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Editorial

Note from the Editor

Happy New Year to all Villager readers – here's hoping that 2023 improves (after a rather depressing start with both world and country news, to say nothing of the rain.....!)

One thing to celebrate is the refurbished lychgate in Sherborne St John. It was built in 1887 to commemorate the diamond jubilee of Queen Victoria so it seems timely to have it ready for King Charles III's coronation in May this year.

Amongst other repairs the fencing either side of the gate needed replacing, the gate renovated and the roof tiles either replaced or repaired.



Before renovation



Now

Thank you to all those residents, the SSJ Parish Council and churchgoers who contributed to the fund. There is still the possibility to make a donation; by bank transfer to Sherbornes with Pamber Covenant Account, Sort Code 30-18-45, Acc No 00259539 using your surname and LYCHGATE as a reference, or alternatively by hand to Lynda Harding at 19 Cranesfield.

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nickandlynda.harding@btinternet.com

The Book Exchange in the old telephone box is short of children's books, particularly picture books for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers. We'd be grateful for donations. Or if you have a large batch to give, please contact us.

We've been temporarily removing the donation box that's usually on the floor. When it rains heavily, some water gets into the kiosk. We'll put the box back in better weather.

In the meantime please think of taking your donated or returned books round to Skerryvore which is just around the corner. There are directions on the notice in the Book Exchange.

We appreciate receiving fiction paperbacks, in good condition, rather than non-fiction and hardbacks

Eirwen Bone - 07999 408990 | Sally Sokoloff - sally@mikegreaves.plus.com

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Claiming Dates

February 2023

1	Ready Steady Mums Walking Group. War Memorial Park, Basingstoke. Every Sunday	1.00pm – 2.00pm
4	Big Welly Walk, book via events@wellingtonarmshampshire.co.uk	11.00am
7	Women's Fellowship, SSJ Village Hall, AGM + Speaker "Birds and Birdlife" - Bring & Buy	2.00pm
8	Greenham Common Bird Walk with The Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust	10.00am
11	SSJ Social Club – A Fun Night of Skittles	7.30pm
11-19	The Vyne National Trust – Bug Hotel Naming Competition, Car Park Booking necessary	10.00am – 4.00pm
13	Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	9.30am-11.30am
25	SSJ Social Club – Quiz Night	7.30pm
25	Basingstoke Symphony Orchestra, tickets from The Anvil Box Office, tel: 01256 844244	7.30pm
27	Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	9.30am-11.30am

March 2023

4	Mayor's Charity Spring Concert "Thank you for the music", The Anvil	7.30pm
7	Women's Fellowship, SSJ Village Hall, Speaker "The Life and Works of Johnny Douglas"	2.00pm
13	Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	9.30am-11.30am
27	Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	9.30am-11.30am

April 2023

4	Women's Fellowship, SSJ Village Hall, Speaker "The Questionable History of the TV Quiz Show"	2.00pm
10	Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	9.30am-11.30am
24	Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	9.30am-11.30am

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

Roman Catholic Services (Tel: 819772)

Sunday Mass will be celebrated at the Church of St Bede, Popley at the following times: 9.00am 11.00am 6.30pm

Weekday Mass

Tuesday	Church of St Bede, Popley	9.30am *
Wednesday	HG Church, Basingstoke	9.30am *
Thursday	Church of St Bede, Popley	9.30am *
Friday	HG Church, Basingstoke	9.30am *
Saturday	Church of St Bede, Popley	9.30am *

* Time & Venue could vary



Services for February 2023

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

Visit https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBbHQM4CvpnnPsSGuugLR_w or the link on our website under the Resources Menu.

Sunday Club:

For children from School year R and upwards will meet during the service.

For more information please contact Caroline Elphick on 01256 851384

Creche – there are a few toys available for use in the Bell Tower, but this will be unsupervised.

As we are now in a period of vacancy for the position of Rector of the parish, we may have some preachers yet to be confirmed. Please check our website or register for our weekly newsletter for up-to-date information.

