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# Communications to the Editor:

On behalf of us all in SSJ thanks should go to Terry Buller and Phil from the SSJ Football Club for spending an entire Sunday afternoon mowing the village green in time for the SSJ Fete. They did a great job – thanks to you both.

Just a reminder that this month's issue covers both July and August – to allow the Villager team some time off over the summer. The next issue will be in September with a deadline of 12th August for any photos or articles.



Loddon Valley Lions Club held their 37th annual Treacle Fair in Saunders Field, Tadley on Sunday 3rd June.

A large crowd enjoyed the many and varied attractions and, with brilliant weather all day, helped to raise approx £10,000 all of which will be used for charitable purposes. The main beneficiaries this year will be Living Paintings, Step by Step and the Pelican Cancer Foundation.

Our thanks go to our many sponsors, our friends & helpers and all those who attended on the day. Our next fund raising event will be our Charity Golf Day to be held at Bishopswood Golf Course, Tadley on Monday 3rd September.

Contact us on 0845833 7494 or visit our website at [www.loddonvalleylions.org](http://www.loddonvalleylions.org)

Ken Williamson, Publicity Officer, Loddon Valley Lions Club

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# Future Events

## July 2018

|       |                                                                                      |                |
|-------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| 2     | Pelican Film Society, The Post, The Ark, Guests welcome £6                           | 7.30pm         |
| 3     | SSJ Women's Fellowship – Strawberry Tea, SSJ Village Hall                            | 2.00pm         |
| 7     | Picnic on the Green, Sherborne St John Village Green (Village Hall if wet)           | 3.30 – 10.00pm |
| 9     | 60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME                              | 10.00-11.30am  |
| 9     | Pamber Parish Council Meeting, Pamber Heath Memorial Hall                            | 7.30pm         |
| 16    | Basingstoke Horticultural Society, Visit TBA                                         | 7.30pm         |
| 23    | Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion. (Planning meeting 7pm)     | 7.30pm         |
| 23    | 60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME                              | 10.00-11.30am  |
| 25-27 | Super Heroes Holiday Club for Years R to 6, Chute Pavilion, SSJ, Register by 25 June | 9.15 – 12 am   |
| 29    | Super Heroes Holiday Club @ St Andrews Church, Sherborne St John                     | 10.00am        |

## August 2018

|    |                                                                                               |               |
|----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 6  | 60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME                                       | 10.00-11.30am |
| 7  | SSJ Women's Fellowship – More Where & What in Hampshire, SSJ Village Hall                     | 2.00pm        |
| 20 | Basingstoke Horticultural Society, Tufton Small Holding – Jane Huxton, Kempshott Village Hall | 7.30pm        |
| 20 | 60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME                                       | 10.00-11.30am |

## September 2018

|       |                                                                                              |               |
|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 2     | Monk Sherborne Village Fete                                                                  | 12noon        |
| 3     | Pelican Film Society, Darkest Hour, The Ark, Guests welcome £6                               | 7.30pm        |
| 3     | 60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME                                      | 10.00-11.30am |
| 4     | SSJ Women's Fellowship – To be advised at a later date,                                      | 2.00pm        |
| 10    | Pamber Parish Council Meeting, St Stephen's Hall, Little London                              | 7.30pm        |
| 15-22 | Sherborne St John Scarecrow Competition, further details to be announced                     |               |
| 17    | B/S Horti Society, Growing Plants 4 RHS Chelsea Flowershow – Jamie Butterworth, Kempshott VH | 7.30pm        |
| 17    | 60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME                                      | 10.00-11.30am |
| 24    | Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion. (Planning meeting 7pm)             | 7.30pm        |
| 29    | Artisan Market, Sherborne St John Village Hall                                               | 11.00-3.00pm  |
| 30    | Basingstoke Festival of Choirs, The Anvil                                                    | 7pm           |

## 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 Hortil 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         |
| 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  |

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# Church Matters July & August

A curate once asked his bishop what he should preach about. "About God and about twenty minutes" was the reply! It's not bad advice – as long as it is understood that vicars are allowed an extra ten! But what does preaching about God mean? After all there are a lot of ideas about God in circulation today. All kinds of religions hit the headlines while for the majority God himself appears to have very little weight or significance at all. They do not think that he has said anything or that he will do anything. For many "God" is simply a convenient expletive equally suited to anger or envy or surprise.

So the first thing we need to say about God today is who he is. God is by definition the Sovereign Creator of the universe, for if there were anything or anyone prior to him then he would not be God. He is the first, the originator of all things. That is why the Bible begins in its very first chapter with a magnificent statement about the power of God in creation. This is not some

