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Editorial



Hello!

I'm delighted to introduce myself as the new Priest-in-Charge of Sherbornes with Pamber.

We moved as a family to Sherborne St John earlier in the summer and we are really excited to be joining your community. I'm married to Becky and we have three young children, Annie (1), Toby (4) and Henry (5). We all enjoy exploring the outdoors so you might find us out and about getting to know the many beautiful walks around the parish.

Growing up on a farm in Northern Ireland, I first moved to England to study Mechanical Engineering at the University of Sheffield before training as a Science Teacher. I worked in a school in Doncaster for a number of years before I sensed God's call to ordained ministry. This took me to London for training and then back to Sheffield where I was ordained and completed my curacy at the churches of Holy Cross, Gleadless Valley, and St John's, Park.



My first Sunday will be on the 27th of August and I'm really looking forward to working with the congregations of the three churches in the Parish as together we seek to share God's love with everyone in our community. All our services are open to everyone, whatever your age or background, so do please feel free to join us at any time.

Hope to meet you soon!

Rev. Stewart Deering

St Andrew's Church, Sherborne St John

Open Day

Saturday 9th September 2023 from 10.00am to 6.00pm

St Andrews will be open all day and we warmly invite you to pop in and explore and enjoy our lovely church building, parts of which date back to Norman times. We will be serving refreshments (at no cost) and we look forward to welcoming you.

This coincides with the annual 'Ride and Stride' event which encourages walkers and cyclists to visit as many participating churches on the day, to raise funds to help maintain our wonderful church buildings in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.



Cover photo: Myrtle the Turtle in SSJ Church Pond aka Henrytaken by Amanda Hope

I have been told by a confidential, but reliable source, that Myrtle the Turtle is in fact Henry the Terrapin who arrived in the pond several years ago. Although he/she is living a solitary life they certainly seem healthy and a constant topic of local chat!!

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Services for August 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/c/ParishoftheSherborneswithPamber> or the link on our website under the Resources Menu.

Sunday Club:

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.

06 August

10am	All-Age Morning Worship	St Andrew's
The healing at the pool	John 5:1 -14	Andy Spence

13 August

10am	All-Age Morning Worship	St Andrew's
Calming the Storm	Luke 8:22-25	Steve Howe

20 August

10am	All-Age Morning Worship	St Andrew's
Jesus feeds the 5,000	Luke 9:10-17	Pippa Aslet

27 August

10am	All-Age Morning Worship	St Andrew's
Jesus & Lazarus	John 11:17-27 & 38-44	Rev Stewart Deering

MIDWEEK

Home Groups - No Home groups in August

Central Prayer Meeting - Second Saturday at 8.30am –12th August

Little Acorns - No meetings in August

PCC - No meetings in August

No services in Pamber Priory & All Saints' in August

St Andrew's Sherborne St John All Saints Monk Sherborne The Priory Pamber End

www.sherborneswithpamber.org fb: facebook.com/sherborneswithpamber

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

Claiming Dates

August 2023

1	Women's Fellowship, SSJ Village Hall, Speaker "Sugar and Spice And All Things Nice"	2.00pm
12	Skittles Night at Sherborne St John Social Club	6.00pm
14	Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00
19	The Bee Fayre 400, Wootton St Lawrence	11am – 5pm
28	Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00

September 2023

2	Fish & Chips & Fleetwood Mac Live Music at Sherborne St John Social Club	7.30pm
5	Women's Fellowship, SSJ Village Hall, Speaker "The Am Dram Tart" + Harvest Tea	2.00pm
8	St Michael's Hospice - SMH Golf Day – Sherfield Oaks Golf Club. stmichaelshospice.org.uk	
9	Danny Connors LiveMusic at Sherborne St John Social Club	7.30pm
11	Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00
25	Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00
30	St Michael's Hospice - Moonlight Walk – Festival Place. stmichaelshospice.org.uk	
30	RobbieWilliams Tribute at Sherborne St John Social Club	7.30pm

October 2023

3	Women's Fellowship, "The Experimental Housekeeping of Jane Austen's Friend Martha Lloyd"	2.00pm
9	Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00
14	Skittles Night at Sherborne St John Social Club	6.00pm
23	Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00

November 2023

6	Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00
7	Women's Fellowship, SSJ Village Hall, Speaker "The Great American Songbook" + Bring & Buy	2.00pm
20	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

Man's best friend- especially in a fire

One of the Fire Service's new "Fire Dogs" about to start his training (with his brother!) They are amazing when fully trained and are able to detect accelerant used criminally with ease. If you are going to start a fire, don't do it in Hampshire, the detection rate is over 80%.

Rhydian Vaughan HIWFRA (Hampshire & Isle of Wight Fire & Rescue Authority)

Keeping you safe



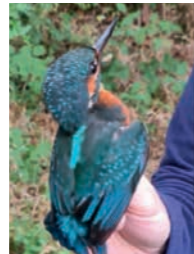
News from the Pambers & Little London

I hope you are all enjoying this summer with its entirely unpredictable weather, switching happily from monsoon-style storms to baking heat and parched earth. And yet there are those who continue to deny climate change.

