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While most of us won't have faced situations quite as extreme as this, we all reach points in our lives when all we can do is cry, "Help!"

Christianity is often characterised as a "crutch", a kind of extra help for those who need it to get through life. As we continue to explore Philippians in the Bible this term, we're discovering that Christianity was so much more than that for the Apostle Paul. For him, as for all Christians, the person at the heart of Christianity, Jesus Christ, is not just the one we lean on when life gets hard. Christ is everything: he made us, loves us, rescues us, forgives us, transforms us, and promises us a future that will be better by far than anything this life offers.

As we celebrate Harvest this month, we follow centuries of tradition of giving thanks to God for his provision of the food that has been produced that year, acknowledging our reliance on him. We will also be using the month ahead to renew our focus on prayer with some new opportunities to gather to pray across the parish - again acknowledging that we rely on God for everything. If you would like to share a prayer request in confidence, please do get in touch with me. Details of all our gatherings this month are outlined in this magazine - as always everyone is very welcome to join us.

Rev. Stewart Deering



Cover photo: Liquid Amber tree beside The Vyne lake, taken by Virginia Langer

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Services for October 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 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.

01 October

10am	The Lord's Supper	St Andrew's
Shining like stars	Philippians 2:12-30	Revd Stewart Deering

08 October – Harvest Sunday

10am	Harvest Service	St Andrew's & All Saints'
The Goodness of our God	Psalm 65	Bret Rohloff & Andy Spence

15 October

10am	Morning Worship	St Andrew's
Jonah flees from The Lord	Jonah 1	Revd Stewart Deering

22 October

10am	All-Age Morning Worship	St Andrew's & Pamber Priory
Jonah's prayer	Jonah 2	Pippa Aslet & Andy Spence

29 October

10am	All-Age Morning Worship	St Andrew's
Jonah in Nineveh	Jonah 3	Revd Stewart Deering

05 November

10am	The Lord's Supper	St Andrew's
Jonah's anger but The Lord's compassion	Jonah 4	Revd Stewart Deering

12 November – Remembrance Sunday

10am	Remembrance Service	St Andrew's & All Saints'
God, our refuge	Psalm 46	Revd Stewart Deering & Steve Howe

MIDWEEK

Home Groups - W/O 2nd, 16th & 30th October

Central Prayer Meetings - 2nd Saturday at 8.30am Parish Room–14th October & 1st Sunday at 7.30pm in the Rectory – 1st October

Midday Prayer Meetings - Wednesdays at 12-12.30pm - 4th Oct: St Andrew's, 11th Oct: All Saints', 18th Oct: St Andrew's, 25th Oct: The Priory, 1st Nov: St Andrew's, 8th Nov: St Andrew's

Little Acorns - Term time Wednesdays 10am SSJ village hall (Half term Wed 25th October No group)

St Andrew's Sherborne St John

All Saints Monk Sherborne

The Priory Pamber End

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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		

Claiming Dates

October 2023

3	Women's Fellowship, "The Experimental Housekeeping of Jane Austen's Friend Martha Lloyd"	2.00pm
7	Basingstoke Variety Show, The Anvil Tickets from Anvil Box Office	7.30pm
8	Basingstoke Hospital Male Voice Choir, St Andrew's Church, SSJ	3pm
9	Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00 – 12.00
14	Glen Miller Band at Sherborne St John Social Club	7.30pm
21	80's Duo Tribute Act (Fancy Dress Optional) at Sherborne St John Social Club	7.30pm
23	Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00 – 12.00
25	Chris' Jazz Friends, SSJ Social Club	7.30pm
28	Rainbows, Brownies & Guides Jumble Sale, SSJ V Hall, Donations from 08.00am	10.00am
29	Halloween Fancy Dress, SSJ Social Club	7.30pm

November 2023

6	Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00 – 12.00
7	Women's Fellowship, SSJ Village Hall, Speaker tbc + Bring & Buy	2.00pm
20	Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00 – 12.00

December 2023

3	St Michael's Hospice - Reindeer Run – Festival Place. stmichaelshospice.org.uk	
4	Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00– 12.00
5	Women's Fellowship, CHRISTMAS LUNCH	
10	St Michael's Hospice - Light up a Life – St. Michael's Hospice. stmichaelshospice.org.uk	
18	Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00 – 12.00

February 2024

4 Royal Marines Band at the Anvil

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

Monk Sherborne Village Hall AGM

The village hall AGM will be held on Friday 10th November at 7pm, please put the date in your diary and come along.

Following the meeting a village night will be held, this will include supper, wine and beer. In order to cater tickets will be required to be purchased in advance from enquiries@monksherbornevillagehall.org.uk.

Monk Sherborne Community Coffee Morning

The community coffee morning is normally held on the second Monday



of every month 10:45 – 12:00. The 11th September was well attended we enjoyed cake left over from the Fete and a visit from Rev Stewart Deering. Dates for the next few months 9th October, 6th November (1st Monday) 11th December. Why not come along for a catch-up, all are welcome.



