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Editorial

Many readers have commented on the amazing photo of the dragonfly on last month's cover. This was taken by Nick Montegriffo. This month's photo is also one of Nick's; it seemed appropriate to use it to advertise the Bat and Moth event that is taking place on Wednesday 24th August in Sherborne St John (see page 10) Do book your place early!

Exciting news that a mobile shop will be coming to the SSJ Village Hall on Monday and Friday afternoons between 2-5pm (see page 19). Hopefully Keith's Pantry will be well used and become a permanent fixture. I have certainly missed not having a shop in the village.

George Rust is still looking for someone who is willing to deliver the Villager to residents in Elm Road, SSJ, plus three ancillary box drops locally. If you can help please contact George (850413 or distributionvillager@gmail.com).

Just a reminder that there will not be an issue of the Villager in August – to give the team a break! Remember we love to hear from you and receive your letters, articles and photos

Hopefully we will enjoy some decent weather this summer!

Best wishes

The Editorial Team

Whilst we are happy to publish items and opinions in this magazine it should be noted that the views expressed by the contributors are not necessarily endorsed by the Editorial team. Readers should also make their own enquiries about, and assessment of, claims and services made by advertisers in this magazine.

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Future Events

July 2016

4	Pelican Film Society, Pride, The Ark Conference Centre. Visitors welcome £5	7.30pm
5	SSJ Women's Fellowship, SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
6 – 16	Farnham Art Society Annual Exhibition, University for the Creative Arts, Falkner Rd, Farnham	9.30am – 5.00pm
11	60s+ Coffee Morning, SSJ Village Hall. ALL OVER 60S VERY WELCOME	
12	Sherborne St John Parish Council Planning Meeting, Surgery Room, SSJ Village Hall	7.30pm
24	Big Wheel, St Michael's Hospice, Fundraising Hotline 01256 848848	
25	60s+ Coffee Morning, SSJ Village Hall. ALL OVER 60S VERY WELCOME	
25	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting AGM, SSJ Village Hall	7.30pm

August 2016

2	SSJ Women's Fellowship, Hearing Dogs for the Deaf, SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
8	60s+ Coffee Morning, SSJ Village Hall. ALL OVER 60S VERY WELCOME	
9	Sherborne St John Parish Council Planning Meeting, Surgery Room, SSJ Village Hall	7.30pm
22	60s+ Coffee Morning, SSJ Village Hall. ALL OVER 60S VERY WELCOME	
24	Bat and Moth Event, St Andrew's Church, SSJ	8pm

September 2016

5	Pelican Film Society, The Danish Girl, The Ark Conference Centre. Visitors welcome	7.30pm
6	SSJ Women's Fellowship, Annual Outing	TBA
10	Moonlight Walk, St Michael's Hospice, Fundraising Hotline 01256 848848	
13	Sherborne St John Parish Council Planning Meeting, Surgery Room, SSJ Village Hall	7.30pm
23	SMH & TC Golf Day, St Michael's Hospice, Fundraising Hotline 01256 848848	
24	SSJ Village Market, Village Hall	10 – 1pm
26	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting AGM, SSJ Village Hall	7.30pm

October 2016

3	Pelican Film Society, Jimmy's Hall, The Ark Conference Centre. Visitors welcome	7.30pm
4	SSJ Women's Fellowship, Newlyn's Farm Shop, SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
11	Sherborne St John Parish Council Planning Meeting, Surgery Room, SSJ Village Hall	7.30pm
24	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting AGM, SSJ Village Hall	7.30pm
29	SSJ Village Market, Village Hall	10 – 1pm

November 2016

1	SSJ Women's Fellowship, Lifetime Shepherd & Storyteller (Part 2) SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
8	Sherborne St John Parish Council Planning Meeting, Surgery Room, SSJ Village Hall	7.30pm
12	SSJ Village Market, Village Hall	10 – 1pm
28	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting AGM, SSJ Village Hall	7.30pm

December 2016

4	Light up a Life, St Michael's Hospice, Fundraising Hotline 01256 848848	
6	SSJ Women's Fellowship, Christmas Lunch, SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
19	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting AGM, SSJ Village Hall	7.30pm

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Church Matters July & August

Well, the holidays are here again and if you are anything like me you are certainly looking forward to them. The opportunity to let the pace of life slow down, for lazy mornings and long evenings, to visit new places and enjoy long unhurried walks is a huge gift. Of course it is wise to remind ourselves that no holiday ever quite lives up to the ideal – we cannot have heaven on earth – but holidays can certainly help us along the way!

Jesus recognised the need to take a decent break. He said to his disciples after a particularly busy time “Come apart with me and rest awhile.”¹ In fact rest is built into the whole fabric of creation. In the first book of the Bible we read that God finished all his work on the seventh day and then he rested.² The Sabbath became a foundational part of the Old Covenant – the basis of God’s relationship with his people before the new covenant in Christ.

When Moses led the people through the desert they were all too ready to rebel against his leadership, but God says to Moses “My presence shall go with you and I will give you rest.”³ By contrast there was another critical encounter where almost all the Israelites of that time rebelled against the Lord and refused to enter the Promised Land. It was a simple failure of trust but it wrecked their relationship to the Lord: “I swore to them in my anger, they shall never enter my rest.”⁴

Joshua did bring the people into the Promised Land and after many battles we read that “the land had rest from war.”⁵ But the rest that came through Joshua was not ultimately what God had planned for them. It was partial and temporary – after less than seven centuries they lost the land altogether. God’s promises of rest have to be pointing to something else – and indeed they are – they point to salvation in Jesus Christ. Remember how he said “Come to me all who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me and you will find rest for your souls.”⁶

This is promising something infinitely more significant than the refreshment we hope for from a holiday, important as that is. It is pointing to salvation in Christ, a right relationship with God based on the forgiveness of our sins through faith in Christ who alone can provide it. It would be good if on our holidays we could do a bit of Bible study to understand this better. Take the opportunity to read a good Christian book, to deepen our Christian lives and to better understand the meaning of that rest which God promises.

We would then return from our holidays refreshed in body, mind and spirit. Our vision of life, and of the life to come, would be re-calibrated – so that we are looking forward all the more to future glory, where, if we trust in Jesus, God’s rest will be our experience in full: “Blessed are those who die in the Lord ... they rest from their labours.”⁷ It is there in glory, rather than on any holiday, however good (and I hope yours will be great), that true rest is found.

