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Letters to the Editor:

Bill Breakspear - just saying

Is it me or has Manor Road become a perpetual building site? It seems that every week we have building work going on, whether it's converting a bungalow into a two storey house, or demolishing an old house and building several houses on the plot, the building activity continues apace. I've nothing against progress and the updating of properties but the sight and sound of builders vehicles and the continual building work seems almost endless but I guess in the long term the investment in properties will be good for all residents in the road.

With the opening of the new pub restaurant, The Dragonfly, in Popley, I wonder what effect, if any, it will have on The Swan? It'll be interesting to compare the menu's, quality of food and service between Marston's who own The Dragonfly and Greene King who own The Swan. So with cutlery at the ready let battle commence, and let us look forward to the reviews. I must say whenever I drive pass The Dragonfly the car park always looks full.

Why, having invested so much in refurbishing and modernising the Post Office in London Street has it now been closed and transferred to the back of WH Smith in The Malls? The review and consultation process undertaken by the Post Office seemed nothing more than a PR stunt designed to tick a box, the decision had probably already been made. So we end up with staff redundancies and an inferior post office tucked away at the back of the worst retailer in the town centre, (according to the recent Which consumer survey) - what a result! It seems like another example of a large organisation putting profits put before people.

Has our town centre ever had so many barber shops? In recent times many new barber shops have opened, the majority seem to be Turkish. What is going on? Are men going to the barbers more often and are they more choosy about who they go to? Ironically we also see more men nowadays adopting the 'shaved head look' which I would have thought doesn't require the services of a barber!

With Indian, Thai, Chinese, French, Italian, Japanese sushi and American-style burger restaurants, Asian nail bars, and Turkish barbers we are truly becoming a multi-national town.

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Future Events

July 2019

1	Pelican Film Society, Green Book , The Ark, Guests welcome £6	7.30pm
2	Women's Fellowship, Outing	
6	Tadley Rock Choir, Mortimer Fun Day	
6	Tadley Singers Summer Concert, Pamber Heath Memorial Hall	7.30pm
8	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	9.30-11.00am
11	Hungerford Rock Choir, Hungerford Arts Festival	7.30pm
13	Tadley Rock Choir, Guide Dogs for the Blind Open Day, Burghfield	
15	B/S Horticultural Society, Visit, TBA, Tel: 01256 466281	7.30pm
22	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	9.30-11.00am
17	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion. (Planning meeting 7pm)	7.30pm

August 2019

5	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	9.30-11.00am
6	Women's Fellowship, Learn about the Lions, SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
19	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	9.30-11.00am
19	B/S Horticultural Society, Current Trends & Varieties in the Bulb World, Kempshott VH, visitors £3	7.30pm

September 2019

2	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	9.30-11.00am
2	Pelican Film Society, Kontiki , The Ark, Guests welcome £6	7.30pm
3	Women's Fellowship, Mission Aviation Fellowship: Flying for Life, Harvest Tea, SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
7	Monk Sherborne Fete and Horticultural Competition, Monk Sherborne Village Hall	2pm – 5pm
14-21	Sherborne St John Scarecrow Competition	
16	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	9.30-11.00am
18	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion. (Planning meeting 7pm)	7.30pm
16	B/S Horticultural Society, Growing Flowers for Cutting, Nikki Roberts, Kempshott VH, visitors £3	7.30pm
21	Artisan Market, Sherborne St John Village Hall	11.00am–3.00pm
21	SSJ Scarecrow Trail and Prize Giving	
28	Alice Fowler Talk on Gardening in Autumn & Winter + Supper for Ungureni Trust. SSJ Village Hall	7.00pm
30	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	9.30-11.00am

October 2019

1	Women's Fellowship, Beyond Machu Picchu, SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
4	Royal British Legion Dinner, Tickets £27 Open to all. zen167364@zen.co.uk	7pm
5 - 31	Basingstoke Art Club Exhibition at The Sainsbury Gallery, The Willis Museum, Free Entry	10.00am – 5.00pm
14	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	9.30-11.00am
21	B/S Horticultural Society, Canada, Alaska & the Butchart Gardens, J Carter, Kempshott VH,	7.30pm
28	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	9.30-11.00am
23	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion. (Planning meeting 7pm)	7.30pm

November 2019

1 - 9	Basingstoke Art Club Exhibition at The Sainsbury Gallery, The Willis Museum, Free entry	10.00am – 5.00pm
5	Women's Fellowship, Five Generations of the British Raj, SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm
9	Artisan Market, Sherborne St John Village Hall	11.00am–3.00pm
11	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	9.30-11.00am
11	Royal British Legion, 11.11.11 service at SSJ War Memorial	10.45am
18	B/S Horticultural Society, AGM followed by Cheese & Wine, Kempshott VH, Tel: 01256 466281	7.30pm
25	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning at SSJ Village Hall ALL VERY WELCOME	9.30-11.00am

Church Matters July

Some things that ought to be easy turn out to be quite hard to do, or hard to start. Bungee jumping should be really easy to start: all you need to do is take one small step. But the thought of a one hundred foot drop down a sheer canyon with just a giant elastic band to stop you from going splat at the bottom is more than enough to stop me from starting.

Children find taking that first step towards tidying their bedroom immensely difficult. They know they've got to do it and given their notion of tidying is often little more than scooping up the piles of toys, laundry and crisp packets littering their floor and then hiding them under the bed, it is difficult to understand why they just don't get on and do it – but they don't. Or at least, my children never did (and still don't).

