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Community Vibes

Just a quick word about the Quiz evening (13/07/2024). It was held in the village hall, built by us, funded by us and manned by us. Thanks go to all those who do the work...

The Quiz evening was organised by the Vicar and church helpers to sustain and make new friendships and raise funds for the church for various works. It brought together many people from the village, some believers, some not, but who all supported the Village community spirit and enjoyed a night out with people they knew and loved and to meet more who they didn't yet know.

Steve, the Compere, employed his usual sense of humour and steered the evening into enjoyable and noncombative competition with such varied questions as "who introduced the mini skirt to fashion": Mary Quant; "Which ship did Turner immortalise in art": The Fighting Temeraire;" The first bird Noah sent out from the Ark": a raven: and "Postman Pat's Village name": Greendale. The mix and direction of questions kept everyone guessing and was won by a score of 75 and awarded Smarties while the least scoring table at 58 were given a more majestic prize - thus keeping everyone's head the normal size to get through the door home....

The Reverend Stewart was the last to be quizzed and recounted a shortened version of his arrival from Northern Ireland to study, eventually teaching science, when he was influenced by his studies, friendships and experiences to turn to the Church, first in Sheffield and eventually finding us in Sherborne St John. When asked about highlights

when he started his work here in the Parish he mentioned winning 2nd prize in the Monk Sherborne Scarecrow competition and from such humble events he went on to recount his delight when visiting the Grange nursing home which started with one resident participating to finally sharing life stories and Christian love with many more of the occupants. Steve asked what his challenges were now and he responded that the uncertainties in nature, community and the world abounded but he trusts in God's love to lead him, and all of us, on the right path. The Quiz of Life lives in all of us.....thanks Steve (and Stewart) for making it more poignant (and fun).

Lindsay Berry

Lengthsman Scheme

Our thanks to this scheme for the repainted/smart road signs.



If you know of any job that might be covered by this scheme please contact your local Parish Clerk



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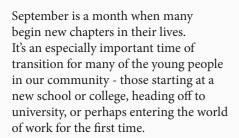
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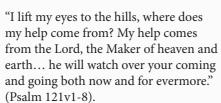


A New Chapter



Whatever stage of life we're journeying through, we will have old chapters behind us and new chapters ahead, transitions, changes, doors to leave through and doors to enter in through. Which can be wonderfully exciting, if often a little bit daunting at the same time.

Change is part of life in this world, but there is one constant that we can always rely on. As the Psalmist writes,



These words echo the many promises throughout the Bible encouraging us to look up - to God, the Creator of the world, the one constant in whom we can find the security and confidence we need to go through whatever the next door in our life is.

The Hymnwriter Henry Francis Lyte wrote arguably his most famous hymn with these very promises echoing through his mind and heart as he was nearing the very end of his life, "O thou who changest not, Abide with me"



Whether this September marks a new chapter for you or one of your loved ones, or your next new chapter is further down the line, may I encourage us all to consider not only looking ahead but looking up as well?

All are welcome to join us at any of our services and events coming up this month and beyond when we will be doing just that. Do take note of the adjustment to service times and do come along!

Rev. Stewart Deering stewart.deering@ sherborneswithpamber.org 07359 717577

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 *	Friday HG Church, Basingstoke 9.30am *
Wednesday	HG Church, Basingstoke	9.30am *	Saturday Church of St Bede, Popley 9.30am *
Thursday	Church of St Bede, Popley	9.30am *	* Time & Venue could vary



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Sun 1st	10.30am All-Age Service with Holy Communion - St Andrew's SSJ
Sat 7th	9.30am PCC Vision Day - Monk Sherborne Village Hall
Sun 8th	9am Holy Communion - All Saints' Monk Sherborne 10.30am Morning Worship with Sunday Club & Creche - St Andrew's SSJ 7.30pm Prayer & Praise Evening - SSJ Village Hall
Mon 9th	12pm Retired Men's Bible Study - 22 Tyfield SSJ
Wed 11th	10–11.30am Little Acorns Baby & Toddler - SSJ Village Hall 12-12.30pm Midday Prayer – All Saints' Monk Sherborne 7.30pm Rectory Group - Vyne Road, Sherborne St John
Sat 14th	10am-12pm & 2pm-4pm Church Open Day with Ride & Stride St Andrew's SSJ
Sun 15th	10.30am Morning Worship with Sunday Club & Creche - St Andrew's SSJ
Wed 18th	10–11.30am Little Acorns Baby & Toddler - SSJ Village Hall 12-12.30pm Midday Prayer – St Andrew's SSJ
Sat 21st	10am Men's Breakfast - Monk Sherborne Village Hall
Sun 22nd	9am Holy Communion - Pamber Priory 10.30am Morning Worship with Sunday Club & Creche - St Andrew's SSJ 2pm-4pm Church Open Day - All Saints' Monk Sherborne
Wed 25th	10–11.30am Little Acorns Baby & Toddler - SSJ Village Hall 12-12.30pm Midday Prayer – Pamber Priory 7.30pm Rectory Group - Vyne Road, Sherborne St John
Sat 28th	10am Women's Coffee Morning - Monk Sherborne Village Hall
Sun 29th	10.30am Holy Communion with Sunday Club & Creche - St Andrew's SSJ 4.30-6pm Bereavement Cafe - Monk Sherborne Village Hall

We are trialing a new pattern of Sunday Service times so please note the changes above. Services at St Andrew's will now start at 10.30am and All Saints' and Pamber Priory will start at 9am.

