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Editor's Note



Another year, another Christmas. I would like to thank all the Villager team that work hard to bring you your magazine every month: but without contributions from our readers we would have nothing to do! Space is always a problem but we always try to include every item with photos if possible. The team is now taking a break so the next issue will be in February 2025 with a deadline of the 12th January.

On behalf of all the team may we wish our readers a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

CHRISTMAS
AT SHERBORNES WITH PAMBER CHURCHES

1st December
Advent Carols 3pm | Pamber Priory

15th December
Carol Service 10am | All Saints' Monk Sherborne
Christingle 4pm | St Andrew's SSJ

22nd December
Family Carols 10.30am | St Andrew's SSJ
Carols by Candlelight 7pm | St Andrew's SSJ

Christmas Eve
Crib Service 4pm | All Saints' Monk Sherborne

Christmas Day
Christmas Celebrations
9.15am with Holy Communion | All Saints'
10.30am | St Andrew's

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Hopes and Fears

What are you pinning your hopes on as you look ahead to this Christmas season? What will make your Christmas? In our house hopes are high for a much better quantity of snow than we had last year! Perhaps for you it's a thoughtfully filled stocking, the perfect Christmas lunch or simply spending quality time with the people you love that will make your Christmas this year.

Pinning our hopes all on one thing can be quite risky though. What if bad weather stops family from travelling? What if our stocking gets forgotten? What if the turkey goes up in flames? Our hopes can so quickly give way to fears, and not just at Christmas.

One of my favourite carols, O little town of Bethlehem, boldly states that "the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight." The claim is that the baby born in Bethlehem that first Christmas is able to carry the weight of not just our hopes but our fears as well, and not just ours but those of every generation.

When Joseph first found out about Mary's pregnancy, fear took hold of him and he was ready to run for the hills. Then an angel appeared to him and told him that the child to be born was the one Isaiah and many other prophets spoke of hundreds of years before: "Immanuel – God with us." (Matthew 1v23). Suddenly Joseph's fears gave way to hope.

The carol's claim all comes down to who the baby is. A carpenter's son turned teacher might be able to guide us or even inspire us, but it's only if he really is Immanuel – the God who made the world coming to be with us in the world, that we can find all our hopes and fears met in him.

As we celebrate Christmas this year, we have a fresh opportunity to consider whether we really can pin our hopes all in this one place. All our services are open to everyone so do come along if you can. May I take this opportunity to wish you a wonderful Christmas and a peaceful start to the new year.

Rev. Stewart Deering
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Vacancy: Parish Administrator (Part-Time)

8hrs per week during normal office hours

An exciting, challenging and rewarding role has opened up at Sherbornes with Pamber Churches for a gifted and experienced Administrator to join us as a vital member of the team.

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For more information about this role and a more detailed Job Description please contact Revd Stewart Deering:

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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		



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December & January

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Sun 1st	10.30am Holy Communion with Groups for 0-11s at St Andrew's 3pm Advent Carols at Pamber Priory	
Mon 2nd	12pm Retired Men's Bible Study	
Wed 4th	10am Little Acorns Baby & Toddler Group 12pm Midday Prayer at St Andrew's 2pm Being Together in the Parish Room	
Fri 6th	6.45pm Community Christmas Choir Rehearsal at St Andrew's	
Sat 7th	8.30am Morning Prayer in the Parish Room 3pm StAy (St Andrew's Youth) Christmas Social	
Sun 8th	10.30am Morning Worship with Groups for 0-14s at St Andrew's	
Wed 11th	10.30am Little Acorns Baby & Toddler Group Christmas Party 12pm Midday Prayer at All Saints'	
Fri 13th	2.30pm Carol Service at The Grange Care Home 6.45pm Community Christmas Choir Rehearsal at St Andrew's	
Sun 15th	10am Carol Service at All Saints' *NO MORNING SERVICE AT ST ANDREW'S* 4pm Christingle Service at St Andrew's	
Wed 18th	10am Little Acorns Baby & Toddler Group Visit to Marnel Lodge 12pm Midday Prayer at St Andrew's 3pm Carol Service at Marnel Lodge Care Home	
Fri 20th	6.45pm Community Christmas Choir Rehearsal at St Andrew's	
Sun 22nd	10.30am Family Carols at St Andrew's 7pm Carols by Candlelight at St Andrew's	
Christmas Eve	4pm Crib Service at All Saints'	
Christmas Day	9.15am Christmas Celebration with Holy Communion, All Saints' 10.30am Christmas Celebration, St Andrew's	
Sun 29th	10.30am All Age Service at St Andrew's	
Sun 5th	10.30am All Age Holy Communion at St Andrew's	
Wed 8th	10.30am Little Acorns Baby & Toddler Group 2pm Being Together Women's Group in the Parish Room 7.30pm Church Family Prayer Evening	
Sun 12th	9.30am Holy Communion at All Saints' 10.30am Morning Worship with Groups for 0-11s at St Andrew's	
Wed 15th	10am Little Acorns Baby & Toddler Group 12pm Midday Prayer at All Saints' 7.30pm Hope Explored starts in the Rectory & Parish Room (continues on 22nd & 29th)	
Sun 19th	10.30am Morning Worship with Groups for 0-11s at St Andrew's	
Wed 22nd	10.30am Little Acorns Baby & Toddler Group 12pm Midday Prayer at St Andrew's	<i>Scan the QR Code for weekly updates</i>
Sun 26th	9.30am Morning Worship at Pamber Priory 10.30am Morning Worship with Groups for 0-11s at St Andrew's	
Wed 29th	10.30am Little Acorns Baby & Toddler Group 12pm Midday Prayer at St Andrew's	

