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Editorial

Thanks to Chris Pound for the photo of the Vyne roof as they start the renovation – probably not before time ! Chris promises to keep us all updated with regular visits to the roof – a bonus for those who suffer from vertigo/fear of heights!

The 2017 Doggy-Oscars

It's Crufts time again and The 2017 Doggy-Oscar Awards are set to be even more cane-al and glamorous than ever before. This year we are delighted to announce that the event will be sponsored by the Society for Wayside Art.

Some of the prizes they will be supporting:

1. Most artistic black bag cluster
2. Most inaccessible black bag
3. Most Offensive Whirl
4. Most widely-distributed Whirl

There will also be workshops at which DoggyDoos experts will demonstrate the latest black bag distribution techniques, including how to hook a low lying branch at 20m, and the new antipodean 'boomerang-bag'.

More importantly, officers will provide the latest update on the Barking & Dagenham (should that be Dogenham? Ed.) initiative to match doggy poo DNA and their micro-chipped creators! ... **Note: it has been a legal requirement since the 6th April 2016 to have your dog micro-chipped and registered.** <https://www.petlog.org.uk/pet-owner/compulsory-microchipping-for-dog-owners>



So..... if you recognise this photo as being from your dog (taken on SSJ Church Path recently) you may expect a visit from the judges/dog wardens

The Dog-eared Villager Correspondent

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Future Events

April 2017

3	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall	10.00-11.30am
3	Pelican Film Society, "A United Kingdom", The Ark Conference Centre, Guests welcome £6	7.30pm
4	SSJ Women's Fellowship 'The Weird, The Wild & The Wonderful' SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
10	Tennis Club AGM, 16 Elm Road, SSJ New members VERY welcome !	8.30pm
17	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall	10.00-11.30am
22-23	The Sherbornes Art Exhibition, Sherborne St John Village Hall, Art all Weekend with Lunch	10am – 5pm
24	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion. (Planning meeting 7pm)	7.30pm

May 2017

1	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall	10.00-11.30am
2	SSJ Women's Fellowship, The R. N. L. I. SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
6 & 7	Rotary Family Festival at B/S Rugby Club, Down Grange RG22 5HH Many attractions, free entry	11.00 – 5.00pm
8	Pelican Film Society, The Man who knew infinity, The Ark Conference Centre, Guests welcome £6	7.30pm
13	Dads and Tots, Sherborne St John Village Hall, £2 per family, Tel. Scott 416272	8.00 – 9.30am
15	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall	10.00-11.30am
15	Sherborne St John Parish Council AGM, Chute Pavilion	7.30pm
20	2nd Hand Clothes Sale, Chute Pavilion, SSJ in aid of local charity	10.30am
22	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion. (Planning meeting 7pm)	7.30pm
29	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall	10.00-11.30am

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	
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
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



Pamber Parish Council Notes for Pamber End and Pamber Green

Pamber Parish Council met on Monday March 13th for its monthly meeting.

Planning applications:

17/00667/FUL

Erection of dwelling and associated works
Wayside Silchester Road Little London

16/04242/HSE

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

Planning decisions:

17/00186/GPDE

Erection of a rear orangery (Permitted development notification)
2 College Farm Bungalow Silchester Road Little London
GRANTED

16/04282/HSE

Erection of two storey side extension
Wayside Silchester Road Little London
GRANTED

Council Vacancy.

Two vacancies have become available on the Council. Further details will be published on the Pamber website and around the area in due course but if anyone is interested please email the clerk at the email address listed at the bottom of the page.

Annual Parish Meeting.

The annual Parish Meeting will be held at St. Stephen's Hall, Little London on Monday 8th May. Edward Rehill, Principal Planning Officer for BDBC, will attend to speak about Neighbourhood Planning. He has been the Council's lead officer on the Oakley and Deane Neighbourhood Plan and also the Bramley Neighbourhood Plan.

Speedwatch.

There will be a meeting this month which the local Police Commissioner will attend to give details of the next phase in the scheme-details will be published on the website.

Planning

A new planning tracker has been installed on the Pamber Parish website which enables any resident to register for alerts to inform them of new applications or decisions. This will hopefully make it far easier for Parishioners to keep abreast with any new planning developments in the area.

The next Council meeting will be held at St. Stephen's Hall on Monday 10th April at 7.30pm.

Have a lovely month!

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SWP Baby and Toddler Group Managed by Sherbornes with Pamber church



Come and Play!

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

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



Wednesday mornings
(during school term time)
10.00–11.30
Sherborne St John Village Hall



phone Barbara 850173 or Liz 850800

Church Matters April

I was asked recently to write something about myself for the school Governors' newsletter. I am never terribly keen on writing articles about myself as I would rather be drawing attention to someone else. However, this is what I put:

"I am aware in writing this that you are at an advantage! That is to say you have come along to end of term school services in church and therefore know who I am, whereas I do not know who many of you are! All I can say is that I hope that situation will improve as time goes on. We welcome all school parents in church along with everyone else.

"I have been the Vicar here at St Andrews for 28 years (technically "Rector" but that is not now of any significance). In this parish we also have Monk Sherborne, Pamber End and Pamber Green. The parish, which is not the same as the School catchment area, is now considerably bigger than it once was. That is not to say that it has grown in area but in population it has more than doubled with the building of houses on Merton Rise and Marnel Park.

