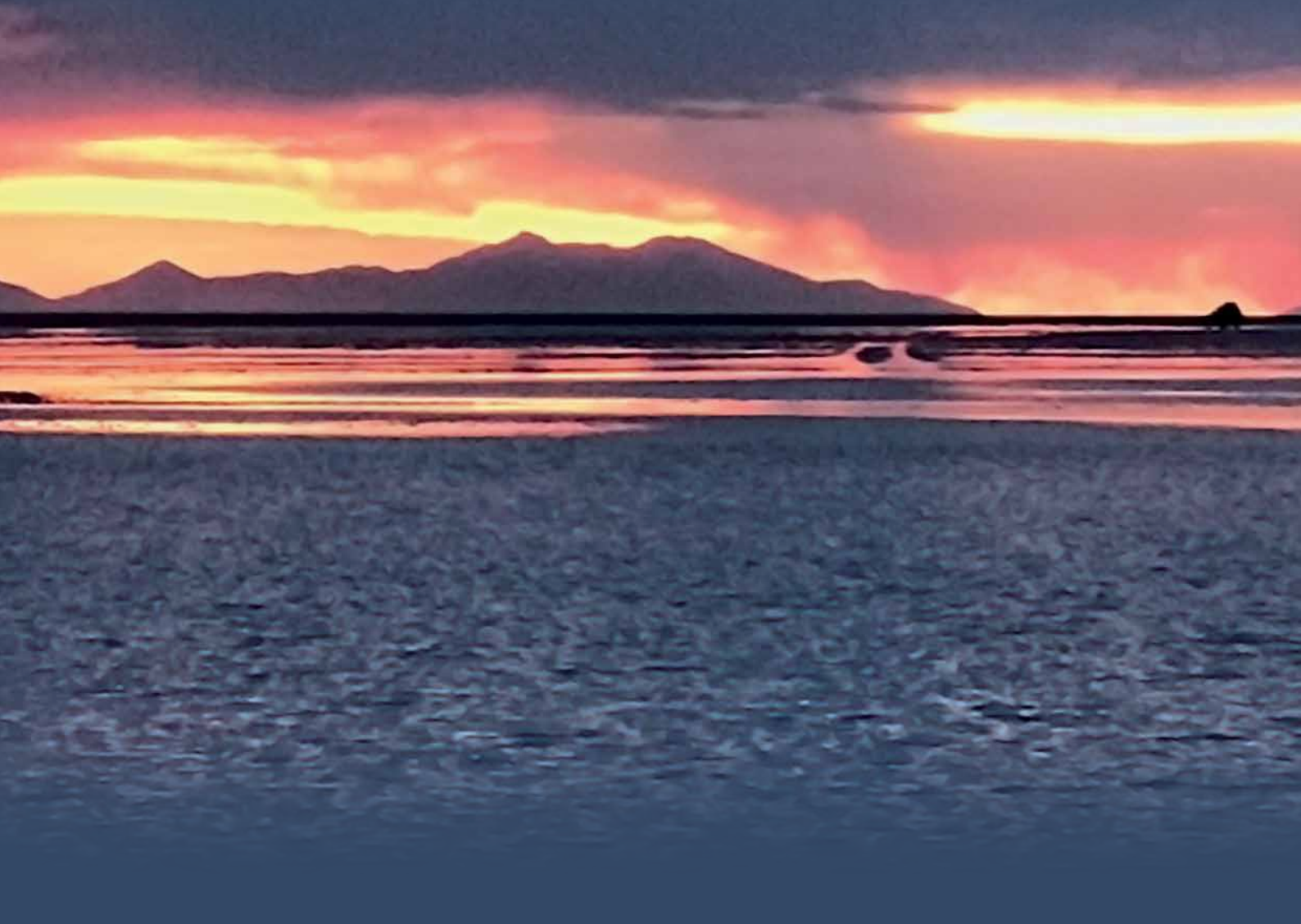


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Editorial

Your editor has been taking time away to go walkabout in Peru and Bolivia hence the front cover – sunset on the Uyuni Salt Flats in south-eastern Bolivia. These are the world's largest salt flats, covering 10,582 square kilometres and are at 11,995 feet above sea level.

Car Parking at the Sherborne St John Village Hall: *an appeal*

The SSJ Village Hall is an independent charity and receives no regular council or other funding. The only way the Trustees can raise the revenue needed to meet the running and maintenance costs of the Hall is through the hire of the hall to classes and groups and for social functions, private parties, weddings, and commercial activities.

In order to be able successfully to offer the hall for hire we must include all the associated facilities, including parking *in the whole of the car park*. Elderly and disabled users, who make up many of the groups using the Hall, in particular need to be able to access the hall easily. But anyone attending an event in the hall must be given priority to park over casual users.

Unfortunately there are still some people, who are not attending a function in the Hall, using the car park either regularly or ad hoc and preventing those who have hired the Hall from using some or all of the parking space. We then receive complaints from hirers which is a problem when we are relying on them to pay hire fees whether on a regular or a one off basis.

The Management Committee have stated in the past that in principle, they would not wish to deny the use of the car park to non-hall users *if the Hall is not hired out* and that they are willing to try to make specific arrangements on a case by case basis. This remains their policy. But in practice they do not have the means by which they can readily indicate in advance to potential ad hoc users that the hall is, or is about to be, in use. In fact the hall is heavily used and there are only a few times throughout the week when casual users of the car park would not affect those who have paid to hire the hall.

We therefore appeal to everyone not attending a function in the Village Hall to please find alternative parking, whether the Hall car park appears to be in use or not, and thus allow those who have hired the hall, access and space to park there. Unless there is a marked reduction in the current ad hoc use of the car park, we will be obliged reluctantly to take some action such as physically closing off all or part of the car park to any who are not using the Hall. This could have the undesirable consequence of trapping unauthorised parked cars in the car park until it is re-opened.

Simply put, we cannot please everyone. However, what we must do first and foremost is to make the *whole* car park available to fee paying hirers. Without them, in the long run, we will not have a Village Hall.

Thank you

The Village Hall Management Committee.

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Future Events

March 2019

4	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	10.00-11.30am
4	Pelican Film Society, The Guardians, The Ark, Guests welcome £6	7.30pm
9	Artisan Market, Sherborne St John Village Hall	11.00am-3.00pm
16	Village Party, Dance to the Flat Tops Band, Sherborne St John Village Hall	
18	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	10.00-11.30am
18	B/S Horticultural Society, A Year in the Life of a Fuchsia Nursery, C Gubler, Kempshot VH,	7.30pm

April 2019

1	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	10.00-11.30am
1	Pelican Film Society, The Wife, The Ark, Guests welcome £6	7.30pm
14	Tadley Singers, Pamber Heath Memorial Hall In aid of Tadley Citizens Advice	3.30pm
15	B/S Horticultural Society, Wild Flower Turf, James Hewetson Brown, Kempshot VH, visitors £3	7.30pm
15	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	10.00-11.30am
20	The Sherbornes Art Exhibition, Sherborne St John Village Hall, Free entry, Refreshments	10am – 5pm
21	The Sherbornes Art Exhibition, Sherborne St John Village Hall, Free entry, Refreshments	10am – 4pm
27	Race Night, in aid of B/S & Deane Rotary Club & B/S Samaritans. £10 ticket incl supper	7.30pm
29	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	10.00-11.30am
30	Solo Mio Fashion Show, Sherborne St John Village Hall	7pm – 9pm

May 2019

13	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	10.00-11.30am
15	Pelican Cancer Foundation Golf Day, Donnington Valley, contact: events@pelicancancer.org	
20	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	10.00-11.30am
20	B/S Horticultural Society, Japanese Gardens, Graham Bowyer, Kempshot VH, visitors £3	7.30pm



**Basingstoke Deane Rotary Club & Basingstoke Samaritans
charity fund raising**

'Desert Race Night'.

