



The Villager

April 2024

Sherbornes and Pamber



**FASTFARE
PHARMACY**

**598 Abbey Road, Popley,
Basingstoke, RG24 9ES**

FREE

**Prescription
Collection and
Delivery Service**

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Bring your repeat request form or we will collect it from your doorstep. Once you authorise us we will take it to your doctor's surgery to prepare your prescription. Then we will collect your prescription from the surgery and dispense it at Fastfare Pharmacy for you to collect or we even deliver to your doorstep.

AND IT'S ALL FREE OF CHARGE!

Help us to help you

WE OFFER A WIDE RANGE OF OTHER SERVICES AND FACILITIES

- + We dispense both NHS and private prescriptions
- + Free pick-up, collection and delivery of prescription(s)
- + Patient medication record system for help and service
- + Nomad Monitored Dosage System for patients needing help taking medication on time and regularly
- + Blood pressure testing and monitoring facility
- + Diabetic testing and monitoring facility
- + Provision for private consultation area for patients
- + Help for safe disposal of unwanted/outdated medicine
- + Advice on medication and treatment of minor illness if need be by the Pharmacist
- + Providing help and support to Nursing and Residential Homes with patient care and medication requirements
- + Holiday medication and advice
- + Mobility equipment sale and hire at discounted prices
- + Help and advice with morning after pill
- + Cholesterol advice
- + Medicine usage reviews (new and upcoming)

Monday - Friday 9am to 7pm Saturday 9am to 5pm
We do not close for lunch

Phone/Fax: 01256 357637

Letter to the Editor

There was a horror film on Channel 41 late on Sunday 18th February "The Black Torment". Older villagers who were in the Parish in 1963 will remember it. I was in my first year of secondary school. Mr Pound was head master at Sherborne St John Primary School. My younger brother was in Mrs Watmore's class there.

The film was made mostly at the Vyne House, also in the gardens and in Morgaston Woods, and a short scene at St. Andrew's Church. It wasn't a very good film - with no-one especially famous in it. The leading lady was Heather Sears (she died in 1994). It was filmed in late autumn - no leaves on the trees.

It was first shown on TV in the late 1960s - although I remember it differently to how it was shown on Sunday night! One can see how film makers change things - the Fordyke family appeared to walk from St Andrew's then seconds later walk through the gate of the Vyne to the house as if the church was closer. Their horses seemed to be stabled in what are now the nursery gardens. The chase on horses through Morgaston Woods was speeded up - horses can't run that fast, especially among the woodland tracks. That was before the 1987 hurricane when there were hundreds more trees in the woods. I don't suppose many villagers ventured into Morgaston Woods before the general public were allowed to roam around them, as it was still private land back then. Being a villager since the early 1950s there wasn't much of the Parish we kids hadn't explored (much to the annoyance of farmers and gamekeepers - but most of us did no harm!)

Of course The Vyne has changed a lot since 1963. The bridge over the lake

Cover Photo: Blossom

Whilst we are happy to publish items and opinions in this magazine it should be noted that the views expressed by the contributors are not necessarily endorsed by the Editorial team.

Readers should also make their own enquiries about, and assessment of, claims and services made by advertisers in this magazine.

collapsed during the 1987 hurricane - not during the war as some think. I can remember walking over that bridge in the 1970s

Very few of the people now in Sherborne St John were here in the 1960s - I'll be 72 this year. I wonder where my classmates from the Primary School are now..... Raymond Ayres lived in one of the cottages opposite Gales Garage. Graham Butler lived at 4a Spring Close. He became a Royal Marine and played trumpet in the Royal Marines band. Last time I saw Graham we were 15 years old. Richard Stroud became a policeman and then a care home manager. His father was the gardener at Cleaves for Mr Hill-Wood and the Arsenal Football team used to come to play charity matches at the Chute Recreation Ground against our village team.

There were others in the class at school - Gillian Wiggins, Susan Moate, Wendy Seyfried, Heather Monger and Philip Loader (who moved to Baughurst). Stephen Mears used to live at the Swan pub - they moved to Wych Lane Farm and both Stephen and Phil Mears went into heavy haulage. Phil's lorry can still be seen locally carrying bulldozers and military vehicles.

I remember once at Secondary school asking our geography teacher Mr Upton why did we need to learn about Malaysia - as none of us would ever go there? Air travel was not common in the 60s. Sadly Mr Upton emigrated to Canada and died young. I wish I could have told him that in 1982 I went to Malaysia and Indonesia - who'd have thought it in the 60s!

Mr A Carter

the Villager CONTACTS

Editor:

Julie Crawley
01256 851003
villagemagazine@gmail.com

Advertisements:

Emma Foreman
01256 889215/07747 015494
emma@thehaye.co.uk

Distribution:

Liz & Chris Gwynn
01256 850800
lizgwynn.eg@gmail.com

Future Events:

Lindsay Berry
01256 850495
lindsayberry0@gmail.com

Pamber Correspondent:

B. Downes
bdownes.villager@gmail.com

Contents

Church Services	4-5
Claiming Dates	6
Beau's Blog	7
News from the Pambers & Little London	9
Clift Surgery	10
SSJ Parish Council	11
The Rotary	17
Garden Survey	20
SSJ Cub Pack	21
Civil Service Retirement Fellowship	25
Royal British Legion	25
Solar Panels	27
Women's Fellowship	29
Local Events & Issues	7, 10, 15, 16, 23, 24, 28, 29

Contact us at villagemagazine@gmail.com



One Thing

It has been said by many that we live in an age of distraction. Thanks to a wireless web with a constant flow of information available to us anytime, anywhere, there are more things competing for our attention than ever before.

The average person checks their phone 110 times a day. Approximately 34 years worth of video content is added to YouTube every day – that’s a lot of potential distraction!

Of course distraction itself is nothing new. In Luke’s Gospel (chapter 10 v 38-42), we read of an occasion when Jesus arrived in a village and was welcomed into the home of Martha and Mary. While Mary sat with Jesus and spent time with him, her sister Martha “was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made” and soon became “worried and upset about many things.”

Many of us will empathise with Martha – we know what it is to have many things that require our attention, many plates that we try our best to keep spinning. We know what it is to feel stressed and anxious because of too many distractions, too many demands on our energy and time.

Perhaps there’s something to learn from Martha’s sister Mary, who realised that “only one thing is needed” – spending time with Jesus, listening and learning. We might just find that if we make this one thing our priority; he will give us what we need for the many things that will inevitably keep coming our way.

See our calendar for opportunities on offer this month to give the one thing a try, everyone is welcome.

Rev. Stewart Deering

Improved Paths

You may have noticed that the paths around St Andrew’s in Sherborne St John and All Saints, Monk Sherborne have been recently cleared and repaired and now look much better whilst also improving accessibility.

Sherbornes with Pamber PCC agreed that this should be carried out as soon as possible, as the paths are particularly slippery in the winter months. The cost of the work is additional to the PCC’s budget for this year, and so we are asking for contributions to cover the cost of the work. We have already received a generous donation which will pay for the path repairs at Monk Sherborne; the cost of the repairs at St Andrew’s amounts to £1500 and donations towards this expense would be welcomed.

If you are able to help with this, you can make a direct payment to the church bank account:

PCC The Sherbornes with Pamber Covenant Account

Account No: 00259539

Sort Code: 30 18 45

Please use the reference ‘path’ and your surname to enable our Treasurer to allocate funds correctly.

Thank you for your consideration,

SWP PCC

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 *	Friday	HG Church, Basingstoke	9.30am *
Wednesday	HG Church, Basingstoke	9.30am *	Saturday	Church of St Bede, Popley	9.30am *
Thursday	Church of St Bede, Popley	9.30am *			* Time & Venue could vary



April 2024

Make Jesus known & build up the church in faith & love

St Andrew’s Sherborne St John | All Saints Monk Sherborne | Pamber Priory

www.sherborneswithpamber.org facebook.com/sherborneswithpamber

If you would like to connect with us please scan the QR code



- Sun 7th | 10am All-Age Morning Worship - St Andrew’s SSJ
- Sat 13th | 8.30am Morning Prayer - Parish Room
- Sun 14th | 10am All-Age Holy Communion - St Andrew’s SSJ
10am Morning Worship - All Saints’ Monk Sherborne
- Tues 16th | 7.30pm Confirmation Prep: contact stewartdeering@sherborneswithpamber.org
- Wed 17th | 10-11.30am Little Acorns Baby & Toddler - SSJ Village Hall
12-12.30pm Midday Prayer – St Andrew’s SSJ
- Sat 20th | 8.30am Women’s Breakfast - SSJ Village Hall
- Sun 21st | 10am Morning Worship - St Andrew’s SSJ
11.30am Annual Parochial Church Meeting - St Andrew’s SSJ
- Mon 22nd | Homegroups this week: contact admin@sherborneswithpamber.org for details
- Wed 24th | 10-11.30am Little Acorns Baby & Toddler - SSJ Village Hall
12-12.30pm Midday Prayer – Pamber Priory
- Sat 27th | 7.30am Men’s Breakfast - SSJ Village Hall
- Sun 28th | 10am Morning Worship - St Andrew’s SSJ
10am Morning Worship – Pamber Priory
- Wed 1st May | 10-11.30am Little Acorns Baby & Toddler - SSJ Village Hall
12-12.30pm Midday Prayer – All Saints’ Monk Sherborne
- Sun 5th May | 10am Confirmation Service with Bishop David Williams - St Andrew’s SSJ

The Services at St Andrew’s are live streamed on our YouTube channel and are available to watch afterwards. Search Parish of the Sherbornes with Pamber on Youtube or use the link on our website under the Resources Menu.

