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Editorial

'After more than 10 years, Mrs Lodge (Giddy Wizard) has given up distribution in the Monk Sherborne/Ramsdell area – and Eric Carter has 'retired' from deliveries in The Severals. We take this opportunity of thanking them for their unstinting service over the years.

We welcome Steve Rackstraw from Pamber Green, who is taking over Monk Sherborne/Ramsdell, and Martin Sims who will deliver to The Severals.'

Many thanks – George Rust

With more houses being built in Sherborne Fields, Merton Rise and Marnel Park it will not be financially possible to increase the printing and distribution of paper copies of the Villager Magazine to all the new homes. As most households now have email if you know of anyone in these new areas who would like to receive an electronic copy of the magazine please ask them to contact me via email so that I can add them to the list of others who already receive their copy this way. A copy of the magazine is even sent by email every month to the Cayman Islands !

Julie – Editor villagermagazine@gmail.com

WEST END SHERBORNE ST JOHN NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH (NHW)- SIGN UP NOW

A further recent incident of theft from a property in West End has prompted a final request to all residents in West End to consider the benefit of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme for this area of the Village.

Regrettably insufficient residents have responded to earlier flyers distributed by Mike Perman (the proposed scheme co-ordinator) and myself to meet the police criteria for starting a new scheme. We basically need residents at West End, who would like to see a scheme in place and who have not signed up, to do so NOW.

All you need to do is supply your details to Mike Perman at A. Monger or deliver a note to his office.

We need the postal address, the householder's name, telephone number and an email address if possible, which will only be used for NHW business.

When we need to circulate warnings etc we use the blind copy method so that members' email addresses are not disclosed to the other members.

Until a scheme for this area is approved by the police nobody who has so far signed up can say to their household insurers that they are in an NHW scheme which normally entitles residents to a reduced premium.

If we receive enough interest and once the proposed scheme is approved, we will let you know and put up some signs.

PLEASE SIGN UP NOW

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Future Events

October 2018

1	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	10.00-11.30am
2	SSJ Women's Fellowship – 'The Glass Maidens', SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
7	Pelican Film Society, 3 Billboards outside Ebbing, Missouri, The Ark, Guests welcome £6	7.30pm
8	Pamber Parish Council Meeting, Pamber Heath Memorial Hall	7.30pm
15	Basingstoke Horti Society, Australia, A Plantsman's Paradise – Steve Austin, Kempshott VH	7.30pm
15	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	10.00-11.30am
27	Basingstoke Ladies Choir Annual concert + Hants Police Male Voice Choir, QMC	
29	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion. (Planning meeting 7pm)	7.30pm
29	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	10.00-11.30am

November 2018

4	Pelican Film Society, Phantom Thread, The Ark, Guests welcome £6	7.30pm
6	SSJ Women's Fellowship – Crafts for Christmas, SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
9	Pamber Neighbourhood Plan Meeting, Pamber Heath Memorial Hall, all welcome	6.00pm – 9.00pm
10	Pamber Neighbourhood Plan Meeting, St Stephens Hall, Little London, all welcome	10.00 – 3.00pm
12	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	10.00-11.30am
12	Pamber Parish Council Meeting, St Stephen's Hall, Little London	7.30pm
19	Basingstoke Horticultural Society, AGM, Cheese & Wine, Kempshott Village Hall	7.30pm
24	Artisan Market, Sherborne St John Village Hall	11.00am-3.00pm
26	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion. (Planning meeting 7pm)	7.30pm
26	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	10.00-11.30am

December 2018

2	Pelican Film Society, Secret Life of Bees, The Ark, Guests welcome £6	7.30pm
4	SSJ Women's Fellowship – To be advised at a later date,	2.00pm
9	Basingstoke Ladies Choir Christmas Concert, Carnival Hall	
10	Basingstoke Horticultural Society, Christmas Party/Buffer, tickets only, Kempshott Village Hall	7.30pm
10	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	10.00-11.30am
10	Pamber Parish Council Meeting, Pamber Heath Memorial Hall	7.30pm
17	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion. (Planning meeting 7pm)	7.30pm

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Church Matters October

What makes churches grow? This is an important question for any church. It happens to be so particularly for us at the moment as we have suffered a number of losses recently – not just through faithful members going to glory but through well-established members moving to live, or church, or both, elsewhere. Of course this is bound to happen: we live in a changing situation and life never stands still. Nevertheless we are a relatively small church and such moves make a disproportionate difference to us.

So what are some of the factors on which growth depends? First, we should be encouraged by the fact that you don't have to be big to grow. Growth comes from God; it is he who makes things grow. The Apostle Paul used a horticultural analogy when he said of the church in Corinth: "I planted, Apollos watered but God made it grow"¹. Moreover there are no techniques we can employ which will guarantee growth; we are dependent on

God and the glory for any growth is his alone.