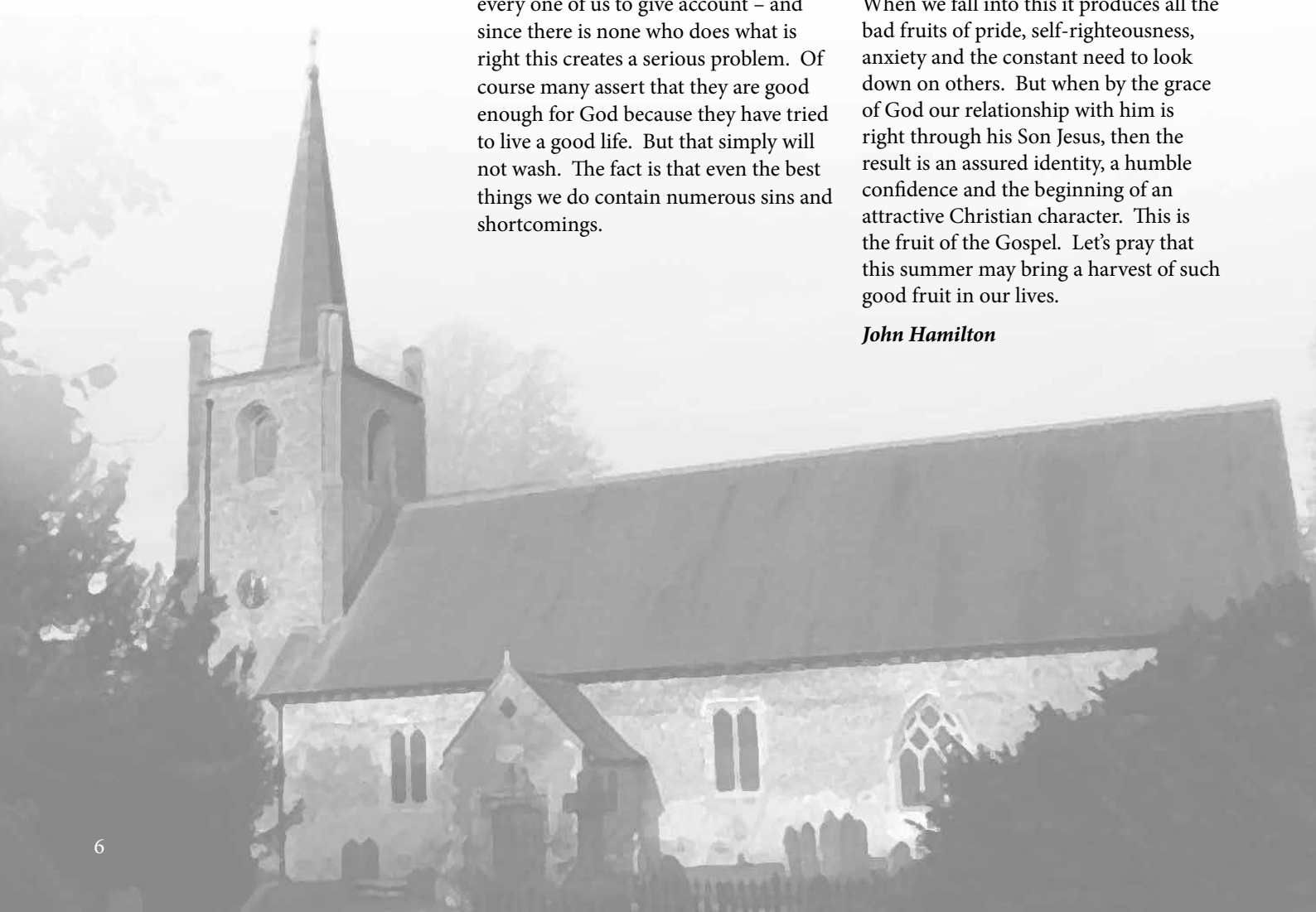
sort of scientific description of the processes – rather it is a celebration and revelation of the power of God and of his word: He spoke and it was so. From there we need to go on to say that the God of heaven and earth has made himself known to us. His eternal power and divine nature are everywhere to be seen in the things that have been made, but it is in Jesus Christ his Son that he has made himself fully and finally known. He is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. There is no other God and nor is there any other way to know him except through Christ.

Secondly we have to begin to show how God relates to his world. The first thing to understand about this is that he relates to his world in righteousness – that is to say that he is the righteous Judge of all and that everything he does is righteous. It is common to hear people complain of why God has done this or does not do that. We have to accept that he is the one in sovereign control. As the Creator of all he will call every one of us to give account – and since there is none who does what is right this creates a serious problem. Of course many assert that they are good enough for God because they have tried to live a good life. But that simply will not wash. The fact is that even the best things we do contain numerous sins and shortcomings.

Nevertheless this is not the end of the story because God in his mercy and grace has found a way by which we may be put right in his sight. This way has nothing to do with our becoming more religious – we cannot earn acceptance with God however hard we try. This error is at the heart of all the world religions – except Biblical Christianity. We have to jettison it – we simply cannot achieve a good standing for ourselves in God's sight. We also need to be aware of the fact that many who profess to be Christians think in this way still – they imagine that somehow they must make themselves a little bit better. They feel that their acceptance with God and with their Christian fellowship depends on their performance. The point is that this is exactly how we should not think. God deals with us on the basis of what he has done for us – not what we might perhaps be able to do for him.

Someone has said that when it comes to thinking about God the 'default mode' of the mind of man is religious deeds. When we fall into this it produces all the bad fruits of pride, self-righteousness, anxiety and the constant need to look down on others. But when by the grace of God our relationship with him is right through his Son Jesus, then the result is an assured identity, a humble confidence and the beginning of an attractive Christian character. This is the fruit of the Gospel. Let's pray that this summer may bring a harvest of such good fruit in our lives.