Sherborne St John Primary School

We are well and truly back into the swing of the new school year. Our Class 3 children have started their swimming lessons. Year 5 are working with the Basingstoke Mental Health Support Team to learn about being resilient and everyone is busy working hard on their new projects.

We will soon be holding our annual conker tournament which is a highlight of this term. All the children take part with their classes during the week and we come together at the end for a very exciting conker final!

Another highlight of this month will be the Class 4 residential. They are heading

off on a 3 day adventure just before half term to try out new activities, build confidence and have lots of fun. We will share some photos in the next issue of the Villager.

It has been lovely to welcome Revd. Stewart Deering to school and he has spent time beginning to get to know the children and staff. We have a good relationship with the Church and have our annual Harvest Festival at St Andrew's later in October.

Tours for prospective parents are now underway. Please visit our website for more information or contact the school office to arrange a tour with our Year 6

ambassadors. We are looking forward to meeting you and showing you how great our school and children are!

Sherbert

SSJ School Villager Correspondent

A new year at The Priory

The new uniforms were pressed, the shoes polished and eyes full of expectation and trepidation as the new Reception class started at The Priory. The children who got into The Priory were warmly welcomed by the other pupils. Our Year 4 pupils were buddied up with the Reception children and these buddies will stay with them over the years. It's a tradition at The Priory that enables the children to feel so established and looked after so quickly.



Active play

There are many different ways that students stay fit and active at The Priory. Our outdoor table tennis table is proving very popular. At this time of the year, students of all ages enjoy catching grasshoppers and observing the abundance of nature in our beautiful grounds.



Monk Sherborne Village Fete

We were blessed with some rain on the 10th September fortunately it did not deter attendance and the fete was a success. Exhibits were outstanding, including 2 scarecrows, one of which was made by the Deering family; Stewart Deering is the new Reverend of the Sherbornes with Pamber Parish. The children were kept entertained with face painting, bouncy castle and races. Generous donations to the raffle from local businesses and regular hirers of the village hall, along with bar and BBQ takings enabled a donation of £450 to improve the play area.

The day finished with an energetic tug of war, both children's and adults. Vegetables and flowers (27Kg) kindly left by exhibitors along with unused bread rolls from BBQ were donated to Basingstoke Food Bank, part of the Trussell Trust Foodbank Network.

Thank you to all who made the day a success however small a part you played: setting up, taking down, exhibiting and attending. If you can help in any way in the future, please contact cherylmcsoley@yahoo.co.uk.



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News from the Pambers & Little London

They say that a picture is worth a thousand words, and so in this edition of The Villager I shall let the pictures do a great deal of the talking.



First of all, thank you, Simon, for organizing a thoroughly enjoyable War Horse Walk. This bucolic stroll/walk through our lovely Pamber Forest provided us all with the opportunity to reflect upon the sacrifices which have been made

– and continue to be made – by men, women and animals in times of war. And to savour a well-earned drink and snack upon our return to The Plough in Little London. The walk also enabled us to raise £360 - so far - for military and equine charities, so many thanks to all who participated.



In our Meet the Villager this month I am delighted to introduce you to Rhydian Vaughan. Many of you will, I'm sure, already know him, but others will not, especially as our community grows. A former Borough Councillor, Rhydian has for the last six years been a County Councillor for Hampshire Calleva Division. In 2019 he was awarded the MBE for public and political service and he is currently Chairman of the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Fire & Rescue Authority. In the main, he finds his work very rewarding and gets "a real kick" out of helping people to improve the

quality of their lives. He also greatly enjoys running his Battlefield Tours Company, thereby maintaining his lifelong involvement in things military - Rhydian is a former Welsh Guardsman - and allowing him to pass on to others his knowledge as a military historian.



Having moved to Bramley in 1987, Rhydian and his family moved to Little London in 2012. They love the village and are particularly happy to live in such close proximity to the wonderful pub, The Plough. His three children are now grown-ups and he has seven grandchildren, including "delicious" twin girls.

The Speedwatch team continues to try to persuade motorists to improve their behaviour at the wheel. We are delighted to receive positive feedback, but less delighted with verbal abuse. And we were greatly amused when one of our number misheard the exhortation to "Get a job!" hurled from a passing car as "Good job!"; and waved grateful thanks. We are always on the look-out for volunteers to help – it only involves an hour a week, and not every week – so if you are a poacher turned gamekeeper (several of us are), why not come along?



And space being at such a premium, I'm afraid you'll have to wait until our next issue to hear about and see Jenny and Len's fabulous garden and paintings, both on display in Little London as part of the Hampshire Open Studios event. I could not do it justice in the space remaining in this issue.

Have a good month, everyone.

And do send me anything you would like published in the magazine. It's your magazine, not mine!

