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Editorial

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A large number of the recipients of The Villager Magazine are registered at the Clift Surgery in Bramley. We are lucky to have a surgery of this quality, inspite of NHS cuts and the constant difficulty in recruiting new GPS. An important ingredient of a good surgery is patient/surgery communication and that is where the Patient Participation Group (PPG) comes in.

The PPG is composed of a group of people enrolled at the Surgery. We meet every two months or so with the doctors and practice manager to act as a conduit between the surgery and patients. If you have any issue you want to raise about the Surgery- appointment booking, the new triage system, questions about the proposed surgery extension, the waiting room, flu jabs - in fact anything other than a medical issue, you can contact us either via the PPG email: cliftppg@gmail.com or on the following telephone numbers.

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David Gent (Pambet End). 851209
Antonia Dewhurst. (Bramley) 883876
Ian Wilson (Sherfield). 881588
Steve Myers (Bramley) 07802 222822

Or, even better, join the Virtual Group, which you can do by going to cliftsurgeryvirtualgroup.

These contact details will be displayed on the PPG Board in the waiting room (some are already there) together with any updates from the Surgery.

At present there are seven of us, but we welcome application to join.

David Gent

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Future Events

May 2017

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

June 2017

5	Pelican Film Society, Queen of Katwe, The Ark Conference Centre, Guests welcome £6	7.30pm
6	SSJ Women's Fellowship, Stained Glass SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
12	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall	10.00-11.30am
17	Sherborne St John Village Fete	
26	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall	10.00-11.30am
26	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion. (Planning meeting 7pm)	7.30pm

July 2017

3	Pelican Film Society, Suite Francaise, The Ark Conference Centre, Guests welcome £6	7.30pm
4	SSJ Women's Fellowship Strawberry Tea SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
8	SSJ Village Party	
10	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall	10.00-11.30am
24	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall	10.00-11.30am
24	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion. (Planning meeting 7pm)	7.30pm

August 2017

1	SSJ Women's Fellowship 'Where & What is That in Hampshire' SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
7	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall	10.00-11.30am
21	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall	10.00-11.30am

September 2017

4	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall	10.00-11.30am
5	SSJ Women's Fellowship - Annual Outing Location to be advised	
16-24	Sherborne St John Village Scarecrow Competition	
18	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall	10.00-11.30am
25	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion. (Planning meeting 7pm)	7.30pm

October 2017

2	60+ Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall	10.00-11.30am
3	SSJ Women's Fellowship 'A Year in the Life of a New Forest Pony' SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
7	Dads and Tots, Sherborne St John Village Hall, £2 per family, Tel. Scott 416272	8.00 – 9.30am
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Church Matters May

According to recent research a quarter of British people who would describe themselves as 'Christian' say they do not believe in the resurrection of Jesus. And even among church-goers the proportion who do believe the Bible's account of the resurrection is only 57%. This is probably not a great shock to most of us: there is still a lot of nominal church-going in our nation. But what it shows is that there is also a massive amount of confusion about what a Christian is. For by definition a Christian is someone who believes that God raised Jesus from the dead. A person who rejects this cannot be a Christian at all.

There are however many strong reasons to believe the Bible's testimony to the bodily resurrection of Jesus. All 4 gospels record it. Luke, for example, states that the dead body of Jesus was laid in the tomb of a rich man, Joseph of Arimathea, watched by the women. They were the first to go to the tomb on the Sunday morning with their spices prepared. To their surprise the tomb was open and empty. They didn't see

Jesus but they did meet 2 heavenly messengers who told them that he had risen as he had promised¹.

The women went back and told the disciples what they had seen. But the disciples did not believe them. Peter decided to check it out for himself. He ran to the tomb. He saw the grave clothes lying neatly but he did not see Jesus. Later that day the risen Jesus appeared to his disciples; he continued to do so over a period of 40 days². As it says "He gave many convincing proofs that he was alive". Those proofs, given to the first disciples, are sufficient evidence for us. But there are further reasons why we should believe them. Here is a selection:

1. The gospels give simple straightforward accounts of what happened; the writers do not attempt to embellish their narratives in any way as a fabricator would.
2. Nor do they attempt to harmonise them. There are differences of detail but they are clearly all reporting the same event. Indeed the differences of detail enhance their authenticity – if they were fabrications the authors would have omitted such discrepancies.

3. The tomb was empty and the body was never found.

4. Relating the initial testimony of the women – when society insisted on male witnesses – because they were the first witnesses.