"When I joined the Governing Body it was chaired by Henry Gray. It was smaller and had as I remember more men than women! Today there is a need to move back in that direction! I have been a member for 28 years – in fact since the day I began work here as the local vicar. I am what is known as a Governor *ex officio* which is Latin for "it goes with the job"! I cannot escape! I have seen a lot of changes over the years and generally they have been for the good.

"I welcome the close relationship between the church and the School. It is a joy to be involved in Collective Worship and to have the School in church at the beginning and end of term. I believe the generally Christian ethos of the School to be a vitally important aspect of its character; were we to step back from that I would be very concerned. May I encourage you, together with me, to be vigilant in maintaining it?"

Easter is a great reminder of the importance of this. The fact that God raised Jesus Christ from the dead (which is the theme of Easter) is what gives Christianity force. It is what gives us our mandate to spread the news about him to others. It is because God raised Jesus that we know Christianity is true. And it is this which makes us concerned to maintain the Christian character of the village school. As Christians it is our privilege to draw attention to Jesus rather than ourselves. As it says¹,

"For what we preach is not ourselves but Jesus Christ as Lord"

May that message come over loud and clear this Easter,

John Hamilton

¹ 2Corinthians 4:5



Services for April

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

2 April

10am	Parish Communion, Sunday Club & Crèche	St Andrew's
6pm	'Sundays at Six' (shortened) Followed by the Church Annual Meeting	Sherborne St John Village Hall

9 April

8am	Holy Communion	The Priory
10am	Family Service	St Andrew's
6pm	'Sundays at Six'	Sherborne St John Village Hall

14 April

Good Friday

10am	Good Friday Family Service	St Andrew's
2pm	'Hour at the Cross'	The Priory

16 April

9.30am	Easter Morning Service	The Priory
10.45am	Easter Family Service - followed by Holy Communion	St Andrew's
6pm	'Easter Praise'	Sherborne St John Village Hall

23 April

10am	Family Service	St Andrew's
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30 April

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

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10AM...

Apr 2	The last supper	Luke 22:7-34	John Hamilton
Apr 9	His last words	Luke 23:32-49	Scott Seivewright
Apr 16	Searching for a dead Jesus?	Luke 24:1-12	John Hamilton
Apr 23	Hearts on Fire	Luke 24:13-35	Andy Spence

SUNDAYS AT SIX

Apr 2	True rest	Psalm 62	Scott Seivewright
Apr 9	A satisfied soul	Psalm 63	John Hamilton
Apr 16	Zeal consumes me	Psalm 16	Scott Seivewright
Apr 30	The word proclaimed	Psalm 68	John Hamilton

MIDWEEK MEETINGS FOR APRIL

Home Groups meet during the weeks of 10 & 24 April.
On 4 April, we meet for Central Fellowship: 8pm – 9 in the Parish Room.
(Coffee served at 7.45pm)

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

St Andrew's Sherborne St John

All Saints Monk Sherborne

The Priory Pamber End

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General

The Parish Council had a request for the possibility of a Cycle Path near an unused gate near the Everest School and along the Sherborne Road. With the budget cuts for next year at 49% together with the width of Chineham Lane to Elm Road being too narrow, the general consensus was that it would not be possible. Concern was also raised about cyclists' safety crossing the A340 at Dixon's Corner due to the speed of traffic.

There has been a request for a bench to be situated along Church Path at its widest point and close to the pond.

Thanks were received by the Parish Council for its donation to the First Aid Course on 25th March.

The missing manhole covers along the A340 have now been replaced (weighing 25 tons each!)

Neighbourhood Plan

The decision was made at the PC meeting on 27th February to accept Rev12 for Referendum to BDBC, a draft of which will be in the April Villager outlining reasons for supporting this decision. The Referendum at the time of publication is Thursday 4th May, which coincides with the Local Elections.

UPDATE – THERE WILL BE A DISPLAY OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN IN THE CHUTE PAVILION, SATURDAY 22ND APRIL, 11- 3PM. PLEASE TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A LOOK PRIOR TO VOTING ON 4TH MAY.

Parish Matters

The purchase of 30 new chairs has been agreed for the Chute Pavilion. The works on plumbing and electrics have now been carried out at the Chute Pavilion, which is now in an excellent state.

The Parish Council have applied for a Grant for additional storage at the Chute Pavilion, which is presently most unsatisfactory. The Clerk informed the Council that they would need to pay for approximately £4,000, being the required 20% of the cost.

Allotments

Parish Council are purchasing 3 new rat boxes as one has been removed and one broken in the recent storms. It is noted that the field gate on Sherborne Road is broken.

There are still some outstanding invoices for the use of allotments despite having had two reminders. The Parish Council agreed that the Clerk could inform them that they had forfeited their tenancy due to non-payment. If you would like to take on a plot please contact the Clerk ssjclerk@gmail.com

Transport

It has been suggested that Route 22 be 'reversed' to enable passengers to have the use of the bus shelters. Stagecoach have suggested a petition is set up to incorporate the shelters. So keep an eye in the Villager as, if a petition is started, it will be advertised there and will need people to fill it in for Stagecoach to consider any changes.

