

A photograph of a deer with antlers in a field of tall grass. The deer is shown in profile, facing left, with its head and antlers clearly visible. The antlers are covered in velvet and have several points. The background is a soft-focus field of green and yellow grass. A dark, semi-transparent rectangular box is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing the title and date.

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Editor's Note

I promise this is the last time I will refer to the magazine's finances (at least for the foreseeable future !)

We are very grateful for all the donations we have received so far. We have been told by a large number of people that they consider the magazine to be a useful, and enjoyable, community tool to advertise events but also to highlight various serious and local issues affecting us all in the Parish of Sherbornes with Pamber. A number of people say that they read it while enjoying a cup of coffee/tea or even something stronger! That is exactly why the team spend a lot of time, effort (and money) compiling, printing and distributing the magazine to you all.

We are still in need of new distributors willing to walk the dog (or not!) and deliver the magazine at the same time - please contact Liz Gwynn (details on the right).

Also if every reader donated at least the price of a coffee in the Swan - £3.50 per month our financial future would look secure. If you haven't given yet, and would like to, the bank details are:

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Thank you

Julie



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Songs for the Summer

From nursery rhymes to school assembly anthems to chants on the terraces to singing along to our favourite hits in the car, or the shower, we all find ourselves singing at some point or another. Studies have shown that belting out a tune or singing in a choir can enhance our mood, boost our immune system or even reduce feelings of chronic pain.

Our recent Community Choir initiative drew people from different walks of life and parts of the parish to sing together at Christmas and Easter. Including some who are trained singers, some who self-described as “tone-deaf” and everything in between. All who took part described a real sense of enjoyment and fun – another testimony of the power of music and song.

For centuries music and singing have been a central part of worship in churches. The rhythm of a hymn or the simple melody of a song, combined with words that express deep truths, have a unique ability to connect us with each other and with the God we worship.

In the Bible, the book of Psalms is a rich collection of songs and prayers that have been sung by God’s people for thousands of years. The Psalms cover an extraordinary range of human experiences, from deep despair to exuberant joy,

and they help us to express our deep emotions to our God. Whilst faith in his promises is often where they take us in the end, the Psalms have a unique way of giving voice to our struggles and doubts too. Their place at the heart of Scripture reminds us that we have a God who is not distant or aloof but who wants to have a real living relationship with us. Like all of Scripture the Psalms ultimately point us to Jesus Christ as the one who came so we can relate to God again. Theologian Christopher Ash writes: “If the gospels give us Christ’s deeds and word, the Psalms open a window into his heart.”

Over the next few weeks in our churches, as well as joining our voices each week in hymns and songs, we’ll be exploring a few of these Psalms in more depth to see how they can help us to express ourselves and respond to God in ways that are life giving.

In case you’re wondering whether your singing ability is up to it or not, I’m always encouraged by Psalm 100v1 which encourages us to “make a joyful noise...!”

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**Monk Sherborne,
Pamber End &
Pamber Green
Community Survey**

The leadership team at Sherbornes with Pamber Churches would like to hear from everyone who lives in **Monk Sherborne, Pamber End or Pamber Green** as we consider new ways we can connect with people in this part of our parish.

Our churches are here for the whole community so please do let us know your thoughts!

You can complete the survey by scanning the QR Code or visiting our website:
www.sherborneswithpamber.org

If you would like a paper copy of the form to complete please contact our Parish Administrator and we will arrange to deliver this to you and collect it once complete:

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June

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With Our Communities

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Sun 1st 10.30am All Age Worship at St Andrew's

Weds 4th

10-11.30am Little Acorns Baby and Toddler Group at SSJ Village Hall

12-12.30pm Middy Prayer at St Andrew's SSJ

2-4pm Being Together Women's Group in the Parish Room

7.30pm Christianity Explored in the Parish Room

Thurs 5th

7.30pm Youth Christianity Explored in SSJ

Sat 7th

9.30am Dads and Kids in the Rectory Garden

3.00-4.30pm Women's Afternoon Tea at Monk Sherborne Village Hall

Sun 8th

9.30am Holy Communion at All Saints, Monk Sherborne

10.30am Morning Worship with groups for 0-11s at St Andrew's SSJ

7.00-9.00pm One Church Praise and Prayer Evening (venue tbc)