The Services at St Andrew's are live streamed on our YouTube channel and are available to watch afterwards.

Search Parish of the Sherbornes with Pamber on Youtube or use the link on our website under the Resources Menu.

Children of all ages are very welcome in our services. At St Andrew's we run a Sunday Club & Creche during term time

Claiming Dates

September 2024

1	Monk Sherborne Village Fete, MS Village Hall	12.30pm - 4.00pm
3	Women's Fellowship, SSJ Village Hall, Sugar and Spice and All Things Nice	2.00pm
5	Monk Sherborne Village Drinks - First Thursday of the month, Monk Sherborne Village Hall	6.00pm - 8.00pm
7	Sherborne St John Social Club, Carpenters 60/70's Tribute, Ticket only	7.30pm
9	Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am - 12.00
9	Coffee Morning, Monk Sherborne Village Hall	10.45am - 12.00
13	St Michael's Hospice Golf Day	
14	St Andrew's Church Open Day	10-12; 2-4pm
14	Sherborne St John Social Club, Ben & Bryony Music Quiz	7.30pm
14	Basingstoke Concert Band Proms , Sherfield on Loddon Village Hall	7.30pm
19	Knit & Natter, Ramsdell Village Hall (third Thursday of every month)	2.00pm - 4.00pm
21	Lions Preloved Book Sale, Station Mall, Basingstoke	9 - 4.30
21	Sherborne St John Social Club, Private Function	7.30pm
21	All Saints Church Open Afternoon, Monk Sherborne	2 - 4pm
23	Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am - 12.00
26-28	'Move Over Mrs Markham' Central Studio, QMC RG21 3HF	7.30pm
28	Sherborne St John Social Club, Ed Sheeran Tribute, Ticket Only	7.30pm
28	Moonlight Walk, St Michael's Hospice, Festival Place, Basingstoke. Arrival 8.00pm	9.00pm
29	Parish of Sherbornes with Pamber Bereavement Cafe, Monk Sherborne Village Hall	4.30-6pm

October 2024

1	Women's Fellowship, SSJ Village Hall, Men I have Married	2.00pm
3	Monk Sherborne Village Drinks - First Thursday of the month, Monk Sherborne Village Hall	6.00pm – 8.00pm
5	Parish of Sherbornes with Pamber, Comedy Night with Paul Kerensa, SSJ Village Hall Ticket event	7.30pm
6	Harvest Festival, St Andrews Church followed by Community Lunch in SSJ Village Hall	10.30am
7	Macmillan Charity Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	9.00am – 12.00
14	Coffee Morning, Monk Sherborne Village Hall	10.45am – 12.00
17	Knit & Natter, Ramsdell Village Hall (third Thursday of every month)	2.00pm - 4.00pm
21	Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am - 12.00
27	Light Trail & Refreshments, St Andrews Church, SSJ	4.30pm – 6.30pm

November 2024

4	Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am - 12.00
5	Women's Fellowship, SSJ Village Hall, A Christmas Miscellany	2.00pm
7	Monk Sherborne Village Drinks - First Thursday of the month, Monk Sherborne Village Hall	6.00pm - 8.00pm
11	Coffee Morning, Monk Sherborne Village Hall	10.45am - 12.00
18	Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am - 12.00
21	Knit & Natter, Ramsdell Village Hall (third Thursday of every month)	2.00pm - 4.00pm
23	Preloved Clothes Sale for Charity, SSJ Village Hall	2.00pm

St Michael's Hospice Reindeer Run

Notify Claiming Dates to Lindsay Berry on lindsayberry0@gmail.com or message on 077775800955

Sherborne St John Parish Council

Planning

The new government brings with it potential changes to the planning laws that will impact the number of houses that Basingstoke and Deane have to build over the next 5 years.

Currently the number is 838 p.a. (and there was a process in play to reduce this number) but under the new regime this number will be increased to 1,100 per annum with, it seems, minimal scope for appeal.

There are obvious concerns that applications currently in play will be given the nod. This will mean the planned expansion of Kiln Farm and the Weybrook Golf Course developments will be given the go ahead and the expansion of Sireburne Close may all proceed. A total of approx. 600 houses. There appears to be no debate as to the impact on existing infrastructure i.e. water supply, sewage and traffic that increasingly uses the village as a 'rat run'.

Not a lot we can do right now as we wait for the new NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework) to be published and BDBC have had the chance to assess the impact on the BDC Local Plan. The PC will then in turn have to review the recently published SSJ Neighbourhood Plan.

Proposed Solar Farm

The presentation in the Village Hall by RWE was well attended.

The groundswell of opinion as to whether this proposed Solar Farm is good thing or not, seems to be split 50/50.

The PC has been in contact with Bramley PC and Pamber PC to plan a joint approach to this application. The PC has also engaged with ET Planning, the group that helped get the recent Cranesfield development turned down. Like the applications for the housing

developments there will need to be a

strong case built if the decision is to object.