Children of all ages are very welcome in our services. At St Andrew’s we run a Sunday Club during term time and we have a creche space in the tower at the back for pre-schoolers & their carers with toys and a changing table.

Claiming Dates

April 2024

2	Women's Fellowship, SSJ Village Hall, A Pilgrimage to India	2.00pm
4	Monk Sherborne Village Drinks - First Thursday of the month, MS Village Hall	6.00pm – 8.00pm
6	Sherborne St John Social Club, Ben & Bryony Music Quiz	7.30pm
6	Basingstoke Art Club Spring Exhibition & Sale of Work, SSJ Village Hall Day 1 of 2	10am – 5.00pm
7	Basingstoke Art Club Spring Exhibition & Sale of Work, SSJ Village Hall Day 2 of 2	10am – 4.00pm
8	Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00
8	Coffee Morning, Monk Sherborne Village Hall	10.45am – 12.00
17	The Arts Society Basingstoke lecture: Woman's Suffrage – Houses of Parliament by Mary Branson	10.30am
20	Sherborne St John Social Club, Robbie & Elvis Dual Tribute, entry to Club - ticket only	7.30pm
22	Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00

May 2024

2	Monk Sherborne Village Drinks - First Thursday of the month, MS Village Hall	6.00pm – 8.00pm
6	Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00
7	Women's Fellowship, SSJ Village Hall, A Portrait of the Architect as a Young Man	2.00pm
12	SSJ Football Funday, Chute Recreation Ground. ALL WELCOME	9am sharp
13	Coffee Morning, Monk Sherborne Village Hall	10.45am – 12.00
15	The Arts Society Basingstoke lecture: The Painting Secrets of Freud and Bacon by Alice White	10.30am
20	Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00

June 2024

3	Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00
4	Women's Fellowship, SSJ Village Hall, The Archeology of Basingstoke	2.00pm
6	Monk Sherborne Village Drinks - First Thursday of the month, MS Village Hall	6.00pm – 8.00pm
10	Coffee Morning, Monk Sherborne Village Hall	10.45am – 12.00
17	Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00
19	The Arts Society Basingstoke lecture: Nazi Looting During WWII by Shauna Isaac, S-o-L V. Hall	10.30am
22	'Pimms and Puddings', Sherbornes with Pamber Churches, Sherborne St John Church & Village	7.30pm

July 2024

1	Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00
2	Women's Fellowship, OUTING	
4	Monk Sherborne Village Drinks - First Thursday of the month, MS Village Hall	6.00pm – 8.00pm
8	Coffee Morning, Monk Sherborne Village Hall	10.45am – 12.00
10	The Arts Society Basingstoke AGM at 10.15, lecture: Post-War Fashion Illustration by Connie Gray	10.30am
15	Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00
29	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

Beau's Blog



On account of me being a good boy and not digging up the front lawn, telling the truth and not complaining about the Boss selling my transport wagon out from under me I have been given a new Teddy

to accompany me in my games of throwing, chasing, jumping and shaking, which I know Teddy just loves. He doesn't say much but he also doesn't run away when I pounce on him so I am fairly sure he enjoys it as much as I do.

There is the slight mystery surrounding the whereabouts of old Teddy who, the Mrs commented on last sighting, resembled an old rag. I fear I have detected a trail leading towards the dustbin but the Mrs acts very innocently when I look her in the eye so I will just have to swallow her story of him going to Teddy heaven and concentrate on my new buddy.

My new transport wagon is very different from my last one and I fear I will have to be a little more careful with my hygiene and cleansing routines. I can see a range

of deodorant and toiletry products heading my way which is rather scary. The Mrs has already tried to smother me in vehicle protective boot liners which I am not allowed to rearrange or disassemble. Goodness knows how the Boss will fare with slinging his usual paraphernalia in the back with me. I can almost hear the shrieking from here.... But as long as I have my mate Teddy with me I shall survive.....not sure about the Boss!

<http://beauregardsdogblog.blogspot.com>

3 Bears go travelling



Are we nearly there yet? Funny clouds they have in Spain...



We're here at last. So this is what the humanoids mean by sun. Hadn't seen any of that for a while back home!

(They do carnations not roses for Valentines Day here, which seem to last longer).

Where am I?



Answer on Page

HORIZON
SOUND & VISION
 Family Run Business Est 1988

- **Aerial, Satellite & Sky Q**
 Freeview, Freesat, Sky
- **Tuning and set up of your equipment**
 Cable tidying. Weak/low signal improvement. Audio Systems
- **TV Wall Installation**
 Free site survey. System planning & advice. Hidden cabling.
- **Additional TV Points**
 Magic Eye control
- **Wi-Fi Signal Improvement & Network Cabling**
 including garden area and outbuildings
- **CCTV Installations**
 including Ring doorbell
- **Starlink Installation**
 Superfast internet for rural areas

Checkatrade.com

01256 841860
 Essex Road, Basingstoke, RG21 7TB

www.horizonsoundandvision.co.uk info@horizonsoundandvision.co.uk

PAMBER FENCING & GARDEN CONTRACTS

FOR ALL YOUR FIELD, PADDOCK & DOMESTIC FENCING

HEDGE PLANTING AND CUTTING

TREE WORK & STUMP GRINDING

PHONE: 01256 850929
 MOBILE: 07960 708460

F.J.Soper & Son
Plumbing and Heating Engineers

For all types of Plumbing and Heating work

Free Estimates with Helpful And Friendly Advice

BASINGSTOKE
 (01256) 850355

Soper.plumbers@googlemail.com
 Worcester Accredited Installer

ACCOUNTS, TAXATION AND BUSINESS ADVICE
Edmonds Accountancy Ltd
 Chartered Management Accountants

For professional advice with a personal approach. Start-ups, Sole traders, Limited Companies. Accounts, VAT, Payroll, Personal and Corporate Tax. Strategic Planning and Management Accounts

Please ring David or Laura to arrange a free initial consultation.

Unit 11 Diddenham Court, Lambwood Hill, Grazeley, Reading RG7 1JQ
 Tel: 01256 409 068 or email: laura@edmonds-accountancy.co.uk
 (Incorporating Cooke, Cooke & Co)



Over 35 years experience in all types of domestic, commercial and industrial fencing based in Sherborne St John

FREE estimates and advice with **no obligation** and good quality workmanship are **GUARANTEED**

CALL US 01256 358 940
www.bobberryfencing.co.uk



Chartered accountant guiding you through the numbers.

Providing a range of tax and accounting services for local businesses and personal clients. I would be delighted to talk through your requirements.

Emily McEwan FCA
 01256 889245 | 07525 005518
emily@ebmaccounting.co.uk

 ICAEW CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

News from the Pambers & Little London



Daffodils are beginning to feature in our lives this month, and I think Narcissus pseudonarcissus is worthy of being our Villager of the Month. I learnt this title from a local reader : Narcissus

pseudonarcissus is the sort of daffodil which grows in our very own Pamber Forest. I must confess, I have always found the poet Wordsworth's phrase "lonely as a cloud" somewhat baffling, especially in the Lake District where clouds, in my experience, gather in positive gangs, the better to release their deluge onto the wanderers below. My parents lived in The Lakes for many years. Breathtakingly beautiful, superbly green, and usually wet is, I think, a fair summary. And I love it! Anyone finding themselves wandering lonely as a cloud or otherwise will not need to venture as far as the Lake District to catch a glimpse of some lovely daffodils. Pamber Forest, on our doorstep, provides hosts of them to gladden the eye. We look forward to reading about these lovely Lenten Lilies in a future issue.