Weds 11th

10-11.30am Little Acorns Baby & Toddler Group - SSJ Village Hall

12-12.30pm Middy Prayer at All Saints' Monk Sherborne

Sun 15th

10.30am Morning Worship with groups for 0-14s St Andrew's SSJ

Weds 18th

10-11.30am Little Acorns Baby & Toddler Group - SSJ Village Hall

12-12.30pm Middy Prayer at St Andrew's SSJ

7.30-9.00pm Christianity Explored in the Parish Room

Thurs 19th

10-middy Poppy Knitting Group in Parish Room at St Andrew's SSJ

7.30pm Youth Christianity Explored in SSJ

Sun 22nd

9.30am Holy Communion at Pamber Priory

10.30am Morning Worship at St Andrew's SSJ with groups for 0-11s

Weds 25th

10-11.30am Little Acorns Baby & Toddler Group - SSJ Village Hall

12-12.30pm Middy Prayer at Pamber Priory

Thurs 26th

7.45pm Faith In Kids Event at St Ebbe's, Oxford

Sun 29th

10.30am Morning Worship with groups for 0-11s St Andrew's SSJ



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- What you have gone on to do.

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29th June or contact Lynda on 01256 851203 or
Becky on 07759930439

*Please only send pictures of yourself/ your own children





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Claiming Dates

June 2025

2	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00
3	Women's Fellowship, SSJ Village Hall, A Titanic Conspiracy	2.00pm – 4.00pm
7	Dads & Kids, Rectory Garden, SSJ	9.30am
14	Sherborne St John Primary School Fayre, School Playground	12 - 2pm
14	Sherborne St John Social Club, Private Function	7.30
16	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00
19	Knit/Crochet Poppies for Remembrance Day, St Andrew's Parish Room, Sherborne St John	10.00am – 12.00
21	Sherborne St John Village Fête, The Village Green, Sherborne St John	1.00pm – 4.00pm
21	The Vyne National Trust – Basingstoke Symphony Orchestra Summer Solstice Concert	7.00pm
21	Sherborne St John Social Club, Ryan Upton Solo Artist	7.30pm
26	Open Garden at Mill House, SSJ £5 entry Teas available	2 - 6pm
28	Sherborne St John Social Club Skittles Night	7.30pm
29	Open Garden at Mill House, SSJ £5 entry Teas available	2 - 6pm
30	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00

July 2025

1	Women's Fellowship, SSJ Village Hall, Outing	
13	OpenAir Church Service followed by a "bring your own" picnic, Chute Rec Ground	10.30am
14	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00
17	Knit/Crochet Poppies for Remembrance Day, St Andrew's Parish Room, Sherborne St John	10.00am – 12.00
23	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion All welcome	7pm
28	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00

August 2025

5	Women's Fellowship, SSJ Village Hall, Tales of a Roving Reporter	2.00pm – 4.00pm
11	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00
21	Knit/Crochet Poppies for Remembrance Day, St Andrew's Parish Room, Sherborne St John	10.00am – 12.00
25	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00

September 2025

2	Women's Fellowship, SSJ Village Hall, The Life of a JP	2.00pm – 4.00pm
8	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00
18	Knit/Crochet Poppies for Remembrance Day, St Andrew's Parish Room, Sherborne St John	10.00am – 12.00
22	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00
24	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion All welcome	7pm
27	175 years SSJ School Celebration (more info to come nearer the date)	

October 2025

5	Sherbornes with Pamber Churches, Harvest Tea and Ceilidh, SSJ Village Hall, All Welcome	7.30pm – 6.30pm
6	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00
7	Women's Fellowship, SSJ Village Hall, Dambusters	2.00pm – 4.00pm
16	Knit/Crochet Poppies for Remembrance Day, St Andrew's Parish Room, Sherborne St John	10.00am – 12.00
20	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00

Notify Claiming Dates to Lindsay Berry on lindsayberry0@gmail.com or message on 07775 800955

News from Pamber and Little London



We were delighted to see that one of the areas listed in The Times no less as being a prime place for bluebell spotting, was our very own Pamber Forest. Really? Daffodils, yes..... bluebells, mmmm. Wondering how we had failed to know this, and anxious to correct the oversight, we set off in search of the site advertised in the national press. We asked all the walkers we met, with and without dogs, if they had seen any bluebells and to a person they looked at us blankly and expressed surprise that we thought there would be some. And then a couple approached us and jovially beat us to the question, asking:

“Hello! Can you tell us where the bluebells are?”