05 February

10am	The Lord's Supper	St Andrew's
Sermon series: Living in the love of God	1 John 2:28-3:24	Rev'd Rupert Shelley
Right & Wrong		

12 February

10am	All-Age Morning Worship	St Andrew's
God's love & ours	1 John 4	Andy Spence
10am	Morning Worship	All Saints'
Preacher's choice		Marie Gout

19 February

10am	All-Age Morning Worship	St Andrew's
Life & Death	1 John 5	Steve Howe

26 February

10am	Morning Worship	St Andrew's
Sermon series: The final days of Jesus Jesus is the way	John 14:1-14	Bret Rohloff
10am	Morning Worship	Pamber Priory
As Above	John 14:1-14	Andy Spence

05 March

10am	The Lord's Supper	St Andrew's
Jesus promises the Holy Spirit	John 14:15-31	Bishop David Williams

MIDWEEK

Home Groups meet in the week of Monday 6th & 20th February

Central Prayer Meeting – Second Saturday at 8.30am – 11th February

Little Acorns – Wednesday's at 10am-11.30am at SSJ village hall, term time only

PCC – 20th March, 8pm



PARISH COUNCIL

A belated Happy New Year to all parishioners. I hope that 2023 is less of an 'annus horribilis' than 2022 was what with the passing of HM Queen Elizabeth II, other less painful but equally sad events and the turbulence that the PC experienced.

Planning

With the BDBC delay, approx. 1 year, in moving forward with the new Local Plan, this in turn delays the new SSJ Neighbourhood plan.

This delay has seen developers submit a number of applications, two of which impact SSJ;

- Weybrook Farm (220 houses)
- Kiln Farm (350 houses)

No formal planning application for either of these proposals has yet been submitted but applications for both are expected in the January/February timeframe.

The development of 26 houses at the back of Cranesfield has yet to be decided but the Parish Council understands that a number of objections e.g. landscape and conservation concerns, have been submitted by council officers and statutory bodies

We wait with bated breath as to the outcome.

SSJ Neighbourhood Plan

The process of developing a revised SSJ Neighbourhood plan, in support of a revised BDBC Local plan, is a marathon not a sprint. Developers are trying to exploit the current delay in the process of revising both plans, see above Planning.

However it's important to note that our current Neighbourhood Plan is still a 'live' document.

The Parish Council has engaged a planning consultancy to help revise the current Neighbourhood Plan, ET Planning Ltd.

The PC has received the anticipated funding in order to develop a new Neighbourhood Plan.

If you want to contribute to the development of the new SSJ

Neighbourhood Plan, then Cllr Rowley, is your point of contact.
james.rowley@sherbornestjohn-pc.gov.uk

Coronation Celebrations

The PC anticipates holding an event to celebrate the coronation of HM King Charles III on or around the 6th May.

Current thinking is a bit vague as to what and when so any ideas/suggestions gratefully accepted. Please contact the PC clerk on clerk@sherbornestjohn-pc.gov.uk

Speeding/Flooding

Some limited progress with speeding on the A340 between the two 30 mph signs. The police admit that there is a problem but....

Our new borough Councillor, David McIntyre, is chasing.

I recognise the other main issue is speeding along Elm Road - the destruction of the bollards by white van man early in January is an example of said speeding.

There is also the issue of flooding in Kiln Road, sometimes making it impassable on foot.

The management of the roads is the responsibility of HCC. Whilst the PC can take HCC to task, that's all that we can do.

There have been a number of requests for the PC to install cameras, etc. To put this into perspective the installation of a Gatso camera is north of £20k with on-going maintenance adding another £1k per annum. This expense is about 50% of the SSJ an annual precept of approx. £45k. You can then perhaps understand that the PC's only way forward is to be a continual pain to BDBC/HCC and the local police.

Chute Pavilion

Our existing gas supply contract for the Chute expires at the end of March.

However our current supplier has refused to offer us a new fixed price contract because of the current volatility in the energy market.

The renewal tariff is significantly more than the current tariff.

We've yet to see the renewal offer from our electricity supplier.