And if taking photos of beautiful flowers causes you to find yourself wondering what happened to all your old slides, videos and cassettes and how you could view and listen to them again, you might be interested to hear about the Hampshire Archives and Wessex Film and Sound Archive which in addition to providing insights into the



county's past, can breathe new life into your past. For a charge, old slides, VHS tape and cassette recordings can be converted to a modern medium allowing them to be viewed and listened to again. The expert staff will tailor a package to suit your needs. Using this service allows you to protect and preserve your archive materials, free up space, save time, regain access and share your history more easily with others. You will find them on Hampshire County Council's website.

Should you have been lounging in vacant or in pensive mood rather too much, perhaps a spot of exercise would be in order. Simply follow the link to find out about Steady and Strong /Health and Social Care/Hampshire County Council. Classes are designed by experts to help improve muscle strength, balance and posture and so reduce the risk of falls. If you're 65 or over, don't miss out on the opportunity that'll help you keep doing the things you love. If you prefer, NHS Choices offers easy to do at-home exercises.

On the Nurturing Nature Together part of the HCC Website there's still time to have your say as to where you think improvements could be made for nature to recover – whether that's through action to boost or protect natural habitats and biodiversity, or to nurture and protect native wildlife. By completing the survey, you'll have the opportunity to drop a virtual pin electronically onto an online map to identify Hampshire locations you think need improvement for nature recovery. Simply go to the HAVE YOUR SAY section on the HCC website.

I wish you all a happy month of March and remind you that this is your magazine and I would be delighted to receive anything that you think might be of interest to our readers. I feel sure there are interesting people out there with anecdotes to tell. Maybe you are one of them?

B  bdownes.villager@gmail.com

Geek-Free Computer Support

Email or Internet issues? Thinking of going wireless?
 Need help with your home office set up?

01635 224522

Old fashioned service for new technology. We come to you.





Little Acorns
 BABY & TODDLER STAY & PLAY
 Wednesdays (during term-time)
 10am - 11.30am
 Sherborne St John Village Hall

Join us for free-play, craft, bible stories and song-time
 Tea & coffee for the grown-ups & a fruit snack for the children
 £2 per child £1 for additional child

 Little Acorns Sherborne St John 

News from Clift Surgery

Flu Vaccinations

Flu jabs will be available until the end of March, so please contact the surgery if you want to book an appointment.

COVID autumn vaccination programme.

Overall, a total of 469,979 vaccinations were given during the campaign.

63.7% of the eligible population were vaccinated during the Autumn/Winter campaign.

Hampshire and Isle of Wight consistently performed as the highest performing system in the South East during every week of the Autumn/Winter campaign, and at one point we were the highest performing system in the country.

COVID Spring Boosters

Information about the Spring COVID Booster, can be found at www.england.nhs.uk/long-read/preparing-for-a-successful-spring-2024-covid-19-vaccination-campaign/

Clift Surgery will be giving the Spring boosters in April/May and eligible patients will be contacted directly. Do not call the surgery as a date for the delivery of the vaccine has not been given.

Heart Health

It is really important for everyone to know their blood pressure (which is a key indicator of heart health), to reduce the risk of stroke, heart disease and kidney disease. You can check your blood pressure by buying a home monitor, using the machine in the dispensary or at a pharmacy. Keep a note of your readings and share them with the practice so they can be put on your record..

Clift Surgery also offers NHS Health checks for those aged 40-74 years, without diabetes, kidney disease, heart disease or stroke already. Those eligible can have a test every 5 years. More information can be found at www.bloodpressureuk.org

Missed appointments

In February, there were 90 missed appointments. There can be genuine reasons why patients miss appointments occasionally, but most could be freed up with a little forethought. Please consider those who really need an appointment and are waiting.

News from the PPG

- Weather permitting, the surgery car park will be having the lines repainting. This will mean slightly wider spaces and 2 accessible spaces for wheelchair users, parent and child and those who have mobility problems. Please respect these spaces.
- If you have visited the surgery recently you have seen splashes of yellow from the daffodils planted by the Cubs and Squirrels. It is lovely to see the young people taking pride in their community.

Sherborne St John Parish Council

Comings and Goings

For reasons best known to himself, Dan Faulkner, the new Parish Clerk decided that the role was not for him.

I'm very pleased that our Locum Clerk, Mel, is back in the role, albeit as a Locum, and will remain so until we can find a replacement Clerk.

Adverts have been placed in the relevant journals and on the relevant web sites.

Parish Office

With Dan stepping down our plan to open up a Parish Office is on hold.

However there is a new SSJ Post Box at the Village Hall entrance, to the right of the Village Hall post box.

All Parish Council post will be directed to that post box.

If parishioners want to communicate with the Parish Council via hard copy, then please use the post box.

Speedwatch

We are in constant communication with Hants CC and the local police as to what can be done to reduce the current issues re: speeding vehicles impacting the village, both through and around.

We have had a couple of visits by one of the three Hants Police speed vans but they always seem to park in the wrong location despite being given specific locations as to where best to park, outside Armstrongs, near the 30 mph limit going north and near Cleeves going towards Basingstoke.

By the time this article is published, Paul Freeman, the Safer Roads Unit Team Lead, will have presented to the PC what he thinks are the best options might be for SSJ.

One option is to make the speed limit through the village 20 mph but as this will be at Parish Council's expense and is not enforceable then there seems little point doing so.

Potholes

What to say? - the number and severity of potholes and the general state of the roads in and around the village have gone from bad to worse.

The back story to the above is that

HCC are facing a budget shortfall of £132million by April 2025 so HCC are looking how to trim their spending. My guess is fixing potholes, etc. will not be at the top of any revised 'shopping list'.

However please do continue to report potholes in and around the village using the following link <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems>.

Planning

Cranesfield, 26 houses - Rydon have appealed the BDBC decision to reject this application. The appeal hearing has been postponed - watch the SSJ web sites for a new date.

We've yet to receive any date re: further decisions/next steps for the planned developments at Weybrook Golf Club (200 houses) and the additional houses at Kiln Farm (350 houses).

Again watch the SSJ web sites for further detail and.....

SSJ Neighbourhood Plan

The revised SSJ Neighbourhood Plan has been submitted to BDBC and has been reviewed by BDBC and the other mandatory consultees e.g. adjoining councils and the National Trust, etc.

I am pleased to say that there have been no major issues with the plan, except of course by developers who want to development the strategic gap between SSJ and Basingstoke.

The delay to the current planning appeals work in our favour. The longer they are delayed the further the Neighbourhood Plan progresses. It's important to note that the allocation of new houses to SSJ from BDBC as part of the new BDBC Local Plan is zero so if we can get the Neighbourhood Plan put to bed before these appeals are heard then the zero allocation would help us fight any appeal

Council Meetings

We have decided to reduce Parish Council meetings from monthly meetings to once every two months.

The minimum legal requirement is 4 meetings a year.

We are putting in place processes that will allow to us to legally conduct council business via e-mail

If however there are circumstances where we need to meet an extraordinary meeting will be convened and parishioners informed

Lengthsman

If there are any outstanding jobs around the village /parish that you think need looking at then please do contact the Clerk, clerk@sherbornestjohn-pc.gov.uk

Annual Parish Meeting

Will be held in May as is the norm. Your opportunity to come along and say your piece as to the current state of play of any issue(s) that you feel need more focus going forward.

Head Start

You might have noticed on Facebook that our three BDBC councillors, McIntyre, Ganesh and Bound are currently looking a tad less hirsute than they have previously.

All have had their heads shaved in order to raise funds for St Michael's Hospice. There is a Just Giving page - search Simon Bound.

I'm sorry but David McIntyre with a shaved head looks very much like Dr. Evil as played by Mike Myers!

