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Editor's Note

"Ne'er cast a clout 'til May be out"

An old English saying: Clout is from an Old English word for cloth or clothing, and the saying was a reminder not to be too quick to shuck/remove your winter woollies before the chilly days of May were over.

Another thought was that it referred to the May blossom on the hawthorn hedges. This year the blossom was out very early in April down Church Path in SSJ.

Allotment News – May 2026



Apple and pear blossom

Cordons are a good way to save space when growing different types of apple and pear trees

Primary School Project

We are making progress with clearing an allotment plot for use by Sherborne St. John Primary School, and we hope to be working with the School very soon.

Another allotment plot may be coming vacant soon. If you want to go on the allotment waiting list please contact the warden:

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Prodigal Generosity

Shrinkflation, parking meters popping up where they never used to be, airlines even teasing customers about introducing charges for in-flight toilet use(!) — it can sometimes feel as though we're living in a world that is becoming less and less generous.

Our instinctive response is often to tighten our grip. When resources (financial or otherwise) feel under constant pressure, we guard them more closely. And yet, there is another response, glimpsed in small but powerful ways across our community: a passer-by dropping an item into the foodbank collection in the church porch, a child sharing a toy unprompted at the toddler group, a passenger giving up their seat on the bus. These moments may seem ordinary, but they remind us how transformative even the simplest act of generosity can be, for both the one who receives and the one who gives.

Generosity is one of our core values as a church, and this month we'll be exploring together what it might mean to live generously, even in a world that can feel increasingly tight-fisted. To do that, we look beyond our circumstances to the character of God, and to the Bible's bold claim that his generosity towards us knows no limits.

We see this most vividly in one of Jesus' best-known stories, often called the prodigal son. As Tim Keller highlights in *The Prodigal God*, the true prodigal — the truly extravagant one — is not the son, but the father, who "squanders" his love by welcoming his wayward child home with gifts, dignity, and a feast.

Jesus' story shows us that God's generosity is not earned. It does not wait for worthiness, ration forgiveness, or hold back love. It runs, it embraces, it restores, it celebrates. And it is offered to each one of us in the most generous gift of all — God's own Son, Jesus.

Wherever we find ourselves in that story, close to home or a long way off, the invitation is open. To receive that generosity for ourselves, and then, step by step, to begin reflecting it in our own lives.

If you'd like to explore that with us, you would be very welcome to join us at any of our services or events. You'll find the details on the next page, and we'd love to see you there.

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 07359 717577

Men's Quiz Night

Quizmaster
Steve Howe

Friday 8th May at 7pm
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Sun 3rd	10.30am Morning Worship with groups for 0-11s at St Andrew's 3pm Family Walk starting at The Rectory
Weds 6th	10-11.30am Little Acorns Baby & Toddler Group at SSJ Village Hall 12-12.30pm Midday Prayer at St Andrew's
Fri 8th	7pm Men's Quiz Night at SSJ Social Club
Sun 10th	9.30am Holy Communion at All Saints 10.30am Morning Worship with groups for 0-11s at St Andrew's 4pm Families at 4 at St Andrew's
Mon 11th	10.00am Maintenance Monday at St Andrew's
Weds 13th	10-11.30am Little Acorns Baby and Toddler Group at SSJ Village Hall 12 noon Midday Prayer at All Saints 2-4pm Being Together in the Parish Room
Sat 16th	9am-5pm South Central Women's Day at St Mary's Maidenhead 9am-midday Community Working Party at Pamber Priory 10-11.30am Dad's and Kids at the Rectory
Sun 17th	10.30am Morning worship with groups for 0-11s at St Andrew's 6-6.45pm Evening Communion in the Parish Room
Tues 19th	11am Tuesday Communion at Pamber Priory
Weds 20th	10-11.30am Little Acorns Baby and Toddler Group at SSJ Village Hall
Sun 24th	10.30am All Age Worship at St Andrew's
Sun 31st	10.30am All Age Worship at St Andrew's
Mon 1st June	12 midday Men's Bible Study at St Andrew's



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SSJ Parish Council

Council elections

May is here already and the local elections are on the 7th May 2026. We have a vacancy for our Ward of Sherborne St John at Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council. Please use your vote, it gives you a chance to have a voice on your local council.