Sometimes you may feel as though you just don't know how to start something. I feel that way about jigsaws – faced with hundreds of pieces each with only a fragment of a picture, I simply do not know how or where to start. Jenny,

my wife, on the other hand, knows exactly how to start and within minutes has many different piles of sorted pieces ready to turn chaos into order. Starting can be difficult for any number of reasons and each of us will have different reasons for the different things we struggle to begin doing.

Over the past few weeks many of you will have seen adverts on buses or posters around churches with 2 simple words on them – Try Praying. I was surprised by research which revealed that 27 million adults in the UK say they pray, of whom 10 million say they pray regularly. Even amongst those who say they are not religious 20% say they do pray and half of all those who pray believe God hears their prayers. And yet, we all find praying difficult. So how do we start praying?

Well, just as the posters and adverts on buses suggest – Try Praying. Praying is nothing more and nothing less than speaking to God. We all speak to our friends and members of our family and others as easily and naturally as breathing. We tell our confidantes what is troubling us; we share experiences, our sorrows and our hopes with our friends. Sometimes we will rail at them and complain about injustices – and good friends will listen patiently. All of those emotions and experiences can be shared with God in prayer – we can take our troubles to Him just as easily as our joys, for we have a God who delights to hear our prayers. Whether you are a believer or a non-believer, try praying.

Christians can struggle with prayer, perhaps like someone struggling with a jigsaw. There will be times when

Christians cannot make sense of things, they cannot see the completed picture because of the mess in front of them and so don't know how to start bringing that situation before God. Non-believers might approach prayer like someone contemplating a bungee jump. Beginning a prayer when you have not been inside a church for years might seem daunting – taking that first step can be the hardest thing in the world to do.

Whether we're a Christian or not we can all question whether God really is listening? Or we ask "can God really be interested in my petty prayers"? In both these situations the answer is the same: Try Praying. Beginning a prayer can be difficult but it can also transform your life. If a prayer is heartfelt God hears it – he wants to be in a personal relationship with you. So, try praying. And if you don't know how to start praying, seek out someone you know who is a Christian and ask them to pray with you.

One of my favourite passages in Scripture comes from Paul's letter to the Philippians, the 6th and 7th verses of chapter 4 which say *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.* Try praying.

Andy Spence

for Sherbornes with Pamber Ministry

Services for July

07 July

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

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

21 July

10am	Morning Service & Children's activity	St Andrew's
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28 July

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

07 July	Nicodemus	John 3: 1-21	To be advised
17 July	Redeemed and Restored	Ruth 4:1-22	Warren Trask & Mike Browning
21 July	The gospel from Ruth	Ruth:4-18-22 & Matthew 1:6-16	Warren Trask
28 July	To Eternity & Beyond		Warren Trask

MIDWEEK

Home Groups meet on the weeks of Monday 1st & 15th July.

We meet for our **Central prayer meeting** on a Sunday morning at 9am in the Parish Room,
except for school holidays.

Services for August

04 August

10am	Family Service	St Andrew's
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11 August

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

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

10am	Morning service for all	St Andrew's
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01 September

10am	Family Communion	St Andrew's
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AUGUST SERMONS

01 August	Widow of Nain	Luke 7:11-17	Steve Howe
11 August	Rich Young Ruler	Mark 10:17-27	Warren Trask
18 August	Pharisees	Matthew 22:15-22	Andy Spence
25 August	Cleopas	Luke 24:13-34	Warren Trask

Ranil Jayawardena MP



Protecting our environment

With summer around the corner, many of us will be spending a lot more time outdoors, enjoying the beautiful countryside that we are so lucky to have here in North East Hampshire. I really believe we live in a special part of our green and pleasant land, and that's exactly how I want to keep it.

I take conservation very seriously, which is why I founded the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Endangered Species when I was first elected in 2015. But, closer to home, one of the more obvious ways we can protect our environment is to recycle as much as possible. This is an area where local councils can step in to make things

easier for people, but we all have a personal responsibility to act.

Glass is something which should never end up going to landfill, because it is so easy to recycle and there is a big market out there for recycled glass, so I was delighted when the council started offering large red bins for glass, for a small one-off fee, as an addition to the crates it provides for free. This is good news for everyone planning a barbecue, as it makes storing and getting rid of glass waste so much easier!

Of course, despite what you might hear, the work never stops in Westminster either. Last month, HM Government announced that plastic straws, drinks stirrers, and plastic-stemmed cotton

buds would be banned in England from April 2020. There's a need for plastic in some situations, but so often there are perfectly good – and more environmentally friendly – alternatives.

But I'm eager to hear from you. What more do you think councils and governments can do? Are you prepared to pay more or change your lifestyle to do it? Email me to: email@ranil.uk or come to one of my regular 'Tell Ranil' events. Details, as ever, are available on my website.

MONK SHERBORNE VILLAGE HALL 50/50

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AND THE WINNERS ARE... Jim and Susie Knight !

CONGRATULATIONS TO Jim and Susie WHO WIN £245



AND THANKS TO EVERYONE ELSE FOR TAKING PART

Roman Catholic Services (Tel: 819772)

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

Weekday Mass

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

* Time & Venue could vary

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PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH MATTERS

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on 15th May 2019 followed immediately by the Ordinary meeting..

Cllr Morgan gave the Chairman's report, Cllr Davies the Treasurer's report and Cllr Rougier a report on the Chute Sports & Recreation facilities. The full reports are on the website. Cllr Morgan was re elected as Chairman and all the other Councillors agreed to continue in their 2018/19 roles.

