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Letters to the Editor

We were so saddened to receive the news of Joan Marchant's death. I received the following from her daughter Nicki to whom we send our condolences.



Joan Marchant 1922-2015

Joan will be remembered fondly as a smiling face in the heart of Sherborne St John.

Born in 1922 in Derbyshire, Joan was a WREN in the Second World War working on the motor torpedo boats, then a radiographer in London. She married Peter in 1952 and they had 4 children and 9 grandchildren.

Joan and Peter retired to Sherborne St John in Hampshire in July 1983 and lived in 10 Vyne Road. They happily settled here and made many special friends, becoming pillars of the community and well-loved members of the village. Peter died in 1991 and Joan was supported by her friends in the village.

Joan volunteered in many activities in the village and beyond; she helped at St Michael's Hospice and at The Vyne, regularly did the church flowers, as well as poppy and Christian aid collecting, baking for and running charity coffee mornings, helping at the village fetes, and driving the 'oldies' around even when she was well into her 80s. She always thought of and genuinely cared about and for others

Joan loved life in Sherborne St John; wine on the terrace, concerts and suppers, walking her dogs and just wandering around the village and talking to everyone she bumped in to.

She moved to Oxshott in 2013 to be nearer to her family but stayed in contact with, and will be missed by, her many Sherborne St John friends.

Speeding in the Parish

As reported by our Grumpy Old Villager recently speeding through our villages is a real concern. I recently also received a letter from a very shaken resident of Monk Sherborne Road who narrowly missed being hit by a driver who was driving "without due care and attention" and far too fast towards Monk Sherborne. As he so rightly states "drivers must be ready for cyclists and pedestrians on rural roads, particularly where there are no pavements"

Happy Occasion : Ingrid and Darren's wedding

I was delighted to receive some great photos of Ingrid Wilkinson's wedding which are on Page 19. Ingrid grew up in Sherborne St John and went to the village school.

Space allowing, I am always happy to include news and photos of births, deaths and marriages in the Villager.

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Future Events

July 2015

3	Closing date for registration for Sherbornes with Pamber Bible Holiday Club 2015	
4	Sherborne St John Village Summer Party, Village Green, Sherborne St John	3.30pm - 11.00pm
6	Pelican Film Society, The Judge, The Ark Conference Centre, Guests welcome	7.30pm
7	SSJ Women's Fellowship Strawberry Tea SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
13	60+Club, Sherborne St John Village Hall. Contact 01256 850577 for transport	10.00am
17	Monk Sherborne Village Hall, Italian Night	7.30pm
18	Sherborne St John Village Market, SSJ Village Hall	10am – 1pm
27	60+Club, Sherborne St John Village Hall. Contact 01256 850577 for transport	10.00am
27	SSJ Parish Council Meeting, SSJ Village Hall	7.30pm
28 - 31	Sherbornes with Pamber Bible Holiday Club 2015, Chute Pavilion Closing date for registration 3/7	9.15am – 12.00pm

August 2015

2	Sherbornes with Pamber Bible Holiday Club 2015, St Andrews Church	10.00am
4	SSJ Women's Fellowship Top of The Greasy Pole SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
10	60+Club, Sherborne St John Village Hall. Contact 01256 850577 for transport	10.00am
14 - 15	Sherborne St John Club Mini Beer Festival	
22	Sherborne St John Village Market, SSJ Village Hall	10am – 1pm
24	60+Club, Sherborne St John Village Hall. Contact 01256 850577 for transport	10.00am

September 2015

1	SSJ Women's Fellowship Annual Outing	
7	60+Club, Sherborne St John Village Hall. Contact 01256 850577 for transport	10.00am
7	Pelican Film Society Birdman, The Ark Guests welcome £5 Supper available	7.30pm
13	Monk Sherborne Fete and Informal Horticultural Show, MS Village Hall NOTE DATE CHANGE	12noon
19	Sherborne St John Village Market, SSJ Village Hall	10am – 1pm
21	60+Club, Sherborne St John Village Hall. Contact 01256 850577 for transport	10.00am

October 2015

5	60+Club, Sherborne St John Village Hall. Contact 01256 850577 for transport	10.00am
5	Pelican Film Society, Still Alice The Ark Guests welcome £5 Supper available	7.30pm
6	SSJ Women's Fellowship, A Passion for Pearls, SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
9	Monk Sherborne Village Murder Mystery Night, MS Village Hall	7.30pm
17	Sherborne St John Village Market, SSJ Village Hall	10am – 1pm
19	60+Club, Sherborne St John Village Hall. Contact 01256 850577 for transport	10.00am

November 2015

2	Pelican Film Society Woman in Gold, The Ark Guests welcome £5 Supper available	7.30pm
3	SSJ Women's Fellowship, Christmas Table Settings, SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
2	60+Club, Sherborne St John Village Hall. Contact 01256 850577 for transport	10.00am
16	60+Club, Sherborne St John Village Hall. Contact 01256 850577 for transport	10.00am
30	60+Club, Sherborne St John Village Hall. Contact 01256 850577 for transport	10.00am

December 2015

1	SSJ Women's Fellowship, Christmas Lunch TBA	2.00pm
7	Pelican Film Society, The 100 year old man who climbed out the window, The Ark	7.30pm
14	60+Club, Christmas Lunch at the Swan. Contact Shelley 01256 850577 to book	12 noon

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Church Matters July/August

The holiday season is with us and once again we're looking forward to a break. Whether it is to some exotic location overseas or to the campsite down the road doesn't matter too much as long as we are away from the normal routine.

Of course we all hope we'll get decent weather. Hence the popularity of holidays in high summer. But as we all know this is not guaranteed in the UK. Having said that nothing can beat a holiday here if the weather is good.

I hope you will enjoy your holiday and that you find it pleasant, relaxing, refreshing and fulfilling. Not too good of course because if it is perfect the return to work will be grim by contrast! Every holiday should have its bad points, its blots, blemishes and problems, because only then can we keep our feet on the ground! Only by realising that we are still in the real world can we make the adjustment back when the holiday ends – which it always does, far too quickly.