Parish council drop in session – coffee morning

Our next drop in session at the coffee morning- Village Hall, is on the Monday 4th May 2026, 1st June 2026, and 4th July 2026, 10.00 am till 12.00pm

Come along and have a chat with us and the councillors.

The Chute playground

It has been noted that the playground at the Chute has been installed, but still fenced off. It is unfortunately that the Parish Council has been let down by our contractor, who is no longer trading and leaving us with a safety issues. We therefore have been advised that the playground cannot be opened until the surface is replaced, this will be at the Parish Council's additional cost. We are doing our best to resolve the issue and would like to thank you for your patience.

Please note that we have put up signs informing you that the playground is not safe and must not be entered.

The Parish Council will keep you informed of progress and hopefully we will be able to all enjoy a wonderful playground this summer.

CCTV & car park at the Chute Pavilion

The Parish Council are still in negotiations for the installation of CCTV and lights to improve the safety of the Chute Pavilion car park. The clothes collection bins are being looked at and maybe moved to create more parking space. Further information to follow.

Our village

Your council continue to maintain our village, making sure it is kept clear of rubbish and pathways kept clear of greenery. Please let us know of any paths which are in need of clearing.

The littler bins at Cranefield playground are still locked and awaiting Basingstoke & Deane to have them adopted from Wickstead (Playground installion company) and keys made available.

The village map is still in repair and hopefully will soon be replaced. New Parish Council Notice Boards at the Village Hall, and at the path of the church will be replaced in the next few months.

Improvements and maintenance of the Chute Pavillion is currently been arranged.

First aid/CPR awareness course

A first aid/CPR Awareness course was held at the Village Hall by St John's Ambulance, on the 18th April 2026 it was well attended and very informative. We will consider holding another one in the future

Open Church

Sunday to Wednesday
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pray, reflect, and explore the
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Claiming Dates

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
3	Sherbornes with Pamber Churches, Family Walk starting from the Rectory, SSJ	3.00pm – 4.30pm
4	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00
5	Women's Fellowship, Ghosts, Royals and Ferrymen - Plant & Produce Stall.	2.00pm
8	Men's Quiz Evening, Sherbornes with Pamber, SSJ Social Club Free admission	7pm
	Teams of 6 or join others. Contact: admin@sherborneswithpamber.org	4 – 5pm
10	Sherbornes with Pamber: Families at 4, St Andrews Church	11.00am – 4.00pm
10	B/s & Deane Rotary Fundraising, Basingstoke Festival of Transport	1.00pm – 3.00pm
11	Knit & Knatter Craft Group, SSJ Village Hall, tea/coffee available	7.30pm
16	Sherborne St John Social Club, Charity Casino Night, 01256 850303	10.00am – 12.00
18	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.45am – 12.00
18	Monk Sherborne Coffee Morning, Monk Sherborne Village Hall	12.00am - 3.00pm
23	Sherborne St John VILLAGE MARKET, SSJ Village Hall	1.00pm – 3.00pm
25	Knit & Knatter Craft Group, SSJ Village Hall, tea/coffee available	12pm
27	Board Games at The Swan - Eat @ 12pm, Play @ 1pm	8pm
27	Chris & Friends Jazz Evening, SSJ Social Club	7.30pm
30	Sherborne St John Social Club, Skittles Night, 01256 850303	

