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If so, please email me at [villagermagazine@gmail.com](mailto:villagermagazine@gmail.com) or phone me on 07703 720961  
*Julie*



**Where am I?**



**Answer on Page 22**

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## Celebrate Hope this Easter

There are little signs of hope everywhere at this time of year. The days are growing longer, gardens are bursting into life, and the dawn chorus is beginning to reach its crescendo. These little signs can lift our spirits in a world where it can sometimes feel like hopes for the future are in short supply.

If you've taken a walk past St Andrew's Church in Sherborne St John you might have spotted another sign of hope. The children of SSJ school have been busy again decorating stones and creating a beautiful Easter Garden in the churchyard. On Easter Sunday morning the stone in front of the tomb will be rolled away, just as it was on the very first Easter morning.

The empty tomb is the greatest sign of hope the world has ever known. It offers us not just a lift, but the promise of life in all its fulness forever. Life where hope will no longer be

needed: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3 v 16).

Later on in the Bible it speaks of what it means to have this hope in an uncertain and tumultuous world. "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure." (Hebrews 6 v 19)

We'll be celebrating this hope at church this Easter. Whether you're convinced or curious, regular or haven't yet stepped through the doors, you will be very welcome.

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**Easter**  
CELEBRATE HOPE

**Good Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**  
Reflections at the Cross  
2.30pm Pamber Priory

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April**  
Easter Egg Hunt  
2-4pm St Andrew's Church SSJ

**Easter Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April**  
Easter Celebration  
9.30am All Saints' Monk Sherborne  
10.30am St Andrew's

Easter Communion  
11.45am St Andrew's

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<b>Tuesday 31st</b>	<b>7.30pm</b> Prayer & Praise Night at St Andrew's
<b>Weds 1st</b>	<b>12.00noon</b> Midday Prayer at All Saints
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>2.30-3.30pm</b> Reflections at the Cross at Pamber Priory
<b>Sat 4th</b>	<b>2.00-4.00pm</b> Easter Egg Hunt starting at St Andrew's
<b>Sun 5th</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Easter Celebration at All Saints <b>10.30am</b> Easter Celebration at St Andrew's <b>11.45am</b> Easter Communion at St Andrew's
<b>Weds 8th</b>	<b>2.30pm</b> Being Together in the Parish Room
<b>Sun 12th</b>	<b>10.30am</b> All Age Worship at St Andrew's
<b>Weds 15th</b>	<b>10-11.30am</b> Little Acorns Baby and Toddler Group at SSJ Village Hall <b>12noon</b> Midday Prayer at St Andrew's
<b>Sun 19th</b>	<b>10.30am</b> Morning Worship with groups for 0-11s at St Andrew's <b>4.00-5.30pm</b> Bereavement Cafe at Monk Sherborne Village Hall <b>7.30-8.30pm</b> Evening Communion in the Parish Room
<b>Weds 22nd</b>	<b>10-11.30am</b> Little Acorns Baby & Toddler Group at SSJ Village Hall <b>12-12.30pm</b> Midday Prayer at St Andrew's
<b>Sun 26th</b>	<b>10.30am</b> Morning worship with groups for 0-11s at St Andrew's <b>12noon</b> Annual Parochial Church Meeting at St Andrew's
<b>Tues 28th</b>	<b>11am</b> Tuesday Communion at Pamber Priory
<b>Weds 29th</b>	<b>10-11.30am</b> Little Acorns Baby and Toddler Group at SSJ Village Hall <b>12noon</b> Midday Prayer at St Andrew's
<b>Sun 3rd May</b>	<b>10.30am</b> Communion with groups for 0-11s at St Andrew's <b>3.00-4.30pm</b> Family Walk starting at The Rectory



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**Sunday 19th April**  
**4 - 5.30pm**