There was a song not long ago with the rather tiresome refrain "Ooh heaven is a place on earth" (repeated many times!) But heaven is not a place on earth. The Bible says that it is yet to come. There remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God. It's in the future. As Jesus said to his disciples "In my father's house are many rooms ('mansions' AV), I go to prepare a place for you." This world is far from perfect, and it is destined to be destroyed at the end of time.

Nevertheless I hope that you enjoy your holidays. Notice that sentence: enjoy your holidays. Some grammar for a moment: the verb enjoy is what is called a "transitive verb" – it has an object: so: enjoy your meal, your walk or whatever. But the way the verb is frequently used today is as though it were intransitive – having no object. People say "Enjoy" as though enjoyment is the activity in and of itself. This betrays an attitude to life in which pleasure is seen as the ultimate good, to be desired above everything. "Enjoy" – it's called hedonism – the worship of pleasure.

It is not that there is anything wrong with enjoyment – if what you are enjoying is good. It is rather that pleasure takes the place of God. And that it becomes devoid of any moral content – so that whatever activity a person may be indulging in is OK as long as others are consensual and that all "enjoy". There has to be more to life than this.

We know there is of course and, what is more, as the hymn says "Solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion's children know." There's the key to a good holiday.

John Hamilton



Services for July/August

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

5 July

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

12 July

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

19 July

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

26 July

10am	Morning Service & Children's activity	St Andrew's
10am	Morning Service	The Priory
6pm	'Sundays at Six' & Lord's supper	Sherborne St John Village Hall

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10AM: CONTINUING IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN 13-16:

July 5	Key to fruitfulness	John 15:1-17	Sean Clokey
July 12	Not an easy ride	John 15:18 – 16:4	John Hamilton & Andy Spence
July 19	The work of the spirit	John 16:5-18	John Hamilton
July 26	Take Heart	John 16:19-33	John Hamilton & Warren Trask

SUNDAYS AT SIX: CONCLUDING PAUL'S LETTER TO THE GALATIANS:

July 5	A pastor's heart	Gal 4:8-20	John Hamilton
July 12	Freedom in Christ	Gal 4:21 – 5:12	Sean Clokey
July 19	Live by the Spirit	Gal 5:13-26	Steve Howe
July 26	How to keep going	Gal 6:1-18	Sean Clokey

MIDWEEK

Home Groups meet on the weeks beginning 5 & 19 July. Track 3 is on 14 July. There are no midweek meetings during August.

5 August

10am	Holiday Club in church	St Andrew's
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12 August

10am	Morning service for all	St Andrew's
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19 August

10am	Morning service for all	St Andrew's
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26 August

10am	Open Air on the Green	Sherborne St John Village Hall
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26 August

10am	Morning service for all	St Andrew's
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AUGUST SERMONS – PARABLES FROM LUKE

Aug 9	The Sower	Luke 8:1-15	Sean Clokey
Aug 16	The Good Samaritan	Luke 10:25-37	Warren Trask
Aug 23	The rich fool	Luke 12:13-21	Steve Howe
Aug 30	The Lost Son	Luke 15:11-32	Andy Spence

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Neighbourhood Watch and Police News

I was prompted to produce this piece by a report of drug use in the Chute Recreation Ground car park. This led to realisation that The Villager would not be getting regular news now that the police no longer produce regular reports to circulate to us. They now operate on internet a system 'Hampshire Watch' which carries up to the minute information on all activities county wide. It is open to anyone to register, users can then set up a profile to receive only the items in which they are interested. Martin Budd tells me that many of the NHW members in Monk Sherborne are signed up. I am not aware that anyone in Sherborne St John has done so but if there are some I would be very pleased to hear how they are getting on with it.

All thirteen beats are now being based on Tadley police station under the command of an Inspector supported by two sergeants. A two shift system is operated; the nights being covered by Basingstoke. The beats are divided into 3 groups and ours Rural West BL03 comprising 3 beats is organised / staffed as below:

PC Barbara Bradley, PC Rich Baldwin

East Woodhay & Highclere/Burghclere/
St. Mary Bourne & Kingsclere - PCSO
Abbey Carpenter

Baughurst & Tadley North - PCSO John
Dullingham

Sherborne St John & Monk Sherborne -
PCSO Anthony Brady

Clearly there are not enough officers to cover the shifts so each is forced to cover two beats at present, although we are told new PCSOs are in training which should make a difference.

In SSJ in May there were 3 reported non-dwelling burglaries. We are reminded that this crime has risen sharply over the last few months and police are actively patrolling, intelligence gathering and following leads. The public can also help by staying vigilant and reporting suspect individuals or vehicles via 101 or if a crime is in progress use 999. There has also been an outbreak of vandalism which in some cases amounted to criminal damage, these cases are being followed up. Please keep valuables safe, especially if those valuables are being stored in a shed or out-house, whenever possible use a property marking system like Smartwater and also record serial numbers.

Early in June a vigilant member of our community reported seeing scorched foil in The Chute car park, this was relayed to our beat PCSO and next day he along with his sergeant searched the car park and surroundings finding further evidence of drug use. As far as we know this activity has not previously been reported here but it now appears it has been going on for some time.

Deriving from the most recent police survey the current district priorities are:-

- Traffic offences.
- Dwelling burglaries (Houses).
- Non dwelling burglaries (shed/garage/business addresses).

The majority of traffic incidents being reported in SSJ are on Vyne Road or the A340. A speed trap van is stationed on the A340 when possible, though with only 3 of these vans in Hampshire this cannot be very frequent. A community speed watch (CSW) team has been operating for a few months on Vyne Road. The CSW team have been volunteering their own time and have been successfully recording speeding motorists before handing the information over to Police, who then send a letter or visit the individual speeding dependant on circumstances. This CSW operation has been extremely successful, with a large number of letters being sent out. If you are interested in joining the CSW team please feel free to contact PCSO Brady or Becky Jones for details.

Finally, we are still short of a few co-ordinators for Neighbourhood Watch, notably West End/Aldermaston Road, Cranes Road and Hilltop have no schemes and are not covered, hence residents are not entitled to a NHW discount on their home insurance. There are also vacancies for Kiln Road and Vidlers Farm. Anyone able to help please contact me.