June 2026

1	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00
2	Women's Fellowship, A Wander Without Wellies	2.00pm
5	Monk Sherborne Village Night, Monk Sherborne Village Hall	6.00pm – 8.00pm
6	SSJ Primary School Summer Fayre	12.00am – 2.00pm
6	SSJ Social Club, Ben and Bryony Music Quiz. Tickets online @SSJSOCIALCLUB.COM	7.30pm
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
14	Sherbornes with Pamber: Families at 4, St Andrews Church	4 – 5pm
15	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00
20	Musical Event, St Andrew's Church. More details next month. All welcome	TBC
22	Knit & Knatter Craft Group, SSJ Village Hall, tea/coffee available	1.00pm – 3.00pm
24	Board Games at The Swan - Eat @ 12pm, Play @ 1pm	12pm
24	Chris & Friends Jazz Evening, SSJ Social Club	8pm
25	Royal British Legion Summer Lunch, Sherfield on Lodden Village Hall	12.30pm
27	Sherborne St John VILLAGE MARKET, SSJ Village Hall	12.00am - 3.00pm
27	SSJ Social Club, Robbie Williams Tribute Tickets online @SSJSOCIALCLUB.COM	8.30pm
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
4	SSJ Social Club, Dolly Parton Tribute Tickets online @SSJSOCIALCLUB.COM	8.30pm
6	Knit & Knatter Craft Group, SSJ Village Hall, tea/coffee available	1.00pm – 3.00pm
7	Women's Fellowship, OUTING	
11	SSJ Social Club, Ryan Upton/Solo Artist Tickets online @SSJSOCIALCLUB.COM	8.30pm
12	Sherbornes with Pamber: Families at 4, St Andrews Church	4 – 5pm
13	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00
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Notify Claiming Dates to Lindsay Berry on lindsayberry0@gmail.com or message on [07775 800955](tel:07775800955)

Monk Sherborne Parish Council – Annual Parish Assembly

Residents are warmly invited to attend the Annual Parish Assembly of Monk Sherborne Parish Council, which will take place on Wednesday 13th May at 7.15pm at Monk Sherborne Village Hall.

The Annual Parish Assembly is an opportunity for the community to come together, hear about the work of the Parish Council over the past year, and discuss matters of local interest. It is a chance for residents

to raise questions, share views, and engage with councillors on issues affecting the village.

The Parish Council's full council meeting will follow immediately after the Assembly.

All are welcome to attend, and the Parish Council encourages residents to come along and take part in this important annual event.

Clerk to Monk Sherborne Parish Council: 07721 076186

Women's Fellowship



The April meeting included a talk by retired Police Officer Jackie Dimmock, who gave a scintillating account of her experiences in Hampshire Constabulary from 1982

to almost 2012. The title of her talk was The Good, The Bad and the Downright Funny, and she included examples of all three.

One of her emphases was how the police force has changed over the years, with some rules and regulations seeming to be from the Dark Ages.

There were two criteria for retirement, you had to have given thirty years' service, or be 55 years old. Jackie's birthday, in December, fell one day out of line with her boss telling her it was only 7pm and she couldn't retire yet, but she managed to retire on the 4th December 2011.

Jackie's stories going back forty four years were of hardship, which thankfully are very different nowadays. Shift work was seven nights on with two days off, one of which was spent sleeping. Dealing with people ranging from vulnerable to violent and volatile had its moments. Fifteen police officers died in Hampshire whilst on duty between 1982 and 2011.

A vital part of the police officer's role was, and is, building relationships with colleagues. If an officer was in a potentially difficult or dangerous situation while on duty they needed to call in for assistance and know that a colleague would be there within minutes to assist.

Training was basic. How to carry out an arm lock, how to use handcuffs, different to the ones used now, how to caution, basic Red Cross first aid and basic life-saving, to include learning to swim if necessary. At the end of their three month training they were told where they

would be sent, and it would be as far from home as possible. Jackie's home was in Fleet and she was sent to the Isle of Wight.



Truncheons were an issue, men were given one, and female officers were supplied with a handbag. (This was the mid 80's) and every item required had to fit inside. Hence no truncheon, though they are now telescopic, and she was issued with a torch.

Uniform was also an issue. The hat - hardly protective - had to be folded to fit in her handbag. Following this hat came the bowler, slightly harder, but if running or bending down were involved the bowler instantly fell to the ground. The supplied chin-strap was not used as wearing it apparently upset the general public.

Then came the skirt - trousers not allowed - which was straight, no hint of an A-line, which was lined with non-fire-retardant which in the case of a fire would have to be ripped out. The straight skirt was no match for running and had to be hunched rather high up to facilitate. The equipment attached to the belt weighed 28lbs, which after a 12 hour shift was unacceptably heavy.