John Hamilton

¹ Mark 6:31

² Genesis 2:2,3

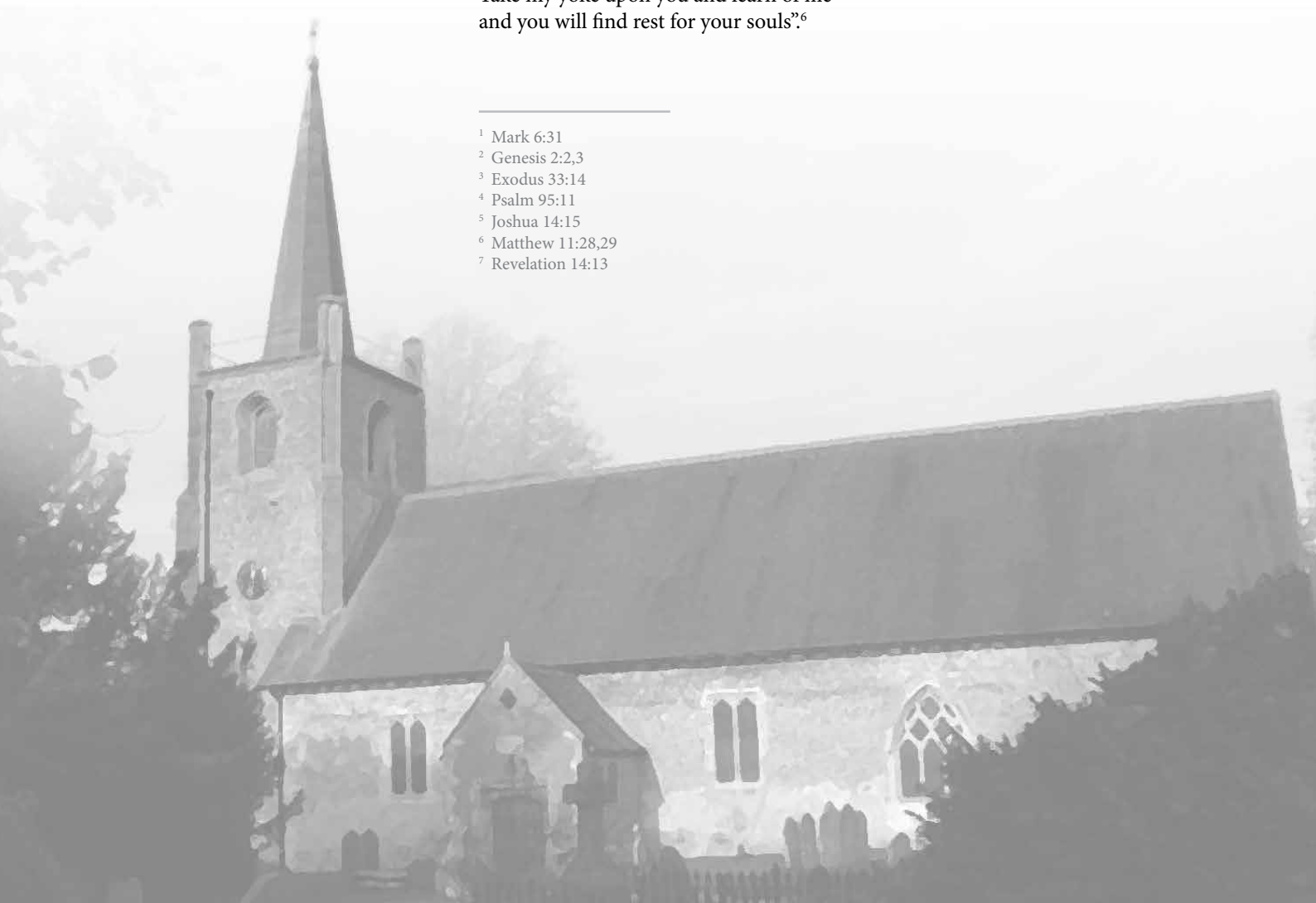
³ Exodus 33:14

⁴ Psalm 95:11

⁵ Joshua 14:15

⁶ Matthew 11:28,29

⁷ Revelation 14:13



Services for July

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

3 July

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

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

17 July

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

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

31 July

10am	Holiday Club in Church	St Andrew's
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SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10AM:

3 Jul	A most significant conversion	9:1-19	Scott Seivewright
10 Jul	Breaking the law barrier	10:23b-11:18	John Hamilton & Andrew King
17-Jul	A new church	11:19-30	John Hamilton
24 Jul	The end of the beginning	12:1-19	John Hamilton & Scott Seivewright
31 Jul	Holiday Club		

... AND SUNDAYS AT SIX:

3 Jul	Christians and Christ	3:1-8	John Hamilton
10 Jul	Christians and Church	3:9-17	Steve Howe
17 Jul	Christians at Home and work	3:18-4:1	Andy Spence
24 Jul	Signing off	4:2-18	John Hamilton

MIDWEEK

Home Groups meet in the weeks of Tuesday 5 & 19 July.

Central Fellowship – Tuesdays 12 and 26 July.
Coffee at 7.45 pm. Bible study and discussion at 8 pm.
Pray at 8.30. Finish at 9 pm

Roman Catholic Services (Tel: 819772)

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

Weekday Mass

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

* Time & Venue could vary

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All Saints Monk Sherborne

The Priory Pamber End

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Services for August

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

7 August

10am Family Communion St Andrew's

14 August

10am Morning Service for all St Andrew's

21 August

10am Morning Service for all St Andrew's

28 August

10am Morning Service for all St Andrew's

AUGUST SERMONS:

7 Aug	Lazarus who died John	11:38-44	John Hamilton
14 Aug	5000 hungry people Mark	6:30-44	Andy Spence
21 Aug	Matthew, tax collector Matt	9:9-13	Steve Howe
28 Aug	An expert in the law Luke	10:25-37	Scott Seivewright



Sherborne St John Village Picnic on The Green 2016



Where	-	SSJ Village Green
When	-	Saturday, July 9th
Time	-	3.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

Programme of Events

12.30 - 3.30 p.m. Set up of own use gazebos, chairs and tables on the Village Green (if inclement weather then those without gazebos can use the Village Hall)

3.30 p.m. Cream Teas in the Village Hall
(Thank you to the Church Ladies group)

3.30 p.m. Face Painting

4.00 p.m. Magician

4.30 p.m. Ice Cream Van

4.30 p.m. Jazz Band

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

7.30 p.m. Dance to S#arp Practice

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

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

We look forward to seeing you there

Monk Sherborne Parish Council

At the May parish council meeting, Peter Boyle was duly elected Chairman for a further year, with the support of Stan Gibson as vice-chairman.