Ted Wilkinson (on 850891 or ted_wilkinson@btinternet.com)

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

Report for the Monk Sherborne Parish Council

On Wednesday 20th May we had the Annual Parish Assembly. County Councillor Keith Chapman and Borough Councillor John Leek both gave their reports for the year. For both of them this will be their last reports. John Leek is retiring and Keith Chapman is moving on to greater things. We all thank them for their efforts on our behalf. Their full reports can be read on the Parish Council Website at www.monksherborne-pc.gov.uk.

Concerning the Basingstoke Local Plan, John Leek reported that the ward of Sherborne St John will be required to take some 4,000 houses, including 3,400 on the Manydown land. The Plan includes a proposal for a strategic gap between Basingstoke town and Sherborne St John in which no development can take place before 2029 and this includes the fields to the west of the A340, which should give additional protection to Monk Sherborne.

PCSO J Dullingham reported on crime and policing over the last year. Crime thankfully has been low. However there have been many changes to staff and reporting lines. Monk Sherborne is now in the Kingsclere Ward. He finished his report by encouraging Parishioners to sign up to the Hampshire Alert Service.

Mr M Budd reported on the Neighbourhood Watch. This last year has again been relatively quiet from a crime point of view although there was one domestic burglary where some jewellery was stolen. This in itself was unusual as most thefts in the wider rural area tend to be from sheds, garages and out buildings

Mr D Cripps told the meeting that the building work at the Priory School has been completed and has made an enormous improvement. A new kitchen and staff room has been created, new and refurbished toilets, a light and bright library and a glazed screen corridor. The school was also delighted to be included in the Sunday Times list of the best primary schools, ranking 129th.

Lord Hayter reported that the Village Hall had had another successful year with all events well attended and a £1549 profit to go towards maintenance of the hall and the funds for building a new hall. Reserves now stand at £15,508.

At the following Parish Council meeting, the following officers were elected with their respective portfolios;

Chairman and Finance - Peter Boyle
Vice Chairman and Planning
- Stan Gibson

Highways, Transport and Footpaths
- Mark Spencer

Playground, Local Authority and Rural Strategy - Camilla DuBoulay

Rural Policing and Neighbourhood Watch - Lynne Harling

Village Hall - Lord Hayter

Peter Boyle thanked the members of the public who had undertaken a litter pick in Charter Alley.

The internal audit of the Parish accounts has given the accounts a clean bill of health. The precept will remain the same as for the last seven years at £9450. The reserves stand at a healthy £9440.

The Annual inspection of the play area highlighted that the moss under the multi-play unit needed attention and that the self-closing mechanism on the entrance gate needed fixing. These will be attended to as soon as possible.

There has been an application for the development of a picking station and associated plant to allow screening activities at Manor Farm.

Bill Hayter

Allotments in Sherborne St John



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

A few plots have become available for new tenants this year on the Moss Hill site so if you are interested please contact me.

There are 3 sizes small, normal and large. 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!!

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SHERBORNE ST JOHN PARISH COUNCIL

Neighbourhood Plan

Following the successful consultation event, in which the villagers overwhelmingly voted for the Bob's Farm site as their preferred site for development, it was hoped that an initial draft of the Neighbourhood Plan would be underway promptly. This has been put on temporary hold, while we get confirmation from Basingstoke and Deane that your votes and preferences as set out in the plan, will, in reality, hold some sway, when considering future developments. There have been some recent suggestions that our views might not protect us from developments the village clearly doesn't want, if Basingstoke and Deane do not have enough other potential sites to satisfy the requirements of their Local Plan. We will, of course keep you updated on this.

Chute Pavilion improvements

Quotes have been considered and agreed and the work to decorate and replace the flooring is due to take place throughout August and there is confidence that both can be done in the window of time that is available. A decision on the replacement shed for football equipment is imminent and the work on the tennis courts is likely to happen after the summer break, when the courts will be in less demand.

Speedwatch

The speedwatch volunteers are still regularly out on the roads with their equipment. They have already caught a large number of speeding drivers and you never know where or when they will be out, so keep your speed down or you may find you are in receipt of a letter from the police!

Buses

The new bus service to Chineham has unfortunately been reduced to Fridays only, as there was apparently insufficient use of the service on Wednesdays. The Friday service is well used.

Allotments

Most of the allotments are under cultivation although 2 have just become vacant so please contact the clerk ssjclerk@gmail.com if you are interested in taking one on. Quotes are being obtained for three replacement trees along the side of the Elm Road site.

Police Matters

There is currently a reorganisation of the rural police covering Sherborne St John. Tadley is becoming the new headquarters, where PCSOs will be based with a supervising constable. The primary areas of concern seem to be domestic burglary and traffic speed, which the police have agreed to prioritise. There have been reports of vandalism in the village, with items being thrown in to the pond, intrusions into gardens and a shed break-in, as well as fly tipping at the end of Sherborne Road.

Junction of Elm/Vyne Road and Church Path

We have had a meeting with the Road Safety Officer on this site regarding the problem with traffic on the corner where Church path meets Vyne Road and the private lane. There have been concerns that children run out from Church path, across onto the pavement on Vyne Road and don't realise that traffic can be going down the private lane at speed. Because the road goes straight from Elm Road down the lane,

often delivery vans etc don't slow down and there have been a number of near misses. The officer is recommending the pavement be extended slightly round the corner at the end of Elm Road to slow traffic going straight into it, as that traffic would have to make a turn to enter. Flashing 20 signs are also proposed at peak times, but we will have to wait to hear how his proposals are received by the BDBC committee. In the meantime, he will also arrange for the road markings to be re-done and improve the school signage to warn drivers.

New Parish Councillor

There is currently a vacancy for a new Parish Councillor, so if you think you might be interested in joining the Parish Council, please contact the Clerk.

Village Party

This year's Village Party is on 4th July on the village green. It promises to be even more fun than last year. Please don't forget to buy tickets, which include a hog roast, salad and ice cream. Priced at £12.50 for adults and £8 for children under 11 they are available from: Richard and Debra Morgan, tel 850123, Tracy Jeram tel 07860465477, Pat Burt tel 850593, Mitch Mitchinson 07403 535344 and Elizabeth Banks tel 850514.

The next Parish meeting is on Monday 25th July 2015 at 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall to which all residents are welcome.