Saturday, 27th April 2019

Sherborne St John Village Hall

There will be a cash Tote and cash bar

£10 ticket price includes supper, limited number of tickets so be quick,

under starters order at 7.30pm.

Enquiries and Tickets from desertracenight@outlook.com

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Church Matters March

Up till now I have resisted the idea of writing a piece on the issue of Brexit! There are several reasons for this. First, whatever happens, it's not my message. I don't say it's not my business because I do believe in making use of the limited opportunities we have to play a part in public life. But I do this as an ordinary citizen, not as someone whose political opinions have a right to be listened to. They don't. I am here to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, not to support any political party or grouping.

Second, people are bored of the subject. There has been quite enough talk, writing and broadcasting on this topic already without my adding to the steadily growing heap of political detritus. Most people would like the politicians, who after all are our elected representatives, to get on and resolve the issue.

Thirdly, quite honestly I don't know enough about it to make a balanced judgment. Were I to speak about it therefore it would be the product of

ignorance and you would have no greater reason to listen to that than you have to the meanderings of anyone else. This is of course the serious defect of referenda. Whereas in an election you vote for someone to represent you, and to bring their knowledge and judgment to that task, in a referendum you express an opinion from a position of ignorance, an opinion which may very well be wrong.

Fourthly, I find it very difficult to make my own mind up, let alone someone else's! When Brexit became a live possibility I remember reading an article in a paper to which I subscribe.¹ One side of the centre page presented the case to leave, the other to remain. Each had about ten points. As I read these points I expected to be able to make my mind up: they were well expressed and cogently argued. But alas, I could not decide – I found myself agreeing with whichever point I happened to have read most recently!

So I cannot tell you how to vote or what to think. Each must as far as possible be convinced in his or her own mind. I shall confine myself to passing on some Bible hints which are relevant to the whole issue:

- i. First, remember that God is Sovereign. He's in control, whatever appearances may be.
- ii. God sees the end from the beginning. He knows what the outcome will be.
- iii. God is far more concerned about your response to the Gospel than your views on Brexit.
- iv. There are issues of gospel freedom and modern liberalism in the EU which do need to be looked at.
- v. Nothing is perfect in this life – compromise at some point will always be needed.

I will finish with an example of God's sovereignty. The reference is 1 Kings 12:15. It says: **"So the king did not listen to the people, for this turn of events was from the Lord, to fulfil the word the Lord had spoken to Jeroboam"**. This was what looked like a disastrous moment in the history of Israel and Judah. Rehoboam had alienated the vast majority of the people of Israel. They chose Jeroboam instead to be their king. It could have been the end of Israel, previously united under David and Solomon but now divided by Jeroboam. But God was in control then and he is in control today. So let's pray for March to be a good month – for the Gospel first of all.

John Hamilton

¹ Evangelicals Now



Programme for March

03 March

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

10 March

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

17 March

10am MISSION SUNDAY St Andrew's
Preacher: Alan Black, London City Mission

24 March

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

31 March

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

SUNDAY MORNING AT 10 AM

We are studying 1 Timothy: How to behave in church!

03 March	Practical Ministry	1 Timothy 5:3-16	Steve Howe
10 March	Do nothing out of favouritism	1 Timothy 5:17:6-2	John Hamilton & Warren Trask
17 March	London City Mission		Alan Black
24 March	The secret of contentment	1 Timothy 6:3-10	Warren Trask & John Hamilton
31 March	Final Instructions: fight the good fight	1 Timothy 6:11-21	John Hamilton

MIDWEEK

Home Groups meet in the weeks of Monday 11 & 25 March.

We meet to **pray** weekly on a Sunday morning from 9am to 9.30am in the Parish Room.

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 *

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February has arrived with snow and we in North Hampshire seem to have born the brunt of it, lets hope this is the last of it but what can we expect - it is winter after all. I guess its time to batten down the hatches, hope for the best and prepare for the worst we could certainly do without any more of the white stuff. Weather and seasons apart, let's move on.

A brief resume of my portfolio's starting with Planning as at our meeting held on 16th January 2019

Planning applications - New Applications this month (December 2018) Appendix B		
18/02920/ROC	Queens House Ramsdell Road Monk Sherborne	No Objection
18/03185/OUT	Land at Rawlins Farm Tubbs Lane Charter Alley	Objections raised
Applications awaiting decision:		
17/01259/RET	Blackberries, Salters Heath Road Members were advised that BDBC had advised they would be REFUSING the application submitted for Blackberries	Objections raised
18/01065/CONS	Land at Manor Farm, Basingstoke Road, Wootton St Lawrence	No Objection
T/00324/18/TCA	Flaxbourne Ramsdell Road Monk Sherborne Tadley Hampshire RG26 5HS	No Objection
Planning Decisions		BDBC Decision
18/01751/FUL No Objection (Adjoining parish)	Weybrook Golf Course, Rooksdown Lane	GRANTED
No Objection (Adjoining parish)	Barn Tames Dell Monk Sherborne Road Sherborne St John	GRANTED
T/00443/18/TCA	Stable Cottage Ramsdell Road Monk Sherborne	GRANTED

Portfolio reports

Planning - BDBC have advised The Mole has been removed from the community asset listing following the 5-year period having expired. Members are to request the Mole be re-nominated and added to the Community Asset listing.

Local Authority & Rural strategy – BDBC have adopted the Landscape, Biodiversity and Tree Supplementary Planning Documents as of 13th December 2018.

Thames Water have reinstated the over pump to allow their tankers to be removed. As pipes had remained in situ from before, a road closure was not required.

Village hall The new 125 year lease has

been completed and signed by Pheasant Eye with a copy being presented to the Parish Council.

The question of new heaters at the village hall remains unresolved with the architect being asked to advise on the most suitable heaters.

Highways Transport and footpaths – The footpath post at Rookery path had collapsed – a replacement post is to be installed.

The “Give Way” road markings at the junction opposite the pond have been installed with a road sign also having been installed.

The road markings at Manor Farm are still outstanding.

The hedge line from the church up to the corner of Manor Farm requires monitoring to ensure sight lines remain open for vehicles

Cllr Tanner updated members of her attendance at a meeting with surrounding parishes to discuss traffic and lorry movements on the A339.

Rural Policing & Neighbourhood Watch

– Concerns were raised in relation to the lack of contact and visibility of the assigned PCSO. No report had been received despite a number of requests being presented.

Parish Maintenance

Members noted that Historic England has received an application to add the war memorial to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest (“The List”).

The Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport has a duty to compile and maintain the List, and Historic England acts as the Government’s statutory adviser on the historic environment with responsibility for listing. It therefore will assess whether Monk Sherborne War Memorial holds special architectural or historic interest, before making a recommendation as to whether the memorial should be on the List.

The Parish Council would like to express their thanks to those in the parish who have volunteered their help with jobs small and large within our parish.

The next meeting date following publication of this article will take place on Wednesday 20th March 2019

Monk Sherborne Village Hall Lottery :

Congratulations to ticket number **11**

This months lottery winner, winning £220

Previous Winners:

November – Mike Wilson

December - Dawn Carey

January - John Perceval

Thank you all for taking part and good luck for next month.



PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH MATTERS

Many of you will notice that the new Lengths man's scheme is finally operating in the Parish as paths and signs are cleaned and brambles cut back. More is planned and suggestions for next year, as long as Hampshire County Council continues the scheme, would be appreciated. While it cannot be used for large jobs improving the general state of the area is a plus.