Richard Morgan

Chair, SSJ PC

To advertise in

The Villager

CALL Emma Foreman

01256 889215

07747 015494

emma@thehaye.co.uk

Basingstoke Art Club EXHIBITION & SALE OF WORK



Saturday 6 April 10am to 5pm
Sunday 7 April 10am to 4pm

Refreshments available
Sherborne St John
Village Hall Kiln Lane RG24 9HR



◆ FOR ALL YOUR SWIMMING POOL REQUIREMENTS ◆



HARLEQUIN
SWIMMING POOLS

- Design and Build New Liner and Concrete Pools
- Renovation and Repair
- Service and Maintenance
- Auto Covers and Cleaners
- Chemicals and Accessories

Harlequin Swimming Pools Ltd
Innersdown Farm • A33 Winchester Road
Micheldever • Winchester
Hampshire SO21 3BW
01962 774004
sales@harlequinpools.co.uk
www.harlequinpools.co.uk

Reliable, personal service since 1973

**P C BUTLER
BRICKWORK**
General and Traditional Building
Roofing, Maintenance & Repairs, Painting & Decorating
No job too small
01256 781830
or
07833 586250
Email: paulbutler3@hotmail.co.uk

01256 412723 - 0771 721 4521
E: info@jcooklandscapes.co.uk
www.jcooklandscapes.co.uk



J Cook Landscapes

Garden Design & Build, Planting,
Decking, Fencing, Turfing, Patios,
Driveways, Artificial Grass, Tree work,
Garden Maintenance & Clearance

Professional & Friendly Service - Fully Insured

MASTER HOUSEBUILDERS
RENOVATION | REFURBISHMENT | NEW BUILD



RWARMSTRONG
rwarmstrong.co.uk

**To advertise in
The Villager**

CALL Emma Foreman
01256 889215
07747 015494
emma@thehaye.co.uk



**CALL FOR
YOUR FREE
ESTIMATE**



Foremost Tree Surgeons Ltd

Private & Domestic Enquiries

Tree Felling, Tree Pruning, Stump Grinding, Tree Thinning,
Tree Reduction, Landscaping and Fencing

Commercial Enquiries

Site Clearance, Developers, Electricity Board Approved, Council Approved

Other Services

Tree Surveys, Tree Reports, Tree Inspections, Technical Plans Provided,
Logs and Chipping Supplied

ALL WORK GUARANTEED

FULL EMPLOYERS LIABILITY / £10 MILLION COVER

NCH. ARB & Nptc TRAINED STAFF



Call today on: 01256 814602

Greenacres Nursery, Aldermaston Road, Pamber Green, Tadley, Hants, RG26 3AF
info@foremosttreesurgeons.co.uk www.foremosttreesurgeons.co.uk





Elm Park Garden Centre

www.elmparkgardencentre.co.uk

Tel 01256 850587

Like and Share us on Facebook



Garden Furniture ✿ Outdoor Living ✿ BBQs
Birdcare ✿ Plants ✿ Bedding ✿ Seeds ✿ Compost
Pots ✿ Hanging Baskets ✿ Tools ✿ Fencing
Sheds ✿ Garden Gift Vouchers ✿ Coffee Shop

Aldermaston Road, Pamber End, Tadley RG26 5QW

Hants/Berks Borders:
Alexander Technique
with
John Hunter

Sometimes known as “the actor’s secret”, the Alexander Technique is a no-strain, intelligent approach to dealing with stress, tension and backpain.

“...the most effective of all the treatments reviewed.”
Backcare Association

Private lessons in Bramley, Hants.
www.the-alexander-technique.com
E: john.s.hunter@gmail.com
M: 07780 113627

SSJ Village Hall - Help Needed



The Village Hall is, for many people, the centre of village life & community celebration. Currently the finances, building structure & bookings are managed by 4 volunteers. Our main challenge is to ensure that the Hall is maintained to a good standard for all our users

The Hall is a stand alone charitable trust, with no connection or regular funding from the Parish Council or other outside body. You will appreciate that our aim of keeping fees at an affordable level has been challenged recently by the massive increases in utility & other costs.

Pre-Covid we had more volunteers, some of whom worked as a Marketing group and helped set up & run village hall events. We added to the quality of village life and the money raised helped us fund much needed improvements.

We need additional volunteers to restart this project & other tasks, working alongside our existing team. Time

commitment should not be onerous. We meet personally, or on Zoom, every 6 to 8 weeks for about 2 hours. Additional time commitments would depend on the projects the group move forward with & how much time you can personally spare.

An ideal way to get more involved in village life & meet a few more local people?

If this sounds of interest please contact Paul Temple on tempaul45@gmail.com. 07889 499888 or Shawna Campbell on ssjhallbookings@yahoo.com 07526 954835.

If you would just like to hire the hall for your own event, adult/ children’s party, or even weddings we’d be delighted to try & help.

Whitchurch Wills

*Will Writing, Estate Planning
& Lasting Powers of Attorney*

- A friendly, accessible and quality service

**- NOW OFFERING -
PROBATE SERVICES**

Contact: Clare Datta

m: 07810 455 581

f: 01256 896 336

e: claredatta@whitchurchwills.co.uk

w: www.whitchurchwills.co.uk

36 Hillside, Whitchurch, Hampshire, RG28 7SN



HGM

HALLETT'S GARDEN MAINTENANCE

**HEDGE CUTTING
ONE OFF CLEAN UPS
TURFING
GARDEN CLEARANCE**

LAWN CARE, PLANTING, WEEDING

www.hallettgardens.com

**HIGHLY RATED | FULLY INSURED |
GREEN WASTE CARRIER LICENCE**

DOMESTIC & COMMERCIAL

07818 844817

hallettgardens@gmail.com



Sports, Prestige & 4x4

Used Vehicles in Hampshire

Prestige & 4x4 | Finance & PCP Packages | Extended Warranty
GAP Insurance | Part Exchange | Indoor Showroom | FCA Approved

Tel: 01256 334363 Email: office@moorelands.com

www.moorelands.com



Sherborne St John C of E Primary School

At our school we love books! We are so lucky to have a really well stocked school library. We have a close relationship with the School Library Service who help us to find new and interesting books to match our topics. We are also supported by a few amazing volunteers who keep things tidy, help our librarians

and ensure that we have the books we want and need in school. On Thursday 7th March, we celebrated World Book Day. This year, the children dressed up as their favourite characters and they designed their own wooden spoon characters! We are always impressed by everyone's creativity.

Getting lost in a good book is one of the most special things we can do as children and adults. So, until next time... Happy Reading!

Sherbert
SSJ School Villager Correspondent



News from the Book Exchange

There's been very good use of the book exchange this winter. You may have noticed the water that gets into the base of the kiosk with heavy rain. Please don't leave books on the floor in bad weather as they spoil and have to be thrown away. Instead take them round to the porch at Skerryvore in Elm Road, opposite the Social Club.

We welcome donations of paperbacks that are fiction, or recently published biography and non-fiction such as history. These circulate well among the users and don't take up too much space on the shelves. As always we need children's books for all ages - but no reading schemes or annuals, please.

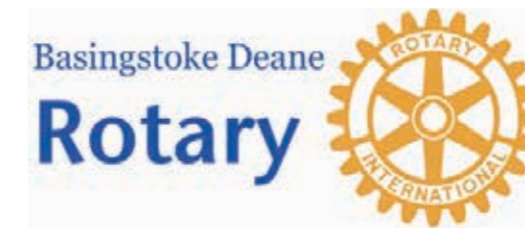
Please don't make the book exchange your automatic outlet for books you no longer want. Recently we have found many large and heavy hardbacks left in the book exchange, which we have had to dispose of. We do not want textbooks, advice and life experience books, manuals, annuals, old non-fiction, and large hardbacks. Nor any books in bad condition. Such as:-



Some advice on what to do with books we cannot take. If a book is tatty, put it in your black dustbin (not in the green recycling bin).

If you have large, attractive 'coffee-table' books in good condition, or blockbuster crime books in hardback, take them to a charity shop such as a St Michael's Hospice shop or Barnados' shop in Rooksdown. The Oxfam bookshop in Winchester takes a wide range of quality books, especially non-fiction hardbacks. But donations to all charity shops should also be in good condition.

CONTACT – Helen Ricketts: helen@highpathway.co.uk OR Paul Temple: tempaul45@gmail.com



ROTARIANS JOIN IN TO TIDY UP THE CHILDRENS CEMETARY



Sadly, over many years, the children's cemetery at Rooksdown had become neglected and overgrown. The call came and we were glad to be able to join a group of volunteers, many of whom were connected to children who had been laid to rest there, to cut back some of the overgrowth and restore some order to this peaceful space.

The brush that was cut back was stacked in a corner to provide areas to encourage wildlife. We left it a work in progress with restoration events planned in the future and also to plant more bulbs especially in the snowdrop garden. It is a quiet reflective space, close to nature and full of birdsong, it's good to see it looking more cared for

Look out for further events and come and join the work party, you'll be made very welcome.

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.