The parish council also welcomed Janet Ashfield and Andrew Lennard as new councillors and wish them luck in their new roles. Janet will be responsible for Local Authority and Rural Strategy whilst Andrew is taking on the Rural Policing and Neighbourhood Watch portfolio.

23 members of the public attended the Annual Parish Assembly in May with the council being extremely thankful for both the interest and positive comments received, particularly in relation to the precept remaining at the same level for a further year.

With increased pressure financially both at a local and Borough level, as well as services being passed down to parish councils from the county and borough, the parish council are looking in to organising a "Volunteers" day. The idea is for local parishioners to come together to undertake all those little jobs. For example, litter picking, vegetation being cut back on footpaths, oiling a squeaky gate etc. etc. If this is something you would be willing to get involved in please email the parish clerk on mspcclerk@gmail.com to register your details.

The end of year accounts have been completed, with the internal audit procedure also having been undertaken. The Annual Statement of Accounts are now with the external auditor for verification.

We would like to urge parishioners to report potholes via the online reporting system on hantsweb as soon as they notice them. The more that report it the more likely it is to actually get fixed. However, please be advised that the criteria has been amended by Hampshire Highways and could take up to 28 days to be fixed!

We would like to express our thanks to Richard Puddle from Green N Tidy Gardens for the maintenance of the grassed areas within the parish. They are certainly looking well cared for.

Date of next meeting is Wednesday 20th July starting at 7.20pm.

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust



Creatures of the Twilight

Wednesday 24th August, 2016.

Join Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust and Sherborne St. John Wildlife Group for an evening of Bats and Moths. Try your hand at using a bat detector to identify these fascinating night time creatures and discover which moths are attracted to our trap.

Booking Essential as spaces are limited. This event will be cancelled in bad weather.



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Time: 8pm – late

Booking: Sarah Boswell- 01256 381186
Sarah.Boswell@hiwwt.org.uk

Location: St. Andrews Church,
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We are now looking to expand both our squads.

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SHERBORNE ST JOHN PARISH COUNCIL

Sherborne St John AGM and Council Meeting

The month of May saw the Annual General Meeting as well as normal Parish Council held on 16th and 19th respectively. At the AGM, Cllr Richard Morgan was re-elected Chair and Cllr Natasha Rougier Vice-Chair. Cllr Carl Davies was re-elected Treasurer and Cllr Linda Agnew Chair of the Planning Committee.

Neighbourhood Plan

The consultation period for the draft plan and baseline report concluded on May 16th. Information can still be found on the website SSjneighbourhoodplan.com for anyone interested. The comments received during the consultation are being reviewed and any necessary amendments made to the Draft Plan. The intention is that these will be submitted to the Parish Council for discussion at the 27th June 2016 meeting prior to submission to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.

Proposed Planning Meeting Changes

The Parish Council is trialling cancellation of the Tuesday Planning Meeting as there is very often nothing to discuss. Any planning applications/matters however will be discussed prior to the main Parish Council meetings from 7.00pm where interested parties are welcome to come and express their views. If anyone wishes to record any comments prior to the meeting please contact the Parish Clerk on ssjclerk@gmail.com who will ensure they are passed on to the appropriate Councillors.

Chute Recreation Ground Improvements

We now have approval from BDBC for the necessary work to be carried out on the Tennis Courts and this will likely start in July. As reported in last month's Villager, in response to community feedback, the Council are

getting quotes to clear the brambles and wooded area in the far corner of the recreation ground to provide a space for play equipment more suited to older children. If you have any comments or views you would like to share, please email the clerk at ssjclerk@gmail.com.

Speedwatch

We are still concerned about speeding through our village, especially while it is used as a way to avoid the congestion caused by the works on the A340. The council already provide 2 speed indicator devices which move between various locations in the village. We are looking not only for a 3rd device, to act as an additional deterrent, but to gain agreement from BDBC for additional locations for the devices to increase coverage.

Our Community Speedwatch team operate mobile speed camera equipment successfully in the Village. Offenders are reported to the police, and action is taken, meaning this is an effective way for villagers themselves to combat speeding motorists. We would like to expand the camera operation to more parts of the village but need volunteers to make this possible. If you are interested and can spare a small amount of time, please contact the Parish Clerk for further details. Training will be provided.

Buses and Roads

We have been informed that there is going to be a wholesale review of Bus Route 2 starting in September. This is with the intention of improving the service to and from the Hospital. We are involved with the local Transport Forum and will keep you up to date on how this is progressing.

Potholes continue to be a problem. As we reported last month, Hampshire County Council are facing a severe cut in budget so there may be delays in routine maintenance of the highways. You can help the community by reporting any potholes

directly to HCC using the following website <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/roads/roadproblems/report-pothole.htm>. They aim to address emergency problems within a couple of hours and others within a few weeks.

Allotments

The battle against the rabbit problem is ongoing. While the Council continues to combat this issue, we ask that all allotment tenants help by taking steps to fence their individual plots. Deer have also recently been seen on the Moss Hill site. The Council have requested that the fence that was damaged by BDBC when dealing with the hedge on Elms Road be repaired to prevent this unwanted intrusion. And if you are interested in growing your own, there are some plots becoming available to rent on the Moss Hill/Elm Road and Sunnyside sites. Contact the Parish Clerk for details.

Defibrillators

We have been mentioning this in the past few articles. I am pleased to announce that we have the go ahead to install two devices, one at the Village Hall and the other at the Chute Pavilion. These potentially life-saving devices will help provide emergency care should the need arise. They are simple to use and we will be organising some short courses to show anyone interested how to use them. Again please let the Clerk know if you are interested.

Village Party

A final reminder that the Village Party is on the 9th July on the Village Green. The theme this year is Picnic on the Green. Entrance is free and no tickets are required. Just turn up with your picnics and gazebos and enjoy the free music and entertainment.

If there are any matters or problems you wish to bring to the attention of the Parish Council, please contact Penny Mayo at ssjclerk@gmail.com.