Infrastructure

A340 West End – was discussed at some length regarding traffic calming measures near the bus stop on either side, (Tadley end) together with the very poor condition of the pavement from no. 4 as far as the corner of Cranes Road. The width of the pavement at a particular point was also discussed. Borough Councillor Tristan Robinson is attending a site visit, and the Clerk has contacted the relevant department at BDBC for an on-site visit, costing around £225, to investigate the cost to install traffic calming measures should the Parish Council agree to fund improvements.

The hedge along Sherborne Road has still not been cut; this is HCC owned. It was noted that the 30MPH sign outside High Bank House is incorrectly placed.

Dark Lane site – is not now going ahead; measures are in place to tidy the whole site, and cut back dangerously situated trees, which are apparently rotten.

Vyne Road – it has been noted that a stretch along Vyne Road is still treacherous with pot-holes, ditches, banks etc., needing urgent attention.

SSJ Neighbourhood Plan 2017-2029

REFERENDUM - 4th MAY 2017

ARE YOU A RESIDENT OF SHERBORNE ST JOHN? IF 'YES' THEN PLEASE VOTE AT SSJ VILLAGE HALL ON THE 4TH MAY!

The SSJ Neighbourhood Plan is the result of 4 years of hard work by the SSJNP Steering Committee, supported by the Parish Council. The findings and recommendations of the Plan are all designed to benefit the current and future well-being of Sherborne St John as an healthy, independent Community.

Some of these are obvious benefits, others represent the "least-worst option" - generally where it has been necessary to accommodate external demands and pressures. This is very much the

case in promoting the A340/Cranes Rd Development - which has effectively halted a far larger development that would have extended 4 to 5 times further up the field behind Spring Close.

The Parish Council commends the Draft Neighbourhood Plan for your approval and urges you to vote in favour of its acceptance via the confidential Referendum on **Thursday 4th May 2017**. (Results will be announced 5th May).

An approved SSJ Neighbourhood Plan will be used as valuable guidance for SSJ Planning Applications. If the Plan is not approved, it will leave SSJ less secure against unwanted planning applications.

SSJPC

Allotments in Sherborne St John 2017



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

There are a few plots now vacant the yearly costs are: small - £25, standard - £45, and large - £55 with a discount for anyone living in the Parish who is over 65 years of age.

So contact me if you fancy growing your own vegetables - hard work but VERY rewarding and there are many people already there who are happy to help with advice to ensure your success!!

Contact Penny by e mail ssjclerk@gmail.com or telephone 0118 9332379 with your preference and contact details (including your address)

Petition re Bus Route 22 Through SSJ Village



As an elderly, regular user of the bus to and from town I feel it would be a great advantage to other users also if the bus was re-routed to come along Cranes Road and up Elm Road to return to the hospital. This would allow us to use the previous bus stop where there is both a seat for waiting and a shelter from inclement weather. I have spoken to Stagecoach as has Ted Wilkinson about this idea, and they suggested that we organise a petition to show the strength of feeling, which they would then consider.

Using the present stop at the left hand side of Cranes Road not only gives users neither of the previously mentioned facilities but is dangerous to say the

least, when more than one person is waiting for the bus. This is especially so if those getting on or off the bus use walking or shopping aids like walkers or trolleys. The footpath is much too narrow at this point.

If you are of the same opinion as myself and others I have spoken to about this matter, would you please let me know. You can e-mail me at joan.brandon@hotmail.co.uk or telephone me on 01256 889071 anytime, so that I can add your details to the petition to Stagecoach.

Those users who board at Manor Road would be unaffected, other than catching the bus on the opposite side of the road.

Many of you by now will have received a letter through your door about our forthcoming charity auction on 19th May; we would like to invite members of our local community to join us for what is sure to be an enjoyable evening. Please find below an invitation and information on how to purchase your ticket for the event. We look forward to seeing you at the auction.

The Priory Primary School , Pamber End – Charity Auction



To raise money for the completion of our hall extension.

Friday 19th May 2017
7.30pm for 8pm - 'til late

Bronze table tickets £10.00 per head, to include chilli supper. Your table will also include nibbles and a bottle of red wine and a bottle of white wine.

Silver table tickets £20.00 per head, to include chilli supper. Your table will also include luxury nibbles and dips, a bottle of red wine, a bottle of white wine and a bottle of champagne.

Gold table tickets £30.00 per head, to include chilli supper and an individual table gift. Your table will also include canapés, a bottle of red wine, a bottle of white wine and two bottles of champagne.

Ticket prices based on 8 guests per table, but we can accommodate more if you have a larger party.

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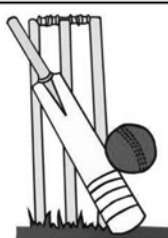
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Sherborne St. John Cricket Club - the Phoenix rises.....

The Sherborne St. John Cricket Club has not dusted off its whites since the 1980s, but we are back, and looking to score a mighty victory against the men of Little London.

The match will be played at Bramley on the **4th June, starting at 11.00 am.**

40 overs of top quality village cricket; well, cricket at any rate.