Facebook: @RotaryBasingstokeDeane | Twitter: @RBstokeDeane

NEWS AND PHOTOS OF THE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX DELIVERIES



We are very pleased to report that Wessex Rotary's 18,779 Christmas Shoeboxes, including those from the Basingstoke area, were safely delivered by Rotarians to under-privileged children in Ukraine, Moldova, Montenegro, and Romania. Thank you for your shoebox contributions and look out in September for information about the Christmas Shoebox appeal 2024

BASINGSTOKE FESTIVAL OF TRANSPORT

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday 19th May 2024

The Memorial Park will again be full of Vehicle displays, stalls and other attractions for this big event. It's a great family day out and Rotary look forward to welcoming you on

Sunday 19 May 2024

For more information & to register your vehicle.
www.bstokefot.co.uk

BE A VOLUNTEER

Become a Friend of Rotary

Have fun volunteering with us and help our local community. To be one of the team of almost 100 that help at the Festival of Transport - just for a couple of hours, half a day or all day - get in touch with Paul Temple - see contact info



01256 541783
07789 643760

Ben Davis Building

bendavisbuilding@yahoo.co.uk
LOCAL PROFESSIONAL BUILDER



- EXTENSIONS
- WALL REMOVAL
- BRICK WALLS
- PATIOS
- SOAKAWAYS
- DIGGER WORK
- REPOINTING



**Green 'n' Tidy
Gardens, Oakley**

Call Richard for:
Regular Grass Cutting Service
Garden Maintenance & Clearance
Hedge and Tree Trimming
Patio and Driveway Cleaning
Plants and Trees available
Licenced garden waste carrier

No job too small
Free Quotes, competitive prices, fully insured
www.greentidygardens.co.uk

01256 781716 / 07586 036709



Complete Pest Solutions

WASPS • RATS • MICE • SQUIRRELS
BED BUGS • FLEAS • BIRDS & RODENT PROOFING

Leslie Parker
Email: parkerleslie65@aol.com



PROFESSIONAL PEST CONTROLLERS REGISTER

Tel: **01256 242135** Mob: **07990 814143**
2 Vyne Lodge Farm Cottage, Bramley, Tadley, Hampshire RG26 5EA



All Seasons Window Cleaning



Reliably serving the community for over 20 years

Additional services include:

- Driveway cleaning •
- Cladding/signage cleaning •
- Gutter/fascia/soffit cleaning •
- Conservatory roof cleaning •
- Pure water - no chemicals •

Call **STEVE** on **01256 353727**

Email: info@allseasonswindowcleaning.com
Web: www.allseasonswindowcleaning.com
www.facebook.com/allseasonswindowcleaninguk



Find us on **Facebook**




TIME TO RECLAIM YOUR LOFT SPACE



We are specialists in loft ladders and hatches for easy and safe access to your loft. We also provide boarding, lighting and insulation solutions. This 'Spring Clean' time we can help you turn your lost space into really useful loft space.

WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT

- No waiting around. We arrive on time, every time
- Lifetime Guarantee
- Reliable, local company working in your home
- Extra confidence because we are accredited by Which? Trusted Traders
- Absolutely no mess and no fuss

Call **Pete** to book a FREE survey & quotation WWW.ACCESS4LOFTS.CO.UK


01256 688648






QUALITY PRIVATE DENTISTRY

GD Gwynne Dental

-  Cosmetic dentistry
-  Emergency treatment the same day
-  Smile design
-  Childrens private dentistry

info@gwynnedental.co.uk
www.gwynnedental.co.uk
01256 321 945



Free Garden Surveys To Help Wildlife Flourish



People across the borough are being encouraged to help their gardens to nurture wildlife and cut carbon with top tips and advice from Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.

Residents can now book a free plant and wildlife garden survey with the council's Green Team, which launched last summer to help people adopt more sustainable lifestyles in support of the council's climate and ecological emergency declarations.

Undertaken by its sustainability specialists, the team's surveys involve looking at the number, type and variety of plants present, for easy sources of food and water for insects and animals and if there are safe places for wildlife to live and hibernate.

Once the hour-long survey is complete, the findings are then used to help create

a guide with actions and ideas for how people can support and enhance nature by encouraging native plants and wildlife in their gardens.

This could include providing seeds and water for birds, letting areas bloom with bee-friendly flowers, planting shrubs and putting hedgehog highways in fences so wildlife can move freely between neighbours' gardens, then into local parks and beyond.

Cabinet Member for the Climate and Ecological Emergency Cllr Chris Tomblin said: "We are lucky that animals like the Dartford warbler and great crested newt and insects like the white-letter hairstreak butterfly currently call our borough home, though climate change and habitat loss are increasing threats to these and other species.

"But your garden doesn't need to be a fully-fledged nature reserve to be a safe and attractive place that helps our native wildlife to thrive and plants to grow.

"Whether you're willing to dedicate just a corner of your garden or you're happy to let it all go wild, I encourage you to book your free survey for tips and ideas how you can nurture a garden that encourages wildlife and captures carbon to help tackle climate change too."

With the unanimous support of its councillors, the council declared a climate emergency for the borough in 2019 and an ecological emergency in 2021.

People can book a free garden survey and find out more at www.basingstoke.gov.uk/garden-survey.

Exploring Adventures with the Cubs

The SSJ Cub pack have been on an exciting journey filled with learning, service, and fun! From navigating through the District Orienteering competition to honoring our fallen heroes at the Remembrance Service, our Cubs have been actively engaged in various activities.

At the District Orienteering event, our Cubs showcased their navigation skills and teamwork, securing a commendable 4th position. This experience not only tested their abilities but also instilled in them the importance of perseverance and collaboration.

Paying tribute to the sacrifices of the past, our Cubs participated in the solemn Remembrance Service held at the church. It was a moment of reflection and respect, teaching them about the significance of remembrance and gratitude.

Additionally, our Cubs actively participated in the District Candlelight service, where they not only contributed to the Food bank through generous donations but also gained insights into how these contributions help people

across our town. Understanding the impact of their actions, our Cubs demonstrated compassion and community spirit.

During pack evenings, our Cubs delved into various activities aimed at enhancing their skills and knowledge. From mastering map reading and knot tying to understanding compass bearings and personal safety, they embraced each lesson with enthusiasm and eagerness to learn. Moreover, discussions on healthy eating and exercise empowered them to make positive lifestyle choices.

In line with the rich history of scouting, our Cubs explored the origins of the movement and learned about its visionary founder, Baden Powell. Through a pack forum, they had the opportunity to voice their opinions and ideas, fostering a sense of ownership and belonging within the group.

Of course, it hasn't been all serious learning – our Cubs have also enjoyed plenty of games and team challenges, strengthening their bonds and camaraderie.

Looking ahead, we have lots of exciting activities lined up, including the much-awaited District Jester Day where Cubs can earn their entertainers badge, the District Swim Badge Day, thrilling hockey night, and the ultimate adventure – camp!

As we continue to embark on this journey of exploration and discovery, we are proud of our Cubs for their dedication, enthusiasm, and commitment to making a positive difference in our community. Together, we look forward to embracing new adventures and creating cherished memories that will last a lifetime.

Spaces are available to join Sherborne Cubs, please contact Hathi and Kim at ssjcubs@hotmail.com / 01420 544904.

Cubs meet weekly during term time Thursday 6.30-8.00pm at the village hall. Subs are £40 per term.

Volunteers are welcome too - if you have skills to share please feel free to reach out.

Society of Homeopaths

FEEL BETTER

Homeopathy and Bioresonance for Women

Lydia Renouf
BA (Hons), DIP, LCHE, ITEC, RSHom

ABOUT
Lydia is a fully qualified homeopath and bioresonance practitioner.

Homeopathy and bioresonance are non-toxic healing methods which can be used alongside conventional medicine to relieve symptoms of:

- anxiety and low mood
- pre-menstrual syndrome
- headaches and hot flushes since menopause
- skin problems

Book Online
www.lydiarenouf.com

JENNI STAFFORD
BALLET ACADEMY

Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing
Registered Member

Beginner Ballet (ages 5 to 7)

Mondays at 4:05pm – 4:50pm
Sherborne St John Village Hall
£7 per lesson block booked
First lesson free!

Drop off style lesson / small waiting area for parents
Hall open from 3:30pm if easier to come straight from school.

Register via our website www.jsba.uk
Or contact Jenni for more information
Tel 07768 716 096 Email jenni@jsba.uk

ROYAL ACADEMY OF DANCE
REGISTERED TEACHER

JENNI STAFFORD
BALLET ACADEMY

To advertise in The Villager

CALL Emma Foreman

01256 889215 07747 015494
emma@thehaye.co.uk

Trusted by our clients for all their Accounting & Tax needs. Can we help you with yours?

Lawrence Young
INSPIRED BUSINESS THINKING

Give us a call!

01256 811415

www.lawrenceyoung.co.uk

Ash Brook Funeral Directors & Monumental Masons

Only a few minutes from North Hants Hospital

Telephone day or night
0118 982 1111

- 24 Hour personal service
- Golden Charter funeral plans

Dignified low cost funerals



28 Mulfords Hill, Tadley RG26 3JE www.ashbrookfunerals.co.uk

TRADING STANDARDS APPROVED

Tadley's only
independent family owned and run
funeral directors and
caring Lady Funeral Director



Proprietor: Terina Dance Dip FD

PARKING AVAILABLE



Sherborne St. John FC - Football Funday, 12/05/24



Join us for a day of football fun at Sherborne St. John FC! Our Football Funday kicks off at the Chute Pavilion & Recreation Ground on Sunday, May 12th.