The PC has always planned for the Chute to be self-funding but the increment re: the gas supply and an anticipated like price increment to the electricity supply puts that plan into jeopardy.

The next six months will see a number of 'must do' repairs to the Chute initiated. A number of these repairs might require the Pavilion to be closed for a short period of time. Further details to be provided as and when the repairs are scheduled.

Amor Armitage

Some of you may have read about the horrific accident that Amor suffered on December 17 resulting in her hospitalisation in Mexico. Amor runs a number of yoga classes at the Chute.

The PC understand that a JustGiving page raised over £100k enabling Amor to be flown home. She is now in intensive care in the UK where her treatment will continue for a number of months.

Parish Councillor

We now have a new Councillor, Jane Bechelet. Welcome Jane.

Parish Clerk

By the time this article is published we will have a new Parish Clerk.

MANY thanks to Mel Camilleri, our Locum Clerk, who kept us sane and sensible over the last 6 months.

We have three candidates for the position, all of whom offer a selection of useful skills/experience.

Lengthsman

The Lengthsman service has been extended for this fiscal year, April 2022 thru to March 2023.

If there are any outstanding jobs around the village /parish that you think might be suitable for the Lengthsman then please do contact the Clerk, clerk@sherbornestjohn-pc.gov.uk

2022/2023 - Finances

The PC anticipates a 4% increase to the SSJ Precept that forms part of the wider BDBC council tax. This increase is about £1.37 per annum for a band D house.

The PC understands that the BDBC element of your Council Tax bill will be frozen for the year 2023/2024.

General

The PC is now back to meeting on the last Wednesday at the Chute Pavilion each month.

Going forward the planning session will start @ 7.15 p.m. and the council meeting @ 7.45 p.m. As always it would be good to see parishioners at these meetings.

Richard Morgan
Chair, SSJ PC

Monk Sherborne Parish Council

Play Area:

Recently the A frame was condemned by the Play Area Inspector and removed. However due to the support of Borough and County Councillor Grants a new wooden frame has been ordered as a replacement. Our grateful thanks to th Councillors for their continued help in maintaining this important facility. Discussion also took place regarding a new play area equipment scheme. It was resolved by obtaining grant funding to install a new set of equipment that is of wooden construction and more suitable to a rural setting and will provide the area with a new lease of life.

Potholes:

Residents are urged to report road surface issues on Hampshire Highways website www.hants.gov.uk as this is the most effective way to get the issues on our roads prioritised by the Highways department.

Precept:

Due to increasing costs, the Parish Council has applied an increase to the precept for financial year 2023/2024. In order to meet its financial obligations, and maintain the level of reserves recommended by the auditors, the precept is to be raised to £12,500 per annum. In real terms, the increase results in the average Band D property paying an additional £6.63 per annum from April 2023.

Planning:

Decisions continue to take much longer than normal to come to conclusion.

New Councillors:

There are currently 2 vacancies on the Parish Council. We welcome any interest from any local parishioner possibly interested in taking up the role of new Councillor. Please contact the Clerk for further details at: clerk@monksherborne-pc.gov.uk

Sherborne St John Primary School

Happy New Year! We had a really busy end to the Autumn Term and it was so nice to celebrate all together as a community for the first time in a while. Our Christmas Fayre was very successful and it was great to see so many families and friends from the village there. Our Early Years and KS1 children also performed their nativity to a full audience over three shows, they did a fantastic job of entertaining us all and reminding us of why we celebrate Christmas.

We have returned for a busy Spring Term with lots of exciting learning, trips and activities planned.

At Sherborne St John C of E Primary School, our curriculum covers all subjects including Art, French, Science, Computing, PE... the list goes on. We are lucky that we also benefit from some specialist teachers coming in to teach our children. This term, Class 3 and Class 4 are getting expert teaching in PE and Reception have specialist Dance teaching. Class 2 and Class 4 are being taught music by the Hampshire Music Service with our oldest children learning to play the guitar. Class 4 are extra busy and have already had a day at Queen Mary's College taking part in a science investigation day; we're lucky to have this link as every child from Year 1 to Year 6 gets a chance to take part in one of these days each year.

