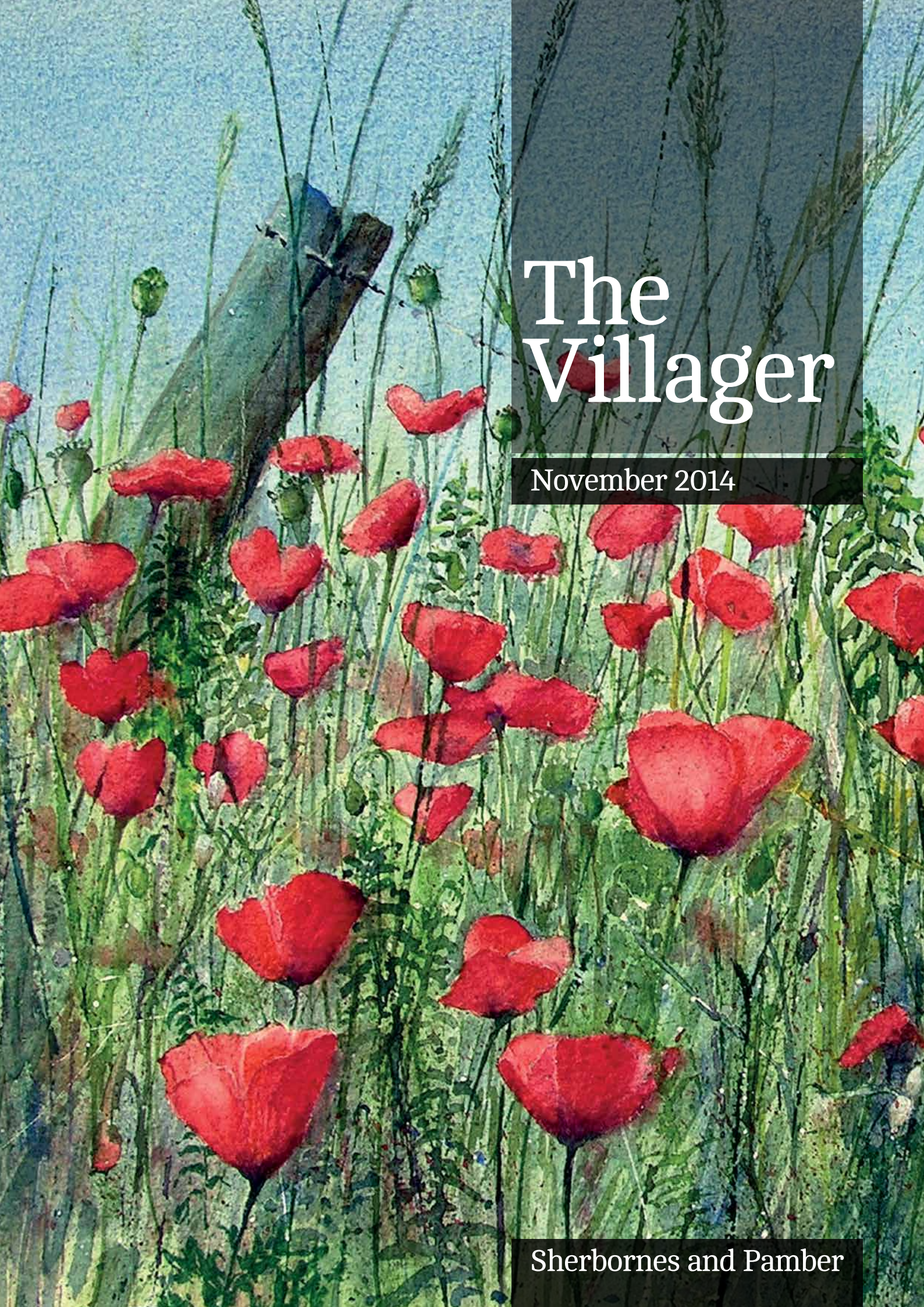




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Message from the Editor

Letter to the Editor

In the October 2014 edition of "The Villager" you state that the starting time for senior citizens bus passes has been put back 30 minutes to 9.30 a.m.

I am informed by Hampshire County Council that the start time has not been changed – you can still travel in Hampshire from 9.00 a.m. If the journey starts outside of Hampshire, including Portsmouth or Southampton, then the bus pass can be used from 9.30a.m.

Regards,
Colin Savory

Clothes Sale

£450 was raised for Cedar Tree Counselling at the 2nd hand Clothes Sale held on 11th October. Thank you to everyone who donated clothes and also to all those who came and bought some wonderful items for their wardrobe. We plan to hold another sale in the New Year... watch this space.



Lost Property

A child's zip-up LONDON IRISH track suit top has been found at the Chute Recreation Ground, near the basket-ball area. If it belongs to you or to a child you know, please contact John Edwards (Tel 01256 850507).

Macmillan Coffee Morning – the best yet!!

A massive thank you to everyone who contributed to this annual event, and to those of you who were able to join us (we would love to spread the net wider, but our house isn't big enough). Everyone was so very generous as always, and this year we banked the wonderful sum of £612 with Macmillan (with Gift Aid the total is worth a staggering £707!).

Our takings were boosted by a very generous and anonymous donation, and also £40 was donated by Cayleigh Mills of 'Simply Revive', who delighted a number of ladies with her nail painting expertise.

Here's to next year!

With grateful thanks from
John and Liz Edwards.

Julie Crawley, Editor

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Future Events

November 2014

1 & 2	Odiham Art Group Annual Art Exhibition, Robert Mayes School	10am – 5pm
3	60+ Club, Sherborne St John Village Hall. Contact 01256 850577 for transport	10am
3	Pelican Film Society The Monuments Man, Ark Conference Centre Guests welcome £5	7.30pm
4	SSJ Women's Fellowship, Musical Entertainment - A Touch of Class, SSJ Village Hall	2pm
7	MS & Dist. Horticultural Society, Illustrated supper talk, MS village hall	7.00pm
14	SSJ PC Planning Meeting, SSJ Village Hall Meeting Room, subject to cancellation T: 07714770940	7.00pm
15	SSJ Village Christmas Market, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am-1pm
17	60+ Club, Sherborne St John Village Hall. Contact 01256 850577 for transport	10am
24	SSJ PC Meeting, SSJ Village Hall (the planning committee will meet at 7pm prior to the meeting)	7.30pm
29	NSPCC Christmas Fair, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10am-4pm