We're hosting a Football Funday with small-sided tournaments, exciting games like beat the goalkeeper, bouncy castle, tombola, and food from the barbecue. It's usually hot, so don't forget to grab a drink or ice cream!

We like to take the time for an awards presentation, coming together to congratulate the teams on their season achievements and also saying thank you to managers, parents, and club members that make everything happen.

Entrance is free, however donations are much appreciated!

The registration for teams is at 9 a.m. sharp on Sunday 12th of May, with a £3 pay-to-play fee.

Funds raised during the event will help support Sherborne St. John FC's upcoming season. Your participation and support are greatly appreciated. Please share lifts where possible and park responsibly. See you there! Postcode, RG24 9HX



Under 15s Team



John Ward Cup Final Team



Your Local Cats Protection Branch Needs You!!

Basingstoke Cats Protection currently have 10 cats on our waiting list who we so desperately want to help... but with all our current foster homes full of felines there is little we can do.

We are looking for fosterers, either indoor or in an outdoor enclosure which is provided by Cats Protection (approximate size 13ft x 4ft or 4m x 1.2m). Full training will be provided and all expenses are covered by Cats Protection - food, litter, bedding and electricity.

Fostering is an incredible experience guaranteed to give you an extreme sense of joy, achievement and pride.

The days spent in a loving foster home make the world of difference for our cats and kittens, setting them up for a lifetime of happiness 🐱

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



If you're interested in finding out more, please contact Lynne at adoption@basingstoke.cats.org.uk or call our enquiries line on 01256 584544.

The Vyne

Running daily 10am-4pm, the ever-popular Easter Egg Hunts will finish on 14 April. £3 per trail and prize plus normal admission.

Come back for bluebell welly walks in Morgaston Woods and invigorating garden spring colour.

From 1 June explore a two-room display on the first floor about the Tomb Chamber's newly conserved 18th-century stained-glass windows. You can also see other 18th-century glass treasures from the collection.

Coming up this summer, tickets are on sale for open-air theatre and cinema on The Vyne's North Lawn. More information and book at <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/the-vyne>



Basingstoke Civil Service Retirement Fellowship



At the meeting held on 6th March the Chairman, David Cowling, welcomed 51 members to the meeting at which the AGM was held. Following apologies, reports from the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Welfare Officer, a resolution was proposed that the present committee would remain in post until the end of August and then the Group would close. This was because the Chairman did not seek re-election and there were no nominations to take his place. Also, other committee members were sought but no names were put forward. The resolution was carried by a majority vote. The AGM closed with an acknowledgement of all the work done at the monthly meetings by all those not on the committee.

The Secretary, Tony Brazier, gave a reminder of the lunch at the Conservative Club following the meeting and gave details of the Arundel Castle trip on 18th April and the visit to Savill Gardens on 23rd May which still had spaces available. He also thanked Tesco for donating a large number of Easter eggs for the raffle.



Our speaker this month was Peter Robson from Basingstoke NeighbourCare. This is a charity which was set up in 1997 to provide transport for older people who need to attend hospital and other medical appointments, go shopping or attend local clubs and other activities. In return the charity asks for a donation towards the drivers' costs. The cars are provided by volunteers who pick people up, wait and return them home. They have approximately 50 volunteer drivers at present who are all DBS checked and more are always welcome. The charity also has a befriending service, a handy person service which can undertake small jobs in the home and three cafes for people to visit for a chat and a cup of tea or coffee. Further details can be obtained from:- www.neighbourcare.com

Our next meeting is on 3rd April when our guest speaker will be Daniel Cowling with a talk titled 'Should we follow the

Leader? - Leadership in Challenging Times' and then on 1st May there is a representative from Thrive to talk about their work.

The group meets on the first Wednesday of the month at the Brookvale Village Hall from 10am to 12 noon and all retired Civil Servants and their relatives and friends are welcome. Further details about the group and information about the meetings and trips can be obtained by contacting csrfbasingstoke@gmail.com or 07715 640171.

Margaret Atkinson

Interior & Exterior

BRIAN SCUTT PAINTING & DECORATING

P 07807 485338
E BSCUTT@ICLOUD.COM
W brianscuttdecorating.co.uk

To advertise in
The Villager

CALL Emma Foreman
01256 889215 07747 015494
emma@thehay.co.uk

The Talking Corner

I am a fully qualified counsellor and therapist, offering face to face sessions from my home garden office in Sherborne St John. I am also offering online sessions if you are unable to attend in person.

I currently have availability
Monday – Friday 9:00 – 18:00

Please contact Kayleigh
at thetalkingcorner@outlook.com to book a FREE 15-minute consultation
or visit thetalkingcorner.co.uk
Phone: 07858 309431

The Royal British Legion



**“When you go home,
Tell them of us and say,
For your tomorrow we gave our today”**

These familiar words, known as the Kohima Epitaph, are inscribed on the memorial of the 2nd British Division at Kohima in north-east India where one of the greatest battles of WW2 was fought from 4th April to 22nd June 1944. It was the turning point of the Japanese advance into India and claimed the lives of 18,857 British and Indian army lives and 53,000 Japanese; moreover, it showed that the Japanese army could be beaten and gave a boost to allied troops.

The inscription can be found on many War Memorials in Britain, the Commonwealth and the US. Although

specific to the Battle of Kohima, it is now used as a way of remembering all who died in both world wars and other conflicts as a reminder of the great price that has been paid for such peace and freedom as we enjoy today. The words are a central part of our Remembrance services and are also recited at the end of all our RBL meetings.

The Poppy Shop has commissioned a commemorative lapel badge which, along with others for D.Day, Imphal, etc, will be available at the Bramley D Day event on Thursday 6 Jun

Our Bramley & District Branch meets on Tuesday 9;April at Cross House Bramley at 7.30pm and everyone is welcome. Steve Day, our branch treasurer, will give us a talk called “How

do we communicate?” His talk will take us through the changing history of communication to the present day and into the future, dispelling some myths and covering the implications of the Digital Switchover in 2025. Ever wanted to know what the terms 5G, 4G, IoT,PSTN and VOIP mean? Come along and find out - get ahead of the game!

Finally, please block the evening of Friday 12 July in your diary and organise to come to our Summer BBQ at Sherfield Oaks Golf Club. Full details next month including the name of our very distinguished Guest of Honour.

John Morley
Branch Chairman
revjmorley@talktalk.net


BAUGHURST Repair Cafe
www.baughurstc.org.uk
 We are a Community Action Group run by volunteers
Don't Bin it, Repair it!
**Can't repair your own stuff easily anymore?
 Let us help you...see what we can repair**

Electrical and Electronics # Bicycles
Wooden Furniture # Costume Jewellery
IT Equipment # Textiles # Soft Toys
Tool Sharpening
Ultrasonic Cleaning
Mobile Phone Advice / Troubleshooting
IT Advice / Troubleshooting

Every 3rd Sunday of the Month
from 10am till 1pm
At Heath End Village Hall (RG26 5LU)
To book an item for repair, please email
baughurstrepaircafe@hotmail.com or click on the
QR code above or just turn up. Thank you.


OAKLEY CHAUFFEUR SERVICES
 LOCAL • RELIABLE • DEPENDABLE
 AT OCS WE OFFER A PREMIUM DOOR-TO-DOOR SERVICE FOR BUSINESS OR PRIVATE HIRE.
OUTSTANDING SERVICE EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

WEDDINGS • CORPORATE TRAVEL • AIRPORTS
 CRUISE TERMINALS • THEATRE TRIPS • SPECIAL OCCASIONS

TONY BILLSON: 07889 214960
EMAIL: ADMIN@OAKLEYCS.CO.UK

OAKLEY, BASINGSTOKE



Basingstoke Window Cleaning Services

We use a pure water, reach and wash system which allows us to clean even the most difficult windows

We also offer the following services:

- **Windows cleaned inside**
- **Conservatory roofs cleaned**
- **Guttering cleared and cleaned**
- **Soffits and fascias cleaned**

For a free no obligation quotation, please give us a call
 on **01256 886241**
 Simon **07852 117361**
 Dan **07712 885345**
www.BWCS-Online.com


Piccolo Pre-school NURSERY

PRE-SCHOOL NURSERY AT SHERBORNE ST JOHN

We offer high quality care in a happy secure and stimulating environment

Term time only for children 2 years to school age
 Open 5 mornings with lunch club and 3 afternoons a week

Experience and qualified staff
 Set in idyllic location with large outdoor area and playground
 Ofsted Report – **OUTSTANDING**
 Nursery Grants available for 2 and 3 years old

For a prospectus call in or contact us on 075 287 26248
 Email: info@piccolopsn.com
www.piccolopsn.com

Piccolo Pre-school Nursery, The Sports Pavilion, Vyne Road, Sherborne St John

Free solar panels to help power local organisations



Local businesses, community organisations and groups could save hundreds of pounds a year on their energy bills and cut local carbon emissions by having community-owned solar panels installed on the roofs of their buildings for free.