**John Hamilton**



# Services for July

## 01 July

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

## 08 July

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

## 15 July

10am Morning Service, Sunday Club & Crèche St Andrew's

## 22 July

10am Morning Service, Sunday Club & Crèche St Andrew's  
10am Morning Service Priory

## 29 July

10am Holiday Club in Church St Andrew's

### SUNDAY MORNINGS at 10AM:

|         |                      |                |                             |
|---------|----------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| 01 July | The Church of God    | Ephesians 5:32 | John Hamilton               |
| 08 July | The power of God     | Ephesians 1:19 | John Hamilton & Andy Spence |
| 15 July | The armour of God    | Ephesians 6:12 | Ezechi Iwuagwu              |
| 22 July | The love of God      | Ephesians 3:19 | John Hamilton & Andrew King |
| 29 July | Holiday Club Service |                | Scott Seivewright           |

### MIDWEEK

Home Groups meet on the weeks of Tuesday 3 & 17 July.

We meet for Central Fellowship on Tuesday 10 July. Coffee at 7.45pm followed by Bible study discussion and prayer; finish at 9pm

# Services for August

## 05 August

10am Family Communion St Andrew's

## 12 August

10am Family Service St Andrew's

## 19 August

10am Family Service St Andrew's

## 26 August

10am Family Service St Andrew's

### August Sermons

|           |                             |                |               |
|-----------|-----------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| 05 August | For the sake of the kingdom | Luke 18:28-34  | Steve Howe    |
| 12 August | The blind man's cry         | Luke 18: 35-43 | Andy Spence   |
| 19 August | To seek and save the lost   | Luke 19:1-10   | John Hamilton |
| 26 August | Judged by his own words     | Luke 19:11-27  | John Hamilton |

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## PARISH COUNCIL

*This month I am summarising the Parish Council AGM of the 14 May 2018 at the Chute Pavilion*

Chairman's Report - The Parish Council continue to be busy generally.

Some planning issues continue such as Rydon who we have not heard from for a while, and Bob's Farm which has recently been re-submitted.

The PC spent considerable monies last year on upgrades and improvements to the Chute including a new storage shed resulting in increased bookings. The PC is concerned that some facilities are not being used as much as they could be such as the tennis courts which have had substantial costly improvements, and are endeavouring to remedy this.

The state of roads generally in the area has again been raised with our County Councillor, sadly along with many others also complaining.

Many of you will be aware of the recent change in legislation regarding GDPR and the details we may keep. If you are contacted by the Clerk please respond to her.

Treasurer's Report - The PC is currently on a healthy financial footing. We continue our aim to improve facilities and village amenities overall without increasing the financial burden on residents however we need to bear in mind that we may need to spend

substantial money on the roof of the Chute relatively soon and the solar panels continue to provide income

Chute Pavilion Report - The Pavilion continues to be well used and the number of bookings are increasing especially since the new storage facility has become available. We will be reviewing the hire agreements in the near future to ensure they are fit for purpose for all parties.

Our Borough Councillor reported that the number of councillors on BDBC are to be reduced resulting in larger areas for them to cover, final details are to follow. Manydown rumbles on with debate about road access, hopefully this will be agreed soon as delay may impact the 5 year development plan.

Our County Councillor confirms that HCC has made considerable savings and highlighted the in-balance between the funding from Central government for the "North" and the "rich South"!

The condition of roads remains a major issue throughout the county

The officers of the PC remain unchanged

Cllr Richard Morgan – Chair  
Cllr Natasha Rougier – Vice Chair

Cllr Carl Davies – Treasurer

Cllr Linda Agnew – Chair Planning Committee with Cllrs Rose Cooper, Carl Davies, Natasha Rougier.

Our thanks go to all who have supported us over the last year especially our Parish Clerk Penny Mayo, Terry Buller – Caretaker and Jane Brind - Litter Picker and several other residents for their continued invaluable help.

The complete minutes are available on the SSJ Parish website <http://sherbornestjohn-pc.gov.uk/> or on request from our Parish Clerk.

### General matters arising were:

The continued misuse of the Village Green by travellers – the PC is continuing to investigate possible options for resolving this

Dog-fouling – Please take your dogs "poo" home to dispose of it appropriately

And since the meeting the issue of bonfires has become a "burning" issue – please be considerate to others who wish to enjoy what little good weather we get by NOT lighting bonfires during the day ... only light them if wind conditions are light enough to ensure the smoke does not blow over other properties and do not leave them burning for hours.

The next Parish Council meeting is on the 25th June at the Chute

**Cllr Linda Agnew**

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## Roman Catholic Services (Tel: 819772)

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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

# Monk Sherborne Village Hall

We are shortly going to start fund raising for the new hall in earnest. The estimated cost is £360,000 and we need to raise about a third of that ourselves so as to prime potential grants for the rest.

We will be aiming to visit everyone in the Parish and asking them to help with four things. If we miss anyone, please forgive us and get in touch. If you are not in the parish but would still like to help, you would be very welcome!

**Charity membership.** We need as many people as possible to sign up to be members of the CIO (the Charitable Incorporated Organisation, the charity which will run the Village Hall). This is free, carries no potential liabilities, allows

members to vote for the Trustees at the AGM. The more members the better – it will help with grant applications.