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Pamber Parish Council

Pamber Parish Council met on 8th June 2015.

Co-option to fill Vacancy in the South Ward of the Parish Council

Councillors were pleased to learn that applicants had come forward to fill the vacancy caused by insufficient candidates at the election in May. The new candidates will be invited to attend the July meeting to discuss the matter further.

Allotments

The allotments in Pamber are located at Pamber Park in Pamber Heath. At present there are a small number of plots available. If you would be interested in taking an allotment, please contact Maurice Biggs on (0118) 9811438 or by email to mauricebiggs@aol.com

Potholes in Silchester Road, Little London

We have been informed that the pothole repair should be completed in the near future after a very long wait. If you wish to report any matters relating to highway repairs, please go directly to Hampshire Highways on <http://www3.hants.gov.uk>

Planning applications:

15/01527/HSE: Two storey side extension & replacement Garage/ Gym following demolition of existing Garage.

1 Cherry Tree Cottages New Road Pamber Green.

No objection

15/01524/HSE: Erection of garage/ store/home office following demolition of existing garage.

Hightor Silchester Road Little London.

No objection

15/01612/HSE: Erection of side porch

Forest Cottage Silchester Road Little London.

No objection.

15/01757/OUT: Outline application for erection of a dwelling and associated works with all matters reserved except for means of access

Wayside Silchester Road Little London.

Planning decisions made by the Borough Council:

15/01047/HSE: Erection of a single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory

Acorn Cottage Silchester Road Little London.

GRANTED

The next meetings of Pamber Parish Council will be held at 7.30pm on Monday, 13th July 2015 in the Memorial Hall, Pamber Heath and on 14th September 2015 in St. Stephen's Hall, Little London. There is no meeting in August. All parishioners are welcome to attend. Details of meetings are displayed on the notice boards and on the website www.pamber-pc.gov.uk

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Notes from Pamber Green and Pamber End

So another deadline for the Villager looms and, thankfully, Pamber residents have not let me down. Just as well as I'm struggling to keep my head above water with so much going on, including making plans for my husband, Dave's 70th birthday. Lots of secret discussions with my son Thomas, my neighbour's daughter Lisa who is making one of her wonderful cakes for him (photo to follow hopefully) and juggling so many other balls I'm sure to drop one!

Well done Jess Thain for her contribution last month. Hopefully we will hear more Pamber news from Jess in the future.

Hilary Evans has found out about some Morris dancing fixtures locally:-

6 July, 8.00 pm: Kennet Morris Men at The Calleva Arms, Silchester

28 July, 8.00pm: Basingclog Morris at The Calleva Arms, Silchester

10 August, 8.00pm: Kennet Morris Men at The Plough, Little London

Hilary adds that so far details of Morris Men events in our area have not been published. Hopefully, she will be able to let us know more in the next Villager to give you all a mission to set off on, usually to a local pub!, during hopefully the beautiful, warm summer evenings to come.

Dai Ogborn has been visiting his neighbour's house at Moley Place where

Dawn and Andrew live. He can see the splendid displays of Foxgloves and Irises growing in the verge outside. Dai's own displays are also coming out but are not quite as spectacular. Hopefully he will be able to take a picture of the splendour that could be included in a future Villager to prove that Pamber residents determination to brighten the verges in our parish is paying off.

The Christian Aid concert in May at St Michael's Church in Basingstoke featuring the Tadley Singers raised in excess of a staggering £1,000. The Nepal Disaster fund raising concert taking place just four days later featuring Basingstoke Ladies Choir, Hospital Male Voice Choir and Hart Male Voice Choir took over £3,200! It just goes to prove what a significant force choirs can have when it comes to fundraising. Hopefully, the Tadley Singers June concert in Pamber Heath will have been a similar success.

Rats continue to be a problem nearby. It doesn't seem to be a problem though for Boris, Barry and Brenda's black and white cat. Yesterday evening he was spotted lounging in the sun on our lawn very near to where a rat has been seen, not in the slightest perturbed by the situation! He needs to go back to cat training school I think or Brenda needs to sack him.

The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust is visiting College Copse

Farm, Rotherwick near Hook, on Sunday 12th July 2015 from 10:00am - 12:00pm to see the butterflies there. The farm, purchased by HIWWT in 2013, has woodland and lake habitats in addition to the pasture with the opportunity to see a variety of species. The entrance is opposite Tylney Hall Hotel. From Newnham take Ridge Lane and on past the Gordon Brown Outdoor Education Centre. Shortly after this turn right just past the turning to Home Farm onto a track. There is a stone marker there. More information about this event and others can be found at www.hiwwt.org.uk/events/2015

Please diary date future Pamber Parish Council meetings on 13/7/15 at Pamber Heath Memorial Hall and 14/9/15 at St Stephen's Village Hall, Little London. All meetings start at 7.30pm.

Julie Crawley, the Villager Editor, has given us a month off so you won't see more from Pamber Green and Pamber End until the September Villager. I can rest easy for a while then and enjoy the sun (HOPEFULLY) and the wine (DEFINITELY)!

But please send me anything you want to publicise or news that will be of interest at anytime during the coming months. It does make my life so much easier to write the Pamber news page.

Ann Ellis

annjellis@googlemail.com

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John Lambeth, the Chairman, welcomed 47 members and 1 visitor to the monthly meeting held on 3rd June. Tony Brazier, the Secretary, gave the welfare report on behalf of Christine Broadbent who was on holiday and remarked on the interesting trip to Devizes and the Wadworth Brewery on 21st May and the Open Meeting with cream tea which 60 members enjoyed. He then went on to remind everyone of the forthcoming Thames River Cruise with cream tea on Wednesday 22nd July which was now fully booked, the trip to Sissinghurst Castle on Thursday 20th August and the visit to Chiswick House and the London

Museum of Water and Steam on Monday 14th September.

The speakers at this meeting were Richard and Linda Tanner who spoke about their journey through Arabia and Indonesia concentrating on the fabulous and diverse fabrics they came across. They illustrated the interesting talk with slides showing different materials used for a wide range of garments from saris to waistcoats and for use as cushions, table runners and a range of assorted coverings. They also brought along a selection of the fabrics with examples of embroidery, finely woven and printed cotton, wool (some with a paisley design) and hand woven

silk with either 3, 5 or 7 different colours.