The vital thing is that the individual members are ourselves growing in our relationship with God. We must *want* to grow, both as individual believers and as a church. This is not just a matter of numbers. Growth is of two types – numerical and personal. It is possible for the life of a church to be growing in depth even when numbers seem fairly static. Likewise there can sometimes be a growth in numbers without any real change in the quality of the church's life. What we are aiming for of course is both together.

Another factor in growth is the extent that the church congregation is interacting with the local community in which it is set. People will only want to join us if we know them and they know us. We will only be able to invite people to join us if we have first earned the right by spending time with them. The church needs to cultivate a missionary heart. That means sharing our lives as well as our message.

Next, the church must have a faithful and effective Bible teaching ministry at all levels and in all its meetings. We are not a club! We believe that God's word has a vital message for people today. We

meet to hear what God's word says, and only as we do so can growth, and a right conviction of the gospel, be sustained. Similarly, the church's prayer life. John Wesley said "When we work, we work – when we pray, God works." Prayer is essential – both praying individually and together with others. A church with a vibrant prayer meeting will be a growing church. We have to admit that we are currently falling down in this area. It is so easy to become too busy to pray.

Finally, a growing church will be one in which everyone is actively involved. We depend on God's resources but we also believe in human HR! There are so many jobs to do, whether it is cleaning, visiting, making coffee, teaching in Sunday Club, leading a Home Group, dealing with the money, unlocking the church, publicity, music, changing light-bulbs, bringing older people to church, looking after the children, looking after the buildings, organising parish events, social committee..... Implied in this is a willingness to sacrifice. We need to realise that "It is when our Christianity costs that it counts." This is true. It will affect our routines, our social lives, our money and sometimes our popularity. But it's worth it, if we can only contribute to the growth of God's work among us.

The Bible teaches that growth is not an option for us – we are commanded to grow! Peter wrote:

"Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ"²

John Hamilton

¹ 1Corinthians 3:6

² 2Peter 3:18



Services for October

07 October

10am Parish Communion, Sunday Club & Crèche St Andrew's

14 October

8am Holy Communion Priory
10am Morning Service (Harvest), Sunday Club & Crèche St Andrew's
10am Morning Service (Harvest) All Saints

21 October

10am Family Service, Visit of Bishop of Basingstoke St Andrew's

28 October

10am Family Service St Andrew's
10am Morning Service Priory

04 November

10am Parish Communion, Sunday Club & Crèche St Andrew's

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 10AM:

Church Builders in Action:

07 Oct	Courage & Persistence	Nehemiah: 4-6	John Hamilton
14 Oct	The power of the word of God	Nehemiah: 7-9	John Hamilton & Andrew King
21 Oct	"He brought him to Jesus"	John 1: 35-42	Bishop David Williams
28 Oct	The wedding party	John 2: 1-11	Steve Howe & John Hamilton
04 Nov	What does 'born again' mean?	John 3: 1-21	John Hamilton

MIDWEEK

Home Groups meet in the weeks of Monday 8th & 29th October.

We meet for Central Fellowship on Tuesday 16th October.

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

Roman Catholic Services (Tel: 819772)

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

Weekday Mass

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

* Time & Venue could vary

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REMEMBRANCE DAY

This year Remembrance Day falls on a Sunday and, because of this, we have decided to hold the usual Remembrance ceremony at the Sherborne St John War Memorial on **Saturday 10th October at 1100 hrs.** If you would like to attend please gather by about 1050 hrs at the memorial as we will start the proceedings a little bit before 1100 hrs.

The formal Remembrance service will be held at St James Church, Bramley on Sunday 11th November starting at 1030 hrs; if you plan to attend please arrive well before that time as the church is likely to be filled to capacity.

ANNUAL DINNER

At the time of writing, there are a few tickets remaining for the Annual Dinner to be held on 5th October in the SSJ Village Hall and, if you decide at the last minute that you would like to come, then please call me, John Delafield, on 07850 950349 and we will try to fit you in. *To remind, the event is open to all and not just to Legion members.*

John Delafield

Chairman, Bramley and District Branch
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Sherborne St John Church of England Primary School

We are now well into the Autumn Term and are busy as usual. The Year 6 children are embracing their new responsibilities as they prepare to take on roles as School Ambassadors, Young Playleaders and Building Society cashiers, and other years have the opportunity to become members of the School Council or School Librarians. The Year 6s also have an important role as 'Buddies' for the new Year R children, looking after them in the playground, playing with them and sometimes working with them in lessons. As School Ambassadors they are already starting to show prospective parents for next year

around our school. If your child is due to start school next September 2019, we would encourage you to come and meet us to have a look around soon. Please telephone the School Office (01256 850180) to make an appointment.

On 10th September, everyone in the school had the opportunity for a rare moment of relaxation when we had a visit from a Yoga teacher who ran workshops for all age groups. We all became experts in the Flamingo and Eagle positions and learnt the Sun Sequence of moves. We hope to introduce yoga as a regular activity in school. Other sports this half of term

include Dodgeball, swimming and Keep Fit, whilst clubs cover football, dance, judo, gymnastics and tag rugby.