On top of everything that goes on in the classroom, our children can also take part in Dance, Judo, Rugby, French and Gymnastics clubs. We also attend lots of sports events alongside other schools in the area and, even though we are a small school, our children's talent shines through every time!

Sherbert

SSJ School Villager Correspondent



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Please contact me by phone or email.

**Whilst these posts remain vacant residents can contact me for assistance.

Ted Wilkinson, Area Co-ordinator. (details below)

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Beau's Blog – February 2023

Just chillin'. I find this is sometimes the most comfortable position for lazing around and being playful but the only thing against it is that everyone else is upside down. I like rolling about playing and in the summer, when it is really hot, it allows the cool air to get to my tummy. I can adopt this prone position if I wish to ingratiate myself with the Boss. It shows I trust him and would like him to give me a good tummy tickle which I love.

The Mrs always looks askance at me and would prefer me to be the correct way up and not displaying myself in such an uninhibited way. She believes certain bits of my undercarriage are undercover underneath for a good reason and should not be on display in such gay abandon. However she too will laugh and give me a good tummy rub if I wriggle long enough in front of her.

Sometimes the wriggling makes her nose wrinkle and I have learnt that

this slight flaring of her nasal passages usually has significant repercussions for me and means a trip to the bathroom is in order with copious amounts of dog towels and shampoo. Hence I am invited to jump into the white boat and suffer a good soaking with the shower and a foaming rub all over with bubbles. After the final rinsing the Mrs can be quite mindful of my privacy and the shower curtain is pulled across concealing my presence. Wondering why she has suddenly seen the need to give me a bit of private time in the bath I am seized with the sudden need to shake all the excess water from my fur. At this point she is usually busy laying my towels out across the floor and when she feels I have had enough privacy and shaking she pulls the shower curtain back and I am invited to jump out onto the towels while she rubs my coat dry. I love this part and help her by holding the towels in my mouth and rolling all over the place pulling the towels with me and getting

in a right pickle. This usually ends with yet another tummy rub but without the nose wrinkling which is always a good sign – peace and love.

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Hello everyone and Happy New Year! I hope you all celebrated well and that any visits made by the Befana involved sweets rather than charcoal, as explained by Giorgia in her contribution to the last issue about an Italian Christmas.

Giorgia's article got me wondering about how many of us knew about other people in the villages and I wondered if this column might serve as a means of introducing members of our community. I'm sure there are things happening out there but it is difficult to write about them if no-one sends me any info. So I wondered about a "Meet the Villagers" item. A mystery person could be posted each week and readers invited to identify them. There will, of course, be prizes. The identity of the disguised person will be revealed in the following issue.

So here's your first villager....



Do, please, someone have a guess, and send your answer to bdownes@thevillager.com

If you weren't at The Plough on Wednesday 4th January, you missed rather a treat. Accoustics performed gentle, soothing folk music, which we very much enjoyed and true to their slogan there were no prima donnas or critics.

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Basingstoke Civil Service Retirement Fellowship

The first meeting of 2023 was held on 4th January with 45 members attending. The Chairman, David Cowling, wished everyone a Happy New Year and then proceeded to give an update on the upcoming trips planned for the year. Christine Broadbent, the Welfare Officer, gave an update on various members and also thanked David for all his hard work throughout 2022.

The guest speaker this month was Pam Durroch from Basingstoke Food Bank which is part of the Trussell Trust. Pam informed us that the food bank was set up on 1st October 2012 so had been in operation for 10 years. In the first year, they supplied 1046 parcels for 2000 people. By last year this had increased to 2500 parcels for 5500 people, an increase of 45%. The parcels they supply are intended to last for approximately 3 days and she showed us an example of the different items included. These

parcels are only supplied to people who have been referred to the Food Bank by official bodies including Citizens Advice, Housing Associations, District Nurses, Schools etc. These parcels are then collected by the clients, although should the occasion arise, they can be delivered. Pam expressed thanks on behalf of the Food Bank and their clients for all the food and money donations received by the public and from members at the meeting. If you require further information please go to the website at www.basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk

The next group outing is on Monday 20th March which is a tour of the Houses of Parliament with the coach leaving Oakley at 7.15 and the Leisure Centre at 7.30. The price of the trip is £28 (£30 for non-members). On Thursday 27th April at 2.15 we are having Afternoon Tea at BCOT with a

variety of sandwiches, cakes and scones with unlimited tea all for £11.