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Sherborne St John Parish Council

Local residents will be aware that the village has been under some pressure from speculative developments over the last couple of years. The Parish Council therefore took the decision last year to review and update the Neighbourhood Plan, which had been approved in 2017. This is one of the best ways we can ensure that the character and separate identity of the village can be safeguarded.

What's in the Sherborne St John Neighbourhood Plan, you may ask? It outlines a set of policies and proposals that will guide the development and growth of our community in the coming years. It covers a wide range of topics, including the design of housing, heritage, open space, access to the countryside and environmental conservation.

One important aspect of the Plan is the proposal for a Local Gap between Sherborne St John Village and Basingstoke Town. This policy aims to preserve the distinct character and identity of our village, preventing urban sprawl and maintaining a clear separation between our community and Basingstoke.

Last time in the Neighbourhood Plan, a small housing site was allocated at Sireburne Close, with the new village shop. This time, we are not looking for new housing allocations in the village, but wish to strengthen our policies including protecting local green spaces, heritage areas and maintaining a 'local gap' from Basingstoke. We will also have a design code to try to ensure that if developments do occur in the right

places in the village, their design and appearance will be in keeping. This approach was well supported by most residents who responded to the initial consultation undertaken back in January.

Things are moving on now. The consultation for the Regulation 14 Sherborne St John Neighbourhood Plan is here! From Monday 25th September 2023 till 6th November 2023, the Neighbourhood Plan will be available to comment on for a period of six weeks. This is a crucial opportunity for residents to comment and help us shape the future of our village.

Throughout the consultation period, there will be several ways to provide your comments and feedback. An online platform will be available on the designated website, where you can view the documents and express your thoughts. Additionally, printed forms will be available in key locations such as at the village shop and Village Hall, alongside paper copies of the Neighbourhood Plan itself. On Friday October 6th 7.30-9.30pm, there will be an open evening at the village hall.

Let's seize this opportunity to support and shape Sherborne St John's development to reflect our shared vision and values and to ensure our village remains a wonderful place to live and work. Don't forget to visit the website, review the Plan, and give us your valuable feedback. The website details are available from the Parish Council Website (see www.sherbornestjohn-pc.gov.uk/The_Neighbourhood_Plan).

Cllr James Rowley



The view across part of the proposed local gap from Chineham Lane

Hampshire County Councillor report – Calleva Division October 2023

1. Schools

Residents may be aware of the recent news story regarding schools in England due to close imminently as a result of their buildings containing unsafe concrete: School buildings in England to shut over concrete safety fears - BBC News

No Hampshire school is being closed. Cranbourne College in Basingstoke is the only site where RAAC has been identified among Hampshire County Council's maintained schools. Temporary works have already been undertaken to one section of the building to make sure it is safe and another area has been taken out of use since the beginning of the year, however, the school is expected to open as normal at the start of the autumn term.

Meanwhile, the council is encouraging families to do all they can to support regular school attendance for their children from the beginning of term. The first few days back in school are especially crucial in paving the way for a successful year. Attendance rates are improving locally, but are still not back to pre-pandemic levels.

Educational specialists advise that attending school every day, unless unwell, is best for children to ensure that the solid foundations for their future education and employment can be laid. It is also one of the best ways of protecting a child's mental and physical health. The County Council's website provides advice and guidance on school attendance including parental responsibilities and what to do if a child is unwell or expected to be away from school for a long period of time.

2. County deal and the local economy

The proposed county deal, with the councils across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight seeking substantial devolution and funding of £1.14 billion from Central Government in return for a more combined structure, will not be proceeding after Southampton, Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight sought a separate deal. The leader of Hampshire County Council, Councillor

Rob Humby, regretted the outcome, commenting that the deal could have made a significant contribution to Hampshire's economic recovery, by stimulating economic recovery, regeneration and business growth.

Separately, the government has announced that the core functions of Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) will transfer to local authorities, including HCC, from April 2024. LEPs are non-statutory, business-led partnership bodies that are responsible for local economic development in England. They bring together the private sector, local authorities, and academic and voluntary institutions to help boost the local economy and drive growth.

3. Solar panels for homes schemes - Solar Together

I have mentioned this scheme before, whereby residents can join in the bulk buying of solar panels or batteries for their homes, which both reduce energy bills and boost local renewable energy generation. A new round has opened and residents have until 27 October to register their interest online, for free and without obligation – www.hants.gov.uk/solartogether.

4. Roads

Hampshire County Council has pledged to spend an additional £7.5m a year over the next three years to fix thousands more potholes. This is on top of the £13.5m currently being spent a year on reactive pothole and road defect repairs. Progress is already being made, with road defects being fixed at a record rate - in May and June alone, 19,697 potholes and other problems were repaired and 33,671 square metres of surface design and micro asphalt was laid.

In separate news, two pupils at Basingstoke secondary schools have triumphed in a competition to name two County Council gritters with the winning vehicle names being Elvis Spreadsley and Grit of Thrones.