A new bench, made of recycled plastic, is to be installed along Church path by the water early in 2019.

The Silent Soldiers were appreciated by all but will be taken down now the anniversary has passed, so if you can suggest anywhere they could be placed please let the Council know.

Unfortunately there will not be a summer Parish Council event in 2019 on the Village Green but the Parish Council has agreed to support a band evening in March in the Village Hall and make a donation to finance the Village Hall summer fete.

Residents in the borough will have to register their vehicle registration numbers in 2019 in order to use the waste recycling in the County.

The new ward boundaries unfortunately have been delayed till next year.

The state of the Village Green was raised as urgently needing attention both the ground and the trees. I will be investigating with the National Trust improvements especially how to stop the incursion of ponies and traps which have become a problem of late.

The Parish Clerk has instructed an arborist, used by the National Trust, to give a detailed report on the conditions of the trees under their control, on both the Recreation Ground at Vyne Road and around the leased Village Green as noted by the Insurance Company, and will take any action necessary to ensure any dead or damaged trees are dealt with once permission has been granted by BDBC

CHUTE PAVILION AND RECREATION GROUND

I am extremely happy to report that we have received many new renters who have all complimented the facility as clean, very well kept and how helpful Terry Buller has been in welcoming them to the site and showing them where everything is. I would like to add my thanks to Terry as well, as I could not remotely manage to keep the area in such brilliant condition without his unstinting efforts.

The facilities' income continues to cover expenses. The Parish Council has agreed to start to build up a contingency fund to undertake larger repair and maintenance work which is inevitable as the Pavilion is now over 20 years old.

Because of the terrible conditions of the football pitches last winter which led to several months when no matches could be played, the remedial work to shock wave & sand the pitches has meant that while BDBC's pitches were waterlogged the Chute's were not. A success however this is only a short term solution so I have applied for a new LIF grant from BDBC to install new drainage pipes in the grounds. This work is very expensive and cannot be undertaken without outside funding so I hope they will award the Parish the necessary funds.

Don't forget it is a great place for parties and groups so if you know of anything that could use the hall please let me know - there is always room for more activities to suit all age groups. If anyone knows of a Pilates group who may like to use the hall please let me know!!

TENNIS COURTS/FOOTBALL PITCHES

The new licences/leases are still being formulated by the Solicitor. However don't forget if you are interested in using the facilities please contact me - the tennis and football clubs are always happy to gain new members and the more that use the grounds will ensure

they are there for the future. The Parish Council is committed to maintain the whole area in great condition for all residents to use.

ALLOTMENT

There are a few allotments available for 2019 so contact me if you are interested. The Parish Council agreed not to increase the rent for the coming year. Thanks go to John Edwards and Ted Wilkinson for their work to improve the central path on the Moss Hill site, now covered with shingle to make it safer for plot holders.

SECURITY

Unfortunately the PCSO provision in the Parish has been greatly reduced so please remember to report any problems immediately.

There has been an increase in muggings and thefts from shoppers around the supermarket areas so please be extra careful. Cllr Vaughan also warned about Scam Street traders selling door to door so don't be taken in - report them to the police straight away and don't let them in your home.

ROADS/TRANSPORT

The Parish Council accepted the Hampshire County Council's Community initiative scheme quote to improve traffic and speeding at West End on the A340, installing 'gates' and signs, but unfortunately there has been a delay in carrying out the work hopefully to be done early in 2019. They have also requested the County Council to quote for installing chicanes on Vyne Road as the speed at which vehicles enter from Bramley is another area of concern.

The Parish Council are very appreciative of all the volunteers who carry out the Speed Watch programme in the parish and have agreed to investigate new lighter replacement equipment part funded by County Cllr Rhyddian Vaughan from his yearly grant allowance. If you'd like to be trained as a volunteer so the scheme could cover

more roads please contact me.

Mr Wilkinson has attended transport forums at BDBC who are investigating the introduction of Community Transport Schemes. When the information is available the Parish Council hope to trial a service in Sherborne St John.

FINANCES

The Parish Council's finances are adequate for the Parish needs and I am in the process of getting various pots of 106 monies released (assigned to the Parish from recent building in the area)

to pay for much of the recent work at the Chute grounds – the shock wave treatment to the recreation ground pitches, the clearance of the invasive and dangerous brambles & old shrubs each side of the Pavilion and some towards the new storage unit.

At the recent Parish Meeting the Councillors discussed the estimates I provided for expenditure and income for 2019/20 financial year. They agreed budgets for various areas of expenditure to allow for work to be carried out without recourse to the monthly

meetings for approval.

They set the precept at £35008, but because of the increase in house numbers within the Parish the average precept cost to Band D houses will be the same as last year held at £44.03.

PLANNING MATTERS

The Parish Council have been asked to include planning applications in the Villager. There were several planning applications considered at the last three meetings which are listed below.

Application no	Address	Description of work	Actions
18/03241/LBC	The Vyne	removal of existing modern boiler flues & retention of existing apertures to provide access to roof voids	No objections
18/03322/FUL Installation of 11 windows on ground for	Kestrel Court	Installation of 11 windows on ground floor	No objections
18/03297/LDPO	13 Manor Rd	certificate of Lawfulness for proposed erection of single storey side extension	Planning by stealth – earlier application refused but new application 18/02613/HSE was approved. Parish Clerk asked to see if there were any conditions imposed & also to ask if this application is necessary as it is approved under permitted development
18/03438/HSE	29A Manor Road	erection single storey rear ext , infill ext, canopy, dormer window & courtyard to front elevation. Internal & external alterations.	Objection to front elevation not in keeping with surrounding properties or village general landscape. No objection to rear proposal
18/03322/FUL	Kestrel Court	Installation of 11 windows on ground floor – amendment	No objections
18/03679/FUL	Bobs Farm	Erection of 4 x 2 bedded dwellings & ass landscaping & car parking following demolition of existing buildings & hardstanding	The Parish Council had no objections to register at this time. Cllr Robinson confirmed that while the NP could not be amended the Parish Council could make representation backing any changes to the development of this site to the BDBC Development Control Meeting .
Trees: T/00489/18/TCA			No objections

Don't forget to e mail me if you want to be kept on the lists I maintain to inform Parishioners of any important issues

Please note the new e mail address for me and all Councillors (on notice boards) as under the new GDPR that came into force in 2018 it was necessary to create accounts that could be monitored to ensure compliance.

My new address is clerk@sherbornestjohn-pc.gov.uk – please stop using the old address as it will soon be deleted.

Thank you

Penny Mayo
Parish Clerk

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Play At The Priory

A couple of weeks ago, our new exciting adventure trail was delivered and constructed in place of our old play trail. At the moment, our school caretaker, Mr Henry, is making sure that everything is safe for the children. The whole school is on the edge of their seats waiting for the official opening!

As well as our new amazing adventure trail, we have raised lots of money by

non- school uniform days to buy some awesome play equipment. Some of these new playtime toys include: skipping ropes, hoola- hoops and ball games.

Every week, a group of children from the juniors are chosen by Mrs Kelly, to take part in our new play project. The play project happens every day of the week at lunchtime. They do all sorts of exciting things like playing with the new

equipment, going on the tyre park and playing on scooters.

All of the Priory children are really excited about the new play initiatives!