5. The variety of the appearances of the risen Jesus.

6. The disciples became bold preachers. And they were honest men; they did not become bold preaching a lie.

7. The resurrection of Jesus was central to their message.³

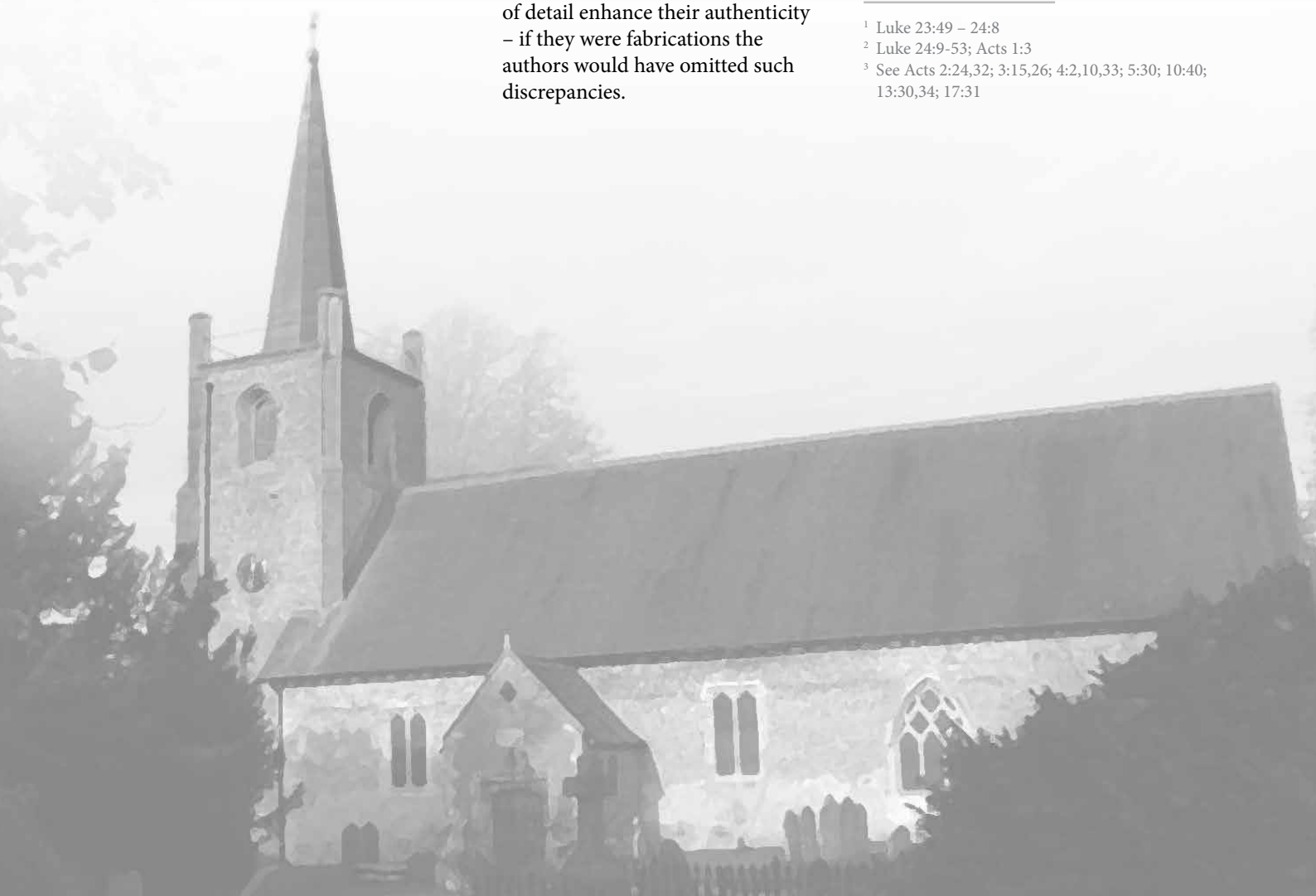
We cannot be Christians without the resurrection of Jesus. We become Christians when we put our trust in Christ crucified and risen. The truth is that Jesus is alive today and that makes all the difference. May I encourage you to put your trust in him and discover the power of that truth. Easter transforms everything.

John Hamilton

¹ Luke 23:49 – 24:8

² Luke 24:9-53; Acts 1:3

³ See Acts 2:24,32; 3:15,26; 4:2,10,33; 5:30; 10:40; 13:30,34; 17:31



Services for May

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

7 May

10am Parish Communion, Sunday Club & Crèche
6pm 'Teach & Discuss'

St Andrew's
Sherborne St John Village Hall

14 May

8am Holy Communion
10am Morning Service, Sunday Club & Crèche
10am Morning Service
6pm 'Sundays at Six'

Priory
St Andrew's
All Saints
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21 May

10am Morning Service, Sunday Club & Crèche
6pm 'Sundays at Six'

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28 May

10am Family Service

St Andrew's

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 10AM:

The teaching of Jesus in Luke 10

7 May	Lord of the Harvest	Luke 10:1-16	John Hamilton
14 May	Reason to rejoice	Luke 10:17-24	John Hamilton
21 May	His most famous story?	Luke 10:25-37	Scott Seivewright
28 May	"Tell her to help me!"	Luke 10:38-42	Andy Spence

SUNDAYS AT SIX:

7 May	Teach & Discuss	Internet: are the media social?!	John Hamilton & Scott Seivewright
14 May	When the going gets tough	2 Corinthians 1:1-11	Scott Seivewright
21 May	Travel plans	2 Corinthians 1:12-22	John Hamilton

MIDWEEK MEETINGS FOR APRIL

Home Groups meet during the weeks
beginning 8 & 22 May.