**A short survey.** For our grant applications we need to show there is a real need for the new hall and that it will be used for a variety of purposes. The survey is very simple and can be filled in under five minutes but will be really useful. Each member of a household can complete it, and the more responses we can get, the better our chances of raising grant funds.

**Pledges.** We are asking people to pledge significant sums towards the cost of the new hall, preferably under Gift Aid. These pledges will not be called upon

until we have enough money promised to start building, hopefully in two or three years.

**A 50-50 Lottery.** To join you need to arrange a bank transfer of multiples of £10 a month. Each month there will be a draw - half will go to the winner and half towards the Village Hall. The odds are much better than the National Lottery!

We will provide further details when we visit. Thank you in advance for your support and if you have any questions, please email [msvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:msvillagehall@gmail.com)

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**There is one winner each month who gets a cheque for half the 'pot'. The other half goes towards the funds needed to build a new hall. Good Luck!**

**FAQs**

- *Can I buy more than one ticket / month?* Yes, you can buy as many tickets each month as you like, if you pay by standing order.
- *Can I pay in less than £10 / month?* No, but you can cancel your standing order at any time (and please let us know). You cannot have any paid amounts returned.
- *How is the winner selected?* The winning number is a computer generated random number from those entered. Two people will be present when the winner is drawn.
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- *How can I join?* Please complete a form and arrange payment. You can pick up a form at the Village Hall or download it from <https://tinyurl.com/yc3dvlor>.
- *Can you claim Gift Aid?* Unfortunately not. However, if you just give a donation to the new Village Hall we can claim gift aid.

# Notes from Pamber Green and Pamber End

Last article for a while as our Editor has kindly given us a month off to enjoy the sunshine should it ever appear. But still the weather has taken a turn for the better with scorching May Bank Holidays most unaccustomed. This together with the ongoing dry spell has left the forest walks in a much better state and much more enjoyable to walk.

It appears that the travellers' site near the sewage works remains active with some travellers having been witnessed parking just past the travellers land in front of the gate that leads into Pamber Forest. Steve Spillane has been helping co-ordinate the opposition to this illegal usage and if you know anything about any activity in this area you can reach him at [callevasociety@gmail.com](mailto:callevasociety@gmail.com) And a reminder if you haven't already done so to sign up to the petition to urge HM Government to strengthen police powers over illegal encampments launched by Ranil Jayawardena MP. This will give power back to local authorities so they are able to deal with them in the right way without being trapped by time consuming legislation <https://www.ranil.uk/travellers>

News from the Pamber Parish Council April minutes includes their objection to the application for four houses on a green field site opposite Pamber Place in Pamber End. Also, local PCSO, Luke Robinson, explained he could not be based at Pamber as frequently now as police officers were having to cover more areas, thus increasing the demand on their time. The next Parish Council meeting is due on 9/7/18 at Pamber Heath Memorial Hall.

The march towards good broadband coverage continues. I understand the cabinet at the New Road / A340 junction is now live and you can call your internet service provider (or shop around) for a fibre connection package. According to BT this covers RG26 3AD, RG26 3AG and RG26 3AQ post codes. It's not clear what the line speed is but it will decline in the order that the post codes are listed above due to increasing distance from the cabinet. BT says there is still the possibility that the implementation team may encounter local difficulties that will prevent some houses being connected. As far as the roll out elsewhere in our area, the provision is still not clear nor when it might go live. You can try to work it out by looking at which poles have a connection boxes on top (a bulky box at the top of the pole). BT does provide a 'fibre checker' site which will check availability in your specific postcode.

Further to my article last month about the 40mph speed limit being painted along the A340, Val Holford expresses her doubt that this will do any good as drivers on the Bramley Road persistently ignore the same warnings there. I'm sure she is right that some drivers will continue to put lives at risk but, in the absence of any other option at the current time, doing something seems to be better than doing nothing.

Local choirs are moving towards their summer break but advance warning of Basingstoke Festival of Choirs Concert on the 30/9/18 at the Anvil. The massed local community choirs will be accompanied by the Heritage Light

Orchestra to present a programme of music to suit all tastes and ages, including music from Carl Orff, Karl Jenkins, Gilbert and Sullivan, Verdi and more. They will be joined by special guests Vocal Point and St Mary's CE Junior School Choir, some of the best of the Borough's young talent, all guaranteed to lift the spirits and ensure an enjoyable evening of music making. Commencing at 7 pm, tickets are now available from the Anvil Box Office (01256 844 244) costing £16 including the £2 booking fee and with under 16s priced at £8.

A busy dancing period with Kennet Morris Men at the Calleva Arms on 6/7/18, Basingclog Morris Dancers at the Four Horseshoes 17/7/18 and Calleva Arms 31/7/18. They're also at The Plough, Little London on 4/9/18 with Hook Eagle.

Good news from The Plough at Little London of success for landlord Terry Brown in again winning North East Hants CAMRA Pub of the Year. Well done Terry! And Carol Donner and Jackie Whitehouse organised 'The Sweetest Thing' cupcake fund raiser at The Plough, Little London in early June in aid of The Alzheimers Society. I look forward to reporting in the next issue how she got on for such a worthy cause.