Pamber Parish Council has informed me of a wealth of initiatives from Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council. These range from details of efforts as diverse as a Cost of Living Fund, through a Building Improvements Fund to the Hampshire Business Awards. There is also an invitation to those generous-hearted people who have space and time to consider fostering an unaccompanied asylum-seeking child, and other similarly altruistic opportunities. I would encourage those who may be interested in any of the above to consult the B&D website. Input from residents is also requested on changing the way the

public is involved in planning matters, something which may interest many of you. The ideas revolve around making documents easier to understand, greater use of social media, and interactive mapping tools. You have until 11.59pm on Sunday 30 July 2023 to respond. Once again, the Basingstoke & Deane website is your contact.

No Meet the Villager this month I'm afraid - I left it too late to include details of my next victim (Sorry Simon!)—so you'll have to wait till the next edition.



However, Paul sent me a photo of this beautiful little chap about whom you will hear more in the next issue. A cliff-hanger ending or what? 😊

Sue and Paul are sorry to report an absence of swifts in their swift boxes but

are pleased to note that a couple of the boxes have provided excellent homes for families of house sparrows.



On the subject of photos, in the last issue I somehow managed to fail to get printed the one of the young man clearly enjoying an activity not involving a screen. So here he is!

Have a good August! And don't forget the annual War Horse Walkthrough Pamber Foreston the August Bank Holiday Monday, a lovely social occasion which raises funds for a very good cause.

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Sherborne St John Parish Council

We are still looking for a new parish clerk - anyone with the necessary experience can apply. We would again like to thank Mel, our locum, for all the help she gives us.

SSJ Neighbourhood Plan

This is an ongoing process with a lot of work being done by Councillor James Rowley. We hope to submit our plan to the BDBC as soon as possible ready for the Local Plan when published. This will help us with any planning applications that come forward .

Planning

The Parish Council keeps a close eye on all planning applications so that they stay within keeping with the village. A meeting was held with the developer

at Bobs Farm which produced some changes to the layout and landscaping .

Lengthsman Scheme

This is ongoing with 3 visits a year. This scheme helps us keep areas tidy in the village that need attention; including hedges being cut back for clear sight lines for traffic.

Chute Playing Field

The Chute is one of our proud assets - giving children a good play area; and the tennis courts and our popular football ground are well used.

General

Reports given at the June Meeting from the County Councillor Rhydian Vaughan and Bough Councillor David

McIntyre included information that pot holes and speeding remain high on the list of complaints . It is hoped to repair all potholes as soon possible - but Hampshire is a large county.

All Parish Council meetings are held at the end of the each month - dates are on the notice board Everyone is welcome to come and attend these meetings and raise any concerns with us.

Councillor Mrs Jane Bechelet.



Please see below for the items we are currently short of - thank you!

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- Custard
- Powdered milk
- Long life fruit juice
- Ladies and gents deodorant
- Hair conditioner
- Cleaning sprays and surface cleaner
- Toilets rolls
- Washing up liquid
- Reusable shopping bags

We have plenty of the following in stock so please choose other items. Thank you.

- Pasta
- Rice
- Tinned soup
- Tinned beans
- Tinned rice pudding
- Tea and coffee
- Hot and cold cereal
- Baby food
- Non-dairy milk
- Kitchen roll
- Dog food

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Sherborne St John Primary School

When you read this, the children and staff will be in the middle of their summer break and they really deserve it! It was an exciting but very busy end to the school year.

The children put on a wonderful show in Aladdin - the costumes, staging, acting and singing were fantastic. So much hard work goes on behind the scenes to make this happen and ensure that each child excels. Everyone did an amazing job and all the staff and families were so proud of each child. We will share a few photos in the September edition.

In sport, the children took part in a number of events and we are particularly proud because our small school has achieved some amazing results. Our tag rugby team won the league and then came 3rd in Basingstoke. In the sports hall athletics event, we came 3rd in Basingstoke and 10th in the whole of Hampshire. Finally, our cricket team achieved 2nd place in Basingstoke.



We also said farewell to our wonderful Year 6 children. They have been excellent role models to the younger children this year; taking on a number of responsibilities such as Librarians, Cashiers, Buddies and Ambassadors. The children have lived out our school values of Trust, Truth and Forgiveness every day and set high standards for the rest of the school to look up to.

Our trip to Winchester Cathedral was a very special day and 3 of our children had the responsibility of reading the prayers to over 600 children. As a good

bye treat, the children also enjoyed an afternoon of bouncy castle and water fight fun.

Then, on the last day of term, they followed the tradition of ringing the old school bell as they left us. Everyone in the SSJ family wishes each of them every success and we look forward to hearing all about their future adventures.