By Sophie Adams and William Bowen

Bert's Blog

DECEMBER

Hi there. Hope you had a good Christmas and welcome to 2019. My treat for the festive season was an impromptu visit to the sea side. Here I am on the beach sizing up all the pebbles. There are so many of them I am not sure which ones to choose to play with. Neither is the Mrs by the looks of it as she keeps picking up different ones while I patiently dance around waiting for one to be thrown which I can collect. My patience is wearing a little thin as the choice seems to be taking rather a long time. . . .

While the Mrs is choosing her stone I ran after the boss who was also tired of waiting for her to examine every pebble on the beach. I found a nice lump of sea weed which had some delicious smells attached to it but when I tried to carry it with me, intending to take it home for closer examination, the Boss said no with his usual 'leave it' which translates into spoilsport as far as I am concerned.

Failing to be entertained by the Boss or the Mrs I turned my attention to the large amount of water nearby. A paddle was all I was intending when a sequence of splashes occurred further out and that was my prompt for further immersion. This initially proved to be a bit of a disaster as when I eventually emerged from the water after failing to



distinguish the cause of the splash plus many shouts to return, it transpired that the Mrs, having finally finished her pebble search, was showing the Boss her finds when he suddenly selected a satisfyingly flat one from her hand and skimmed it out over the water and I, being bored stiff by now, instantly and unthinkingly went to investigate the splash without waiting for any command – whoops...

After the jettisoning of all pebbles, the Mrs's short heated exchange with the Boss and the inevitable lecture on obedience, (me, not the Boss) impatience and being a silly dog, my unscheduled swim eventually worked in my favour. Neither of them had remembered to bring a towel to rid my fur coat of water so we had to go on a much extended long fast walk to give me chance to run around and get air dried – now who's the silly dog????

JANUARY 2019

Hello my friends, I have a very warm bottom....thought you would like to know that! The Boss and Mrs disappeared to the sun and I was farmed out to the miniatures for a week – not that I am complaining, I enjoy their company and want to be by their sides constantly, a



fact that made their mum and dad a bit peeved. I was told the newly decorated sitting room with the deliciously fluffy new rug is out of bounds. I thought bounds were especially for dogs as I can bound about all over the place. However I had compensation in bucket loads, or as they say in dog speak, bone loads. You see the floor on which you see me sitting which was where my bed was placed and which became my domain was magically heated from underneath – don't ask me how, I don't really care as long as I can sit, lay, curl, sleep and wriggle on here for ever. Bliss!! I have no need of my padded bed or my furry bed blanket – just lay me out on this floor and I am in heaven.

During my stay I nearly managed to wangle a ride in a taxi too, the miniatures go to school in one and as they were being collected the tailgate was open to load their necessities so I took the opportunity to jump in. After the shocked driver left his seat to see what had weighed the boot down he appeared a little stunned when faced with my eager look. Unfortunately he is not licenced to take dogs in the boot and despite my best inveigling look and jumping in and out several times I was eventually persuaded that I should remain at home. I had to wait for the miniatures to come home from school before we could have more fun and treats on my nice warm floor. A week on this floor is not long enough.....

Pamber Green, Pamber End and Little London notes

I hope you have had a nice break since the last Villager was published. Unusually, I started writing this piece well before the deadline so by the time you read this Christmas will be a memory and Christmas carols, thankfully, will be over for another year. We've already had an encounter with the 2019 version of the 'Beast from the East' but no doubt there be more for us to cope with. The last few leaves have dropped, no longer taunting my husband and sending him out into the garden yet again to clear them up. And the paths in Pamber Forest were very muddy in November and early December but started drying up as the colder weather came upon us. Since the melt of the snow however they are back to being very slippery. The only specks of colour to be seen in the Forest at the moment are the quick to disappear, surprised squirrels. I'm told the white rear ends of fleeing deer are in short supply this year, probably because they are all in my garden eating my shrubs! Still soon we'll see the wild daffodils poke their beautiful heads up and the birds will look for nesting sites.

The ongoing blight of winter is the dreaded potholes. For the County, it's no doubt rather like painting the Forth Bridge such that when one batch is filled in another seems to appear. One does wonder whether the method of repair is fit for purpose when holes reappear in exactly the same place each time, such as on the bend just after the swimming pool in New Road, Tadley, which has had to be filled in yet again.

I omitted to credit my son, Tom, for the photograph of Arthur, the War Horse in the last Villager. I have heard what a pretty sight Arthur makes when lit up but this seems to rely on the landlord of The Plough, Terry Brown, going out and switching it on. Maybe some enterprising, budding electrician could install a light sensitive cell to switch Arthur on daily.

Congratulations to local County Councillor, Cllr Rhyddian Vaughan, who was awarded the Order of the British Empire in the New Year Honours List for Public and Political services.

The end of the singing season as we moved into the festive break included nice, seasonal events. Tadley Singers

held their Christmas Charity Concert and raised the magnificent sum of £1,033 for SERVWessex. This organization, known as the Blood Runners, provides free 365 day motorcycle transport to Wessex NHS hospitals for blood and other urgent consignments including human milk. All of the riders are volunteers and cover all of their own fuel and servicing costs. The Service is run entirely on donations, receiving no funding. During the course of 2018, Tadley Singers raised an amazing £3,349:- £1,433 in March towards a new minibus for the Tadley Age Concern Lunch Club; £883 in June in a joint concert with Tadley School in aid of Tadley and Burnham Copse Schools; in addition to the SERVWessex donation. Tadley Singers would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and thank all supporters of their 2018 Concerts, hoping you will continue to support them during 2019 with their first outing on Sunday 14th April 2019, 3.30 pm at Pamber Heath Memorial Hall raising funds for the Tadley Citizens Advice. Tadley Singers continue to look for new members and meet on Wednesdays, 2pm at Tadley Methodist Church.

Tadley Rock Choir finished 2018 singing at the Hungerford Victorian Extravaganza, a quaint 'olde worlde' event, and taking part in the 'Sing for Peace' Oxfam event at Highclere Castle where they spent much of the day singing in different outdoor locations and in the stunning Saloon in the Castle. Not many can say they've done that! Tadley Rock Choir concerts support a range of charitable and local causes and their own members (about 80) raised £1,500 for St Michael's Hospice through a range of fundraising events run at rehearsals. Free taster sessions are available on request. Some excellent good causes supported by the choirs in 2018. I look forward to another busy year singing in 2019 which helps me to keep my spirits up when other things about are difficult. And it's cheaper than gin!

It's nice to hear that public spirited residents of New Road, Pamber Green regularly litter pick along the lane. However, it is sad that they should need to do this so often and even worse that some of the rubbish found is clearly

identifiable to residents of Pamber and Little London. If we can't respect our own countryside what hope is there that others will!

November Parish Council minutes speak of recent consultations on Pamber Neighbourhood Plan. Meetings were well attended with a range of views expressed. A social media drive will publicise further meetings to try to engage with more residents. A Pamber Forest Advisory Committee Report was presented to the Parish Council but again no detail has been published. December Parish Council minutes note a draft strategic housing and economic land availability assessment reflecting a proposal for 165 houses on the Oaktree Farm site, reinforcing the need for a Neighbourhood Plan to ensure local development is suitably controlled. Yet again bollards at Queen's College Arms have been knocked over and need urgently reinstating, together with a Highways visit to ascertain the safety of the refuge. The hand car wash at Greenacres Nursery has finally opened and seems quite busy.

What a total eyesore the recent hedge cutting is in the Parish. It is savage and shows little sign of having been cleared up. Whilst some rectification has been taken near the Queen's College Arms, the damage in Pamber Green remains a blight and one of the road signs on the A340 in Pamber Green, scythed down during the process, lays damaged on the verge. Please report these and other issues to:-

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The Priory School will have a change of Headteacher after Mrs Kelly's service for many years. Following interviews at the end of November, Mr M Stewart was offered the role. I'm sure the school will go from strength to strength serving the children of this parish and others.