December 2014

1	60+ Club, Sherborne St John Village Hall. Contact 01256 850577 for transport	10am
2	SSJ Women's Fellowship, Christmas Lunch	TBA
5	Sherborne St John C of E Primary School Christmas Fayre	5pm – 7pm
8	Pelican Film Society Sunshine on Leith, Ark Conference Centre Guests welcome £5	7.30pm
15	SSJ PC Meeting, SSJ Village Hall (the planning committee will meet at 7pm prior to the meeting)	7.30pm
15	60+ Club, Sherborne St John Village Hall. Contact 01256 850577 for transport	10am
20	SSJ Village Christmas Market, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am-1pm

January 2015

6	SSJ Women's Fellowship, To be Advised, SSJ Village Hall	2pm
12	Pelican Film Society, Tracks, Ark Conference Centre Guests welcome £5	7.30pm

February 2015

5	SSJ Women's Fellowship AGM, SSJ Village Hall	2pm
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Hook Choral Society – Autumn Concert

15th November 2014 7.30pm

St. John's Church, Hook

Mozart - Mass in C Minor

Composed in Vienna in 1782/3 the Great Mass in C Minor is a truly remarkable work and rivals Mozart's Requiem in stature. Like the Requiem, this piece was also uncompleted and to this day is performed without an Agnus Dei. It was said to have been written for his fiancée Constanze to perform the Soprano part when he brought her to Salzburg as his wife.

Bach – Coffee Cantata

Bach's Coffee Cantata is a humorous secular work whose alternative title is 'Be Still, Stop Chattering' and is a satirical comic opera in style. It was written between 1732 and 1735.

and also

Mozart – Exulte Jubilate, Veni Sancte Spiritus and Ave Verum Corpus

The choir have now returned from a well-earned break after a very successful year. We welcome any new members every Tuesday night at St John's Church in Hook, beginning at 8 pm. No audition necessary – just a desire to sing!

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Church Matters **November**

There is always something poignant about a key anniversary. 10 years, 25, 40, 50 they all have their own importance to us. But of them all the 100th anniversary of something has a significance all its own. It's not just because this one is 3 figures rather than 2 or that it is the longest time span but because the 100th anniversary takes you back to the exact re-run of the previous century. And it is also the biggest anniversary just attainable within the scope of a human lifespan.

One has to say "just" – most of us will not live that long! Indeed "The days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty, if we are strong"¹! The availability of modern medical treatment enables more to reach their nineties but it is highly unlikely that this will become the norm or that anti-aging potions will be able to delay death much further. Nor is that outcome desirable, quite frankly.

So the hundredth retains its supremacy in the anniversary stakes and will retain it. Moreover this year has to be one of the most significant of them all. For this year it is 100 years since World War 1 began. Remembrance Day will have an added significance; many television and other educational programmes will remind people of this. And that's a good thing – as has been well said "Those who do not remember the past are condemned to repeat it."²

The first World War was to have been a short affair – "all over by Christmas" they said as the British Expeditionary Force left for Belgium. Instead it became more than 4 years of the most fruitless and appalling slaughter the world had ever seen. It illustrates the fact that it is much easier to get into a war than to get out of it. When hostilities start it is impossible to know where they will end. We need the constant reminder of that today.

Indeed war continues in our generation some might say more ferociously than ever. WW1 was to have been "the war to end all wars". In fact it merely created the conditions which spawned the rise of Hitler and led to WW2. Not that we

should really have expected anything else. Jesus taught that war would continue right up to the close of the age. "You will hear of wars and rumours of warssuch things must happen but the end is yet to come. Nation will rise against nation"³. As long as this world endures war will be a fact of life.

But how long will it last – not war, but the world? There is no way we can know but we can be sure God is in control of the situation. And Jesus taught us to be ready for his return at any time⁴. Consideration of this anniversary – 100 years to the start of WW1 – also reminds us to be ready. 10 such anniversaries gives you 1000 years; two periods of 1000 years takes you to the time of Christ. Go back another 2000 years and we are in the time of Abraham – that is 4000 years ago.

There were of course significant people before Abraham, both the Bible and Egyptian records tell us that, but really it is with Abraham that history of significance starts. So we have had 2000 years from Abraham to Christ and 2000 years from Christ to the present day. That might give us pause for thought. Either way let this anniversary be a reminder to us to "keep alert for we don't know the day or the hour"⁵.