After such a hot summer, the conkers ripened on the trees earlier than usual so we had to bring forward our annual conker tournament. As usual this was a highly competitive event for all classes but at the time of writing we await the final to see who our 2018 conker champions are!

Sherbert

SSJ School Villager Correspondent

Autumnal adventures and Halloween happenings around Hampshire this half-term with the

National Trust

Autumn's beautiful backdrop, its crunchy leaves, glossy conkers and juicy blackberries create a natural playground for children. October half-term is the perfect time to get outside and create some unforgettable family moments. We've got lots of new activities on offer, from Mottisfont's colourful scarecrows to Hinton Ampner's Time for Tea trail. There's loads of Halloween fun, including pumpkin-carving at Winchester City Mill and spooky storytelling and witch's broom-making in the New Forest.

All our places offer loads of opportunities to tick off more '50 things to do before you're 11½' challenges, from bug-hunting to wild art.

Every half-term adventure you make helps us keep these places open for future generations of children to discover. For details of all our family days in and around Hampshire visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/hampshire.

Here are our top half-term events to tick off this autumn in and around Hampshire:

Mottisfont, nr Romsey

Spot the Scarecrows trail

20 – 28 October, 10am – 5pm, normal admission charge plus £1 per trail. Families are invited to spot all the different scarecrows hidden around the gardens, on this new autumn trail. Kids can make their own little scarecrow too, to take home.

Hinton Ampner, nr Alresford

Time for tea trail

20 – 28 October, 10am – 3.30pm, normal admission charge plus £1 per trail. Inspired by the lovely ceramics you can see in the house, Hinton's Time for Tea trail sees kids turn antiques collector. This fun outdoor route uses word scrambles, drawing and other activities to introduce children to all sorts of china, from vases to tea cups, and encourages them to imagine how they might use the antiques in their own house.

Uppark House and Garden,

nr Petersfield

Garden designer half-term trail

20 – 28 October, 10am – 4pm, normal admission charge plus £1 per trail. Over 200 years ago, Uppark's garden was created by a very famous garden designer

called Humphry Repton. This half-term, kids can follow in Repton's footsteps and become a garden designer for the day. Follow the new outdoor trail packed with activities to help little ones plan their very own garden.

The Wyne, nr Basingstoke

Hallowe'en trails for all ages

20 October – 4 November, 10am – 5pm, normal admission charge plus £2 per trail. This year, The Wyne has Hallowe'en fun all the whole family, with trails specially adapted for different ages. Little ones can hunt for pumpkins in the gardens. Gather a letter from each pumpkin to unscramble a secret code (with a bit of help from mum and dad). Older kids need to search for pieces of a riddle, but it's harder than it sounds! Each section is written backwards so they'll need our pocket mirrors to help decipher the words and solve the riddle.

Tree bark rubbing and scavenger hunts

Throughout October, 10am, – 5pm, normal admission charge only. Want to find out what our trees really look like? Collect some paper and colouring crayons, place the paper against the bark of your favourite-looking tree, and start rubbing! The weird and wonderful detail of the bark will suddenly appear on your paper.

You can find out what's fallen from our trees this autumn too. Grab a scavenger hunt trail sheet and trawl the grounds searching for a variety of natural objects to tick off.

Winchester City Mill, Winchester

Hansel and Gretel

breadcrumb trail

20 – 28 October, 10am – 4pm, normal admission charge only. Will fairytale characters Hansel and Gretel be able to defeat the wicked witch? Explore the Mill to spot the trail of hidden breadcrumbs that Hansel has left. Then solve the cryptogram to find your way to the wicked witch's cottage where there might be something sweet to eat.

Hallowe'en pumpkin-carving

23 & 25 October, 11am – 3pm, normal admission charge only. Little ones are invited to bring along a pumpkin to the Mill. Our expert pumpkin carvers will help them transform the

vegetables into spooky grinning Jack-o'-lanterns.

Hallowe'en storytelling

26 October, 10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, normal admission charge only

Settle down for tales of witches and beasties with our storyteller, Mike Rogers, from Southampton Story Club. The stories are suitable for all ages, but it's best to reserve a space to avoid disappointment. Call 01962 870057 or email naomi.barker@nationaltrust.org.uk

Apple Harvest Weekend

20 & 21 October, 11am – 4pm, normal admission charge only

Winchester City Mill's popular Apple Harvest Weekend returns. Bring your fruits along to be identified by apple experts from nearby Sparsholt Agricultural College. You'll learn all about regional apple varieties too, plus there's apple-themed recipe cards to take away - snap up some of the Mill's stoneground flour and get baking at home.

Foxbury, New Forest

Wild Play Day

23 October, 10.30am – 12.30pm, £5 per child, book on 01794 340757, suitable for ages 5 and over

Visit Foxbury, our cosy and safe base camp in the heart of the New Forest, for some exciting half-term adventures. Pick up den building top tips, create mud pies and wild art, or tuck into marshmallows and warming drinks around the fire.