At the next meeting on Wednesday 1st July the speaker will be Iain Kennedy on "Pirates of the Caribbean".

The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at Brookvale Village Hall from 10 am - 12 noon and all retired Civil Servants and their partners are welcome. Further details about meetings can be obtained from the Secretary Tony Brazier on 01256 418770 or at bjmapbr@ntlworld.com and if you would like to join us on any of our trips please contact Kate Lambeth on 01256 328791.

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The Monk Sherborne Fete

By popular demand we are moving the date of the Monk Sherborne Fete to Sunday the 13th September (instead of the Saturday) starting at 12noon at Monk Sherborne Village Hall.

As well as all readers of the Villager, all members of the Horti Soc are of course also welcome, though they should remember that it will be a very amateur affair and not RHS certified.

We are planning to have a scarecrow competition - more details later. On the other hand we will not be having the craft competition as there are not enough marquees. So the entries are now as follows;

Vegetables

- Five potatoes
- Five large or medium tomatoes
- Five cherry or plumb tomatoes
- Three onions
- Three carrots
- Three leeks
- Two cabbages
- Two courgettes
- Five runner beans
- Five french beans



Novelty

- Heaviest marrow
- Longest runner bean
- Heaviest carrot
- Ugliest vegetable

Fruit

- Five apples (any sort)
- Three figs
- Dish of stone fruit
- Dish of raspberries

Flowers

- Five annuals (one sort)
- Five perennials (one sort)
- Three dahlias
- Three gladioli
- Three chrysanthemums
- Two floribunda roses
- Two hybrid tea roses
- A posy (20 cms max)
- A flower arrangement (60 x 40cms max)

Home cooking

- A chocolate cake (men only)
- A fruit cake
- A jar of jam or marmalade
- A bottle of sloe gin

Children's classes

- A miniature garden
- A vase of wild flowers
- A Mr Potato head
- A painting
- A photograph

Bill Hayter

"Summer Celebrations at The Priory School"

The sun is out and families and friends of The Priory Primary School intend to capture the moment! We are delighted to announce we will be holding a Celebration of Summer event on **Saturday 11th July from 2pm until 9pm**. The day will host fun, laughter and creativity! We would like to invite all of our local community to come along and enjoy the occasion.

There will be a bouncy castle, 5 aside football tournament, bake off, craft zone, play zone and a whole host of stalls to keep everyone entertained!

This year, along with our normal entry by donation system, we are offering a Golden Ticket in advance of the event, which means that children can experience a lot of the fun within an inclusive ticket price. Please do feel free to email priorypasec@gmail.com for more details.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Sherborne St John Church of England Primary School

The final part of the Summer Term always passes so quickly because it is action packed! We have so many activities scheduled throughout the school – let's hope that the weather is fine to allow them all to take place! The highlights of June and July include;

- A 'Bonkers Balloons' science workshop for all classes - plenty of educational fun and noise for all!
- The Junior Production of Disney's 'Aladdin' – if you pass the school hall when the windows are open, listen carefully for the choruses of 'A Whole New World' and 'Prince Ali'!
- The School Summer Fayre on 20th June with games, barbeque and a 'Bake off' to judge!
- Sports Afternoon at the Chute Pavilion – running, egg & spoon, dressing up, skipping, hurdling and lots of cheering!
- Key Stage 1 trip to the Gordon Brown centre to study plants
- Class 3 visits to the Vyne woods, including groups studying insects and pond-dipping and a Summer Walk following a presentation to parents
- Music concerts – African Percussion (Class 4), Recorders (Key Stage 1) and Guitar
- Founders Day – an afternoon of creative activities celebrating the foundation of the School by William Lyde Wiggett Chute in 1850.



Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Team

As if that weren't enough, we have various teams of children entering into inter-school competitions. A team of Year 5 children are taking part in a Science Challenge, and some Year 6 pupils are attending the AWE Chain Reaction Challenge. The Year 3/4 Tag Rugby team are competing in the Sparkling Rugby festival, and the tennis team will compete in the Hampshire Schools finals, as will the Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Team. Our Rugby reporter explained how they reached the finals;

"On 20th May 2015 Sherborne St John Primary School went to the 'Sparkling Rugby' festival in Overton. We won in style by not losing a match! First we won our pool, so we qualified for the thrilling and tense quarter finals against the Priory and we won 3-2. It was a close match. After we won the 'quarters', we moved into the semi-finals which we won 5-3. Then here it was – the final! But to our surprise we won 5-1 (against Hatch Warren). Then there was one more surprise – we walked home with 4 trophies; one that we had to return next



Pond dipping at the Gordon Brown centre

year, one to keep, one for winning the league and one for the best small school. It was a great day!"

Good luck to all the teams in their respective competitions, and also to the Year 6 pupils who will be leaving us this summer to move onto a variety of secondary schools. They will have a hectic half term with us – as well as many *Aladdin* rehearsals, they will attend a Thinksafe event at Bramley Camp, the Leavers Service at Winchester Cathedral and induction days at their new schools – and there will be a Leavers' Treat evening at the end of term. As well as saying 'goodbye' to the older children, we are welcoming a new year of Reception children who will start school in September – we will begin to know them at the storytime sessions and Teddy Bear's Picnic this term.

So it only remains for me to wish you all a relaxing summer – see you all in September!

Sherbert – SSJ School Villager Correspondent

Wedding



Ingrid Wilkinson and Darren Hart celebrated their marriage on Saturday 9th May 2015 at St Mary's Church, Old Dilton, Wiltshire, near to their new home. A Special Licence was required to be married in this beautiful 14th century Church Conservation Trust building, which still has unusual box pews. It was the first marriage there for more than 80 years! Afterwards, all enjoyed a marquee reception in a nearby field that kicked off with a brilliant interactive display of hawks and owls from Mere Down Falconry. Ingrid grew up in Sherborne St John and Darren is from Mersea Island near Colchester; they met whilst working at Salisbury District Hospital.



Over 40 yogis from the local area took part in an afternoon of yoga at the SSJ Village Hall in May to raise money for the Nepal Earthquake victims.