John Hamilton

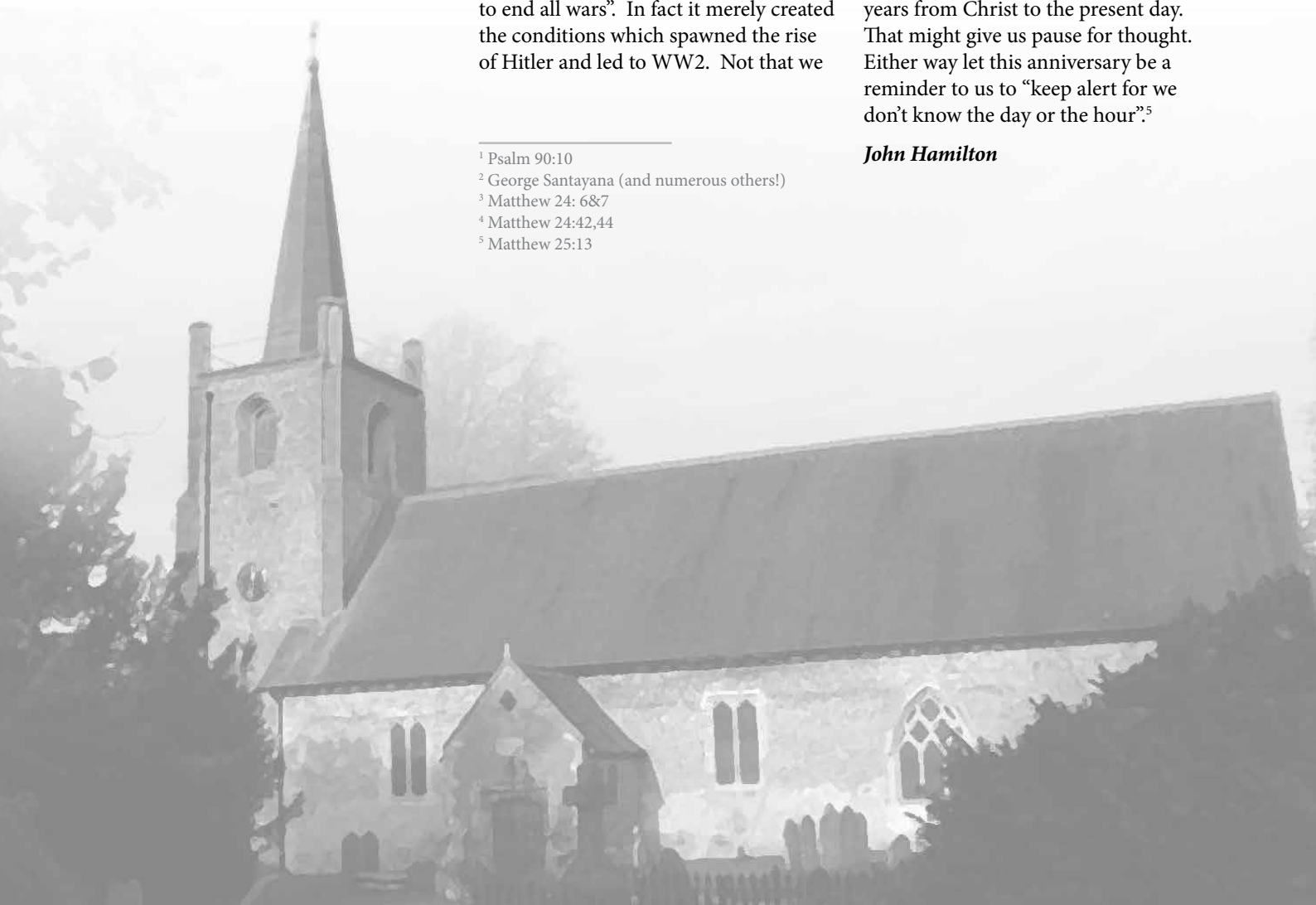
¹ Psalm 90:10

² George Santayana (and numerous others!)

³ Matthew 24: 6&7

⁴ Matthew 24:42,44

⁵ Matthew 25:13



Services for November

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

2 November

10am	Family Communion	St Andrew's
6pm	'Sundays at Six'	SSJ Village Hall

9 November

10am **	Morning Service, Sunday Club & Crèche	St Andrew's
6pm	'Sundays at Six' and Lord's Supper	SSJ Village Hall

16 November

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

23 November

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

30 November

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

7 December

10am	Parish Communion, Sunday Club & Crèche	St Andrew's
5pm ***	Advent Carols	Priory

**Note: On Remembrance Day (9 Nov) we will start at 10am and finish in time for those who wish to attend the act of Remembrance at the War Memorial.

*** Note that Advent Carols at the Priory (1 Dec) will start at 5 pm, one hour earlier than previously.

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10AM: 1 CORINTHIANS

Nov 2	Are you still sleeping?	Matt 26:45	John Hamilton
Nov 9	Prayer from the heart	Phil 1:1-11	Ian Roberts
Nov 16	To advance the gospel	Phil 1:12-26	John Hamilton
Nov 23	Contending side by side	Phil 1:27-2:11	John Hamilton & Andy Spence
Nov 30	Shining like stars	Phil 2:12-30	John Hamilton
Dec 7	Gospel accountancy	Phil 3:1-14	Andrew King

SUNDAYS AT SIX: EZEKIEL

Nov 2	Job & Eliphaz	Job 3-28	John Hamilton
Nov 9	Job & Bildad	Job 3-28	John Hamilton
Nov 16	Job & Zophar	Job 3-28	John Hamilton
Nov 23	Job & Elihu	Job 29-37	Sean Clokey
Nov 30	Job & God	Job 38-42	Sean Clokey

MIDWEEK We meet to pray together on Tuesday 4th this month – in the Parish Room, 8 pm until 9). House groups will be meeting on all other weeks (or as planned by arrangement with members).

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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ASBRP – ALL SAINTS BELLS ARE COMING BACK

The PCC contracted Whites of Appleton (near Abingdon) to carry out the restoration of the bells at All Saints church in Monk Sherborne – Whites carried out the previous restoration in 1927!!! Their carpenters came on the 1st and 3rd Oct to prepare the bellframe for the change of headstocks (from wood to steel alloy) and to accommodate the changes being made for the new bearings; they also fitted 6 very strong steel angle plates to the wooden bellframe to increase rigidity – the result is very neat (and they cleaned up after all their work).

Fourteen members of the Sherbornes bellringers visited Whites on Saturday 11th Oct. to see what had been done to our bells; we were very impressed, especially with the new wooden wheels (5-6 feet in diameter) also the brightly painted (blue) alloy headstocks and bearings. We also tried out their lightweight ring of 8 bells.

By the time you read this article the bells should have been returned to the church, scheduled for Wednesday 15th Oct and we hope to have all 5 bells raised up into the bell chamber and on their mounting plates by the end of Thursday (16th). It may be a further 2 or 3 weeks before we can actually ring again as we have to allow for the change in size of the wheels and the consequent change in position of the rope guides in the floors of the bell chamber and the clock chamber below. We have been told that, after this renovation of the bells, there should be no need for any further major work for the next 80 to 100 years!

We hope to be able to ring for Remembrance Day in November and certainly expect to be fully functioning for Christmas. There should be a fully illustrated item in the Dec/Jan Villager describing the re-installation of the bells.



For information about the whole project contact David Cullum on 01256 850315.

THEY'RE BACK!!!

Photos by Robert Killian-Dawson



Monk Sherborne Parish Council

Well here we are, September has arrived and gone and after the August weather what a pleasant surprise as Autumn and Winter approaches I guess its time to batten down the hatches, hope for the best and prepare for the worst we could certainly do without the gales and torrential rain that caused such severe flooding and damage last year.