Claiming Dates

December 2024

1	St Michael's Hospice, Reindeer Run at High Street, Alton, R=GU34 1AB	9.00am
1	Advent Carols, Pamber Priory	3.00pm
2	Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00
3	Women's Fellowship, CHRISTMAS LUNCH	
5	Monk Sherborne Village Drinks - First Thursday of the month, Monk Sherborne Village Hall	6.00pm – 8.00pm
7	Sherborne St John Social Club, Fleetwood Mac Tribute	7.30pm
8	St Michael's Hospice, Light up a Life, Arrival 4pm, Service at 5pm	4.00pm
9	Coffee Morning, Monk Sherborne Village Hall	10.45am – 12.00
14	Basingstoke Male Voice Choir Christmas Concert, Church Cottage, St Michael's Church	7.30pm
14	Sherborne St John Social Club, Quiz Night	7.30pm
15	Sherbornes with Pamber Churches, Carol Service, All Saints, Monk Sherborne	10.00am
15	Sherbornes with Pamber Churches, Christingle, St Andrews Church, SSJ	4.00pm
16	Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00
19	Knit & Natter, Ramsdell Village Hall (third Thursday of every month)	2.00pm – 4.00pm
20	Sherborne St John Social Club, Christmas Raffle	7.30pm
22	Sherbornes with Pamber Churches, Christmas Celebrations, All Saints, MS with Holy Communion	9.15am
22	Sherbornes with Pamber Churches, Family Carols, St. Andrews Church, SSJ	10.30am
22	Carols by Candlelight, St Andrew's Church	7pm
24	Sherbornes with Pamber Churches, Crib Service, All Saints, Monk Sherborne	4.00pm
25	Christmas Celebration, with Holy Communion, All Saints, Monk Sherborne	9.15am
25	Sherbornes with Pamber Churches, Christmas Celebrations, St Andrews, SSJ	10.30am

January 2025

7	Women's Fellowship, games	2.00pm
26	Royal Marines Band Concert, The Anvil	

February 2025

- 13-15 Basingstoke Gang Show, Haymarket Theatre, Basingstoke, Tickets: www.anvilarts.co.uk
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A good morning's work replacing the box hedge in the church yard memorial garden that had bitten the dust like many others. No, they are not Halloween leftovers, but *Lonicera nitida*, box moth resistant plants. They are supposedly not liked by deer but, because we are not sure that anyone has told them, we are not taking any chances! The plants are covered by fleece until they harden up.

Many thanks to the team who carried out the work – you know who you are!

A special thanks to our local benefactor who made all this possible

Paul Temple



Sherborne St John Primary School



At Sherborne St John Primary School, we are immersed in preparations for Christmas. What a wonderful time of year in a Primary School! It's my favourite half term – full of glitter, and colour, and tinsel. It makes my heart smile to hear children singing Christmas songs, and talking about how they will celebrate this wonderful occasion with their friends and families. I have begun to hear the wonderful sounds of singing, as the infant children prepare for their nativity which, this year, is called 'Is there a Baby in there?' It's the

traditional Christmas story, but told musically through the eyes of the animals, who are waiting patiently for a new baby to arrive. Will it be a lamb, a calf or a foal? I can't wait to see the wonderful performance that I know our children will produce.

But that's not all. Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without a Christmas lunch! Crackers have been ordered and we look forward to sharing a wonderful meal together. And, we are also lucky enough to be going en masse to the Panto again this year – oh yes we are! Plus, we will hold a Christmas Worship in our last week to come together and celebrate Jesus's birthday.

However, as well as all these wonderful events, we at Sherborne St John Primary School are also busy thinking about the true meaning of Christmas, and remembering that very first Christmas. What a wonderful event that must have been! We are joining up with our link church, St Andrews, to prepare for a very special Christingle

Service, which is on 15th December at 4pm. We will make our Christingles in school very soon, supported by the church community. They are made of an orange, which represents the world, wrapped in red ribbon to symbolise the love and blood of Christ, then with sweets and dried fruit to represent all of God's creations. The lit candle represents Jesus's light in the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness. Maybe you could make your own at home!