We meet for Central Fellowship on
Tuesday 2 and 16 May. Coffee at 7.45pm
followed by short Bible message and prayer;
finish at 9pm

DISCIPLESHIP EXPLORED COURSE

Starting on Wednesday 3rd May at 8pm

If you are interested please contact Scott Seivewright

Tel: 01256 416272 Email:
seivewrightscott@gmail.com

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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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SHERBORNE ST JOHN PARISH COUNCIL

Neighbourhood Plan Referendum

You should all have received polling cards for both the upcoming County Council elections and the referendum on the Sherborne St John Neighbourhood Plan, both on Thursday 4th May in SSJ Village Hall.



VOTE !!

Hopefully you will by now have had the opportunity to view the Plan and supporting documents at the Viewing Day which took place on 22nd April. For those who have not already seen them they are also available to view on the Sherborne St John website. <http://sherbornestjohn-pc.gov.uk/>

We would urge all villagers to support the Neighbourhood Plan in the upcoming referendum, as it is our best chance to have some control over future planning matters. Without the Plan being approved, we will be at the mercy of developers and Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council. Whilst we realize that many of you would prefer there to be no development in the village at all, the pressure on local government to provide ever more housing, means that this is simply not an option. We have to accept a development of at least 15 -18 homes or considerably more than that will be imposed on us with little regard for our needs or wishes. The Neighbourhood Plan Committee have consulted villagers every step of the way and we firmly believe that the current plan is the best available option for Sherborne St John.

Chute Recreation Ground

The improvements and ongoing maintenance at the Chute Pavilion are all up to date and the new caretaker Terry Buller is doing an excellent job there. We are looking into the possibility of obtaining a grant for a new storage shed for the regular users' equipment. Any bookings should be made through the clerk at ssjclerk@gmail.com.

Roads

We are in constant contact with Hampshire county Council about the state of the roads, but due to substantial cuts in their funding we are frustrated by the lack of action. It would be very helpful if individuals could continue to report potholes and any other highway issues to Hampshire County Council themselves (the email address is roads@hants.gov.uk) as the more complaints they get, the more likely we are to see something being done.

We have asked for the centre of the village to be made a 20mph zone, at least in the busy times when the school children are arriving and leaving, but unfortunately we have been told that this is not a priority and is on hold until other road improvements have been made. We have met with a similar response when we asked for safety improvements to the road and pavement on the Aldermaston Road at West End. Speedwatch volunteers are still regularly out encouraging drivers to keep to the speed limit as the exit and enter the Village, but they could do with more volunteers. If anyone is interested please email the local co-ordinator at bexsterjones@hotmail.com.

Buses

There has been a proposal to ask Stagecoach to reverse the direction of the No 22 bus through the village. If you support this, please contact Ted Wilkinson at ted_wilkinson@btinternet.com. In any event, we need to be using this service more. With the current number of users we are likely to lose this service altogether.

Anti-social behaviour

There have been a number of incidents of anti-social behaviour recently in the Cranes Road/Spring Close area. This mainly consists of teenagers repeatedly banging on doors in the middle of the night.

Please do report this directly to the police if you see or hear any other problems. There have also been a number of cases of dog fouling on the footpaths (Church Path in particular).

Please could everyone remember to clear up after their dogs and bin the waste - would you like your child to tread in it??

Village Party

This year's Village Party is on 8th July this year on the village green. There will be music and entertainment, with everyone free to bring their own food, so no need to buy tickets.

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

Natasha Rougier

Monk Sherborne Parish Council

A brief resume of the portfolio's starting with my portfolio Rural Policing & Neighbourhood Watch as at our meeting held on 15th March 20017

Portfolio reports

Rural Policing & Neighbourhood

Watch: The monthly update was forwarded to members for consideration. Residents continue to be reminded to secure all outbuildings and sheds to avoid any temptation or opportunists. Concerns remain regarding the speed of traffic using the parish as a cut through during rush hour. The parish council continues to pursue speed check request with the local police.

Finance & Health: Internal audit is scheduled for mid-April. The external auditor submission is dated at the end of June.

Planning:

Details relating to an application submitted for The White Hart, Charter Alley, for change of use of 9 bedroomed guest house to 4 no. 2 bed and 1 no. bed flat. Erection of single storey infill extension, alterations and 2 no. roof lights. Alterations to retain public house. Although in an adjacent parish, members were asked for comments for submission to BDBC. Concerns were raised in relation to parking at the site in conjunction with the narrow approach lane.

Local Authority & Rural strategy:

Changes have been made to concessionary bus passes; further details are available on the parish website and noticeboards.

Village hall: The bookings at the Hall remain buoyant with at least one booking most days of the week and sometimes three.

The electricity meter over- heated and had to be removed. A new one will be installed once the new £1 coin is in circulation.