A brief resume of the portfolios starting with Planning as at our meeting held on 17th September 2014

Applications Received

14/01814/LBC – Jonathans Thatch, Ramsdell Road, Monk Sherborne
Rebuild upper part existing chimney and re-mortar the lower part with lime mortar to replace cement mortar

14/02193/RET – Monks Mead, Ramsdell Road, Monk Sherborne
Installation of external cladding to dormers and over-cladding to south and west elevations and partially to east and north elevations (RETROSPECTIVE)

14/02512/ROC – Land at Hill Farm, Aldermaston Road, Salters Heath
Variation of condition 10 of planning permission 14/00090/ROC (relates to installation of a solar farm) to allow revised means of access and altered culvert details

Applications Awaiting Decision

14/01595/HSE – Woodside Cottage, Aldermaston Road, Salters Heath
Erection of a part two storey, part single storey rear extension

14/00337/14/TCA - Wantage Cottage, Salters Heath Road, Monk Sherborne
Leyladii hedging on two sides of property to be reduced to approx. 5m in height
Planning Officer

13/00460/RET – Blackberries, Salters Heath Road, Monk Sherborne
Erection of 4 no. sheds to provide ancillary household storage (retrospective)

13/02157/LBC – Woodgate, Salters Heath Road, Monk Sherborne
Conversion of redundant agricultural barn to residential three bedroom dwelling with alterations to fenestrations. Erection of detached garage

13/02155/FUL – Woodgate, Salters Heath Road, Monk Sherborne
Conversion of redundant agricultural barn to residential three bedroom dwelling with alterations to fenestrations. Erection of detached garage

Planning Decisions Granted

Notice of Intent – Monk Sherborne House, Ramsdell Road, Monk Sherborne

Fir to be felled, consent given under dead/dying/dangerous. Fell Oak and fell Larch

14/00090/ROC – Land at Hill End Farm, Aldermaston Road, Monk Sherborne

Variation of condition 1 of planning permission 13/01007/FUL (installation and operation of a solar farm and associated infrastructure, including PV panels, mounting frames, inverters, transformers, client side sub-station, communications building, DNO sub-station, fence and pole mounted security cameras) to allow for a revised layout plan. Planning Officer: Robert Franks

Portfolio reports

Local Authority & Rural strategy – Cllr Du Boulay gave a verbal update of the issues currently concerning Monk Sherborne. There are currently no consultations requiring comment from the parish council.

Village hall – Cllr Lord Hayter provided the following report:

The Village Hall AGM was held on 15th August. The following officers were elected;

Chairman	Lord Bill Hayter
Treasurer	Kathy Wilson
Secretary	Bryony Crowther

Highways Transport and footpaths – Cllr Spencer advised that the outstanding work within the parish was being dealt with accordingly. The support of County Cllr k Chapman was requested for assistance with pot holes, particularly within the vicinity of Rookery Farm.

Playground – Cllr Du Boulay advised that Safe & Sound Playgrounds would be undertaking the previously approved repairs at the end of the week. Further repairs required have been identified, specifically the gate support post. 2 replacement trees are to be purchased for erection on the perimeter of the play area.

Rural Policing & Neighbourhood Watch

– Cllr Harling advised that burglaries, particularly of garden equipment and outbuildings continue to be a problem, especially during the warmer weather. Local residents are reminded to ensure all windows and doors are secured to prevent any open invitations. A link to various statistical websites relating to crime figures within the neighbourhood has been placed on the parish website for information purposes.

Parish Maintenance

A meeting with the relevant officers at BDBC has been arranged to discuss the parish councils concerns regarding the quality of the grass cutting within the parish. An update will be provided at the next meeting.

Community Speed watch

Volunteers from both Sherborne St John and Monk Sherborne have come together to progress the Community Speed watch scheme within the two parishes. A Monk Sherborne parishioner attended a workshop to obtain further information to assist with the progression of the project.

The Mole public house

Notification was received from BDBC advising the owner of The Mole public house that they intended to grant a 3 year lease, with an option to purchase the freehold. As the premises are listed as an Asset of Community Value, the community has rights under the Localism Act 2011 to say if they wish to submit a bid for the property. If a bid is submitted, the pub owner cannot sell or enter into a lease with a 3rd party until 6 months have expired from 14th August 2014. The parish council resolved that they did not wish to submit a bid to the owner for the property.

Last but not least

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

Next meeting is Wednesday 19th November 2014



SHERBORNE ST JOHN PARISH COUNCIL

Many of you may have noticed that the Post Office has been sold, sadly this means that the Post Office will close towards the end of the year. The Parish Council is investigating mobile postal services.

Litter has become a problem at the Chute, new bins are being installed soon, please use them and encourage others to do so.

In recent months we have been looking into hand held speed cameras, a team of Volunteers has been set up so we hope they will be in the village soon - you

have been warned!! Speeding through the village is a problem and a risk to our residents.

The recent Village Party/BBQ was a great success; thank you to those involved in organising the event. Radcam received a donation of £500 - profit from the raffle. Put the date in your diary for next year - 4th July 2015

By the time you read this hopefully over 2000 bulbs will have been planted within the village. We look forward to seeing the fruits of your labour in the spring.

You should have received your copy of the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire, it is really important to us that you complete it and return the questionnaire to the Steering Group. Your opinion is vital to the success of the plan and the future of the village.

It is your chance to have your say.

Pamber Parish Council

Pamber Parish Council met on 13th October 2014.

Decommissioned Telephone Kiosk, Little London.

I am pleased to report that we now have a volunteer to run a book exchange or library in the kiosk. The plans for this will be put on hold until the defibrillator has been fitted. At the moment we are awaiting a specialist electrician to carry out the work needed for the operation of the defibrillator. Once the defibrillator has been installed, arrangements will be made to fit the necessary shelving for the books. If you have any books that you no longer want, please keep them until the scheme can go ahead. If you have any unwanted shelves which are small enough to fit into a telephone kiosk, they could also be very useful!

Bramley Road, Pamber End (Traffic Speeds).

Further to my report last month, the final plans for the new scheme were

approved at the October meeting and Hampshire County Council has found funding to cover the costs of the installation of the gateway feature, white lining and '30mph' roundels. It is hoped that these added features will remind drivers to keep to the speed limit.

Parish Council Elections

Parish Council elections will take place next May. Please check the notice boards and website for details in the New Year if you are thinking about taking up this very important role. Alternatively, contact the Clerk or any Parish Councillor for a chat about the work involved.

Review of Charges

Councillors agreed that there would be no change to the charges made for allotment rent or to the tennis club for use of the club courts. Please remember

that parishioners are able to use the courts at the Memorial Hall, Pamber Heath free of charge. Telephone 0118 9825587 to arrange access to the courts if you would like to play tennis there.

If you are interested in becoming an allotment holder, please ring 0118 9811438. The allotments are on Pamber Park, Pamber Heath (off Burney Bit).

The next meeting of Pamber Parish Council will be held at 7.30pm on Monday, 10th November 2014 in The Memorial Hall, Pamber Heath. All parishioners are welcome to attend. Details of meetings are displayed on the notice boards and on the website www.pamber-pc.gov.uk

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But don't let the cold and dark get you down. Remember you can join us for what may be our last illustrated supper on November 7th.

Miles Roberts is taking us for an illustrated tour of Myanmar (Burma to many of us still). Our usual hearty supper and a raffle in aid of St. Michael's Hospice will all make for a wonderful, fun evening.