Ted Wilkinson has decided to hang up his spade and pass the rake to Mike Greaves. A big thank you to Ted for his past

efforts in 'policing' the SSJ allotments

and making sure that all were in 'proper' use and not left to go to rack and ruin, especially so when we have a waiting list. Welcome to Mike - you have big wellies

Parish Council - General

You will note that the frequency of the meetings has been changed from monthly to every two months. We have implemented a process that 'legally' allows us to conclude parish business electronically and then to formally ratify said decisions at the next PC face-toface meeting.

Once we have regularised the position of Clerk and opened our much promised 'office' then there will be an increased opportunity to interact with the PC.

I'm extremely happy to welcome James Rowley back as an SSJ PC Councillor after an extended sick leave.

Parish Council - Clerk

We're still looking for a full time Parish

Whilst I'd be very unhappy for Mel to leave, we do need a full time Clerk that is locally based.

The advert for the position has been refreshed on both SSJ Facebook pages.

The Chute

Our visitors have left and the new gate/ padlock system seems to be working well. However our visitors seem to be moving around the area - Silchester, Baughurst, Mortimer, Stratfield Saye, Sherfield on Loddon, Sherborne St John, Hannington and Bramley to name but a few sites.

The PC has started legal proceedings to become the registered owner of the Chute, the car park and the recreation ground. I understand that being the registered owner means we can instruct a bailiff to evict any such visitors vs. the process we had to go through as the land is currently common land. This journey around NE Hants is a ploy in order to get a council house. Two have been offered and two have been turned down.

Please do keep a look out for any attempt to get access to the Chute. I, locks, etc. that were broken prior to the family taking up residence on any new site. I'm glad to say that this episode was concluded with minimal financial cost to the PC.

Chute - Repairs

We have applied for a grant to re-furbish the changing rooms, toilets, etc. The same grant will get us a new boiler for the kitchen and repair the drains that currently have tree root damage.

SSJ Public Footpath Officer

Another grant will fund the Public Footpath Officer who will walk all the footpaths of the Parish. Said person will undertake any minor pruning/repairs as they walk the Parish and report back to the PC on any larger issues.

We already have the volunteer who will be employed by BDBC.

Lengthsman

If there are any outstanding jobs around the village /parish that you think need looking at then please do contact the Clerk, clerk@sherbornestjohn-pc.gov.uk

Richard Morgan

Chair, SSJ PC



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Sherborne St John Primary School



We have now returned for a new school year and we are delighted to welcome our new families to the SSJ community. The new children are settling well and learning all about our school values of Trust, Truth and Forgiveness. They will carry these



values with them throughout their time with us and beyond!

As mentioned in the last edition, we ended the year with our Junior Production of Matilda. The

photos show some of our stars in action! As with all new school years, there is so much to look forward to. The teachers have planned lots of exciting learning

opportunities; there are trips out to enrich this learning and there are a number of school traditions to uphold too. It is going to be a busy year!



We will soon start running tours for prospective parents of children starting next September. Please take a look at our school website https://www.



tour to see the school

Sherbert SSJ School Villager Correspondent



News from the Pambers and Little London

Once again, very little news for this edition I'm afraid as the delights of our little bit of Provence have proved to be too difficult to resist. I'm sure you are not remotely interested to hear what we've been up to, but one thing I thought worth passing on was our discovery of the snail plant.

When the grandchildren were gathering a few wild flowers for the table, they chanced upon a mass of white blossom, a nice contrast with the reds and pinks of the laurier rose. Closer inspection revealed, however, that the white blossom was, in fact, a veritable colony of snails. They were clearly feasting on the leaves they had discovered but I have yet to find out what these leaves were. The snails looked very different from the ones to be found among the vines in wine-growing areas such as Burgundy which before long will grace many a French table in their sauce bourguignonne.



I don't know if any villagers are snail eaters. I must remember to ask Fay who has kindly agreed to feature in our Meet the Villager spot. Over to you, Fay.

Hi, I'm Fay Langley and live in Green Lane. I have been delivering The Villager magazine for just over twenty years now - in the area of New Road, Kimbers Lane and the A340. It all began not long after we moved here in October 2003. My husband and I were in The Plough in Little London in early 2004 where we were enjoying a beer one lunchtime and met a young lady who, realising we were new to the area, asked if I would be interested in delivering the local magazine and so I agreed. I commenced the round on my bicycle and later on



foot with our Labrador Tansy and for the last eleven years with my black LabradorxSpringer, Jessica, who could almost carry out the delivery herself as she is always very sure of our route. She is happy to go out in all kinds of weather which I try to emulate but sometimes it's tough! I have met many friendly residents over the years and have enjoyed putting the world to rights with them. I have also come in contact with a number of extremely vicious letterboxes! Luckily, I still have all my fingers!

I look forward to delivering The Villager for as long as possible. Jessica and I regard it as part of our exercise routine it's very important we keep moving at our time of life!

Thank you, Fay. Glad to hear you still have all your fingers.

Something that caught my eye on the Hampshire County Council website and which I thought might be of interest concerns reading groups.