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WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The February meeting, normally the AGM, was the 50th anniversary lunch held at Weybrook Park Golf Club. The dining room was beautifully festooned with banners and balloons and members were greeted with a glass of Prosecco.

We have one member who was able to tell everyone how it all began as she was at its inception, initially the Mother's Union, which was chaired by the Reverend Erett. There were a few problems, however, as the name infers that children are the one feature of the organization; but there were members who were either widowed or single, with no children – problem one – but also that children, even those under school age and thus with their Mothers, were not allowed at the meetings. Presumably 1969 was still in the 'children must be seen and not heard' era.

Thus the Women's Fellowship developed. Still led by Reverend Erett, subsequently chaired by his wife, Mrs Erett (no first name). Following her time

at the helm both she and Reverend Erett presided at the top table of the AGM. The membership consisted of twenty three women, including Mrs Brenda Lewis and Mrs Decima Gray, the latter chairing the Women's Fellowship for many years.

The first photo album was the 25th anniversary, in 1994, and we have kept photographs and Villager articles up to the present time.

The Committee consisted of seven members. Meetings were held in the Working Mens' Club and the annual subscription was five shillings. Tea and biscuit was sixpence (both old money of course).

Brenda Lewis told us that despite clear changes during the fifty years, many things have hardly changed at all. We still meet on the **first Tuesday of the month**, we still have speakers and we still have outings and lunches out.

Mrs Jean Linford brought a display board showing photographs with



written information, together with the first album. It was indeed interesting to see changes over the years, and rather nostalgic.

The carvery lunch put on by Weybrook Park was much enjoyed, and the staff excelled in making the special occasion one to be remembered.

The next meeting will be the AGM together with Bring and Buy Produce and Book stall.

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I have plenty to write about this month, as the whole of the first half of term has passed by, and when you read this we will be a good way through the second half! For many of the children, one of the highlights may well be the 'snow day' when the school was closed – and this proved an excellent decision because, as well as the difficulties of reaching school on the Friday morning through the snowy lanes, we would probably have been snowed in after the amazing dump of snow on Friday afternoon! Many children made the most of the day, sledging on the hills and building snowmen!

Luckily the snow arrived after the Year 6s had returned from their week at the Stubbington Study centre. It was certainly cold there, but the excellent food provided by the centre



kept them warm and they enjoyed the activities – including spotting 4 badgers and lots of foxes in the night excursions! Meanwhile the year 5 children took to the streets on their bikes learning to ride safely on the Bikeability course.

Events during February included the Infant children going to the Anvil to take part in the 'Big Sing' – this time learning songs to sing along with Barnaby Bear at Sea. Class 3 continued their trips with the Vyne wardens with a group looking at bats.

There was plenty of sporting activity too; the Year 5/6 Athletics team competed against 8 other schools and won a place in the Basingstoke Schools Final in March. Teams from the Juniors also took part in the Basingstoke Schools Cross Country and Badminton competitions. The tag rugby teams are training hard – in March there will be

league matches for the Year 5/6 team and a Girl's Tag Rugby competition. Within school, Coach Faye from Premier Sports has been running dance lessons for years 2, 5 and 6 (with a special lesson for Class 3 during Stubbington week!) and Coach Paul from Summit Judo has been giving Judo Gymnastics lessons to Class 3.

Looking forward to early March, the Infant children will be travelling to Windsor Castle as part of their project called 'A Royal Invitation'. As well as looking around the castle, they will take part in a workshop on medieval knights. Class 3 will be taking a tour of London to see the sights, including a visit to the Museum of London and a trip on the London Eye.

A busy time of year, as always!
Sherbert – SSJ School Villager Correspondent



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Sherborne St John Neighbourhood Watch

Ted Wilkinson, Sherborne St John
Area Co-ordinator.

On 6th February I received the monthly report from our PCSO John Dullingham and I asked him to explain the new rural policing areas. The whole of Basingstoke Rural has been divided into three large areas and we fall in as follows:

Rural East covers central Tadley to Sherfield and the Pambers.

Rural West covers from Baughurst to Sherborne St John and westward to include Kingsclere and out to St Mary Bourne. This area of more than 100 square miles is covered by PCSO John Dullingham and normally one of the PCs.

We are used to being told that Basingstoke is the lowest crime patch in Hampshire and that the area within it as covered by The Villager has even less criminality. In these times of cost reduction we should not be surprised that most of the available

police resources are concentrated on Basingstoke town. On making some further enquiries I found that at Tadley police station which is the base for all of Basingstoke Rural they operate a two shift system each comprising a sergeant, 3 PCs and 2 PCSOs. When leave and other absences are taken into consideration the teams will often be just 5 officers spread very thinly over the 3 areas of nearly 300 square miles. As area co-ordinator for Sherborne St John NHW it worries me that over the last few years whilst police strength has fallen, very few of our residents are willing to support NHW which is trying to reduce the impact of this trend.

I am providing a list of our schemes with the details of each co-ordinator. Since 2016 when I published the last such list we have experienced the loss of several people, most of whom have not been replaced so far. In addition we have parts of the village where there is

no NHW coverage, one such is West End where the proposed scheme still has insufficient members to gain police approval and become operational.

I find it very hard to believe that most of you reading this cannot find the small amount of time needed to fill one of the vacancies (see following in grey). Please send an e.mail or pick up the phone to offer your services.

Phone 01256 850891 or
ted_wilkinson@btinternet.com

My thanks to all the serving and past scheme co-ordinators and deputies for their loyal support.

Currently there is no cover for A340 from Gales to Monk Sherborne Road nor for Sherborne Road and Chineham Lane.

The scheme for West End has not been activated because insufficient residents have joined. Please contact Mike Perman at A Monger. (01256 850025)

Scheme	Co-ordinator	Telephone	e Mail
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<i>Deputy</i>	Annette Mulholland	326739	rjmulholland@btinternet.com
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Cranesfield	Chris Cooke	850837	chris@2cookes.co.uk
Dancers Meadow, Vidlers Farm, Kiln Rd, Dark Lane.	Julie Crawley	851003	julcrawley851@gmail.com
Elm Road	Ted Wilkinson	850891	ted_wilkinson@btinternet.com
<i>Deputy</i>	Leslie Bone	850973	skerryvore1@btinternet.com
Manor Road	Malcolm Turner		malcolmtturner62@btinternet.com
<i>Deputy</i>	Alan Thirlwell	851149	no email
Spring Close	Vacancy for co-ordinator		
<i>Deputy 1</i>	Diane Nash	850874	nash.diane@btopenworld.com
<i>Deputy 2</i>	Sue White	850882	sue-white@msbx.net
The Severals	merged with Spring Close		
Tyfield	Vacancy pending Carole	851250	carole_stanley@yahoo.co.uk
<i>Deputy</i>	Stanley moving. Vacancy		
Vyne Road and Vyne Meadow	John Edwards	850507	edwards@sherborne8.plus.com
<i>Deputy</i>	Vacancy		
Weybrook Court with Monk S. Road	Vacancy		
<i>Deputy</i>	Vacancy	851481	humphreyscrissy@gmail.com

The Office of Ranil Jayawardena, M.P. North East Hampshire

Getting behind our police officers

At the beginning of the year, I set out “Our Plan” for North East Hampshire - including providing local services that make our area greener, cleaner and safer. I wanted to focus this article on what I’m doing in Parliament to help make this happen - and I want to hear from you on your views too.

