1 no. bungalow
Pinewoods, 81 Pelican Road, Pamber Heath.

b) Planning decisions

17/00470/HSE

Erection of front and rear extensions and raising of roof to create first floor living space.
53 Silchester Road, Pamber Heath.

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16/04242/HSE

Conversion of garage to living accommodation involving creation of front bay window
Little Acorns, Clappsgate Road, Pamber Heath

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16/04104/LBC

Extensions to existing barn and installation of biomass boiler
Wyeford Farm Road to Wyeford Farm, Ramsdell

GRANTED

Highways

It has been noted that many roads around the local area have pot holes or are in a neglected state. The Council is sympathetic to the views of all Residents affected by this and it has been noticed that potholes have now been by marked so hopefully these should be rectified soon!

Speedwatch

The Clerk and PC Scott-Molloy held a Speedwatch meeting which was extremely useful-it is hoped that the Speedwatch scheme could be active by the summer. Following on from this a Roads Policing Officer has visited the area and designated Silchester Road, Pamber Heath Road and Little London Road as suitable for Speedwatch. Once all application forms are in and individual checks carried out specific training can commence. Should anyone wish to volunteer to join this scheme please request an application form from the Clerk.

Neighbourhood Plan

At the annual meeting, Edward Rehill, Principal Planning Officer for BDBC, was kind enough to give an extremely informative presentation on Neighbourhood Plans, a subject which has been frequently raised over the past few months. The Council will discuss the possibility and suitability of a Neighbourhood Plan for Pamber at the next monthly meeting in June.

The next meeting of Pamber Parish Council will be held at St. Stephen's Hall, Little London, on Monday June 12th at 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



SHERBORNE ST JOHN PARISH COUNCIL

April Parish Council Meeting

Apologies for the cancellation of the April meeting – Penny, our clerk was indisposed for the meeting. I can confirm however that all is now back on track and our next meeting will be on May 15th, the AGM, followed by the Annual Parish Meeting.

Neighbourhood Plan

For those of you not in the know the SSJ NP was accepted by **346 votes to 242**. Disappointing that approximately 40% of the village didn't bother to vote on a such an important issue impacting the whole village.

The vote for was the culmination of over 4 years of work in determining a SSJ Neighbourhood plan that least impacts the village but aligns with, and supports, the wider BDBC local plan.

As highlighted previously there is no right answer re: the SSJ Neighbourhood Plan - the village has to contribute approx. 15 houses to the overall BDBC plan.

The plan is our best chance to have some control over future planning matters that impact the village.

The approach now has to be to make this plan work to the benefit of the village.

Local Election – May 4th

You will note that on the 4th you will have also voted for a new county councillor.

Keith Chapman has stood down after many years and we have a new county councillor, Rhydian Vaughan.

Roads

The state of a number of roads in the village continues to give cause for concern.

HCC have been advised of the particularly poor state of the junction of Cranes Road, Elm Road and Kiln Road.

If you wish to monitor progress the HCC incident number is 21287096.

The background is an obvious decrease/rationing in HCC/BDBC maintenance activities with regard to the village infrastructure. This is perhaps to be expected given 39% reduction in central government grant to our local councils.

Chute Pavilion

Chute has now had all of the scheduled repairs, improvement and general housekeeping completed.

I'm pleased to note that the Parish annual accounts have again shown that this facility pays for itself.

We are progressing yet another grant application in order to hopefully offer more storage options.

In line with the Village Hall, the PC is looking at whether or not we should start charging for storage or if we should consider storage as part of the overall hiring charge(s)

N.B. With summer months coming and the repairs made to the tennis courts, now is perfect opportunity to implement that exercise regime you've promised yourself!

Buses

The low level of use of the number 22 bus suggests that Stagecoach might be considering whether or not this service is viable.

There are instances when there has been only the only 1 passenger on the journey from town to the village.

It's a case of use it or lose it.

Village Party

This year's party will be on the village green on the **Saturday, July 8th**. Music, entertainment, a chance for the village to come together and hopefully enjoy a perfect summers day.