## Claiming Dates

### April 2026

4	Sherborne St John Social Club, Ben & Bryony Music Quiz, 01256 850303	7.30pm
6	NB: NO SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning today	-----
11	Sherborne St John Social Club, Susy Gigg Mediumship, 01256 850303	12.30pm
10	Monk Sherborne Village Night, Monk Sherborne Village Hall	6.00pm – 8.00pm
13	Knit & Knatter Craft Group, SSJ Village Hall, tea/coffee available	1.00pm – 3.00pm
13	Monk Sherborne Coffee Morning, Monk Sherborne Village Hall	10.45am – 12.00
18	Sherborne St John Social Club, Amy Winehouse Tribute, 01256 850303	8.30pm
20	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00
22	Board Games at the Swan - Eat @12noon, Play @1pm	12 noon
25	Sherborne St John VILLAGE MARKET, SSJ Village Hall	12.00am - 3.00pm
25	Sherborne St John Social Club, Skittles Night, 01256 850303	7.30pm
27	Knit & Knatter Craft Group, SSJ Village Hall, tea/coffee available	1.00pm – 3.00pm 12 noon

### May 2026

1	Sherborne St John Social Club, Jake & Jay Hog, 01256 850303	7.30pm
1	Monk Sherborne Village Night, Monk Sherborne Village Hall	6.00pm – 8.00pm
4	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00
10	B/s & Deane Rotary Fundraising, Basingstoke Festival of Transport	11.00am – 4.00pm
11	Knit & Knatter Craft Group, SSJ Village Hall, tea/coffee available	1.00pm – 3.00pm
16	Sherborne St John Social Club, Charity Casino Night, 01256 850303	7.30pm
18	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00
18	Monk Sherborne Coffee Morning, Monk Sherborne Village Hall	10.45am – 12.00
23	Sherborne St John VILLAGE MARKET, SSJ Village Hall	12.00am - 3.00pm
25	Knit & Knatter Craft Group, SSJ Village Hall, tea/coffee available	1.00pm – 3.00pm
27	Board Games at the Swan - Eat @12noon, Play @1pm	12 noon
30	Sherborne St John Social Club, Skittles Night, 01256 850303	7.30pm

### June 2026

1	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00
5	Monk Sherborne Village Night, Monk Sherborne Village Hall	6.00pm – 8.00pm
8	Monk Sherborne Coffee Morning, Monk Sherborne Village Hall	10.45am – 12.00
8	Knit & Knatter Craft Group, SSJ Village Hall, tea/coffee available	1.00pm – 3.00pm
15	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00
20	Sherborne St John Village Fête (if a leader can be found)	TBC
22	Knit & Knatter Craft Group, SSJ Village Hall, tea/coffee available	1.00pm – 3.00pm
24	Board Games at the Swan - Eat @12noon, Play @1pm	12 noon
27	Sherborne St John VILLAGE MARKET, SSJ Village Hall	12.00am - 3.00pm
29	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00

### July 2026

3	Monk Sherborne Village Night, Monk Sherborne Village Hall	6.00pm – 8.00pm
6	Knit & Knatter Craft Group, SSJ Village Hall, tea/coffee available	1.00pm – 3.00pm
13	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00
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Our desire is for this magnificent building to live up to its full potential for this and future generations, serving the whole parish and everyone who wishes to come to it. For this to happen, there are some key areas that need to be addressed, whilst remaining mindful of our responsibilities to preserve all that is so deeply valued.

<b>Welcome</b>	<b>Accessibility</b>
Improvements to the entrance and inside space to make the building more welcoming, especially to those visiting for the first time.	Ensuring the whole building including toilet facilities are accessible to all, including young children and people with disabilities.
<b>Flexibility</b>	<b>Sustainability</b>
Improvements so that the building could better serve a wider range of people in the community by hosting different types of events and services.	Any changes to our building should make it more sustainable and environmentally friendly.

Sherbornes with Pamber PCC are at the very early stages of a lengthy process of exploring how we can ensure St Andrew's church building truly is "A Building for All". We have appointed an Architect to conduct an Options & Feasibility Study and there will be a period of consultation with the community in due course. In the meantime if you have any comments or questions, please get in touch: [admin@sherborneswithpamber.org](mailto:admin@sherborneswithpamber.org) 07786 975969

# Sherborne St John Parish Council



## Cranesfield Playground

BDBC completed the new of Cranesfield. There is an increased number of 'rides' compared to the previous playground. The weather in January and February delayed the completion of the site, but it is now finished and open for use.

## Chute Playground

It's said that you wait for one bus and then two come along at the same time - it seems that the same maxim can be applied to playgrounds.

The new playground at the Chute has been completed, there are a few minor issues that need to be resolved, but the playground is now open and being used already.