On a positive end to her talk, Jackie said she was proud to be invited by the Isle of Wight Lifeboat crew to join in a training exercise, when she was winched onto a helicopter, and was a great experience. Their friendship was much appreciated.

Jackie was thanked by Julie Crawley for her often hilarious talk, and Part 2 has already been booked for 2027.

The next meeting on the 5th May will include a Plant and Produce stall.

News from Pamber and Little London

Hello everyone,

A more serious approach to the Pambers and Little London contribution this month for which I am indebted to Simon Greaves, Chairman of the Pamber Parish Council.

Simon reminds us that the Parish Council meetings are open to the public and you have the opportunity to raise concerns that affect the parish. Meetings are held on the second Monday of every month, except August, at 7.30pm, alternating between St Stephens Hall, Little London and The Memorial Hall Pamber Heath, where the April meeting will be held. It was announced at the meeting that a new Clerk has been recruited to take over from the present Clerk, C Gunnell, who retires in April. More information will be given shortly.

Planning and traffic volume and speed were important items on the agenda at the latest meeting.

Planning

There is still concern among the councillors regarding Central Government's plans to overhaul the planning process through changes to the NPPF. We have strongly objected to the changes that will weaken the enforcement of local policies which take into account local needs and issues in favour of a more generalised approach of simple, fit-all policies. This is a top-down approach where a grass roots bottom-up approach is needed.

To continue with planning news, we have objected to the recent planning applications in and around Ramsdell Road. They would erode yet more green land changing the character of the area. The full reasons for objecting can be viewed on the BDBC planning web pages.



Sherborne St. John Parish Council
Drop In Clinic
At
Sherborne St John Village Hall
Monday Morning at Coffee Morning
10.00am till 12.00
4th MAY 2026, 1ST JUNE 2026, and 6th JULY 2026
Parish Clerks; Rosie Burton (RFO) & Alison Heward
An opportunity to meet your local Parish Council and ask questions

Traffic

The speed and volume of traffic through the parish has been a concern for many years. We have tried on numerous occasions to address the problems, but have yet to find solutions that are acceptable to HCC or the police. However, we will not let up in this task, and to this end we are requesting assistance from the Safer Road Unit of Hampshire Police Force for their input.

And a reminder from me: our jolly bunch of Speed-Watch enthusiasts is always happy to welcome more volunteers who would like to point a speed gun at a numberplate or, more prosaically, jot it down on a clip board; any volunteers, please contact me.

Until next time,

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Driver Skills 60+ Scheme

Hampshire County Council (HCC) operate a driving appraisal scheme for Hampshire residents called the 'Driver Skills Scheme 60+'.

The appraisal takes place from the person's home using their own car and is delivered by specially selected and trained Driving Standards Agency (DSA) Approved Driving Instructors (ADI) who have a good understanding of the needs of experienced drivers.






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Preparing for the Future of Local Government



This month I wanted to focus on an issue that may feel a little more “behind the scenes”, but is hugely important for the future of our area — the work underway to create a new North Hampshire Unitary Council.

Across Hampshire, councils are now working together to prepare for a major change in how local government is organised. This includes both Hampshire County Council and Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, alongside neighbouring authorities. The aim is to bring services together into a single unitary council for North Hampshire, with the first elections expected in May 2027.

While that may sound some way off, a huge amount of detailed work is already taking place now to make sure the transition is done properly.

This matters because councils deliver some of the most important services people rely on — particularly for our most vulnerable residents. That includes adult social care for older people, support for children in care, and services for those with special educational needs and disabilities. These are complex, sensitive services that must continue seamlessly, with no disruption.

At the same time, there is a need to bring together how we plan for the future of the area — from

housing and infrastructure to economic growth and jobs. A new unitary council creates an opportunity to better align these priorities across a wider area, but only if the groundwork is done carefully and thoughtfully.

That is why officers and councillors are working through everything from budgets and staffing to service design and governance, making sure that on day one the new council is ready to deliver.


It may not always be visible, but this preparation is essential. Getting it right will help ensure that vital services are protected, local accountability is maintained, and our area is well placed to meet the challenges ahead.