BBQ at Bramley cricket pitch, and then cream tea and family boating/ swimming at Manor Farm.

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Notes from Pamber Green and Pamber End

Recently we have had some lovely Spring-like weather which has encouraged the wild daffodils in Pamber Forest to risk poking their heads up. They are still heavily contaminated with brambles but are making a brave stand to delight passers-by.

However, Storm Doris certainly made herself known. We and no doubt many of you suffered frequent power cuts, some of long duration, over many days during the storm and her aftermath. It is only now, 10 days later, that the temporary power supply from large mobile generator on a lorry which had been hooked up to the overhead wires has been moved from its location next to the Plough. Hopefully, all of the faults have now been permanently rectified.

The February Pamber Parish Council meeting generated a large public participation which was very vocal in expressing their views. Ultimately, the Council decided they would make no comment although a number of objections have been lodged with Basingstoke and Deane Planning Department. We await news of the outcome. The next meeting of the Parish Council is on 10th April 2017 at St Stephen's Village Hall. Please remember the Parish AGM to be held on 8th May 2017 Pamber Heath Memorial Hall starting at 8pm. All members of the public are welcome to attend and there will be reports from local schools and organisations.

Whilst not in our parish, a great deal of concern has been raised about the illegal development nearby of a travellers site to the rear of Rampiers on a field owned by travellers. A large volume of hardcore has been deposited on a field for which no planning application has been made. There is an injunction in place to prevent further work but this

has been ignored by the travellers. A planning application has now been submitted but I understand there are no grounds for approval as sites in the area have been allocated within the local plan. Serious concern has been raised by local residents about this illegal development especially as there are a number of other fields in the area for sale and other areas open to the public with the potential to become infiltrated.

I received a warning from Pamber resident, Fay Langley, who tells me she took pity on a young salesman and bought a torch when he knocked at her door on 10th March. He said he had learning difficulties and was studying catering. From a bag full of household goods, she bought a torch and gave him a cheque made out to Jaz Products. She then looked up the company on the internet and found a Facebook comment stating they do not employ door to door salesman. Another comment said that goods bought from these salesmen were twice the shop price. She ran down Green Lane and found the boy getting into a blue car driven by another man. She told him what she had found out and he said that Jaz Products was his supplier. She asked for her cheque back and returned the torch. She also noticed he was now acting in a more normal way and, when challenged, he said he had dyslexia at which point they drove off at speed.

Mr Carter from Sherborne St John says he frequently walks Pamber Forest between Spring and Autumn, together with other areas, with his camera and binoculars. He has found rare fungi in the forest and, last year, was fortunate enough to see a male Redstart locally which he had never seen before. Unfortunately, he also reports bad experiences with dogs, often large, which are not kept under adequate

control and fears what would happen if a small child were to be involved. So perhaps a reminder to dog walkers that not everyone loves your dog as you do and may have genuine reasons for their fear or dislike.

A concert is to be performed by the Hurst Singers, founded by Dai Ogborn and conducted by Paul James who are both Pamber residents, at St Mary's Church, Silchester. Guest singers are the Generations chorale who often rehearse at St Stephen's Village Hall and who supported the Christmas event held in the hall. Tickets are available from Ralph Atton on 0118 970 0825.

Don't forget the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust event entitled 'Signs of Spring in Pamber Forest' taking place on Thursday 30th March 2017 between 10am and 12.30pm. Meet at the entrance by Honeymill Brook on the A340 opposite Skates Lane.

I seem to have been so busy of late and, much as I do like to keep involved, there are times I would like a little more 'down time'. However, the end of this month has been an absolute inspiration with my son, Thomas, and I singing at the Abbey Road Studios with the West Berks Rock Choir. To be in those iconic studios with so many stunning memories, including much of my own youth as a stalwart Beatles fan, has been a 'once in a lifetime' opportunity which we wouldn't have missed for the world. And we even sang two warm ups of 'With A Little Help From My Friends' accompanied by the very pianos used for the recordings of 'Lady Madonna' and 'Hey Jude', how cool is that!

Enjoy the Spring weather and the lighter evenings.

Ann Ellis
annjellis@googlemail.com

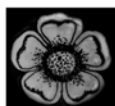
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A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Donna Green, Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust's Chief Nurse, for once again allowing Bramley & District Branch RBL to collect for the Poppy Appeal in the foyer of the Hospital. Almost £4,000 was collected.



The Poppy Appeal needs your help, please

Jean Young is standing down as the local co-ordinator of the Poppy Appeal and we are looking for an energetic person to take on this task on a seasonal basis. This is a very rewarding task and we will provide guidance and as much help as possible.

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Traditionally we talk about March winds – this year I think it has brought a hurricane of activity! So much has been happening in school that we have found it difficult to keep up!



At the beginning of March we celebrated World Book Day. We had a visit from the author Edward Trayer (pen name Billy Bob Buttons) who inspired the children by speaking to them about how to write adventure stories. The children in the Juniors have all written stories for the BBC Radio 2 500 Words competition, and we have also held our own 500 words competition in school. Every child in Key Stage 2 learnt a piece of poetry or prose and recited it as part of our annual Henry Gray Memorial Recitation Competition; the final took place on 30th March. Friday 3rd March saw everyone in the school dressed up as a favourite book character; the staff swapped roles as they became the schoolchildren from Matilda and Mrs Payne was their favourite teacher, Miss Honey.