The next meeting is on 1st February when we have a return visit from Mel Rees who will give a talk titled “...and another thing I meant to say...”. At the 1st March meeting we have our AGM with a talk from Able Care which will then be followed by lunch at the Conservative Club.

The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at the BrookVale Village Hall from 10am to 12 noon and all retired Civil Servants, their relatives and friends are welcome. Further details about the group and information about our meetings and trips can be obtained by contacting: csrfbasingstoke@gmail.com

Margaret Atkinson

The Royal British Legion



At our first meeting of the New Year we were entertained and informed by an excellent illustrated talk on The Dambusters, given by Rhydian Vaughan, our vice-Chairman. Most of us have seen the film, made in 1995, and know the stirring signature march composed by Eric Coates. Rhydian was able to give us more background about personality clashes which almost caused the raid to be cancelled and the genius of Barnes Wallis, the boffin who designed the bouncing bombs essential to the success of the raid. We shared some very tasty homemade soup and crusty rolls before the talk.

This month's meeting on Tuesday 14 February will be an informal St

Valentine's Day light lunch at Sherfield Oaks Golf Club from 12 noon. There is no need to book but it would be helpful if you could email me if you hope to come along.

COFFEE MORNINGS this month are at Sherfield Coffee Shop on Wednesday 1st and at The Swan PH Sherborne St John on Wednesday 15th, both from 10.30am.

Membership of The Royal British Legion is open to everyone. The easiest way to join is to go online but application forms are available from me. We have gained several new members in recent months but are always pleased to welcome more! One of our new 'recruits' is our potential

branch Standard Bearer to take over from Tony Evans who has served in this capacity for many years.

At our March meeting on Tuesday 14th, we hope to show the film 'A Foreign Field' starring Alex Guinness, Lauren Bacall, Leo McKern - it's an amusing and heartwarming story of some D-Day veterans returning to the Normandy Beaches 50 years on. The meeting begins at 1.15pm at Cross House, Bramley.

John Morley
Branch Chairman

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Battlefield Tour to Normandy

I have been asked by RBL members if I can arrange a tour to Normandy and I am more than happy to open it up to local residents as well. If you are interested do please register with me at rhydian@battlefieldtours.com or 07774 681516.

Numbers will determine the overall cost, I would expect about 20 people and would look to keep the cost below £500 per head. Sharing rooms makes the event more cost effective.

When?

Either last week in May or last week in June (both mid week) whichever is most popular. We may be able to get school dispensation for an educational experience for young ones.

Outline:

- Day one – Depart Bramley 1900hrs by coach for overnight Portsmouth Brittany Ferry to Ouistreham/Caen arrive 0630hrs.
- Day two – British beaches and actions
- Day three – American beaches and actions
- Day four – British Military cemetery, VC actions and Bayeux Tapestry. Depart late afternoon ferry arrive Portsmouth 2130 hrs. Arrive Bramley 2330 hrs 'ish.

Once I have likely numbers, I can be more precise. Do please let me know if you are interested.

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

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

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Women's Fellowship

The speaker at January's meeting was local resident Louise Levy who told members about her trip to Java, Bali and the Kimodo Islands in Indonesia.