“The Times?” I asked in response.

“Yes!” came the reply. “And we’ve come from Romsey to see them!”

There followed enthusiastic discussion of the shortcomings and poor research of the Press, and then the conversation moved on to suggestions as to where one could eat well in the area.

No bluebells, maybe, but a nice chat with fellow searchers. And a notice I thought may be of interest to anyone with a bit of time on their hands. (attached)

And the bluebells on Morgaston Road were superb!

We will not be around for VE Day but it sounds as though the celebrations in Pamber Park will be quite something. Any pics from The Pambers and Little London residents greatly received, and I will do my best to get them printed in the next edition!

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SHERBORNES WITH PAMBER CHURCHES

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Beau's Blog

Helping with the hydrangeas.

I thought I was just being helpful but the Mrs did not share the same feelings. She was busy dead heading all the hydrangeas. Apparently, it is advisable to leave the old blooms on until old Jack Frost has stopped visiting as they protect the tender new shoots, or in this case when you return to the garden they are growing in and have the time and energy to remove them.

That is what is happening now, the Mrs moves among the many hydrangea plants and systematically removes the old blooms and placing them in the wheelbarrow behind her. I secretly assist by delicately lifting each bloom in my mouth and removing them to a pile nearby thus emptying the wheelbarrow to allow her to add more old blooms.

After a while she becomes suspicious that she is able to add so many to the wheelbarrow without filling it. At this point she looks behind her to find my helpful emptying technique has resulted in a pile of blooms with me in the middle. She was a little exasperated but managed to smile at my help, however I was banned from removing anything further from the wheelbarrow, no matter how helpful I thought I was being.

Sometimes my assistance is just not required!



<http://beauregardsdogblog.blogspot.com>



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PLEASE consider opening your home and heart to a cat in need; if you cannot foster, please spread the word to anyone who may be able to help us.

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The surgery has also welcomed a new Health Care Assistant **Jo Walker**.

Did you know that people aged 40 – 74 are entitled to a Health Check?

The NHS Health Check is a free check-up of your overall health. It can tell you whether you're at higher risk of getting certain health problems, such as: heart disease, diabetes, kidney disease, stroke. During the check-up you'll discuss how to reduce your risk of these conditions. If you're aged over 65, you'll also be told about symptoms of dementia to look out for.

Who is the NHS Health Check for?

The check is for people who are aged 40 to 74 who do not have some pre-existing conditions. See <https://www.nhs.uk/tests-and-treatments/nhs-health-check>.

How do I get an NHS Health Check?

If eligible, you should be invited to an NHS Health Check by your GP every 5 years. If you think you are eligible but have not been invited, contact your GP surgery.

What happens at an NHS Health Check?

Your NHS Health Check will usually be done by a nurse, but it could also be a doctor, pharmacist or healthcare assistant.

The check takes about 20 to 30 minutes and usually includes:

- measuring your height and weight, measuring your waist, a blood pressure test, a cholesterol test, and possibly a blood sugar level test, which is usually a finger-prick blood test. You may be asked to have a blood test at or before the NHS Health Check

You'll also be asked some questions about your health including:

- whether any of your close relatives have had any medical conditions; if you smoke, and how much; if you drink alcohol, and how much; how much physical activity you do. Your age, gender and ethnicity will also be recorded.

Your NHS Health Check results:

You'll usually be told your NHS Health Check results during the appointment.

You'll be given your cardiovascular risk score of developing a heart or circulation problem, such as heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes or kidney disease, over the next 10 years.

Everybody's cardiovascular risk rises with age, so the next time you have an NHS Health Check your risk score may be higher, even if your test results are the same.

There are some things about your risk which you cannot change, such as your age, ethnicity and family history. But the most important factors in your risk score (such as smoking, your cholesterol level and blood pressure) can be changed. You will receive advice on how to improve your scores if needed.