Carl Davies

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Pamber Parish Council

The last meeting of Pamber Parish Council was held on Monday, 13th June 2016.

Planning Applications:

T/00175/16/TPO: Crown reduction of 1 no. sycamore tree. 6 Georgina Gardens, Pamber Heath.

T/00220/16/TCA: Proposed works to trees in a conservation area. Honey Mill, Dix Hill, Pamber Hill.

16/01726/FUL: Erection of replacement 3 bed dwelling and garages following demolition of existing bungalow. Oakfield, New Road, Pamber Green

Planning decisions made by the Borough Council:

16/00300/FUL: Erection of 2 no. three bedroom bungalows. Land Rear of Greenacres, Aldermaston Road Pamber Green Hampshire **GRANTED**

T/00043/16/TPO: 1. Oak - Crown lift to give 5m clearance above ground level. Crown clean by removing all major deadwood. 2. Beech No Action. 3. Oak Lift existing crown by 1m. 4. Oak - Crown lift to give 5m clearance above ground level. Crown clean by removing all major deadwood. Reduce lateral spread on northern side growing towards property by approx. 2m pruning back to suitable growth points. 5. Oak - Oak - Crown lift to give 5m clearance above ground level. Crown clean by removing all major deadwood. 6. Oak (group of 4) - Crown lift to give 5m clearance above ground level. Crown clean by removing all major deadwood. Reduce lateral spread on northern side growing towards property by approx. 2m pruning back to suitable growth points. 7. Oak - Crown lift to give 5m clearance above ground level. Crown clean by removing all major deadwood. 8. Oak - Crown lift to give 5m clearance above ground level. Crown clean by removing all major deadwood. Reduce lateral spread on northern side growing towards property by approx. 2m pruning back to suitable growth points. Wakeford Court Silchester Road Pamber Heath Hampshire RG26 3XD **GRANTED**

16/01016/RET: Retention of tennis court at Wyeford Manor Farm Wyeford Farm Road To Wyeford Farm Ramsdell Tadley RG26 5QL **GRANTED**

16/01128/FUL: Creation of new vehicular access. Ramblers Aldermaston Road Pamber End Hampshire **GRANTED**

T/00118/16/TPO: T1, T2, T3 common oak - crown lift to 5m, crown thinning of 20% (including 20% reduction in length of lateral branches overhanging driveway) and removal of deadwood.

Rustlings Green Lane Pamber Green Tadley Hampshire RG26 3AD **REFUSED**

T/00098/16/TPO: Oaks (T1&T2) - Crown reduce height and spread by approx. 1m. Finished height approx. 7m, finished crown spread (radius). approx 3m. Remove deadwood.

Oaks (T3-T6) - Crown reduce height by approx. 3m and spread by approx. 2m on southerly side predominantly over highway. finished crown height approx 12m and finished crown spread (radius) 5m approx. Deadwood. Raise crown on all trees up to 5m over highway.

37 Silchester Road Pamber Heath Hampshire RG26 3ED **GRANTED**

15/03029/OUT: Outline application for the erection of up to 12 no. dwellings together with the creation of a new vehicle and pedestrian access to the A340.

Land Between Elmdene And Fairholme Aldermaston Road Pamber End Hampshire. **GRANTED**

15/02685/RET: Siting of a mobile home for residential use of one gypsy family and erection of a utility/day room building. Land Adjoining Forest Farm Sandy Lane Pamber Heath Hampshire. **GRANTED**

Parish Lengthsman Scheme

Further to the report in the March issue, work to set up the scheme is nearly over and a schedule of works is in the process of being finalised. The programme will give the Parish Council the opportunity to carry out some of the essential maintenance work that is normally carried out by the County Council.

Highways

Highway issues can be reported directly to Hampshire County Council - visit <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/transport> or telephone 0300 555 1388.

Speeding

In response to numerous complaints about speeding in the area, in particular Little London, Pamber Parish Council are attempting to set up a community speed watch programme and have set aside funds to do so. In order for it to be viable at least 6 volunteers are needed to be trained to use the relevant equipment. If anyone is interested, then please email the clerk or Councillor Witchalls. Her email address is gardens@andromedawitchalls.co.uk.

The next meeting of Pamber Parish Council will be held at 7.30pm on Monday, July 11th 2016 in St Stephen's Hall, Little London. 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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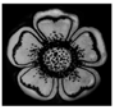


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Sherborne St John Church of England Primary School

The Summer Term is now heading towards its climax, and rehearsals for our summer Junior Production are in full swing. This year we are performing Disney's The Lion King, and if you pass the school hall on a sunny day when the windows are open you may hear the wonderful songs. The children have even been issued with a guide to the Swahili language so that they can pronounce the African chants correctly! So far the standard of singing, dancing and acting has been impressive, and we have not even reached the performance dates yet – it should be quite a spectacle! Hopefully we should have some photos for the next edition of the Villager.

Class 3's project for the previous half term was called "It's not fair" and they were looking at Fair Trade foods and what fair trading means. At the end of the term they held a 'Fair Trade' fair to which family and friends were invited; they made cakes, biscuits and lemonade from Fair Trade ingredients and also sold Fair Trade teas and coffees. It was a beautifully sunny afternoon and there were plenty of visitors – by the end of the day they had taken over £200 in sales which will be donated to the Fair Trade organisation.

We are really having a summer of sport. The Infants have been coached in Tennis and Rugby, and the Juniors are learning new skills as they learn to play lacrosse. As I write this, we are keeping our fingers crossed that the weather will be fine for Sports Day, which is held at the Chute Recreation Ground - this is a wonderful village facility and the Juniors often take advantage of a sunny afternoon to walk up to the Chute for a game of rounders. It is great to have an area where they have plenty of space to run around!

The whole school has been involved in the 'Journey to Rio'. Every mile run or walked is equated to 10 airmiles, so if every child runs or walks 20 miles this half term, we will have totalled the distance to Rio where the Olympic Games are held. The children are really up for the challenge of covering 3 miles each week and they are already building up their stamina and getting fitter (and faster!) each day.

Congratulations to the Year 3/4 Tag Rugby team who played brilliantly in the Tadley Cluster Festival and were joint winners with Silchester Primary School.

On 9th June we celebrated the Queen's 90th Birthday with a special tea in the School Playground. Children and staff came to school wearing either outfits of red, white and blue, or party clothes and we all stood to sing the National Anthem before tucking into plates of sandwiches and biscuits and drinking a toast to the Queen.