The Monk Sherborne & District Horticultural Society Presents its annual illustrated supper “Down the Irrawaddy”

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THE ARRIVAL

One by one the golden leaves flutter to the ground
And autumnal mists fill the air around
Chill is in the atmosphere that doth us surround
And we know that autumn has arrived

The nights draw in and people curtains close
They start to think of Christmas that's for sure.
They dream of next year's summer days and more
And we know that autumn has arrived.

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Or walking in the country's canopied ways
Seeking cool shade from the sun's fierce rays
For we know that autumn has arrived.

All too soon we will be into winter's chill
And Christmas creeping fast up to our windowsill
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The SSJ Neighbourhood Plan November 2014 Update



Exciting times for the Neighbourhood Plan – we are roughly half way through the process and starting to analyse the information from the Housing Needs Survey and The Questionnaire. We have had a great response to the Questionnaire, and there is still time to submit any late returns in the next few days.

The Questionnaire



Still time to submit late returns to the white post boxes in the next few days – or to The Old Post Office, 13 Kiln Rd.

The next step in the process will be to talk to interested developers / landowners about their proposals, and how these can fit in with the Parish's wishes. You will appreciate that this can be a highly contentious issue, so please be understanding, and remember the starting point - that Basingstoke & Deane will impose their decision on us if we do nothing and don't forget that we are looking at

- a limited number of houses
- reflecting the wishes and requirements identified by the Survey and The Questionnaire
- over the period of 15 years to 2029.

The Steering Committee will ensure transparency throughout the process.

As I said, roughly half way there and it's appropriate to make a few 'thank yous' –

- to John W. Edwards and his delivery volunteers
- to All those working on and with the Steering Committee
- to Locality (www.locality.org.uk) – a leading nationwide network for community-led organisations - for the very generous grant they have provided for the Neighbourhood Plan.

Finally, don't forget, more and more background information on the SSJ Neighbourhood Plan at www.ssjvillage.org/neighbourhood-plan.html

Julian Crawley

Sherborne St John Club

Lots to look forward to at the club as we head towards the busy period of Christmas and the New Year.

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Saturday 8th November- On Screen Race Night



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Recently we visited the Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red outside the Tower of London, marking 100 years since the first full day of Britain's involvement in the First World War. Created by ceramic artist Paul Cummins, with setting by stage designer Tom Piper, 888,246 ceramic poppies are progressively filling the Tower's famous moat over the summer until 11th November 2014. Each poppy represents a British military fatality during the war. The moat of the Tower is becoming an increasing sea of red poppies, creating not only a spectacular display visible from all around the Tower but also a location for personal reflection. The scale of the installation intends to reflect the magnitude of such an important centenary creating a powerful visual commemoration.

It is a very beautiful, moving and poignant spectacle. The event will last until 11th November otherwise the website is:- www.poppies.hrp.org.uk. Poppies can still be bought for £25. The proceeds from the sale of the poppies will be divided amongst 6 service charities in the UK.



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Sherborne St John Church of England Primary School

October has been such a busy month! We celebrated 'Book Week' at the beginning of the month, and had a visit from local children's author Ed Wicke, who read some of his Wicked Tales and ran workshops for Classes 3 and 4. This has certainly inspired some great story writing, as well as reading, judging by the number of children queueing up to buy his books! We also had the opportunity for all of our staff to read their favourite children's stories to groups of children, and all our Year 6 children have been paired with the Year R children to be 'Reading Buddies' which has proved really popular with both year groups. The week ended with a dressing up day – we saw a huge variety of book characters including fairy tale princesses, a few Harry Potters, Willie Wonka, several animals (including a crocodile!) and even the wolf with three little pigs! A huge thank you goes to everyone who supported the Book Fayre and purchased new books – the commission will be used to increase the books in our class libraries.



Ed Wicke visits the school



Reading Buddies!

Other important events in the month included the Harvest Festival, when once more we supported the Food Bank by bringing non-perishable foods to donate to the Trussell Trust. There was a lovely Harvest Assembly when each class contributed a song or a poem on the Harvest theme. At the same time we were celebrating a bumper conker harvest with our annual conker tournament. The winners this year were Nell (Juniors) and Sienna (Infants).



The Year 6 children have been extremely busy already this term. Some have been appointed as School Ambassadors and these will be the children who show any visitors around the School. Another group have been to the Newbury Building Society to train as cashiers so that we can continue to operate our own branch of the Junior Newbury Building Society. All the Year 6s are trained as 'Huff 'n' Puff' leaders which enables them to run outdoor games activities for younger children during some lunchtimes.

Sporting activities are continuing to grow within the school; Class 2 have been taking part in Multiskills lessons led by Premier Sports, who also run the Gymnastics and Fencing/Soft Archery clubs in school. The swimming programme at the Aquadrome has restarted, and Class 4 pupils have had 6 weeks tuition and have all moved

on to the next level of achievement. Congratulations to the new Year 5/6 Tag Rugby team (and Miss Biles) who are continuing the winning tradition from last year in the first tournament of the year by becoming champions at the Kingsclere Rugby Club Schools Tournament!

Class 4 had an interesting trip to Milestones Museum to find out about Basingstoke during World War II. Despite the obvious attraction of the 1940s sweet shop, other highlights included squeezing into the Anderson shelter, dressing up in period costumes and identifying the items in a wartime kitchen!

Meanwhile, a big surprise for all the children was a visit from the 'dinosaur dome'! They had the opportunity to go 'walking with dinosaurs' as they entered the dome which took them back to prehistoric times for a 360° experience of these awesome beasts! A memorable day!

We had a great time at the School Association Quiz Night on 17th October – thanks to everyone who came along to exercise their brain cells and raise funds for the School. The next date for the diary is the Christmas Fayre which this year will be held on FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER from 5pm to 7pm. Do drop in if you can!

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Womens Fellowship

The October meeting was an illustrated talk on Royal Helicopter Flying, given by Mr. Chris Perkins. He gave us a short synopsis of his career followed by a history of helicopters, through to the formation of the Queens Helicopter Service.

The history of helicopters dates back to 480bc, with the Chinese Top, and later in 1483 when Leonardo da Vinci designed the air gyroscope. In 1794 Vincanzo Lunardi built the first hot air balloon in London, and although not altogether successful, one of the spectators below was King George IV who was clearly impressed with what he was watching. Later, Edward VII flew over the French border in an Abeele in 1917 and enjoyed the trip, which led on to Prince Albert, later George VI, in 1918 learning to fly at Northolt. He was the only monarch to get his Pilot's Wings; the Royals were not allowed to due to the number of hours required for flying.