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

Sherbert
SSJ School Villager Correspondent

Volunteer Police Cadets



Volunteer Police Cadets scheme provides a safe environment where young people can learn as individuals, develop positive relationships with the police and actively support the community.

Volunteering your time as a Cadet Leader is a very personally rewarding thing to do. It will enable you to develop your skills to inspire young people to become good citizens.

Whilst many of our leaders come from the policing family, we welcome adults from all walks of life and particularly encourage those without a policing background.

You will undergo vetting to the highest national standards, including an

enhanced DBS check enabling you to work alongside young people.

There are opportunities to become a leader no matter how many hours a week / month you are able to volunteer. The units operate around 2 hours per week in term times and you will be asked to assist in the running of sessions and supervision of cadets at policing events. You do not need any qualifications to become a leader as you will receive training to support you to develop your own knowledge and skillset.

You do not have to have previous experience, only an interest in helping young people achieve their best and reach their full potential.

So, if you're looking for something fun to do that is full of opportunities and is extremely rewarding, you can get involved now as a Volunteer Cadet Leader.

If you would like more information on the role and have any questions, please visit the following link which leads to the Volunteer Police Cadet scheme page of our website - <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/police-forces/hampshire-constabulary/areas/careers/careers/volunteer-police-cadets/>

or contact Volunteer.police.cadets@hampshire.police.uk

News from the North Hampshire Hospital

For most people their main concern with the hospital is to get the treatment they need as quickly as possible. Covid really pushed our waiting lists, however it is expected that the number of people on long waiting times will drop over the coming months. This is proving quite a challenge with the ever increasing local population, and was not helped earlier in the year with an outbreak of diphtheria, caused by some not opting for vaccinations when offered. One can see part of that effort with, for example, the added flexibility such as consultants seeing patients for routine appointments at weekends.

One aspect at present that causes considerable comment is the conflicting appointment letters some people receive, caused by staff trying to juggle appointments around, with the system not able to catch up. The Hospital management knows only too well the issue, but with finances so tight, there is no capital to develop the changes needed. It, of course, raises the much bigger issue of the way finances are run in the whole of NHS. The NHS, as we all know, is highly bureaucratic with top down accounting, with often little

regard for placing the money where it is most needed. However, it is hoped that as more people book their appointments online some of the issues may then ease. This can be done with the Hospital's 'patient hub' which is linked to the NHS app. For more information see <https://www.hampshirehospitals.nhs.uk/patient-hub>.

The current big news of course is the Government's confirmation that funding for a new hospital, although delayed, has been confirmed. Once the Trust has notification of what funds the Treasury are allocating - one of our local MPs has indicated it is in the range of £700 to £900M - it can then refine the options which will then be put out to public consultation. It is hoped this might take place towards the end of the year. Healthcare worldwide is rapidly advancing, so we can only benefit from having a state of the art new hospital. At present two potential sites have been identified, the current hospital site and a new site adjacent to junction 7 of the M3 where it is hoped a Health hub would also be created along the lines of the science parks which have been so successful with many universities.

We all take our health, for much of the time, for granted until something goes wrong. It is then we need services such as the Hospital, thus the chance to influence the development of the new hospital is of vital importance to all of us. So how can we complain later if we don't get the right hospital if we do not participate in the public consultation. Whilst there will be some negative comments on the options, the Trust would really appreciate suggestions on how the options might be improved. It is however hoped that many more people engage in the consultation than the 268 people who participated in the recent hospital governor elections which covered a population approaching 200,000! Our governors represent patient interests to the Hospital management, so this is a vital role. Why not become a Trust member and get more up to date information and help play a part at this critical time? To register go to <https://www.hampshirehospitals.nhs.uk/membership>

Keith Bunker
Former Hospital Governor

Spring into Summer 2023

Pamber Green David Cullum 2023	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	To 12 Jul.23
Avg Day Max Temp C	11.4	14.2	18.5	23.7	21.6
Diff from 30-yr avge C	+2.7	+1.8	+2.8	+4.7	+0.8
Highest Max Temp C	19.2	18.4	21.0	29.6	27.3
Avg Night Min Temp C	4.6	4.0	7.9	11.6	11.7
Diff from 30-year avge C	+2.7	+0.7	+2.0	+2.9	+1.7
Lowest Min Air Temp C	-3.1	-2.5	3.4	6.8	8.5
No. Nights with Air Frost	5	5	0	0	0
Night frosts diff from avge	-5	+1	-2	0	0
No.Nights with Grass Frost	6	4	0	0	0
Total Rainfall mm	137.2	66.0	45.7	53.6	37.6
Highest 24-hour Rainfall mm	16.7	14.0	13.0	30.3	31.5
Percent of 30-year avge	220%	124%	81%	107%	176%
No. of days with >1mm rain	21	12	6	3	2
Diff from 30-year avge	+10	+3	-4	-4	---

We had a very wet December and January, but then an exceptionally dry February with a total of only 3.1mm (5%). December started very cold but warmed significantly after the 18th but it again turned cold from the 17th of January right through to mid February.