## Hampshire/BDBC Elections

Recently there has been a lot in the press suggesting that this year's HCC/BDBC elections would be postponed because the reorganisation of county and borough boundaries would render these HCC/BDBC elections invalid.

However, I can confirm that the anticipated elections will now go ahead as planned in early May.

I suspect council officials will have their work cut out to make these dates.

## Cranesfield Development

The parish submitted over 200 objections to this application of 26 houses, more than the number of objections to this same application when it was submitted in 2024.

I can confirm that the application has been rejected for a second time.

## Kiln Farm/Weybrook

These applications are still in play but don't seem to be moving at any rate of knots. I suspect that we will see an increase in activity during this year.

## Chute - CCTV

Finally, we have all the numbers required to let the contract be install CCTV around the Chute pavilion and in the Chute car park.

## Chute - Repairs

We've had to get a leak in the Chute roof repaired. There is water leaking through some of the panel joints. The roof has loomed large in our budget calculations for the last couple of years and we have funds allocated for any repairs.

We knew we would be looking at repairs sometime in the future and that day has arrived, hence the decision not to progress with improving the car park - see following.

## Chute Improvements

We anticipated upgrading the car park by way of re-surfacing the car park, installing charging points, etc.

However, the grant application that we submitted was not successful.

Parish funds are such that we could complete the work fully funded by the parish council. However, it would be fool hardy to take that approach as it would the OC financially exposed re: other anticipated 'must do' repairs and outgoings

## Allotments

We've been looking for some time to find out how to provide a water supply at the Cranes Road allotments.

The Parish Council, with advice from the allotment holders, is in the process of obtaining x 4 large water containers. These containers will then be filled by a tanker delivery of water.

The Parish Council is also looking to 'donate' one allotment at the Cranes Road site to the primary school. Who knows we maybe nurturing the new Alan Titchmarsh or Charlie Dimmock

## CPR Training

So far about 19 parishioners have signed up for the CPR training on the 18th April at the Village Hall. There is still room for more attendees.

Please keep looking out on the village notice boards and Facebook pages for any/all updates.

## Notice Boards/Map

The footpath map will soon be back. The wood surround is being replaced to ensure a solution that is more weatherproof than the original repair.

The noticeboard outside the Village Hall and the noticeboard on the wall, near the church path are also both being replaced.

## Monday Coffee Mornings

Both our Clerks, Rosie and Ali, have been attending the Monday morning coffee meetings in the village hall. Most times there is also a parish councillor there and Cllr Simon Minas-Bound, our BDBC representative, has been known to turn up.

Recently representatives from the Rural Policing team have attended. PCSO Lucas Kane

It's a great opportunity to get any issue you might have in front of the council without having to attend a formal council meeting.

## Chute Visitors

I encourage you to keep a watchful eye out for unidentified vans that apparently scouting out sites for possible temporary camp sites.

The local police have warned us about increased activity. Anything that looks suspicious then please contact the Clerk who will put you in touch with the local PCSO.

## Richard Morgan

Chair, SSJ Parish Council

# Monk Sherborne Parish Council

The Parish Council met on March 11th and discussed the following topics.

## Planning

The following applications have recently been received 15 Queens Cottages. Tree works T/00107/26/TCA Gibson House. 25/02858/FUL

Other applications still outstanding relate Redhouse Farm, Priory Farmhouse and Manydown Phase 1.

It's all quiet with the Stokes Lane Solar Farm as the Planners are expecting more information from the applicant.

## Highways

The usual issues with potholes are ongoing and Pamber Road and Salters Heath Road were fortunate to get some repairs but unfortunately there are still more to

the Parish Council could ring the Highways Officer and get repairs carried out asap. Today it relies on reports to Hampshire Highways website and helps if multiple reports for the same area. We urge residents to report problems please.

A request has been made for the signage around the junction of the A339 opposite Stone Circle to be reinstated after being damaged.

## Parish issues and maintenance

The Lengthsman will be asked to jet wash the bus shelter on the A339 near the Ramsdell Road and the moss will be treated near the Monk Sherborne village notice board.

The grass cutting contractor has been instructed for another 3 years at the same cost as the maintenance is carried out to an excellent standard.