Finally at the end of this term we say farewell to our Year 6 children. They have had a busy end to their time at SSJ; they have experienced a 'Think Safe' event at Bramley Camp, taken part in a special service at Winchester Cathedral, been working the Gridley Citizenship Project and trained to be Roman Soldiers – and all whilst rehearsing for major roles in The Lion King. They have a Leavers Event at the end of term which we hope they are not too tired to enjoy, and we wish them well at their secondary schools in September. At the same time, we have been meeting the children who will be starting in Reception in the Autumn at our Storytime sessions. The older children are moving on, and others are arriving – I guess that is just 'The Circle of Life'!!



Sherbert – SSJ School Villager Correspondent

A wonderful birthday party for Her Majesty



A wonderful birthday party for Her Majesty (the real one !) was enjoyed by many in SSJ. The team of Hilary Andrews, Shawna Campbell, Ruth Davies, Tracey Jeram, Debra Morgan and Pat Burt produced delicious cream teas, sandwiches and cakes. We were also graced by the presence of our resident "Majesty" !



The Sherbornes with Pamber Society of Bell Ringers

To mark the Queen's official 90th birthday on Sunday 12 June 2016 a quarter peal of Plain Bob Doubles was rung successfully after the morning service at St Andrew's, Sherborne St John, by the local band in 43 minutes. A quarter peal comprises 1,260 changes in the order the bells are rung.

The ringers were:

Treble	Margaret Smith
Second	Graham Blissett
Third	Lois Blissett
Fourth	Lauren Taylor
Fifth	Miriam Taylor (Conductor)
Tenor	Alex Blissett

This was Lauren's first quarter in this method and Alex's first quarter. They are two of our youngest ringers. The photograph, taken outside the west door of the church, shows the ringers, from left to right, in order of ringing.

Our local band rings for services at Sherborne St John and at Monk Sherborne and also helps at Baughurst, Wolverton and Silchester. 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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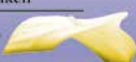
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The first known magician is Dedi, in 2700BC. He was famous for cutting the head off a bird – then attaching another one so the bird could fly away. The secret? It's all to do with the way a bird will tuck its head under a wing. The famous 'cup and ball' trick is 2,500 years old. "Which walnut has the pea under it" together with the "Find the Lady" card trick are all variations of the same idea. Another thing in common in that you can never win!

John demonstrated his ability to mind-read random National Lottery numbers from the audience, getting all six numbers correct. He closed, with the help of an audience assistant, in a demonstration of the "cup and ball" trick. Even an observation at close quarters could not detect how it was done.

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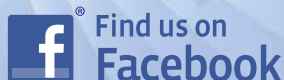
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Notes from Pamber Green and Pamber End

I have been admonished by some of my regular readers (yes I'm also surprised I have some!) that I did not contribute to last month's Villager. My excuse was sunning myself and singing with Basingstoke Ladies Choir in the Costa Blanca. We had a quite hectic time with a series of performances and, added to an erratic internet connection, meant my article didn't materialize. We all had a lovely time visiting the Costa Blanca Male Voice Choir who treated us to sight seeing and typical Spanish meals. Our final joint concert was a great success raising £3,000 for the Costa Blanca Anglican Chaplaincy and was recorded and broadcast on Hospital Radio Basingstoke. A brilliant experience, hopefully to be repeated in the future. Dave said he always wanted to be a 'groupee' so now he can tick that off his bucket list.

My most important news, hot off the press, is to warmly congratulate Pamber Green resident David Thomas Ogborn, more widely known as Dai, on receiving the British Empire Medal in the 2016 Queen's Birthday Honours List as the Founder of the Basingstoke Festival of Choirs and For Services to Community Music. For him, having spent a lifetime loving, participating in and supporting music, this is a thoroughly deserved award. I am proud to have benefited from his talent and, knowing him for 34 years, am most pleased to see his efforts recognised.

Other good news in Pamber is the Priory School receiving a government grant to extend the hall, thus enhancing amenities at the school. The current hall was built during the time my son, Thomas, was there, probably about 1995/96. Coincidentally, I recently came across the photo of the official opening whilst David Hale was Head. I've tried to find the photo today to

check dates but have obviously 'filed it' somewhere safe. We look forward to further news from Mrs Kelly. Also a warm welcome to the new Parish Clerk, Leonie Browne, and hoping her term of office is enjoyable, together with thanks to retiring clerk, Liz Knight, for her dedicated service. And the reopening of the Mole at Monk Sherborne is awaited with great anticipation. As a family we used to cycle there when our son was quite young and it was still a traditional old 'spit and sawdust' pub. We've been trying to remember the name of the bar at the Mole in those days but it escapes us. I'm sure one of you will be able to recall it and let me know.

Cllr. Snook's planning application decision for 6 houses and a new village hall in Little London is still awaited. However, it came as a 'bolt out of the blue' to the St Stephen's Hall Management Committee when Pamber Parish Council on the 9th May passed two motions:- firstly if planning approval is given the Parish Council will accept the new hall, green and car park; secondly if the gift is accepted the Parish Council will surrender the lease to St Stephens Hall. It's amazing resolutions of such local importance can go through with no advance notice, thus allowing no local input and no warning to the Management Committee. The lack of this courtesy clearly led to their shock and disappointment during that meeting. I'm not familiar with procedures for parish councils but, having been involved in a range of committees, councils and governing bodies, such a motion would not have been permitted to be tabled on the night and would have needed advance notification. Next Parish Council meeting is 11/7/16, 7.30pm, St Stephen's.

Local choirs will be busy. Basingstoke Ladies Choir have an afternoon concert

at St Andrew's Church, Western Way, Basingstoke on Saturday 2/7/16 to include a cream tea: also a joint concert at QMC on 23/7/16 with the Hart Male Voice Choir in aid of the Sebastian's Trust based in North Waltham providing support and respite holidays to very sick children and their families.

Basingstoke Festival of Choirs concert at the Anvil on July 10th at 7 pm, will include four hundred choristers joining forces with the Heritage Orchestra to provide an evening of eclectic offerings from Freddy Mercury and "Queen Tribute" to Edward German's "Merrie England" - Under the title of "The Best of British", there is something to suit all tastes. The compere is the very talented young actor Liam Elvish, the first recipient of Basingstoke Theatre Trust bursary to allow him to further his professional studies. Tickets can be booked at The Anvil or telephone the Box Office on: 01256 844244. Bring you flags for the very special finale.