There has been no information about the Rydon Homes Cranes Road site – whether they will build or sell on to another developer.

The HCC Lengthsman scheme starts again for 2019/20 year so if you have any items you feel might be able to be tackled under this scheme please e mail me on clerk@sherbornestjohn-pc.gov.uk.

TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Again the situation with buses to the Village was raised and the message is if it is not used then there is a possibility

that the service could be cut or at least severely restricted.

Unfortunately we are still waiting for HCC to carry out the A340 road improvements despite regular reminders.

ALLOTMENTS

There is one vacant plot and it is hoped this will filled soon. All the allotment sites look in excellent condition.

CHUTE PAVILION

As reported at the AGM the Chute Facilities are in good condition and the income generated by the various users and hirers has been sufficient to cover running costs and to start to build a reserve for any more major needs as the Pavilion is now over 20 years old. The extensive new drainage will hopefully be carried out next May 2020 and will then guarantee the use of the grounds for many years to come. The aim of the Parish Council is to maintain the facilities and area for all to use while trying hard to keep charges and costs down to ensure maximum local use for all sports groups and community events and parties.

The new licences are nearly ready for all the main users to sign and these will regularise the use various groups rent each year and any responsibilities they need to undertake in order to keep rentals as low as possible.

Having finished the Village Green the Contractors will now carry out the

necessary work on the Recreation ground trees removing dead trees and pruning where necessary.

VILLAGE GREEN

Many will have noticed that the new barriers have been erected around the Village Green to stop unauthorised access and they look very good. With the trees having been dealt with new trees will be planted to replace those that were cut down as dead or diseased.

FINANCE

The Parish Clerk reported that the Finances were good & sufficient for all items identified in the budgets and as agreed by the Parish Council paid for the Jazz band and Magician at the Village Hall fete as there was no Council event this year.

PLANNING

The following planning applications were discussed at the meeting.

The new dates for the Parish Meeting are below, all parishioners are welcome to attend and if you have any issues to raise please e mail me on clerk@sherbornestjohn-pc.gov.uk

The Planning Committee supplied the following report to the Parish Clerk for inclusion as an addendum to the minutes of the main meeting. Details to be sent to Cllr Robinson for information.

Application no	Address	Description of work	Actions
19/00293/HSE	7 Manor Road	Removal of existing carport & erection of new double garage	Parish Council wish to object because it is in front of the building line
19/01215/HSE	Beaurepaire House	Rebuild north & south pedestrian bridges	No objections
19/00539/FUL	30 Manor Road	Amendment	Councillors asked Parish Clerk for copies of plans re amendments before any decisions
T/00192/19/TCA T/00220/19/TCA	9 West End St Andrews Church, Church Lane		No comments

PLEASE NOTE BELOW THE CHANGE TO PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR THE REST OF 2019 – STILL HELD AT CHUTE PAVILION

July	WEDNESDAY 17th
August	No meeting
September	WEDNESDAY 18th

October	WEDNESDAY 23rd
November	WEDNESDAY 20th
December	WEDNESDAY 18th

Meetings start at 7.30.p.m. Planning at 7.00p.m before the meeting at Chute Pavilion Vyne Road

I would also like to thank Terry Buller and Jane Brind for their help and support to ensuring the well being of the Parish

Penny Mayo, Parish Clerk

Pamber Parish Council

Open Forum

A parishioner requested that the wooden crosses placed beside the bench in Pamber Park be removed for safe-keeping. The Chairman said he would remove them himself. A parishioner raised the question of the No.14 bus service and suggested that Stagecoach be approached to amend the route of the No.2 perhaps once per hour to pass through Little London, Silchester and Pamber Heath. It was agreed that support should be sought from Silchester and the County Councillor be made aware of the suggestion.

Public Participation

A representative of Fowler Architecture spoke and answered questions about application 19/01091/FUL, Pamber Farm, Bramley Road.

Planning

19/01091/FUL, Pamber Farm, Bramley Road. A full discussion took place and the Council voted to make no objection.

T/00224/19/TPO, 45, Jubilee Close. The Council agreed to raise no objection

Decisions

19/00898/HSE. Fairacre, Bramley Road - granted

19/00809/ROC, Brooklands, New Road - granted

19/00797/LDEU. The Old Rick Yard, Aldermaston Road - refused

19/00394/LBC. Wigmore Farm, Aldermaston Road - granted

Finance

It was agreed to make a grant of £1,500 to St. Stephens Hall to help with expenditure for the financial year 2019/20.

Neighbourhood Plan

A report was presented by Councillor Greaves and Councillors were invited to attend a meeting with a Borough Council officer on 20th June to discuss the Local Plan and its potential impact on the Neighbourhood Plan.

Speedwatch

A report was presented by Councillor Greaves and it was agreed to fund four 2-way radios and six hi-viz tabards.

War Horse Walk

Councillor Greaves reported that a 5 kilometre walk is planned for 24th August to raise funds for charity. The Council backed the plan and agreed to cover any shortfall in the cost of medals for participants. £650 has already been pledged by Englefield Estate and AWE.

Website

The current website was discussed and it was agreed that alternative platforms be investigated. Councillor Mrs Tyson will report at the September meeting.

Highway Matters

The Clerk reported that she will be meeting a Highways Engineer later this month to look at the roads, in particular the A340. The Chairman and other Councillors expressed an interest in attending this meeting. Councillor Greaves had received an email from the Highways Department saying that they have agreed a new layout for the A340/Bramley Road junction but had provided no details.