Hallowe'en in the woods

26 October, 10.30am – 12.30pm, adults £3, children £6, book on 01794 340757, suitable for ages 13 and under

Join our rangers in Foxbury's cosy basecamp for a morning of spooky storytelling around the campfire. We'll also show kids how to make their very own witch's broom out of natural material found in the Forest. They'll even learn how to safely use the necessary tools.

Location: Park in Half Moon car park, Foxbury Common, New Forest, off Blackhill Road, East Wellow SO51 6AQ. Rangers will direct you to the site.

For more information on days out with the National Trust across the South East, please visit our website <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/southeast>

Young Ringers – A Day In The Capital

This year, the R.W.N.Y.C (Ringing World Nations Youth Contest) was held on July 7th In London. Alex, Thomas and I are all ringers at Sherborne St John and Monk Sherborne and we have been attending our guild young ringers practice. In the months leading up to the competition, they asked us to be a part of the team, W & P Youths. We would meet up and practise our competition piece along with ringing other methods. In these practices, we decided what we were to ring, the order of the changes, and who would ring where.

Soon enough, the day of the contest arrived. We met on the train, as the rest of the team was coming up from Southampton, and when we arrived in London, we went straight to Southwark cathedral. Here our group organiser gave each of us a competition wrist band before we went up to ring. Afterwards,

we moved on to ring at Cornhill before we went to St George in the East, where we would take part in the qualifiers.

Whilst we were waiting to be called up, nerves were running high. When we got up there, the room was hot with no fans, no open windows and 5 other teams of 10 had already been up there prior to us. We had time to practise before we rang our competition piece, which we used to our full advantage. After our practice, we were relaxed and ready for the competition. We felt the piece went well, it was better than our practice piece, and we were confident we did better than last year.

We had to wait another hour for the results, so we went to a pub for a cold soft drink whilst we waited and decided where we were going to ring next. Unfortunately, we weren't in the top 6 and therefore didn't make the finals,

however, the day was not over. Next, we went on to ring at Rotherhithe, Bermondsey and finally, Bow. After this, we went for a well-deserved, late lunch at Pizza Express.

After, we returned to Bow for the presentation and the final results. Each team was given a grade. We received a C+, which we were very pleased about as last year, the team scored a D+. we were also impressed by where we came. Last year we came second to last whereas this year, we came in the top 15 out of a total of 22!

This year, Sussex Young Ringers took the victory, but we are all looking forward to next years contest, being held in Liverpool. Wish us luck!

We celebrated by creating our own W + P logo.

Lauren Taylor



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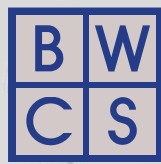
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Bonfires

There's been a lot of concern about people having bonfires in this dry weather, particularly after the fire up near Stone Circle. That was probably caused by a cigarette thrown out of a car window but just such a careless act has caused thousands of pounds of damage to crops and hedges.

Apart from the fire risk, bonfires can be incredibly anti-social; nearby residents down wind have to close their windows, bring in their washing and it's impossible to sit outside with smoke and soot blowing over.

Village Hall

We have started fund raising for the new Village Hall and have raised about £50,000 so far. The 50-50 lottery is going well and we have had three prizes so far. All the villagers are being asked to join the CIO and to fill in a questionnaire outlining what they would like the Village Hall to organise. We need as many as possible to join as this will help with our application for grants.

Highways

We have requested Highways to repaint the road markings at the junction opposite Monks Ford and the pond and to erect a "Give Way" sign to ensure road users are aware of the junction. Highways have advised the work will be undertaken within the next 3 months.

As always Highways are being chased to fill in the pot holes everywhere. We have also asked them to install bollards at the entrance to Salters Heath Road from the A340. The request is currently being reviewed by Highways.

Kingsclere Parish Council are arranging a meeting with Cllr Rob Humby to discuss concerns over the potential impact the Manydown development will have on the A339, which is already a very busy road, often with tailbacks. They are inviting all neighbouring parishes who have an interest in the A339 to a meeting in September.

Playing field

We will receive about £2000 from a Section 106 grant for specific use within the playing field. It was decided to purchase a Clamber Stack 1 and to remove the basketball hoop at the same time.

Oak trees

The crown lifting of the oak trees along Salters Heath road has been completed at a cost of £1000.

Planning applications

We have received an application from Cherry Orchard for the erection of a side extension and from Weybrook Golf Course for amended earthworks. No objections were raised for either. From previous applications, we have objected

to the Blackberries proposals and also details of the Manydown development. No objections were raised to the applications from Queens house for the erection of a single story extension to the barn, nor to the development of a chalk quarry at Manor Farm. The application to erect a two bay car port at Willow House in Charter Alley has been granted as has the crown reduction of trees at Eglesfield Cottage

Fete

We held the annual Monk Sherborne Fete on 2nd September and, with wonderful weather, it was a very enjoyable day. I'd like to thank every one who helped to set up and run the fete as without their help it can't happen.