There is an important opportunity to raise funds for St Stephen's Village Hall on Sunday 3rd July with a table top sale from 11am to 3pm. A variety of goodies from antiques, bric-a-brac, toys, plants etc will be on sale and there are tables to hire for a donation (hopefully £10 or more if you wish to be generous). Come and browse and catch up with village news and friends. Admission is free and all proceeds go to the Village Hall. Ring 01256 851138 to book a table.

Please let me know of any news or items of interest to make my job as Pamber Correspondent easier. Enjoy the sun if it lasts!

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The first couple of weeks have been a very busy time. All of the Parish Councils have now had their Annual Meetings, and I look forward to working with the local community. At the Borough level, I have been selected to sit on the Economic, Planning and Housing Committee, together with the Scrutiny Committee.

On the 26th May, Full Council finally adopted the Local Plan, the strategic planning blueprint up to 2029. This will now be the first line of defence against speculative development. I was pleased to speak on the Local Plan, as my maiden speech, to highlight the importance of the 'Strategic Gap' policy, which aims to stop our villages being swamped by the urban area. I also took the opportunity to highlight the need for better infrastructure for our area. We need to think to the long term and I believe that a Western Bypass should be top of the list when delivering Manydown. Closer to home, we need to look at schemes such as reopening Rooksdown Lane, to stop traffic rat-running through our rural villages.

I hope to work together with our Parish Councils in order to improve our communities in the years to come. We must protect our area from unsustainable development and ensure that we get the best possible deal from Manydown.

I am always available if you need my help or support. Please do drop me a line by email to: Cllr.Tristan.Robinson@basingstoke.gov.uk

Bert's Blog



You know that feeling of boredom that comes over you when you have to wait for any length of time – well it overcame me at lunchtime recently. So much so that I had to come and look in through the window to see if they had finished lunch yet as I was getting peckish, wanted to play and was fed up sitting around doing nothing. There was an alternative motive as well – French sticks – not the sort made from trees, but the sort made from bread – all crispy on the outside and gorgeously tasty on the inside. They make such a satisfying crunchy noise when you bite down on them and are conveniently sized to just fit into my mouth without too many

gaps round the edge. I do know from experience that once the Boss and Mrs have finished their lunch, not only do they emerge from indoors to play again but they usually come bearing the remains of the French stick they had for lunch and I am given it as a treat.

Recently I accompanied the Boss and Mrs to a shop where they sell nothing but French sticks – I couldn't believe my eyes (or my nose) The smell was droolingly lovely and after buying several to take home the Boss inadvertently put them into my travelling compartment for the homeward journey. I believe in share and share alike – do you? Anyway there were far too many for just the Boss and Mrs to eat so I helped them out by chomping half of one before we reached home.... Big mistake! The Boss got it in the ear from the Mrs for incorrectly placing them near me and I got it in the ear from the Boss for checking the flavour had not changed.

Maybe I should just 'stick' to the tree sticks in future and leave the French ones alone!



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Members of Bramley WI Lite were delighted to hear that the club had raised over £4,000 for charity at their Sapphires and Sparkles fundraiser held in April at Sherfield-on-Loddon Village Hall. This special ladies night was attended by 116 local women and was supported by businesses from across the area.

On the evening guests were welcomed with a glass of fizz; they were then wowed by entertainment from tribute act 'Forever Barlow'. The MC on the evening was writer (and entertainer!) Clare Macnaughton.

After a buffet supper, it was time for the night's fundraising which included a table raffle, auction, raffle and a game of heads and tails. This was followed by a disco provided by local DJ, Peter Cook.

The proceeds of the evening, a staggering £4,131.83 will be split between Bramley WI Lite and the Children's Ward (G2) at Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital.

Bramley WI Lite is part of the National Federation of WIs, it is WI but with a modern twist. The group launched in 2007 and have since gone from strength to strength, they are proud to have around 30 members, who meet once a month.

Anne Grant, President of Bramley WI Lite said: 'Sapphires and Sparkles was a fabulous success. We are extremely grateful to those who supported the event with raffle and auction prizes, and donations of precious time! We were amazed by the generosity of local businesses in support of the event; their support made the fundraising from the evening truly astounding!'

Trish Le Fluffy, Child Health Clinical Services Manager: 'On behalf of the Children's Ward at Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital a huge thank you to the members of Bramley WI Lite. The effort that went into fundraising for this event and making the night a success was huge. The £2,065.92 donated as a result will make a significant difference to the lives of local children and their families.'

The remaining share of the fundraising will go to Bramley WI Lite, helping to secure the running costs of the group over the next few years. The group will be able to run bigger and better events for its members, and guarantee that it will be here to provide a way for local women to make friends and support one another in a fun environment well into the future.

Generous supporters of Sapphires and Sparkles included both local and national companies such as Abel & Cole, Christmas Common Conserves, Markwins International Ltd, Cristina Barton Photography, Odiham Cake Company, The Hampshire Court Hotel, Summerdown Mint Company and Tynley Hall Hotel.

Mayor's Awards

Thursday 19th May saw the announcement and ceremony for Mayor's Awards for Basingstoke. We are delighted to announce that St. Michael's Home Care received The Mayor's Award to Business which is awarded to a local business that, in the opinion of the outgoing Mayor, Cllr Anne Court, has contributed to the well-being of the borough.

The Mayor said she believed that St. Michael's Home Care was well deserving of this award because she was very impressed with the aims and ethos of the company towards providing quality care within the community on a commercial basis. She added that the innovative idea of forming this company to reinvest profits into the parent charity to ensure its future success is a very creative strategy which can greatly benefit the community as a whole.

Dave Monkman, Chief Executive of St. Michael's Hospice, and Dariusz Motyka, Registered Manager of St. Michael's Home Care, were both on hand to receive the Mayor's Award to Business. Dariusz said afterwards that he was absolutely delighted to receive the award "on behalf of all the dedicated staff who are passionate

about improving the quality of home care in this area." Dariusz, who has worked in the care industry for 13 years, also added, "when I was first approached by the Hospice with the idea of setting up a Home Care business which wasn't to be guided by a desire for private profit, I was very excited and it thrills me every day to be doing a job which is making such a difference to so many lives."