Borough Councillor Reports

Councillor Simon Mahaffey introduced himself and gave a brief description of his duties as our new Borough Councillor.

Reports from Parish Council Representatives

It was agreed to accept a quotation for £998 to install a height restriction barrier at Pamber Heath Memorial Hall to prevent illegal occupation of the car park and grounds.

Bert's Blog

Well we made it across the Chanel without having to wear the muggle, I mean the muzzle!

I have been practising my swimming since but definitely not when the Boss is fishing. Here you can see I have been in for a wee dip but the Boss has now brought out his sticks and boxes of worms and maggots which he reliably informs me are not for eating – except for the fish. I keep a close eye on him in case some bread appears from his box of tricks or better still some dog biscuits although we have a running argument regarding whether this is fish food or

dog food. He insists that if it is at the lake it is fish food. He also has an elastic launcher which he fills with 'fish' food and propels it across the water. I saw him do this and thought it was a new game to test my retrieving abilities and launched myself into the water to catch the arc of food floating on top. After doggy paddling around for ten minutes with my mouth open like a Hoover I was persuaded to come out and sit on the bank whereby he explained that I should not chase the biscuits when they were in the water as they had now become 'fish food'. I have heard of magic but that was ridiculous and along the lines of when

the Mrs arrives from upstairs to go out with the Boss dressed in yet another new outfit only to tell the Boss she has had it for ages and found it in the back of the wardrobe. He didn't believe her and I don't believe him. Dog biscuits are dog biscuits, my nose does not deceive me and fish should stick to worms and maggots! It's a dog's life but someone has to live it.

To read my past antics see:
Bertsdogblog.blogspot.com



Pamber Green, Pamber End and Little London notes

Lack of rain has definitely not been an issue of late though this hasn't had too much of an adverse effect on forest walks as they had previously been so dry. The impact of the widely varying weather has had some most unusual effects on gardens. I have been particularly struck with how widespread and beautiful ceanothus bushes have been of late. Their vibrant blue blossom has been so prolific and stunning. However, my well established magnolia tree is largely devoid of leaves. There is a small clump at the top and the buds on the remainder of the tree seem to be well formed but, despite the passing weeks, the buds will not flourish. Is it just the buds that have perished or the whole tree? Time will tell.

April Pamber Parish Council minutes reveal that a 'Visions and Objectives' document and Youth Engagement strategy were presented at the March Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meeting. A more in-depth questionnaire will be compiled based on the initial research from the community engagement events and the group will work on policies and proposals. A long list of aspirations was forthcoming from these engagement events. Some of these were not related to Neighbourhood planning and will be investigated further to determine whether there is a real need. Village gates for Little London have been ordered and will be installed upon delivery. New ward boundaries have been confirmed by the Boundary Commission and will come into effect in May 2020. This will result in Pamber

Parish being split across two wards, 'Bramley' and 'Tadley and Pamber', and there will be three borough councillors in each ward. A site survey of St. Stephens Hall, Little London has been carried out although the results are awaited. AWE has agreed to fund a Speed Indicator Device for the Speedwatch initiative and quotes have been obtained to determine the best option. The next Parish Council meeting will be on 8th July in St Stephen's Village Hall, Little London.

Priory School, Pamber End will hold their Summer Celebration on Saturday 22/6/19 between 1pm and 4pm. There is a barbecue, refreshments, plant sale, variety of stalls, bouncy castle, crafts, face painting and raffle. No entrance fee but donations would be much appreciated.

A number of fly tipping incidents have been reported in North East Hants recently. These are very large tips, and contain part processed material that appears to be from (or going to) a recycling or processing centre. It also seems that the rubbish might contain sharps or hospital materials, thus representing a significant danger to children, walkers and residents as a whole. Both the Borough Council and the Environment Agency are investigating and it is hoped that the culprit will be discovered and prosecuted. Please report sightings of any out of the ordinary vehicles in the area that might be carrying this type of waste.

A busy time is looming for concerts by local choirs. Saturday 6th July 2019 at

7.30 pm will see Tadley Singers perform their Summer Concert at Pamber Heath Memorial Hall. The performance will include a number of new songs in their repertoire and will be in aid of the ARK Charity. Tadley Rock Choir will also be performing on 6th July 2019 but in the afternoon at Mortimer Music Festival. They will follow this on Saturday 13th July 2019 with a performance at the Guide Dogs for the Blind Open Day at Burghfield. Hungerford Rock Choir will be performing at the Hungerford Arts Festival on Thursday 11th July 2019 commencing at 7:30pm. As usual all of these are charitable events.

Each month, ten copies of the Villager will be placed in the Little London book exchange in the old telephone box in Beach's Crescent for parishioners to take and read. Should you or anyone else wish to receive your own electronic copy of the Villager please email the editorial team at villagermagazine@gmail.com

Local wildlife expert Dr Paul Sterry publishes a blog about our local natural surroundings - <https://nplsecondnature.com/category/pamber-nature-notes/> HIWWT are planning a walk on 24/7/19 in Pamber Forest and Silchester Common from 7.30pm to dusk. It is hoped to see and hear nightjars and bats and see late summer fauna and flora. Meet at Impstone Road, Pamber Heath, Tadley, RG26 3EQ.