5. Covid-19 vaccinations

A Covid-19 vaccine programme was started last month as a precautionary

measure following the identification of a new Covid-19 variant. It will be offered to those most at risk from winter illness, including all adults 65 years old and over, front line health and social care workers, carers aged 16 to 64 and pregnant women. An annual flu vaccine will also be available at the same time, where possible.

6. Vaping

Following an increase in young people experimenting with vaping, Hampshire County Council has pledged continuing support for a series of education and enforcement measures to tackle the increasingly pressing issue of teen vaping. In total, 20.5% of children nationally have tried vaping, up from 15.8% in 2022 and 13.9% in 2020.

Steps include writing to families of children in secondary schools with information about vaping to highlight the risks and the support available; redeveloping education and awareness schemes to encourage behaviour change and to reduce uptake; Trading Standards carrying out enforcement operations to deter underaged sales of vapes and tackle illegal vapes.

In other news on vaping, Hampshire residents can now recycle vapes at any Household Waste Recycling Centre, helping to avoid disposal in general waste, which is a fire risk. HWRCs can accept all types of vapes. The guidance is not to dismantle them before disposal, unless the batteries can be safely removed for separate recycling.

Single-use vapes contain lithium-ion batteries which can catch fire if broken. This is an increasing problem across the country. In Hampshire, the County Council estimates one fire a month on average in a waste truck or waste facility can be attributed to a battery, faulty electrical item or disposable BBQ. A battery was the suspected cause of a significant fire at the Portsmouth Materials Recovery Facility in 2021 which closed the site for three months.

Cllr Rhyddian Vaughan MBE

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Clothes swap for MacMillan & Dementia UK

Saturday 28th of October 3pm - 5pm @ Sherborne St John Village Hall

Women's, Men's & Children's clothes all welcome in all sizes we just request that all items are suitable to be worn again. Any clothes left after the event will be donated to Sherborne St John Primary School for their Bags2School collection.

£5 entry and a voluntary bag of clothes. 10 items free with your entry and every thing is 50p thereafter.

Cake, tea, coffee, pimm's & Prosecco will be available on entry and cake will be 50p a slice. We would love to see as many of you there as possible to raise some money and have some fun - however if you can't make the event we would be very grateful for donations of clothes and cake!

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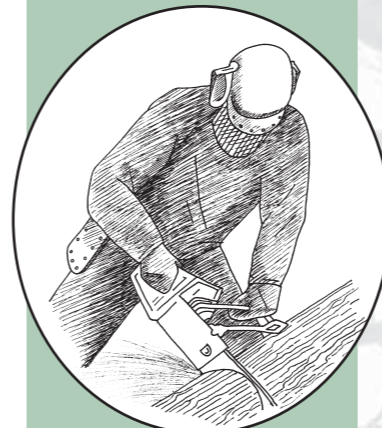
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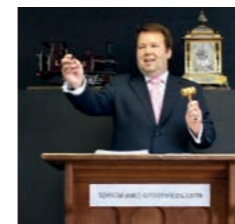
**Basingstoke Civil Service
Retirement Fellowship**



The Chairman David Cowling welcomed 45 members and 5 visitors to the meeting held on 6th September and after giving apologies received and congratulating those with birthdays this month he explained why those who had brought along an item for valuation had been given a numbered ticket. Tony Brazier the Group Secretary confirmed that the trip to Petworth House had been cancelled due to lack of numbers but that the 'Mystery Trip' on Thursday 19th October would go ahead. The committee is still working on the programme for next year, so if anyone has any suggestions for either speakers or trips, please let a committee member know. Welfare Officer, Christine Broadbent had nothing new to report and was still in contact with members who needed assistance.



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Our speaker this month was Thomas Forrester from Special Auction Services in Newbury and television

programmes such as 'Bargain Hunt' and 'Flog It'. He gave an entertaining and interesting talk titled 'The Lot of the Auctioneer' telling us that they have auctions once a week and specialise in Toy Trains, Teddy Bears, Vinyl Records and Cameras. He explained that the popularity of collector's items goes in cycles so that what was once collectable may not be so now. His personal speciality is jewellery which is always popular and does not seem to be subject to these cycles. Traditional antiques are not as popular as they once were but items like film props and items connected to famous people e.g. The Beatles and the Rolling Stones, are. A raffle was arranged so that members who had brought in items for Thomas to look at could be chosen at random. They were asked what they



knew about the item and why it was special to them before he explained facts about the item, gave a valuation and explained why. If you would like further information about S.A.S. please go to www.specialauctionservices.com.

Our speaker in October is Richard Court whose talk is 'Travels in Tanzania' and November's talk is by Di Lewis from Citizens Advice.

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

Margaret Atkinson



We are delighted to welcome back the Basingstoke Hospital Male Voice Choir to St Andrew's

They will be presenting a concert on Sunday 8th October at 3pm in St Andrew's Church, Sherborne St John.

Refreshments will be served after the concert. There will be a retiring collection in aid of the repairs to the stained glass window in St Andrew's Church which was damaged earlier on in the year.