"If you belong to a reading group or book club, you can borrow a set of books through our County Council libraries. There are hundreds of titles to choose from, both fiction and nonfiction. For each set, you can request up to 10 copies of the same book and up to two large print and two spoken word editions. You can reserve a book set online or in person at the library where you registered. Multiple requests can be

placed at the same time, so you can plan and book your reading programme up to 12 months in advance! There's also a 'New Additions' section to help you find the most recent titles added to the collection. Hampshire libraries also have lots of helpful tips online about how to set up a reading group or club, offering advice including ideas on where to hold sessions, group numbers, what books to choose, and how to lead a group."

And on a final note, I was intrigued to see a Tractor Meeting as I drove past The Plough the other day. I felt the gathering of these magnificent machines deserved a photo, and was surprised by the reaction said photo provoked in one of the entourage!. He said he was happy for the picture to feature in The Villager, but his friend was, I think, disappointed to discover I was not "an American tourist", merely your Villager correspondent, B.



Till next time.

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(Editor's comment: Thank you Fay for delivering the Villager in your area. We are so grateful to all those who deliver the magazine. If anyone would like to join this group please contact Liz Gwynn lizgwynn.eg@gmail.com)

David McIntyre



A warm hello to all readers of the Villager. Over the past months, I've had the pleasure of engaging with many of you, and one recurring question that often comes up is, "What exactly does the council do?" With so many different layers of local government, it's easy to see how the lines can get blurred. So, I

thought it would be helpful to provide a refresher on the roles and responsibilities of the various levels of local government here in Basingstoke and Deane.

Hampshire County Council

At the top of the local government structure, we have HCC. This body is responsible for a range of services that impact the entire county. These include:

Education: Managing schools and colleges across Hampshire.

- Transport: Overseeing the maintenance of roads, motorways, potholes, street lighting, and traffic signals.
- Fire and Public Safety: Ensuring our communities are safe and well-protected.
- Social Care: Providing care services for the elderly, disabled, and vulnerable.
- Libraries: Running public libraries and promoting literacy.
- Planning: Managing regional planning.
- Waste Management: Overseeing recycling centres and waste disposal.
- Trading Standards: Protecting consumers and ensuring fair trading practices.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council

Moving a step closer to home, BDBC is responsible for services specifically within our borough. These include:

- Local Planning and Development Control: Managing local planning applications and controlling development to ensure it aligns with our borough's needs.
- Street Cleaning, Household Waste, and Recycling: Keeping our streets clean and managing household waste collection and recycling services.
- Administering Council Tax and Housing Benefit: Ensuring residents receive the appropriate financial support and that council tax is administered fairly.
- Social Housing: Providing and maintaining affordable housing for those in need and promoting good quality housing across the borough.
- Environmental Health and Safety: Monitoring and enforcing health and safety standards to protect public well-being.
- Licensing: Issuing licences for various activities and businesses, ensuring they operate legally and safely.
- Economic Development and Tourism: Promoting our borough as a vibrant place to live, work, and visit.
- Parks and Leisure Facilities: Providing and maintaining parks, sports facilities, and leisure activities for all to enjoy.

These responsibilities are outlined in our Council Plan which

sets the direction for our borough over the coming years. This can be found on the Basingstoke.gov.uk website

Finally, at the grassroots level, we have our town and parish councils. These councils operate independently but work closely with both the borough and county councils to address more localised issues. Depending on the size and activity of the parish, their responsibilities can include:

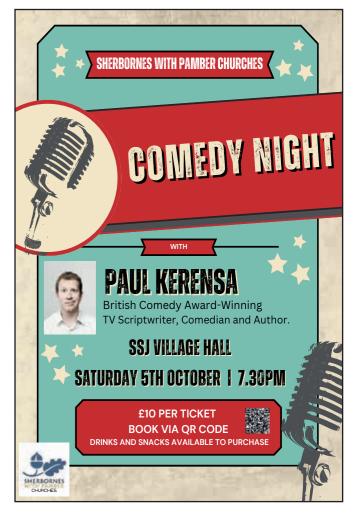
- Allotments and Commons: Managing local allotments and common land.
- Community Facilities: Overseeing public clocks, community centres, and war memorials.
- Neighbourhood Planning: Consulting on and contributing to local planning processes.

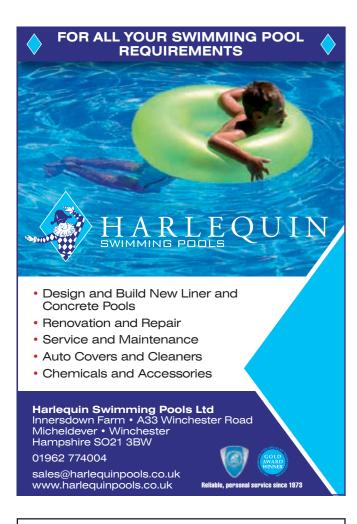
Their overarching goal is to represent the local community, deliver services that meet local needs, and improve the quality of life in their areas.

With that brief breakdown of the various areas of responsibility, next month I'll provide an update on Basingstoke & Deane's Local Plan and what the new Labour Government's proposed changes to national planning laws mean to us.