Ann Ellis
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Neighbourhood Watch – Sherborne St John

SPRING CLOSE and THE SEVERALS

We had announced that we would be canvassing residents to sign up to the existing scheme now that we have a new Co-ordinator, Jane Bechelet. However, this activity was delayed by unforeseen circumstances and is now clashing with holidays. We now hope to get going in late July, we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

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The member canvassing here has been delayed due to a health reason, we will keep you advised.

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Changes to council's bin collections

Rubbish, recycling and garden waste collections in Basingstoke and Deane are set to change as part of a move to improve bin collection routes to make them more efficient and environmentally friendly.

Working with Serco, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council is changing waste, recycling and garden waste collections to reduce the distances bin trucks are travelling, revise the routes to incorporate new homes in the area and simplify collections for some residents so their glass and recycling is collected on the same day.

The changes will be introduced from Monday 22 July and will mean that over half of Basingstoke and Deane's homes will see a change to the day or week their waste and recycling is collected. Nearly all of the garden waste customers across the borough will be affected. Those residents remaining on the same collection day may have a change to their collection time, therefore bins need to be put out by 7am.

The waste bins will continue to be collected weekly and recycling and glass

collections will remain a fortnightly service. Those people signed up to the garden waste service will continue to have their bins and bags collected every two weeks.

The council will send a leaflet to all Basingstoke and Deane residents in early July to advise of any changes to their existing waste and recycling service. Garden waste customers will receive a separate leaflet.

Information on the new collections will also be available on the council's website www.basingstoke.gov.uk/bin-changes from Monday 1 July. Updates will also be provided on its social media channels.

The borough council's Cabinet Member for Environment and Enforcement Cllr Hayley Eachus said: "Working with our contractor Serco we have been looking at how we can improve the efficiency of the bin collection routes, simplify collections for some of our residents and ensure we are prepared for new homes in the borough.

"By revising the routes our bin trucks currently take and changing the days or weeks some residents receive their collections, we can achieve all of these benefits while also retaining a weekly waste and fortnightly recycling collection."

Cllr Eachus added: "I appreciate these changes may be confusing at first as we are all in the habit of putting our bins out on a certain day, but we will do everything we can to minimise the impact of these changes and keep residents informed."

Serco's Transformation Director Duncan Hadland said: "These changes will also ensure that the workload is more equally spread across all of the crews, who have been fully involved in the process. Their local knowledge has been invaluable with the fine-tuning of the rounds and I would like to thank them for all of their help and support."

For more information about bin changes in Basingstoke and Deane please visit www.basingstoke.gov.uk/bin-changes

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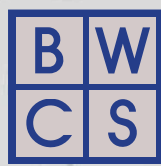
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A large piece (of very many) of honeycomb.

We try to ensure that all bees are removed before a service, but on 12th June we had an elderly visiting vicar who, in the middle of the service was stung on his thigh by a bee that had crawled up inside his trouser leg! I had noticed that he had suddenly gone into the vestry for a brief time. After the service he came up to me and apologised for 'murdering a bee'.



Site of the primary colony.

large colony – the largest they had ever encountered.

The object was to remove the colony with as little damage to the bees as possible; this was done by using a vacuum cleaner to suck out the bees and blow them into a large empty, darkened box with a gauze top to provide air. This continued for some hours!

It was the largest bee colony that Ken and Neil had ever been confronted with. The actual nest spread for twelve feet

amongst the rafters; Ken's estimate of the total bee population was about 180,000. And then they found a second colony a few feet further up the roof with an estimated 30,000 bees – probably the product of a swarm from the primary colony. This colony, too, was extracted with the bonus of actually capturing a fine queen bee. The honeycomb, honey and brood were all removed. For quite some time the air all around will be severely flavoured with the scent of honey and wax and will attract all the local bee population to scavenge the last vestiges.

And then we found a third colony at the other end of the church!!!!

David Cullum

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At the time of writing (early June) it is cold and wet, and does not feel like the Summer Term at all! Hopefully the weather will clear in time for Sports Day later this month, and also for the Hampshire Games where our school teams are representing Basingstoke at tennis and tri-golf.

We are also hoping for good weather when the infants have their trip to Marwell Zoo. Their project this term is named 'Paws & Places' and they are focussing on the different habitats around the world.

The children in Class 3 have been looking at a much more local habitat as part of their Guardianship project with the Vyne. In June, groups of children

studied insects and went pond dipping, and the whole class will have a Summer Walk in the Vyne Woods to see the contrast from their Winter expedition.

Meanwhile all the Juniors are once again learning lines, songs and dances for our Summer Production: Disney's Mulan. We are winding the clock back to ancient China – the Huns have invaded and it is up to Mulan and her mischievous sidekick Mushu, the dragon, to save the Emperor! Before the days of equality, Mulan cannot join the army so has to disguise herself as a man in order to enlist as a soldier – with interesting results! In order to fully enter into the spirit of the production, we have spent time looking at the history and culture

of China and, of course, trying some Chinese food! From oriental fans to chopsticks, and from Chinese lanterns to terracotta warriors – we've tried our hands at everything!

As the term draws to a close, it is time to say a sad farewell to our Year 6 pupils. They attended the Leavers Service at Winchester Cathedral, and there will be a special end of term service at St Andrew's Church; then on the final day of term their last act at SSJ School will be to ring the school bell. Good luck to all of you at your secondary schools – come back and see us soon!

Have a great Summer!

Sherbert – SSJ School Villager Correspondent

The Clift Surgery Patient Participation Group: What is it??