March, the start of Spring, was disappointing; unlike normal Marches it was frequently cloudy and wet with over double the normal rainfall and low sunshine totals, but this did result in above average temperatures (average +2.7C above normal) and very few frosts. April was back to near normal with some good sunshine but also with periods of rain or showers - a typical

April! Temperatures were improving with daytime max averaging 1.8C above the normal.

The first two weeks of May were very cloudy but also surprisingly warm and, with all that cloud, night minimum temperatures were also up. However the last 3 weeks of May were dominated by persistent high pressures resulting in a serious lack of rain with only 9mm. So, with lots of sun and very little rain, the ground started to dry out - in spite of the surplus winter rain gardens and crops began to suffer.

June was dominated by high pressure systems, especially during the first and

last weeks resulting in well-above average temperatures and a highest of 29.6C on the 10th, but that was followed by a violent thunderstorm on the late afternoon of the 11th - I recorded 30.3mm in one hour and many had more than that; there were only 3 days with rain during the whole month. The June daytime maximum temperatures averaged out at 4.7C above the long-term values - that is a very exceptional excess.

July has started off cooler/less hot. But there was a period of very heavy rain late afternoon and into the evening of the 4th and temperatures are still above average.

It certainly appears that, overall, we are experiencing higher temperatures and occasional more violent rainfalls and less variability in frequency of weather type change. It was once claimed that the English summer was 2 hot days and a thunderstorm! Our love of the variability of weather seems to have gone!

David Cullum.

Beau's Blog

Jumping for joy, or even better jumping for water.

I hasten to add this photo was taken by the miniatures before the drought took over. My favourite game is catching the water from the hose as it snakes back and forth in the hands of the operator who think it highly amusing to watch my efforts. I chase it all over the garden as they keep moving it about to change were the water falls. I drink most of it and jump to catch it in my mouth. It doesn't really show up in the picture but I am at least two feet off the ground or as the youngsters say 60 centimeters! This action usually happens after me being told that my canine perfume is

offensive to the Mrs and I need a wash. The job of getting me wet enough to work up a lather with my shampoo is usually difficult as my coat is very thick and has its own oils to keep me warm and repel water. With my enhanced sense of fun I find it difficult to stay still long enough for the Mrs to aim it at the appropriate part of my anatomy and am usually asked in a very firm voice to stand still and stop jumping around while she uses some accuracy to make sure I am wet all over. Rinsing can be a problem for her too as I still want to chase and catch the water.

In the lake I can launch myself into the water making a huge splash but at home



I have to make do with the airborne variety and become very excited if I spot the hose coming out even if it does mean I end up shampooed, soft and sweet smelling. The Mrs tells me it's "because I'm worth it"!

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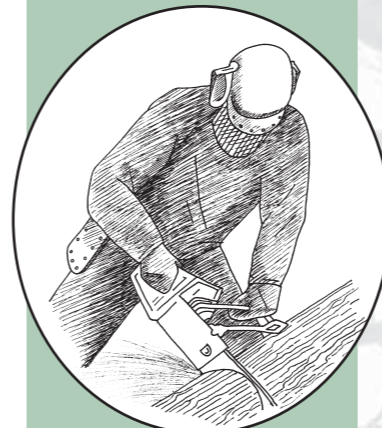
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Moth in a Meditative Mode



On returning home on a Friday evening, I spotted this tiny angelic alien looking creature perched on one of the wooden supports of our front porch. I thought it might fly away if I moved closer to it and so I took this picture quickly and it didn't move; on closer inspection, its eyes turned towards me. It was still there the whole of Saturday, unmoved from the position it logged on to the day before. After a hard day's work humans go horizontal whereas this little creature, which seemed to be in a total relaxation mood, stayed vertical defying the laws of gravity.

There are several phrases that crept into the English language based on the

behaviour of moths, the most famous being - like a moth to a flame--someone apt to be tempted by something that would lead to their downfall.

Shakespeare too didn't leave it out. "Thus hath the candle singd the moath."

Moths are always attracted towards bright light. This bright spark decided to face the big light, the sun, happily stretched out the whole day facing the sun, probably in a meditative mode.

'Moth eaten appearance of bone' - is a commonly used expression in medicine and it refers to the pattern of the permeative appearance (radiological) seen on x-rays as a result of bone destruction caused by multiple myeloma especially and in other cancers that have spread to bone (named after the pattern of destruction observed in fabric that is eaten by moth larvae - 'don't incur the wrath of a moth if you are a man of the cloth').

