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Editor's Note

By the time this issue arrives on your doorstep the summer will be coming to an end – although what a summer! The heat is not to everyone's comfort but I hope you have managed to enjoy it – our lawns and borders have certainly suffered from the lack of rain.

Hopefully we will have seen the end of the roadworks around the villages that have blighted our journeys recently

I am delighted to include a strip cartoon from Imogen Jenner on Page 23.

Thank you

Julie

Taking the Long View

For hundreds of years, the villagers of Sherborne St. John have enjoyed views across the medieval fishpond (first recorded 1302) to the fields and woods beyond.

Without an annual check, the main fishpond would have grown over with trees (as its sister pond has to the wooded side of Church Path).



Enjoy a rest with a view across the pond on a sunny evening? - from the Church Path memorial bench, or the bench at the back of St. Andrew's Churchyard. Jane Austen enjoyed the same views when visiting her brother, Revd. James Austen (rector 1791-1819).

Adam Ratray

Cutting back vegetation is an annual task that has been carried out by generations of villagers. Shown here are views from the churchyard taken in mid-July after the northern hedges of the church were given their yearly hair cut.

Cover Photo: Autumn on its way...

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All Change

As the summer draws to a close and the leaves begin to turn, the beginning of another new season reminds us that change is both inevitable and natural. Many of our young people will be putting on a new school uniform, some of us may be starting a new job, or perhaps some of you have just moved home and this is your very first time reading the Villager magazine – welcome!

Change is natural and is often good, but change can be challenging too. It often means saying goodbye to something or someone we hold dear or have depended on for stability and security. New can be exciting but the unknown can leave us feeling uncertain or even afraid.

Which is why we also need things in our lives that don't change. A "Rock" if you like. In our community we find reassurance and comfort in unchanging places like Sherborne St John school which celebrates its 175th anniversary this month. Or our churches – Pamber Priory will soon be celebrating its 900th birthday! In our personal lives many of us can speak of a loved one who has been our "Rock" when everything else around us has been unsteady and changing.

This metaphor of a Rock is used repeatedly throughout the Bible to point us to the nature of God. One Old Testament Writer Hannah, reflects on her experience that "there is no Rock like our God." (1 Samuel 2v2). She found that God gave her a security and stability that she couldn't find anywhere else.

The hymnwriter Thomas Chiselm captures this thought beautifully:

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.*

Whatever changes lie ahead for you in this new season, God's promise that he and his love for us will never change, is one we are all invited to discover for ourselves by looking to Jesus Christ – the fulfilment of all God's promises, and the same "yesterday, today and forever" (Hebrews 13v8).

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Andy and Jenny Spence will shortly be moving to start a new life in Milford-on-Sea, where Andy will become a curate at All Saints Milford and St Mary's Everton when he is ordained in Winchester Cathedral in Summer 2026. Andy and Jenny moved to Pamber Green in 1998 from the other side of Basingstoke accompanied by their two

young children; a third was born a few years later. Two of the three have now left home, with the youngest following soon, leaving Andy and Jenny free to pursue Andy's vocation in the Church. They have been members of St Andrews in Sherborne St John for very nearly as long as they have lived in Pamber Green. Andy has been part of the preaching team since 2006, particularly during the two vacancies in recent years. There aren't many roles in church life that he hasn't tackled (apart from doing the flowers!) and recently has had formal roles as Churchwarden and PCC Secretary. Jenny has enjoyed being involved in both playing and singing for the music group and has been responsible for choosing the songs for the past 18 years. They are both sad to be leaving St Andrews, but looking forward to becoming part of a new church family.

Visitors will be welcome down at the seaside, and will probably be taken for ice cream on the beach looking out at the Needles!



September

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Weds 3rd

10-11.30am Little Acorns Baby and Toddler Group at SSJ Village Hall
12-12.30pm Midday Prayer at St Andrew's SSJ
2-4pm Being Together Women's Group in the Parish Room
7.30pm Worship & Prayer Evening at St Andrew's

Sat 6th

9.30am-12.30pm Community Working Party at St Andrew's

Sun 7th

9.30am Commissioning Service for Andy and Jenny Spence at All Saints
10.30am Holy Communion with groups for 0-14s at St Andrew's SSJ
4pm Families at 4 at St Andrew's

Weds 10th

10-11.30am Little Acorns Baby & Toddler Group at SSJ Village Hall
12-12.30pm Midday Prayer at All Saints' Monk Sherborne

Sun 14th

10.30am Service of Institution of Revd Stewart Deering as Rector of SWP at St Andrew's

Weds 17th

10-11.30am Little Acorns Baby & Toddler Group at SSJ Village Hall
12-12.30pm Midday Prayer at St Andrew's SSJ

Thurs 18th

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

Sat 20th

8.30-10am Men's Breakfast venue TBC

Sun 21st

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

Weds 24th

10-11.30am Little Acorns Baby & Toddler Group at SSJ Village Hall
12-12.30pm Midday Prayer at Pamber Priory