As always, I will continue to keep a close eye on this work and make sure the interests of our local communities are fully represented as plans develop.

Simon Minas-Bound

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News from Clift Surgery and the PPG

Clift Surgery is updating how it communicates with patients

Our communication system has recently been improved. Reception, GPs, nurses and the dispensary team can now send updates by email.

Please remember to check **both your email inbox and your NHS App** if you are expecting a message from the surgery, including notifications when your prescription is ready to collect. It is important to **switch on notifications** for the NHS App so you don't miss anything.

From now on, **email will be our main method of contacting you via Accurx**. If you have a preferred way of receiving messages, please let a member of staff know. If you would prefer to continue receiving text messages when your medication is ready, please speak to a member of staff about signing up for the Pharmabox. This provides a quick and convenient way to collect your medication during and outside of surgery hours.

The NHS App

The NHS App is an important tool for patients. It allows you to:

- request repeat prescriptions
 - view your medical records
 - read letters and documents from the surgery
- The App can be used on a smartphone, tablet or computer. It is simple to set up and easy to use.

If you would like help getting started, the PPG offers support. Our recent open morning was very successful, and more sessions are planned.

If you would like assistance, please email ppgclift@gmail.com

Dispensary News

The dispensary remains an essential service for patients who live within the NHS defined distance of 1.6km from a pharmacy. Please remember:

- The dispensary is linked directly to your medical records
- You can speak to someone in person during opening hours
- Urgent medication can be dispensed following a consultation
- There is no reliance on postal services
- The **Pharmabox** allows 24 hour collection once you are signed up

New Website

The PPG is trialling a new website to widen communication, especially for those who do not use social media.

A downloadable newsletter is also available on the site. Printed copies can be collected from Clift Surgery reception for anyone without internet access. Visit: www.ppgclift.org.uk

SSJ Primary School

It has been a whirlwind of activity lately at Sherborne St John School, where community spirit and seasonal celebrations have taken centre stage. From major site improvements to bursts of creative flair, our pupils and staff have plenty to smile about as we head into the warmer months.

The area outside Class 1 has undergone a fantastic transformation, thanks to an incredible collaborative effort from several local businesses. The removal of the old tree and the professional finishing of the surrounding grounds have created a much-improved space for our learners.



This project wouldn't have been possible without the generous "heavy lifting" provided by our local partners. A huge "thank you" goes out to:

- Foremost Tree Surgeons: For getting the ball rolling and expertly removing the tree.
- M Group: For their vital role in coordinating the project and managing waste disposal.
- Pavenet: For the hard work of excavation and laying the essential sub-base.
- Tarmac: For providing and applying the smooth, final layer of asphalt.
- Chapter 8: For managing the lane closure to keep both the public and the workforce safe.
- OCL Regeneration: For their generous donation of 18 tonnes of recycled CRBM material for the sub-base.

Creativity reached new heights during our annual Easter Hat Parade. The playground was a sea of colour, glitter, and gravity-defying designs. From traditional spring chicks to some truly avant-garde "egg-centric" masterpieces; the effort put in by the children (and their helpful assistants at home!) was wonderful to see. It



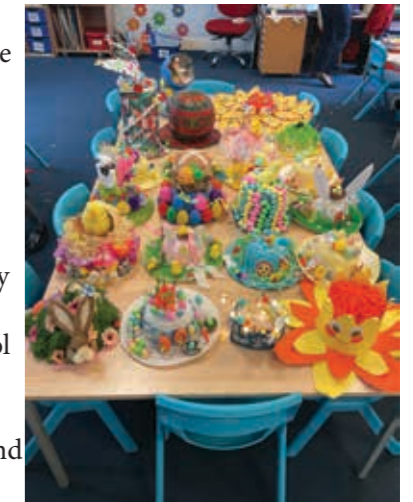
was a "huge hit" and a perfect way to celebrate the end of the term.

With the sun starting to peek through, we are gearing up for a busy Summer Term. Our calendar is already filling up with the highlights of the school year, including: Sports Days: Preparing for healthy competition and teamwork on the field. Swimming: Making a splash as we get back into the water. Production Plans: Rehearsals will soon be underway for our upcoming performances.