The following events are planned

Friday 19th May

AGM followed by a Caribbean night

Friday 14th July

BBQ evening

Sunday 3rd September

Village Fete

Highways Transport and footpaths: HCC were advised of the top 5 footpaths within the parish requiring maintenance within the new financial year. Skanska have been appointed as the new contractors for all highway issues following the end of the term period with Amey.

Playground: During the recent wet weather, the top section of the playing field experienced water run-off from the road, causing considerable pooling. Mr P Boyle assessed the situation, undertaking some clearance works to the ditching to relieve the situation. The safer surfacing also continues to be monitored for moss.

Defibrillators within Charter Alley & Monk Sherborne: BT has advised that the 90 day consultation period was now complete with the contract for the adoption of the kiosk having been presented for signing. The telephony is scheduled to be removed by BT within the next 4 weeks. Upon completion, arrangements can be put in place for the installation of the defibrillator.

Last but not least:

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

Annual Parish Assembly: The Annual Parish Assembly is scheduled to be held on Wednesday 17th May, commencing at 7pm.

Next Parish Council meeting:

Wednesday 17th May 2017, to follow the Annual Parish Meeting at 8.00pm.

Cllr Andrew Lennard

Silchester Parish Church

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Notes from Pamber Green and Pamber End

RAAnother month of my life passed by, where does it all go to. But, on the positive side, what a cracking month it has been. Some absolutely gorgeous weather to make us feel life is most certainly worth living. I underestimated the strength of the sun one week-end, well it was only the 1st of April. More fool me! Sitting in the sun for lunch in a vest top left me rather on the red side by bedtime. Still some cream seemed to calm the situation down, and I was able to enjoy the next beautiful day, albeit with a bit more covering on. The garden is starting to come alive and look attractive and the trees everywhere are in blossom. I always know we are the right side of winter when I drive down the A340 through Pamber Green and Pamber End and see the attractive array of blossom on the trees bounding the road side. And this year I was particularly taken with the daffodils and other bulbs adorning the verges of New Road, Pamber Green that looked an absolute picture. Well done all of those residents who have 'done their bit' to create such a welcoming view.

Also a delight at the moment is Pamber Forest. The pathways have dried up nicely and strolling through the Forest is a joy. Everywhere looks wide and open with the undergrowth yet to take a hold. The wild daffodils are now history for another year but we await the next floral displays to delight us as we meander through our most treasured of local environments. We are so fortunate to have close access to a natural playground full of adventures for all, young and old.

Unfortunately the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 13th March are not yet published so a report from me on any detail will have to wait till next month. However, you can always read these in full for yourself on Pamber Parish Council website once they have been approved at their next meeting. What is known, however, is that two vacancies for parish councillors now exist following the resignation of Judith Tyson and Andromeda Witchalls. I understand the Borough Council is in the process of calling a by-election to enable parishioners to vote to fill these vacancies. A reminder that Pamber Parish Council AGM will be held on 8th May 2017 starting at 8pm at Pamber Heath Memorial Hall. All members of the public are welcome to attend so please do make the effort to go if you possibly can as it is your opportunity to make your voice heard. There will be reports from local schools and organisations.

The Kennet Morris Men have now published their 2017 programme on their website and they have many Monday displays planned. Unfortunately they won't be in our area until July but more of that at a later date.

A reminder of the quiz at the Plough, Little London every 3rd Monday in the month starting around 8.30pm. A thoroughly enjoyable evening can be had with a contribution of 50p per person for the quiz.

Lots of activity in the coming month for local choirs so please try and get to these. I know you won't be disappointed

as they are all well respected choirs singing a range of songs in harmony. Tadley Singers have a Spring Concert on Saturday 6th May at St Paul's Church, Tadley. Doors open at 7.30pm and entrance is free. A collection will be made in aid of Christian Aid and there will be refreshments and a raffle. Basingstoke Hospital Male Voice Choir is holding a concert at All Saints Church, Basingstoke on Saturday 13th May at 7:00pm. This will include guest ladies choir, Ooh Mama. Again entrance is free and there will be a bucket collection with proceeds going to the ARK Cancer Charity. Both very worthwhile causes.

Currently singing with three choirs means I get lots of practice. There are those who would say I need all the help I can get! All three are back in full swing after their Easter breaks and welcome new members. Basingstoke Ladies Choir meets on Monday evenings at the Carnival Hall, Basingstoke. Tadley Singers meet on Wednesday afternoons at the Methodist Church in Newchurch Road, Tadley. Tadley Rock Choir meets on Wednesday evenings at Burnham Copse School. I love all of them and commend to you the benefits and joy of singing. So uplifting and therapeutic, I don't know how I've survived all these years without it.

Please send me any news or information and I am happy to incorporate it in my article.

