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Editor's Note

The plans for the Sherborne St John Village Fete are well under way and the volunteers have been very resourceful in finding raffle prizes for you all. It should be well worth buying a ticket or two... We still need a bit of help on the day for games and stalls so please join in and volunteer an hour or so of your time, it's not arduous and there is enjoyment to be had. There is an interesting article on the daffodils of Pamber this month so do have a read. This is the end of my temporary editorship and our esteemed leader will be back in the saddle for the next edition.

Lindsay

SHERBORNE ST JOHN VILLAGE FETE

SATURDAY 21 June 2025
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Any profit from the Fete will go towards the upkeep and maintenance of our Village Hall
Charity Number 301945

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What are we worth?

On Christmas Eve 1968 the crew of Apollo 8 had just experienced the world in a way that no-one had before: orbiting the moon they witnessed an Earthrise.

As they broadcast live to the world below they began, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth..." They then proceeded to read the first chapter of the book of Genesis. What they saw, as awe inspiring as it was, drew their attention to the inspiration behind it all.

For many, the idea that there is anyone or anything beyond what is physical - let alone a divine creator - is unbelievable. For others, the idea that the world that we know is the chance result of blind, random forces is just as unbelievable. Perhaps we have to choose which unbelievable we're going to put our faith in?

The Bible's claim is that there is a God who created the world. With both mighty power and meticulous attention to detail, he made everything from nothing, culminating with the creation of humanity. Formed in God's image, we bear the imprint of our Creator. This gives us the value that we instinctively know sets us apart from the rest of creation. If this is true, then our worth cannot derive from our race, religion, sex, background, occupation, fitness level or age.

Down through the centuries this view of our inherent worth has helped shape human rights, legislation, legal systems, healthcare services and protection for the weak and the vulnerable.

Bearing the image of God gives us our worth but it also gives us our responsibility. Specifically, the responsibility we carry to represent the one who made us - cultivating and caring for his creation, and relating to our fellow human beings as fellow human beings.

Inside St Paul's Cathedral there's a plaque which is inscribed with some words in Latin referring to Sir Christopher Wren who designed it: "if you want to see his memorial, look around you." The wonder of the building speaks of the greatness of its architect. The wonder of our world speaks of the greatness of its Creator, and this is most true of all when it comes to humanity - or at least it should be. Sadly we all fall short of the glory we were made for and have made quite a mess of the world in the process.

Wonderfully, instead of leaving us to our mess, God saw our worth, took on our humanity and gave his life for us. When we look to Jesus Christ we can see the greatness we were meant to display. When we put our trust in him we can find reconciliation with our Creator and life in all its fullness - the image of God restored and renewed.

This Lent we are taking a close-up look at Mark's account of Jesus' final days on earth in our sermon series. It is an opportunity for all of us to look to him afresh and consider who he is and why he came. As always, you would be very welcome to join us at any of our services.

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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		



March

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Sat 1st	8.30am Morning Prayer in The Parish Room
Sun 2nd	10.30am Holy Communion with groups for 0-11s at St Andrew's
Wed 5th	10-11.30am Little Acorns Baby & Toddler Group at SSJ Village Hall 12-12.30pm Midday Prayer at St Andrew's SSJ 2-4pm Being Together Women's Group in the Parish Room
Thurs 6th	7.30pm Equip Event at St Andrew's
Sun 9th	9.30am Holy Communion at All Saints' Monk Sherborne 10.30am Morning Worship with groups for 0-11s at St Andrew's SSJ 3-4.30pm Tea at Three at the Rectory, Sherborne St John
Wed 12th	10-11.30am Little Acorns Baby & Toddler Group at SSJ Village Hall 12-12.30pm Midday Prayer at All Saints' Monk Sherborne
Thurs 13th	7.30pm Equip Event at St Andrew's
Sun 16th	10.30am Morning Worship with groups for 0-11s at St Andrew's SSJ 4-5.30pm Bereavement Cafe at Monk Sherborne Village Hall
Wed 19th	10-11.30am Little Acorns Baby & Toddler Group at SSJ Village Hall 12-12.30pm Midday Prayer at All Saints' Monk Sherborne
Thurs 20th	7.30pm Equip Event at St Andrew's
Sun 23rd	9.30am Holy Communion at Pamber Priory 10.30am Holy Communion with groups for 0-11s at St Andrew's
Wed 26th	10-11.30am Little Acorns Baby & Toddler Group - SSJ Village Hall 12-12.30pm Midday Prayer at Pamber Priory
Sat 29th	10-11.30am Dads and Kids at St Andrew's SSJ
Sun 30th	10.30am Holy Communion with groups for 0-11s at St Andrew's