The Fruit and Veg competition was ably judged by Julie Crawley in a splendid hat and we had plenty of entries but only from about a dozen villagers. The hot, dry summer probably didn't help but we need to encourage more people to enter next year. The tug of war between Monk Sherborne villagers and the Rest looked as if it was going the way of the Rest for the first time, until panic set in and some of the heftier MS villagers finally got stuck in.

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War Horse Memorial, Little London

2018 marks 100 years since the end of the First World War. To celebrate its passing Pamber Parish Council are placing two memorials in the parish. The first of these is Arthur the War Horse, a silhouette cut from 10mm steel plate, it commemorates, not only the men and women who lost their lives in the war, but also, the horses, donkeys and mules that perished.

Local residents gathered at the Plough Inn on 23rd August 2018, where the memorial is placed, to participate in the dedication ceremony conducted by Rev. John Lenton. The Act of Remembrance was delivered by John Delafield and Rhydian Vaughan ended the service with the Kohima Epitaph. David Lee played the Last Post and Reveille after 2 minutes silence. The Little London Brewery supplied a special beer for the day "War Horse", from which, profits together with a collection will go to the Purple Poppy Fund.

The memorial was unveiled by Cliff Butler and two of his grandchildren Caleb & Ezra Butler-Grant. Cliff is the grandson of Private Arthur Pearce, who was a regular soldier in the Royal Berkshire Regiment at the onset of the Great War. The regiment was part of the British Expeditionary Force sent over to the Western Front at the start of the war. Arthur was 27 when he was killed, possibly by a sniper, early in the conflict sometime around the Battle of Mons and is buried at Ypres. Before going to war, he lived with his wife and two daughters in one of the cottages in Little London opposite New Road. When he left for France, his wife was pregnant with their third. The son he never saw. Cliff and his family still live locally.

The silhouette was inspired by the War Horse Memorial in Ascot which is

the first National Memorial dedicated exclusively to the millions of UK, Allied and Commonwealth horses, mules and donkeys lost during The Great War. It has been crafted from the original sketches made to produce the statue with the full agreement and backing of Alan Carr MBE and Susan Osborne MSc FRSA who are the founders of the War Horse Memorial.

This silhouette together with the monument in Ascot, pay tribute to the nobility, courage, unyielding loyalty

and immeasurable contribution these animals played in giving us the freedom of democracy we all enjoy today.

The 23rd August is now Purple Poppy day. These monuments will continue to form a catalyst for the on-going fundraising campaign to support military and equine charities, principally The Household Cavalry Foundation and the Mane Chance Horse Sanctuary.

Simon Greaves



Bert's Blog

Intonations.....Here I am resting under the seats where the Mrs and the Boss take their morning coffee break in the shade. The grass is cool under my snout and I can hear all the conversation going on above me, even if I don't understand all the words I can tell by the tone whether there is going to be fun or trouble ahead. I pick up on some words like 'ball' and 'lake' and my tail wags almost without conscious volition – it appears my rear end has a mind of its own. I continue to play possum and they think I am asleep but my blasted tail wags again when I overhear 'walk'. As I open one eye to check on movement they are both looking at me and laughing but continue sitting and the tone stays even and uneventful, so I sigh heavily and resume my snooze.

After a little longer, all the coffee drunk and the tones of the conversation



sounding more hopeful I watch to see if movement is imminent and see the Boss preparing to leave his chair and pulling the Mrs up with him. They both look at me and the questioning tones suggest they want me with them. 'Come on then' which I recognise instantly gets me to my feet and eager to please. My lead, which I carry myself, is looped around

my neck and off we all go. 'Walk to heel' spoken in a commanding tone by the Boss brings me to his side instantly, the Mrs laughingly gives an unrepeatable reply and walks next to him on the other side I think he was talking to me but, as ever, it's all in the tone!

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Women's Fellowship

As usual on the first Tuesday of the month, the Fellowship met in the Village Hall. We were all looking forward to a return visit from a speaker who had come in October 2017 to talk to us about "A Year in the Life of a New Forest Pony". This time the talk was entitled "Ecology of The New Forest - Ice-age to National Park". In light of her recent television series on Channel Four we were all looking forward to it immensely.

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances Ann Sevier was unable to come so we had a Beetle Drive instead. For the next forty five minutes or so the hall resounded to the vigorous shaking of dice in eggcups, ooohs, aahs, yes, yes, yes and much laughter. After four or five games had been completed the end of the session was declared and the ladies with the most, and the least, points was treated to a small prize.

Everybody agreed that it had been a most successful substitute to counteract our disappointment that Ann Sevier had not been able to make it.

This was all followed by a most welcome cup of tea with biscuits and the monthly raffle.