On 5th February, I voted for plans brought forward by the Home Secretary to increase total police funding by £970 million. This, together with a £2 a month increase in the police precept on council tax bills, will see funding for Hampshire Constabulary go up by £25 million in 2019 compared to 2018. This means more police officers, more investigators, more PCSOs and more people out on the streets keeping us safe.

Hampshire Constabulary have had a number of successes in recent months; arresting a man suspected of handling stolen goods in Odiham, executing warrants on suspected burgled goods in Yateley, and jailing two armed robbers for nine years each after a terrifying raid on a Nisa shop in Fleet. Extra funding will help them do more of this – but also help prevent the crimes happening in the first place.

I think we can go even further, though. I would like to see a named police officer for each area represented by a



councillor – someone people can pick up the phone to and who is visible in the community. We could even start up a partnership between the police and a housing association and build police homes to ensure we have officers living in the communities they serve. All this would require further funding, of course, so I’d like to hear from you – would you be willing to a bit pay more, or are there other things within the current budget which could be reduced?

You’ll remember that we presented a petition to Parliament last year calling for greater action on unauthorised traveller encampments. I made it clear to Ministers that the current laws are inadequate and I’m delighted to say that they are listening. On 6th February, the government announced it was considering changes to the law which would, among other things, scrap the six-vehicle threshold before police powers can be used and make ‘intentional trespass’ a criminal offence. If this is a change you’d like to see, please sign and share my new petition to keep the pressure on. You can find it at ranil.uk/travellers

Please also feel free to write to me with any ideas at email@ranil.uk and remember you can always meet me at my regular Tell Ranil events – details, as ever, on my website.

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Website: Ranil.uk



St. Michael's Hospice Farleigh Wallop Woodland Walk



With spring on its way, it's the perfect time to plan a wonderful day out at the St. Michael's Hospice Woodland Walk taking place around the beautiful Portsmouth Estate, Farleigh Wallop on Sunday 7th April.

With stunning views across the rolling Hampshire countryside, blooming bluebells and the opportunity to walk your dog whilst spending quality time with friends and family, there is no better way to start the new season.

Starting from 9.30am, there are two routes, 5 or 10 miles which both

guarantee to give you a superb day out, followed by a delicious cream tea in the impressive setting of Home Barn.

Laura Hughes, Events Manager at St. Michael's Hospice said "As our first Hospice event of the year, we can't wait to welcome our walkers to the Portsmouth Estate to enjoy a wonderful day out in the Hampshire countryside. We are extremely privileged to have access to the prestigious estate and we can't wait for our supporters to explore the estate in full bloom. As with all our Hospice

events, the funds raised are essential to our work at the Hospice where this year we will need to raise £3.1 million to keep our vital services running."

For further information about the Woodland Walk and all Hospice events, please visit: www.stmichaels hospice.org.uk/events. You can also contact the Events team at events@stmichaels hospice.org.uk or call 01256 848 848.

Follow St. Michael's Hospice on Twitter @smhbasingstoke and look out for #WoodlandWalk

Initiative is a breath of fresh air

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council is encouraging residents to make a resolution to reduce air pollution.

The council has launched an initiative to raise awareness of the ways in which everyone can do their bit to maintain good air quality in the borough.

Clean Air Basingstoke and Deane is encouraging residents to use their vehicles less, to stop idling their car engines and to think about the ways in which they can reduce pollution in their own homes.

Small changes can add up to make a big difference. Vehicles are the main source of air pollution, so try taking public transport when possible, think about car sharing or commit to walking or cycling short journeys instead of driving.

Visit www.basingstoke.gov.uk/clean-air or follow @BasingstokeGov on social media to find out about all the ways in which you can do your bit to maintain and improve air quality in the borough.

Charity Plant Stall in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support

2018 was an extremely challenging gardening year with the extremes of weather we experienced. The dry weather resulted in a lack of flowers and those that succeeded in flowering died very quickly. As a result where we usual sell approx. 1100 bunches of garden flowers plus 600 bunches of daffodils the numbers were down to 700 and 350. However we still managed the raise £3100 due to your generous support.

This year we will be opening the stall on the drive of Lynten House in Monk Sherborne late February/early March (weather permitting) with daffodils

selling at 50p a bunch, plus pots of bulbs and polyanthus, as well as wallflowers, sweet william and Canterbury bells.

Later we will have a wide variety of perennials, the majority of which sell for just 50p a pot. These will be followed by summer bedding and fresh fruit and vegetables. We will also have freshly cut garden flowers only £1 bunch.

Many thanks to all of you who supported us and if you haven't visited the stall we hope you will give it a try, It's a very worthwhile charity.

Chris & Bebe Moore

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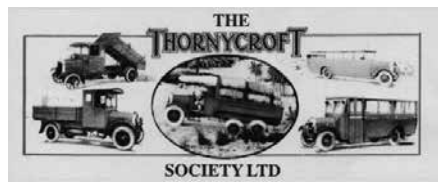
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Probust hears about Thornycroft in Basingstoke

Thornycroft had been the largest employer in Basingstoke. The company had moved from Chiswick in 1898, where they had been marine engineers and makers of steam powered vehicles, moving to the Worting Road in Basingstoke where they established their works on a 16 acre site. Today Morrison's supermarket occupies part of this acreage. The roundabout at the junction of Churchill Way West and the Ringway carries the name of Thornycroft as a lasting reminder of the importance this company made to the rising fortunes of Basingstoke.



Garry Bone was a long serving employee of Thornycroft and is a founding member and director of the Thornycroft Society and gave an insight of the changing fortunes of Thornycroft in a presentation to the Probust Club of Basingstoke.

Steam powered lorries were supplied to the British Army from the Boer War onwards, with commercial vehicles supplied to many retail customers. London's first steam powered bus was a Thornycroft double decker and overseas companies were regular customers, as were many UK bus companies. Petrol vehicles were introduced in the early 1900s which saw Thornycroft making a series of cars until 1913 when they decided to concentrate on lorry production.

The outbreak of WW1 saw an immediate requirement for lorries and Thornycroft were tasked to deliver as many as possible. They concentrated on their J Type lorry and many chassis

were fitted with anti tank guns, mobile aircraft guns, ammunition carriers and as general transport vehicles. Over 5,000 were delivered during this conflict during which time 35% of the workforce were women.

Other war supplies made by Thornycroft were marine engines, trench mortars, over 3,000 depth charge throwers for the Admiralty and thousands of shells.

Post war saw a reduction in the fortunes of Thornycroft as surplus military vehicles were available at a quarter of the price of new vehicles but by the mid 1920s the company was rising again with the introduction of the Lightening coach that was capable of carrying its full load of passengers at 50 mph. Other orders were placed by railway companies for lorries and buses and by this time about half of the output was exported.

By the 1930s the loss making Thornycroft was criticised by its bank of having too many models on offer and poor senior management that needed to grasp the realities of the market. As well as making buses and coaches they were making eleven types of lorries. In 1930 they had 1800 employees which reduced to 731 by 1936 by which time the firm returned to profitability.

WW2 saw a massive improvement of the order book. The firm worked 24 hours a day with 2,500 employees, over 800 being women. As well as munitions the company made over 8,000 Bren gun carriers some with floatation gear to cross canals and rivers under their own power, 13,000 wheeled vehicles including mobile cranes, others with generating sets, 670 two-pounder guns, 1,700 17-pounder guns and 15,000 sets of torpedo parts. In addition Thornycroft made nearly 2,000 Nippy and Sturdy lorries for essential civilian

work. There were huge numbers of parts made for various military and marine engines.