If you visited the surgery in early June you would have noticed some bunting outside and a lot of enthusiastic PPG members within its walls asking questions and exploring opinions and ideas from willing patients in the waiting rooms. Nationally we were celebrating Patient Participation Group Awareness Week when across the country, efforts were being made to advertise all the good work that PPGs do in their communities.

Our PPG is a voluntary group of The Clift Surgery patients who act as representatives of our patient population voice in holding the surgery to account for the services we provide, give direction to any changes needed to our service following survey or patient concerns and also act as a conduit to inform the Clift surgery community of

surgery news and changes. What have they achieved so far? We have instigated a "Walk for Health" every Wednesday evening for all fitness levels starting 6.30pm at the surgery that is increasingly popular, the PPG board in the corridor and waiting room changes display with healthy eating recipes and advice, the artwork in the corridors is co-ordinated by the PPG, and they have been instrumental in supporting the surgery through tricky planning affecting the car park and potentially the accessibility of the surgery for all patients.

You will appreciate that communication has been a weak point from the surgery and has led to a lot of stress for you all in understanding changes to appointments systems, and development of links with Chineham and Whitewater surgeries in forming our Whitewater Loddon

network. This will provide additional community based services like the paediatric clinic we presently host, and changes in staff. The PPG are involved in helping to create a newsletter by which we can digitally send to all patients willing to receive this to keep you all more abreast of news and developments.

The hope of the surgery is that all patient ages and groups be involved in the PPG so we have a truly representative group. If you are interested in giving occasional support, or being a full member please contact any of the PPG members whose details are posted on the PPG board in the surgery or contact our reception team.

Dr Roisin Ward

Royal British Legion Bramley & District Branch



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I am pleased to announce that on Sunday 21st July 2019, during the 10:30 church service at St James Church in Bramley, the Royal British Legion Bramley Branch Standard will be laid up, and the New Branch Standard will be blessed. Two years ago a formal request was made to the Royal British Legion to merge the Bramley Branch with Sherborne St John and Stratfield Saye Branches to form the Bramley

and District Branch. With approval received, and due to some very generous donations, we are now blessed with a new Standard for our Branch. The new standard also incorporates the "Ypres Scroll" to commemorate the Branch's presence at the Great Pilgrimage 90 in Ypres in 1918.

All friends and members of the Royal British Legion would be welcome to join us for the Blessing of the New Standard at St James Church in July.

Our Vice Chairman, Rhydian Vaughan, is planning a visit for the Branch to the

Normandy Battlefields towards the end of August. We hope that many others, including those with children can join us too.

Two other events coming up are the next Branch Meeting on Tuesday 10th September and the Branch Annual Dinner on Friday 4th October in Sherborne St John Village Hall. I hope to see many of you at one of these events.

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The Ungureni Trust



It is now nearly thirty years since the original team from Basingstoke travelled to Bacau to give support and care to the 170 handicapped children who were living in squalor and poverty at the Ungureni Orphanage. The children were always wearing old torn clothes and kept on their beds. At mealtimes they were fed by the overworked carer with the only spoon for all the children in the room. It was originally planned that the team would stay for about six weeks but it quickly became apparent that more helpers were needed for considerably more time. Over the next few weeks and months there were big changes with improvements to the building with more staff and better food and clothing and the Ungureni Orphanage was registered as a charity. Many families in Romania abandoned their children leaving them to be looked after by the State. Some of these children were adopted, others were moved to other orphanages, special schools or foster homes.

Miorita Homes The Ungureni Trust had three houses built with a farm near Ungureni Village for 36 of the older children, who had been living in the orphanage, to give them a long term home and the opportunity to be taught about farming. This has been a great success and the farm goes from strength to strength. It has now been taken over by the Romanians

Minerva Homes Two other homes have been built for the younger children in the town of Buhusi. At first this appeared

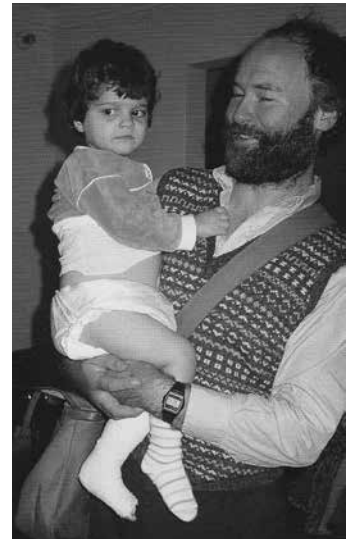
to be a good idea, but it became apparent that the teaching was poor and the children were not being integrated into the school or local life. They were therefore moved into three flats in Bacau where the schools were much better. The 20 or so young people who were HIV positive, due to infected needles, were moved into the Minerva houses where, with help from the staff, they learnt to look after their own health. Sadly one boy died but the others are all doing well and are all living independently.

Play therapy The Ungureni Trust introduced play therapy for the younger inpatients in the hospital but now all the children's wards have fun playing every afternoon with the play therapist. The Trust also supported the paediatricians with new medical equipment.

Milcov Project In the last 15 Years the Ungureni Trust undertook the full responsibility of the remaining 12 children (8 boys & 4 girls) who have been living in the three flats in Milcov Road Bacau. The staff supervised their education, health and general care. Dana Condrea, the Ungureni Manager, has been a substitute mother. Eight of them have now reached adulthood at the age of 18. Some are working overseas while others are living nearby and they contact the staff if they need help. The other four are aged between 14 and 17 years old and are still in the care of the Ungureni Trust, two in High School and two in Vocational School. In 2021 there will only be one boy left, Daniel. He is



In September 1990 there seemed little hope for Elena, but look at her in September 1991!



planning on studying architecture when he graduates from High School. Until then the Ungureni Trust is going to continue to need financial support for the children. They are very grateful for the generous help they have had over the past thirty years which has enabled the Trust to help and support many children over the years.