ALL WELCOME.



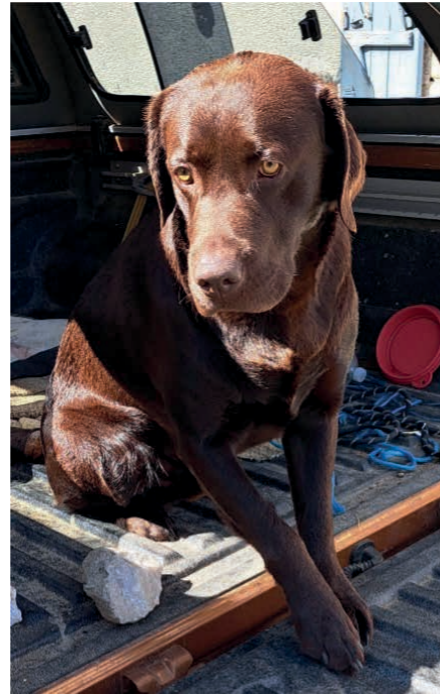
Beau's Blog

This is me in my private and personal transport carriage driven by my own private and personal chauffeur. He is also known as the Boss but can occasionally be usurped by my chauffeuse, also known as the Mrs.

I have my own very soft bed in here, a water bowl and a bottle of water along with my own viewing windows on either side. I must say, if pressed, that I would admit the more comfortable ride is when I am driven around by the Boss, but I keep quiet about that on the grounds of keeping the peace....

I can jump in here easily at the flick of a wrist or the command 'get in'. Jumping out causes some concerns especially

if it's the Mrs who opens the tailgate as I propel myself out of my carriage like a rocket as soon as the tail gate is lowered, sometimes even before it is completely lowered. Several times, in my excitement to get to my next adventure, I have nearly flattened the Mrs as she hadn't quite completed the manoeuvre before I did my exocet impersonation. This causes quite a stir and I reprimand myself, thinking I should be more restrained! The Mrs agrees with me as she rights herself and loops the lead around my neck giving it quite a sharp tug to remind me to curb my enthusiasm and behave....I am restrained and behave impeccably.... until the next time!



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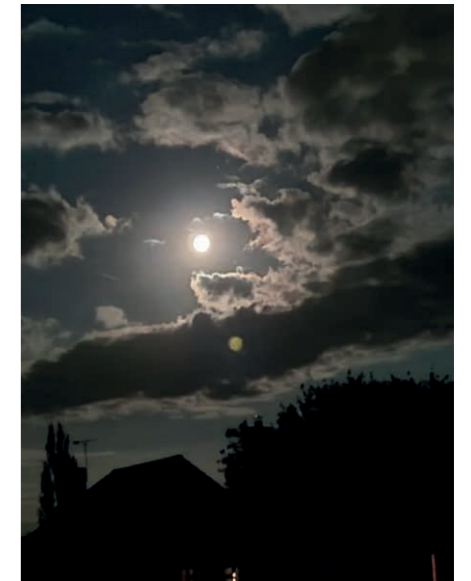


Readers Photos

Donna Bevan's encounters in the Vyne Woods



Wasp spider taken by Donna Bevan



The August Full/Blue Moon taken by Steve Howe



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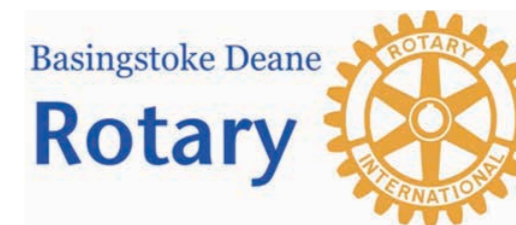
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To find out more or to donate towards a ShelterBox go to: www.shelterbox.org/donate

SAVE THE DATE

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

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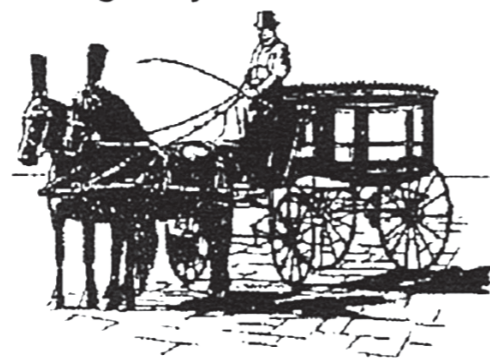


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BRAMLEY & DISTRICT NEWS

Last month, Martin Robertson talked with us about the charity 'Tough Enough To Care' for which he is a local ambassador. TETC helps those suffering from depression and are potential suicide risks through friendship and counselling. Branch Vice Chairman Rhydian Vaughan said it was a humbling experience hearing of the support the

charity offers. Like most charities, TETC needs more public recognition and financial backing and our branch will see what help it can offer.

On 19th September, several of our committee members attended a Branch Management course to help us better understand how the RBL, one of the country's leading charities, operates. It is hoped this will make the branch

more effective in carrying forward its support to the whole armed forces community.