Ann Ellis

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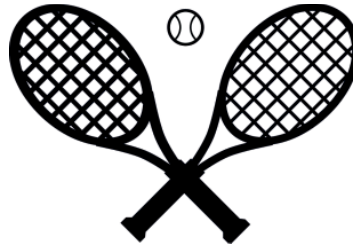
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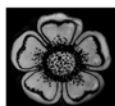
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By the time you will read this we will have had a visit by the Branch to RAF Odiham on 24th April; we are very grateful to the Royal Air Force for hosting us this event, our first Branch visit for some time.

Our next Branch Meeting will be on Tuesday 9th May at 19:30 in Cross House, Bramley, and the Presentation will be given by our Vice Chairman Rhydian Vaughan with the subject being the work of a Battlefield Tour

Guide. Now that we have a larger number of members attending, we will be transferring the meeting to the Downstairs Hall, so there will be enough seats for all.

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Sherborne St John Church of England Primary School

As I write this article, we have just broken up for our Easter holidays – and are all looking forward to a good rest!



We ended the term with some fantastic events. First of all was the annual Henry Gray Memorial Recitation Competition; all the Juniors took part and congratulations go to Rayyan and Toby, who were presented with their prizes by Mrs Welton-Delafield.

This term the pupils in Class 4 have been enjoying modern dance lessons with Faye, their dance teacher, and this culminated in a performance at Everest Community College which parents were able to watch. They performed two dances; the first to 'We Will Rock You' and the second, which was a powerful tribute to the refugee situation, to Michael Jackson's 'EarthSong'. The following morning, the same children also gave an African Drumming concert to parents – another very moving performance demonstrating how much they had learnt in music this term. Not to be outdone, children in years 1 and 2 also gave a performance on tuned percussion and accompanied us all in a rendition of 'What shall we do with the Drunken Sailor?'



The term ended in bright sunshine as we enjoyed our Easter Bonnet parade. As always there was a varied and creative array of bonnets, which seem to get bigger every year! Well done to all the Infant children (and their parents!) who produced such a fantastic display!

After the holidays we will be looking forward to our May Festival – Class

3 have been practising their Maypole and Country Dancing to ensure that they are ready in time, and the School Association will be dusting off the barbeque! We are also preparing for our SUMMER FETE ON SATURDAY 10TH JUNE FROM 12 NOON UNTIL 2PM – all are very welcome to come along and join in the games and enjoy the refreshments from the barbeque!

Sherbert – SSJ School Villager Correspondent



SHERBORNE ST JOHN VILLAGE FETE

Saturday 17th June : 2.00 - 4.30 p.m.



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The Priory School



Another busy term at The Priory has ended, here are Lucy and Madison (Year 5 reporters from The P.O.S.T (*The Priory Official Student Times*)) to tell you all about it...

A MidSpring Day's Dream!

On Thursday 23rd March, KS1 had a Shakespeare Day and dressed up as Shakespeare characters. They all looked amazing! This was part of Shakespeare Week, where children across the country learnt about the great playwright William Shakespeare. The POST sent me down to investigate the exciting activities that took place throughout the day.

In the morning, the children had an assembly to see everybody's costumes. It was hard to choose who had the best costumes in the competition but the winners were Hadley and Mabel Year R, Luca and Imogen Year 1, and Ted and

Darcy Year 2. Well done to all those who took part!

Throughout the day there were lots of different activities to do with Shakespeare. In Year 2 they did lots of fun things: writing with quills, Shakespeare fact files, exploring A Midsummer Night's Dream and making PowerPoint slides about Shakespeare. Year 1 watched A Midsummer Night's Dream, did Tudor dancing, and made wands, donkey ears and puppets. Year R didn't miss out, they made fairy wings and donkey ears, and did some Midsummer Night's Dream role play. A great day was had by everyone.

Fancy Dress to Impress

We celebrated World Book Day on the 3rd March 2017. This year was its 20th year.

World Book Day is the day where

everyone dresses up as their favourite

book character. It celebrates authors, illustrators, books and reading. The main aim of World Book Day is to encourage children to enjoy reading.

The winners this year's were: KS2 Amelia B as Gangster Granny, Angelo as Bruno from Boy in the Striped Pyjamas, William B as the BFG, Bella as Aslan from The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, Maya as Moaning Myrtle from Harry Potter, Jett as Tom from The Water Babies, Monty as Ratty from Wind in the Willows and Isla J as Dobby from Harry Potter. In KS1, Ryan as scarecrow from The Wizard of Oz, Charlotte H as Cat in the Hat, Maya MB as Winnie the Witch, Felix as Peter Pan, Ted as an Oompa Loompa and Annya as Little Red Riding Hood.

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us all with beautiful saris and a demonstration on how to wear them. There was then a competition to see which table could complete the task without help - not as easy as it looks !