As per last year please make your own arrangements re: food, drink and good humour. Be sure to arrive early in order to claim the preferred pitch for your gazebo.

There is no charge for this event.

Thank yous

To the SSJ NP plan team and their maintaining focus over the past 4 years to get us 'past the post' and deliver a SSJ Neighbourhood plan

To Keith Chapman, our retiring County Councillor, for his advice, guidance and forbearance over the past years.

*Richard Morgan,
Chair, SSJ Parish Council*

Monk Sherborne Parish Council

The Monk Sherborne Parish Council would like to extend a big thank you to all the villagers who have generously donated their time to pick up litter and undertake maintenance work within the village over the past year, your efforts are greatly appreciated.

On that note, we need volunteers for litter picking duties within the village. Volunteers will be provided with a high visibility vest, litter picking claw and bin bag - please contact the Parish Clerk for more information

VILLAGE TELEPHONE BOX

The village has now adopted the telephone box, the telephone has been removed and a cabinet for the defibrillator has been installed - the defibrillator unit should be installed by the end of May 2017. As part of this agreement we have been provided with paint to repaint the phone box and we need volunteers to do this. Anyone willing to spare some time, please contact the Parish Clerk.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

We would like thank Martin Budd, our Neighbourhood Watch area coordinator, for all his hard work over the last 23 years. Martin started the Neighbourhood Watch scheme in 1994 but has now stood down from the role.

We are now calling for volunteers to take on the role. Sadly if no one volunteers then we will lose our neighbourhood watch scheme and although crime rates are low at the moment, there is no guarantee they will remain that way.

PLANNING

We would like to thank all the people who took time to register their objections to the planning application to increase the number of caravans on the Blackberries site. We now await the Basingstoke and Deane Planning Departments decision.

GARDEN WASTE

We have been notified by a member of the Parish that some villagers are dumping their grass cuttings in the ditches/verges/hedgerows within the village. This could be construed as flytipping and anyone caught in the act will be reported to the police.

Could people also not blow leaves out of their gateway into the roads. There is an issue with flooding in the village and this will only add to the problem.

We will be focussing on Highway issues at our next meeting on 17 July 2017 and we welcome attendance from all villagers who would like to contribute to the discussion.

Councillor Spencer



Royal British Legion - Bramley and District Branch

You don't need to have served in the armed forces to join the Royal British Legion.

Our next Branch Meeting will be on Tuesday 11th July at 19:30 in Cross House, Bramley, and the Presentation will be given by Bryan Jenkins on "Life as an Engineer on a Nuclear Armed Vulcan Squadron". By all accounts this will be a scintillating presentation.....

Please come whether or not you are a

Member; no need to pre-book. Cross House is next to Bramley Church and there is car parking.

For your diary: Annual Dinner, Friday 6th October in SSJ Village Hall. OPEN TO ALL

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Sherborne St John Parish Council invites you to our

Picnic on the Green

<i>Where</i>	-	<i>SSJ Village Green</i>
<i>When</i>	-	<i>Saturday, July 8th</i>
<i>Time</i>	-	<i>3.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.</i>

Programme of Events

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

(if inclement weather then those without gazebos can use the Village Hall)

3.00 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

**Cream Teas in the Village Hall
(Thank you to the Church Ladies group)**

3.30 p.m - until all the paint is gone Face Painting

4.00 p.m – 4.30 p.m. Magic Show

4.30 p.m - 6.00 p.m. Magic Workshop – Try your Hand !

4.30 p.m Ice Cream Van

4.30 p.m – 6.30. Jazz Band

7.30 p.m. Dance to S#arp Practice

10.00 p.m. Time to pack up and go !

Please bring your own food and drink

The Swan will be on hand to provide food and drink for purchase should you decide not to bring your own.