Louise's background is Finance, where she spent time working for a major City Bank, and is now on the Board of two major banks in London. Looking for a change of scene, she applied for a voluntary job in Indonesia teaching English in a boarding school in Java to 14-17yr old pupils. The school had an intake of 3,000 students and Louise had responsibility for 90, 50% girls and 50% boys. Her plans for teaching Empowerment for Women had to change rapidly as the boys were also keen to learn, so it became simply Empowerment. The school was considered to be a 'Luxury School' with the parents paying fees. When Louise was there in November it was the Rainy Season, deluges in the morning with hot sun drying everything out in the afternoon. This resulted in very hot classrooms and dormitories, the latter having just a fan for the twenty pupils sleeping in bunk beds. Food arrived in buckets and the children helped themselves. Every day started at 3am and finished at midnight. The first three hours were spent with Prayers (it is an Islamic school) and classes began at 6am. Lateness was punished harshly, despite the pupils being very tired, living on just a few hours' sleep each night. Despite the school spending many hours each week immersed in the study of Islamic tradition, the school intends for its pupils to further their education in International Universities.

Louise's time at the school focussed on empowerment and moving forward into the world of business. The pupils started with their storyboard, moving on to creating their own CV. They were shown how to shift any negative beliefs into positive ones, ultimately replacing all negativity into positive structures. The work following this concentrated in producing ideas for the benefit of themselves and the world, covering themes of climate change, biodiversity and recycling - something non-existent in Java. Turning their ideas into workable projects was part of the process, and Louise was very proud that some of the students had produced bio-fuels from coffee, and a recycling App. Finance was crucial in all this, as without financial knowledge and experience, good ideas may not become good businesses.

As if this wasn't enough, Louise went on to an orphanage where more than two hundred children lived, mostly born out of wedlock - which is unacceptable in the Muslim community. The orphanage was run down but the children were happy. The main facilitators there were a 25yr old son of the founder, and a colleague, also 25 years old. Louise told us that bedding was sadly lacking, with few pillows and mattresses, and she will be setting up a fund to help with this.

She was thanked by Jenny Cooke for her illuminating talk.

Following Louise's talk there was a visit from SSJ residents James and Christine Crowley who gave a questionnaire to members, and James spoke about forthcoming possible housing in Basingstoke & Deane, the Neighbourhood Plan and solutions for retaining the village culture of Sherborne St John. There was a time for Q&As afterwards.

The meeting ended with a quotation, and a reminder that February's meeting will be the AGM, Bring & Buy, and a talk on Birds and Birdlife.

Next month's meeting will be 2pm on Tuesday 7th February.

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Camrose Centre

Generous grant means art wellbeing project can continue to help local homeless and vulnerable people

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They have supported The Camrose Centre with several generous grants in recent years. During their recent visit they met Corrine Marsh of artWell and heard how she uses creative arts to inspire imagination, promote mental wellbeing and inclusion amongst clients at the day centre at Glebe Hall in Basingstoke. Corrine makes weekly visits to The Camrose Centre to work with clients as a way of building self-confidence and positivity during their homelessness recovery pathway.

The grant means that this valued project can definitely continue throughout 2023.

Mike Browning, Chair of Trustees at The Camrose Centre comments “Our clients benefit hugely from the activities that artWell provides during our weekly sessions. It’s not only a mindful activity that can remove people from their day-to-day worries, but it has also created positivity and confidence in our clients. We are extremely grateful to our guests for funding this special project during 2023.”

During their recent visit, Lord and Lady Lymington spoke with clients, volunteers and staff and found out about more of the support work and services that take place at the Centre.

Lord Lymington said “We were inspired by our recent visit and the great work and commitment shown by volunteers’ supporting this important local provision.”

The Camrose Centre is a day centre that supports homeless and vulnerably

housed members of the local community, and is funded by individual and corporate donations, trusts and grants, as well as Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.

If your organisation is able to help vulnerable members of our local community to get back on their feet, by supporting the work at the Centre with a one off or a regular cash donation, please contact Mike on:

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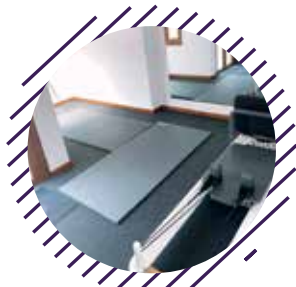
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Fri 3 Feb, 7.45pm | The Anvil | Tickets: £42, £38, £31, £24, £16. Under 25s & f/t students £12 (includes £4 booking fee)

The programme includes Debussy's Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune, Bartók's thrilling Piano Concerto no. 2, and Elgar's Symphony no. 2. Pianist Sunwook Kim joins the BSO with conductor Kirill Karabits.