Following Solar Appreciation Day yesterday (Monday 11 March), Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council is shining a light on three community energy societies powering forward plans to increase the amount of renewable energy generated in the borough.

Using a £17,000 grant awarded by the council last autumn in support of its climate emergency declaration, Calleva Community Energy, Test Source Community Energy and Loddon Community Energy are working together to develop and launch new rooftop solar panel projects generating zero-emission electricity.

Entirely run by local people, the three not-for-profit organisations buy solar panels and offer to install and maintain them on the roofs of suitable non-domestic buildings, such as offices, industrial units and community centres, at no charge to their owners.

The renewable electricity generated by the community-owned solar panels is sold at an agreed rate to the organisations using the building.

The community energy society that funded the panels receives an income and any surplus is reinvested into schemes such as further solar panel projects and energy-saving advice for local people.

Cabinet Member for the Climate and Ecological Emergency Cllr Chris Tomblin said: "If you own or work from an office, warehouse or community building, you could save money on your energy bills and help tackle climate change by letting one of our community energy societies install solar panels for free on your roof.

"The electricity you'd buy from these not-for-profit organisations is likely to be cheaper than your current tariff and, in buying locally generated energy, you'll also be more protected from sudden price increases caused by international events and market fluctuations."

Calleva Community Energy currently owns and operates 18 rooftop solar panel projects. This includes a scheme at Calleva Park in Aldermaston that has generated over 2,800 megawatt hours of zero-emission electricity over the last decade, which is estimated to be enough to power over 100 homes every year.

Test Source Community Energy is currently working on plans to crowd fund a solar panel project in Overton that could generate over 64 megawatt

hours of renewable electricity each year, estimated to be enough to power 23 homes.

And Loddon Community Energy has recently established Greener Homes Bramley, a successful network of local champions helping people save money on energy at home with free advice including on habit changes, insulation and solar panels.

The council declared a climate emergency for the borough in 2019, which included setting an ambitious target to work with communities and businesses towards achieving a net zero carbon borough by December 2030.

More information about community energy societies in the borough is at www.basingstoke.gov.uk/community-energy.

To encourage the owners of large-scale buildings, such as offices and warehouses, to have solar panels installed, last year the council commissioned a borough-wide study to determine roofs that could be suitable for panels and the power they could generate.

The council is providing free reports with the results for each building to those who own or rent these properties along with information about funding options, including grants, that could help to pay for solar panels.

More information about the solar panel study, including how people and organisations can request the free report for their building, is at www.basingstoke.gov.uk/solar-panel-study.



These beautiful birds were guests at the latest Basingstoke and Old Basing U3a Meeting at Popley Fields Community Centre

Why not look at the website and see if any of the groups or meetings interest you.



Womens Fellowship



Members were held spellbound at our March meeting, listening to the speaker, Sarah Roberts, telling us of how after her mother's death, she discovered a box of notebooks and diaries all hand-written. Fast forward another 17 years later during Covid, when Sarah decided to start reading one notebook entitled "That Summer"; she read it at one sitting.

The tale briefly told of her mother's life (aged 7 in 1941) in war torn Portsmouth, and how she and her parents and siblings - a family of seven - were evacuated to Hungerford "just for six months" (so they just took only the bare essentials of clothing and necessities). They were initially billeted along with other families at

Church House. During this time Mother "Hilda" continued to pay rent on their council house in Portsmouth, for six months because the "war wouldn't last for long", but when they were offered family accommodation with no sharing at "Inglewood Cottage" in Kintbury, the decision was made to give up their Pompey home which was quite a wrench, but money was tight. Grandad "Fred" had been invalidated out of work at Portsmouth Dockyard with asthma and was unemployable, so they had to make do and mend, and grow as much of their own produce as they could.

Inglewood Cottage was clean, freshly whitewashed and spacious, with only the barest of necessities, none of which would be considered "mod cons" nowadays. No bathroom, a well in the scullery floor, a big black cooker range and a loo at the bottom of the large garden. This was a playground haven for the three children who attended school. A large apple tree played a prominent part in food and income-generating, plus some gardening for veggies by Grandad, plus lilac trees, syringa and laburnum. Best of all, they now had their own furniture, and the bonus of no air raid sirens, no Andersen air raid shelter, no bombs and no bombed-out ruins.

So Sarah's story continued and those of us who could remember were transported back to the "good old days" of the innocence of childhood freedom in the countryside, making up games and amusing oneself.

So there the family stayed for eleven years with the older sister working at the local flower mill. "Grandad Fred" whose health had somewhat improved, worked in the office of a small factory, and the only son of the family, Ken, eventually went off as a Bevan Boy to work in the coal mines in Wales. Finally they returned to Portsmouth.

The chapter which really "tickled me" was the list of shops in Kintbury during the 40s and early 50s:- 5 food shops, 2 butchers, 1 fish shop, a barber, a coal merchant with hardware, a newsagent, an "outfitter" which sold shoes, a baker, 7 (yes SEVEN) pubs, 3 sweet shops, a school, a church, a doctor's surgery and a post office as well as regular and frequent services into Newbury on either the bus or the train.

How "progress" has changed!

WYEFORD GARDENS



TADLEY RG26 5QL

OPEN ON SATURDAY 1st JUNE 2024

11am to 4pm (last entry at 3pm)

£ 5 Entrance Fee in aid of St Michael's Hospice

TEA & CAKES for sale in aid of Bakhita House

NO DOGS



Where am I? - Answer

Built in 1845 the parish church of St Mary and St Nicholas, in Wilton near Salisbury, was built at the instigation of the Countess of Pembroke and her younger son Baron Herbert of Lea, designed by the architect Thomas Henry Wyatt and D. Brandon in the Italianate Romanesque style, with considerable Byzantine influences

Small Ads

Enquiries and items for inclusion please contact Emma Foreman on 01256 889215/07747 015494 or emma@thehaye.co.uk

- The advertising rate is £6 per month or £8 for a box entry. Cheques to be made payable to 'The Villager'.
- Payment for advertisements must be received in advance and are limited to 10 lines of type.
- For information on annual block advertisements please contact Emma Foreman

TSI COMMERCIAL & DOMESTIC BUILDING MAINTENANCE. Electrical. Plumbing. Capentry or Decorating. For a quotation, please phone 01256 780460 or 07989 940210.

PILLS ARE NOT THE ONLY ANSWER
Hypnotherapy can bring rapid relief from depression and other emotional problems. Local practitioner, qualified with 14 years experience. Will give free initial consultation. Phone Derek Joseph on 01256 850653

DRUM TUITION. Professional musician with over 24 years experience. Teaching all aspects of drumming from counting, reading, playing to tracks, and technique etc. All ages and abilities welcome from total beginners to advanced. For more info please contact John Lezana on 07947 728 686 www.johnlezana.com

PRIVATE TUITION IN FRENCH AND GERMAN with qualified, experienced, CRB checked teachers. All ages and stages, including preparation for examinations (CE, GCSE, IB, A-level etc.), adult conversation and primary/nursery language clubs Daytime or evenings, at home, work or school. Call Samantha Cruickshank (Language Services Specialists) on: 07944 820284 or email: scruickshanktutor@yahoo.co.uk

ABLE GARDEN SERVICES Grass and hedge cutting, fencing, turfing, patios, planting, tree work, gravel drives etc. Please call Eddie on 01189 700765 (Pamber Heath) or 07904 440468

HOUSE CLEANING BY MARIA Reliable and affordable services. Experienced, easy going local lady, who checks every corner. Ironing services also available. References available upon request. Email: mariacleaning@live.co.uk, tel. 07933316989

BOOKKEEPING SERVICES River K Solutions Ltd, for all your bookkeeping needs. Please contact us on 07402173137 for free initial consultation or check our website www.riverksolutions.co.uk

REGISTERED CHILDMINDER based in Sherborne St John will have full/part time spaces available from July. Also collecting from Sherborne St John school in September. For more information call: 01256 851249

HOME & OFFICE MAINTENANCE SERVICES All types of installation and maintenance works including electrical, plumbing, IT networks, access/security/alarm/attendance systems, carpentry and decorating. Cleaning services, secure disposal of office document waste. Please call Adam on 07511 495052. Visa, Master Card, Amex.