Sat 27th

10am-12.30pm Women's Coffee Morning at Monk Sherborne Village Hall
2pm SSJ School 175th Anniversary service of Celebration and Thanksgiving at St Andrew's

Sun 28th

9.30am Morning Worship at Pamber Priory
10.30am Commissioning Service for Andy and Jenny Spence at St Andrew's
3pm Farewell Tea for Andy and Jenny Spence at the Rectory

Weds 1st

10-11.30am Little Acorns Baby & Toddler Group - SSJ Village Hall
12-12.30pm Midday Prayer at St Andrew's



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2025/2026

16th Aug Summer Walk

18th Oct Games, Craft & Bacon Sandwiches

17th Jan Welly Walk & Hot Chocolate

21st Mar Games, Craft & Bacon Sandwiches

16th May Games, Craft & Bacon Sandwiches

18th July Family Barbecue (4.30pm)



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27TH SEPTEMBER 2025

2PM | ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, SHERBORNE ST JOHN

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School Open Afternoon

3PM-4.30PM | SHERBORNE ST JOHN SCHOOL

Come for tea and cake, games and displays of the school over the years.

7th Sept St Andrew's Church, SSJ 4–5pm

5th Oct Harvest Tea and Ceilidh, SSJ Village Hall 4–6pm

2nd Nov St Andrew's Church 4-5pm

7th Dec St Andrew's Church 4–5pm



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September 2025

2	Women's Fellowship, SSJ Village Hall, The Life of a JP	2.00pm – 4.00pm
5	Monk Sherborne Drinks Evening, MS Village Hall	7.00pm
6	Silchester Country Fayre, Silchester Playing Field, RG7 2NJ	11.00am – 4.00pm
6	Sherborne St John Social Club, DJ Nik Nak Karaoke	7.30pm
7	The Vyne NT, Cream Tea & Talk – in conversation with.....	2.30pm – 4.30pm
8	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00
8	Monk Sherborne Coffee Morning, MS Village Hall	10.00am - 12.00
12	St Michael's Hospice Golf Day	
13	Sherborne St John Social Club, Queens of Pop Tribute	7.30pm
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
23-25	Hampshire Medical Fund Art Show, Pinglestone Barn, Old Alresford £20 incl refreshments	10am - 5pm
24	Sherborne St John Social Club, Chris' Jazz Band	7.30pm
25	The Vyne NT, Cream Tea & Talk – Layers of Jane (Austen)	2.30pm – 4.30pm
26	Sherborne St John Social Club, Skittles Night	7.30pm
27	St Michael's Hospice Moonlight Walk	
29	MacMillan Coffee Morning, SSJ Village Hall - Cakes and crafts for sale	10 - 1pm

October 2025

3	Monk Sherborne Drinks Evening, MS Village Hall	7.00pm
3	The Vyne NT, Outdoor Cinema, Scream (18)	
4	The Vyne NT, Outdoor Cinema, Hocus Pocus (PG)	
4	Sherborne St John Social Club, Adele Tribute	7.30pm
4	The Mayor's Charity Variety Concert at the Anvil including Rick Wakeman Ticket £30/concessions	7.30pm
5	The Vyne NT, Outdoor Cinema, The Nightmare Before Christmas (PG)	
5	Sherbornes with Pamber Churches, Harvest Tea and Ceilidh, SSJ Village Hall, All Welcome	4.00pm – 6.00pm
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
11	The Vyne NT, We're Going on a Ghost Hunt, Halloween Adventure	
13	Monk Sherborne Coffee Morning, MS Village Hall	10.00am - 12.00
16	Knit/Crochet Poppies for Remembrance Day, St Andrew's Parish Room, Sherborne St John	10.00am – 12.00
18	Mama Mia Night in support of Victoria's Promise, SSJ Village Hall	7.30pm
18	Country Music Event with Ian Highland Band, MS Village Hall, more details to follow	TBC
18	Sherborne St John Social Club, Buddy Holly Tribute	7.30pm
20	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00
25	Sherborne St John Social Club, Skittles Night	7.30pm
29	Sherborne St John Social Club, Chris' Jazz Band	7.30pm

November 2025

1	Rainbows, Brownies and Guides Fundraising Jumble Sale . SSJ village hall. Drop off from 11 am	1pm
1	Sherborne St John Social Club, Halloween Family Disco & Fancy Dress	6.30pm
2	SwP Churches, Families at 4, St Andrew's Church	4.00pm – 5.00pm
3	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00
4	Women's Fellowship, SSJ Village Hall, Dickens and Christmas + Bring & Buy	2.00pm – 4.00pm
9	Poppies for Remembrance Day Service, St Andrew's Church, Sherborne St John	10.30am
15	Sherborne with Pamber Parish, Dress without Stress, SSJ Village Hall	2.30pm – 4.30pm
17	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00
22-5/1	The Vyne NT, A Fairytale Christmas at The Vyne	
30	St Michael's Hospice Reindeer Run	

December 2025

1 - 19	The Vyne NT, Christmas Lunch in the Brewhouse Tea-room (Weekdays only)	12.00 noon
1	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00
2	Women's Fellowship, SSJ Village Hall, Christmas Lunch	
15	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00
29	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

Sherborne St John Primary School

When you read this, the Sherborne St John Primary School children and staff will be nearing the end of their summer break and boy, do they really deserve it! It was an exciting but very busy end to the school year.