Everyone at Sherborne St John C of E Primary School wants to wish the whole community a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope you have time this Christmas to spend with your friends and family, doing all the things that make you happy. We're looking forward to sharing more of our learning and adventures with you in 2025!

Sherbert

SSJ School Villager Correspondent

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Sherborne St John Parish Council

There was no meeting in October. Rosie Burton, our new clerk, is finding her feet and we hope she enjoys working for us .

New Allotments

We have 24 new allotments at Marnell Park . Each plot marked out and well divided. We welcome Marnell Park residents to join the allotment family; they will be given first refusal on any plots but any not taken up will be offered to the Parish . Further information please contact the clerk.

Chute Recreation Ground

There is lots happening at the Chute Pavilion and play area. The Pavilion is to get a new boiler and showers; very welcome for the football club .

Play Area

For the younger children the play area is to get a revamp with 4 pieces to be replaced; the council is looking for ideas. The Parish clerk would like to hear what the children of the Parish would like to see installed - maybe mum and dad can help them decide.

Solar Farm

In August RWE Energy held a consultation event at the village hall regarding their proposed solar farm which lies on 80 hectares of the 3 agricultural fields between Aldermaston road and the Vyne Road in Sherborne St John (SSJ).

There was concern expressed from local residents that although generation of solar energy is positive from an environmental point of view, this is the

wrong site , as it includes some of our most attractive countryside alongside the main footpath route from the village , following the chalk stream and wildlife corridor to the Vyne and Morgaston Wood . The Parish Council also met with Pamber Heath Parish Council to discuss their concerns regarding a separate part of the R W E site which falls within Little London. The scheme appears to conflict with several policies in the recently adopted SSJ Neighbourhood Plan, which seeks to protect the landscape alongside the stream and key views to this corridor to the Vyne , including the biodiversity corridor and the conservation area adjoining the Mill House.

Following advice from our planning consultants ET planning at the last meeting , given the push towards renewable energy in local and national planning policy it seems that it will be challenging to achieve an outright refusal of this proposal . Where a planning refusal was previously achieved for the solar farm at Bramley, this was subsequently overturned at appeal. We therefore wrote to the company outlining our planning concerns regarding the scale , location of the siting of solar panels, other agricultural land in the same ownership which could have been used to the west towards Aldermaston Rd would have less effect on the setting of the Vyne , but is very prominent visually from the Aldermaston Rd .

In October the 2 parish councils met with RWE Energy to discuss the scheme ,at the meeting , the company

stated that following our comments, they were prepared to move the siting of the panels 75 metres back from the footpath route , which runs though the western field (plus provide a 3 metre-wide high screening hedge) Also to provide some additional landscaping at the eastern field . This will partly mitigate some of the worst landscape impacts of the solar farm on the main footpath route between the village and the Vyne . Our local councillor , David McIntire, is also due to meet RWE Energy to discuss the proposal and it is hoped that if it does go ahead, we can improve further on the first offer to set the panels further back from the footpath . It will still be visible from the Vyne estate and we have asked the National Trust to give their views regarding the impact on their historic setting. At the time of writing a formal planning application is still to be submitted and they currently plan to have work completed by 2027/8

Your Council continues to support the local community bus to Chineham on a Friday morning , also support for a coffee morning which is in the village hall every 2 weeks on a Monday - a special time for a chat and a tea or coffee. while making new friends and to meet up with old friends. The next dates are December 2nd , 16th , and 30th

We wish all our Parish a Merry Christmas And A Happy New Year

**Mrs Jane Bechelet and
Mr James Rowley**

SSJ Parish Council

Freemasons Top Up Their Financial Support

Basingstoke's 104 years old Elvetham Masonic Lodge has been able to provide additional Peter Foster, their Charity Steward explained.

“We have access to a separate financial resource within the Masonic Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight, the Tom Langton Fund, which uses the interest from a bequest to make grant funding up to a certain level for donations that Elvetham Masonic Lodge has made this summer.”

“It is very pleasing that we have been able to present another £1,000 to

Basingstoke & District Young Carers and £750 each to artWell and 1st Basingstoke Beavers.”

Mark Rhoades-Brown, the recently installed Worshipful Master of Elvetham Masonic Lodge, added

“This local support we are able to provide is in addition to £1million distributed by freemasons annually in Hampshire and Isle of Wight while across the country, and including disaster relief, it may surprise most people that it totals £50 million each year.”



Elvetham Masonic Lodge's Charity Steward, Peter Foster (l) with newly installed Worshipful Master Mark Rhoades-Brown outside the Basingstoke Masonic Centre in Victoria Street.