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My trip on the community bus to Chineham Shopping Centre was a great experience. My husband was in hospital at the time so this outing was a lifeline. I had a wonderful trouble-free time.

The bus picks up at 10am on a Friday morning, and returns at 12 noon, from the bottom of Dancers Meadow and also Manor Road. Dave the driver is so kind with all the passengers, especially those who need a little extra help.

There was time to meet up at the Greek Street Restaurant who are lovely with the ladies who have scooters and wheelchairs by moving tables so that everyone can sit together. There is a wide range of useful shops including Boots.

"Use it or lose it"

Jane Bechelet



Sherborne St John Village Fete

Saturday 21st June: 1pm to 4pm



Cake Stall: All donations welcome,
please bring ready-wrapped.

No fresh cream please!

Contact: Pat Burt 01256 850593



Plant / Flower Stall: All donations welcome,
please label plant name.

Contact: Donna Watson 07739 663761

Volunteers Meeting:
Saturday 7th June 2025 11am to 12am in Village Hall.

Volunteers, please come along for further information
re: your stall or game.

If you would like to volunteer and your name is not on the list,
please just come along too.

Open Garden at Mill House, SSJ

Teas, coffee and home-made cakes are once again on offer to everyone in the gardens of Mill House this June.

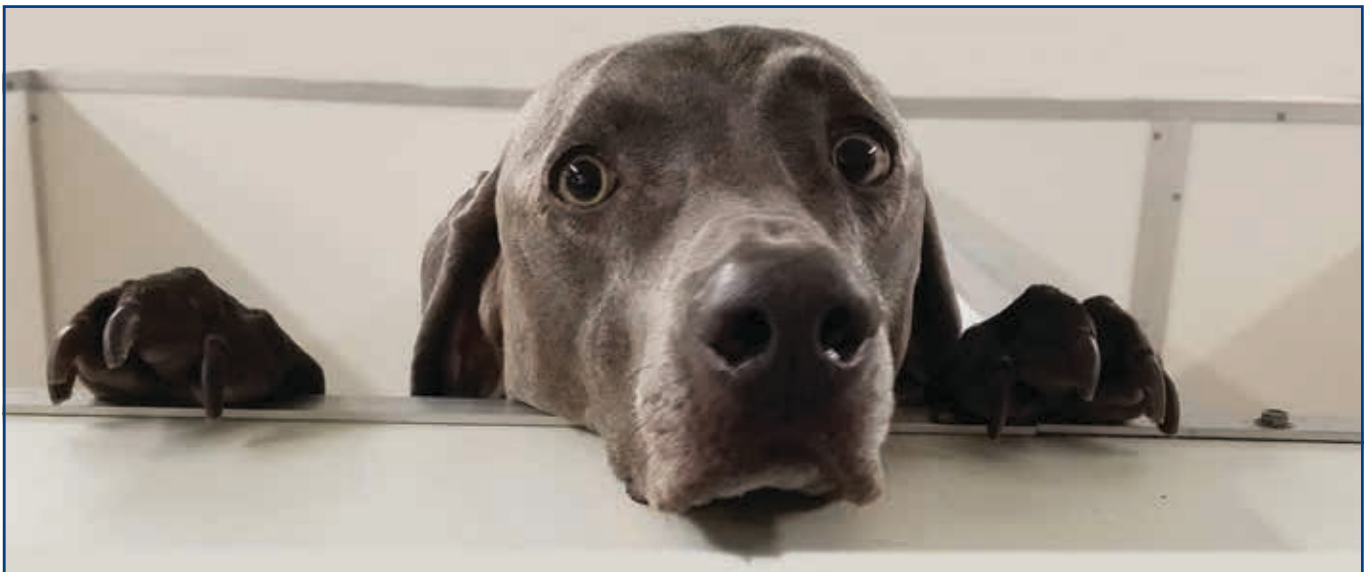
The dates are: Thursday 26th and Sunday 29th of June. 2pm to 6pm.

Many villagers will, over the last ten years, have seen the general transformation of the site and restoration of a working waterwheel from afar. This is the annual chance to roam, see and enjoy the planting, the streams and the gardens in full. Strolling to this nearby venue for tea makes a perfect afternoon out should you have friends or family around that weekend.