Firstly I must tell you all about our end of year junior production. My goodness! This year the play was Beauty and the Beast. Honestly it was just fantastic. Amazing costumes, make up, staging, and then acting, singing and dancing – if you had a chance to see it, I am sure you'd agree! Our children really shone. I was privileged to watch the show several times, and each time it just got better and better. The final night was exceptional and I am so proud of each and every child that took part. Of course, a show like this doesn't happen overnight and so much hard work goes on behind the scenes. Our staff work incredibly hard in all their different roles, to ensure that it is the best it can be, so a huge thank you goes to them. We had a lot of very proud staff, parents and of course children!

In sport, the children took part in a number of events and we are particularly proud because our small school has achieved some amazing results. Some noteworthy mentions would be; our KS1 team won the Quad Kids Athletics competition, our Judo team came 3rd in the Summit Judo competition, and our Tag Rugby team came third in the Tag Rugby Festival and won their league in Basingstoke, plus our Girls Tag Rugby also came third in

the league, and these are just some of our great results! More importantly, all our sports teams played with integrity and sportsmanship, which counts for so much more than any win.

We also said farewell to our wonderful Year 6 children. They have been excellent role models to the younger children this year; taking on a number of responsibilities such as YR Buddies and of course Ambassadors for our school. They have really lived our school values of Trust, Truth and Forgiveness every day and set high standards for the rest of the school to look up to. Our trip to Winchester Cathedral for the Diocesan Leavers' Service was a very special day. As a goodbye and well deserved treat, the children also enjoyed an afternoon of pizza and a water fight! We had a lovely service in St Andrew's Church where we celebrated each child for their uniqueness and personal achievements. Then, on the last day of term, the Y6 children followed the tradition of ringing the old school bell as they left us. Everyone in the SSJ family wishes each of them every success and we look forward to hearing all about their future adventures.

We really hope that everyone has had a wonderful summer and we look forward to telling you all about the year ahead when we return to school in September.

Sherbert
SSJ School Villager Correspondent

The Gridley Challenge – 20th Anniversary

As Sherborne St John School celebrates its 175th anniversary of providing a high quality education and start for children in Sherborne St John and the Basingstoke area, there is also another anniversary this year. The Gridley Challenge celebrates its 20th anniversary this year (it's actually been going for 21 years, but missed a year through COVID).

My wife, Sally and I, had three children who were given a thoroughly splendid education and grounding at the school; for which we and they are very grateful. All are in their 30s now and in successful careers as a Doctor, Chartered Accountant and Civil Engineer.

Sally was the chair of the Parent Teachers Association for a number of years when our children attended the school. At this time, she recognised that there was a period of time for the final years, when the syllabus was essentially complete, the SATs taken and the school play preparation underway, where a non-syllabus team activity could be potentially accommodated. She recommended this to the head at the time and The Gridley Challenge was born.

The Gridley Challenge is a team activity, normally comprising 3 to 5 students, where a different project task is set every year. This requires research, assessing and analysing options, selecting a preferred solution and then

developing the material, report and final presentation. Most importantly it requires focus on the task, good teamwork and effective allocation of the work roles. At its culmination, the teams prepare a presentation of their project journey and outcomes. All children stand up to present the material to Sally and myself and other judges; after which a winner is selected, prizes awarded and feedback given to all teams. It seems that the students really enjoy this challenge.

Over the years we have seen many interesting projects, but one that sticks in the mind was a traffic calming / management scheme, whereby a ski-type chair lift was installed in Sherborne St John to transport people around the village. What fun that would be.

It has been a real pleasure for Sally and I to see the students' excellent work and effort and the great outcomes of this Challenge. The ability to be focused on a task, work well in a team and be confident enough to stand up and present are key skills for work and life in general.

Hopefully there will be further Gridley Challenges and future anniversaries to celebrate. We are happy to support this initiative for as long as the school wishes.