If you have an inquisitive mind and want to know more about moths the species name (after looking it up) is: Pale Tussock Callitearapudibunda, (Linnaeus, 1758)

Or if you want to just appreciate nature as it is, I leave you with these simple verses many of us were taught in school.

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.

If you want to go into a relaxation or meditative mode, stretch out under the big light in a horizontal position or adopt a sitting Budha posture; not advisable to stay vertical though, like our moth in the meditative mode.

Victor Babu

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Christmas is a long way off!

It's not too soon to think about the Rotary Shoebox Appeal

'Spread a little happiness this Christmas'

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Get involved!

Christmas is a long way off but for Rotary to plan ahead we need to let you know what can be put in the shoeboxes and you can start collecting items.

One item a week will fill your box.

Ideas of what you can put in your box are for-



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

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

Get your workplace, church, club, your school, Scout, Cub, Brownie & Guide groups, your children, grandchildren or just you involved, start planning now so you can help us make this Christmas special for these children.

We will ask for a financial contribution for each box for ever increasing transport cost. TBA

In 2022 our Rotary District including parts of Hampshire & Dorset, Wessex Rotary, collected 18,224 shoeboxes of which of which Basingstoke Deane Rotary contributed a very credible nearly 600 boxes.

Please help us this year to increase the number of boxes we send in 2023

To get your boxes & for more information, check out our facebook - @RotaryBasingstokeDeane

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.

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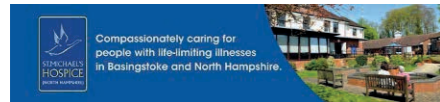
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St. Michael's Hospice Golf Day and BBQ – Friday 8 September 2023 – Sherfield Oaks Golf Club

St. Michael's Hospice would like to invite all supporters and local companies to join their Golf Day, competing for the Tim Clayton Cup, taking place on Friday 8 September at Sherfield Oaks Golf Club. Arrive from 10am for coffee and bacon rolls, before making your way to the Wellington Course for a two-tee start from 11am. We'll welcome you back with a 2 course BBQ, prize giving and a chance to win some fantastic prizes in our auction. Enter your team of 4 today to make sure you don't miss out on the chance to win the Tim Clayton Cup while raising vital funds for your local Hospice.

Find out more at:
stmichaelshospice.org.uk/golfday

Moonlight Walk – Glitter and Glow – Saturday 30 September 2023 – Festival Place

Light up the night at the 2023 Glitter and Glow Moonlight Walk for St. Michael's Hospice on Saturday 30 September. Bring some sparkle to Basingstoke and put on your brightest outfit and glitter and glow in the dark accessories to make the town glow in memory and celebration of those special to you! Sign up for the sponsored 10k walk to raise vital funds for your local Hospice at:
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BRAMLEY & DISTRICT NEWS

At our July meeting, in the unfortunate absence of our planned speaker for family reasons, the Chairman gave a review of the past year and outlined some plans for our autumn meetings.

We resume on Tuesday 12 September with a talk on the RBL's Admiral Nursing Service.

These nurses work within the NHS mental health teams, having a particular knowledge of problems and stresses resulting from military service by personnel and dependents. But many of same situations arise in civilian daily life. If you are looking after someone with dementia or similar illnesses you will be most welcome.

Tuesday 10 October will be our short AGM followed by an illustrated talk by Cllr Paul Miller, last year's Mayor of Basingstoke & Deane, reflecting on his year in office. He has been a good friend of the branch and of the Legion in the district

Both these meetings take place at Cross House, Bramley, RG26 5DF and refreshments are served from 7,30pm.

This year's POPPY APPEAL launches on Saturday 28 October until Remembrance Sunday. If you are able to give an hour or two to collect during this period, please contact our Poppy Appeal Organiser Michael Luck (Michael_luck@icloud.com) or for Sherfield Natalie Larner (01256 880075)

Do join us for coffee and conversation at Sherfield Coffee Shop on Wednesdays 6th September or 4th October- it will be lovely to see you!

Finally note the date of our Annual Dinner at Sherfield Oaks Golf Club, Friday 6 October at 7pm. Tickets will be £30, the same as last year, and our Guests of Honour are Lt Gen Sir Mark Man's, KCB, OBE, DL and Lady Mans - not to be missed!

John Morley

Branch Chairman

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Basingstoke Civil Service Retirement Fellowship



At the meeting held on 5th July 46 members and 1 visitor were welcomed by the Chairman, David Cowling who gave apologies received and congratulated those with birthdays this month. Tony Brazier, the Secretary, confirmed that the July trip to Bournemouth had been cancelled due to lack of numbers but that the trip to The Kennet & Avon Canal is still going ahead in August with all the available places taken. Christine Broadbent, the Welfare Officer, gave details of the work that she had been doing and drew people's attention to the array of information she had for everyone to see.