We look forward to seeing you there

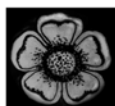
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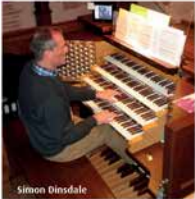
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Many of you will know that we had an Ofsted inspection just before the Easter holidays, and I am delighted to report that the inspection confirmed what we already know – that we are a GOOD school! This is the third time in a row that we have achieved a 'good' rating and this is a fantastic result as it is becoming increasingly difficult to achieve and maintain this standard.

The inspector was at the school for a day and was clearly impressed by what she saw. The report, which can be read in full on the school website www.ssj-school.co.uk, said that Sherborne St John School was "a caring school where pupils are happy, enjoy learning and make good progress." Another comment was, "Pupils are well behaved, confident and articulate. They are proud of their school, and the leadership roles they can hold. For example, they can apply for roles such as librarians, play leaders or cashiers for the school's building society. One pupil told me, 'Everybody's something.' These responsibilities effectively support pupils' moral, social and cultural development". There was also positive comment on the "high quality of teaching across the school" and the "broad and balanced curriculum". We are very proud of our team of staff and governors at the school and fully appreciate the support that we receive from the parents and other members of the community which makes our school such a wonderful place for the children to learn.

Other causes for celebration this month include the Year 3/4 Tag Rugby team, who lifted the winner's trophy at the Tadley and District Cluster Competition; the Year 5/6 Tag Rugby team who won all their matches at the final league meeting, and the Year 3/4 Tennis teams who took part in the Basingstoke tennis competition, with one team coming 2nd overall.

Well done too to all the Year 6 pupils who prepared for the Key Stage 2 SATs with a really positive mind-set and plenty of hard work and enthusiasm. We hope that the results reflect the effort that they all put in!

On 5th May we held our annual May Festival and enjoyed watching the Year 4 children dancing around the Maypole, faultlessly weaving and unwinding the ribbons as they went. The Year 3s also performed their country dancing routines whilst the School Association provided burgers and hot dogs from the barbeque.



The barbeque will be brought out again on **Saturday 10th June for the School Summer Fayre**. The gates will be open from 12 noon until 2pm, so don't worry about cooking lunch – come and enjoy a drink and a burger with us! There will be plenty of games for the children and you can try your luck at the tombola! We hope to see you there!

Sherbert – SSJ School Villager Correspondent



The Priory School



Sitting with Jane

We are delighted that we have been able to participate in the “Sitting with Jane” project to mark the 200th anniversary of the death of Jane Austen. The organisers of the event, which has involved local artists as well as schools, say that the project was “developed as a creative way to encourage the local community and visitors to explore in and around Basingstoke and to enjoy everything the area has to offer from superb countryside, great leisure and cultural offer as well as appreciate the wealth of local history and heritage – and especially the strong connections with Jane Austen.”

Here is what some of the children (and our Art Coordinator, Mrs. Britt) have written to tell you a little more about The Priory’s involvement.

Years 3 and 4 were chosen for a special project called “Sitting with Jane”. This is part of a special celebration of Jane Austen’s life. We received a “book shaped bench” which needed to be decorated in our interpretation of the period. We started learning about the Regency period and people. Then, we looked at patterns and furniture and started to put our designs together in our sketch books. After that, we started to make our own designs for the bench. Mrs. Britt combined our ideas into two options. We had a class vote for our favourite design. One of our friend’s Mums came in with an awesome colour scheme and we began to paint. It turned out to be a brilliant bench with intricate designs.

We feel very honoured to have been part of this fantastic project and we are looking forward to seeing our bench on display with all of the others in Festival Place. After the exhibition is over, the bench will take pride of place in our library and, who knows, it may inspire a whole generation of storytellers and artists.....

Suzanne Kelly, Head Teacher

All Saints Church, Monk Sherborne

This Easter we asked the children of Monk Sherborne to help us decorate the Church. We met on Maundy Thursday and were pleased by the lovely jam-jars of spring flowers, drawings and paintings. David Cullum, who is our local expert in the history of All Saints set a quiz for the children which seemed to be enjoyed & most of the questions got answered! Val Hayter provided lots of lovely Easter Eggs which were eagerly consumed..