John & Sally Gridley

Sherborne St John Village Hall Weekly Agenda

H=HALL VR=VYNE ROOM	
MONDAY	H Retirement Coffee Morning 10am-12noon fortnightly starting 8/9/25
	VR Fay Curtis Footcare Clinic 10am – 2pm running same days as coffee morning. By appt only, call Fay on 07780 664410
	H Avenue Street Dance 5-8pm call Lauren on 078770 989287 for information.
	H Bath Babies, Baby Serenity baby massage classes, 9-10.45am fortnightly opposite to coffee mornings starting 15/9/25
TUESDAY	H Hatha Yoga 9.45am-11.30am call Jacqui on 07539 432228 for information
	H Happy Feet Adult Dance Classes (U3a) starting 9/9/25 1.45-3.45pm fortnightly call Christine on 07907 970321 for information
	H Women's Fellowship 1.30-4.30pm first Tuesday of the month
	H Tadley Scottish Dancers 7.30-9.30pm starting back 9/9/25 call Valerie 07947 619669 for information
WEDNESDAY	H Little Acorns 9.30-11.30am starting back 10/9/25 call Judith 07786 975969 for information
	VR Peggy's Beauty, by appointment call Jamie 07982 806764 for information
	H Adults Ballet 12.30-2.30pm Jennie 07768 716096 for information
	H Rainbows 5-6pm call Caroline on 07808 400843 for information
	H Brownies 6-7.30pm call Tremayne on 01256 422083 for information
THURSDAY	H Guides 7.30-9pm call Heidi 07816 431512 for information
	H Tots Play 9.30am-12.45pm call Michelle 07843 479359
	H Bridge (U3a) 1-4.30pm call Jean 07789 236546 for information
	H Cubs 6.30-8pm Jess on 01420544904
	VR NHS use 8.30am- 2.30 3rd Thursday of the month
FRIDAY	H Tumble Tots 8.30am – 2pm call Sarah 07368 500820 for information
	H Basingstoke Beekeepers 7-10pm starts 19/9/25 for 8 months
SATURDAY	VR Peggys Beauty by appt only
	H Open Heavens Christian Fellowship 2-5pm last Saturday of each month call Albert on 07984 604934 for information
SUNDAY	H Open Heavens Christian Fellowship every Sunday call Albert on 07984 604934 for information

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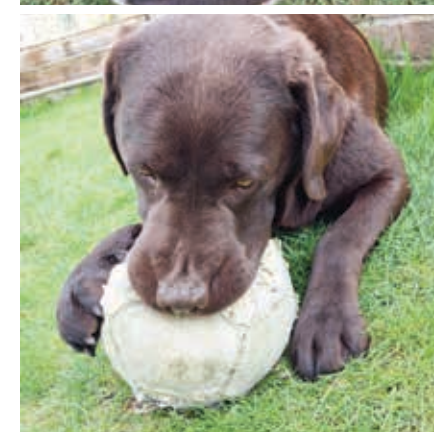
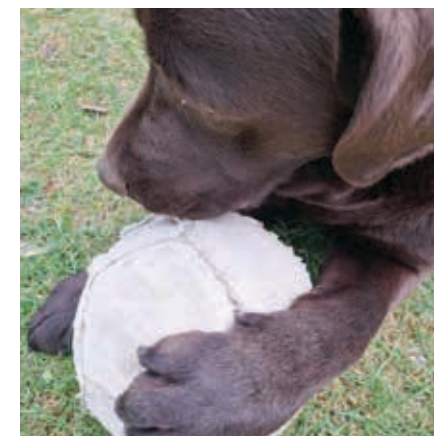
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Beau's Blog

Football – one of my favourite games. I am very attached to my football, so much so that even when the Mrs plays footy with me I don't willingly let go of the ball. She has tried to tackle me when she thinks I am not looking only to be disappointed when I pounce quickly and snatch the ball from her carefully aimed kick - just before it makes contact. Once clenched in my jaws she finds it very difficult to get it off me with the normal rules of football and often has to resort to devious means, with another ball to play with, a chance to retrieve teddy from where he has been lobbed or, on the rare occasion, with a biscuit treat.....I must admit I have fallen for the latter on the odd occasion....

Having watched football many times on the TV with the Boss, among every other game involving a ball that he watches, I have learnt some



mean moves. Keepy Uppy is a trifle difficult sometimes but I have finessed the art of throwing the ball in the air. Sometimes I can catch it and occasionally score a volley, but with others I chase it madly around the garden until I can clamp it with my paw and throw it up again. The Boss will pass me an assist but then calls me a poacher or fox in the box when I retrieve the ball from the penalty area, namely the Mrs's flower beds. Mostly I play defender to stop the Mrs from getting the ball and making a chip shot over my head. Sometimes she does a dummy run to try and fool me but I've yet to see her do a bicycle kick.....