News from Pamber and Little London

As I write this, the American election is pending and I, like many others I imagine, await the result with immense trepidation. I know who I want to be the new President of course, but I'm not sure how to get there. Let's hope the result will not be heavily disputed because it's deemed to have been fixed – there are even those who talk of civil war. Gosh, I hope these words are not prescient.



As you read this, Autumn will be over. Never mind the mellow fruitfulness. How about wellies and windfalls? The ghoulish creatures and pumpkin lanterns have made way for Bonfire Night and Guy Fawkes – now there's a chap prepared to overthrow an elected Parliament! Plus ça change!

Did I mention last time my singular failure to grow dahlias? They were fabulous last year but despite having left some in the bed, lifted others, and

planted new ones, my sum total of flowering beauties is.... one. But I imagine there are some very well-fed slugs and squirrels around! As they say, hope springs eternal, and part of my November gardening duties involves planting a plethora of tulips.

To round off, a really useful phone number, especially for those who are not confident about their internet banking, and a brilliant poem from Brian Bilston which should make you giggle.

A message from the Parish Council:

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This being the last issue before Christmas, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. And, as ever, if you have any festive pictures or anecdotes you'd like to share with villagers, please

Fall

how I love to catch
the falling leaves
in autumn

I
sit

and wait

beneath

the trees

until

I've

cautumn

do send them to me. This column is for everyone's news, not just mine! See you next year!

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Women's Fellowship

The November meeting kicked off the early Christmas festivities with a talk - or more appropriately Performance - given by Mr Mike Brook who was keen to tell everyone that this was his first of twelve 'Christmas Miscellanies' and that the number of talks has doubled since 2023's six talks.

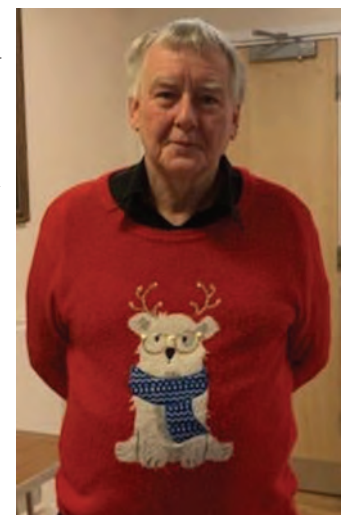
Emblazoned in a red Christmas jumper, he started proceedings with an hilarious poem by one Mick Gower who as a child was thanking his family for their (un)wanted gifts. Other poems and prose followed, by namely T.S. Elliott's Journey of a Magi, and Dylan Thomas's A Child's Christmas in Wales. Following these, Mike regaled the hall with his early Am Dram experiences, not all of them going according to his plan of roles he would like to play, mainly due to the Director who was his wife, and she clearly had other ideas. However, he clearly enjoyed his Am Dram years which seemed to consist of mainly Pantomimes.

Following this part of the talk, it was time for him to enrol (coerce?) six members to participate in Cinderella,

thankfully reading the parts. Six stalwarts were found, and everyone took their roles very seriously, with much gusto and enthusiasm, thus ending the performance with much gaiety, just as it had started. Mike was thanked by Lindsay Berry.

The Bring & Buy stall was a great success, increasing the funds to enable Women's Fellowship to continue to enjoy their monthly meetings.

Christmas Lunch will be the December meeting, to be held at the Bishopswood Golf Course.



North Hampshire (Star Studded) Prostate Cancer Support Group Meeting



The Mayor Councillor Dan Putty said a few words of introduction: He has been a councillor since 1995 and is strongly focused on local voluntary trusts and charities and has chosen NHPCSG as one of his charities for 2024-25.

The renowned and respected Professor Langley gave an interesting and surprisingly entertaining presentation entitled "Can PSA Screening and Prostate Brachytherapy Extend Your Life". His sources for information included Public Health England, NICE, the Lancet and of course the Daily Mail.

He started with a brief history of the PSA test, from the discovery of Prostate Specific Antigens by American forensic scientists in the 1980s.

The goal is to detect Prostate Cancer early to allow for treatment before it

spreads. Unfortunately there are no signs of early symptoms and unlike Breast Cancer self-examination is not possible.

The best option we have currently is the PSA blood test, but it is not tumour specific, it cannot differentiate between a Pussycat or a Tiger cancer.

In 2005 the NHS guidelines to GPs was that any man over 50 can ask for a PSA test, but Public Health England's Prostate Cancer Risk Management Advice shockingly states that GPs should NOT raise the prospect of Prostate Cancer with candidate men who visit them for other reasons.

So why are we not screening?