Two weeks later and we were all dressing up again – or dressing down – for Red Nose Day. This time we were raising money for Comic Relief, and many thanks to the School Councillors for organising this.

All the classes have been out and about this month. The infants went to Milestones Museum as part of their project on Toys; they took part in workshops about games that were played in the past, and old and new toys. They also visited the Lego exhibition, played on the penny arcades and used their ration tokens to buy sweets in the shop! And as if that wasn't enough excitement, they have also been to Legoland where they had a workshop on forces – and of course had plenty of goes on the rides! Other infant trips have included visits to the QMC Science Centre and taking part in The Big Sing at the Anvil.

Not to be outdone, Class 3 have been to London where they had a bus tour of the sights, a visit to the Museum of London and a trip on the London Eye. They have also been to the Vyne where they were taken up to the roof to see the repairs that are in progress. Each child in the class will be tagging a roof tile –

they will be drawing a design on a tile that will be replaced onto the roof of the Vyne House so that they will be leaving their mark for posterity!

Class 4 have been studying evolution and adaptation as their project this term and will be going to Marwell Zoo to see how different species of animals have adapted to their environment. Teams from years 5 and 6 have taken part in a Science and Technology Rocket Challenge (at the Hurst), and a girls Tag Rugby festival (at Oakley School).

And last, but definitely not least, many congratulations to the Athletics Team who came 4th in the Basingstoke Primary Schools Indoor Athletics Competition and won the trophy for being the best 'small school'.



Sherbert – SSJ School Villager Correspondent

PS There is also a lifesize model of a sheep in Class 4 – more about that later!

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People to man the stalls... just a few more needed !

Help on setting up day... an hour or two of your time in the morning...strong men especially welcome!!

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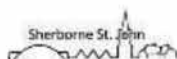
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Just an old mobile that looks the part
Of Nokia's range from many years ago
When infant networks still had to grow.
I don't stream music whatever that means
I play old vinyl records from my teens
When music was music and rock 'n' roll
It had rhythm beat and deep down soul.
Takeaways were just fish 'n' chips
And sweet shops sold sherbet dips
Fashion was Carnaby Street, not Superdry
And wireless was a radio, not Wi-fi
I'm old fashioned, there's no hipster in me
A joint is not a smoke but a brand new knee.
Have I got WhatsApp on my phone?
What's that? I replied with a groan.
Keep life simple, keep life sweet
And unlike Trump avoid the tweet.

Bill Breakspear

Sherborne St John Social Club

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Day	Date	Event
Saturday	1 st April 2017	Quiz Night £1 per person & 6 max in a team
Saturday	8 th April 2017	Grand National Race Night
Saturday	15 th April 2017	Easter Party with Treasure Hunt
Saturday	13 th May 2017	Psychic Night £10 per person. Tickets available from the Club
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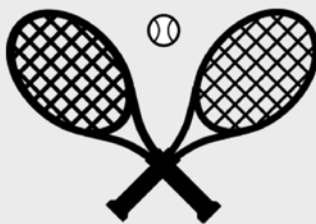
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Becoming a member of a NHW scheme is free of charge and other benefits

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A letter will soon be delivered to all properties by either Mike Perman who is the Scheme Co-ordinator or Ted Wilkinson who is the Area Coordinator for all of S. S. J. We hope you will sign up to the NHW, which is officially recognised by Hampshire Constabulary. Please give your contact details (house number or name, e.mail address and phone number) to Mike or Ted, stating your willingness to be involved. Using these details we can then forward relevant information to you.

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Probus hear about “The Oregon Trail”



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Trail. He had lived in America for seven years and together with his wife had driven the entire 3,000 miles route in 2013 and 2015.

The American government encouraged Immigrants to resettle westwards as the east coast had been swamped by the influx of people from Europe. The attraction of plentiful and cheap land accompanied by the 1849 Gold Rush meant that between 1840 and 1860 half a million pioneers, mainly farmers, including 70,000 Mormons and many Irish, made the six months journey from Missouri.

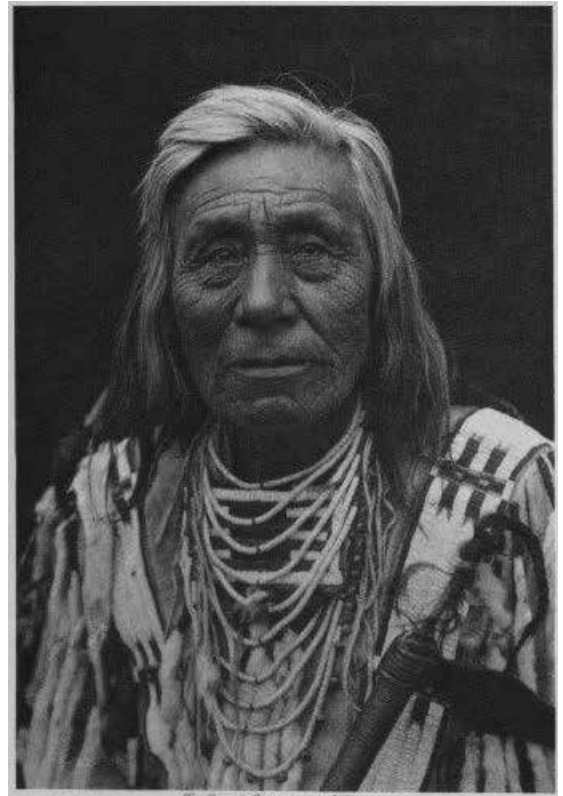
They travelled in huge groups of migrants in wagon trains, with the preferred smaller lighter covered wagons christened “Prairie Schooners” pulled by oxen. Each family had to take their own food and water as there were no trading posts along the route in the early years. They traversed the Great Plains, then across the Rockies to the west coast. They favoured a particular route across the mountains where a trail had been worn over many years by millions of buffalo.