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News from Pamber and Little London

Hello everyone, I hope you are all enjoying or have at least coped with this extremely hot weather. We have been away for a few weeks, and so I have little to contribute by way of local news. However, musicians to the rescue! What a musically-aspirational lot we are! On this occasion I must thank Claire for the invitation for readers to brush up their musical skills in an all-inclusive orchestra:

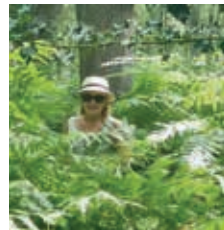


The Silchester Community Orchestra is a new initiative devised to encourage instrumental players of all ages and abilities from the local area to come together to play a range of music for an hour each week. There is no cost to attend, there are no age restrictions and it doesn't matter if you've only had a few lessons or whether you've been playing for years; we arrange the

parts accordingly to make sure everyone is included and kept amused. There's no pressure, just music and if you're providing transport for your musician, the Calleva Arms is opposite the Village Hall and very welcoming too.

If you think you'd like to come along for a session or two to get the measure of it, please contact me on either 07816664309 or at cvelldridge@gmail.com so I can get the right music ready for you.

And on a different note – ha ha! - our Speedwatch cohort is, as always, trying to increase the size of its volunteers. Their number, that is, rather than their individual size. If you are wondering about volunteering, you might be persuaded by a very convivial Thank You Day held at Police HQ in Netley where delicious home-made cakes were provided and we had the opportunity of meeting fellow-volunteers. A delicious time was had by all – and it's always good to have one's halo polished.



What have we here? The rainforests of Thailand or jungles of Malaysia? No, just your intrepid deliverer of The Villager on her way home through Pamber Forest. I see the magazine is asking again for volunteers to deliver, and I know

they are hoping, too, for donations to support the publication. If you do not feel able to do the latter, perhaps you could offer a payment in kind by helping with deliveries. It really is not an onerous task: it takes me 45 mins approx. once a month. A small act which would make a tremendous difference. And good exercise!

Until next month,

B  bdownes.villager@gmail.com



Mencap's Green Fingers Receives Masonic Donation

The Easter holiday break in of the woodworking shed at Mencap's Green Fingers extensive site at the Elizabeth Road allotments in South Ham was well publicised when thieves got away with £5,000 worth of wood working tools and equipment.

Tim Knight, CEO of Green Fingers, explained, "Inflation has pushed equipment replacement costs above the insured value, but generous public donations of equipment and funds have provided strong support".

The 105 years old Elvetham Masonic Lodge, that operates out of the Basingstoke Masonic Centre in Victoria Street at the Top of Town, has donated £500 to Green Fingers as part of its annual giving to local charities and good causes.

Making the presentation to Noelia Rico Cordera, the full-time manager of Green Fingers, Peter Foster, the lodge's charity steward said, "The interest earned on the lodge's investments allows Elvetham Lodge to financially support local needy causes. Overall, in Hampshire freemasons donate around £1 million each year and across the UK it reaches £50 million."

Green Fingers, supports 40 adults each week with learning disabilities through horticultural and woodworking activities, has long relied on community goodwill.

The woodworking activities include the manufacture of bird tables, stools, troughs and garden ornaments are sold producing an income of around £4,000 each year.

The Green Fingers site is part of Mencap's overall activities around Basingstoke that includes gardening in the community, one to one support and some leisure services.

Tim Knight says that with these activities Mencap reaches around 500 people each week but is concerned this is a small percentage of an estimated 4,000 people in Basingstoke many of whom could benefit from their support services.



Long term volunteer Nick Skillet with woodworking products for sale

Royal British Legion



As we resume activities after the summer break, some of our members are visiting the Somme battlefield - 5-7 Sept - the site of one of the fiercest battles of WW1 in 1916. Their guide is Rhydian Vaughan, our branch chairman. We will have a report on this next month.

Another significant event commemorated this month is the Battle of Britain, fought in the skies over the Chanel and southern England between July and September 1940..

After the miraculous evacuation of the Dunkirk beaches in June of that year, Germany needed to win air superiority over the Royal Air Force and the Naval Air Service prior to a planned marine invasion of our islands.

This was the first ever major aerial combat and despite being massively outnumbered, our pilots and ground crews gained the upper hand. Pilots who flew the legendary Spitfires and Hawker Hurricanes were not just from Britain but also from many Commonwealth countries, under the inspired leadership of Air Marshall Sir Hugh Dowding of Fighter Command. September 15 is regarded as the day when the tide of battle turned in our favour and the second Sunday of September is now observed as Battle of Britain Sunday. This year's civic BDBC service is at St Mary's Church Tadley at 11am



supported by Hampshire Lieutenancy, the Lord Mayor of Basingstoke, other civic leaders and members of local ATC Cadet units. All are welcome.

We are now beginning to gear up for this year's Poppy Appeal. This officially launches in 25 October. Our main activity is providing the Poppy stall in reception at Basingstoke hospital.

Please contact me if you could spare two hours any week day from 27 October to 8 November. You will meet lots of people and help in providing a great service to the veterans whom the appeal supports. We anticipate a get together for all helpers before the appeal.

Finally, we are hoping to arrange a visit to the Poppy factory at Richmond on Thames.