3 local teachers: Craig Robinson, Elaine Tennison and Jacqui Morris hosted the day with a traditional yoga practice and meditation. Students and teachers who attended the day were treated to a selection of homemade cakes and tea, plus a raffle. Local businesses were quick to donate prizes and thanks to Bentalls in Bracknell, Sherfield Oaks Golf Club, Tranquil by Nature, The Swan Pub, The Salon at Sherfield on Loddon, Honeysuckle Interior Design to name just a few.

An astounding £1165.00 was raised and will go to DEC The Disaster Emergency Committee

Appeal, supported by Joanna Lumley.

Jacqui Morris from AbFabYoga said "We are so grateful for the support we have received to help the victims of the earthquake in Nepal and hope we have also raised awareness of yoga in our community. There is a strong connection between yoga and Nepal. Many of the ancient traditions come from that part of the world and we wanted to give something back. Yoga is so much more than physical exercise; it is a way of living compassionately. Everyone who got involved was very generous with their time as well as the money donated.

Contact Jacqui Morris 07539432228
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Sherborne St John Club

Here's hoping it's a good summer for everyone. Hot or not, we will be holding the Mini Beer Fest with a selection of real ales over the weekend 14/15 August, so be sure to visit us that weekend.

A good time to join the club now-New members can join with 6 months membership for just £9 w.e.f. 1st July

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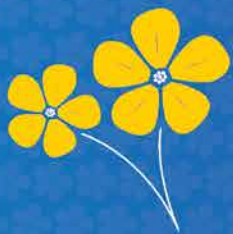
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We are very pleased that 2014/15 has been another happy and successful year at The Priory. An obvious highlight of the year was the internal remodelling that took place in the Autumn term, providing us with some lovely, updated facilities. Looking at the inside of the building now, it is hard to remember what it used to look like but what is absolutely certain is that the changes have significantly improved the lives of everyone in school – children, parents,

staff, governors and visitors alike! We are grateful to everyone who helped us to reach our target of £25,000 which was the school's contribution to the project.

The children have continued to embrace their learning, opportunities for enrichment and extra-curricular activities with equal enthusiasm. A new activity for this year was our involvement with the Tesco Farm to Fork initiative. All our children participated, each one visiting the Tesco store at Chineham over the period of a week. They took part in a range of activities based upon the journey of food from its point of origin to our table; these included going into the fridge and freezer (it was very cold indeed in there!), handling a variety of

fish (all dead, thankfully!) and collecting the ingredients for different types of meal (Indian, Mexican, Full English etc!). A great time was had by the children, staff and parent helpers and we are very grateful to Tesco for giving us this very different experience.

On behalf of everyone at The Priory, may I wish you a very happy summer holiday and I look forward to writing once again in the new term.

Best wishes,

Suzanne Kelly, Head Teacher



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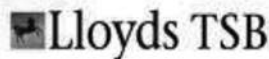
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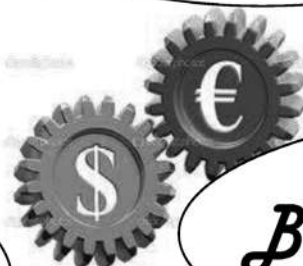
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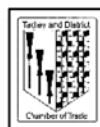
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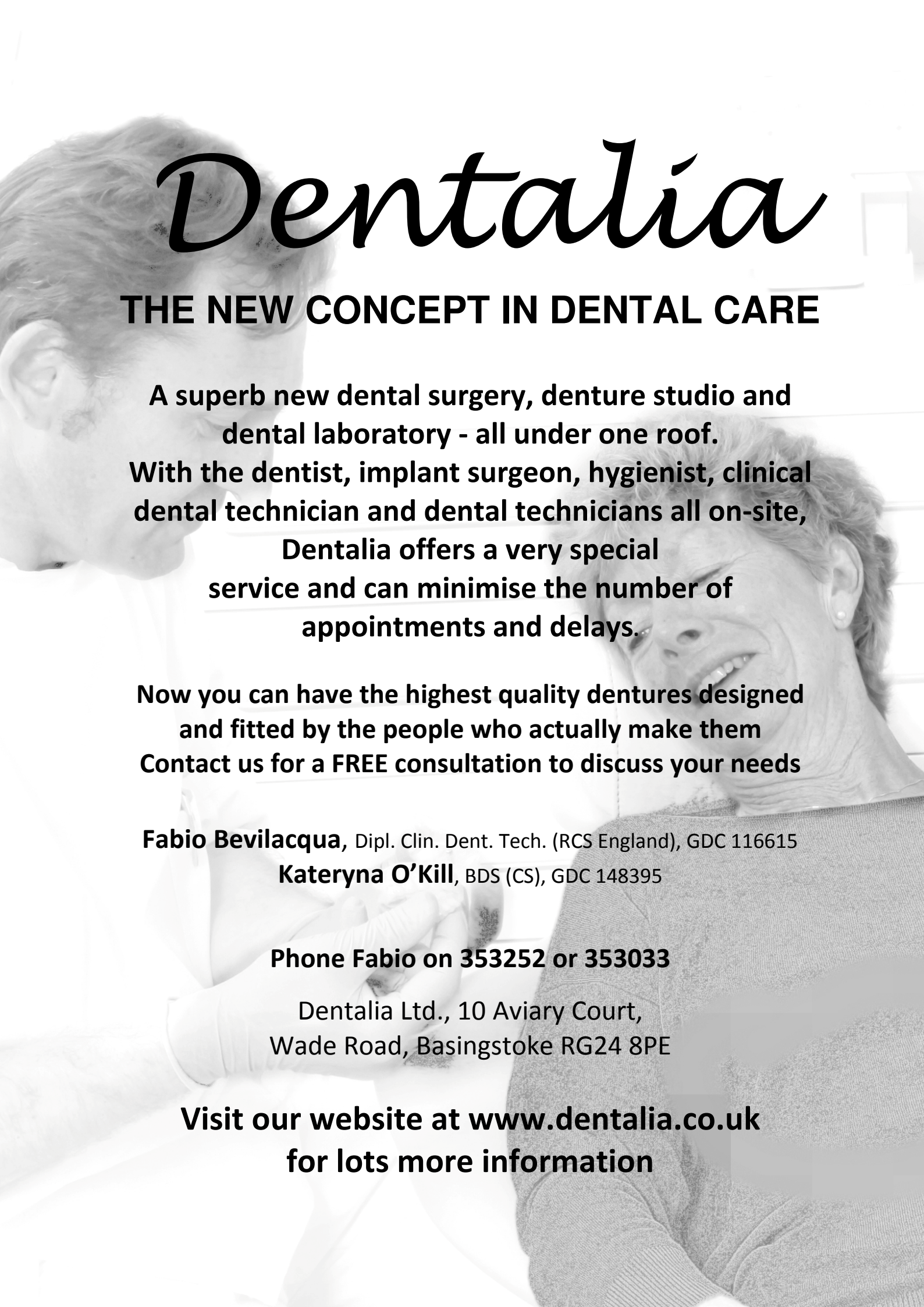
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As soon as the Draft is completed, it will be submitted to BDBC for their scrutiny and then published for (Regulation 14) Statutory