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Claiming Dates

March 2025		
1	John Kirkpatrick presents A Victorian Farmers Year, Sherfield on Loddon VHall. Ticket entry only	7.30 pm – 11.30pm
1	Sherborne St John Social Club, Reggae & UB40 Tribute, Ticket Entry Only	7.30
1	Mayor’ Spring Charity Concert, The Anvil, £20 www.anvilarts.org.uk	
4	Women’s Fellowship, SSJ Village Hall, My Windrush	2.00pm – 4.00pm
8	Lou Taylors Soul Night, Royal British Legion, Old Basing £12.50 Tkts: www.basingstokelions.org.uk	7.30pm
10	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00
16	Sherbornes with Pamber Churches, Bereavement Cafe, MS Village Hall	4.00pm – 5.30pm
22	Sherborne St John Social Club, Danny Connors Karaoke	7.30pm
24	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00
26	Sherborne St John Parish Council Meeting, Chute Pavilion	7.15pm
29	Sherbornes with Pamber Churches, Dads & Kids, St Andrews Church	10.00am – 11.30am
30	Basingstoke Choral Society Spring Concert, Anvil Theatre, Vaughan Williams, Britten	7.30pm

April 2025		
1	Women’s Fellowship, SSJ Village Hall, The Good, The Bad, and The Downright Funny	2.00pm – 4.00pm
3 - 5	“The Vicar of Dibley” @ Central Studios. B/s Tkts: https://privatetheatricals.ticket-office.co.uk	7.30 pm
4	Sherborne St John Social Club, Private Function	7.30pm
5	SSJ Primary School Annual Sponsored Fun Run	
5	Sherborne St John Social Club, Abba Tribute, Ticket only	7.30pm
7	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00
19	Sherbornes with Pamber Churches, Easter Egg Hunt, Starting at St Andrews	2.00pm – 4.00pm
19 - 21	Basingstoke Art Club Annual Spring Exhibition, SSJ Village Hall	10.00am – 4.00pm
21	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00
26	Basingstoke Concert Band Spring Concert, Sherfield-on-Loddon Village Hall	7.30pm – 9.30pm
26	Sherborne St John Social Club, Gary Barlow Tribute, Ticket only	7.30pm

May 2025		
5	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00
6	Women’s Fellowship, SSJ Village Hall, Christabel Pankhurst	2.00pm – 4.00pm
11	Basingstoke Festival of Transport, B/S & Deane Rotary, B/S Memorial Park	
19	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00

June 2025		
2	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00
3	Women’s Fellowship, SSJ Village Hall, A Titanic Conspiracy	2.00pm – 4.00pm
14	Sherborne St John Primary School Fayre, School Playground	tbc
21	Sherborne St John Village Fête, The Village Green, Sherborne St John	1.00pm – 4.00pm
16	SSJ Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00
30	SSJ 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

Sherborne St John Primary School



March is the month of looking forward, both in and outside the school. Daffodils are coming up, the sun is starting to show itself again – and we start to look forward to Spring and Summer! As our School sits within this lovely village, we wanted to share with you some of the events we are planning for 2025, so that you can be part of those if you'd like to.

Firstly, there's our Annual Sponsored Fun Run! This is run by our wonderful PTA and takes place at The Chute on Friday 5th April. It's a chance for all our children to raise money for our school whilst completing up to a 2km run. If you know anyone who comes to our school, you may be asked for a

donation for their efforts! Then we have our wonderful Summer Fayre! This is taking place on Saturday 14th June and is another brilliant school fundraiser by our PTA, but also a wonderful community event. More on this to follow soon but do save the date – everyone welcome!

I also want to give you advance notice that later this year, our school will be celebrating its 175th Anniversary! We are currently working on plans to mark this special occasion, and would love to invite ex pupils and parents to join us. We'd love to hear your memories of your time at SSJ. More details to follow later in the year.

If you would like to join a mailing list for this and other events at the school (fetes, quiz nights etc) please send your name and email address to adminoffice@sherborne-st-john.hants.sch.uk.