Here you can see poppies being made and some of the large, special wreaths for royalty and other national leaders to be laid at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday. The staff are all service veterans finding a way back into employment. It is a wonderful and heart-warming place to visit. Again, drop me a message if you would be interested in this.

John Morley

Vice President, Bramley & District RBL

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Get set for food waste collections from October

Residents in Basingstoke and Deane and Hart will be able to recycle more and reduce how much they waste when new weekly food waste collections to be introduced during the week beginning Monday 6 October.

Food items including fruit and vegetable peelings, meat and fish and bones and shells, tea bags, eggshells, pet food and all uneaten food and plate scrapings will be recycled and turned into greener energy and fertiliser.

When the new service starts, residents will put out their food waste caddies each week on the same day their rubbish and recycling containers are collected, unless they are contacted separately to tell them otherwise.

All households will be provided with:

- one grey indoor caddy
- a roll of liners
- and an information leaflet to help them use the service.

Containers for outside the home:

- residents who have wheeled bins collected from the kerbside will also receive a green outdoor caddy
- those people with communal waste bins will be delivered a large, shared food waste bin separately.

"Food waste recycling is a great opportunity for people to see just how much food they might be wasting. Cutting down on avoidable waste like out-of-date food or uneaten leftovers, could help to save people money while also reducing their impact on the environment."

"We understand that people may have questions. The handy guide delivered with your caddies should answer most queries, but please also check our website or contact us if there is anything else you need to know about your new weekly service."

For more information on food waste recycling in Basingstoke and Deane visit www.basingstoke.gov.uk/food-waste




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Womens Fellowship

The July Outing was a trip to Portsmouth's Gunwharf Quays, much enjoyed by everyone, with plenty of varying activities to enjoy in the sunshine.

The August meeting included a wonderful talk given by Mr. Alan Jones who regaled everyone with his Tales of a Roving Reporter back in the day before such things as mobile phones and digital reporting.

Alan considered both types of reporting, print journalism or broadcast, i.e. news, TV and radio, and decided on the latter. He managed to secure an interview at the BBC, the panel consisting in those days of Men Only. The Chairman of the panel explained the different types of job for News reporting, namely read, write, report or produce documentaries. The chairman then looked him up and down and decided that he would be more suited to radio, which seemed harsh. He subsequently moved to the New Forest with his new wife and secured the new Southern Central reporting area.

One of the tales we heard was an assignment, an evening at a Charity Event which was to raise £28,500. Alan duly went off to the venue and was met at Reception by a young lady behind some glass at the reception desk, completely naked. Somewhat taken aback, and forcing his eyes to remain firmly on her face, she escorted him into the large meeting room, only to find that the entire party of charity fundraisers was naked. They informed him that his attire was unsuitable on this occasion and he was asked politely to remove his clothing. Fortunately he had a piece of paper and clipboard to cover his embarrassment. At this point he was asked to go and fetch the Mayor, waiting in another room, and to instruct him to remove his clothing. After some dilly-dallying they both appeared, suitably un-attired, the Mayor thankful to have a large Mayoral Chain to cover his embarrassment. The evening eventually came to a close, with the anticipated sum of money written on a very large cheque which was handed to the Mayor by two fundraisers, the cheque covering their dignity on the way over to the Mayor, but sadly not as they turned around to walk back to their places.

Another tale took place at the Zoo on the Isle of Wight, owned by Jack. Jack was very fond of all his animals, living his life at the zoo in his house just behind his charges. Firstly, Jack asked Alan to help him take his new bear-cubs into his kitchen, the reason for this was not made clear, but Alan obliged and the bears were corralled into the kitchen, whereupon they set about demolishing the kitchen table, chairs and kitchen units, leaving very little kitchen left.

Undeterred, Jack explained that his snakes were used

for sending the venom of the poisonous snakes to laboratories working on vaccines for snake bites. This required some skill in getting the snake into a dustbin, with a small container attached to the side where the snake would sink its fangs into the mesh top, thus emitting the venom from its body. The lid would then be swiftly lifted and plunged onto the dustbin, securing the snake. Protective clothing was required for this, namely special gauntlets and a covid-like clear plastic face covering mask. Alan had cajoled committee member Jenny Cooke into helping to give this procedure some authenticity and she carried out his instructions with precision. Mask and Gauntlets safely on, she managed to shut the lid with a swift action, and all was well. To a young reporter this was all pretty unorthodox and terrifying, but all part of a fascinating career as a Roving Reporter.

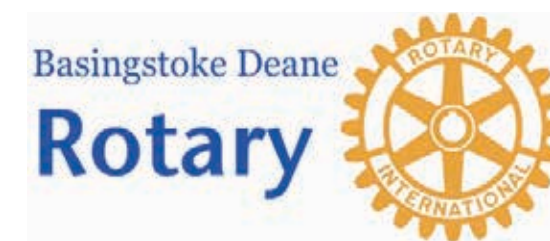
Alan was thanked by Rose Cooper.