The talk this month was by Lucy from the Cinnamon Trust accompanied by 2 chocolate labradors, Ruby and Rupert, who she was fostering at the time. She went on to explain that the Trust was set up in 1985 by its Chief Executive, Averil Jarvis MBE, in order to relieve the anxieties, problems and sometime injustices, faced by elderly and terminally ill people and



their pets. This is the only national charity to address this need and has 21,000 volunteers to assist their work along with Virginia McKenna and Sir Paul McCartney as patrons. Practical help is given in many ways including fostering of pets and dog walking as well as having two specialist sanctuaries.

More details at www.cinnamon.org.uk.

Following the Canal trip on 10th August the next one is to Petworth House on Thursday 14th September followed by a Mystery Trip on Thursday 19th October.



Our speaker for 2nd August is Steve Harra with a talk about Sweeney Todd titled "Romance, Riches and Retribution" and on 6th September we have "The Lot of the Auctioneer" with Thomas Forrester from Special Auction Services at Newbury.

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 our meetings and trips can be obtained by contacting csrfbasingstoke@gmail.com

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Hampshire County Councillor report – Calleva Division, Summer 2023

1. Cost of living support

Hampshire County Council has announced plans for how £14.2million of additional funding will be used to help local households struggling with the cost of food and energy prices. The funding is an extension of Government's Household Support Fund (HSF) until the end of March 2024. They will continue to work closely with other local organisations including district and borough councils, education settings, charities and neighbourhood groups to ensure that eligible households receive support with food, energy and water bills and assistance with essential household items. This includes up to £200,000 of funding to provide locally-based food and energy advice services, alongside practical help with costs.

The funding allocation includes:

- £800,000 to support the community pantry network and £361,000 for organisations supporting unpaid carers
- £800,000 in community grants for locally based organisations to support local residents
- £4,442,870 to district and borough councils to provide food vouchers and support with exceptional housing costs
- £2,845,622 to schools and other educational establishments to offer support at their own discretion to families most in need
- £460,000 in direct fuel support to vulnerable adults
- £715,000 in food vouchers to foster carers and connected carers

Details of how to seek support can be found at the connect4communities website <https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/connectforcommunities>

2. Greening campaigns

More communities across Hampshire can be empowered to take positive action on climate change over the next three years, thanks to almost £0.5million of

National Lottery funding awarded to the Greening Campaign, with support from Hampshire County Council. This could include improving the energy efficiency of people's homes, reducing CO2, reducing waste, reusing and repairing, being more sustainable through locally grown produce, and providing green spaces for wildlife to thrive.

The Greening Campaign is a structured process, guiding communities to act on climate change and biodiversity locally. Guidance, based on experience gained from working with over 200 other groups across the UK, provides a blueprint for success for each step of the way, starting with motivating people in the community to get involved, through to making it fun and rewarding.

3. Fostering campaign

A new campaign has been launched by Hampshire County Council to encourage residents to consider fostering an unaccompanied asylum-seeking child, whose numbers are increasing locally and nationally. Fostering one of these children can be extremely rewarding – by being a positive and enabling presence to support them to access education, stability in everyday life and to become settled into a new culture and country. More information can be found at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/uasc>.

As an alternative to fostering, residents can join the Council's Innovation Volunteers service, which supports local children, young people and families overcome challenges - details can be found at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/innovationvolunteers>

4. New support for buses

Operators of nine bus routes have secured funding totaling £3.5m from Hampshire County Council, protecting their services for the next four years. Buses locally are under pressure with bus passenger numbers locally and nationally still below pre-pandemic levels. This is making it

more challenging for the operators to deliver viable services, especially when coupled with increased operating costs and driver shortages. However, the Government has extended the £2 bus fare cap to the end of October 2023, rising to just £2.50 until November 2024, so this is very much an affordable way to travel when services are available.

5. Rural verge cutting

Hampshire Highways have now begun their seasonal grass cutting programme. This can be an emotive subject to many, especially in the nesting season. The department work closely with the conservation charity, Plantlife UK, to ensure that their work promotes biodiversity; in particular, they try to avoid cutting grass at ecologically important times, and particularly at sensitive sites. For safety reasons however, there are some locations where roadside grass still needs to be mown in order to maintain adequate visibility and sight lines, for example on the approaches to roundabouts or at junctions. More information can be found at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/grasscutting>

6. Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan consultation

The consultation on the update to the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan closed at the end of January this year. The summary report on the responses can be seen at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/strategic-planning/hampshire-minerals-waste-plan/minerals-waste-plan-partial-update-consultation>. These responses are being considered and the next stage is for the Minerals and Waste Authority to publish a response.

Cllr Rhyddian Vaughan MBE

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Ladies' Probus Celebrates 30th Anniversary



Founder member Joan Musselwhite, seated, newest member Pat Bambury and President Jane Leese cut the cake.

Basingstoke Ladies' Probus Club recently enjoyed a celebration of the Club's 30th anniversary, at their monthly lunch meeting at Basingstoke College of Technology restaurant. A cake, made and decorated by Probus member Pam Luck, was cut by founder member Joan Musselwhite and the club's newest member Pat Bambury.