There have been some historical clinical trials in Europe and the USA, but the results have been maligned due to sample size and contamination. There have also been well publicised fears regarding the risk of over diagnosis and subsequent over-treatment affecting the patient's quality of life. But now we have the MRI scan as part of the treatment path to further screen a patient prior to a biopsy (Transperineal nowadays, far safer than the old school Transrectal).

We are relying on men being proactive and asking their GPs for a PSA test. There are local situations (like the Lions PSA testing) and celebrity sufferers who will cause an influx of testing requests, but it is still not a targeted screening programme.

That is what the Transform program will demonstrate the need for. With targeted prostate health checks aimed at men on active GP Databases to invite them for a test rather than waiting for them to ask.

After the testing comes the treatment and there we have to balance the treatment side effects against the patient lifestyle impacts and longevity.

Brachytherapy vs Beam Radiotherapy vs Radical Prostatectomy, all have their side effects that can affect every man to different degrees. The treatment paths can be varied; the number of days hospital stay, the number of clinic visits for treatment, the additional hormone therapy drugs that may or may not be needed, all must be considered for each patient.

For those having recently been diagnosed but questioning which treatment to opt for, the group holds a 'Pint and Chat' the first Thursday of the month at the Red Lion, London Street, Basingstoke – from 7:30 pm, with an increasing number of men finding these times invaluable.

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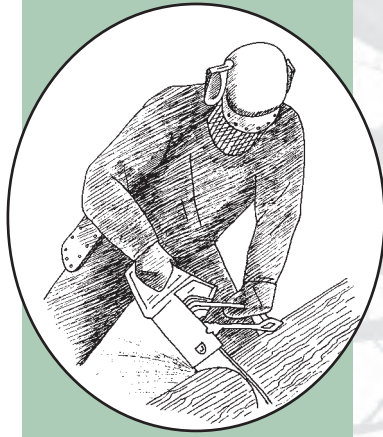
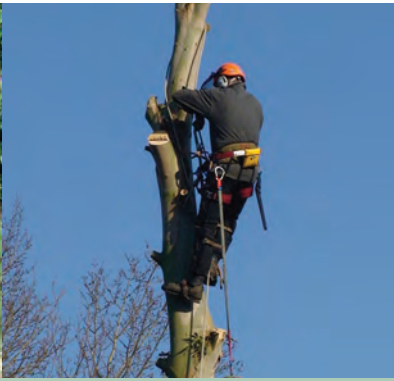


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Monk Sherborne & Charter Alley Parish Council

The latest meeting of the Monk Sherborne Parish Council was held on Wednesday 13th of November at 7.20pm, the following items were discussed:

The Chairman advised of his attendance at Remembrance Day, having laid a wreath on behalf of Monk Sherborne Parish Council. The additional poppies erected within the parish were noted by several parishioners. Once these are taken down, they will be stored for future use in the Village Hall

Members were also alerted to the proposed meeting dates for 2025. A list is to be erected on the parish noticeboards and website.

An update in relation to the enforcement for The Olive Tree is awaited from BDBC. Members were advised by BDBC that a request had been presented for a retrospective planning application to be submitted for the works underway.

All Saints Church, Rookery Farm Lane Monk Sherborne has applied for work

to be carried out to trees in the church grounds which has been supported.

Cllr Boyle advised that he had met with Highways who advised they would attend to clear the ditches and sump at the War Memorial to alleviate the flooding issues experienced. Highways are to be chased to ascertain the dates for the work.

Cllr Cave gave an update on the recent Village Night and the 60s evening that was held on the 9th of November. The Village Nights continue to be well supported, when beer and wine are on offer at very reasonable cost to bring the community together. The next one will be on Thursday 5th of December.

All works at the play area have been completed with the addition of grass matting being installed at the entrance from the car park to the main play area. This work will be followed with matting from the Village Hall Patio on to the Play Area in the New Year.

Members acknowledged the release of the S106 funds for new access gates to the playing field of £1,278 and the

approval of the release of a further £445 for grass mats to be installed from the entrance to the new play area from the car park. Thanks were expressed to Cllr S Minas-Bound for his assistance in the pursuit of the release of the S106 funds.

It was also acknowledged that the Village Hall had contributed £300 to cover the shortfall in funding for the access gates. These funds were generated from various community events such as the Village Nights, the 60s Night and the Village Fete. This amount will be accompanied by the donation of a new round table and seating by the Village Hall to replace one that has seen better days, this will be installed in the Spring.

The meeting closed at 20.30pm The next meeting will be Wednesday 8th of January

Cllr Paul Cave



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Reporting Offences

It is vital that all offences are reported to the police whether by calling 101 or on line at the Hants Police site your reports of local incidents will be seen by our

beat officer Simon Denton when he next signs on. The police will prioritise the areas where the incidence of reports is highest. They are unlikely to see reports on social media.