Cllr David McIntyre

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Beau's Blog

I am preparing for the holidays: sun hat, sun specs, nails done, ears done, bathed, brushed and perfumed and ready to accompany the Boss in his transport to spend some time in a foreign land. I have yet to pack my mate Teddy and my favourite blanket but I am sure the Mrs will take care of that for me.

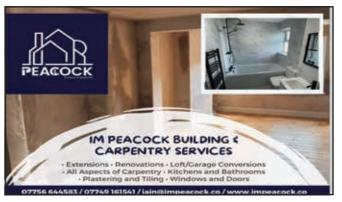
The Mrs mentioned having her nails done too but not at the same grooming spa I went to. The Boss said he wanted to take some nails and a hammer too, in case he needed to mend something, but completely missed the point when we mentioned manicure and polish....

By the time you read this I shall probably have returned home with only distant memories of baguettes, bones and bonjours but I shall have the shooting season to look forward to with lots of exercise and restocking of the freezer with game I have retrieved.

My kindest regards to you and I do hope you have had a good summer holiday too.

http://beauregardsdogblog.blogspot.com











Harvest Festival 2024



Harvest Festival Service

St Andrew's Church Sherborne St John

Sunday 6th October

10.30am

Followed by

Community Lunch

Sherborne St John Village Hall

11.30am

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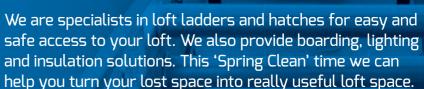
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Hampshire County Councillor Report – Calleva Division August 2024

Highways Information Road Repair Update

Hampshire County Council has been hard at work fixing potholes and road defects! From April 2023 to April 2024, they delivered a whopping 180,909 repairs – a 37% increase from the previous year. Potholes impact daily journeys for residents, whether commuting to work, heading to school, running a business, or exploring our beautiful county.



Thanks to an additional £22.5 million investment over two years, our highways service and main contractor, Milestone, have been able to deploy more resources to tackle these road issues promptly.

And Hampshire isn't alone – colder, wetter winters take a toll on roads everywhere. Plus, inflation means it now costs taxpayers around 44% more to repair a pothole. But fear not! Summer's here, bringing drier, warmer days. Our highways teams are on it, fixing potholes, smoothing surfaces, and maintaining roads across the county.

Reporting Highway Problems

Links to report road issues are here:

Potholes: https://www.hants.gov. uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/potholes

Tree/hedge problems:

https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/ roadmaintenance/roadproblems/ treehedge

Flooding/drainage issues:

https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/flooding

Pavement problems:

https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/ roadmaintenance/roadproblems/ paving

Problems with rights of way:

https://www.hants.gov.uk/ landplanningandenvironment/ rightsofway/reportaproblem

When reporting an issue, you'll be sent an email confirming a reference number for the report. If you would like me to follow this up for you then do please forward that message to me and I will chase for you

Hampshire Country Parks this Summer

With the school holidays upon us there is loads to do at Hampshire County Council country parks and farms.

From bug hunts at Staunton and Queen Elizabeth Country Parks, to a Film Festival at Royal Victoria Country Park and a Seashore Safari at Lepe there are dozens of things to do, most particularly to keep your little ones occupied.

The general link to the country park and farm site is here: https://www.hants.gov.uk/thingstodo/countryparks/

Hampshire Archives Talks

There's another fantastic event coming up from Archives Hampshire County Council and Archives in a few weeks time.
Entitled 'The Women's Institute at War' this online talk is given by local historian Phoebe Merrick who will talk about how the WI contributed

to the war effort in the villages of southern Test Valley.

The talk is on Monday 2nd September, from 6-7pm. It costs £6 per person and you can register for it here: https://www.hants.gov.uk/.../ womens-institute-at-war-090924

Hampshire Childrens Services rated 'Outstanding'

Supporting children and young people to get the best possible start in life and protecting those who are most vulnerable is one of our top priorities, so we're pleased to share that our Children's Services have once again been rated 'Outstanding' by Ofsted – the second time in a row.

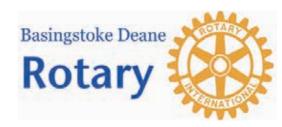
Hampshire children and families who need extra help and protection continue to be supported by one of the few authorities in the country with outstanding rated Children's Services. Our dedicated staff continue to make a positive difference, despite the backdrop of growing demand and complexity in the needs of children.

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Basingstoke and Deane Rotary Rotary Christmas Shoebox Appeal

We will be in Festival Place on Saturday 7th September
Handing out shoeboxes ready for you to fill with presents for deprived children

A Reminder of what you can put in your shoebox - for-

Playing - ball, skipping rope, small games, cards, dominoes, harmonicas/recorders, cars, small toys, Cuddly toy

Washing - soap, toothbrush, flannel, sponge

Writing - pens, pencils, sharpener, notebook, colouring book, puzzle book

Wearing – hat, gloves, scarf, socks, hair accessories, jewellery (Items need to be new or in good/as new condition)

PLEASE NO – liquids, no war toys or books, batteries operated items, sharp items, broken items, food or sweets. NO large toys, clothes or shoes. Nothing religious, political or racial

Fill a box for either:-

Boys or Girls, ages 1-3, 4-7, 8-11, 12-15.

We ask for a £2.00 donation towards transport costs, please attach £2.00 to your box with Sellotape

WE SUPPLY THE BOXES.