*Ann Ellis*  
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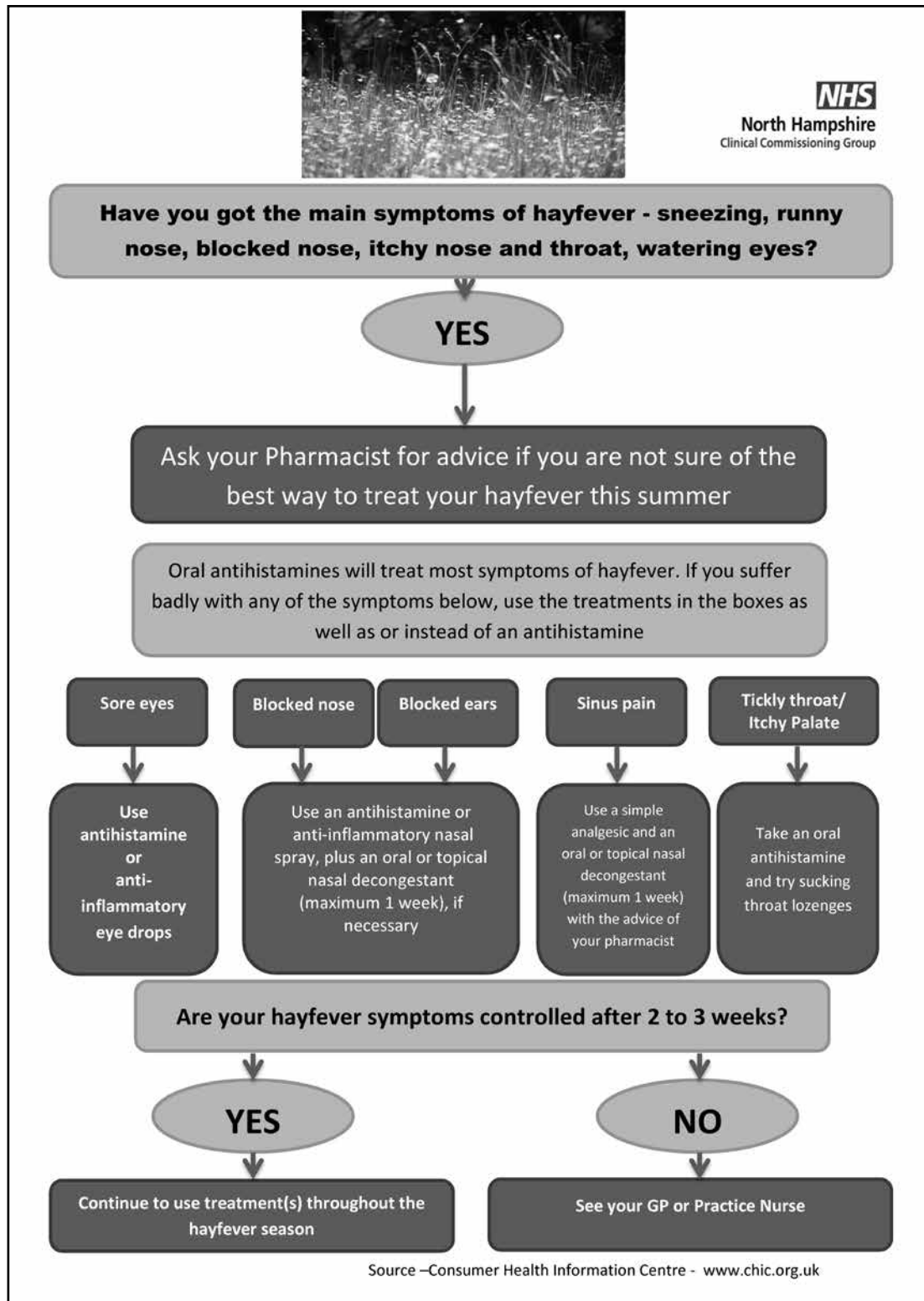
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As the pollen counts are high this month, I am enclosing a guide from Dr. Ward to managing your symptoms.



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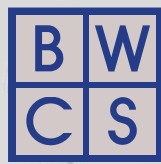
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*Tale as old as time, Song as old as rhyme.....*

Yes, our Junior production this year is Disney's 'Beauty and the Beast', and as I type this, masks are being moulded, costumes are being sewn, the stage lights are being dusted off and the songs are echoing around the school. We are looking forward to more fantastic performances as all the children in classes 3 and 4 take to the stage.

Plenty of other talents are on show this term as well. Culinary skills were very evident when the Infants designed and made healthy snacks from fruit and vegetables and sold them to parents as part of their 'Global Grub' project. Class 3 have been making products using Fair Trade ingredients and then sold these to parents to raise money for the Fair Trade Foundation.

Key Stage 1 and Class 4 have been learning African percussion this term, and it has been wonderful to hear the drum rhythms resounding from the hall on Friday mornings. Parents will be treated to a percussion concert at the end of term.

As well as our annual Sports Day, we have seen some other great sporting successes this term. The Tag Rugby teams each won the Tadley Cluster competition, and the Year 5/6 team also topped their league. We were represented at the Hampshire Games by two TriGolf teams and a tennis team – I think we will soon need more space for all the trophies!