A big THANK YOU to Ella & Zac Williams, Daisy & Jago Bilderbeck, Betty & Freddie Macgarvie, Hannah, Alex & Ben Perkins, Tabitha (& Otilie) Dean, Tom Brownlie, Jack & Harry. The church looked absolutely lovely on Easter Sunday.



We also had a superb Easter Garden of Gethsemane created with stones in the porch by Mrs Diane Cheyne



And an alter flower arrangement from Mrs Patsie Callaghan-Brown

Easter Sunday was a real Village effort.....

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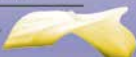
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There were 54 members at the meeting held on 3rd May who were welcomed by the Chairman, David Cowling who then presented John Lambeth with some gardening vouchers as a thank you for his past work as chairman of the Group over a number of years. The backing from his wife, Kate, was also acknowledged when she was given a bouquet of flowers. The Secretary, Tony Brazier, then gave details of the forthcoming trips to Waddesdon Manor on Thursday 15th June, and Beaulieu and Buckler's Hard on Monday 10th July. The Welfare Officer, Christine Broadbent, then gave her up-to-date report and welcomed back a number of members who had not been for a while.

The speaker this month was Jackie Bond who is a Nutritional Consultant, Massage Therapist and Alexander Technique Teacher. She spoke about her work and how she had been involved in complementary health care since qualifying as an Alexander Teacher in 1996 following lessons which completely resolved a frozen shoulder and, subsequently, chronic asthma that she had suffered with since she was 18 months old. She went on to explain the technique in more detail and gave some demonstrations using members of the group. After a question and answer session she kindly donated a private lesson as one of the raffle prizes.

The next meeting is on 7th June which will be an Open Meeting to which guests are invited and there will be refreshments along with a Punch and Judy presentation by Alix Booth. The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at Brookvale Village Hall from 10 am to 12 noon and all retired Civil Servants and their partners are welcome. The year's programme and further details about meetings

and outings can be obtained from the Secretary Tony Brazier on 01256 418770 or at bjmapbr@ntlworld.com and if you would like to join us on any of our trips please contact Kate Lambeth on 01256 328791.

David Cowling

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The Parish Council AGM has recently taken place and I have received some information from parishioners who attended this, other parish meetings and Borough news. The planning application on land at Berry Court Farm, Little London, I understand, is now in the hands of the planning officer to make a decision although a councillor may choose to ask to take this to the Borough's full committee as has happened in the past. As there have been a number of objections registered, the application may still go to full committee. The planning officer can still choose to request additional information prior to making a decision. Neighbourhood planning remains a hot topic in the parish affecting both north and south wards. A talk was given by a local Planner from Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council which apparently resulted in mixed enthusiasm on the part of the Parish Councillors. However, many parish councils have or are in the process of organising a Neighbourhood Plan and contact will be made with some of them to find out. It seems that maximum parish community participation would be encouraged if this proceeds with a separate working group established to lead it. Approved minutes for the Parish meeting held on 10th April are still awaiting publication so up-to-date news is hard to come by. The next Parish Council meeting is on 12th June starting at 7.30pm at St Stephen's Village Hall. Please go and make your views heard.

In addition to recent local election voting and further planned voting for the general election on 8th June, voting for Pamber Parish South Ward vacancies could take place on Thursday 15th June 2017. The closing date for nominations

will be on 18th May and if the election is contested parishioners will be required to go to the poll a further time. A busy voting time recently but I implore you to make the effort to go and cast your vote again as, I understand, it has been very many years since a parish election has been contested. As with all elections, failure to make the effort to cast your vote and you won't have any impact on electing who you may wish to see in post. Should a ballot be required you will receive polling cards as normal.