Pick up your new boxes and Drop off your filled boxes at the venues below

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DON'T FORGET TO EMBRACE THE GLITTER & GLOW!

Basingstoke Deane Rotary will be on hand to welcome you back with much needed refreshments.

DESTINATION BASINGSTOKE

Half marathon and 10k Run,
Sunday, October 6th 2024.
Also family friendly race for children & young
runners

See their website to register for this challenging run. You can also register to support a charity

Basingstoke Deane Rotary is a group of 35 men & women from a wide variety of backgrounds. All live locally in the borough but some commute to work outside Basingstoke. Most joined Rotary to help others less fortunate, and they find Basingstoke Deane Rotary adds another extremely enjoyable dimension to their lives.

If you would like to find out more about how we enjoy ourselves, just tune in to www.rcbd.org.uk to see what we have coming up, or contact Helen or Paul above to find out more. We think you'll be pleasantly surprised.

Facebook: @RotaryBasingstokeDeane | Twitter: @RBstokeDeane

Basingstoke Civil Service Retirement Fellowship





There were 51 members at the final meeting of the group held on 7th August. After giving apologies and wishing 'Happy Birthday' to those members with birthdays this month the Chairman, David Cowling, said how sad it was that this would be the last meeting. The Secretary, Tony Brazier, re-iterated this and wished everyone well for the future. The Welfare Officer, Christine Broadbent, said what a privilege it had been to help so many members during the past few years and then went on to issue Certificates of Merit from the Head Office of the CSRF to Tony Brazier, June Brazier and David Cowling. On behalf of the committee she then gave a gift to those members who had helped in a number of ways at the monthly meetings. Tributes were paid to all present and past members of the committee and thanks given to those who had supported us over the years. This included Tesco and Stork who had donated raffle prizes; all of the many speakers we had covering a wide range of subjects; Mervyn's Coaches who had taken us on a variety of trips and Brookvale Village Hall where we had held our meetings. Thanks were also extended to BCoT and the Conservative Club who had hosted many of our meals and afternoon teas, and the local press and community magazines who had printed reports of our monthly meetings.



Our speaker this month was Tony Strafford (pictured with David Cowling, Chairman and David Dance, Vice-Chairman) who gave a talk titled 'The Sex Lives of Kings'. He started with Edward the Confessor who came to the throne in 1042 and then went through the sometimes very colourful, and at times

very dark history, of royalty right up to current times. He gave accounts of the many intrigues, illicit relationships, murders and triumphs which occurred through the ages

not only to the Kings but sometimes the Queens as well. It all added up to a fascinating insight into the history of our royal families.

Following the meeting members attended a farewell lunch at the Conservative Club.

David Cowling

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THE LIONS CLUB OF BASINGSTOKE

'Lennie', the Basingstoke Lion, prowls again at his next

PRELOVED BOOK SALE!

Saturday, 21st September, 9am - 4.30pm Station Mall, Basingstoke

(between Costa and Sainsbury)

Once again, the Basingstoke Lions Club will be staging their popular charity book sale, aided and abetted by their mascot 'Lennie' - as ever, willing to offer a friendly 'pawshake', a high five and/or a gentle hug.

Founded in Basingstoke in 1967, the Basingstoke Lions Club is a member of Lions International, the largest community service organisation in the world. Through various events such as this, the Club continues to raise funds to support in the main the needs of our local community, the balance going to major international disasters.

AND: delighted to be on hand once more, the brilliant and talented Caroline from 'Funny Faces' facepainters will apply her artistry to your little ones'







Newt Life



When Gussie Fink Nottle tried proposing to Madeleine Bassett in P. G. Wodehouse's Right Ho, Jeeves he got into all sort of trouble and ended up talking about newts. And as Bertie Wooster mused after the inevitable disaster: No girl, when she has been led to expect that a man is about to pour forth his soul in a fervour of passion, likes to find him suddenly shelving the whole topic in favour of an address on aquatic Salamandridae.

So it is with apologies to Madeleine, though the sort of person who feels ' the stars are God's daisy chain', that I write this month's article about newts, Great Crested ones in particular.

Newts are round the village and our ponds, lots of them. The most elusive of them all is the Great Crested Newt, which though it has been recorded in Sherborne St. John in recent years, needs encouraging.

The Great Crested is the king of newts, a warty giant growing up to 17 cm in length, and a creature that has been around for between 30-40 million years. The UK population, though sadly in decline, is of international importance. They are amphibians, breeding in ponds during the spring, before feeding on invertebrates in woodland, hedgerows, marshes and tussocky grassland.

With that in mind, this October we will begin the process of digging seven ponds (one for each century of the medieval fishpond) around the rewilded fields of Manor Farm. The fields with their grasses left long, are perfect for them.

Trevor and Jane Lee (Manor Farm Cottage) have also converted their pond into a newt pond, so the doors are open for our newty friends.

And Gussie, should he wish to call...

Adam Rattray



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North Hants Prostate Cancer Group

NHPCSG - We support men and their families affected by Prostate Cancer.

Men - Be aware of the risks; get a PSA test (via your GP); or come to one of our awareness events: 7th September Silchester Fete 11:00 - 16:00 and 5th October The Malls Basingstoke all day.