Just before half term we had a wonderful tea party in the playground to celebrate the Royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. The sun shone, and we all enjoyed sandwiches, snacks and tiara biscuits with our lemonade!

As we fast approach the end of term, we are preparing to say goodbye to our Year 6 students. They went to a Leavers' Service at Winchester Cathedral, and we also have a special service at St Andrew's Church on the last day of term, before their final act in the school which is to ring the school bell! Although we are sad to see them go, we are also excited to welcome the new year R children who will be starting in September – they have already been to some storytime sessions and will have a 'Teddy Bears' Picnic to meet their new classmates and teachers.

Last, but definitely not least, we say a sad farewell to Miss Lovett, Mrs Hall and Mrs Haslam, who have been part of our school for more years than they would want me to remember! We wish them all the best for the future – the school will not be the same without them!

***Sherbert – SSJ School Villager Correspondent***

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## St Michael's Hospice – Sorting and Distribution Centre

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# The Priory School

We are coming to the end of another busy year at The Priory, as usual the children have worked very hard and have been a great credit to themselves and their families. In the coming weeks we shall be holding our usual summer term events such as Sports Day and the Summer Celebration before the children break up for their long summer holiday. Here is a short article written by some of the children in Year 6 about an activity that they have particularly enjoyed following their recent SATs tests!

*On the 5th of June, the Year 6s from the Priory Primary School used their knowledge of structures to create five outdoor dens. Our challenge was to create an outdoor structure that was windproof, waterproof and large enough for our whole group to sit in comfortably. In class, we talked about strategies for making our dens strong and sturdy, for example tying the knots in a figure of eight. We made*

*our structure sturdier by adding bamboo sticks horizontally to our rectangular frame and joined these together to make a triangular structure. To make it waterproof, we secured tarpaulin to the bamboo sticks and plastic sheets to the back. The triangular shape worked well because the rain ran down the sides instead of gathering at the top. We also made a door for our den out of tarpaulin so that it was even more waterproof.*



*We decorated our den with cushions and blankets and left them there overnight, whilst it rained, to see whether it was waterproof or not. IT WAS WATERPROOF! To make sure it was definitely waterproof we sat in it while it was raining and we stayed bone dry!*

*In conclusion, our den worked very well and we made a strong, sturdy, waterproof structure fit for our group.*

*By Erin, Elizabeth, Jessica, Madison and Maya*

On behalf of everyone at The Priory School I would like to wish you a very happy summer holiday. A warm welcome always awaits you here at the school; please do call us on 01256 850062 if you would like to come and visit us.

**Suzanne Kelly**  
Head Teacher

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## Basingstoke Civil Service Retirement Fellowship

This month's speaker was Paul Whittle who gave a very comprehensive and interesting account of a cruise on the Fred Olsen's line Black Watch which traced the history of the Venetian Empire from when it was founded in 421 AD. That was when people from mainland Italy first started to arrive and inhabit the group of 118 small islands that are separated by canals and linked by over 400 bridges. He illustrated his talk with a number of photographs and facts about the turbulent times Venice has gone through, including 2 outbreaks of the plague, so bringing about in the 14th Century the practice of quarantine where ships arriving from infected ports were required to sit at anchor for 40 days before landing. He also spoke about its influence in other Mediterranean countries, the setting up of a ghetto for

the Jews, the invasion by Napoleon, the impact of WW2 and finally brought us right up to date with modern day rules of the canal, the restriction on cruise liners and the new flood defences which are all measures being introduced to try and protect the city from flooding.

The next meeting is on 4th July when the speaker will be Cmdr Mike Hill on "Life Aboard Britannia". The group

meets on the first Wednesday of each month at Brookvale Village Hall from 10 am to 12 noon and all retired Civil Servants and their partners are welcome. Further details about meetings and outings can be obtained from the Secretary Tony Brazier on 01256 418770 (Answerphone)

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# Piccolo Preschool Nursery Celebrate its 10th Year Anniversary

Claudia R Cafarelli and Jane Sherwood, Directors of Piccolo Preschool Nursery, have taken a moment to reflect on the ten year anniversary.

“We are celebrating our ten year anniversary!!! Piccolo Preschool Nursery, we would like to extend our thanks to all of our children, families, and employees for the ongoing relationships, dedication, support and trust you’ve placed in us. This milestone belongs to us all.

Piccolo Preschool Nursery was founded in 2008 and has achieved a decade of high quality early childhood education for young children in the community and beyond. Throughout the years, Piccolo Preschool Nursery has been and is buzzing with many different learning activities such as fine & gross

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We are proud of what we have achieved over the last decade, it’s a time for all at Piccolo Preschool Nursery to reflect on where we have been and to reaffirm Piccolo’s Preschool Nursery ethos to provide high quality childcare; we really are passionate about early childhood education and strongly believe in the value it brings to the community and beyond.

We are excited to celebrate both the past ten years and look forward to our next ten years in business. Thanks again to our children and their families/carers and our employees who helped us reach this milestone.”

We will be celebrating this milestone by holding a Summer Fete on Saturday, 30th June 12:00 to 3:00 at the Chute Recreation Ground, Sherborne-St-John, all are welcome to join us.