Most people will have seen at the cinema or on TV stories about the Wild West and wagon trains that formed circles at night for protection against

attacks by American Indians. The reality was somewhat different. Initially the native population was helpful to the immigrants but relations soured as time went by. The real problems started in 1847 when half the nomadic Cayuse tribe and all their children were wiped out by a measles epidemic introduced by the Europeans. Their retaliation often took place on later wagon trains but ended after a seven years war with the government.

The logistics of wagon trains are incredible with one consisting of 1,600 wagons, 10,000 oxen, 30,000 cattle and 60,000 sheep and was 300 miles long. All but young children walked the distance, many barefoot, with the wagons carrying food and water. It was a long hard slog and people had no idea what they were in for. Death en route was common, including drowning crossing rivers, while diphtheria, measles and accidents took their toll on children and up to ten percent of the travellers died from cholera with records showing that on one trip 57 died on one day alone.

The Oregon Trail came to an end when railways provided an easier way to complete the journey.



If you want to know more about this group of retired professional and business managers there is a wide array of information on the Probus Club web site www.probusbasingstoke.webs.com or ring their secretary Paul Flint on 07770 886521 for an informal chat.

Womens Fellowship

The March meeting was a talk given by Mr. Jonathan Jones on The Life & Works of Charles Dickens. He began by acting the part of the famous Oliver Twist's Fagin and his conversation with Maurice Noah when he goes to stay with Fagin which resulted in Noah spying on Fagin's behalf, particularly on Nancy, a well known figure in London's East End.

Charles Dickens was born in Portsmouth to parents Elizabeth and John. It transpired that John was a keen actor, though his employment was that of a naval pay clerk. They moved to Fitzrovia London before living in Shearness, and later in Chatham, Kent, when Charles was five until he was ten years old. He was born on the 7th February 1812, his full name being Charles John Huffam Dickens. He adopted the name 'Boz' which was a pseudonym he used when writing magazine articles, this being his youngest brother Abraham's name whom everyone called Moses; Charles suffered from constant colds, and 'Moses' sounded like 'Boses' which

eventually became 'Boz'. Charles was a prolific writer under this pseudonym and his 'Sketches by Boz' became popular. This provided him with an income, although his first love was acting.

It is probable that the characters in Charles Dickens' books were based on people known to him; his Father, for example, became Mr. McCawber's character in David Copperfield – he certainly liked the life above his station, with a taste for cigars, fine wines, and good living. He eventually spent time in a debtors' prison as a result of his lifestyle and it was his son Charles who had to provide for his mother and siblings. John Dickens sent him to a job in Charing Cross as a bootlicker, sealing bottles and other repetitive work. His sister Fanny went to the Royal Academy of Music when his paternal Grandmother died whilst Charles worked at this lowly employment.

Every Christmas for about eight years Charles Dickens wrote a story (A Christmas Carol being one) and he



condensed these books into public readings, highlighting in the margins what he would read to his audiences.

Charles Dickens loved acting, but it was his writing and readings that provided him with a living, and only subsequently did he become known and loved for his books.

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The group walks on both Tuesday and Saturday and covers areas in and around Basingstoke as well as sometimes going further afield. We have had some lovely winter walks over the last few months and are now looking forward to bluebells and Spring.

Our Tuesday morning walks, which are typically 6- 7 miles, continue to attract quite a number of walkers. We have recently walked around Hartley Wintney, Oakley and Hannington to name but a few. We usually end up with an end of walk pub stop, to give people time for a catch up.

Our Saturday walks tend to be longer, with fewer walkers, and can sometimes take most of the day. This last quarter we have enjoyed walks around Tisbury in Wiltshire, done parts of the Thames Path, and walked from Overton to Whitchurch with a bus back.

As well as the walks, the group also enjoys some social activities, this includes an Annual Summer Picnic, Boys lunches and the group occasionally organises weekends and days away. This May there is a coach trip planned to Burton on the Water and also a break in Paignton in June, which will involve 4 days of organised walks

The group have an active path patrol group, who report problems to the local council and also do some work on the paths, which can be as varied as checking waymarking and replacing waymarking discs, minor clearing or even repairing stiles and gates. To date

this group has replaced 20 plus gates in conjunction with the local council. The latest tasks were replacing a rotting sleeper bridge at Ashford Hill, and replacing a stile at Hannington with a Kissing gate

If you are interested in finding out more about the North Hampshire Downs group, there is more information on our Website. www.northhampshiredownsrabblers.org.uk.