Belatedly, we'd also like to say a big thank you to Aladdin's Cave Charity Shop in Basingstoke, who saw in this magazine last year that we were raising

funds for new laptops for the school. I was delighted to be presented with a cheque in December for £1,000 from two lovely ladies who came and talked to me about their charity, which works towards prevention and relief of hardship in their locality. They do take donations of items such as books, games, clothes etc so do look them up if you have donations or you could visit them! Thank you so much for thinking of us, Aladdin's Cave.

Just as a final note, you will be aware from the news that school budgets are dreadfully tight and, as a small village school, we are no exception. If you, or anyone you know, would like to make a donation towards our wonderful school and our fabulous children, please do get in touch at adminoffice@sherborne-st-john.hants.sch.uk. Thank you.

With best wishes for spring bulbs aplenty,

Sherbert
SSJ School Villager Correspondent

Judith Simpson, our new Parish Administrator



SWP Churches Parish Administrator
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Office Hours: Mon 1.30-4.30pm
Wed 1.30-4.30pm
Fri 1.30-3.30pm

EASTER

AT SHERBORNES WITH PAMBER CHURCHES

Good Friday 18th April
Reflections at the Cross
Pamber Priory
2.30pm

Saturday 19th April
Easter Egg Hunt
St Andrew's Church, SSJ
2-4pm

Easter Sunday 20th April
Holy Communion
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All-Age Easter Celebration
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Daffodils Of Pamber Forest

I think most people would accept colours can have an emotional effect.

Red is the colour of fire, heat, forcefulness and even aggression whilst blue at the other end of the spectrum conjures up peace and tranquillity. For me yellow is the colour of joy, happiness and hope. And so each year I take a little pilgrimage in the last two weeks of March to get my top up of joy and hope. I don't have to travel far, only to our local Nature Reserve, Pamber Forest to see the drifts of Daffodils. Not any old daffodil but our own native wild daffodil *Narcissus pseudonarcissus*. This delicate daffodil does not resemble its brash and gaudy garden cousins, its pale yellow petals sometimes bordering on cream contrasts with the deeper yellow trumpet. It only grows to about 12" high and looks quite delicate. But don't let looks deceive. Whatever vagaries winter has thrown at it, snow, rain, frost, wind, no matter what you can guarantee that it will be blooming in the last two weeks of March. It was for good reason that our daffodil was called the Lenten Lily.

This of course is the time of year when winter is loosening her grip and warmer days of spring are not far away, surely a time for hope and joy.

There are bound to be many superstitions and mythologies about such an iconic flower. Which you choose to believe is up to you as many are contradictory. For instance seeing the first daffodil will bring good luck and prosperity. However if you pick one and take it indoors it will mess up your finances, leave you in penury and ruin your love life. On the other hand the same action will ensure your geese will lay profusely! Take your pick but as I would rather not have my marriage or finances messed up and I don't keep geese, I think I will leave the daffodils where they are for others to enjoy.

I am by no means the first to take pleasure from this flower. Over two hundred years ago the Romantic Lakeland poet William Wordsworth was inspired to write a poem, of which the first few lines many people can recite.

Daffodils

*I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;*



He goes on to eulogise about what he saw but for me the essence of his emotions is summed up in the last verse:

*For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.*

If you would like to share with me and Wordsworth's pleasure, go to Pamber Forest and park at Honey Mill Pumping station, What3words otherwise.fuss. dusters take the track into the forest and within a few metres take the path which forks right. In about 300 metres the daffodils are on the right. Enjoy.



Women's Fellowship

The February meeting was the AGM. There was no speaker and a quiz had been organised - a Picture Quiz which proved to be a great success, the groups were attentive and there was a gentle hum whilst everyone put on their thinking caps. In order that off-track did not occur there was an interval during the afternoon to freshen everyone up. The winning group (by a small margin) was awarded a bag of sweets each.

There is room for more members, so if you, or anyone you know, would like to come along you will be made welcome.

Next month's meeting on the 4th March will enjoy a talk by speaker Grace Powell who will be giving her personal account of 'My Windrush'. There will also be a Bring & Buy stall.

Meetings are from 2pm until 4pm.



EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY 19TH APRIL
2-4PM

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SHERBORNE WITH PAMBER CHURCHES

News from Pamber and Little London

While, unlike our esteemed Editor, I am unable to claim to have been on the other side of the world as my reason for a paltry offering this edition (hope you had a good trip, Julie!), I have, however, been fortunate enough to spend a couple of weeks in the wonderful Alps and beautiful Provence. My exposure to life in the Pambers and LL over the past few weeks has consequently been very small and I'm not, therefore, able to wax remotely eloquent about life here.