## Play area

The PC is currently exploring funding to replace the swings as they are approaching the end of their useful lives; but there is good news that the bench seating is going to be replaced thanks to the generous support of the County Councillor and the Village Hall Trustees. It is expected that the new seating will be in place later this spring.

## Thank you

A big thank you goes to the residents who do their bit to keep our area cleaner and tidier by litter picking behind the selfish and inconsiderate people that blight our roads, cleaning road signs, keeping their hedges cut back from the highway and painting our finger post signs. It makes such a difference.

Also thanks to the Borough Council for collecting 20 bags of litter picked on Rookery Lane to A339.

## Peter Boyle

Chairman of Monk Sherborne Parish Council

Sherborne St. John Parish Council  
**Drop In Clinic**  
At  
Sherborne St John Village Hall  
Monday Morning at Coffee Morning  
10.00am till 12.00  
(no drop in April next date 4th MAY)  
Parish Clerks; Rosie Burton (RFO) & Alison Heward  
An opportunity to meet your local Parish Council and ask questions

Sherborne St. John Parish Council  
**FIRST AID/CPR COURSE**  
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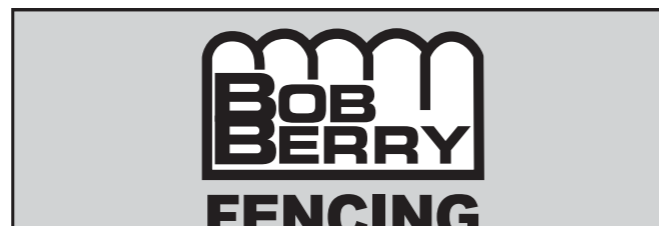
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## News from Pamber and Little London

Hello everyone from the garden on a beautiful Spring day. It seems almost unbelievable that war appears to have reared its ugly, unwelcome head once again and is increasing its scope on a daily basis. To take your mind off the horrors occurring in the Middle East, here are some items relating to sights and issues nearer to home.

You may remember a few years ago a rather dodgy diptych which appeared in this column. The images depicted were entitled Frogspawn and Frogs Porn. I have it on very good authority that this year a positive orgy of frog copulation was to be found in the pond on the aptly-named Frog Lane where a Mating Ball - a technical term I am told - was recently in full swing. Photos were too shocking for publication :-))

The wonderful native daffodils, narcissus pseudonarcissus, are also in full swing in Pamber

Forest. As advised last year by a local expert,, an ideal vantage point is close to the Honey Mill pumping station.

At the other end of the happiness spectrum: potholes. These are apparently even worse than usual and repairs are the responsibility of Hampshire Highways who can be contacted on [www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem](http://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem). And the service does not deal solely with potholes: drainage, flooding, overgrown vegetation and road signs are also in their ambit. I conclude with some images of particularly egregious examples of potholes. I hope your experience of them has been less dramatic.

Until next month,

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## RBL Spring Update

Well it will be when the Monsoon stops..... I thought I would alert you to some of the events that we are pulling together for the coming year. We shall be at the summer fetes, Bramley, Sherfield and (hopefully) Sherborne St John so do come and say hello. **Visit to the National Memorial Arboretum, Staffs. 18-19 May.** We will have an overnight stay returning on the 19th. A very moving and emotional trip.

**Colonel's Review of Trooping the Colour - 6th June.** A formidable display of precision, pomp and circumstance by the Regiments of the Household Division on Horse Guards Parade, London. I have 10 tickets available @ £15 per head.

**RBL summer lunch to celebrate the Battle of Waterloo - Sherfield on Loddon village Hall - 25th June.** A lunch to mingle with our friends followed by a talk from me on the Battle of Waterloo as a taster for-



**Battlefield Tour to Waterloo, Belgium - 4-6 Sept.** A decisive battle in British history that finally got rid of the scourge of Napoleon and brought peace to Europe for 99 years. In an area of 3 square miles the carnage was unmitigating although totally successful in the end. "Hard pounding this, gentlemen, let us see who will pound longest" - Duke of Wellington. Anticipated cost £450 per head.

**Early December** - We will be repeating our end of year get-together for those who have helped and supported us throughout the year.

Do please contact me or Chris Woodward our secretary ([chriswoodward634@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:chriswoodward634@yahoo.co.uk)) if any of this excites and you would like to be involved. Many thanks.