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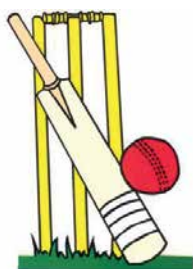
Saturday 13th May 8pm

Bert's Blog



This is my stoic look. I had to put up with decoration by ribbons. The miniatures came round and wanted to make me look beautiful. I tried to avoid them because I am already beautiful enough without the additions of frippery but the Mrs intervened and made me sit still for a bit so they could have their way. I ask you, what is a dog to do? Obey the Mrs and end up looking ridiculous or disobey the Mrs and end up in the dog house with the Boss? It lasted for about 15 minutes by which time I looked like a haberdashers shop and the miniatures became bored with that game and went on to something else, thank goodness. After I had divested myself of all the ribbons and bows I went and found my lead and gave that to them to see if they would put that on me instead which in turn would nudge them into taking me for a walk – that magic word which conjures up new smells and vistas to investigate.

After about the tenth time of offering the lead they eventually got the idea and it was put round me. The ensuing hilarity when I insist on carrying the other end myself was tempered with the Mrs insisting that each one of them had to take a turn in holding the other end as well, so I relinquished it into the hands of these inexperienced miniatures in the hope I would not be strangled. After four versions of being pulled, dragged and pushed (and that was just the miniatures as I walked very sedately, but they needed some assistance!) they eventually gave up and handed the end of my lead over to the Mrs who does not need any assistance as she can walk quite well, we managed to herd them all back to their respective homes and I could return to mine in relative peace. Goodness knows how sheep dogs manage their flock – four miniatures were tricky enough!



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

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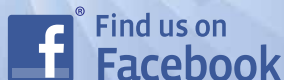
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The first trip took Mr. Negus to the 60's back-packing areas of India, Nepal, Afghanistan, Australia and New Zealand, and finally across America from California to New York, where he met a local girl and they became friends, eventually getting married in UK.

Sadly his wife passed away at the age of 44 and left him wondering what to do with his life. So he returned to New Zealand and met his friend there who had been to China on the Trans-Siberian train; this inspired his decision to follow in his friend's footsteps.

The route he took was from Moscow to Beijing; he showed us slides of Moscow, then Warsaw, where the people there were staunchly anti-Russian and were ripping down statues throughout the city. He regaled us with stories of incidences he had had there, where he encountered many other incidences, most of them on the train with his new travelling companions. All friendly, to the extent of offering him a form of Schnapps followed by strawberry jam (a custom, apparently) and boiled potatoes and cabbage. The whole journey is 6000 miles and when he was less than half-way, he became hungrier and the

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When he arrived at Lake Baikal he said it was truly amazing; more like a sea than a lake. Reaching Outer Mongolia the yurts – and horses – looked wonderful, and the people were so friendly; it was an inspiring experience. The train took two days to cross the Gobi Desert until they eventually arrived at Inner Mongolia, China, which was so different. We were told the story of how the wheels (and there were many) had to be changed because the width of the track changed. All the passengers were told to get off the train, but he was so cold and exhausted that he decided to remain in his sleeping bag; not a good decision as it turned out, although his companions didn't agree with him at the end of the 3 or 4 hour wheel change.

Beijing, the end of the line, finally came into view. Mr. Negus said that if there was no room for being squeamish before, there was certainly no room for any squeamishness in China. He found the crowds, their habits of 'hoicking and spitting' pretty much constantly, together with their gambling and fighting over anything (a fish in the fish market which two people fought with fists over), all very difficult, and many times thought of returning home. Being a positive person, he decided to overcome his negative feelings and get on with it.

The Great Wall was an awesome experience, of course, but he was looking forward to arriving at Beijing, the last leg of his long journey. Much of it was fascinating, but there was much that was so very different from the West. The crowds were suffocating, despite there being little or no smog in those days, together with the lack of any English written anywhere.

We were told of the Chinese relationship with numbers shapes and colours, and their corresponding symbolism. Everything seemed to have a symbolic meaning, including on the roofs of the buildings in the Forbidden City, the number of rooms in the buildings, and even the number of buildings. Even the dragons standing proudly had scales built in multiples of 9.

Mr. Negus finished his talk by giving a wonderful overall description of the fascinating people, their way of life in all the different areas he visited, their hospitality in remote areas as well as the food they ate. The huge Province has clearly changed so much since his visit in the early 1990's in so many ways, but possibly little has changed in remote corners of Mongolia.

We hope that Mr. Negus will return to tell us of his 'Part Two' travels.

He was thanked by Mrs Daphne Thirwell.

May's meeting will be a Talk on the R.N.L.I. by Caroline Tilley. There will also be a Plant & Produce Stall.

Heartstart Tadley Triangle 1st Aid Course



The course that was held at the end of March at the Chute Pavilion was excellent. Our thanks to Bryan from Heartstart Tadley Triangle, and his excellent - unofficial - assistant Dr Louise Beynon! Bryan succeeded in making the course informative, interesting and also fun – despite the serious nature of the subject. With defibrillators now appearing in all our villages it is important that people learn how to use them properly, as you never know when you might become involved in an emergency situation. I would also like to thank SSJ Parish Council for their financial contribution to this course. Heartstart Tadley Triangle is a charity that relies on donations. The money raised goes to buy new and expensive equipment for future courses.

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But what will I do with it once I'm through?
How much can charity shops take
At car boot sales what would I make?