The latest update from Borough enforcement officers regarding the illegal development of a traveller's site to the rear of Rampiers, Silchester is that regular visits have continued to the site to assess the ongoing situation. This has allowed officers to observe the site and ensure that copies of the injunction remain positioned on the site as required by the High Court. It has also allowed officers to gain greater detail about all of the number of residents on site, which has resulted in visits by the Traveller Liaison Officer. Enforcement officers are working with the Borough Council legal team in relation to this application and the site will continue to be monitored over the forthcoming months to record whether the injunction is complied with and, if necessary, compile evidence for the Courts.

Pamber Forest news includes increased aggressive activity by buzzards in Mariners Copse to the south of the Forest. For a number of years they have been inclined to 'dive bomb' walkers on paths below and near to their nests whilst their young are developing but they have always maintained a healthy distance. However, they seem to be getting ever closer and reports have been received of painful, physical

contact having been made drawing blood. Take care and I suggest walkers carry a stick or similar to encourage a distance between the flight path of the birds and your head.

Choir activity has been hotting up locally as the better weather arrives. Tadley Rock Choir gave performances in Newbury Market Square in conjunction with the Crafty Craft Race early May bank holiday weekend and Newbury Farmers Market. Both were very well received and a pleasure to perform at, as are all choir performances. More Rock Choir outings are in the process of being organised at a range of local venues. Basingstoke Ladies Choir is holding an afternoon cream tea concert at Carnival Hall Basingstoke on Sunday 18th June starting at 3pm. Tickets cost £10 a head and include a cream tea with a range of excellent entertainment from the choir, Basingstoke Irish Dancers and other talented performers. Basingstoke Male Voice Choir is very pleased to announce the appointment of their new Musical Director, Richard Childress, who comes from Chicago. He is a very accomplished musician and also a chorister at Winchester Cathedral and will bring a new dimension to the choir.

Basingstoke Festival kicks off on 22nd June through to 15th July with a vibrant programme of events taking place at venues across the Borough for all ages to enjoy. More news can be found at <http://www.basingstokefestival.co.uk/>

Hopefully there will be sun for you to enjoy during June.

Ann Ellis

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St. Michael's Hospice appoints new Chair of the Board of Trustees: Andrew Finney

St. Michael's Hospice in Basingstoke is delighted to announce that well-respected local businessman Andrew Finney has been appointed as Chair of the Board of the Hospice, replacing retiring Chair Anthony Holden, as of May 4th 2017.

Andrew, who was already on the Hospice Board, is Non-Executive Chairman of independent relocation and property-related service company HCR Ltd, Chair of the Board for Anvil Arts, President of Hampshire Chamber of Commerce, and has a background in financial services. In 2014 Andrew was awarded the prestigious honour of the Basingstoke Ambassador Award, validating his longstanding commitment to the area.

David Monkman, CEO of St. Michael's Hospice, is delighted to have welcomed such a high profile name as the new Chair of the Board, "Andrew's extensive knowledge and experience of the local and wider business world demonstrates the commitment made by St. Michael's Hospice Trustees to drive forward Hospice care locally and nationally. His proven track record of successful businesses will provide substantive leadership over the coming years and his involvement with other charities and trusts in conjunction with his own skillset will provide robust guidance as we anticipate and respond to the changing needs of care."

"As we face increasing competition for funding from other charities, it is vital we operate a diverse portfolio of income generators. Andrew and I will work hard to continue to deliver success to St. Michael's Hospice, working closely with all stakeholders to build on the successful legacy of his predecessor."

Commenting on his appointment, Andrew said, "I am delighted and honoured to have been given the opportunity to lead St. Michael's Hospice. I have long admired the work of the Hospice and the commitment of everyone involved to ensuring the highest standard of care is delivered to those who need it both through St. Michael's Hospice and St. Michael's Home Care."