Martin Budd gave us a presentation about the Benefits of Sleep packed with stats and graphs, and an anecdote or two.

He started with some stories of what can happen when you don't get enough sleep, fatal road traffic collisions and commercial airplane near misses

What is sleep?:

EEG monitoring of brain activity during sleep shows that sleep comes to you in 90 minute cycles, and you move through Light, Deep and REM sleep. Light sleep is the initial stage lasting up to 10 minutes during which you are easily disturbed. Deep sleep is the phase where the important stuff occurs; brain cleansing of toxins as well as short and long term memory rationalisation, with associated benefits to your immune system. REM sleep is when most of your dreams occur, and is central to your mood and emotional regulation.

How sleep affects your health: 7-8 hours is better for you than 4-5 hours. Consistency is key - Go to bed and get up at the same time every day for the most benefits.

Sleep is where your memories of the day's events are assessed and consolidated, or in some cases discarded or forgotten. So that old adage 'Sleep on it' before making an important decision definitely has its basis in fact. Sleep is also where you body repairs and recovers, and it is also known to boosts your immune system.

The quality of that sleep is very important. If you don't get a good night's sleep the consequences are not just feeling tired, or have 'brain fog'. You may be more susceptible to trips and other accidents, your mood may suffer, and it has even been shown to increase your risk of cancer - not just prostate cancer - any cancer.

One of the most troublesome conditions affecting your quality of sleep is Obstructive Sleep Apnoea which can cause the sufferer to snore excessively and even stop breathing for long periods until the body realises and wakes, or nearly wakes, completely disrupting sleep and destroying the benefits. The condition is linked to many seemingly unrelated health issues, high blood pressure, weight gain, type 2 diabetes, and even increased risk of heart attack and stroke. Being diagnosed with Obstructive Sleep Apnoea has to be reported to the DVLA affecting your ability to drive and any holiday insurance you may be denied or invalidated.

Many of us nowadays have smart watches that can monitor the length, phases and quality of your sleep, producing graphs of your night's progress and highlighting any issues.

How to sleep well

10 tips to get better sleep

- 1. Reduce blue light from screens.
 Use night mode on devices, or
 banish them completely from the
 bedroom.
- 2. Cut out light from outside, get good curtains/blinds.
- 3. Keep the bedroom cool 17C or lower.
- 4. The Orthopaedic Mattress does not exist. When choosing a mattress take your time, everyone is different. When sleeping on your side keep your spine straight from head to hips
- 5. Reduce caffeine. Stop imbibing 6 hours before bed.
- 6. Eat healthily, but try for a 12-14 hours fast overnight
- 7. Get outside in the sunshine for a 20 minute walk early in the morning to reset you body clock.
- 8. Do not snooze for long periods (30+ minutes) in the afternoon.
- 9. Wind down 20-30 minutes before going to bed.
- 10. Go to bed at the same time and get up at the same time every day.

The holy trinity for good health = Sleep + Exercise + Diet.

The charity Hope 2 Sleep has a good website full of information for snorers and sleep apnea sufferers

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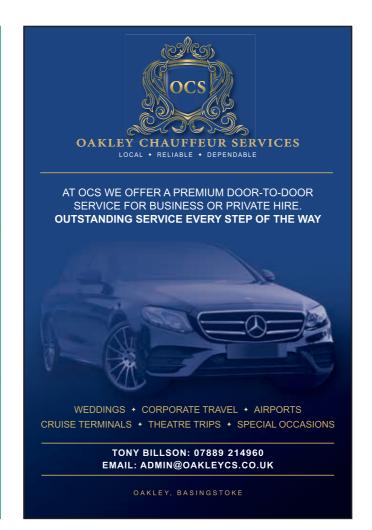
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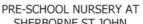
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Women's Fellowship



The August meeting included a talk on the subject 'Sweeney Todd - Romance, Riches and Retribution' by Mr Steve Herra - aptly named as all three aspects of his life featured significantly.

Firstly, though, we were asked the question: Did Sweeney Todd really exist?

Sweeney Todd was born on 26th October 1756 in London's Brick Lane. The area was occupied by the poorest of the poor, thus overcrowded and polluted. His parents were in the silk trade, common at that time, his Father a neer-do-well who drank his wages away, possibly in the local hostelry The Cheshire Cheese. His parents abandoned him whilst still a child, leaving him to fend for himself as an orphan. By the time he was 14 yrs he had served time in Newgate Gaol and learned the tricks of his trade, sharpening the tools for haircutting and shaving, initially for the inmates of Newgate, subsequently for the wealthy in their homes and in his shop he acquired at 186 Fleet Street, next door to St. Dunstan's Church.

Thus his story begins in earnest. He met the beautiful Mrs. Lovett, possibly in The Cheshire Cheese, a baker's wife who was subsequently widowed. Both Sweeney Todd and Mrs. Lovett were greedy for the finer things in life, part of their mutual attraction, where they conspired to build their grizzly business together. Sweeney Todd devised a chair, fixed to the floor of his shop, strangely situated in the middle of the floor, which, when he went down to the cellar he could release the chair from its bolts which toppled into the cellar thus killing the

client sitting in it. If the fall didn't break their necks, their throats were cut with Sweeney Todd's ever-sharp razor. Mrs. Lovett, meanwhile, made pies from the 'proceeds' which became so popular the shop formed a queue at Opening Time each day. A tunnel ran from this Sweeney Todd's cellar to Mrs. Lovett's bakery without anyone's knowledge, and the 'inedible remains' were stored in crates beneath the floor of St. Dunstan's Church.