Former Basingstoke & Deane Mayor Paul Miller is the speaker at our next meeting on Tuesday 10 October. He will speak about the role of Mayor and the many opportunities it provides to help and encourage community engagement

and make our district the great place it is to live and to work in. The meeting is at Cross House Bramley at 7.30pm and everyone is welcome.

November is the month of Remembrance culminating in church services and Acts of Remembrance across the world. Our branch will chiefly support the service at St James Church in Bramley at 10.30am on Remembrance Sunday but also be represented at wreath laying ceremonies in Sherfield and Sherborne St John War Memorials.

The Poppy Appeal launches on Saturday 21 October. RBL is introducing a new Poppy this year that has no plastic content and is entirely recyclable - another brilliant reason to wear yours with pride! We will remember them.

John Morley

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Basingstoke Variety Show returns for its 22nd performance

Theatre goers are in for an evening of magical entertainment as the Basingstoke Variety Show returns to raise the roof at The Anvil.

The show, which will be packed with local performers and is celebrating its 22nd year, will take place on Saturday 7 October showcasing a range of acts, with the proceeds helping to boost the Mayor of Basingstoke and Deane's Charity Appeal.

The evening will include breathtaking routines from the Meraki Dance Studios and C&M Gymnastics. Among the musical acts will be the Basingstoke Filipino Choir as well as a rousing set from the Old Basing Corps of Drums.

Another highlight will include the Basingstoke Gang Show, featuring local scouts and guides, bringing their own unique blend of comedy, song and dance back to the Anvil following their

successful show earlier this year. And no variety show would ever be complete without performances from local school choirs and this year the show welcomes children from - Chalk Ridge Primary School, Great Binfields Primary School, St Marks Church of England Primary School and Tadley Community Primary School to the stage.

Mayor of Basingstoke and Deane Cllr David Leeks said: "The Mayoress and I are really looking forward to an uplifting evening watching talented local performers showcase their skills. The show is always one of the highlights of the Mayoral year.

"By buying tickets, the audience will not only be treated to great entertainment suitable for all ages but will also be supporting my charity appeal raising funds for three important local causes - Citizens



Advice Basingstoke, Citizens Advice Tadley and Shopmobility Basingstoke."

Tickets for the show, on Saturday 7 October at 7.30pm, are £19 for adults and £15 for over 65s and under 16s, including a souvenir programme and a £3 booking fee.

For tickets contact The Anvil Box Office on 01256 844244 or visit :

www.anvilarts.org.uk

Find out about the Mayor's Charity Appeal at:

www.basingstoke.gov.uk/mayorcharity

News from the North Hampshire Hospitals Trust

It is now widely known that funds have been allocated by Central Government for a new hospital for our area. However, to get to this point the Trust has been involved in an enormous amount of work, and we have been greatly helped early on by being able to recruit to the team a very experienced project manager. Just one example of the work our Hospital Trust had to do to demonstrate the case for a new hospital was to quantify the ongoing maintenance and running costs associated with the present buildings - quite an exercise in itself. Not only is the insulation poor, with largely single glazing throughout, but as many will know there have been repeated issues with failure of many of the services and some of the older equipment, as well as water and sewage leaks.

New hospitals with ducted air conditioning systems are much better placed to install the latest air purifying systems involving high performance filters and UV sterilisation - the latest building regulations now set down requirements for air quality. With many pandemics arising out of airborne infections, such systems help in minimising spread. When this form of transmission became known as the principle route of transmission during the Covid pandemic, our hospital had to resort to a multiplicity of costly individual, and often noisy, air purifying

units located close to patients. When we examine the figures, our hospital trust has the most critical estate maintenance backlog of any trust in the southern region and is the 11th worst in the country! So 'YES' this work has all helped show that we really do urgently need a new hospital.

For those who would like to keep more informed about what is going on behind the scenes, one easy way is to become a member of the Trust; not only does this provide regular monthly updates by the Trust's CEO, but it also enables members to vote for their choice of governor. Governors are publicly elected with the aim of representing the interests of people in their area to the hospital management. To register as a member go to <https://www.hampshirehospitals.nhs.uk/membership> Typically governors have come from a medical background, but with the prospect of the new hospital, could it be time for some to be chosen with a wider range of skills, giving the team of governors a better insight into the detail of the changes ahead and ultimately better input into getting the new hospital that local people need?

Another benefit of Trust membership will be early notice of updates as the programme for a new hospital progresses towards public consultation. The aim of this very extensive

consultation is to listen not only to people's concerns, but to identify areas both needing further work and also of potential hitherto unforeseen opportunities. In addition to the extensive work being undertaken by the Trust, Hampshire County Council, whose remit includes transport, is reviewing how this might be best adapted to fit the big changes being considered.