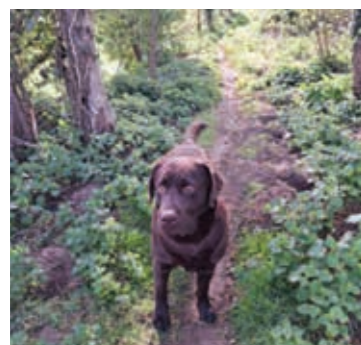
We are looking forward to a term filled with sunshine, learning and plenty of outdoor fun. Thank you to everyone in the Sherborne St John community for your continued support.

Sherbert

SSJ School Villager Correspondent



Beau's Blog



I went travelling with the Boss and the Mrs - they have bought me a new kennel. It's white, has wheels and can travel wherever I want to go. There is room for my bed and also one for the Boss and Mrs who are lucky

enough to sleep inside with me. The Mrs wasn't sure about sharing the sleeping arrangements so made sure I had a thorough bath and spruce up beforehand. I was indignant about that but by the end of bathtime she was as wet as me - so we both had a spruce up!

We travelled to Wiltshire, stopping alongside a snake of a waterway. It was here I learnt that one is not allowed to dive into the canal but must walk sedately alongside

while viewing all the longboat people who live on it. The Mrs walks me every morning and as each place is new there are a myriad of new smells to investigate and new people to meet.

This little walk along a ridge high above the canal was littered with many holes which I think were made by badgers looking for worms. Either there was a shortage of worms or they were very hungry as the number of holes in evidence was phenomenal. The Mrs had to be careful not to fall in one - which leads me to my grand misdemeanour when I inadvertently tangled my lead around her legs and tripped her up. Boy, was I in the dog house for that, especially as her best glasses got broken in the process. I am currently trying very hard to regain my position in her best books by being very sweet and good but I am not sure it will work until she gets her new glasses and can see my exemplary behaviour.....

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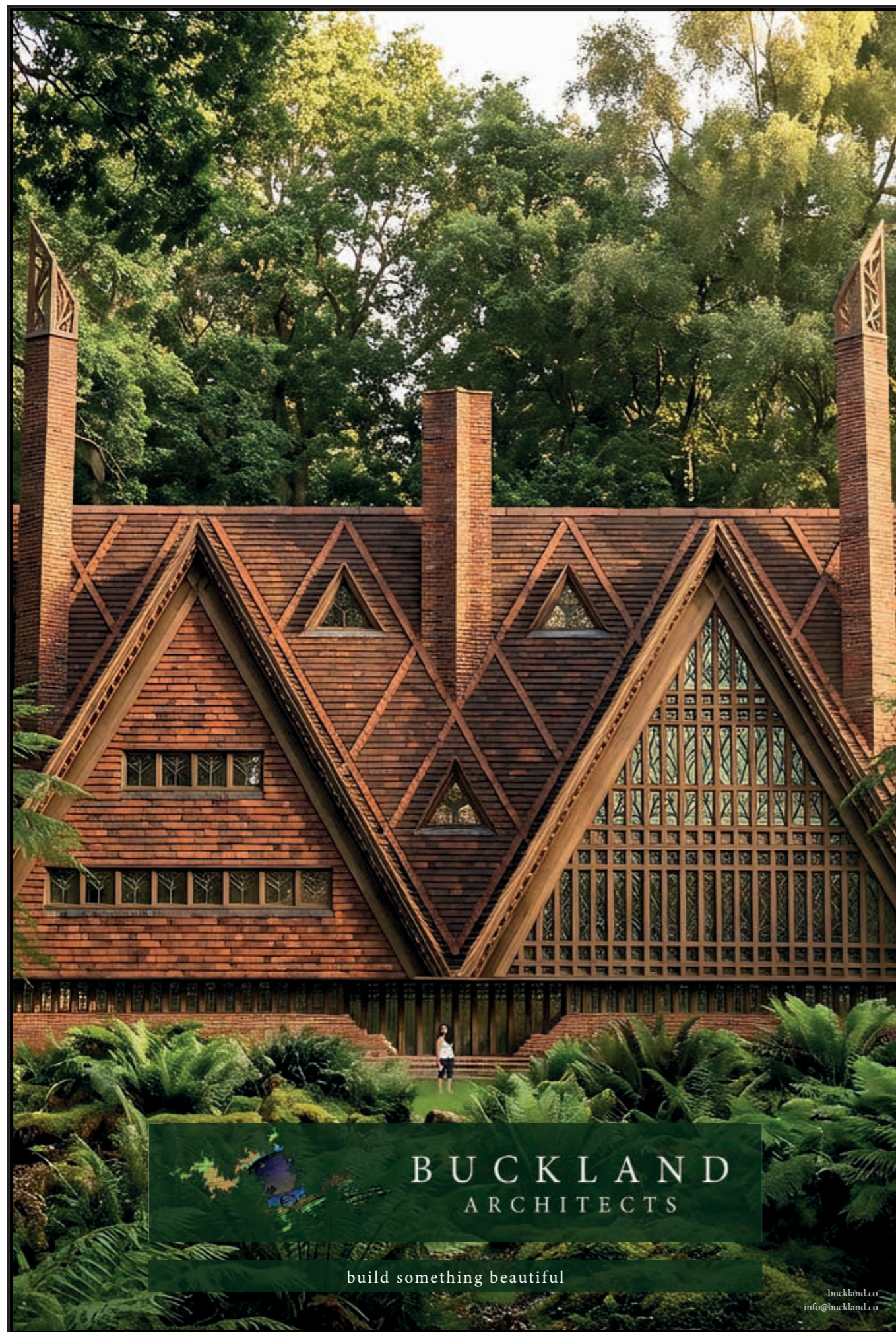