Sweeney Todd's downfall was the parishioners' complaints during the church services of the terrible smell being emitted through the church floor. Eventually one Sir Richard Blunt decided to investigate and the grizzly discovery was made.

Sweeney Todd was charged with murder and hanged at the age of 46 yrs. The question, asked at the beginning of the talk, was: Did Sweeney Todd really exist? You decide!

Next month's meeting on Tuesday 3rd September will include a talk on The Building of The Anvil.

Royal British Legion



It is with sadness that we record the death of long-standing branch member Tony Evans who passed a way at The Grange Nursing Home on 2 August. Tony, who served in the Royal Marines, was a member for several decades serving on our committee, becoming

Chairman and ultimately Branch President. For many years he was also our branch Standard Bearer. We extend our sympathies to his family and close friends.

The branch committee has taken the decision to hold meetings every other month from October. This month, some members and friends are making a visit to RAF Odiham to get a brief on the present tasking of the unit, one of the busiest in the service.

We have a double bill on Tuesday 8
October at Cross House Bramley at
7,30pm. First is our short branch AGM,
reports of the past year's activities
and election of the new committee
we would love to welcome some new
members to the committee with fresh
ideas. Drop me an email if you would
like to join us.



Following the AGM, Rhydian Vaughan, our Vice Chairmen, will give an illustrated talk on the famous WW2 German battleship, The Bismarck and her ultimate demise in May 1941 in the North Atlantic - not to be missed!

We continue to work with St James Church, Bramley to arrange for the Laying up of the Bramley RBL Women's Section Standard. Little is known about this section so if you have any knowledge of it, we would love to hear from you.

John Morley

Branch Chairman revjmorley@talktalk.net

Annual Summer Pub Lunch for Probus Club





Introduced back in 1996 by the then president, David Carwardine, as a means of bringing the ladies into a social event for this men only club, the tradition has continued without break in the ensuing twenty-eight years. This year involved a group visit to the Bolton Arms in Old Basing.

A mixture of members and wives/lady friends totalling thirty-three dined in this fifteenth century, Grade 11 listed building that was reopened early this year after going through a significant refurbishment programme. This has brought this hostelry very much into the modern era providing an extensive food offering to suit all tastes and pockets.

Probus Club President Stephen Thair and his wife Margaret (right) hosted the event which was held in a private room that just about coped with the numbers. Probably room could have been achieved for the two people missing the lunch due to Covid.

Of the ladies present, four were members of the Ladies' Probus Club of Basingstoke while it was announced that two new members had joined the men's club this month. This is a good sign that the club has an attraction for like-minded men.

For more information about the Probus Club of Basingstoke see their web site www.probusbasingstoke.club or contact their secretary, Andrew Barton on 07814 937202 for an informal chat.

Sherborne St John Parish Council

Vacancy for Parish Clerk & RFO

Name of recruiting organisation

- Sherborne St John Parish Council - https://www.sherbornestjohn-pc.gov.uk

Employed and Permanent Role

Location: Home based. Attendance required at Parish Council meetings at the Chute Pavilion and Recreation Ground, Vyne Road, Sherborne St John, Basingstoke, RG24 9HX. The Parish Council meets every other month on the 4th Wednesday of the month.

Salary: will be negotiated depending upon experience, ILCA or CiLCA qualifications preferred and transferable skills and is anticipated to be in the range LC1, SCP 24-28, (£17.16 - £19.05 per hour), reviewable annually.

Hours: 12 hours per week (on average), working from home.

Overtime will need to be agreed in advance with the Chairperson or the Treasurer. Payment for overtime hours worked will be paid one month in arrears.

Our Council and the role: Sherborne St John Parish Council is seeking to appoint a Clerk and RFO from 1st October 2024, or sooner, to support the Parish Council's x 5 Councillors. The role is generally home based, 12 hours a week to be worked flexibly as required. The Council pays £26 per month as a WFH allowance. The management of the Chute Pavilion is part of the candidate's remit.

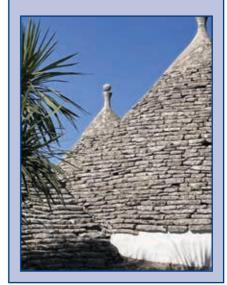
The Council will fund the Introduction to Local Council Administration qualification for the successful applicant, if they do not already hold it or the higher level CiLCA.

Once the new Clerk is on board we plan to set up a PC 'office' in the SSJ Village Hall. We would expect the Clerk to work approximately 1 day a week from that 'office' in order to give parishioners face-to-face contact with the Council.

For an informal conversation please contact the chairman, Richard Morgan, by emailing chairman@ sherbornestjohnp-pc.gov.uk or telephone 07799 072506.

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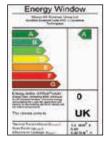


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