Judith Darmady

Tea at 3 throughout the summer

With summer in full swing, it's the perfect time to think about hosting your very own Tea at 3 event in support of St. Michael's Hospice. There are so many ways to get involved over the summer months including hosting a coffee morning, garden party, tea dance or teddy bears picnic!

Since launching in 2011, St. Michael's Hospice Tea at 3 events have raised over

£57,000. This has allowed the Hospice to deliver care to 11 patients on the in-patient unit for the average length of stay which is 10 days. If you would like to make a difference to local patients and their families, please contact Lynne Grimshaw on 01256 848845 or email lynne.grimshaw@stmichaelshospice.org.uk and she will be happy to help.



Women's Fellowship

Our June Speaker was Ann Sevier who was returning to tell us more about the New Forest, where she and her forebears have been commoners for thirteen generations. Many of us had also seen Ann in the Channel 4 TV series, 'A Year in the New Forest' and she told us that when first asked to take part she had thought 'how hard could it be?' She ended up giving up at least one day a week for a whole year to the filming but as a result she and others were successful in ensuring that the film was not touristy but showed the real Forest. All this meant she was always being asked for selfies and her Facebook page is well used. She is now a member of the New Forest National Park Authority, New Forest District Councillor for the Fordingbridge ward and Chair of Hyde Parish Council.

Having brought us up to date, Ann started on her talk, 'The New Forest: History and Ecology from Ice Age to National Park'. Before the Ice Age the area of the New Forest, as far north as Salisbury, was under the sea, which explains the presence of seashells in the higher parts of the Forest. Soils are sand and gravel without the depth of top soil elsewhere. The plants that grew on this badly-drained and low-lying ground were the same as they are now, often those of wetland and seashore. Mesolithic arrowheads can be found and there was a Bronze Age barrow which was removed after WWII. Iron Age farmers left their mark and the Romans pushed a road

through but did not settle. The Normans, with their capital in Winchester wanted hunting lodges within a day's ride and under the crown made it a 'New' Forest. Once the capital moved to London the Forest was largely left alone. In 1760 under George III the crown lands were handed to the Government who tried to run it for profit. The deer removal act of 1851, which was soon abandoned, led to an attempt to grow trees. The NF Association, set up in 1866, had by 1877 led to the protection of the Forest, under what is now Forestry England. Before the advent of cars the Forest was fenced with gates. Cattle came from Southampton and Portsmouth for summer grazing and ponies could wander. In 1964 the gates were replaced by cattle grids. Until 1976 no camping was allowed. The Forest became a National Park in 2005. The current CEO is Alison Barnes who knows the Forest and has to plan for a possible 15 million visitors/year, perhaps introducing yellow lines and paid parking.

Ann went on to tell us stories of how ponies will gather in a small area known as a 'haunt' and cows will leave their calves safely out of the wind. She found one pony up to its belly in a bog, but it rolled on its side, pulled its legs out and gradually got back to dry ground. Another tried to hide itself behind a telegraph pole so she could not see it, but forgot its bottom was sticking out. There was a 'neutral bog' in one of her fields

which her father said had swallowed a 12ft pole with no sign of a bottom and it was thought to be fed by a chalk spring underneath. Ann had mentioned that she had sold her cows and her fields and then said that she had been giving talks for 25 years and we were hearing her last one. She showed us slides of plants and work in the Forest. 25% of wood cut by Forestry England is left to rot. Only hardwood is planted as pine grows too quickly. Summer grazing is being re-introduced and drainage ditches removed and there are awards for restoration of habitat. Many of the plants are very rare, small and beautiful and Forestry England clears invaders such as rhododendron and ragwort and burns gorse.

There had been a good sale of ponies the week before Ann came, most of the males being sold as riding ponies. The Pony Breeding Scheme aims to achieve pure bred animals of the correct colour and 15 stallions are allowed to run with the mares for 6 weeks, to ensure all the foals are born at the right time for selling in the autumn. All males have to be off the Forest by the age of 18 months.

Ann ended by taking questions before being thanked by Jean Linford. After leaving the Hall she speedily returned, bearing a wild flower, vetchling, which she had mentioned in her talk and which she had found growing at the side of the car park.

Jenny Cullum

Hospital update

As many of you may have been aware, the Care Quality Commission, which monitors hospital performance, last year rated our Trust as 'needing improvement'. The CQC visited our three hospitals again recently. They commented on the pleasure it gave them to see the hard work, compassion and commitment of our staff. This included a pharmacist focusing on medicines management. Their overall aim was to follow up the actions identified in the improvement notice issued last summer and to see the strides we have made. The feedback

from the visit has been very positive with encouraging comments from the inspectors about the changes they have seen. Equally importantly they have not raised any other serious concerns with us. So as always we continue to aim for outstanding care for our patients.

To find out more why not attend the Trust's AGM which is open to all, being held again this year in the Ark on the Basingstoke hospital site on Tuesday 16th July? It starts at 5:30 with an exhibition with a number of displays showing off some of the latest,

and often amazing, treatments and equipment now in operation in the Trust. In addition, we governors will be in attendance and would welcome meeting you. At the AGM there is a good opportunity for members of the public to ask questions or raise concerns with the senior management team. The AGM will be followed by an interesting and entertaining talk by one of HHFT's leading clinicians Dr Kevin Conn, Consultant orthopaedic surgeon.