1948 saw the vehicle and engine manufacturing formed into the subsidiary company Transport Equipment (Thornycroft) Ltd. TET announced in 1949 that the Iraq Petroleum Company had placed a large order for Mighty Antar lorries to carry pipe lines across the desert. This was followed over many years by the UK military using this vehicle in many guises as its main heavy transporter.

TET was sold in 1961 to Associated Commercial Vehicles (ACV) announcing that the Basingstoke works would concentrate on the Mighty Antar, Big Ben and Nubian heavy duty vehicles while other parts of the group would be responsible for mass produced vehicles. June 1962 saw ACV becoming part of the Leyland Group, whose subsidiary, Scammell, also produced specialised lorries which led to reducing orders for Basingstoke.

In 1972 British Leyland sold the Basingstoke works to the Eaton Corporation of Ohio. The work force was reduced from 1,100 to 738 with the pledge to employ them in its transmission business. This did not last long as the last lorry was built in 1972 and the works sold on 14 January 1973. So ended 74 years' connection this engineering business had enjoyed with Basingstoke. With its highs and lows of commercial endeavour, war work, and successful heavy duty vehicle manufacturing it had brought the benefit of employment to thousands of Basingstoke folk who regard their time there fondly.

(Bob Clarke is acknowledged as providing many of the above statistics)

www.probusbasingstoke.wordpress.com

North Hampshire Hospitals Foundation Trust

A Governor's perspective Keith Bunker

A year is a long time, but by the time you read this I will have been a governor for our local hospital Trust for 12 months, representing Trust members in North Hampshire and West Berkshire. So what is the role of a governor? The role of governors was set up nationally to gain assurances, and to hold to account, against the Trust's strategy and plan, the Trust's non executive directors, who in turn do the same with the executive directors who manage the day to day running. Whilst we cannot address individual patient problems (a customer care team is in place for that), we can bring to the Trust's attention more general issues.

How has that worked out in practice? After excellent training into how the NHS is structured, I have actively participated in all of the quarterly governors' meetings. In addition, the governors, in small teams, are asked to review the operation of various departments, covering for example, cleanliness, control of drugs, questioning staff and patients on issues, and even down to sampling the food! In addition I am a member of the Research Committee. It has been shown that those trusts who are highest on research, also come in highest for performance; our local Trust performs significantly more

research than the national average. It is worth noting we are at the forefront of many treatments; for example bowel and prostate cancer. So we have a Trust to be proud of with a very dedicated, kind and compassionate staff.

We all know the NHS is heading for challenging times, and this is especially so locally. Due to all of the local building the population is rising rapidly but also ageing faster than the national average as the London overspill generation reaches maturity; locally we also have rapidly ageing buildings. So what can we do to help? Firstly the NHS is trying to involve more volunteers, also can we ourselves help reduce load especially in A & E with more self help? – reduced A & E demand feeds through the whole Trust

Poppy Appeal

The November 2018 Poppy Appeal raised a record amount locally with the following totals being of interest; Total Raised **£11,744.60** of which Sherbone St John raised **£1,374.49** and our collection at the hospital reception raised a remarkable **£4,521.48**. These totals exceeded previous years by a significant margin and we are grateful to all our collectors and those who so generously donated. Thank you !



Branch Meeting

Some months ago, the management and staff of Cherry Blossom Manor in German Road, Bramley, extended an invitation to the Branch to hold its Branch Meetings (held quarterly) using their large conference room. Our first meeting there was held on 12th February. As usual attendance was open to all and the event was very well supported. After the formal part of the meeting our Vice Chairman, Rhydian Vaughan MBE, gave a talk on the Four Battles of Ypres from 1914 – 1918. A DVD of the GP90 (Great Pilgrimage) to Ypres, which was attended by our Standard Bearer and President Tony Evans, was shown for the first time.

The next Branch Meeting will be held in May and details will be published well ahead of the event.

John Delafield
*Chairman Bramley and District
Royal British Legion*

Sherborne St John Village Hall

The 2019 Annual General Meeting of the Sherborne St John Village Hall will be held:

**On Wednesday
27th March 2019
At 8.00pm
in Sherborne St John
Village Hall**

All residents of the parish over the age of 18yrs are invited to attend and may vote at this meeting.

Agenda

1. To record any apologies for absence.
2. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 5th April 2018 (copies available at the meeting).

3. To receive the Chairman's report (copies available at the meeting).

4. To receive the Treasurer's report (copies available at the meeting).

5. To elect three trustees to serve until the next AGM (nominations available at the meeting).

Notice of any other nominations or business to be raised must be sent to the Chairman (4 Cranes Road Sherborne St John RG24 9JD or ssjvillagehall@btinternet.com) **before 16th March 2019.**

Sherborne St John Cub Pack

Last year our Cub pack enjoyed many exciting activities, such as a summer camp, hockey evening, night hike and summer BBQ. In November we attended the remembrance parade at Worting church, along with other cubs in our district. This was an especially poignant service to commemorate 100 years to the day since the end of World War 1.

Two of our long serving leaders were awarded certificates for long service, Jess for 15 years and Doug for 20 years, which is fantastic and a great example of dedication to Scouting.

December saw us visit the "Metro bank" in town to see the inside workings of the bank and to learn about how we can save money.

For the cubs this year, it will bring many more adventures such as a chess competition, night hike, swim day,



a visit to our local fire station and a summer trip to Brownsea Island.

Our Scout troop, sadly had to close at the end of December, due to lack of leaders and support. We would love to re-open a new troop, so that our village cubs can move up to a local scout group.

To achieve this, we need volunteers to lead a new troop. Please do get in touch if you can offer your skills for an exciting and rewarding role within scouting.

Contact for interest in either Cubs or Volunteering is: ssjcubs@hotmail.com

Local volunteers collecting for Basingstoke and area



The Hampshire/Basingstoke branch of the UK's oldest armed forces charity SSAFA will be out in force again in 2019 commencing with The Basingstoke Festival of Transport at The Memorial Park in May 2019 and collecting for local heroes and their families at various Superstores

SSAFA provides lifelong support for our Forces and their families. Each year the charity helps over 60 families in Basingstoke, Hook, Tadley, and surrounding area..... over 50,000 nationally.

"These funds are vital if SSAFA is to continue to support those who have served their country and ensure that they are not disadvantaged by their service. We are finding that our cases

are becoming increasingly complex with younger veterans coming forward for help in greater numbers. We offer a range of support from practical and financial assistance to emotional care and befriending."

If you would like to know more about how SSAFA can help you or someone you know, please get in touch at 07807 668398 or visit www.ssafa.org.uk.

As well as SSAFA being able to assist those in need, we have a need for more caseworkers.

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If you feel that you would be able to give a few hours per week to undertake this very rewarding work please contact SSAFA.

07807 668398 - We need you.

Public Transport from Sherborne St John

As most of you must be aware the 22 bus route must be losing money. It receives no subsidy and in the present financial climate there is no chance of getting one. I fear therefore that it is only a matter of time before we lose the 22 route. The next round of changes are likely to take effect in September but let us hope it lasts a bit longer than that; it will if there is a sudden upsurge in use.

We have weekly services to Chineham (58) and Tadley (56) operated by Basingstoke Community Transport (a charity). When we started the 58 it was underwritten by the Parish Council. I have started to investigate possibilities for further BCT services. The most probable destinations are the hospital and Town Centre. One possibility is an afternoon trip to Town with an early evening return and another is an

afternoon trip to the hospital to give an hour or so for visiting. Initially I think we have to look at bus passes not being useable and fares being chargeable at about £4-5. If sufficient interest is apparent it might be possible to use a bus on which passes would be accepted.