Anthony Holden, who has held the role of Chair of the Board since 2011, said "It has been a privilege to lead the Board for 6 years and I am delighted that Andrew has agreed to take on the role of Chair of the Board of Trustees. Andrew is an energetic and dynamic leader who will propel St. Michael's Hospice forward into a new era of palliative care." Under Anthony's guidance the Hospice has gone from strength to strength with more patients and families receiving the specialist care and support offered by the highly skilled team of clinicians and volunteers at St. Michael's. Anthony successfully guided St. Michael's through the recession of

2008 despite the challenging economic environment. The Hospice enhanced its position as a leading provider of end of life care and the driving force of change for the development of services to the communities of North Hampshire that rely on the Hospice often in the most challenging of circumstances. Anthony was instrumental in the launch of the Hospice's domiciliary care agency, St. Michael's Home Care, in 2015. The business will generate income for the charity whilst also helping to improve the standard of home care locally. This new service is available to the entire community and not limited to patients under the Hospice's care.

St. Michael's Hospice was established in 1991 by a committee led by former Mayor Margaret Weston and this year celebrates its 25th anniversary. Now caring for over 500 patients a year, the spirit, ambition and drive presented by the founding committee continue in our staff to this day and remain at the heart of all our work.

St. Michael's Hospice receives less than 20% funding from the North Hampshire Clinical Commissioning Group. In 2016, this meant the Hospice needed to make up a shortfall of £3.1m through Income Generation activities including retail stores, community fundraising, local business support, legacies, and its highly attended local events.

Bert's Blog



Bonjour..... The Mrs is trying to teach me French again! This is me attempting to say "saucisses" which apparently is "sausages" in french. The Boss said there used to be a dog on the TV that said "sausages" so I should be able to say it in french seeing as how much time I spend over there. This seems to be a bit much coming from the Boss whose knowledge of the language only seems to amount to 'vin rouge' before he turns to the Mrs to ask 'what did he say?'. I am having a bit of trouble getting my tongue, which is very long you know, around some of the twisters in this language! I think I will stick to the age old method of communication where I bark very loudly and just hope they understand! Trouble is every time I try this out the Mrs gets very perturbed and insists I be quiet and listen very carefully, for she will only say this once, tais-toi, which apparently means I should close my mouth, sit down and not bark another word!

It is unusual for me to voice my thoughts, most of the time I am very quiet and make my requirements known by snuffles, whines, the occasional snort and a variety of facial expressions which the Boss and the Mrs now know and immediately act upon, either opening the door for me, giving me dinner and patting my head for reassurance when I am unsure of something. The Boss has adopted a few of my mannerisms, some which work for him regarding door opening and dinner but the head patting thing seems to work in reverse - only happening when he says the wrong thing - something I never do!!






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The Sherborne's Art Exhibition

Pat Burt and Lindsay Berry would like to thank all the invited artists, caring caterers, spontaneous viewers and discerning purchasers who made our exhibition at the Village Hall during the weekend of 22 & 23 April so successful. Nearly all our participating artists sold something which was gratifying and many gave freely to the Silent Auction. We were supported by kind sponsors, Bob Berry Fencing, The Swan Public House and The Frame Gallery at Odiham.



The Village Hall Management Committee did a grand job of serving the lunches and refreshments throughout the weekend and swelled the funds for the Village Hall. The donations of cakes, soup and various delectable edibles from our artists were greatly appreciated.

As well as showcasing much of the artistic talent of the locals we were able to donate £948 to our chosen charity this year, Sebastian's Action Trust based at Bluebells, North Waltham and who are "Here for families of seriously-ill children. Always." sebastiansactiontrust.org



Many thanks from the organisers:
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Stagecoach Savagely Cuts Bus Route 22

On April 17th notices appeared on some bus stops publicising the withdrawal of all route 22 services after 2pm on Monday to Saturday and all services on Sunday with effect from Monday 24th – no other warning was given to us.

From Basingstoke Bus Station the times now are 09.25 and hourly until 13.25. As before, the route is a loop via the Hospital, Elm Road, Cranes Road and the A340 back to the Hospital and

the bus station arriving at 56 minutes past the hour. The passing times at the Cranes Road / Manor Road junction are 38 minutes after the hour i.e. 9.38, 10.38, 11.38, 12.38 and 13.38.