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Probus: Black Broadcasting – The Secret Weapon of WWII



Members of the Probus Club of Basingstoke were treated to a fascinating slice of little known wartime history when speaker Guy Caplin explored the covert world of “black broadcasting” during the Second World War.

Most people recognise the chilling call sign “Germany calling, Germany calling,” made infamous by William Joyce—better known as Lord Haw-Haw—who broadcast Nazi propaganda in English from Germany. Joseph Goebbels, one of the most senior figures in the Nazi Party, understood the power of radio, and his propaganda machine was relentless. In response, Winston Churchill authorised Britain to develop its own clandestine broadcasting operation.

The BBC already produced German language programmes but refused to engage in subversive work. As a result, a secret unit was formed under the leadership of Dennis Sefton Delmer. Born in Berlin to an Australian professor, Delmer was fluent in German and had worked as the Daily Express newspaper’s foreign correspondent. His close contact with rising Nazi figures—including a 1931 interview with Hitler—made him simultaneously suspected by the Germans of being a British spy and by the British of being a German one.



Delmer’s acquaintance with Commander Ian Fleming, then deputy head of Naval Intelligence and later creator of James Bond, likely helped secure his role. Delmer’s mission was to broadcast in German, blending accurate news with carefully crafted misinformation designed to sow doubt and anxiety within the German military.

A Network of Deception

The first of several covert radio stations was established at Wavendon Towers near Bletchley Park. These stations mimicked genuine German broadcasters with remarkable skill, using up to the minute news, recordings of Hitler’s speeches, and snippets of local detail supplied by agents to create an air of authenticity.

At Fleming’s request, a dedicated station was created to target the German navy and U boat crews operating in the North Atlantic. Styled after pre war commercial

stations like Radio Luxembourg, it played popular German songs, British orchestras performing German music, and American dance band tracks—much to the irritation of German authorities but to the delight of listeners. Interspersed among the entertainment were subtle pieces of misinformation.

One of the British operation’s greatest advantages was speed. German broadcasts were slowed by layers of internal checks, while British stations could leap ahead, airing news before the enemy could. Agents even supplied local football results, and a popular presenter known as “Vicki” took music requests, further enhancing the illusion of legitimacy.