**Rhydian Vaughan MBE**

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# A Note from Your Borough Councillor



## Sorry... it's planning again!

I should probably start with a small apology — once again this update is about planning. I know it's not the most exciting topic, but it is one of the most important when it comes to shaping the future of our villages and countryside.

Over the past few weeks I have been spending time with parish councillors and our county council colleagues looking at the recent changes to national planning policy and what they could mean locally. These changes are already influencing the way landowners and developers promote potential development sites.

One area where activity has been increasing is land along the A340 around Pamber Green and Pamber End, where a site is being promoted for around 1,800 homes. The scale of this proposal would make it one of the largest potential developments affecting the north of the borough.

The promoters of the site have recently carried out a significant amount of technical work covering transport,

landscape, environment and infrastructure. This work is clearly aimed at supporting a case for the site to be allocated in the Borough Council's emerging Local Plan.

At this stage no decisions have been made, but it is important that local councils understand what is being proposed and what the implications could be. Issues such as road capacity on the A340, local services, infrastructure and the impact on the rural character of the area will all need careful consideration.

I will continue working closely with parish councils and county colleagues to make sure local voices are heard and proposals affecting our communities receive proper scrutiny as the Local Plan progresses.

And I promise that next time I'll try to write about something other than planning!

## Simon Minas-Bound

Sherborne St John & Rooksdown Ward  
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# SSJ Primary School



Hello again, villagers! The sun has finally decided to grace us with its presence and the whole atmosphere has shifted from muddy puddles to springtime smiles in record time!

You may have noticed some changes to the school landscape. For a long

time, the old tree in the Class 1 area has been a silent guardian of our playtimes, but unfortunately, the ground beneath it has become quite unsafe. Following a safety assessment of the surrounding ground, we have taken the necessary step of removing the tree.

It feels a bit empty right now but we are already planning a new tree planting in a much better, sturdier position on the school grounds. It'll be a fresh start for a new generation of shade-seekers.

Our athletes have been doing us proud on the Cross Country circuit. The recent competition saw a show of grit and determination and we are absolutely thrilled to announce that one of our pupils has qualified for the Hampshire Finals! We'll be cheering them on from the sidelines- it's a massive achievement.

The new lunchtime provision has been a hit now that the weather is cheering up. We've introduced a calm area for those who want a break from the hustle and



Easter Garden team in the churchyard

bustle and the natural play area is buzzing. Thanks to a delivery of new gardening tools, our budding horticulturists are busy digging and prepping. It's lovely to see so much "green thumb" energy during the break!

A huge thank you to the School Association for an incredible Quiz Night held at SSJ Social Club. The evening was brilliantly organised and managed to raise over £600 for the school! A massive thank you to Steve the Quiz Master. His questions were excellent- varied and challenging! Well done to the winning team- who only got one incorrect answer the whole evening!

As we march toward the end of term, the excitement is building for our Easter Service and every-increasing sunny days!

## Sherbert

SSJ School Villager Correspondent

# News from Clift Surgery and the PPG

## A big round of applause

As most of you know Dr Ward from Clift Surgery took part in the Bright Equipment Lapland Arctic race. Sadly, she had to withdraw after 3 days due to illness, but what an achievement.

"Unfortunately, my race is over. I was going strong (The first woman I'm told!) but the first few days were -19 and a cold I thought I had shaken took a deeper hold and I developed a chest infection so had to retire from the race. I am on antibiotics, and, whilst recovering thinking through how I improve things for next time. Thanks for all your support of me and the frailty teams work that I hope you will still support if you can".

We are super proud of our GP and she has raised £4000 for the Frailty Team and her patients of Clift Surgery.

## Spring COVID boosters

These are on their way and those eligible will be invited for this top up.

## Clift Surgery Dispensary

A GP dispensary can only be used by patients who are officially eligible under NHS rules—mainly people who live in rural areas without reasonable access to a community pharmacy. In other words, not everyone registered at a GP practice can use its dispensary.

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- Take part in Quality Improvement (QI) projects.
- Share a patient story (e.g. an experience of a hospital stay.)
- Join our Patient Voice Forum, which meets 6 times a year (online and in-person) and welcomes staff from across the Trust to share updates and contributes to improvement work.