Free parking is offered for drivers and the venue is well signposted. Simply approach the house via the Vyne Road entrance opposite the new houses at "Bob's Farm". For satnav use RG24 9HU.

The entrance fee is £5 for adults (children are free) and all receipts go to charity.

Full details at:
<https://ngs.org.uk/gardens/mill-house-rg24/>



PSSSSST – have you heard about the Dog Show at the SSJ Village Fete?

It's time to start preparing so you're ready for the 21 June. You can enter for the following categories at £2 each. To keep things manageable there will be 10 entries per category.

- 1. Best Behaved.**
- 2. Waggiest Tail.**
- 3. Lovable Girl**
- 4. Handsome Boy.**
- 5. Best dressed Dog (and Owner).**

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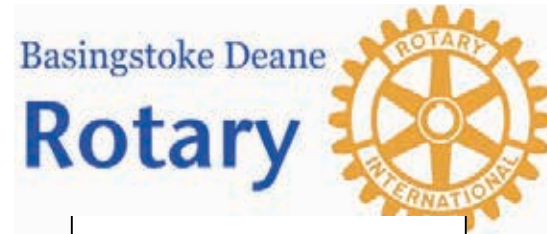



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What are we fundraising for? SUPPORTING LOCAL CHARITIES HAMPSHIRE HOSPITALS CHARITY



Whilst we will continue to support numerous local charities our focus charity this year is **Hampshire Hospitals Charity** and we have launched a fundraising campaign to raise £38,000, to fund the purchase of a state-of-the-art camera system and an **additional thoracoscope for the respiratory team at Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital**. While this equipment is available within the wider Hampshire Hospitals Trust, it falls outside the scope of NHS funding. By investing in this technology, patients in north Hampshire will benefit from receiving care closer

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St Michael's Hospice Future Events SAVE THE DATE

THE BIG WHEEL, Sunday 1st June
SUMMER MEMORIES, Sunday 13th July
GOLF DAY, Friday 12th September
MOONLIGHT WALK, Saturday 27th September
REINDEER RUN, Sunday 30th November

It can be, having fun while giving back!

St Michael's Hospice, like many local charities, needs constant fundraising to support the special work that they do. You can support them by participating and getting sponsorship.

To fundraise for their events. (See their website)
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Ladies Entertained by Probus Club



The annual Spring Ladies 'Lunch is one of several occasions during the year that the men of the Probus Club have lunch with the ladies in their lives.

This May it took place at the Test Valley Golf Club and had as their guest of honour, Janet Fagg, the President of Basingstoke's Ladies' Probus Club. She was in the company of friends as, like herself being the partner of a Probus member, several wives present are also members of the Ladies' Probus Club which has been in continuous operation for nearly thirty-two years.

Speaking after lunch, Janet remarked of the convenience living with a member of the men's Probus Club as it gave an insight into their speaker programme that enabled those suitable for a female audience could be identified. They had enjoyed a visit to a Japanese garden in Fleet and in the summer will be having an afternoon tea.

In the meantime, the men, together with any of their ladies who may be interested, in June are going to visit the grand house Kingston Lacy in Dorset. Other activities during the summer include a trip on the Basingstoke canal as well as their traditional summer pub lunch.

Retired men interested in finding out more about the Probus Club should see their web site www.probusbasingstoke.club or phone 07814 937202 for a chat with their secretary, Andrew Barton.



The two presidents of the Probus Clubs - Ladies (Janet Fagg) and Men's (Stephen Thair)



Bramley Poppy Appeal Organiser

Bramley RBL seeks a new Poppy Appeal Organiser. The current organiser is moving house away from the village, after doing the role for 8 years.

As Poppy Appeal Organiser, you would be responsible for ordering poppy stocks, co-ordinating a team of collectors, receiving the collections, banking Poppy money and completing Poppy paperwork. That's it in a nutshell.

If you have experience in managing more or less anything you would be qualified, once trained, to perform the role. Although it's a year-round position, it's voluntary, and would best suit someone who is either retired or who can spare about 6 weeks from mid-October in a full time role, and who could be available for a couple of Poppy Organiser conferences during the rest of the year. Counting the money is easier these days, as about half of all donations are

via card machine. There is a coin counting machine which can be borrowed from St James Church for the metal money. Other responsibilities include ordering wreaths for local organisations and individuals to be laid during the Remembrance period, and running a stall at the village fetes in the area.