The first 'Royal Flight' took place in 1928 from Northolt. Edward VII bought a DH60 in 1929, also known as Gypsy Moth. He learnt to fly with Flight Lieutenant Don. In 1933 Edward Fielden saw how aircraft could be used for Royal visits, thus started the creation of Private Aircraft, holding between 3 and 5 passengers. These early aircraft were painted in the Brigade of Guards colours (Edward's colours). In 1936, after George died, Edward VIII formed the King's Flight, which was the beginning of the era of the Royal helicopters. Between then and now, 576 helicopters have been used for Royal duties.

During WW2 the site was moved from Northolt to RAF Benson, then disbanded in 1995. In 1946 the King's Flight Reforms was taken over by Vickers Viking, in May 1946, which had 6 aircraft at that time. In 1947 the first Royal flights flew the mail from Buckingham Palace to Aberdeen, when the Queen and Prince Philip were staying at Balmoral. The engines were quite precarious at that time, noisy, unsophisticated, with uncomfortable interiors. However, Prince Philip was interested in these helicopters and began using them for Royal tasks. They carried 3 VIPs and one pilot in those days. If the weather was inclement they were not allowed to fly, such was the sophistication of the engines.

In 1960 the Whirlwind HCC 8 was used by the Royal Marines, which Vice Marshall Fielden thought could be used for the Royals. In 1964 the first jet-engine, the 'Westland Whirlwind' HCC 12 was built. This was a great improvement in its interior, with comfortable passenger seats, and carpet on the floor, but the engine was still noisy. However, after an accident this aircraft was grounded. In 1969 Westland built the Wessex HCC 4; this remained for 29 years, until 1998, in the service of the Queen's Flight.

The TQF (The Queen's Flight) Helicopter Support Section moved to Northolt from Benson, to 32 Squadron. The MOD stopped funding the Wessex helicopters but they were not replaced. In January 1998 there was a new helicopter order, and by April of that year they were

operational; in Guards' colours, sound-proofed, with leather interiors, and were kept for ten years.

Since that time, helicopters have been kept at the Blackbushe Base, in a hangar within a hangar, which housed the G-XXEA Civilian helicopter, which was leased. Now the Royal Task is based at RAF Odiham, it is manned 24 hrs per day, with armed guards and guard dogs. A new hangar is being built at Odiham. The Royal helicopters are now leased, being the cheaper option. Flights are strictly controlled and the staff are employees of the Royal Household.

Mr. Perkins ended his talk telling us about his last task, in Scotland, which was pegging mats into the ground for the helicopters wheels to land on, rather than muddy terrain which also required a great deal of skill.

He was thanked for his fascinating talk by Mrs Elizabeth Banks.

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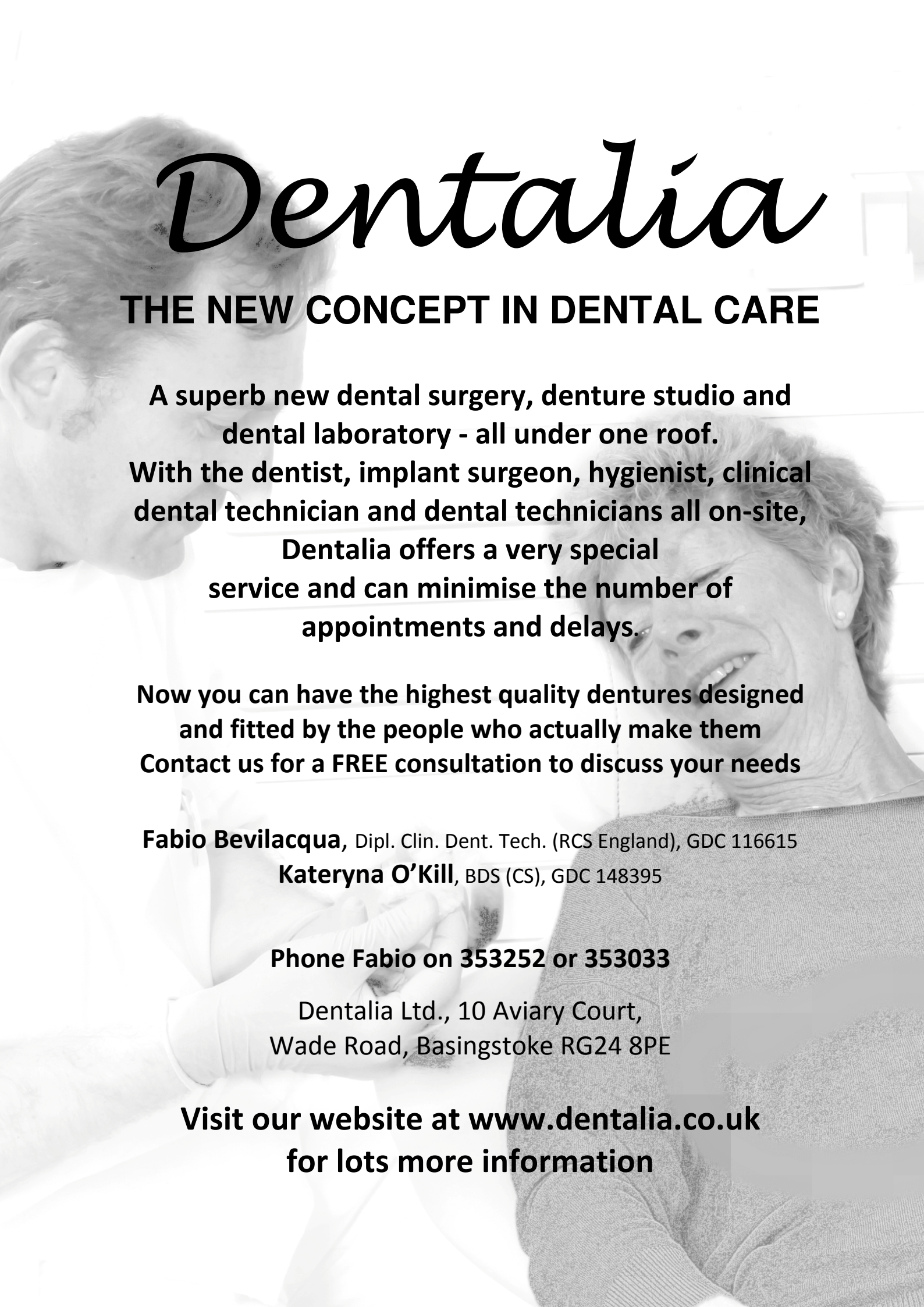
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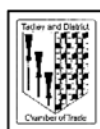
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The coming few weeks will see our school significantly remodelled – the kitchen and staff room will change places, the old junior toilets will be completely refurbished, a new infant toilet block will be built, a new reception area will be formed, a link corridor will join the newer part of the school with the old Victorian classrooms and a new library and resources area will be created. As you can imagine we are all very excited and cannot wait to see the finished result.