Joining NHW

Hants Alert pass on some welcome applications to join us but often I have to ask for the applicant's address, email or phone details before enrolling them, in one case all I got was a fairly common first name so he is still waiting. All SSJ residents may join our scheme and it is free.

All Hants Alert police reports with local relevance are emailed to our 10 SSJ street scheme co-ordinators who in turn relay to their members. If you do not receive these messages please let me know by email ted_wilkinson@btinternet.com

Ted Wilkinson.

Area Co-ordinator for S.S.J. and Scheme Co-ordinator for Elm Road and part Aldermaston Road

Sherborne St John Allotments:

Elm Road, Sunnyside (Aldermaston Road) and Cranes Road

There have been some changes on the Elm Road allotments and we would like to welcome two new sets of tenants: Emma and Tom, and Dani and Bryonie.

Another very important change is that Ted Wilkinson will be retiring as Elm Road warden at the end of the year. His place is being taken by Mike Greaves. Our grateful thanks go to Ted for all the support he has given to plot-holders and for the time and effort he has put into keeping the allotments in good order.

If you are interested in renting a plot, you can ask to go on the waiting list by emailing Mike (mikegreaves@co-hort.co.uk) giving

your full name(s), email address, phone number, postal address, plus your site preference (if any). When vacancies arise we give preference to SSJ parish residents over those living elsewhere and we only have one resident on the list at the moment, so now is a good time to apply.

Many thanks

Mike and Ted

Mike Greaves

Mobile: 07712 188097

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Beau's Blog

No I am not begging, that is not allowed – I am merely waiting patiently for the Mrs to cut the rind off her cheese. For some reason she does not eat that part and as a special treat I am allowed to be the chief taster.....

I am sitting on the wall that the Boss built around the new front patio and it is just the right level to view the table top which holds the cheese along with the rest of the lunch. The Mrs continually tries to train me to say cheese but so far the lips, larynx and tongue to not cooperate for it to be pronounced by me, but the word is well known in my mind. I fact sometimes at lunch time I cannot

get the word cheese out of my mind until the rind is removed and donated.

There are other words that I know which I have to obey like "Come", "Sit", "No" "Bed" "Lay Down", "Stay". There are also words which the Mrs uses with a sniff....."Stinky" is one of them and when uttered I have to quietly leave the room until the Boss calls me back and says I don't!! He is worried I may get a phobia so I know I am good for a pat and a stroke from him if the stinky word comes out!

The Boss and Mrs use many, many words between themselves and sometimes I catch on to what is being discussed but



mostly with my limited vocabulary my instinct kicks in and I do what dogs do – eat, sleep and enjoy life, especially when "Cheese" is on the scene.

<http://beauregardsdogblog.blogspot.com>

News from Clift Surgery

No one visiting or living in Bramley could fail to notice the seemingly endless roadworks that have been ripping up our village and surrounding areas.

These have affected everyone, but it has been a particularly difficult time for the surgery.

With the numerous traffic lights, road closures, and building going on, plus the level crossing, travelling to and from the surgery has been difficult for those with appointments and visiting the dispensary.

Parking had improved with the newly painted bays, but it is still sometimes necessary to park on the road outside. Now cars are contending with the extra traffic caused by the building alongside the surgery and deliveries of building materials can block the road occasionally.

The surgery has had several retirements, staff changes, maternity leave over the previous months. Every individual has made a positive impact to the practice and patients they have cared for and we would like to thank them for their hard work, dedication. We are enjoying being kept up to date with their adventures and endeavours.

The surgery is about to welcome two new GPs in the coming months. They have trained at the surgery, and both wish to return to work here. There is

also a new Health Care Assistant (HCA) about to start and a new phlebotomist is being trained by our newly promoted senior HCA and lead nurse.

Areas we continue to enhance is the dispensary. Many will be aware that the dispensary is extremely busy and is taking longer than is ideal despite the team's best efforts. The surgery is working hard to provide the service patients deserve. Therefore, the surgery has invested in upgrading to a new IT system and have successfully recruited new starters to support the changes.

There are times when medicines have to be sourced elsewhere which can also delay issuing medicines, but also there have been times when the delivery vans have not been able to get through to the surgery at the allotted time due to the road works. Although this has only meant a delay of 24 hours, this has had an impact.

The new electronic dispensing system which will use bar codes and automated systems to track and order prescriptions and once embedded it should make the turnaround much quicker. You will still be able to submit a paper request if that is your preference.

If you have run out of your medication, please contact the surgery and you will

be able to get an emergency supply. No one needs to go without.

NB with Christmas approaching, please put in your order early to cover Christmas and the New Year. Dispensary opening times 8.30 -1 pm, 1 to 1.30 pm for emergency dispensing, and 2-6pm plus emergency dispensing until 6.30pm.