The NHS is struggling, despite the potential treatments which are currently being developed and the move to more online working with its potential cost savings. It is not that our clinicians are lacking in skills, or that we spend less in the UK than other developed nations, but sadly our health outcomes now put us well down the international league table. Many other developed countries have chosen not to adopt our 'Free at the point of use' approach. Is this something we also should be looking at, perhaps slanted towards those better off, irrespective of age, paying more, with those working and often struggling with the costs of young families, benefitting from a lower NI levy? Might we be more thoughtful with such a change as to how we then use our treasured 'Health Service'?

Keith Bunker

Former Trust Governor

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Probus Hears About the Changing Face of Basingstoke

This was presented as an illustrated talk to the Probus Club of Basingstoke, by Derek Anthony, the Chairman of the Friends of the Willis Museum, which is based in the old town hall in Basingstoke's market square.



1964 Brook Street Junction – now Churchill Way Dual Carriageway

People have lived around Basingstoke since the Neolithic period, 4,000 years ago, followed by Iron Age settlements and considerable Roman inhabitations being close to the important Roman town Calleva Atrebatum, known today as Silchester. In its heyday the Roman town had around 10,000 inhabitants and its amphitheatre could accommodate 7,000 spectators.

Following the Roman withdrawal from Britannia the population in the area declined so that as recorded in the Domesday Book of 1086 there were only around 200 people in what is today known as Basingstoke and which it noted had a weekly market. It continued to slowly grow as a market town with the Basingstoke canal, which connected eventually to London via the River Thames, being opened in 1794, having its wharf in the town centre.

By 1823 there were seventeen coaches each day stopping in Basingstoke en route to and from London with six inns catering for the passengers and horses. At the Top of Town, the Wheatsheaf in Winton Square and the Red Lion on London Street still exist. The George in the Market Place is today Zizzis the Italian restaurant. There was a decline in this activity following the arrival of the railway in 1839.

Thomas Burberry opened his business in Basingstoke in 1856 with the town having 4,500 people. With his invention

of the water-resistant fabric, Gabardine, and then the design of the Trench coat, these formed the basis of a company that is today a worldwide luxury brand.

A little later, in 1898 John Thornycroft built a factory on the western outskirts of the town and started manufacturing steam vans and then petrol driven cars up to 1913. Thereafter the company concentrated making buses and commercial vehicles becoming a major supplier to the British army in both world wars which culminated in the Mighty Antar tank transporter. Vehicle production stopped in 1969.

Much earlier, in 1711, Henry Portal, a Huguenot immigrant, started making paper, initially at Beare Mill in Whitchurch and then from 1718 at Laverstoke Mill in Freefolk. The river Test, a clean chalk stream, ran through the site which was used for the next 200 years for paper making, specifically for bank notes. The company then opened a new paper mill in Overton, along the same waterway, which only ceased production last year.

Laverstoke Mill is today used to produce Bombay Sapphire gin and is a popular tourist attraction.



1964 Cross Street with Blue Coat School – all demolished. Statue of Blue Coat Boy stands in its place

At the start of WW2, the population of Basingstoke was only 13,000 but this almost doubled to 25,000 by the end of hostilities. With the post war London Overspill plan Basingstoke grew rapidly from the 1960s and today is home to a substantial array of world-famous companies.

These businesses required employees who needed homes which has meant

considerable housing developments, both social and private. This continues apace with much house building to the west of the town close to junction 7 of the M3 motorway. Pressure is on to reduce future developments to allow central services to catch up with the increasing population. Will Manydown ever see the planned four thousand houses?



Bottom of Church Street- now all demolished

Basingstoke town centre changed dramatically in these latter years, much to the chagrin of some older residents. There were changes to the highways and the demolition of much of the older properties to make way for a new road system and the new pedestrianised, shopping centre. This was built in three phases, The Walks, The Malls and Festival Place which was opened in 2002.

Today the borough's population is around 186,000 and is the largest settlement in Hampshire without city status. With many employment possibilities, good recreational facilities, two theatres, cinemas, many restaurants and substantial green spaces it is no wonder that in a survey by a national mortgage company, Basingstoke was placed in the top fifty best places to live in the country.

The Borough Council rightly promotes Basingstoke as "Amazingstoke". There are many senior residents who possibly disagree, much preferring the character of the old town.

For information about the Probus Club of Basingstoke, see their web site www.probusbasingstoke.club or phone their secretary Stephen Thair on 07745 243543.

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Women's Fellowship

The September meeting was a talk given by Mr Chris Walker, a jazz musician who has produced a series of programmes for local radios such as Radio Solent, produced with the BBC 'Songs of Praise' at Farnham Maltings, and produced a series of music and information based on jazz programmes across the South. He also takes his illustrated talks on P&O cruise ships, something he has been doing for a number of years.

The talk was An Introduction to the American Songbook, not an actual book, but a term used to describe the Swing Era of the 1920's - 1960's, which has over five hundred songs included here. Chris took us on a magical journey from the '20's with original footage, black and white of course, of George and Ira Gershwin, Cole Porter, Hoagy Carmichael, Thomas 'Fats' Waller, to name a few. He gave

a short life history of ten such greats, who ranged from writers, composers, pianists, clarinetists and singers.