On the first Tuesday in October (2nd) we are expecting a talk by Penny Jubin entitled "The Glass Maidens" about hand crafted glass with a table top sale of examples. Ideal for Christmas presents I shouldn't wonder.

Joan Brandon

Ranil Jayawardena MP

Our children deserve the best start in life — and you can help them achieve that.

As Parliament returns after (a very busy) summer recess, I have been thinking once again about local children returning to school.

I was taught at good, local, state schools — and there are many of these schools in parts of my constituency — but I want to give all children the opportunities I had, regardless where they live, or who their parents are. Regardless of whether they live in the Basingstoke and Deane part of my constituency, or the part of Hart District that I represent. This is core to my mission in public service and I know that there is much to do.

What drives me most are those who do not have the luxury of a choice

about the education of their children; they can't afford to move home into the catchment area of a better school, nor can they afford school fees. This is wrong. Regardless of where they live or what their families can afford, I believe passionately that every child deserves the best possible start in life.

This is allied to a second issue; people often say that we must deliver infrastructure before development. That's what a new school for north Hampshire would deliver, but I need your help to succeed!

By supporting my call for a new secondary school, we will be furthering the case to offer real choice to parents and pupils, new capacity that is much needed and support to improve other local schools too. There comes a point at which we cannot simply continue to



extend our existing schools — and, on the flip side, the difficult truth is that some schools are simply not performing well enough — so they need help to improve and parents need choices for their children.

I have already secured an extra £3.5 million per year of funding for existing schools across my constituency — but there is more to do and I strongly believe that a new school for north Hampshire will help local children.

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As we leap towards autumn we are beginning to notice the Forest and other woodland transforming. The once green leaves are beginning to take on the fiery shades of red and yellow, whilst purple berries and shiny brown acorns and nuts tempt thrushes and squirrels. I am hoping, however, that the current spell of warm and sunny weather will last as long as possible and minimise the chilly evenings and long winter days and nights.

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust members only are invited to a fungi foray in Pamber Forest on 6th October from 10.30 am, meeting point at Honeymill Brook, Pamber Green on the A340. Given the highly seasonal nature of fungi, if there are not many around the concentration will be on other wildlife. No dogs are permitted and there is a suggested donation of £4

each. Contact 01489 774408 for further details.

Worrying news that we would do well to heed. Recently a villager from Little London found a dead deer in the road and went to pull it off the road so it wouldn't get run over again, possibly causing an accident. In moving it, the deer's head flopped over and an antler went into his arm. As time passed he realized he was not feeling well. He kept his pre-arranged appointment at Frimley Park Hospital and while waiting his wife noticed he was getting worse and took him round to A&E. They concluded he had developed Sepsis, probably from the wound, and spent a number of days in hospital. He started his recovery but took a turn for the worse and has had to return to hospital for further tests, including Lyme's Disease. The family would strongly urge that you to wear protective clothing before attempting to remove any animals from the road.

Following on from Simon Greaves' article on page 21 about the War Horse memorial a commemorative bench is already available in anticipation of its dedication on 11/11/18. The four 'Silent Soldiers' have also appeared at locations in both North and South Wards and look very striking, another poignant

reminder of the loss of human life during the Great War.

News from Pamber Parish Council for May includes the re-election of Cllr Goss as Chair and Cllr Kingston as Vice-Chair. Cllrs Hale, Snook and March continue to consider planning applications for the South Ward. Cllr Tyson is rep to the Pamber Forest Advisory Committee, hopefully we'll soon be seeing some reports about the reserve to share with you. The June minutes show approval for a hand car wash at Greenacres Nursery, Pamber Green and a request being made for a grant for St Stephen's Hall, decision deferred until accounts are seen. South East Water has declined to pay for damage to New Road, Pamber Green whilst it was used as a diversion route during the waterworks and subsequent road closures. Following its previous refusal, an appeal is to be heard regarding the application at Berry Court Farm, Little London for 3 bungalows, a house, village green and car park which has had a number of airings over a lengthy period of time. We await yet another decision. The next Pamber Parish Council meeting is 8/10/18 at 7.30pm, Pamber Heath Memorial Hall.

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Probus Hears About the Architects of Remembrance

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November sees the centenary of the end of the Great War, the war to end all wars in which the dead from British and Empire forces reached 1,244,000 with more than another 2,000,000 wounded. Many have travelled to see the battlefields to gain a sense of what their forefathers endured during this appalling period in history which cost the lives of nearly 20,000,000 and 23,500,000 injured from all sides over four years. Even on the morning of 11th November 1918, 853 Allies and 3000 Americans were killed or wounded before the cease fire at 11.00 am.



As well as seeing evidence of trench warfare, visitors have seen the War graves, those silent battalions who lie in such tranquillity. Fewer people realise how these outstanding scenes came about and who were responsible for those temples of serenity so admired today.



Rhydian Vaughan, who is Vice President of the Bramley Royal British Legion, has been Battlefield Guiding since 2000 with eclectic groups, large and small, old and young. Passion is his driving force and bringing history to life: his strap line is "Without a passionate Guide a battlefield is just a field."