Join our Involvement Network here <https://bit.ly/HHFTInvolvement> or if you have any questions email: [PatientExperience@hhft.nhs.uk](mailto:PatientExperience@hhft.nhs.uk)

More news next month...

## Cllr Rhydian Vaughan MBE

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# Beau's Blog

Me and my mate Teddy. Teddy and I went on another week's holiday alone, staying with my girlfriends and I am happy to tell you that this time Teddy came back without a scratch on him. I spent a most enjoyable week playing with their toys, being chased around the garden and then turning tail and chasing them back, or just running for the pleasure of it, something I never do with the Mrs....

While the Boss and the Mrs were sunning themselves on sunny shores I stayed home and was treated like royalty and presented with a new basket and bed with a soft insert and an elegant new mat to lay on. Although the Boss said they had nice sunbeds to lay on during their week abroad, I went one better and came home with mine – something they apparently were not allowed to do.

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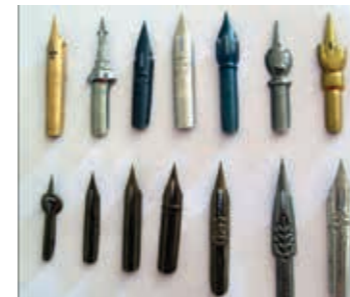
## Probus Hears: “The Pen is Mightier...”



Nigel Thorley, guest speaker at the Probus Club of Basingstoke, took members on a lively journey through the evolution of writing instruments.

He began with the Egyptians, who 3,000 years ago wrote on papyrus using shaped reeds dipped into ink made from natural materials and insects. These early tools eventually gave way to quills- strong feathers from large birds, slit at the tip to allow ink to flow smoothly without blotting.

Blotting itself changed dramatically in 1801, when blotting paper was invented by accident, replacing the sand traditionally used to dry ink.



By the mid-1850s, the metal nib had been refined for dip pens. A narrow slit in the nib allowed ink to flow by capillary action, and Birmingham became a major centre of production, with one company alone employing

two thousand workers. Dip pens remained a classroom staple into the 1950s, when school desks still featured ceramic ink wells refilled daily by the designated “ink monitor” a prized position. Today, steel nibs survive mainly in the hands of artists and calligraphers.

The arrival of fountain pens marked a turning point. Although early versions were made of metal, the invention of Bakelite in 1907 by Leo Baekeland revolutionised production. This mouldable plastic type material allowed pens to be fitted with a lever mechanism that compressed a rubber sac, drawing ink into the reservoir.

In 1921, the American company Parker launched the now-iconic Duofold and later solved the problem of slow-

drying ink with the introduction of Quink-quick drying and fountain pen friendly. Parker’s advertising dominated in the 1930s, and in 1941 the company unveiled the “Parker 51” named to mark the firm’s 51st anniversary and to signal that the pen was a decade ahead of its rivals.

With eight patents and a lifetime guarantee, it became a symbol of innovation. Its fame was sealed when General Eisenhower held up two Parker 51s in a victory gesture after signing the documents that ended the Second World War.

The ball point pen, however, would change every day writing forever. Hungarian inventor Laszlo Biro and his brother created a thicker, fast drying ink that didn’t blot. Granted a patent in London in 1938, the brothers later fled to Argentina during the war. The RAF quickly recognised the value of their invention, ordering 30,000 pens because fountain pens leaked at altitude.

Manufacturing of this ball pen took place from 1945 in USA where a New York store placed an order for 50,000 and sold 30,000 in the first week of this new style pen that did not need refilling for two years. Originally priced at \$12.50 today it has become a throwaway pen costing pennies.

In the meantime Parkers continue with fountain pen manufacture together with their roller ball and propelling pencil variants marketed as a luxury item to be treasured and second-hand versions fetch good money on auction sites.

For more information about the Probus Club of Basingstoke see their web site [www.probusbasingstoke.club](http://www.probusbasingstoke.club) or email [secretaryprobusbasingstoke@outlook.com](mailto:secretaryprobusbasingstoke@outlook.com) or phone 07814 937202 for an informal chat.