The PPG is working hard to support both patients and the surgery. Apart from listening to patient concerns and liaising with surgery, it is about to install a planter in the front garden to make the outside more welcoming and will keep it topped up with flowers during the spring and summer.

A date for your diary. The Primary Care Network to which Clift Surgery belongs, is holding a Healthy Living Day at the Pavilion and Brocas Hall on Tuesday 14th January between 11am and 3pm. There will be three speakers, and stalls from local organisations to offer advice on keeping healthy. The PPG will be providing refreshments so do come along and see what is on offer. More details will be found on the PPG page on the Bramley Village Hub nearer the time and on Facebook.

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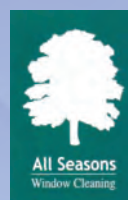
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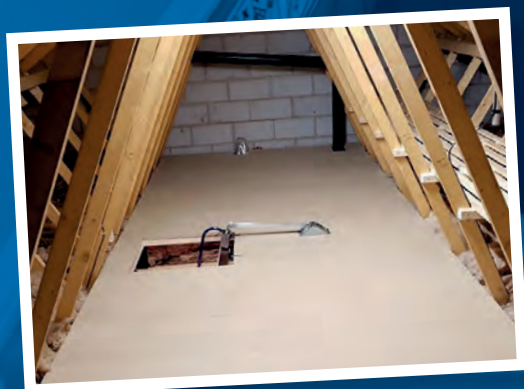


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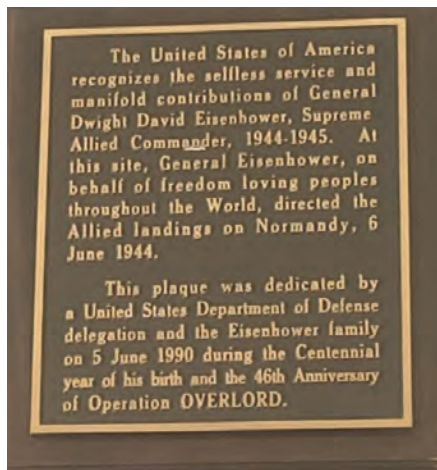
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Probus Visit to D-Day HQ



In the 80th Anniversary year of the D-Day landings an inspiring visit to the war time HQ brought home the realities of the largest amphibious assault in history.



A group of members and families from the Probus Club of Basingstoke had an impressive visit to Southwick House (locally pronounced “Suthick”) positioned five miles north of Portsmouth that had a pivotal role in the planning of D-Day.

It was the Supreme Headquarters of the main allied commanders, led by Allied Supreme Commander General Dwight D Eisenhower, Naval Commander-in-Chief Admiral Ramsey, Army Commander-in-Chief General Montgomery, and Commander-in-Chief Allied Air Force, Air Chief Marshal Leigh-Mallory. The grounds became the Main Tactical Base for the 21st Army Group for their forthcoming invasion plans.



Richard Callaghan, the curator, gave an extensive narrative about the map room that still contains the enormous graphic showing the invasion plans. His talk was interwoven with

anecdotes about incidents involving the main characters that gave life to this history lesson.



How General Eisenhower became very close to his English driver Kay Summersby and was prevented by the Republican party from taking her back to America, as they declared that they could not accept a divorcee to run for the Presidency. He remained married to Maime and had two terms as President of the United States.

Deception was used to convince the German high command that the invasion would come across the shortest route from Kent to Pas de Calais which caused German divisions to move from the Normandy region.



James Stagg was the meteorologist providing weather forecasts to the senior planning group. As a civilian it was thought he would have difficulty in ensuring his predictions would be taken seriously so he was presented with the uniform of a RAF Group Captain. It was Stagg that convinced General Eisenhower to postpone the

assault from the planned day of 5th June to 6th June 1944.

6,000 ships were involved moving from all regions of southern England to the main dispersal area that became known as Piccadilly Circus and then had to pass through corridors cleared through minefields in the Channel. Due to detailed planning only seven ships were involved in collisions.

Despite the break in the weather there was still a swell, and the floating Sherman tanks were launched too far out from the shore resulting in only four out of thirty-two reaching the beach. It had been necessary to ensure that the beach would support such vehicles by night-time investigations in the previous weeks that had not been spotted by the land-based Germans.

In the adjacent bar room, the original weather maps were on the wall along with other memorabilia including models of two LCT (Landing Craft Tank) ships that were the subject of a talk some years ago by a Probus Club member. He had trained as a radio operator on such vessels whose role was getting armoured vehicles on to the beaches because their bow dropped on to the shore. Once unloaded they could raise their bow and reverse off the beach ready to return to England for another cargo of armoured vehicles.