The Mayor makes an award at the end of his or her year, presented at Annual Council, to up to three people who he or she feels have made a contribution to life in Basingstoke but who would not necessarily otherwise be recognised for example by a Queen's award.

Past awards have gone to people who have worked in areas such as organising sport for young people, theatre and arts activities, contributing to village life. The award is a badge supplied by Thomas Fattorini of Birmingham and can be worn on a ribbon at Civic occasions.

The awards are entirely at the discretion of the Mayor.

Womens Fellowship

The June meeting was a talk presented by Mr. Brian Clewes, titled 'The Dragon and the Damsel'. This was about the dragonfly and damselfly, and was the second talk given by Mr. Clewes, who is an exceptional Speaker, keeping everyone gripped by his knowledge and enthusiasm.

He started by telling us that there are globally 5300 species, 43 of which regularly breed in the UK, 38 in England. Identifying them is straightforward because there are significant differences, namely, the situation of their eyes; on the dragonfly the eyes are situated together on the top of the head whereas the damselfly has them situated separated on the side of the head. Whilst in flight, which incidentally is very rapid due to the short distance, thus short circuiting, between the eyes and the brain, the dragonfly's wings are outstretched, whilst the damselfly's wings are folded over the body in flight. Both species' eyes have 32,000 lenses which facilitate the acquisition of food both above and below water whilst in flight. We were shown photographs of the legs with long, fine hairs which are formed into 'baskets' when food is spotted, and these baskets scoop up the morsels whilst in flight.

The most suitable habitats for dragon and damselflies is ponds, but streams (not too fast flowing) and ditches are

also important, as well as canals and even flooded clay pits. Another element of gathering food whilst in flight is the long tail which flicks from side to side which minutely breaks the surface of the water without disturbance. Some dragonflies lay eggs above the water, such as the Emperor dragonfly (which lays up to 500 eggs at a time) while others will lay their eggs under the water.

Some of the names given to species are straightforward to identify, such as the red veined darter; as the name depicts, this has pretty red veins on its wings and darts very quickly, hovering to find its prey.

A few of these species are the Common Darter, the Common Blue, the Beautiful Demoiselle (fairly scarce here), the Banded Demoiselle, the female having no bands but the male identifiable by the bands, the territorial Broad-Bodied Chaser which has brown marks at the base of each wing, the Four Spotted Chaser (which actually has eight), the Blacktailed Skimmer, which has a powder blue patch and is the most common and which is not looking for food but skimming the water and picking up insects as it flies by.

The life cycle of these species can loosely be compared to that of a butterfly, being first the egg (nymph) which spends

up to a year in water, then develops its body, the skeletons of which have breathable porous areas, and six legs and a hinged jaw. Damselflies breathe through lamellae on leaf-like tails.

Different species of dragon and damselflies appear at different times of the day; for example, the Southern Hawker emerges usually between 8-9pm while most others emerge in the morning. The Southern Hawker amongst others cracks its thorax shell which splits, it then rests for approximately thirty minutes and hangs, before setting off. The wings, which look so beautiful, begin with a 'green goo' which somehow forms into blood which circulates the veins. This, along with the flight muscles, enables flight.

Most dragonflies and damselflies live their entire life-cycle between 1-5 years and the adult lives usually from May to August. There are exceptions, for example the Emerald Damselfly, which lives from June to September.

We all agreed that, with the help of Mr. Clewes' photographs, these insects are very beautiful, and if we look carefully in our gardens and the countryside, we will be rewarded with catching a glimpse.

Mr. Clewes was thanked by Mrs Daphne Thirwell.

Sherborne St John Tennis Club

Many of you will be wondering what has happened to SSJ Tennis Club - particularly if you do not usually play on the all year round twice weekly rota? Does the Club still exist? Does anyone care about the terrible state of the netting and indeed the court surfaces?

Well, yes we do still exist and, yes we do care! Over the last few months John Edwards, myself but particularly Penny Mayo (Clerk to the SSJ Parish Council) and the Parish Council have been working extremely hard to source much needed grants/funds/court developers

etc in order to have the tennis courts resurfaced.

This has been time-consuming but at last we believe we have a successful outcome. Funds have now been found and both courts will be resurfaced in the coming weeks and new surround netting installed

In the meantime - until the work commences - the courts will be unlocked and available to all who wish to play tennis on a 1st Come/1st Served basis. However, Tuesday evening rota sessions and Men's League matches will take priority.

It has been decided that due to the huge disruption this will cause during the coming weeks no annual Club membership fees will be collected until Spring 2017. Obviously the work that needs to be undertaken is best done during good weather - so likely to happen during the "summer". Hopefully once finished there may still be some good weather during which to enjoy our new courts.

Julie Crawley/John Edwards (tel: 850507)
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Do you or someone you know need affordable housing?

Pamber Parish Council and Hampshire Alliance for Rural Affordable Housing (HARAH) seek your help to find out whether affordable housing to rent and buy is still needed in Pamber Parish.

In recent years house prices have increased rapidly, particularly in rural areas. This has resulted in many local people being unable to afford to buy or rent a home in the village they grew up in or work in and have had to leave to find cheaper, suitable accommodation elsewhere. Pamber Parish Council and HARAH have for some time been investigating whether a suitable site could be found to deliver a small affordable housing scheme for local people of the parish.

In 2015 Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council reviewed their Allocations Policy reducing the number of people eligible to join the Council's Housing Register. The impact has seen a reduction in the number of people with a local connection to Pamber Parish on the Housing Register.

We have commissioned an independent housing needs survey to find out whether affordable housing for local people is still needed in Pamber. We have used this opportunity to include a number of questions that can help us find out whether other types of housing are needed, such as starter homes for young people to buy and open market housing for people to downsize as they grow older. There may be other types of housing required and this is an opportunity to find out what is needed.

A Housing Need Survey has been delivered to your home with this edition of the parish magazine. If you or a member of your family need this type of housing, please complete the attached survey and return it in the freepost envelope included.