Fats Waller

The earliest at this time was George Gershwin, born in 1898 and who died aged 38 yrs. Cole Porter had an unexpectedly dramatic life, filled with alcohol, drugs and physical disability following a road accident. Some of these Greats wrote songs for friends, such as Hoagy Carmichael who wrote Stardust with Nat King Cole in mind. He said of Nat King Cole's voice: he was the 'best friend a song could ever have'.

Less obviously well-known artists were Sonny Burke, a bandleader and

songwriter who wrote The Lady and The Tramp, sung by Peggy Lee, probably a song we are all familiar with. Jimmy Van Heusen wrote and recorded for Frank Sinatra, 'Come Fly With Me'. We were not denied the wonderful recital of Louis Armstrong (Satchmo)'s "Coloured Waifs' Home" and another, written by Johnny Mercer - "Save the Bones for Henry Jones", a vegetarian, the song



etc., which rather put the American Songbook on the back burner, but singers such as Rod Stewart, still appreciate, recognise and sing these gifted and memorable songs.

ending 'he don't eat no meat'.

The 1950's and '60's brought a new era of music, with Elvis, The Beatles,

Basingstoke Male Voice Choir – Open Evening

The nights are getting shorter and you're all wondering how to spend your darker evenings. Well, if you like singing why not think of joining Basingstoke's oldest and original Male Voice Choir. We're always looking for new members and we'd love to welcome you into the fold. No previous experience is necessary – we'll handle the music familiarisation for you! We've taken on board new members this year already but there's always room for more. We sing a range of song-types and genres from traditional to contemporary.

On **Tuesday, October 10th** we shall be opening up our normal rehearsal to all-comers. From 7:30 you'll be invited to sit and enjoy our singing and even join in if you feel. There will be opportunity to talk with choir members and we'll provide refreshments. It's a great way to get an insight into how the choir operates.

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North Hampshire Prostate Cancer Support Group, Cakes Galore

What a way to celebrate the 8th anniversary of the founding of the North Hampshire Prostate Cancer Support Group, so very well done to Virginia Budd and her band of cake makers for such an extensive and delicious array of cakes, not to leave out of course mention of those helping in the kitchen with plentiful mugs of tea and coffee!

The group which continues to grow - this month with two new members joining it, is now one of the largest and most active in the country, and it has become a tradition to have an informal meet each anniversary with cakes, often a quiz, the usual raffle, and more time to gather for informal chat between members.

The quiz, ably conducted by the chairman Keith Jones, soon highlighted his taste in films and music, showing up those who had spent their youth studying. It was narrowly won by the smallest team, who promptly donated their prizes back into the raffle, which was already decked out with more prizes than ever before. As a result so many this time walked away with a win!

Keith took the opportunity to highlight some of the latest news, including the potential of an MRI screening programme for men to catch tumours early, as this is known to be more reliable in identifying them at a much earlier stage and has thus been proven to be more effective than PSA tests. He also took the opportunity to formally introduce Charlotte Hollands, a PhD student from Winchester University, who is working on improving men's urology pathway, with a particular emphasis on those with prostate cancer. In particular Charlotte is very conscious of the need for clinicians to improve communications with their patients, especially with the use of everyday language.

Keith Jones also drew members' attention to the date and location of this year's Christmas lunch on Thursday 7th December, where the Group have booked again at BCoT, following last year's great success. Once full details have been established in the next few days, members will be notified how to book, and again with limited places it will be on a 'first come first served basis'.

The benefits of becoming a member of the Hospital Trust were again highlighted. We are entering into a crucial stage with major changes to local healthcare along with the creation of a new hospital. This also involves changes being considered to the location of how care and hospital treatments will be carried out. Members get regular updates on potential changes, as well as having the chance to vote for the hospital governors, who are their local patient representatives with the Hospital Trust. Keith Bunker, a former governor, highlighted that whilst most governors come from a medical background, most patient complaints arise from admin issues, and how in the past he had been able to get matters quickly resolved for several group members and others locally. To become a member go to <https://www.hampshirehospitalsnhs.uk/membership>; note that men and their partners can both become members separately, and thus vote individually for new governors.

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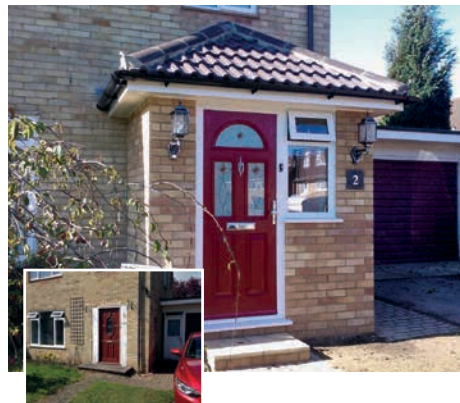
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