I've let this problem grow and grow
And finding a solution has been slow.
I've got so much clutter in my house
There isn't room even for a mouse.

The rooms are full to the ceiling
It gives me that claustrophobic feeling.
I must stop and think it through
There is only one thing left to do.

Hire a skip or maybe three
And let it all go and finally be free.
But whilst this is very easy to say
What would I do when comes the day?

I think I'd be fraught and distressed
And probably not be at my best.
To see my things go out of the door
Knowing that I won't see them anymore

I'd find excuses to keep things back
And make the de-cluttering go off-track
So as I sit here in the dark and gloom
I'm surrounded by all the stuff in my room.

I feel so imprisoned by it all
But for help who should I call?
No relatives or friends have I
So I'll just sit here quietly, and gently sigh.

My stuff is really the sum total of my life
Sixty years with my late dear wife
Who I loved up to the very last day
And if it all goes, I feel I'll just fade away.

Bill Breakspear

St. Michael's Hospice (North Hampshire) Big Wheel 25

**Sunday 23rd July 2017,
Down Grange Sports Complex,
Basingstoke, RG22 5SN**

St. Michael's Hospice (North Hampshire) has opened registration for the 25th Big Wheel event taking place on Sunday 23rd July 2017 at 9.00hrs. Riders will spend a glorious summer's day riding through the beautiful countryside of North Hampshire to raise funds for North Hampshire's only adult Hospice.

Last year over 1,000 cyclists enjoyed a variety of routes and we are anticipating a record turnout this year. The very popular Advanced Level 65 miles is back for a second year and, to celebrate the Hospice's 25th Anniversary, there will be an Intermediate 25 mile route. And with a Challenger 39, a Beginner 15 and the Family 5 mile routes there is something for everyone.

Those not ready to take on 5 miles yet, will be able to enjoy the Little Wheel event which takes place on the grass at Down Grange Sports Complex where all entrants will start and finish and everyone can enjoy a cold drink and hot food. All finishers, from age 2 to 72, will get a lovely medal to commemorate their efforts.

Big Wheel is a true family event and a great way to spend time together outdoors raising money for St. Michael's Hospice, who provide specialist care and support to patients suffering from life limiting illnesses.

Prices start from £8 and full details are available on our website. To save time, avoid long queues and get the discounted entry price, we advise you to register beforehand. However, you can also register on the day and these prices will be between £2 and £5 more.

Chris Griffiths, Marketing and Events Manager; 'Big Wheel is our biggest Hospice led fundraising event for 2017 and attracts both families and experienced riders. We are lucky to have an incredible venue at Down Grange and stunning countryside for the riders to cycle through. This year we hope to see as many people as possible taking part and have our best year yet. We rely on the support of the local community to make this event the success it is.'

We have been lucky enough to get some wonderful local companies to sponsor the event this year. A big thank you to unum, Clarke & Son Solicitors, Greenhouse Graphics, HCT Creative and JackFM.

Sunflower Appeal & Fete

Sunday 4th June

St. Michael's Hospice invites to you their annual Sunflower Fete on Sunday 4th June held within the Hospice grounds.

Starting from midday, the traditional fete is a great day out for all the family with free entry. The fete will feature a wide selection of stalls with gorgeous plants and handmade craft items. To keep the kids entertained there will be plenty of games and prizes to be won. If you're feeling peckish, why not tuck into something delicious from one of the many refreshment stalls.

The Hospice has also launched their Sunflower Appeal, giving people the chance to remember a loved one by dedicating a sunflower in their memory.

Before the Sunflower Fete begins, a special blessing will be held at 11.30 on Sunday 4th June in the Hospice grounds, when you are invited to view the dedicated sunflower memory markers. Sunflowers will be displayed in the Hospice gardens throughout June for people to visit and take time to reflect.

You can make your sunflower dedication in memory of a loved one at stmichaelshospice.org.uk/meadow.html

For more information on the Sunflower Appeal and Fete please visit the website stmichaelshospice.org.uk, email events@stmichaelshospice.org.uk or call the Fundraising Hotline on 01256 848848.



Probus Hear About Breaking Through The Glass Ceiling



Jackie Chappell is proof women can break through the glass ceiling in business. She told the Probus Club of Basingstoke, the social club for retired professional and business managers, about her rise to the top in a traditionally male working environment.

Being a single mother with a job as a stock controller at Porsche (GB) in Reading she needed to supplement her earnings so she started a market stall selling knitting wool. This proved successful and encouraged by her friend they opened a shop selling the same product range. However overheads meant that there was not sufficient profit to pay both of them. So what to do? Seeing a job advertised working from 5.00am to 9.00am meant that while Jackie's children could be looked after by her friend, she could continue with the shop and Jackie helped out at the weekend.

This part time position was with British Rail as an on train assistant ticket examiner. After initial training the guard almost prevented her from boarding the train in the sidings on her first week on the job.

"Clearly he didn't want me to do the job and told me to sit in First Class and read the newspaper. By Friday he had relented and I started at the front of the

train and we met in the middle. I was off and running."