Keith Bunker
Local Governor

Basingstoke Male Voice Choir Concert

in aid of Alzheimers Society

Most of us have heard about the benefit that music can bring to dementia sufferers and some of you may have seen the recent TV documentary 'Dementia Choir'. As a result BMVC have decided to donate the proceeds from their **Summer Concert to Alzheimers Society** in support of dementia sufferers locally.

The concert will take place at the **United Reformed Church, London Street on Friday July 5th at 7:30pm.**

This is a great opportunity to see the Basingstoke Male Voice Choir in action and also to support a great charity locally. The choir will be aided by a guest performance from *Sound Company* – a vocal group from Farnham. The concert

will also feature some great new songs which should give a more contemporary feel to the performance

Entrance to the concert is priced at £10 and tickets can be reserved by sending an email to Basingstokemvc@outlook.com or at the door. Please come and help us donate a huge amount to charity. **Malcolm Gallani**

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Saturday	27 th July	General Knowledge Quiz Night
Saturday	24 th August	General Knowledge Quiz Night
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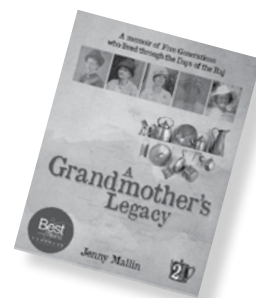
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Probud hears about A Grandmother's Legacy



Jenny Mallin, who gave a talk to the Probud Club of Basingstoke, is rightly proud of her five generations of women of British ancestry in India from the days of the Empire to the present day. Although based on her great great great grandmother's hand written recipes she has written and published a charming book which is not just a collection of cookery expertise but it encompasses the life and times of Anglo-Indians during the prime days of the Raj spanning the 19th and 20th centuries.

Army service took the first generation from Mirfield in Yorkshire to India in the late 1700s and she has established a family tree to the present day. During this time each generation of women added to the original cookbook which formed the basis of her talk. She covers

the railways which grew from 25,000 miles to over 41,000 miles with one grandfather a train driver. Another was a teacher who with the Maharaja of Mysore founded a school that today is the Mysore University, another antecedent became Postmaster General and yet another was the governess to sixteen years old Benazir Bhutto, who became prime minister of Pakistan on two occasions.

She talked about her parents marrying in the Andaman islands, the Indian expedition to Mesopotamia during World War 1, the Victorian style of dressing in the 19th century, Eventide homes in Bangalore, Poonas's military station, of hunting trips and the 1,000 miles walk back from Burma during World War 2. The Imperial Civil Service had 1000 people administering a country

of over 300 million inhabitants and many bungalows were built to house the travelling administrators. Jenny Mallin has every reason to call her book a memoir instead of a cook book, though fans of cooking will find it a treasure trove.

A practical chef she has been a tutor at many prestigious culinary centres including in our area the Newlyn's Farm Cookery School near Odiham and at Lainston House hotel near Winchester.

For more information about the Probud Club of Basingstoke, the social club for retired professional and business managers, see their web site www.probudbasingstoke.wordpress.com or phone their secretary Paul Flint on 07770 886521 for an informal chat.

Basingstoke Civil Service Retirement Fellowship

David Cowling the group's Chairman welcomed 45 members and 2 visitors to the annual open meeting held on Wednesday 5 June. The secretary, Tony Brazier, gave details of the forthcoming trips, and the Welfare Officer, Christine Broadbent, gave an update on those members who had not been well.

The speaker this month was Deborah Brady whose talk was titled "A Female in Fleet Street - My life as a former photo-journalist". She described her ambition to work in journalism which after her training took her to London to try and find employment. Her first job was with the Today newspaper after scooping a photograph of Michael Jackson arriving at Heathrow Airport to begin a tour. This quick one off picture changed her life and she entertained us with stories of her interesting workaday life - never quite knowing what would happen next. She spoke of always being at the ready to capture the images that would tell the story, complete with explanatory caption, whilst beating the deadlines along the

way. As with many situations it was a case of being in the right place at the right time, and quickly coming up with the eye catching caption to match the picture. This is not as easy as it seems as we were to discover when we were invited to do so. She also demonstrated the bulk of equipment that she, and her fellow photographers, had to carry around in their work. To do this she loaded obliging volunteer, Maggie Hatton, with all the items which were required to be at hand. These included the cameras themselves, a bag of accessories, flash guns, a telephoto lens with pole and, when it was thought no more could be carried, a step ladder!



The group's next outing is a Thames trip from Abingdon to Oxford, with lunch at the Duke of Monmouth, on Thursday 12 September. Then on Friday 11 October it is the Mystery Trip which includes elevenses, lunch and afternoon tea.

The next meeting is on 3 July when the speaker is Iain Kennedy on "The View from my Sitting Room" in which he describes Queen Victoria's view from Osborne House. The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at Brookvale Village Hall from 10am to 12noon and all retired Civil Servants, their relatives and friends are welcome. Further details about the group and information about our trips can be

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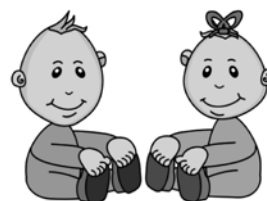
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