The Probus Club of Basingstoke was enlightened to hear about how Sir Fabian Ware, who at 45 was too old to enlist, was, in 1915, leading a Red Cross unit in France. He recognised that no system or process existed for registering the dead who were buried in unconstructed graves near to where they fell. He anticipated future concerns would be expressed by a grateful nation at the lack of respect for the men who had made the ultimate sacrifice. Well connected he was able to influence the establishment of the Graves Registration and Enquiries Commission so early in the war.

By 1917 significant progress had been made and the organisation was renamed the Imperial War Graves Commission. Rather than repatriate the dead it was considered better that they were looked after in local cemeteries in individual graves. Until this time the war dead were often interred in mass graves. It set about planning for the creation of hundreds of cemeteries across all the countries where conflict had occurred.

It was felt that because the sacrifice had been in common, the memorial should be in common also. Whatever their military rank or position in civil life, they should have equal treatment in their graves. This brought about considerable consternation that families could not repatriate their loved ones for private memorials to be constructed.

Three great British architects were selected to lead the artistic interpretation necessary to overcome this antipathy. They were Lutyens, Blomfield and Baker, who headed up teams of younger architects. The teams would be men who had served and would understand the solemnity needed to carry out this task.

The Commission decided that the headstone would be a uniform height of 2 feet 6 inches and 1 foot 3 inches wide and made of white Portland stone. Simple inscriptions would contain the name, rank, number and date killed while regimental symbols allowed

for some variation. Each team was responsible for subtle design differences between sites while conforming to the brief of creating the inspiring formation of headstones, memorials and buildings to be seen today.



The memorials have the inscribed names of around half a million missing who have no known grave. These include the famous Thiepval Memorial on the Somme and the Menin Gate, Ypres, where tonight, as on every night at 8.00 pm, buglers from the local Fire Brigade play The Last Post.

Kew Gardens had input on the style of the ground work of the cemeteries. It was decided that the individual headstones should appear to be set on flat turf rather than individual mounds. The garden designer Gertrude Jeckyll, was part of the committee as was the poet and writer Rudyard Kipling whose only son was killed in the war.

The Imperial War Graves Commission is today called the Commonwealth War Graves Commission whose headquarters are in Maidenhead. Regional offices are France, Belgium, Cyprus, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. They have research facilities that aid investigation by families making enquiries about the burial site of relatives who lost their lives in the service of this country.

A Postcard from..... Osborne House on the Isle of Wight

For many the Isle of Wight has been a regular holiday destination but for me this was my first visit. I was thinking that Osborne House would be yet another impersonal ancestral pile – how wrong could I be ? Whilst not a beautiful building – Victorian Italianate mish-mash ! - it is an extraordinary collection of family domesticity of Victoria and Albert and their family. Albert and Victoria visited the island and found this wonderful location of 2.5 thousand acres on the edge of the Solent (now it covers only about 250 acres). Having bought the original house and land Albert then had the house demolished and redesigned it plus all

its subsequent extensions and grounds. He also designed and had built, with the help of two of the princes, the Swiss Cottage – a scaled-down swiss chalet in the grounds where the royal children learnt how to grow vegetables and cook under the watchful eyes of a Mr and Mrs Warne. You can even see the children's personalised wheelbarrows that they used. Prince Albert used to buy the children's produce back at market prices – that was their pocket money! He was a very loving and hands-on father, and very modern particularly for those days.

Albert died of typhoid at the age of 47 years. Queen Victoria was devastated

and grief-stricken for the rest of her life as theirs was very much a love-match. Despite popular belief (and modern films !) although the Queen did become a recluse for many years after Albert's death she continued with her royal duties in private, mostly at Osborne House or Balmoral. She developed an enormous love for all things about India – although she never actually visited the country. The Durbar room is mind-boggling with all its ornate decoration and memorabilia.

Definitely 9 out of 10 and worth a visit !

The Other Tourist





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Basingstoke Civil Service Retirement Fellowship

There were 47 members at the meeting held on 5th September who after enjoying the usual tea, coffee and biscuits were welcomed by Tony Brazier, the Secretary. He said that today was the last opportunity to return to him their form with preferences for the trips to be arranged next year, and he then gave a reminder of the Mystery Trip on Thursday 18th October, for which there were still a few seats left. Besides a tour of the beautiful English countryside the cost of £38 includes elevenses, lunch and afternoon tea. He also reminded members that there were still places on the trip to Basildon Park on 22nd



November and at the Christmas Lunch at BCOT on 13th December.