## Bert's Blog

This is my worried look! The Mrs wants into telephone boxes and spin round – I only sniff around the outside.... The intrigues me, I can imagine tearing across with it flying out behind me, rather like a windy day. The tights I am a little worried about as well – restricting with my four legs, not to mention my bodily requirements/ablutions and what would I do with my tail? Of course the muscles closely resemble my own with me being a fit sort of chap.



me to go usually cloak rather the fields my ears on

The Mrs has mentioned sponges in relation to this hunk and I can only assume she means to give me another wash. Time will tell what the real purpose of sponges and the Superhero will be....The last time sponges were used I pinched one and shook it with all my might and water sprayed everywhere – over the Mrs who was washing her vehicle and the Boss who was sitting reading his Sunday paper. I then had to run off to the bottom of the garden with it before I could be chastised. On being persuaded to return it to the bucket the car washing antics were abandoned by the Mrs and with a crafty look at the Boss, who was busy spreading out his paper to dry before he could resume his reading, she and I embarked on a fun game of catching the sponge which, after each retrieval, was dunked into the bucket to soak and flung into the air for me.

It turned out that newspaper reading and car sponging is not a good combination for a sunny Sunday morning and eventually the Boss retrieved the sponge and finished the car cleaning job himself which I think was the idea the Mrs had all along....

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|       |   |                        |
|-------|---|------------------------|
| Where | - | SSJ Village Green      |
| When  | - | 7 <sup>th</sup> July   |
| Time  | - | 3.30 p.m. thru 10 p.m. |

## Programme of Events

12.30 p.m. thru 3.30 p.m. - Set up of own use gazebo's, chairs and tables on the Village Green

( if inclement weather then those without gazebo's can use the Village Hall )

3.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

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3.30 p.m. until all the paint is gone

4.00 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

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4.30 p.m.

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4.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.

Jazz Band

7.30 p.m.

Dance to S#arp Practice

10.00 p.m.

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| <b>Day</b> | <b>Date</b>                | <b>Event</b>                                                                                             |
|------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Saturday   | 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2018  | Skittles Night                                                                                           |
| Wednesday  | 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2018 | Jazz Jam Event with Chris Cooke & Friends<br>Why Not participate bring your music & instruments<br>20:00 |
| Saturday   | 28 <sup>th</sup> July 2018 | Quiz Night                                                                                               |
| Saturday   | 11 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2018  | A Night at the Dogs                                                                                      |
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# Probus hears about Colditz Castle PoW Camp

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Colditz Castle became the most famous PoW camp during the war as it became the last ditch place that persistent escapees from other PoW camps were sent. It was the destination that the father of the speaker at the last meeting of the Probus Club of Basingstoke, the social club for retired professional and business managers, found himself in 1940. Peter Storie-Pugh (later full Colonel CBE MC TD DL) had been captured at a battle near Douthens and had escaped twice before ending up in Colditz Castle the place that ensconced officers from Britain, France and Poland.

His son, also a Colonel, Piers Storie-Pugh, who has a particularly impressive army CV, told of the experiences his father endured during five years of captivity. This started with a march from the station across the Adolf Hitler bridge towards the foreboding castle. There were 400 seasoned troops back from the eastern front set to keep control of 800 prisoners. Despite this ratio and with due respect for the actual position of the castle on a promontory there were 300 attempts to escape of which 130 were successful. There were 33 "home runs" where British officers made it back to UK.

Capt Pat Reid was the initial British Escape Officer who maintained that things ran on strict military lines. He escaped in 1942 with three others to Switzerland subsequently became the consultant to the film *The Colditz Story*. It was important that British escape plans did not interfere with any from the French or Polish prisoners. It took up to nine months from the inception of a plan to fulfilment during which time it was necessary to create the circumstances to give the escapee the best chance of success. This could include creating suitable clothing to



match German military uniforms or ladies' skirts and blouses as well as forging the necessary documents. They carved tunnels, hid in the laundry, climbed over precipitously high roofs, vaulted over high fences and, of course, made the famous glider. This had been constructed in a supposedly locked loft room made from bed sheets and planks from the stage. It had been calculated that it would fly up to 1000 feet and was kept in reserve in case problems occurred with German troops inside the castle.

Peter Storie-Pugh was involved in assisting 21 escapes. Some were not successful in that the escapees were recaptured and kept in solitary confinement and fed on bread and water. The first successful escapee was Airey Neave, dressed as a German corporal. He became a barrister, worked for MI9, was elected as a Conservative MP and murdered during the Irish troubles in 1979 when his car was blown up on the ramp from the car park in the House of Commons.

Many rowdy games were played in the castle court yard as well as putting on stage shows that held the attention of the guards and covered up potentially noisy escape workings. In the meantime moral

was boosted by a secret radio giving the football scores courtesy of the BBC and receiving coded letters from home and postcards from successful escapees. Peter Storie-Pugh also carried out a correspondence course with Cambridge University and gained a BA while still a prisoner.

This multinational mix of prisoners drawn from all three services from 2/Lt to General cooperated in escapes, shared cold, starvation and frustration, but seldom boredom as they tried every method of escape. But they kept German guards away from fighting against our troops. Colditz Castle was liberated by the US Army on 15th April 1945 but the first person to enter the Castle by Jeep was a delightful young female war correspondent. A very welcome sight for the men of Colditz who should not be compared to today's lightweight celebrities but were true role models who exhibited the finest personal qualities against a back drop of a world war.