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SING-A-LONG-A ENCANTO (U)

Fri 17 Feb, 1pm | The Anvil

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MIKE OLDFIELD'S TUBULAR BELLS LIVE IN CONCERT - 50th Anniversary Celebration

Fri 24 Feb, 7.30pm | The Anvil | Tickets: £55, £42, £32, £20 (includes £4 booking fee)

To celebrate its 50th anniversary, Tubular Bells will be performed live with a full band, conducted and arranged by Oldfield's long-term collaborator, Robin Smith. It gained worldwide praise when the opening theme was used for the soundtrack of horror film, The Exorcist, and went on to become the highest selling instrumental album of all time. A bold and progressive fusion, Tubular Bells is a journey through classical, jazz, folk, prog rock, and electronica.

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Probus Hears About The Immortal Memory



Many people have attended a Burns' Supper around 25th January, the birthdate of Robert Burns, the National Bard of Scotland, Scotland's Favourite Son, and will have witnessed the piping in of the haggis and someone giving the Address to a Haggis in "Lalland Scots" being virtually unintelligible to all the sassenachs present. But at the best of such occasions, irrespective of wherever in the world there is a Caledonian connection, the guest of honour has the responsibility of telling those present their view on Robbie Burns, the Ploughman's Bard.

Such was the situation outlined by the latest speaker at the Probus Club of Basingstoke, member John Kynoch. Although born in New Zealand, the son of an ex-pat Scot, as a teenager he came to join the family woollen manufacturing business in Scotland and lived for over thirty years in Keith, to the east of Inverness.

This talk, The Immortal Memory, was John's personal insights and long past connections with Robert Burns who was born in 1759 in Alloway, Ayrshire and died at the early age of thirty-seven. The sister of John's great grandfather married a man who was a friend of Burns whose own father started an educational establishment for apprentices that today is the Herriot Watt University in Edinburgh.

Around the time of Burns' birth, the British Empire was developing with Wolfe capturing Quebec making Canada British rather than French. George III was soon to reign as was Catherine the Great in Russia, Hayden got a job making music in the court of Prince Esterhazy in Hungary and Captain

Cook discovered New Zealand. Less than a decade before Burns was born the Duke of Cumberland, the King's brother, carried out the last battle on British soil at Culloden near Inverness defeating the final Jacobean rebels.

During his short life, the bard had been a tenant farmer, a flax dresser, a continual rebel against orthodox religion and eventually a Revenue & Customs Officer and a member of the militia in Dumfries, despite being a nationalist at heart. He also penned 559 writings of which 368 were songs often putting new lyrics to existing Scottish traditional and folk melodies.

At the age of 28, and only 14 months after his first book was published, Poems, Chiefly in the Scottish Dialect, Burns undertook a coach trip on poor roads around that part of north-eastern Scotland where the speaker had lived. In such a short time, and without the ease of communications we have today, his fame had spread to the extent that he was feted by the great and good. He was described as the equivalent of a Rock Star, a working-class hero, gifted beyond measure, attracted by and attracted to, the opposite sex (he had nine children with his wife, his last son born an hour after his death, and at least four more with other women) and finding further distraction in misuse of substances, in his case "the drink."

At one such meeting at Duff House, in Banff, Burns met a young boy who had his book at home and knew some of the poetry by heart which gives some idea of the popularity of the Bard's work. That a schoolboy in Banff, so far north from Ayrshire, where much was written, should be familiar with his

work so soon after it was published, is quite remarkable.

One can only marvel at the genius of this man who could produce such words that we still admire and can quote at times, almost off the cuff. Robert Burns was obviously a man of huge intelligence with a great understanding of the human condition. Words and ideas that have been translated into more than 60 languages around the world and used as reference points by many great people in history such as US President Abraham Lincoln who wrote of Burns "From Shakespeare I learnt the sonnets. From the Bible, the scriptures. But it was from this man that I learnt humility."