Influencing the Axis

Fleming also oversaw the creation of Radio Livorno, an English run but Italian language station. Its propaganda proved so persuasive that, fearing the British advance through southern Italy, the Italian navy surrendered its fleet to the British in Malta.

Another major asset was the Aspidistra transmitter at Crowborough in Sussex. Named after the Gracie Fields song, it was the most powerful medium wave transmitter in the world at 500 kW. Its ability to switch frequencies instantly allowed it to replace German stations knocked off the air, convincing listeners they were still tuned to their local broadcaster.

Unusual Tactics

The British also experimented with more unconventional methods. The RAF dropped boxes containing homing pigeons and questionnaires, encouraging civilians to send back information—though many pigeons, sadly, ended up as food during shortages.

A daily newspaper summarising the previous day’s broadcasts was also printed and dropped over Germany, reinforcing the disinformation campaign and gradually eroding public confidence.

After the War

Following Germany’s defeat, Sefton Delmer was sent to help rebuild the German newspaper industry. With little support, he eventually returned to the Daily Express. In recognition of his wartime service, he was awarded the OBE in 1945, being described as a section head in the Foreign Office.

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

The Secret of Sherborne St John Social Club



For over 30 years, Sally and I have happily called Sherborne St John home. However, for almost all of that time, I've managed to completely ignore one of its best kept secrets:

The Sherborne St John Social Club (SSJSC).

I knew it was there, of course. I must have walked past it hundreds of times, but I guess like many people, I'd quietly filed it away in my mind as "probably not for me." Turns out, I couldn't have been more wrong.

A few years ago, I finally ventured in with a friend and within minutes we were chatting away to friendly locals, pint in hand, wondering why on earth it had taken us so long. The welcome was genuine, the atmosphere relaxed and the drinks... surprisingly affordable! We became members that very night. You probably didn't know that SSJSC is one of the oldest social clubs in the UK, founded in 1903, so has been bringing people together for approaching 125 years!

Now I enjoy popping in for a pint and a chat, attending the fantastic live music/tribute act nights and other events. I've also made a new group of valued friends and now know far more villagers than I did after my first 25 years living here.

I've become a member the SSJSC committee, working alongside a dedicated group of volunteers to keep the club thriving, welcoming and, most importantly, to make it a community hub that is enjoyable for everyone.

As well as having a great bar, the club hosts live music, quizzes, bingo, meat raffle, games nights, live sport on Sky Sports, plus skittles, pool and darts. We're also pleased to host a weekly social/disco night for special needs adults, which Brenda Page and her team have been running for over 13 years.

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So, if like me, you've been walking past the club for years thinking "that's not for me"... maybe it's time to think again.

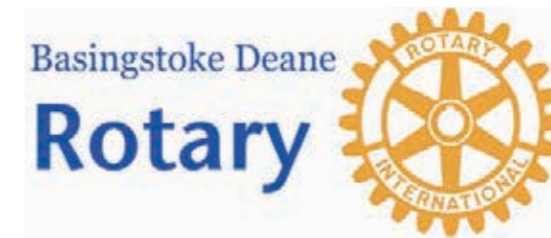
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This idea of wealth is not about having the biggest house, the flashiest car, or the most expensive watch. Instead, money's greatest gift is the freedom to have more control over your time.

A useful rule of thumb is to keep around six months of essential expenses in an emergency fund. It can be helpful to spend a little time working out what your basic monthly costs are, and then consider what level of savings would allow you to feel secure for six months. This could mean having the confidence to wait for the right job if you are made redundant, or simply being able to take time off when you are unwell.

There is an interesting paradox in modern life. Over the past fifty years, countries such as the UK have become much wealthier, yet there is little evidence that people are significantly happier. One reason may be that we have used much of our increased wealth to buy more things, while at the same time giving up some control over how we spend our time.

There is no single answer to this, but many people find that real satisfaction comes from valuing friendships, feeling part of a community, and spending unhurried time with family. In the end, these may be just as important to our sense of wealth as money in the bank.

Ian Weston

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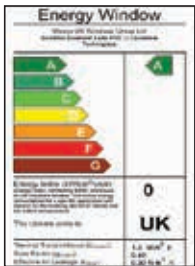
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