The area covered by Bramley includes Sherborne St John, Monk Sherborne, Ramsdell, and Hartley Wespall. There is also a desk in Reception at North Hampshire Hospital for two weeks every year, which raises nearly half of all donations in the area. There will be a handover document available which describes how the Poppy Appeal has been run up to now.

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Women's Fellowship

The speaker was Terri Reid with an introduction by Stephen Reid, on the life and works of Cristabel Pankhurst.

Stephen explained that the talk was an 'in character presentation' with the first part being Cristabel's words taken from her speeches and writings.

Cristabel came from a socially and politically active family, her mother being Emmeline Pankhurst, leader of the Suffragette Movement and connected to the incident at the Epsom Derby when Emily Davison threw herself in front of King George V's horse.

The talk began when in 1914 Cristabel gave her 'sisters in arms' speech, though the Women's Social & Political Union (WSPU) began in 1903 with her and her sisters' mother Emmeline.

Cristabel was criticised for favouring the educated middle classes whereas her sister Sylvia, with whom she subsequently fell out, was very much for all women to be freed from the tethers of menfolk, regardless of social standing.

Cristabel had a law degree but, because she was a woman, was not allowed to practise law. She knew society had to change, but wanted to act in a non-militant way to fight for the vote for women. She was degraded and villified by men and led a campaign of 'Deeds not Words' and later imprisoned in both Holloway Women's prison and Bow Street, police station in London for various suffragette-related actions. She later moved to Manchester. Following her imprisonments she adopted more aggressive and militant tactics in order to gain the attention of the Government to address the issue of women's rights. The action took the form of breaking windows at 10 Downing Street, putting bombs through pillar boxes and going on hunger strike.

In 1917 the then Prime Minister David Lloyd George could see that women had been instrumental in the war effort of WW1, and in 1918 parliament considered changing the law to give women, over 30, the vote. But these women needed to be married, and be small property occupiers. This law then changed in 1928 to allow women aged 21 and over to have the vote, with the 'Equal Franchise Act' implemented.

Cristabel became disenchanted with women's priorities, e.g fashion and more trivial pursuits, and moved to the US, but returned briefly to the UK in the 1930's. She later returned to Los Angeles, where she died in 1958 aged 77 yrs.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd June. 2pm - 4pm.



Cristabel with her mother Emmeline Pankhurst

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The cheque was presented by Grant Chivers the recent head of this section of local Freemasons founded in Basingstoke in 1861, that operate from the Masonic Centre in Victoria Street, at the Top of Town.

Keith Hall, a trustee of this local branch of RDA, with its full name of Wellington & Dummer Riding for the Disabled, commented:

"This contribution will be used to help meet our running costs, mostly feed for the ponies. We also need to replace some wood on the ramp used by wheelchairs. We do not have fixed fees for our riders. Our funding comes from voluntary contributions, fundraising activities, and we are grateful for donations, such as this one from Freemasons."

He added. "It would be good to see some more volunteers as we need as much support as we can get to help with our lessons or helping with stable activities."

The stables at Wellington Riding are used on Thursdays for some activities while most are carried out at Dummer where the ponies are stabled on the land and facilities that are provided by owner Trish Willats.

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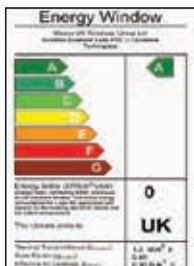
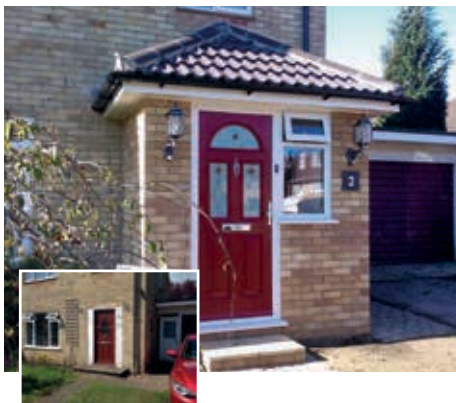
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