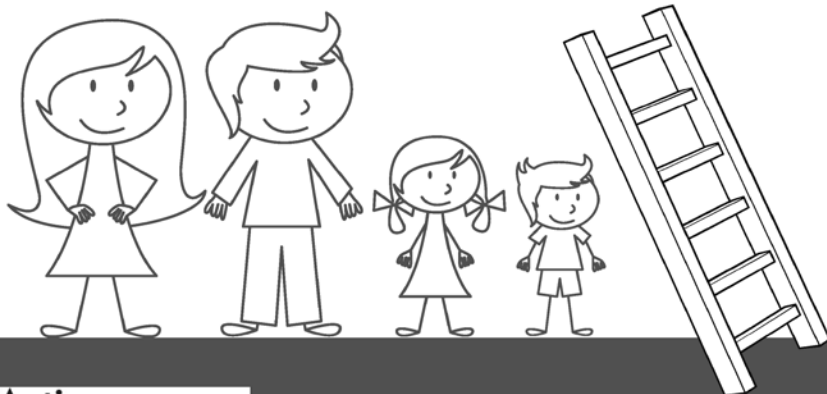
Providing a small number of affordable homes for local people could enable those on modest incomes to remain in the parish. Providing smaller open market homes for those wishing to downsize could free up larger homes for families. The purpose is to ensure that households can remain in the parish and not be forced away. This will ensure a mix of ages and income groups are able to live in the community. This in turn can help to sustain vital village services and maintain thriving community.

Please only complete this survey if you have a local connection to Pamber Parish and need affordable housing to rent or buy or have a need for smaller open market housing to downsize and you want to live in Pamber Parish.

Please post back the survey using the FREEPOST envelope provided by 24th August 2016. An online version is available to complete from Pamber Parish Council website at <http://www.pamber-pc.gov.uk/>

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- Get the Medical Certificate from the Doctor
- Register the death with the Registrar of Births and Deaths
- Tell family members, friends and any employer
- Find the Will if there is one
- If no will exists or cannot be found contact a Solicitor to find out who can sort the estate and who receives the money – this is known as 'The Intestacy Rules'

- Engage a funeral director
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REMEMBERING WWI

The Battle of the Somme



At the consecration of the SSJ War Memorial on 21 August 1920 the Bishop of Guildford remembered the sacrifice of "Members of the Parish of Sherborne St John who gave their lives for their country". Amongst the eighteen names listed is that of Private Frederick H Norgate, 2nd Hampshire Regiment, who had not been a resident but, as on Memorials up and down the country, there are men listed whose loved ones wished to remember and honour.

On the 8th of July 1916 Private Frederick Harry Norgate was killed at the Battle of the Somme. Frederick was born on 1st February 1889 at Warren Farm, Steventon, near Basingstoke, to Annie and Henry Norgate and was one of a family of three sons and six daughters. By 1901 the family had moved to Church Oakley, and in the 1911 census Frederick is listed as a waggoner on a farm at East Oakley lodging at Breach Cottage. The following year he married Dorothy Kate Barrington, who had been born in Sherborne St John. In the 1901 census Kate was living with her family at Rectory Cottage, SSJ, and attending the village school; by 1911 she was working as a cook for the Misses Bertha and Constance Alexander at Danceacre, Worthy Road in Winchester. This information, together with the 2nd Battalion's movements up to 1916, was displayed on the History Society's exhibit at the Tadley Local War Memorials Exhibition in September 2014.

During the Exhibition the great granddaughter of Frederick Norgate, Karen Newbery, attended and later supplied the following additional family history:

'In 1912 Frederick and his siblings lost both parents within ten days of each other to pneumonia. Later that year on the 12th October Frederick married Dorothy Kate Barrington, at the parish Church of Sherborne St John. He was 23 and resident at Oakley, Dorothy was 20 and had been born in SSJ on the 29th December 1891 to William Francis Barrington and Jemima (nee Cox).

Dorothy, or Kate, as she was better known, gave birth to a daughter Hilda May Norgate on the 8th May 1914 at SSJ. My grandmother, Gwendoline Alice Norgate, was born on the 20th May 1916 at SSJ.

Sometime in 1915 Frederick enlisted at Basingstoke in the Hampshire Regiment, 2nd Battalion. His Service Record shows on 1st December 1915 his first overseas posting to Egypt. By the 29th March 1916 they landed at Marseilles to proceed to the Western Front taking part in the Battle of Albert, the first phase of the battle of the Somme. The 2nd Hampshires did not take part on the first day of July 1916 when so many were killed. They were so crowded in the trench that they were withdrawn.

From the War Diaries of the 2nd Hampshire Regt. 6-10th July 1916:

"2nd Hants in St John's Wood and moved to Mailly Wood, digging day and night repairing the communication trench - 10 men killed."

Frederick was killed on the 8th July 1916 when a shell exploded where he was repairing a trench. He was 27 years old. He was awarded the 15th Star, Victory and British Medal. He is buried in the Knightsbridge Cemetery, one of the most remote cemeteries on the Somme, at Mesnil-Martinsart, named after the communication trench. Both of Frederick's brothers were also killed in WW1. Albert Charles Norgate, Hampshire Regt 1st Bttn, died age 21 of wounds on the 5th May 1915 and is buried at the Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, after less than two months overseas; and Sydney John Norgate, 1st/4th Bttn Hampshires was killed on the 2nd October 1916 aged 20, and is buried at Baghdad (Northgate) War Cemetery. They are both named on the Deane War Memorial.

Frederick's widow was staying with both her daughters at her parents' home, Rectory Cottage, SSJ, when Frederick was killed. She never remarried and worked at The Vyne as a cook till the National Trust took over. From family memories,

she always had in her room a large wooden framed photograph of Frederick in uniform till the day she died in 1974.'

In the local paper of 19th June 1915 under the heading Recruiting Record - "Mr and Mrs Barrington of Rectory Cottages, SSJ, have in the Forces 2 sons, 1 son-in-law, 3 brothers and 6 nephews."

Karen also related a happier side to this family history. A cousin of her great grandmother, Kate, was Percy Barrington her father's youngest brother, who had a son Kenneth Barrington born in Reading in 1930, later to become a First Class Cricketer for Surrey in the 1950-60s, and playing 82 test matches for England from 1955-68, and as an English Selector from 1975-81. Ken's father, a keen cricketer and career soldier, played for the Royal Berkshire Regimental team and taught all his three sons the game. On a visit to The Vyne, to see where her great grandmother had worked, Karen met a National Trust Volunteer who had attended Tormore School, which had been evacuated to The Vyne during WWII, and remembered playing cricket with Ken on the lawn; a teenage Ken visiting Kate. And perhaps the SSJ Cricket Captain 'B Barrington', listed in the Gazette of May 1935 may have been Kate's younger brother Albert?



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