Consultation. Everyone will then have 6 weeks to make their comments. There is no 'Villager' in August – please check the SSJ NP Website for updated timings.

Meanwhile you can still help – with the Wildlife Map. Please contact the Clerk at

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More information on the website

www.ssjvillage.org/neighbourhood-plan.html

Julian Crawley

Lions loose in Basingstoke



The Lions Clubs of Basingstoke, Hook & Odiham and Loddon Valley have organised a fun day at Queen Anne's Square, Festival Place, Basingstoke on Saturday 1st August 2015. They will be showing how their clubs serve both their local communities worldwide and encouraging anyone who is interested to visit their local Lions Club. Each Club is refreshingly different, and all are very welcoming.

Throughout the day, 'Lenny' (the Basingstoke Lion) and his 'Tamer' will prowl the Malls, handing out tickets to be swopped at their stand for competition entry forms.

The variety of competitions including King of the Jungle Quiz, Find the Lions, Colour Me Gorgeous colouring competition and a raffle will ensure fun for all the family. Prizes include £50 cash, a Lion cake, a giant box of Lion Bars and a pair of concert tickets. All are free to enter so come along and join in!

The local Lions Club members on the Festival Place stand will give out - while available so hurry! - fun lion masks for accompanied children, thus sending them home as 'little lions' and with a long lasting reminder of the local - two-legged - variety! Parents and adults can discover information about the work of Lions clubs in the community, as well as Lions International.

Being a Lion is worthwhile, giving a sense of self worth which also fun. While each Club serves its local community in its own particular way including health and youth initiatives, the impact across the world is enormous – e.g. immunisation programmes, diabetes education, action against preventable blindness, eye banks, eye camps and disaster relief. The list goes on and on.

To find out more see the Lions in Festival Place on 1st August, phone 0845 8334341 or visit www.basingstokelions.org.uk



Grumpy Old Villagers!

email grumpyvillagers52@gmail.com

Thank you for the response so far, no comments on specific grumbles as yet so do get those to us for general discussion.

This month...community spirit

"A feeling of involvement in and concern for one's local community" (Oxford dictionary).

Where is this community spirit today? Isn't it why we choose living in a village over a large town? How much community spirit are you aware of in your community? How many people attend the Parish council meetings? How many help out at community events? Who cleans local benches or trim verges by their houses? Who visits the elderly in your street? Do you even know your neighbours? Do you care?

We have seen a decline in village shows and functions despite valiant efforts of the few. It seems no one has time to lend a hand to community events. New ventures are eventually cancelled due to poor attendance. Perhaps people

are simply not bothered any more?

There is certainly a place for villagers who choose to keep themselves to themselves. However, I do feel a loss of community togetherness, of people feeling a pride in their community.

So should we offer a bit of help, attend a village function, visit a neighbour, help an elderly resident with their garden or shopping, clean a road sign by your house, cut a verge or attend a local meeting? Life is very hectic, racing around juggling young children and long hour city jobs but blink and you will miss it. Village life will be as anonymous as town life and really who wants that?

Answers on an email please! What do you do to contribute to your community or should we simply not bother?

Any comments on speeding traffic, littering or this months grumble greatly appreciated.

Now, back to my cuppa. See you in a couple of months.

Sherborne's Society of Bell Ringers

During the year we host a number of groups of visiting ringers, usually on outings or for sponsored charity quarter peals. On Wednesday 12 August Winchester & Portsmouth Guild members on a mid-monthly outing will be ringing at St Andrew's from 2-3pm and at All Saints, Monk Sherborne from 3.15-4pm. On Friday 21st August we shall have ringers at St Andrew's from 1.45-3.15pm. This group will be attending the Bradfield Ringing Course, an intensive course for learners over several days. Practice ringing takes place at some 80 churches in the area and they have been to St Andrew's several times over the years as the bells are considered good for teaching learners.

Our practice night is on Thursday, 8pm to 9.30pm at St Andrew's and we warmly welcome anyone who wishes to learn to ring bells.

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Police are warning Hampshire residents to be alert following more reports of rogue traders across the region.

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If you open the door, keep the chain on while you find out who is calling and what they want. If you're not expecting someone and you don't know them, don't let them into your home, no

matter what they say to you. If a caller is genuine they will understand your concerns.

If someone claims to be from a company, such as a gas or electricity provider, always double check their identity. If you have any concerns about someone who has called at your door, call the police immediately. If you have a chance, try to note what they look like and any vehicle they have with them, so police can investigate.

If you think you do need to have work done to your home, ask for quotes from two or three reputable companies. Ask your friends, neighbours or relatives who may be able to recommend companies or trades people.

It may seem convenient if someone on your doorstep offers to repair your guttering, or trim a hedge or tree for you, but please don't be afraid to say

no. Remember, never pay upfront to cold callers as it is likely you will not see them or your money again.

Please be vigilant if you have elderly or vulnerable neighbours and report your concerns to the police. You may have been wise enough to turn away the unsolicited caller, but your neighbours may be grateful that you reported the incident to save them from becoming a victim.