All of this building work has been possible due to our successful application to the Government's

Academies Capital Maintenance Fund and as part of this bidding process we undertook as a school to contribute the sum of £25,000.00. For a small school with just 168 children on roll, this has been quite a considerable feat but we have refused to be daunted by the challenge. So far, we have had a number of fund raising events such as bake sales, a farmers market and non-uniform days but the culmination of our fund raising will be our charity auction which will take place on Friday 28th November at 7.30pm in the school hall. Tickets are now available from the school (£5.00 to include a chilli supper, nibbles and a complimentary bottle of wine per table) and a full list of items for bidding can be seen on our website; www.priory.hants.sch.uk; alternatively please do pop into school to pick one up.

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Suzanne Kelly, Headteacher

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Hampshire residents are warned to be careful when receiving unsolicited phone calls or text messages. These may appear to be from an official body or company but the caller may give out false information to mislead the consumer into parting with money for goods or services they do not need or want.

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refer complaints to the Information Commissioners Office if necessary.

Nuisance or spam text messaging is also on the increase, especially messages about debt management, accident claims and mis-sold Payment Protection Insurance (PPI). You can report this directly to your mobile phone provider, who may be able to block certain numbers. Silent Calls

Receiving a 'silent call' can be very unsettling. However, the majority of silent calls are due to call centres using automated systems that dial more numbers than can be handled.

The regulatory body for reporting silent

calls to is Ofcom. Although they don't respond to individual complaints, they will use the information for monitoring purposes.

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Bert's Blog



We have been holidaying in the large box on wheels and stopped at a place called Looe. Despite the name - I didn't - as I have

been taught that nothing should leave my body when I have my lead on - a situation which can sometimes be agonising but as the Mrs points out: guide dogs do not stop at every tree and lamp post or their owners would forever be banging into things so there is no excuse for me to be doing it. Consequently I have become resigned to crossing my legs and holding on until we arrive at a suitable place where I can do whatever I like. We had a lovely holiday and I was quite well behaved throughout, however, I made a grave error of judgement recently when I was seriously disappointed at not being taken along to a ploughing match with the Boss. Although I had been told to 'stay', boredom set in and I needed the 'Looe' and my mistake was in thinking I could find the ploughing match on my own and decided to head off and surprise the Boss.

Big mistake - couldn't find him anywhere and boy did I get into trouble when I got back. Apparently everyone had been looking for me including the local gamekeepers, neighbours, the Boss and the Mrs both scanning the village in their cars. The Boss was just on the point of calling in reinforcements when he spotted me walking back down the road. Having realised I preferred company on my walks I was returning home to find some and was quite calm - but the Boss was not, and when the Mrs stopped yelling at us both she made me promise never to go walking again without my lead on! I have one word to say on that - 'Looe'.

Reminiscences of Village Life in the 1940s and 1950s

John Pitman was born at Headbourne Worthy, near Winchester, 71 years ago and therefore is Winchester born and bred. An experienced raconteur he entertained the members of the Probus Club of Basingstoke with his experiences of Hampshire village life as he grew up in what he may have considered then was a rural idyll and now appears to be a very basic existence.

He has lived and worked around Winchester all his life and his roots in Hampshire village life run deep being connected with many social groups in his locality. Village Hall committee for 40 years, being chairman for 26 years; drama groups where he has established a reputation for playing pantomime dames and being Vice President of a brass band are some of his interests. He is also chairman of the Southern Water Retirement Association for Hampshire having worked in their finance section based in an office in Otterbourne.

John's talk on "Village life in the 1940s and 1950s" centred on his family life during war time and the immediate post war 'austerity years' and it brought back wonderful memories for many of the assembled members.

With great humour, he meticulously took us through the country seasons as seen through his eyes as a child living in Headbourne Worthy. During daily life in a farm worker's cottage on a 2000 acre country estate, he vividly described how he and his parents coped



without running water, an outdoor 'copper' for washing clothes and an earthen closet loo at the top of the garden. The only electrical appliance in the cottage was a 'wireless', powered initially by an accumulator battery and, when electricity came to the village, by an adaptor from the ceiling light. Many of the familiar and favourite family programmes of the period were recollected.

If you want to know more about this group of retired professional and business men there is a wide array of information on the Probus Club website www.probusbasingstoke.webs.com or ring the Secretary Paul Flint for an informal chat on 07770 886521.

An Experiment in Keeping Chickens

In my last update, Egginburgh Castle had been devastated by a nasty bug that took three of my hens. I was only left with Hen Solo and Gladys after Peckham, Norris and Sadie shuffled off to the big coop in the sky. We were aware some hens that were in need of re-homing, so we decided that we could offer four hens a forever home.



Catching my chooks is not particularly, easy. They're not really keen on being picked up and will come to you, but only on their terms (and usually only for mealworms or cucumber). Whenever we have to dust them, or spray them, we tend to do it at night when they've gone to bed, then they're easier to catch and they make less fuss. When we arrived at the small holding to collect our new chickens, we knew we would have to pick four from the same enclosure, since they'd be used to each other and we'd only have to worry about introducing two groups of chickens, my established two and the four new ones. If we'd taken the four new hens from all different enclosures, we'd have had a problem with many different hens not being familiar with each other and having learnt that introducing new birds can be a little tricky, we wanted to make it as easy as possible this time. There was a big cockerel in the pen with our hens, so naturally, I sent my other half in to catch our new girls. He went in with the ominous warning of "watch that cockerel, he'll have you....". It was like an episode of Benny Hill! Chasing chickens around a coop whilst being

chased by a very angry, rather large cockerel.