If you are interested in these ideas or have other suggestions please get in touch.

Ted Wilkinson. Phone 01256 850891.
e.mail ted_wilkinson@btinternet.com

Basingstoke Civil Service Retirement Fellowship

There were 53 members at the meeting held on 6th February who enjoyed the usual tea, coffee and biscuits before David Cowling, the Chairman, welcomed everyone and gave apologies from those unable to attend. Christine Broadbent, the Welfare Officer, gave her report after which Tony Brazier, the Secretary, reminded everyone about the trip to the Theatre Royal at Winchester on Wednesday 20th March to see "The Verdict" when the coach would leave Oakley at 10.45 and the Leisure Park at 11.00

Bookings were now being taken for the trips to the Bombay Sapphire Distillery and Hinton Ampner on Thursday 18th April and to Kew Palace and Garden on Wednesday 8th May.

The speaker this month was Brian Graham from Rowhill Candles who gave a



demonstration of candle making. He first explained that there are different types of wax which can be used and that they all have different properties mainly in their different melting points. For instance for gel wax it is 110°C, bees wax 62°C, paraffin wax 46°C and soya wax 45°C. As the soya wax has the lowest melting point, and is also more environmentally friendly, this is the one mainly used by those wanting to make candles at home. He went on to demonstrate the process by firstly melting the wax in a double boiler along with the required fragrance and colouring. He then inserted the wick of a suitable length into a container and secured it in a vertical position before pouring the wax around the wick leaving about 1cm showing. He then went on to show how different effects in the colouring could be obtained and explained the way that candles of different sizes would burn. He

had brought with him a selection of products to buy along with some kits for people to make their own at home.

The next meeting is on 6th March which is the AGM followed by lunch at the Conservative Club. The speaker at the meeting will be from Co-op Insurance to give a talk on "Tax, Care and Toy Boys". The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at Brookvale Village Hall from 10 am to 12 noon and all retired Civil Servants and their partners are welcome. Details can be obtained from the Secretary Tony Brazier on 07715 640171 and for information about our trips please contact Kate Lambeth on 01256 328791.

David Cowling

Sherborne St John Social Club

Elm Road Sherborne St John RG24 9HP - 01256 850303

Forthcoming Events

Day	Date	Event
Saturday	2 nd March	Music Quiz
Wednesday	27 th March	Jazz Jam Event with Chris Cooke & Friends Why Not participate bring your music & instruments 8:00pm
Saturday	30 th March	Horse Race Night
Saturday	6 th April	Skittles Night
<i>Future Events for Your Diary</i>		
Saturday	22 nd June	Country & Western Night

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The Healthier Together program is there to help parents navigate these difficult dilemmas and to know with confidence when it is ok to watch and wait, what can I try myself or when to seek advice about any physical or emotional dilemma being faced by their children from ages 0 - 18 years. The advice has been developed by pediatricians, GPs and wider health care professionals to provide comprehensive advice, and is accessible by app or online by Healthier Together: Home <https://www.what0-18.nhs.uk>

Home: Healthier Together

Improving the quality of care for children and young people in Wessex. Healthier Together provides you with information to help keep your child safe and healthy, as well as helping you decide what to do when your child is unwell. www.what0-18.nhs.uk

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Dr. Roisin Ward

Make A Wish UK

Make-A-Wish grants life-changing wishes to children with critical illnesses.

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to providing respite from the daily struggles that come with a critical illness. We know what wishes can give, and this is the driving force behind why we continue to do what we do.

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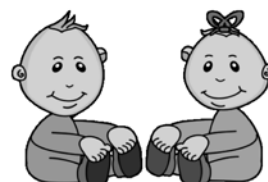
In 2017 Make-A-Wish granted 102 wishes in the Hampshire region and I would like the opportunity to come and talk about the work we are doing in the local community.

To arrange a talk please contact me - Ryland Lee on 01256 467315



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She says rather than being regarded as something unromantic and mercenary, prenups should be considered by anyone contemplating marriage.

Marriage is about love and sharing the rest of your lives together, but in the eyes of the law, it is a contract between two people and it deals with the financial consequences of the marriage ending.

Naturally, you are not going into marriage thinking that your relationship might break down, but unfortunately that happens more frequently nowadays, so here are just a few good reasons why you should have a prenup:

If you are much wealthier than your partner, then a prenup can ensure that your partner is marrying you for all the right reasons.

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A legal professional like Hayley will help you to understand the different kinds of issues that might be covered in a prenup. The better informed you are, the easier it will be for you to explain things to your intended spouse.

Contact Hayley if you would like any help with this or any other personal matter by calling 01256 854633 or email hayley.eachus@phillips-law.co.uk

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Probus hears about NATO

Just about everyone has heard of NATO (the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation) but very few recall that it was founded in 1948 and enlarged in 1949 to a total of 12 countries bordering the North Atlantic. It was formed because of the perceived threat from Russia following their land blockade of West Berlin which caused the airlift to operate for eight months to ensure the western sector of the city could be supplied with everything necessary to sustain life.

The key criterion of NATO membership was that any armed attack on any member country in Europe and North America would constitute an attack on them all.



All this and much more was explained by Probus member and Basingstoke borough councillor Paul Miller who outlined his personal involvement in this international defence structure over four decades which included the cold war and then the Bosnian and Kosovo difficulties and several other campaigns. As an officer in the RAF and then latterly as a civilian he rose within NATO eventually based at their headquarters in Belgium.

Member countries agree to assign assets in the form of military hardware and personnel to NATO and are managed in

all operational roles by NATO staff. As such they have been involved in many conflict zones and incidents during this time many of which have not been reported in the free press.

With the fall of the Berlin wall in 1989 there was great excitement as other former communist countries threw off the yoke of the old USSR and embraced social change and democracy. However this brought up several concerns – would a unified Germany remain neutral and what would happen to the nuclear weapons held in the old communist countries. It also brought up the question of whether there still existed a future need of NATO but other events only served to confirm that it was indeed still needed.

In fact today the membership has grown to 29 countries. Many newer members of NATO were originally eastern bloc countries that formed the basis of the Warsaw Pact organisation set up by Russia in response to West Germany joining NATO in 1955.

The Balkans crisis starting in 1989 which included the Bosnian and Kosovo campaigns were only as successful as they were due to the cooperation of the former communist countries of the Czech Republic, Poland and Hungary who allowed their airfields to be used by NATO forces. In return they hoped that it would create a favourable climate to their subsequent applications to join the EC.

It was complicated by the fact that the old Yugoslavia was a member of Eurocontrol which coordinated

civilian air traffic which had increased considerably in recent years with tourist expansion on the Dalmation coast. The NATO air forces needed to have surveillance and operational access to this airspace and eventually ran an air campaign over 78 days involving 38,000 sorties which allowed in a multinational peacekeeping force which brought an end to ethnic cleansing.

Today NATO has become a Crisis Management organisation as its forces continue to lead the way in Kosovo, Afghanistan, in the Mediterranean and several other places including Iraq where it is carrying out training of national forces. It is also helping the African Union and in the Gulf of Aden guarding against Somali pirates. NATO is carrying out work on the European migrant crisis and has 20,000 troops in action around Europe and elsewhere.

The United Nations does not recognise NATO, only nation states, but fully appreciates the role played by this military cooperative of North American and European countries in striving to maintain peace in this troublesome world. It does however involve its organisation UNHCR, based in Geneva, to become incorporated with NATO actions in various humanitarian projects.

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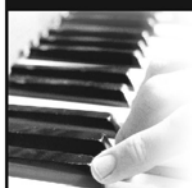
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