The speaker this month was Eric Marsh who gave an interesting talk on Victorian Sports. He said that it was during the Victorian era, and as a result of the Industrial Revolution that gave most workers Saturday afternoons off, that sports that had previously been amateur started to become professionalised. One of the first events, in April 1860 was a bareknuckle fight held at Farnborough between Tom Sayers of England and John Heenan of the United States which lasted 39 rounds, and involved a lot of gambling. Rugby League and Association Football soon followed and was initially based in Northern England. He went on to tell members that the first University Boat Race was held in 1829 at Henley and was switched to Putney in 1836. Cycling started to catch on in the 1870's and the Cyclists' Touring Club was formed

in 1878, and instigated penny-farthing races at Herne Hill. The Open Golf Championship started at The Royal & Ancient Club in 1860. Captain Matthew Webb swam the English Channel in 1875, taking 22 hours; it was now completed in around 13 hours. In horse racing, The Grand National had started in 1839, and the modern Olympics were first held in 1896 with just 9 sports.

The next meeting is on 3rd October when the speaker will be Malcolm Nelson on Forty Years Catching Smugglers. 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. Details can be obtained from the Secretary Tony Brazier on 07715 640171 and for information about our trips please contact Kate Lambeth on 01256 328791.

Tony Brazier



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LPAs are legal documents that allow you to appoint one or more people, known as Attorneys, to make certain decisions on your behalf. There are two types of LPA, one for property and financial affairs and another covering personal health and welfare.

The issue highlighted by Zurich's report, in part stems from when in 2015 the Government scrapped rules requiring people to buy an annuity at retirement.

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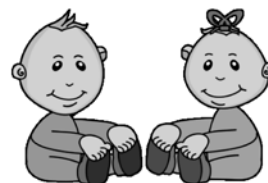
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Tue 2 Oct, 7.45pm The Anvil
£41, £37, £30, £23, £15; Under 25s and f/t students £11

British violinist Chloe Hanslip joins the orchestra for a programme that includes Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake suite, Prokofiev's Violin Concerto no. 1 and Rachmaninov's Second Symphony. Conducted by Vasily Petrenko.

One Man Stranger Things – A Parody

Wed 3 Oct, 7.30pm The Haymarket £24
Charles Ross single-handedly recreates season one of the Netflix sensation; all the characters, dialogue, special effects, music and Eggos in one superb, upside-down show.

Josienne Clarke and Ben Walker

Wed 3 Oct, 7.45pm The Forge
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Josienne and Ben are four albums and a couple of EPs into a partnership that blends Walker's intricate guitar playing and arrangements with Clarke's compelling songwriting.

Ross Noble - El Hablador

Thu 4 Oct, 8pm The Anvil £28
Suitable for ages 15 and over

Ross Noble returns to dance around the stage, spinning out all the nonsense in his head into a hilarious stand-up show.

The Goon Show by Spike Milligan

Fri 5 Oct, 7.30pm
Sat 6 Oct, 2pm & 7.30pm
The Haymarket £20; over 65s, under 16s and f/t students £18

In 1951, when The Goon Show burst onto the airwaves of the BBC Home Service, Spike Milligan, Peter Sellers, and Harry Secombe brought a brand of chaotic humour unlike anything that had been heard before, making household names of its three main stars. Now enjoy the first major theatrical production of the show on stage.

The Gruffalo's Child

Thu 11 Oct, 4.30pm
Fri 12, Sat 13 & Sun 14 Oct,
10.30am & 1.30pm
The Haymarket £14.50
Suitable for ages 3 and over

Songs, laughs and scary fun for children aged 3 and up, and their grown-ups, in the smash-hit West End show which follows the Gruffalo's Child on her adventures.

Passion by Pascal Dusapin

Thu 11 Oct, 7.45pm The Anvil
£25; under 25s £10

Music Theatre Wales and National Dance Company Wales present the UK premiere of the beautiful and sensuous dance-opera by Pascal Dusapin which explores the pain and passion of two lovers who are forced apart to separate worlds. Springing from the myth of Orpheus but with an intriguing contemporary take.

Joan Armatrading

Sun 14 Oct, 7.30pm The Anvil £35.50
2018 brings Joan into her 46th year in music and only the second time that she will be performing a tour completely solo. Joan has written new music for this tour and will be singing many of those songs, plus favourite hits from the past will also be included.

Jamie Raven - Making Magic

Tue 16 Oct, 8pm The Haymarket
£22; over 65s and f/t students £20.50; under 16s £20

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London Philharmonic Orchestra

Wed 17 Oct, 7.45pm The Anvil
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British pianist Benjamin Grosvenor joins the orchestra for a programme that includes Glinka's Ruslan and Ludmilla overture, Rachmaninov's Second Piano Concerto and Dvorak's Symphony no 8. Conducted by Alondra de la Parra.

The Russian State Ballet and Opera House present Swan Lake

Thu 18 Oct, 7.30pm The Anvil
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Andreas Tophøj and Rune Barslund

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Thu 25 Oct, 10am & 1pm The Anvil
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Suitable for ages 3 and over

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Neil Oliver

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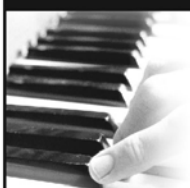
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