More information about the Probus Club of Basingstoke can be seen on their web site [www.probusbasingstoke.wordpress.com](http://www.probusbasingstoke.wordpress.com) or phone their Secretary, Paul Flint on 07770 886521 for an informal chat.

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They learned that the club had supported 40 charity projects this year. In some case with funding, for some with help with their own fundraising, and with others providing simple hands-on support.

Much of what was achieved would not have been possible without the help of the local businesses who support us, and it was good to show them the benefits of their support, and to thank them for it.



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*Paul Harris Fellows Merv Rees & Sue Irvine*

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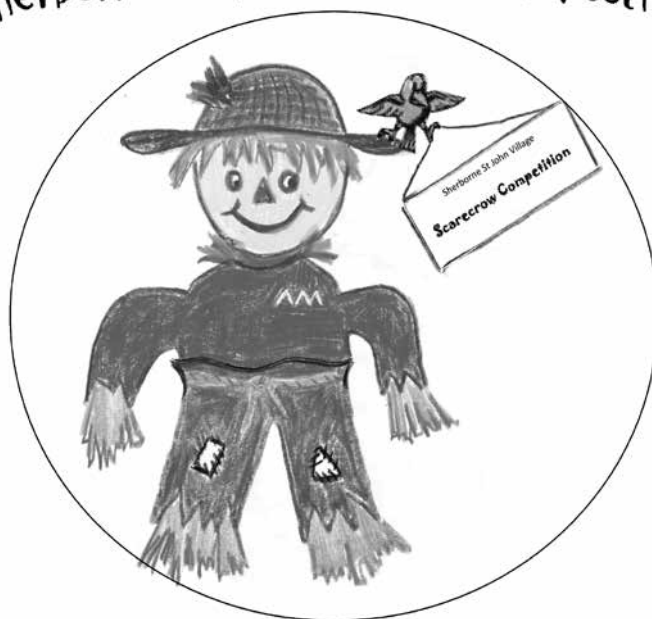
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# Women's Fellowship



The June Meeting of Women's Fellowship was a talk on 'yoga for the over 60's' given by Mary Rose Loxley.

We quickly learned that we were not going to spend the afternoon sitting and listening – we were going to Do! Mary Rose explained that the yoga she practises and teaches is Raja yoga, just one of many branches of yoga despite all having the same fundamental principles.

Yoga is an ancient Eastern philosophy which came to the West in the last hundred years, taking hold approximately 60 years ago. Its basic philosophy is to 'live a good life' and all the interpretations that that gives.

Raja yoga has eight facets, or 'limbs' but Mary Rose gave us only four, which are: Yamas, Niyamas, Asanas, and Pranayama. The first she translated as 'being truthful' – non-injury to others, non violence. The second, Niyamas, Cleanliness; purity; study of scriptures. The third, Asanas, is the physical

postures, or poses; keeping steady pose. The fourth, Pranayama, is the Breathing; controlling the vital energy through using the breath in a certain way.

Following the 'theory' of yoga, we were told to take off our shoes if possible, and sit comfortably on our chair, leaning slightly forward. We started with raising each lower leg in turn and rotating the foot in both directions. This was followed by 'twists' – turning the body one way then the other, which can certainly be practised sitting on a chair, and was surprisingly effective. We then did the 'cat pose' arching and hunching the back. Next came the hands, making fists and opening the fingers alternately. We then did the 'lion pose' which Mary Rose demonstrated, which entailed leaning forward, sticking the tongue out and roaring! Not good for the inhibited! This was followed by neck rotations, and lastly we had to imagine a very big clock on the wall and as she called out "2 o'clock.... 4 o'clock" etc., we had to keep the head still and move the eyes to that time.

The final part of the session was a very peaceful Visualisation Meditation on the theme of Being Strong where we were asked to imagine a certain place which she took us through in various stages. You could have heard a pin drop.

Following the meditation, we were asked if there were any questions, and judging by the response, everyone had enjoyed the session and was curious to know more about it. Mary Rose was thanked by Mrs Joan Brandon.

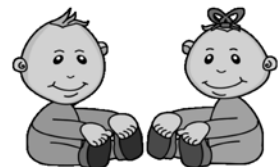
Mary Rose teaches yoga in Basingstoke and Tadley Community Centre, both during the day as well as evenings.

The July meeting is an Outing to Oxfordshire. The following meeting will be on the 7th August, and is a Talk by Jill Daniels on 'More What and Where is that in Hampshire'.



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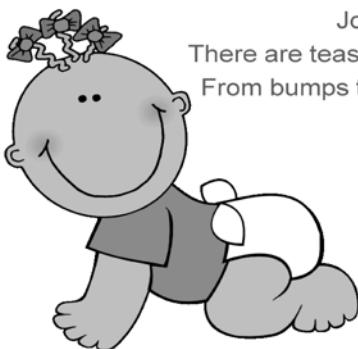


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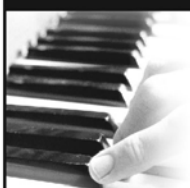
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