Eventually, four chooks were caught and bundled into a box for the journey home. Three large, apricot coloured buff hens and a black and white girl with a large red comb – I suspect she is a leghorn cross of some sort. And so to naming: The three buffs are Margaret Hatcher, Eggy Peggy, Emmeline Peckhurst and the black and white is Princess Layer (I'm almost out of chicken puns). We were wary of introducing them, given the fighting and squabbling last time, but after getting sight of each other for a day and smelling and watching the new birds through some wire to separate them, we put all 6 girls in the coop together at night and despite a bit of pecking and squabbling over the next few days, they settled in pretty well. What a relief! They are also excellent layers and I regularly have between 3 and 5 eggs a day from my girls, far more than we can eat, so we keep our neighbours supplied. I've got rather good at making meringues too.... Fresh eggs are lovely, such bright, orange yolks.

The new girls came with a problem though. They all had scaly leg mite. This is a mite that burrows under the scales on a chicken's leg and bites them. The scales will lift and it's quite painful, it can lead to them losing toes and leaves them open to infection. They pick it up from the ground and it is notoriously difficult to get rid of. Prevention is far easier than cure and we regularly spray our girls legs with scaly mite spray to

keep it at bay. They also have their coop sprayed weekly for red mite and every few months a proper clean with an insecticide. Keeping chickens can be hard work!

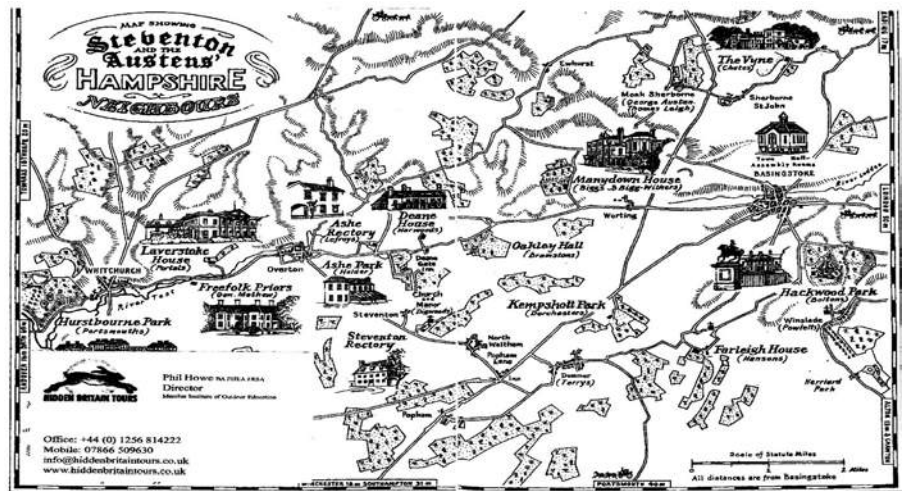
Google has proved to be my new best friend throughout my chicken adventure. I found that there are a number of treatments for scaly leg, all of which need to be repeated and are fairly intensive. Regular bathing of legs, spraying with various potions and scrubbing of coops and feet to break the mite/egg cycle. This sounded like a chore so I was quite pleased to find a mite drop, similar to the sort of spot on treatment we give the dogs for fleas. It's not recommended for chickens, since it's not been tested for safety for egg producing birds, but it is safe for use on parrots and other birds. All the hen forums seemed to say that this spot on drug has been used without any problems and if there are concerns about the eggs, just discard them for a week after application. There was a bit of guess work involved in the dose, but the application was easy and the girls do seem to have improved, although we won't know for sure until they have a proper moult and grow some new leg scales. The drops have been duly applied and their legs sprayed and bodies dusted – these girls are going to be the most mite free chickens in Christendom! They weren't exactly grateful – how rude!

Kirsty Scott

Basingstoke Civil Service Retirement Fellowship

The Secretary, Tony Brazier, welcomed members to the monthly meeting held on Wednesday 1st October and asked those who had booked to go on the trip to the Wurlitzer Concert & London Lights on Thursday 27th November and the Christmas Lunch on Thursday 11th December to pay for them now. Christine Broadbent, the Group's Visiting Officer, gave her welfare report and Sonia Waite, the Membership Secretary, gave an update on the different membership options and asked members to keep her informed of changes of contact details.

The speaker was Phil Howe, director of Hidden Britain Tours, who gave a talk on "Jane Austen's Hampshire" which is of course local to us here in Basingstoke. His interest in the subject began a few years back when he met, by chance, an American lady who was researching locations for a book she was writing about Jane Austen. This lady was Lori Smith who went on to write "A Walk with Jane Austen" and "The Jane Austen Guide to Life". He helped her find some of these places and in the process found himself realising that there were many local places used as the basis for her fictional homes and



estates. He took us on a tour, with the aid of a map, around the area from Hackwood Park to Farleigh House; from there to The Wheatsheaf at Dummer, North Waltham and then to the Church and Rectory at Steventon. Then it was on to Freefolk Priors, Hurstbourne Park, Laverstoke House, Ashe, Deane, Manydown House and the Vyne at Sherborne St John. All of these places were also mentioned in the letters of Jane Austen which are available in book form.

The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at Brookvale Village Hall

from 10 am – 12 noon and all retired Civil Servants and their partners are welcome. The programme of speakers and trips for next year is now available and can be obtained from the Secretary Tony Brazier on 01256 418770 or at bjmapbr@ntlworld.com. The next meeting is on 5th November when the speaker will be Alan Grace on The British Forces Broadcasting Service.

David Cowling



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On 1st October 2014 new law came into force changing the Intestacy Rules. If you die before your spouse then they will take the first £250,000 and half of the balance of your estate. The other half will then be divided between your children and held on trust until they reach 18. If you do not have any children or descendants then the new rules provide for your spouse to inherit all of your estate.

Whilst these new rules appear more generous towards the surviving spouse, they do not consider other family members or friends whom you may have wanted to benefit. They also may not provide sufficiently for your children, particularly if you marry a second time. In these circumstances, depending on the value of the estate, your children may not benefit at all.

This new law also updates the meaning of “personal chattels” which are your personal effects and belongings and under the new law would pass absolutely to the surviving spouse. Leaving distribution of these items to the Intestacy Rules may mean that any family heirlooms or sentimental items are not left to the family members or friends that you would wish.

To avoid your estate passing under these Intestacy Rules we would strongly advise you to make a Will so you are in control of what happens to your assets on your death.

Leaving a Will also makes it easier for your family and friends to sort out your estate during a difficult time. It also allows you to make important appointments such as Guardians for your children and Executors of your Will.

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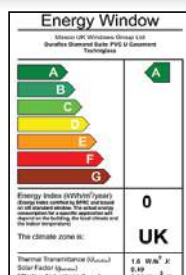
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