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# Women's Fellowship



The March meeting included a talk and demonstration of birds of prey, given by Anita Ebdon, owner of Hampshire Hawk Walks based near Alton, which has been running for nine years since her first acquisition of a barn owl named Wilfred - although Wilfred started life as Willow until his gender was discovered.

Wilfred is known as an imprinted barn owl as he spent the first few months living with Anita and her husband in their home and he identifies with Anita as his 'partner'. Wilfred was very talkative to the delight of his audience, which is a characteristic of the barn owl. There are five species of UK owl, the Barn owl, Tawny, Little, Long-eared and Short-eared owl. They hunt at different times of the day and night, and their eye colour reflect this; yellow eyes means day hunting, orange eyes are for dawn and dusk hunting, and dark eyes are for night hunting. Their feathers have no use in the rain, being cone shaped which hold water. They are very light, Wilfred weighing a mere 10.5oz.



Harris Hawk 'London' waited patiently in his box for his turn to be shown; a beautiful, much larger bird, his species in the wild originating from Texas, Arizona and desert areas of the USA. Harris Hawks are community birds who hunt in packs. They are considered to be brainy as they communicate as a

group, and are termed Wolves of the Sky. The females are bigger and definitely The Boss. London weighs 1.5lb whilst the female, Trinity, weighs 2.5lbs. Their feathers are not as thick as the barn owl's, being from hotter climates, and unlike the barn owl who hunts mainly for small rodents such as mice, the Harris Hawk hunts for rabbits, pheasants, and Trinity managed to bring down a muntjac deer. They see bright colours and hunt during the day.

Dougal, a kestrel, followed London and Trinity, the kestrel is part of the falcon family. There are four types of falcon, the Peregrine, Gryfalcon, Merlin and Americal Kestrel, all characterised by their hooked

beaks and sharp talons. They can spot food up to two miles away, their favourite food being pigeons.

'Texas' had his turn next, a beautiful red-tailed Buzzard which hails from the US and is equivalent to the UK Common Buzzard. Generally lazy, but Anita has taught Texas to catch grey squirrels which he manages due to his 'stocking feet' which can hold onto the wriggling squirrel. Anita has to provide the right amount of food, not too much, so the birds are hungry enough to venture out to hunt for food. She provides, for example, mice which she purchases in bags of fifty. She takes them out every other day and she allows participants to get up close and handle them, but of course this is not compulsory!

Walks last approximately two hours and take place in her private woodland. What a great way to spend a couple of hours.

For further information on Hampshire Hawk Walks go to the website [www.hampshirehawkwalks.co.uk](http://www.hampshirehawkwalks.co.uk)

The April meeting will be on Tuesday 14th April (not 7th April) and the speaker will be Jacky Dimmock's The Good, The Bad and The Downright Funny.



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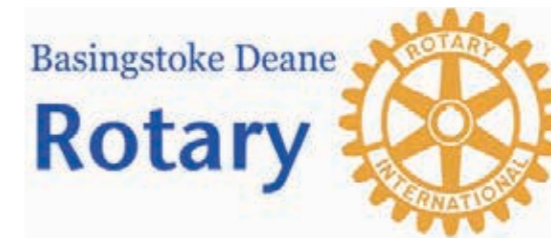
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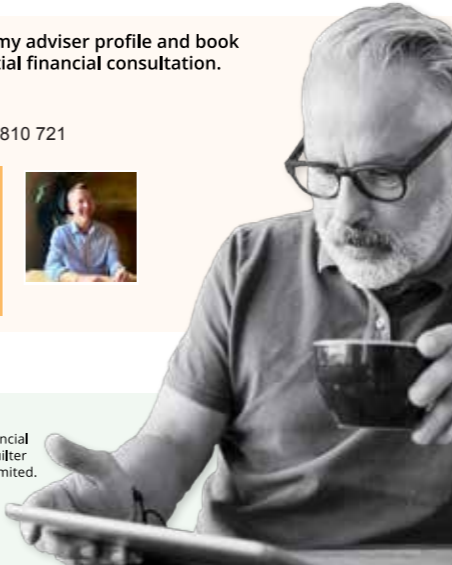
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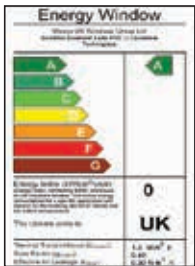
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