If you are new to walking and want to give us a try, or already walk, you would be given a very warm welcome by the Group. We hope to see you soon!

If you are interested in joining the Ramblers we suggest you come along for a couple of walks with the group first to get a taster. Membership details are available from the Ramblers' national website: www.rabblers.org.uk

Do you need Basingstoke Foodbank?

Since Basingstoke's Foodbank was established four years ago, over 100 tonnes of food has been collected and distributed to people in crisis in the Basingstoke & Deane area.

"This is a massive achievement and a reflection of the fantastic work done by a dedicated group of volunteers from churches across Basingstoke. The whole community of Basingstoke & Deane generously provide crisis food for some of the neediest people in our town" said Phil Thomas, Chair of the Foodbank Trustees.

The Foodbank provides a three-day supply of food to anyone in crisis who is referred to them by nearly 80 agency teams across the town.

So, if you are struggling to afford to buy food, or have hit crisis point, one of the Foodbank's partner agencies can assess your situation, offer help and issue an emergency Foodbank voucher.

The agencies include: Citizen's Advice; First Point Housing; Hampshire Family Support Service; schools Parent Support workers; Children and Adult Services and many more.

In addition to food, the volunteers try to help clients identify the root causes that have brought them to the position of needing the Foodbank's help. Staff then point clients to other agencies for further help.

Email: info@basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk
www.basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk

Every year since the Foodbank opened in 2012, nearly 3,000 people have been fed, including around 800 children. Volunteers have received many expressions of gratitude from clients, such as:

"I hadn't eaten for two days and wouldn't have eaten next week. I feel 200% better! The volunteers are individual heroes. I can't emphasise enough my appreciation for people and the service provided"

"I don't know what I would have done without Basingstoke Foodbank. The thought of not being able to provide for my children is unbearable"

Bert's Blog

I know what you think - after my last blog post regarding my habit of marking my territory and leaving messages - however, I was not the culprit of knocking this tree over. Although I may have inadvertently directed my three legged dance at this message post I had nothing at all to do with the fact that it fell into the lake. Despite the Mrs trying to make me feel bad and to curb my natural instincts while wearing my lead (which I am quite capable of carrying myself without the Mrs attached to the other end) I knew by the lack of scent that any message on this particular tree was not left by me! In fact it was left by France's version of storm Doris which we found had happened about three



weeks before we arrived and what I class as my personal swimming sanctuary had eight trees blown down around it,

two of which had fallen into the water and this was one of them. Needless to say I was ecstatic never had I seen so many sticks laying around. I was spoiled for choice and proceeded to run around collecting as many as I could to give to the Boss and Mrs who both promptly put them in a huge pile. Was this some new hobby which I knew nothing about? Disaster - they burnt all my new sticks. Without a fur coat like me I assume they had to keep warm somehow but what a waste, especially as later in the week my new mate Frederique and his tractor arrived and pulled the fallen trees from the water, turned them into logs with his chainsaw and the pile grew so large that the Boss and the Mrs will never have to worry about keeping warm again and in future will hopefully leave my sticks ALONE!!

Basingstoke Civil Service Retirement Fellowship

At the Group's AGM on 1st March the Chairman opened the meeting and in giving his report commented on the help given to him by both the members of the committee and others who helped at the monthly meetings. This meant that the group had another successful year with a wide range of speakers and outings while still maintaining a steady membership. The Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and Welfare Officer all gave their reports and the officers and committee members for the coming year were appointed. After the conclusion of the official business a general knowledge quiz and the raffle were held followed by lunch at the Conservative Club.

The committee members for the coming year are:-

Chairman – David Cowling, **Vice-Chairman** – David Dance,

Secretary – Tony Brazier, **Treasurer** – June Brazier,

Membership Secretary – Sonia Waite, **Welfare Officer** – Christine Broadbent, John Lambeth, Kate Lambeth and Maggie Hatton.

The next meeting is on 5th April when the speaker will be Mel Rees on "My Family and Other Setbacks". 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. This year's programme and further details about meetings can be obtained from the Secretary Tony Brazier on 01256 418770 or at bjmapbr@ntlworld.com.

David Cowling



Parham House



Exbury Gardens



Waddesdon Manor



Beaulieu

Our next outings are to Parham House on Friday 21st April, Exbury Gardens on Tuesday 9th May, Waddesdon Manor on Thursday 15th June and Beaulieu on Monday 10th July. If you would like to join us on any of these trips please contact Kate Lambeth on 01256 28791.

Autumn into Winter 2016-17

June is normally expected to be the sunniest month of the year, but June 2016 gave us fewer hours of sunshine than in each of April, May, July and August. The nett result appears to be a harvest with below average yield and below average quality and harvesting seems to have been delayed by some 2 to 3 weeks. In the gardens fruit yields appear to be down and bird breeding and insect numbers would seem to have been adversely affected.

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 every night with an air minimum temperature of minus 7.7C (19.7F) on the 22nd. The ground became heavily frozen. The monthly temperatures were slightly below average.