President Jane Leese proposed a toast to the club and spoke of her hopes for the future of the group now that it was recovering from the interruption of Covid lockdowns.

Probus is a club for retired or semi-retired professional and business women. The inaugural meeting was held on July 16th, 1993, when Eva Wells gathered a group of 11 ladies in her home, offering stimulation, interest and friendship to retired ladies. It now meets once a month for a speaker and lunch at BCoT. If you are interested in finding out more, contact the secretary by email: pam.luck59@gmail.com or phone: 07890 152846.

North Hampshire Prostate Cancer Support Group News

Few of us in the UK can have any understanding of the experience of losing absolutely everything you and your family own. However, for members of the charity Shelterbox, which was set up by Rotary in Helston in 2000, with the aim of providing emergency disaster relief to people after natural and man-made disasters, this is a regular observation.

This month's speaker for the Support Group was Catherine Ryan an ambassador for the charity, who gave a most professional guide to Shelterbox's activities, of providing the five key essentials, shelter, warmth, water, food and light.

To start, she gave a guide to the magnitude of the issues involved, where the charity's current estimate is that the world currently has 113 million people who are homeless, as a result of either natural disasters or war, of which 83 million have resulted directly from conflict. They forecast this will grow to 167 million by 2040. However, since starting, Shelterbox has helped 2.5 million people in 98 countries.

Shelterbox has been very careful to remain politically neutral, as a result of

this reputation, it is often one of the very first aid charities on the scene following a major incident. Its whole ethos is to initially provide shelter and survival resources packed tightly in a large plastic box. This is then often backed up with technical advice, all with the aim of helping people to initially survive, recover, and then to rebuild, whilst at the same time helping them to maintain their dignity, with the added aim of keeping communities together.

Core to the contents of the box, which on being emptied can be used as a table or again to store any reclaimed possessions, is the tent. It is a great tribute to the design and construction of these tents, that some are still in use after 10 years of habitation. Other essentials include a rope, mosquito nets, a tarpaulin, two solar powered lights which also can be used to charge mobile phones, a full kitchen set, water carrier (suitable for child use – children often being the main collectors of water) along with a water filtration unit, and of course blankets and sleeping mats. In addition to the standard box, Shelterbox also now provide basic tool kits which can be used to start to restore damaged homes. These kits include a

saw, hammer, spade, pick, wire and wire cutters, rope and tarpaulins, as well as some fixings.

For Shelterbox being able to respond rapidly is key. For example they were in place in the Turkish earthquake within 72 hours. It has achieved this remarkable success through having 5 key warehouses each sited close to known potential disaster points. In addition, it often uses local Rotary members as facilitators, who over the years have smoothed the way with local authorities and acted as local translators.

Needless to say all of us were deeply inspired, not just by the vibrancy of Catherine's presentation, but also by the achievements and ongoing determination and commitment of this most impressive charity.

The North Hampshire Prostate Cancer Support Group was set up to help men and their partners affected by prostate cancer, now the most prevalent form of cancer in the UK. If you are affected or you know someone affected please feel free to contact us:

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Local Freemasons Contribute to the Pelican Cancer Foundation



Daphne Robertson, Chief Executive of the Pelican Cancer Foundation, receiving the cheque from Worshipful Master, Peter Foster, with Jane Staff, Pelican's Fund Raising officer, together with Warren Snook and John Johnstone of the Elvetham Lodge.

Basingstoke is home to one of the world's "centre of excellence" for sharing lifesaving, life-enhancing knowledge

and skills with cancer specialists. Known as the Pelican Cancer Foundation (PELVIC & LIVER CANCERS), it is based in the purpose-built education and conference centre, The Ark, which is positioned at the rear of the North Hampshire hospital. Since 2001 more than 8,000 clinicians have attended Pelican training courses and meetings and,

in the process, set national standards for cancer diagnosis and treatment. It is possible with video technology to conduct live surgery to groups of up to 240 delegates.

With no government funding the Pelican Cancer Foundation has considerable reliance on voluntary contributions and the Elvetham Masonic Lodge donated £1,000 towards

its general fund. Such a donation will cover the costs of a full day of intensive training for two surgeons. This was part of a programme of charitable giving by the Lodge this Spring totalling more than £5,000 made to local causes.

As the local name suggests, the Elvetham Lodge was founded 103 years ago based on the outskirts of Hartley Wintney remaining in the village until it moved in 1993 to join other Lodges based in the Masonic Centre in Victoria Street, Basingstoke. Today members live in and around Basingstoke which ensures that the Lodge maintains a close association with local groups.

These days, Freemasons in the UK are recognised as major contributors to worthy causes. In Hampshire around £1 million per year is granted while across England it equates to around £58,000 per day. All the money comes from their own resources as they never have street collections.