Thereafter she became the first female station manager at Henley. This sounds grand but in reality meant that as well as selling tickets she could keep the station clean and tidy.

Then came privatisation. Working at Paddington for six months she won promotion to area Training and Development supervisor then became Engineering Manager in Reading, where, after fifteen years she took redundancy. A phone call encouraged her to take a different role as the interim manager of the Rail Industry Training Council where after several months she took on the position of Chief Executive. She was the first female CEO across the privatised rail industry which was steeped in male imagery from Stephenson's Rocket through the Fat Controller in Thomas the Tank Engine stories and burley men driving monstrous smoke belching steam engines. In the 80s there were still times when passengers refused to board a train that had a woman driver.

Arriving at her first board meeting with the heads of all the rail companies she was mistaken for someone to serve the coffee. She summed up all her courage to face these men down.

"No, you are mistaken. I'm the CEO of the Rail Industry Training Council. Mine's black please with one sugar."

"I didn't make the same mistake again of wearing a dark trouser suit as I looked too much like the men. I learned that I had to stand out from the crowd so I always wear something pink."

Dealing with union leader Jimmy Knapp and government minister John Prescott MP was part and parcel of the job, receiving tremendous industry and government recognition during the seven years she was in charge.

The Paddington rail crash caused Jackie to review her life. She normally used that train but was on holiday. For the last thirteen years she has run her own company in Reading called the Ironing Lady with a sister business the Cleaning Ladies, with twenty two staff and seven vans. She was the Sue Ryder Business Woman of the Year 2013 and in 2016 was winner of Barclays Bank south England heat of the Female Entrepreneur Icon Category. There are few men who could achieve what Jackie Chappell has done.

See www.probusbasingstoke.webs.com for more information about the Probus Club.

Basingstoke Civil Service Retirement Fellowship

At the meeting held on 5th April the Chairman, David Cowling, welcomed 52 members and said how pleasing it was to see many people who had been absent for a few months. The Secretary, Tony Brazier, gave details of the forthcoming trips to Exbury Gardens on Tuesday 9th May and Waddesdon Manor on Thursday 15th June after which the Welfare Officer, Christine Broadbent gave her up-to-date report.

This month's speaker was Mel Rees who gave a very humorous, amusing and light-hearted look at life including snobbery, the over-stated and self-delusions of those who control our everyday lives and children who won't leave home. He gave an account of being born in 1947 and living in

Battersea, South London, until he was 21 years of age. Despite being a train spotter he eventually met a girl who he married and they moved to Ash Vale, Surrey, where he continues to live. He is the father of three children but having managed to get rid of two is still looking for any suggestions for disposal of the third which would be greatly appreciated. After writing his first semi-autobiographical book in 1989 (written under the pseudonym Anthony Mann) he was unable to find a publisher so took the bull by the horns and decided to create "Trouser Press" which has so far published 6 of his books - "Brought to Book - My Family and Other Setbacks!", "Brought to Book Too - That's Life!", "And Another Thing I

Meant to Say.....!"; "You'll Never Believe It But.....!" , "A Funny Thing Happened On The Way.....!" and his most recent one "Last Mann Standing".

The next meeting is on 3rd May when the speaker will be Jackie Bond on the "Alexander Technique". 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. The year's programme and further details about meetings can be obtained from the Secretary Tony Brazier on 01256 418770 or at bjmapbr@ntlworld.com and if you would like to join us on any of our trips please contact Kate Lambeth on 01256 328791.

David Cowling



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Wife of 39 years fails divorce appeal

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This was highlighted in a recent case that went all the way up to the Court of Appeal in London.

It involved a woman called Tini Owens, who wanted to divorce her multimillionaire husband of 39 years, Hugh Owens.

Mrs Owens had asked the Court of Appeal to overturn a Family Court ruling which refused to grant her a divorce last year.

The Family Court had heard that Mrs Owens felt the marriage had broken down, but Mr Owens did not agree as he said they still had a "few years" to enjoy.

The judge felt the facts set out in support of the application for the divorce were not sufficient to show that the marriage had broken down irretrievably. He thought the allegations, that the husband had been "insensitive" and "mistrustful," were either not proven or were "of a kind to be expected in a marriage."

The decision means Mrs Owens will have to remain married, although after five years of

separation she would be eligible for a divorce, even if her husband still objects to this.

You may well ask what do you need in order for a divorce to be granted?

In general, the person who wants the divorce must show that the marriage has broken down irretrievably and must prove this by establishing one of five grounds.

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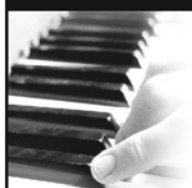
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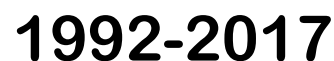
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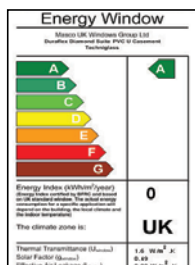
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