The next meeting will be on the 2nd September, with the talk, as well as Harvest Tea, on The Life of a JP.



Upcoming EVENTS		
SEPT TO NOV 2025		
WED NIGHT QUIZ		DOORS OPEN
1-2-3 WEEK OF MONTH		7.30PM
BINGO EVERY SUNDAY EVENING		5.30PM
MEAT RAFFLE EVERY FRIDAY		10.00PM
SKITTLES EVERY LAST SATURDAY		7.30PM
6TH SEPT	DJ NIK NAK KARAOKE	7.30PM
13TH SEPT	QUEENS OF POP TRIBUTE	7.30PM
24TH SEPT	CHRIS JAZZ BAND	7.30PM
26TH SEPT	SKITTLES NIGHT	7.30PM
04TH OCT	ADELE TRIBUTE	7.30PM
18TH OCT	BUDDY HOLLY TRIBUTE	7.30PM
25TH OCT	SKITTLES NIGHT	7.30PM
29TH OCT	CHRIS JAZZ BAND	7.30PM
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Basingstoke and Deane Rotary Rotary Christmas Shoebox Appeal

We will be in Festival Place on Saturday 6th September handing out shoeboxes ready for you to fill with presents for deprived children

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

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

Washing - soap, toothbrush, flannel, sponge

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

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

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

Fill a box for either:-

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

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

WE SUPPLY THE BOXES, - on 6th September as above or **Pick up your new boxes and Drop off your filled boxes at the venues below**

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Oakley Carpets, Andover Rd, Basingstoke RG23 7HA

Parnell, Jordy & Harvey, Estate Agent, 5 Winchester Street, Overton, RG25 3HR

Build-A-Bear Workshop, Unit 17A Festival Place, Basingstoke

Whitchurch Silk Mill, RG28 7AL

Basingstoke Deane Rotary is a group of 25 men & women from a wide variety of backgrounds. All live locally in the borough but some commute to work outside Basingstoke. Most joined Rotary to help others less fortunate, and they find Basingstoke Deane Rotary adds another extremely enjoyable dimension to their lives.

If you would like to find out more about how we enjoy ourselves, just tune in to www.rcbd.org.uk to see what we have coming up, or contact Alf, alf.mccarthy@btinternet.com or Paul, tempaul45@gmail.com to find out more.

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Christmas Shoeboxes go to children in Romania, Montenegro, and Moldova. Some boxes will hopefully go to Ukrainian, via Poland, for refugees/displaced children there.

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ST MICHAEL'S HOSPICE Moonlight Walk,

Saturday 27th September 2025 at 9:00pm in Festival Place, Basingstoke, come early for the warm up fun

Go to St Michaels website to sign up for the walk and start your fundraising.

Get your family and friends involved for a sparkling, fun evening raising funds for a this great cause.

Don't forget to - Don your brightest glittery, outfit, & your glow-in-the-dark accessories for a dazzling night.

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

DESTINATION BASINGSTOKE

**Phillips Law Half marathon, 10k & 5k Run,
Sunday, October 5th 2024.**

Also family friendly race for children age 5 to 10.

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

The Vyne



Why September is a great month to enjoy the historic collection at The Vyne

With both floors of the house still open daily from 11am to 3pm (subject to volunteer availability), you can savour the sight of fascinating treasures before the annual autumn deep clean begins and the festive decorations go up.

Regency Revisited & Jane Austen House Tours

Discover Jane Austen's links to The Vyne, her views on the Chute family and what Regency life, and love, was like for those living here at the time. During your visit you can get up close to first editions of Austen's books, feast your eyes on beautiful Regency costume worn by members of the family, and learn more about Austen, her family connections to The Vyne, and what Regency life and love was like for those living here. Jane Austen House Tours run Wednesdays and Saturdays until 2 November, 2.30-3.30pm and cost an additional £5 per person.

On select dates, The Vyne is running cream teas and specialist talks on all things Austen:

7 Sep | In conversation with...

Enjoy a cream tea in the tea-room before joining Lizzie Dunford, Director for Jane Austen's House, Chawton and Joy Pibworth, longstanding member of the Jane Austen Society as they discuss Britain's best-loved Regency author in the house at The Vyne.

25 Sep | Layers of Jane

From petticoats to pantaloons, chemise to shifts, following an indulgent cream tea in the Brewhouse tea-room, enjoy an interactive and irreverent presentation regarding Regency 'underpinnings' in the house.

Gates open 2.15pm | Cream tea 2.30-3.15pm | Talk 3.30-4.30pm | £20 per person.

Please note, non-members entering before 2.15pm will need to pay normal admission.