LOCAL FOOT HEALTH PRACTITIONER, Visiting Practice, Nail Cutting, Callus Removal, Corn Removal and other treatments. Contact Lynne on 07767 059406

CHEEKY PAWS AND CLAWS Established, experienced dog walker. Home visits for all pets. Pet sitting, Equestrian/hoofed animals. Fully insured. 20 years as a zoo keeper. <http://www.facebook.com/cheeky.paws.claws> email: kbeeson1@btinternet.com 07752 414821 (text only)

PROFESSIONAL FOOT CARE IN THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN HOME Fay Curtis (MCFHP, MAFHP) fully qualified Foot Health Practitioner offers a range of foot services including: Toenail cutting, Nail condition treatments, Corn removal, Callus reduction, Dry and cracked heel remedies, Verruca treatment and Diabetic foot care. To book an appointment call Fay on 07780 664410

BEAUTY THERAPIST Based in my professional, relaxing home based salon in Pamber Heath. Treatments offered - Gelish Nails, Pedicures, Waxing, Eve Taylor Aromatherapy Facials, Lash Lift, Massage, Indian Head Massage and Reflexology. Strict hygiene / cleaning and COVID safe procedures in place. Please call or text Amey on 07729421869

THE BASINGSTOKE ARTISAN HANDYMAN Local, trustworthy and reliable. A skilled Handyman who can also add a bespoke flavour to your projects. Any size job considered, quick and simple to complex. www.thebartyman.co.uk 07827 216806

JON'S GARDENING & HANDYMAN SERVICES Regular garden maintenance & one off jobs. Fencing, Hedges, Pruning, General tidy ups and home maintenance. For sensible rates and a friendly service please call 07488 347493.

HELEN'S HOUNDS AND MORE Dog Sitting (day and overnight), walking and pop-in visits. Cat and small pet visits. I'm fully insured, DBS checked and Dog First Aid trained. I have existing clients in SSJ and can provide references if required. Email: helenshoundsandmore@gmail.com Mobile: 07930870249

GUITAR TUITION
I am a music Teacher with over 20 years experience of teaching Guitar, and have taught adults and Children, from the age of 6 to 86. I am able to teach up to Grade 7 Classical or Acoustic Guitar, all levels of Ukulele and beginner piano. I am a member of the MU, up to date with my safeguarding training and am D.B.S checked. For availability and prices please contact Sharon Chant on 077940 14178

Contacts

PLEASE NOTIFY THE EDITOR OF ANY ALTERATIONS OR CHANGES TO THIS LIST. THIS IS THE ONLY WAY OF ENSURING THAT THE DETAILS ARE CORRECT

CHURCH OF ENGLAND - SWP Parish	Revd Stewart Deering	Mob: 07359 717577	Tel: 01256 647900
		stewart.deering@sherborneswithpamber.org	
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH	The Presbytery, Popley Way, Basingstoke		819722
BASINGSTOKE COMMUNITY CHURCH	Sarum Hill Centre, Basingstoke		316000
CLERKS TO PARISH COUNCILS			
SSJ	clerk@sherbornestjohn-pc.gov.uk		07714 770940
MS	clerk@monksherbome-pc.gov.uk		07721 076186
Mrs Cally Morris	clerk@pamber-pc.gov.uk		07942 637210
Pamber Chris Gunnell	David McIntyre	Cllr.David.McIntyre@basingstoke.gov.uk	
BOROUGH COUNCILLOR for SSJ	Androulla Johnstone	Cllr.Androulla.Johnstone@basingstoke.gov.uk	
BOROUGH COUNCILLOR for Pamber	Civic Offices, London Road, Basingstoke		844844
BASINGSTOKE & DEANE BOROUGH COUNCIL	The Castle, Winchester		01962 841841
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL	Non-emergency		101 or 01962 841534
HAMPSHIRE POLICE	www.hampshire.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime		
	simon.denton.23888@hampshire.police.uk		07469562503
PC 23888 Simon Denton	ted_wilkinson@btinternet.com		01256 850891
NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH	https://www.jobcentrejobs.co.uk		
NEAREST JOB CENTRE			
LOCAL GROUPS			
WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP	Mrs Loraine Brown, (Secretary)		01256 590359
RAINBOWS	Caroline Givan: caroline.givan@gmail.com		
BROWNIES	TramayneHenwood - ssjbrownies@outlook.com		422083
GUIDES	Sam Hazlewood - ssjguides@yahoo.com		880132
CUBS	Ms Trish Field		01420 544904
Little Acorns, Bumps/Babes/Toddlers in SSJ	Mrs Liz Gwynn		07770 373282
SSJ SOCIAL CLUB			850303
SSJ HISTORY SOCIETY	Mrs Jane Shelvey	jshelvey@lillydown.net	
TENNIS CLUB	Paul & Maria Saunders		850430
SSJ RETIREMENT COFFEE MORNING	Mrs Margaret Cramer		850390
SUMMIT JUDO CLUB	Mr Len Duncce		07860 435 831
	or Mr Paul Hamilton		07917 005862
	Mrs Jacqui Morris		881336
	Mr Les Bone		850973
YOGA in SSJ Village Hall	Mr Terry Buller	tel.buller@gmail.com	07584 169241
SHORT MAT INDOORS BOWLS CLUB	Claudia or Jane	info@piccolopsn.com	07528 726248
FOOTBALL CLUB		www.piccolopsn.com	
PICCOLO PRE-SCHOOL NURSERY			
	Mr Stuart Maughan		01256 883858
THE VYNE HOUSE (National Trust)	Mrs J. Hughes	email: tadleysd@gmail.com	
SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING	Jenni Stafford		jenni@jsba.uk
BALLET at SSJ Village Hall			
VENUE BOOKINGS:			
St Stephen's Hall	Doreen Quilter		07854 280343
MS Village Hall			07759 064220
SSJ Village Hall	Shawna Campbell		07526 954835
The Chute Pavilion	Terry Buller		07584 169241
Royal British Legion	John Delafield		
HEALTH CARE			
NORTH HANTS HOSPITALS NHS TRUST			473202
HANTSDOC			01189 365592
BRAMBLYS GRANGE			467778
CHINEHAM SURGERY			479244
CROWN HEIGHTS MEDICAL CENTRE			329021
CLIFT SURGERY, BRAMLEY			881228
HOLMWOOD, TADLEY			01189 814166
ROOKSDOWN SURGERY			399710
MORELAND SURGERY			0118 9816661
EDUCATION			
THE PRIORY PRIMARY ACADEMY TRUST	Mr Matt Walsh (Head teacher)		850062
SSJ PRIMARY SCHOOL	Ms Sarah Jolliffe (Head teacher)		850180
ST BEDE'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL	Mr Jamie Carroll		473379
PUBLIC SERVICES			
CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU			0808 2787829
BRITISH RAIL NATIONAL ENQUIRIES			0345 484950
BUS STATION (STAGECOACH)			0871 121 0190
LIBRARIES	Basingstoke Town Centre		473901
	Chineham Library		465643
	Tadley Library		0300 555 1387
	Monday-Friday 8.30-12.00 am and 2.00-4.15 pm		01256 462101
DIAL-A-RIDE			
If we have omitted any organisations, and/or their contact details, we apologise and would welcome any information to keep this list up to date and relevant			
Nov 2023	Julie Crawley	villagermagazine@gmail.com	01256 851003

ONLINE BOOKINGS

All classified adverts can now be booked on the website:

www.fromthesmallestseed.co.uk

To book a classified advert for the Villager, register with this website. Then search for The Villager using any of the searches allowed. There is no online payment - you can pay by cheque at the end of the booking process as normal. Once monies are received you will be able to access receipts and check your booking history from this site.



MS PROPERTY MAINTENANCE
QUALIFIED PLUMBER & HEATING

General Plumbing Work; Leaks; Local Handyman Service; Carpentry; Bathroom Suites; Boiler Servicing; Maintenance; Breakdowns; Electric Works; Painting and Decorating

FREE ESTIMATES

Mickey: 07888 828542
mickeyfish@hotmail.com



563148

**32 Years
serving the local
community**

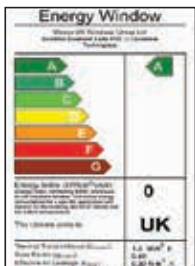
RAINBOW DOUBLE GLAZING LIMITED



1992-2024

Your truly local double glazing company

32 successful years



**Windows • Doors • Roofline
Conservatories • Orangeries
Entrance Porch • Garage Conversions
Rainbow Warm Roof Conversions**

No deposit

No hassle

Energy 'A' Rated

10 year Guarantee

Payment on completion



For a free no-obligation quotation please call FREEPHONE:

0800 026 46 42 or 0118 970 1770

www.rainbowdoubleglazing.co.uk