In February the temperature reached 11.1C on the 1st and 11.2C on the 7th but on the 11th it only reached 1.5C.

2016-17 Pamber Green	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	To 12 Mar
Avg Day Max Temp C	15.3	9.4	8.6	6.4	9.3	12.4
Diff from 30-yr ave C	+1.3	-1.2	+0.4	-0.5	+1.7	+3.4
Highest Max Temp C	18.5	15.6	13.7	10.6	16.1	17.0
Avg Night Min Temp C	5.8	2.4	1.5	-0.3	3.9	4.9
Diff from 30-year ave C	-0.2	-1.3	+0.4	-1.3	+2.8	+3.3
Lowest Min Air Temp C	1.0	-7.7	-6.7	-7.7	-3.1	0.5
No. Nights with Air Frost	0	10	13	17	4	0
Night Air frosts, diff from ave	-1	+3	0	+4		-4
No.Nights with Grass Frost	0	13	19	22		0
Total Rainfall mm	30.6	103.3	14.9	91.5	49.3	34.6
Percent of 30-year ave	41	140	22	122	80	144
Highest 24-hour Rainfall mm	10.0	21.1	6.3	20.1	6.3	13.1
No. of days with >1mm rain	8	11	5	12	11	6
Diff from 30-year ave	-3	0	-7	-1	+1	+2

Overall the monthly temperatures were well above average.

March has followed this warming trend with temperatures so far (up to the 12th) more than 3Celsius above average with predominantly mild southwesterly winds. It is interesting that, this winter, there have been no significant cold easterly spells.

Man has always been affected by, and fascinated with the weather, with a desperate need to know what will happen in the future. Ludovic Lloyd (1573-1610) was an inveterate writer of anything that would get him noticed. In 1590 (was he only 17 years old?) he published a short pamphlet called 'The Diall of Daies' in which he proposed that the weather on 2nd Jan indicated

the likely weather in September (i.e cold/warm, wet/dry, windy/calm); the 3rd Jan indicates the weather in October and 4th Jan that of November; he is more specific with his claim that the weather on the morning of 8th Jan indicates the weather in June and that of the afternoon of the 8th indicates the weather of May. And the temperature on the 12th Jan gives an approximate estimation of the year's temperature – Jan 12th this year was very cold. Perhaps his method wasn't too reliable!

We can but hope for more useful forecasts in the future – they are trying!

David Cullum. Tel. 850315

Victoria's Promise

Victoria's Promise (VP), the North Hampshire based charity that helps support young women with cancer, is seeking more people to join their growing team of volunteers. Victoria's Promise was set up in memory of Victoria van der Westhuizen (nee Eastman) who died of cancer aged just 29, one year after getting married and 12 months after the death of her father to cancer.

VP supports local young women with cancer who are undergoing the rigours of cancer treatment, giving them every opportunity to focus on their treatment, to retain a positive outlook and thereby gain the best outcome and a healthy ongoing life. VP services are complimentary covering a wide range of help and assistance for example specialist oncology therapies, skin care, high quality wigs, house cleaning and childcare.

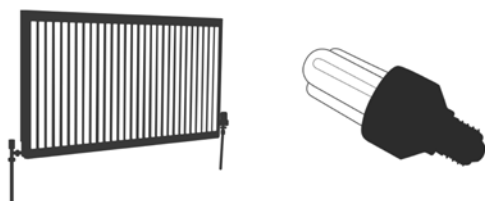
Fiona Eastman, Co-Founder and Trustee of VP said, "The help of volunteers is vital to us in raising essential funds, and we will be very grateful to hear from anyone who feels they have any hours they would like to give to help"

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This may all seem a long way off and you may think that it does not apply to you. However, it is better to plan ahead because once you have lost mental capacity the time for you to make these decisions for yourself will have passed.

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St. Michael's Hospice Basingstoke 5 & 10K Run



**Wednesday 17th May
Down Grange Sports Complex**

Registration has opened!

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child's 5K and £15 for an adult 10K entry.

Runners will again be able to enjoy chip timing in both the 5 and 10K events with medals handed out to all participants. Jack FM will be there to entertain the runners and the spectators during the whole event. The run is always well supported by families, fun runners, first timers and local club runners. The focus is on the community coming together to have some fun, support the Hospice and enjoy an evening run.

We are thankful to our event sponsors The Barn Bathroom Centre, Clarke & Son, and Jigsaw Medical, and to JackFM Berkshire for their support of this event.

Spring update on St. Michael's Home Care



Since our last update, St. Michael's Home Care has continued to show very positive growth and is helping many members of your community in the comfort and security of their own homes, whilst using money generated to help St. Michael's Hospice. In the last year we have more than doubled the hours of care we deliver and that number now stands at 900 hours a month including our popular live-in care service which in many cases is significantly cheaper than going into a care home. This growth has meant that our team of wonderful carers is now more than 30 strong and we are actively looking to recruit more of the highest quality carers to meet strong demand.

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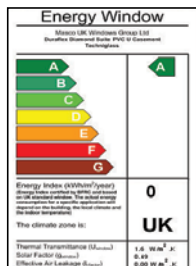
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