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Bert's Blog



I prefer holding my own lead as I know exactly where I am going, problems only arise when my destination differs from the

Boss's. To be fair this does not happen often as I follow him faithfully most of the time. Occasionally a delicious smell will assault my nostrils and I just have to follow it, blind to all apart from a sharp reprimand in a voice I recognise as Annoyed Boss, or even worse – Annoyed Mrs. The only other time I get side tracked is when I see a playmate – I do so love to play, but not everyone has the same sense of fun as me. The small furry spitty thing here definitely does not have the fun gene in her make up. I have only to walk up and give her a nuzzle before she is bonking me on the nose with her paw and saying something unrepeatable on these pages. I followed a delicious smell up some steps on holiday and charged on ahead to find out who it was, only to find the miscreant had left days before and there was no chance of a playful romp, just a tantalising scent left behind. The steps led from the train, on which I had to pay for my seat although it turned out to be on the floor under the seat, up to a village called Corniglia, I didn't count them all as I ran out of paws but there had to be more than 1000 and I swear my legs were a few inches shorter afterwards. I was having a breather here waiting for the Boss and the Mrs, who after the first 500 were in no mood to talk to me let alone reprimand me for going on ahead! Phew!

Womens Fellowship



The June meeting of Womens Fellowship was a talk given by Lindsey Kerr, assisted by photographer John Morgans, on the history of Bramshill Police College. Police College is no more, having been sold by the Home Office last year.

The origin of 'Bramshill' or Bramzell, Bromeshill, Bromeselle is derived from the term Broom Hill, in its early history being pronounced Bramsell.

Bramshill House is one of the top five Historic Houses in the country. It was designed in Jacobean style by Baron Edward la Zouche. It was however destroyed in part in a fire some years later, in the 1600's, destroying the two 'wings' on either side of the main building.

Edward la Zouche was the first to build a mansion in the Palladian style.

The history of the original house dates back to 1086, when the De Port family owned it for nine generations. In 1520 Henry VIII owned it though never lived there, probably only staying overnight with his Queen, Anne Boleyn, on 19th October 1535. In 1547 Edward VI took possession, and from 1700 to 1937 the Cope family owned the Manor, followed by Lord Brocket who owned it until 1953, when the Home Office bought it for use as a Police College. The then Commandant Brigadier, P.D.W Dunn was not impressed with the idea of acquiring such a building for police purposes, but when he saw the house his mind was immediately changed and the deal was done. The total land acquired was 267 acres and bought for £50,000. It was sold for £25m to an Investment company who are apparently still deciding how it will be utilised.

The sumptuous gardens house an unusually shaped lake with an island

in the middle, formal gardens in the Palladian style, from Zouche's travels to Padua, Italy, and magnificent Pagoda trees which are the envy of RHS Wisley.

Lindsey Kerr's talk and photographs took us to many of the rooms, where each one had its own history, style and character. For example, in the main Hall, the Cope family replaced a balustrade, not original, with a fine Jacobean staircase which they had acquired from another Jacobean house. The Royal Chapel, similar to the one at The Vyne, had wonderful wood panelling, thought to have been harvested from original settles in the chapel. In one of the Drawing Rooms we could see the magnificent strapwork ceiling, made to reflect the light back into the room. This work could also be found in the Zouche Room. Panels behind the Chapel were sold with the house; the chapel ceiling showed the Heraldry of James 1st (James VIth). The Great Drawing Room, one of the most impressive in the Mansion, was used by the Police for relaxing. The Green Room is a hand-painted panelled room and is the only one in existence in the UK. The original Dining Room had been converted into a Bar, with a large number of luxurious-looking sofas, used by the police college.

Outside, as well as the gardens, are two terraces, a Well House made to look like a chapel, and an ice house.

Last year on the Open Day in September, there were 8000 visitors. We will have to wait and see if there will be further Open Days for us all to enjoy this magnificent building.

Lindsey Kerr and John Morgans were thanked by Mrs Edna Rawlings.



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By Gill Brown

Workplace Discrimination and Maternity

Gill Brown, Head of Employment Law at Phillips Solicitors tells us that regrettably many new mothers still continue to be forced out of their jobs while away on maternity leave and are unable to stand up for their rights or upon their return to work. Currently it remains to be seen whether their male colleagues will face similar issues if they elect to take Shared Parental Leave and are out of the workplace for extended periods in addition to or as well as their partners.

While some employers wholeheartedly embrace the idea of work life balance and are happy to accommodate their employees leave entitlements, many still do not. Some employers offer enhanced terms and maternity bonuses to encourage return to work from maternity leave and as has been widely reported in the press it is claimed that Richard Branson will be offering all new parents up to a year off work with pay to get to know their new baby. It is most disheartening however, that as things currently stand many new mothers find that after their maternity leave or when they are ready to return to work, they are far from welcomed back.

One example might be the mysterious and sudden restructuring of the company, part way through the maternity leave period with only that one role being cut. Some employees find that they have been downgraded into a more junior role when they return. This is often the case if the employee requests to work flexibly, job

share or reduce her hours upon return, which she is perfectly entitled to do. Another issue encountered has been the setting of unrealistic and onerous targets following a return to work, leading to unfair performance management with a view to being managed out of the business.

The Equal Opportunities Commission estimates that 30,000 new mothers are forced out of their employment each year. The Equality and Human Rights Commission is due to publish its results shortly in respect of maternity discrimination and it is anticipated that this will also show an increase in bullying and harassment in relation to maternity issues.

If you are a victim of this type of conduct you do have many rights and they are enforceable through the Employment Tribunal if matters cannot be resolved by other means. Although the Tribunals have introduced fees which make bringing a claim less attractive to employees, you should not forget that you may have legal expenses insurance cover for employment claims tucked away as a term of your home or contents insurance policies.

If you think that you have experienced workplace discrimination then it is important to seek legal advice at an early stage. For more information contact Gill Brown 01256 854605, gill.brown@phillips-law.co.uk or visit our website at www.phillips-law.co.uk

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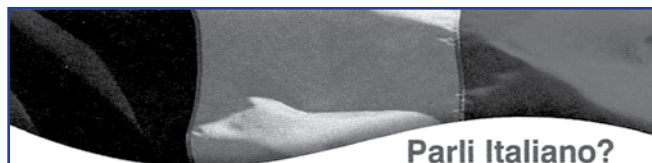
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