After the guest of honour has concluded their reminiscence about Robert Burns, they then request the audience, "Raise your glasses... the toast is.... to The Immortal Memory."

The final act at a Burns' supper and at Hogmanay, on New Year's Eve, throughout much of the world, is of course singing the famous farewell "Auld Lang Syne." This is one of Burns' songs that even sassenachs know.

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Last year I set up my small business of H.O.P.E. (Horses Offering Physical Enrichment) Hippotherapy. Currently I work out of the Wellington and Dummer Riding for the Disabled's yard where I also volunteer for the RDA itself.

If you would like more information please contact Helen Forbes at hopehippotherapykids@gmail.com or search Hope Hippotherapy on Facebook.

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Autumn into Winter 2022-2023

2022-2023 Pamber Green	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	TO 12 JAN 2023
Average Day Max Temp °C	19.8	17.8	12.2	6.2	10.5
Diff from 30-yr average °C	+1.9	+3.7	1.6	-1.9	+3.2
Highest Max Temp °C	25.2	21.5	16.2	12.6	9.2
Average Night Min Temp °C	9.9	9.2	6.8	1.1	6.3
Diff from 30-year average °C	+1.5	+3.2	+3.1	-1.0	+5.1
Lowest Min Air Temp °C	2.7	0.0	0.9	-8.4	-0.5
No. of nights with air frost	0	0	0	11	1
Night frosts diff from avge	0	0	-1	-2	-4
No. Nights with Grass Frost	0	-1	0	16	1
Total Rainfall (mm)	79.3	97.9	155.5	114.3	78.1
Highest 24-hour Rainfall (mm)	25.3	14.2	41.7	26.0	14.1
Percent of 30-year avge	128	130	210	165	269
No. of days with >1mm rain	11	15	15	11	(12)
No. Days with NO Rain	+2	4	+4	-1	lots

The early part of 2022 was roughly what one would normally expect as far as temperatures and rainfall were concerned; no snow and, unusually, February was warming up a bit.

Whereas March and April are usually very unsettled and quite stormy but, in 2022, there were only 7 days with significant rain in the whole 2-month period and it the warming up process continued.

May continued the upward trend - sunny and increasingly warm and less than average rainfall which continued for much of June with only half the usual rainfall and above average temperatures and sunshine.

Normally monthly measurements only vary by a few tenths but this was to change massively in July and August. Temperatures rose reaching 38.1C (99.9F) on the 19th July (in my garden) and the average maximum for the month was a massive 6.0C above the 30-year average. Also I only recorded 1mm of rain in July and that was spread over 3 days (the monthly average is 55mm) - so it was totally ineffective for garden plants and crops. One usually sees the temperatures begin to ease down from mid August but there were 20 days above 25C (the average for the month is 21C) and the average was again 6.0C above the 30-year average.

Fortunately the rains started in September with severe thunderstorms on the morning of the 8th but also 16 dry days in the month. The autumn continued basically warm and with enough rain to enable the hose pipe bans to be cancelled.

So all the first 11 months of 2022 had above average temperatures, sometimes massively so.

But... December started cool and then became seriously cold with my lowest night temperature of minus 8.4C on the 15th and minus 7.5C the next night.

During the period 5pm on the 10th Dec until 10am on the 18th Dec the temperature only rose above freezing between midday and 4pm on the 13th (just 4 hours). Interestingly the ground temperatures were mainly fractionally warmer than the night-time air temperatures due to residual deeper soil temperatures conducting warmth upward.

Then it became quite mild from Christmas to the New Year. The first 12 days of January have been wet - only 1 day with minimal rain (and more to come). My rainfall is currently not far off 3 times the average.

David Cullum

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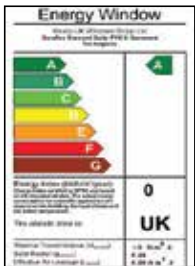
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