Booking essential on: 0344 249 1895

In autumn, parts of the house will be gently tucked under white sheets and the first floor will close for its annual deep clean. Then, as Christmas approaches, the ground floor will be transformed into a magical fairytale setting—so there's always something new to enjoy at The Vyne.

More information: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/the-vyne>

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The Dispensary

Having a dispensary in a semi-rural location is a valuable resource, especially for our older patients, those without transport and for those with young children. It also means that if you require urgent medication such as antibiotics following a consultation you don't have to face a drive and wait at the pharmacy in Tadley or Chineham. Please support the surgery by using the dispensary. They have access to your prior medication and can refer back to a doctor if needed. To coin an overused expression – “use it or lose it”

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- Review your selection carefully
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You can check the approval date under **Requested Medicine**.
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3. Avoid Delays

Many delays happen because requests are not completed correctly. This can lead to emergency supply requests, which take priority and delay routine prescriptions for others.

4. Wait for a Text Before Collecting

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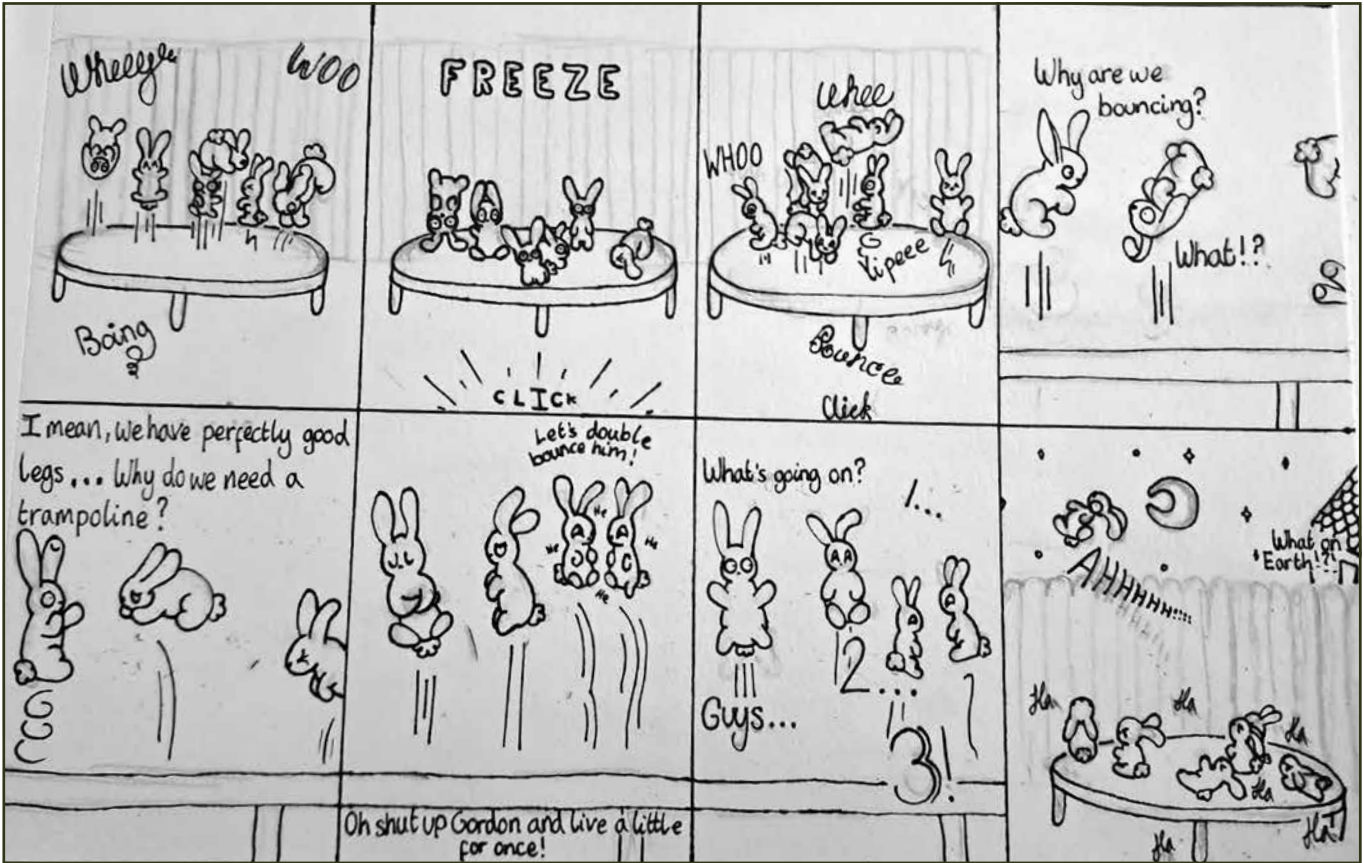
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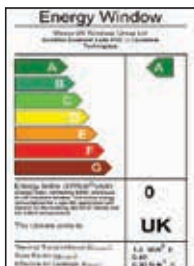
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