The successful completion over several days of Operation Overlord on the Normandy beaches was the beginning of the end of WW2

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Basingstoke Deane

Rotary



ROTARY CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX THANK YOU

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over the Wessex region, on their way, to deprived and displaced children in Moldova, Montenegro, Romania and Ukraine (All countries currently are supporting displaced Children from Ukraine) Boxes are accompanied by Rotarians from our Rotary district and will be delivered into the hands of Rotarians in those countries to be distributed. In 2023 our Wessex Rotary District delivered 18,779 and 25 cartons of woollen items some hand knitted and other clothing.

WHERE ARE WE VOLUNTEERING IN DECEMBER

We will again be volunteering help with the following St Michael Hospice events.

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**Basingstoke Deane Rotary wish you all
a Merry Christmas
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The Rotary wish is 'Peace the world over'

North Hampshire Prostate Support Group - Goes Flying



Well not literally, but with the inspirational talk by Lucy Butcher, the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance Engagement Support officer, all who visited from the group got off to a flying start, just like the little helicopter that is a growing sight in our skies. What most did not realise was that the charity also runs a fleet of 4 fast response well equipped cars, which are often used in preference to the helicopter, which needs an area the size of a tennis court for a landing pad. In addition, the space in the helicopter is very compact, thereby limiting the scope of working on critical patients. Again, landing on a motorway is never ideal. Similarly, if the cloud base is below 500 feet then they are not permitted to fly, and a ground response becomes essential.

The charity receives no funding from Government, but instead receives its funds typically from community events, legacies and trust funds, generating last year just over £10M. This may sound a lot, but when compared to the cost of a lift off at £3500 each time, with on average 5 lifts a day – with one day recently involving 13, the need for us the public to be generous in our support becomes very clear. Some of this funding also provides for a support team caring for those who have witnessed traumatic events in which the team has been involved.



Lucy went on to outline the call-out process. The service is closely linked to South Central Ambulance service, where two of the team sit in on all the typically 3000 calls for an ambulance that service receives each day. One of these is a senior doctor, the other a dispatcher, with often the doctor using their experience and intuition to gauge whether to go live. The medical team, currently based at Thruxton Airfield, consist of a pilot – normally ex-military, a senior doctor, often of consultant level, and two highly trained paramedics. On receipt of a radio call to 'Go', they will spend a few

minutes initially planning their response, including of course identifying suitable landing sites.

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For more information contact:-

Hampshire Isle of Wight Air Ambulance Lucy Butcher
lucy@HIOWAA.ORG

North Hampshire Prostate Cancer Support Group
info@nhpcsg.org.uk

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23 November to 5 January*

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Our 60th anniversary concert has been and gone and was generally recognised by the 'sell-out' crowd to be a great evening. The net proceeds of just over £500 were donated to 'The Camrose Centre'. Onward to the next 60! We shall be celebrating the festive season with a concert at St Michael's Church Cottage on December 14th at 7:30 PM.

The concert will comprise a varied mix of numbers from our repertoire plus some seasonal favourites. We can't promise a 'White Christmas' but it certainly won't be a 'Silent Night'. There will also be opportunity for you to join in and get Christmas off to a good start.

There will be 'Pies and Punch' at the interval to help you get in the spirit!

Whilst on the subject of 'joining in' we are still keen for new members to join us. Singing can be therapeutic as well as fun so why not come along to a rehearsal and experience the atmosphere at first hand!

We rehearse every Tuesday evening at 7:30PM at the Moose Centre. You're most welcome to come along and listen and, maybe, join us to kick off the next 60 years! If you're a tenor you'll be made even more welcome – come on; *don't be shy!*

This year, to celebrate our first concert as a 61 year old, we shall be supporting Parkinson's UK.

We'd love to see as many of you as possible – entry will cost £10.

The details:

Church Cottage
(adjacent to St Michael's Church),
Basingstoke on December 14th
7:30 PM start, doors open 7 PM

Tickets can be obtained from the following weblink
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Saturday, 18 January 2025

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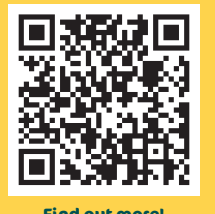
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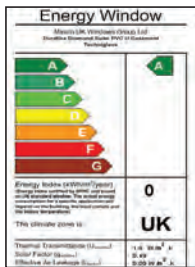
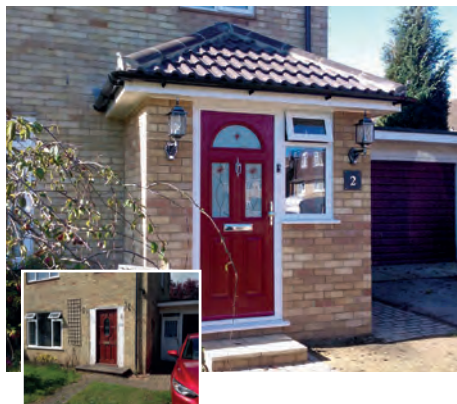
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