When route 22 was started in September 2016 the usage and revenues derived from S.S.J. village centre became very obvious and I feared the 22 would not last long. The route does not enjoy a subsidy and in the current climate

there is no chance of getting one. I regret to say it but I can see no prospect persuading Stagecoach to review their action.

A classic case of if 'we don't use it, we lose it'!

Ted Wilkinson

Womens Fellowship Sherborne St John

At the monthly meeting on the 2nd May at the Sherborne St John Women's Fellowship we were treated to a talk by Caroline Tilley, a member of the R.N.L.I. She told us that since its founding in 1824 the charity had always been well supported by royalty, hence the ROYAL in its title. NATIONAL comes from the fact that when it first came into being and even today it includes the whole of Ireland not just the British Province in the north. LIFEBOAT because that is just what all their crafts are and it is indeed known as and truly deserves the title INSTITUTION.

Ninety-seven per cent of all the crew members are volunteers yet despite such an unpaid workforce it costs about £1,500,000.00 a year to run. So anybody can understand what a tremendous fund raising operation it takes to keep this "Institution" afloat as they get no Government support whatsoever.

Not only do they launch to help any sea going vessel in distress, they are called upon to assist swimmers, surf boarders,

to help at all times or anywhere when our unpredictable weather causes floods, and even provide Life-guards who constantly stand watch on many of our most popular beaches during the busy summer months. They use mostly all weather, self righting boats these days, but also jet skis and even hovercrafts in shallow waters at low tide.

They have 237 lifeboat stations altogether including two situated on the river Thames as it flows through London, one at Tower Bridge and one at Chiswick. These two are the only ones to have paid crews and are actually the busiest stations of all. They average twenty-two call outs a day around Great Britain and Ireland and that makes for a lot of rescuing.

Caroline finished her talk by reminding us of the Grace Darling story. How a young girl of only twenty two years old, who lived in a lighthouse five miles of the coast of Northumbria, at daybreak, in the teeth of hurricane winds took a twenty foot long rowing boat out, with only her father for crew, to rescue nine



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survivors from a steam ship which had floundered and broken its back on rocks. It took her two trips to fetch them all to safety and she was hailed as a national heroine. She closed with a rendition of "THE BALLAD OF GRACE DARLING" which I thought was very brave indeed.

At the June meeting the Speaker will be Mande Siegart whose topic will be Stained Glass.

Joan M Brandon

Autumn Winter into Spring 2017

The January cold spell started on the 18th and went on for 10 days – the pressure remained high, sometimes very high at around 1038mb, there was no precipitation. I estimate that the average 24-hour temperature throughout those 10 days was minus 2.9C (27.6F); although the temperature rose above freezing each day it was only briefly; the highest daytime temperature reached was (exceptionally) +8.6C on the 24th, but then it only reached a maximum of +0.9C on the 26th. There was air frost on every night with an air minimum temperature of minus 7.7C (19.7F) on the 22nd. The ground became heavily frozen.

After the cold of January temperatures really picked up with significantly fewer nights of air frost and some surprisingly warm days – for example 21.4C on March 30th (not dissimilar to a March day in 1951).

April and May (so far) have also been much warmer than normal. However

2017 Pamber Green	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	To 12 May
Avg Day Max Temp C	6.4	9.3	13.9	16.2	16.7
Diff from 30-yr avg C	-0.5	+1.7	+4.2	+3.6	+1.2
Highest Max Temp C	10.6	16.1	21.4	24.4	20.9
Avg Night Min Temp C	-0.3	3.9	5.4	3.1	5.7
Diff from 30-year avg C	-1.3	+2.8	+3.6	-0.3	+0.6
Lowest Min Air Temp C	-7.7	-3.1	-0.4	-1.5	-1.6
No. Nights with Air Frost	17	4	1	6	1
Night frosts diff from avg	+4	-6	-9	+2	0
No. Nights with Grass Frost	22		5	13	1
Total Rainfall mm	91.5	49.3	47.5	9.2	10.8
Highest 24-hour Rainfall mm	20.1	6.3	13.1	2.2	9.5
Percent of 30-year avg	122	80	76	17	50
No. of days with >1mm rain	12	11	11	5	2
Diff from 30-year avg	-1	+1	0	-6	

David Cullum. Tel. 850315

the main feature has been the lack of rainfall; in the 9 weeks from 8th March to 10th May we would normally expect 125mm of rain but I have only recorded a total of 31mm and much of that was in little dribs and drabs with only 3 days producing more than 5mm each. Much

of the rain evaporated before it could penetrate into the soil and the winds were often from a low-humidity source resulting increased evaporation.