PROBUS 43rd AGM



Dr Jeff Grover (left) receiving the president's chain of office from outgoing president, Alex Marianos.

The 43rd Annual General Meeting of the Probus Club of Basingstoke has just taken place. All the officers stood down

although many seek re-election. The only essential transfer is the election of the president, who, unlike the other members of the Executive Committee, normally has only one year in post. The custom and practise is that the president is elected unopposed, and the vice president is the heir presumptive. Other committee members keen to serve again ensure that there is no loss of expertise as the committee is organised on cabinet lines with specific portfolios taken on by each member.

The Club's executive committee is a prime example of the diversity of the working lives of the membership. The new president, Dr Jeff Grover, was a nuclear safety consultant. Alex Marianos is now the past president and lunch steward who was a civil engineer who built bridges over the M4. The

vice president, Stephen Thair, who combines the role with being secretary, was a solicitor. The outings organiser, Chris Perkins, was an officer in the RAF. David Wickens is the speaker finder and was an engineering sales manager. The publicity officer, Paul Flint, had a small printing business, while the remaining member of the committee, Paul Miller, was another RAF officer who has just concluded his year of office as the Mayor of Basingstoke & Deane.

The Probus Club has been in continuous operation since it was founded in Basingstoke in 1979 and has had an extensive array of members over the years with the criteria that they be retired and like the name of the club, Probus, that they had professional or business experience.

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There will be a continuation of the Educational Centre and a few stallholders on Sunday 20 August, but the main event will be on Saturday 19 August.

Women's Fellowship



The July meeting was the Summer outing, a very wet day to Exbury Gardens, with a stop at Lepe just a few miles away. We were fortunate to have the rainfall whilst on the coach, both on outward and homeward journeys.

Exbury Gardens, near Beaulieu in the New Forest, is a lovely destination and although the rhododendrons and azaleas were long gone, the gardens were beautifully kept with many footpaths and of course the steam train. A great day was had by all.



Photos taken by Jenny Cooke

The Story Behind the The English Dictionary

A dictionary is a book that we all have in some form, our speaker, Susan Purcell said - so we can check a spelling or meaning or play Scrabble. Fascinated by words, Susan worked for Puzzler Magazine for 20 years setting clues and quiz questions.

The first Latin to English glossary was compiled by Robert Cawdrey, and dates from 1604 and exists in only one copy. It had 2,500 definitions, included new words and was in alpha-betical form. Any dictionary reflects society and needs a literate market. For many years English was the third language in the country, after Norman French and Latin and spoken to servants and animals. By the 18th century English had come up in the world, change was rapid and Chaucer was no longer understood. The model was the English of Swift and Defoe. France and Italy set up Academies in the 17th century to police and protect their languages and standardise spellings. England never did this but booksellers and Fleet Street saw the need to fix the spelling of ordinary words.

Samuel Johnson was born in Lichfield in 1709 and became a bookseller like his father. Both men were bad businessmen. Forced to leave Oxford University because he could not afford the fees he moved to London where he worked in what he called "Grub Street", writing in the Rambler and for Hansard. In 1747 he started work on a dictionary. Assistants found him quotations to fix and ascertain english words. He did not give his own opinions but used

examples from good authors and determined things by usage, accepting that knowledge changes over time and cannot be predicted. The dictionary was published in 1755 in two volumes of some 40,000 words and Johnson became famous.

By the middle of the 19th century society had changed enormously and many new sciences had appeared. In 1878 James Murray was asked by the Oxford University Press to edit a new dictionary. It was expected to be four volumes and take 10 years, mainly as an evening job. After 5 years he was given staff and an office and much use was made of volunteers, the public sending in slips of paper with words, sources and usage. It eventually comprised 12 volumes and was finally published in 1928! By 1968 the OED had grown to 20 volumes. Once in the dictionary, words always remain. English has never had an Academy and there is no one authority. Both Chambers and Collins publish general usage dictionaries and Susan thought Chambers had more humorous definitions, such as 'an éclair - long in shape, short in duration', following in Johnson's tradition - his definition of a lexicographer - "a harmless drudge, a solitary occupation"!

Susan was thanked for her very interesting talk by Julie Crawley.

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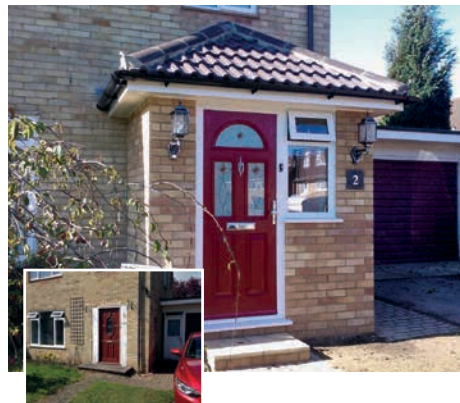
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