David Cullum

Probus visit the Museum of Army Flying

"Prince Harry trained to be an Apache helicopter pilot here." John Essery, a Brighton Hill resident who was on Warden Duty, told us the day of our visit to the Museum of Army Flying at Middle Wallop. He had the unusual service record of flying helicopters in the Army Air Corps as a Major and when his service came to an end he joined the RAF as a Squadron Leader to continue his helicopter journey.

A chilly day greeted our group of twenty consisting of members of the Probus Club of Basingstoke and several wives to the museum on the edge of this airfield. RAF Middle Wallop opened in 1940 as a Fighter Command Station during the Battle of Britain, then used by the USAAF and returned to the RAF after the war. In 1957 when British Army Aviation became independent of the RAF, Middle Wallop was transferred to the new Army Air Corps. It became the school of Army Aviation, to which it remains to the present day.

The museum tells the story of British Army flying from the early days of military ballooning spanning nearly 150 years of military flight to the modern Army Air Corps. The collection was started in 1946 at RAF Andover but later moved to Middle Wallop and first opened to the public in 1974. Today it houses over 32 types of aircraft, both early fixed wing and rotary, with an array of support machines and memorabilia and charts the history of military flight both at home and the many theatres of operations abroad.

Probus member retired RAF Squadron Leader Chris Perkins MVO was on hand to talk about the exhibits. Aircraft range from a First World War biplane to a Huey Cobra attack helicopter equipped with eight missiles and a Lynx helicopter that could reach 200 mph. There was the famous WW1 Sopwith Pup, with later Auster and Chipmunk fixed wing airplanes and examples of every glider from the D Day Landings including one that could carry a light tank.



On display were early rotary experiments including the Rotabuggy which was a converted Jeep with helicopter additions and an aircraft tail to aid manoeuvrability. With displays of the Victoria Cross holders, various uniforms, the evolution of the flying helmet and several field guns and support vehicles the museum even has a 1940s house with most domestic items bringing back memories to visitors.

After lunch in the Apache café we then had the privilege of a private showing of a film about the changing role of helicopter operations in today's troublesome world.

More information about the Probus Club of Basingstoke, the social club for retired professional and business managers, can be viewed on their web site www.probusbasingstoke.webs.com or phone their secretary, Paul Flint, on 07770 886521 for an informal chat.



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Can your employer refuse your holiday request?

The simple answer to that is yes it can. Every employee is entitled to a minimum of their statutory holiday of 28 days inclusive of the eight bank/public holidays if they work on a five day per week basis – pro rata for different working patterns. Contrary to the general belief there is no statutory right to actually have any bank/public holidays off work although this is often contractual. Employers are actually entitled to designate when holiday has to be taken.

For example, it is legal for a company to have a shutdown period when holiday must be taken or to designate a busy period when no holiday may be taken at all. Many companies only grant holiday requests on a first come first served basis to ensure cover in every department. If you are refused holiday for one of these reasons you need to check what the provisions are in your contract of employment and check that the company has a clear and transparent holiday usage policy, which it is operating fairly and without discrimination. Simply granting time off on a grace and favour basis is not an acceptable way for an employer to behave.

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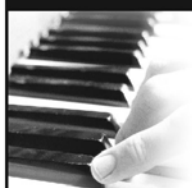
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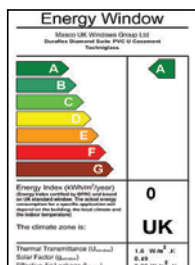
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