I can tell you about the Alps, however, and the new term I have learnt: inversion. This is brilliantly illustrated in the photo below. What looks like a lake beyond the line of trees is in fact cloud: we are skiing above the clouds. I have often come across the phenomenon before but not the name. It's all to do with a reversal of the normal decrease

of air temperature with altitude. (Or so I am told)



primrose provide a welcome reminder that Spring is on its way.

The torn netting and burrowed pots of bulbs provide a much less-welcome reminder that we are not the only



life-forms to appreciate Spring flowers, particularly in their bulb and tuber state.

And note to self: I must check the fencing to see where the Muntjac got in. They truly are the most unattractive creatures: can they really be related to the beautiful slender animals to be seen

skipping through the woods? My husband reckons we see them less often because when the deer are prancing around elegantly the Muntjac are having a fag behind the bike sheds.

As for the moles... these uninvited guests wreak havoc all over the place. I know they are good for aerating the soil. They are less good for the soul! And ankles! If anyone would like the details of a good mole-catcher, do get in touch with me - I know just the man



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Bereavement Cafe

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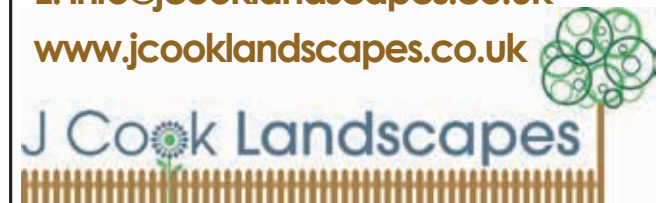
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War Time Commemorative Sign To A “Kiwi Airman” Needed Investigating

Probus Club of Basingstoke member Chris Perkins MVO was on a relaxing walk when he came across an unusual memorial to a crashed Spitfire pilot. The memorial was on a grass verge near to the church in the hamlet of Weston Patrick just south of Basingstoke.



What caused the plane to crash on 15th August 1942? Was it due to enemy action? Who was the aviator, a member of the Royal New Zealand Air Force? Was he another New Zealander who, like so many, had answered the call and had come to support the mother country in its hour of need?

Chris Perkins MVO retired from the RAF with the rank of Squadron Leader and always had a great interest in historical aspects of the RAF and had gained great experience in searching out information about matters that piqued his interest.

And, so it was, when he spotted this memorial.

RAF Lasham, these days the UK's largest gliding society, created as a wartime airfield, was only a mile away so was this Spitfire heading there? Not so was what Chris discovered as his



research took him through the history of this unfortunate accident,

Bernard Bryn Goodall, born near Auckland in New Zealand was descended from a family who had emigrated from Staffordshire in the 1860s. He had been educated at Putaruru High School where he had enjoyed rugby, cricket, tennis and swimming. At the time of applying for war service and joining the Royal New Zealand Air Force in January 1940 he was employed as a 'Dryerman' at the Whakatane Paper Mills that had only started manufacturing cardboard in 1939 and continues up to the present day.

In March 1941 he enlisted for aircrew training at the Initial Training Wing and then to No 3 Elementary Flying Training School. July 1941 saw him embark for Canada for advanced training under the Empire Training Scheme. In November 1941 he was awarded his 'Wings' and promoted to sergeant at No 6 Service Flying Training School, Dunnville, Ontario. A week later he proceeded to No 1 "Y" Depot, Halifax Nova Scotia to await embarkation for the United Kingdom.

Sgt Goodall NZ/411981 RNZAF, arrived at No 3 Personnel Reception Centre, Bournemouth, on 19th December 1941. On 10th February 1942 he was posted to No 58 Operational Training Unit, Grangemouth near Edinburgh, where he completed his training on Supermarine Spitfire aircraft.

On 21st April 1942 he was posted to No 41 Squadron at Herston in Sussex then on to Martlesham Heath in Suffolk, Hawkinge in Kent, Debden in Essex and in August 1942 to Longtown in Cumberland where 41 Squadron carried out 'offensive sweep patrols' moving shortly to Llanbedr in Wales to carryout patrols over the Irish sea.



Spitfire Mk Vb, serial number P8607, Code sign EB-C, had been built at the Castle Bromwich Aircraft Factory near Birmingham. They built 3,003 Mk Vb Spitfires between 1941 and 1943 out of a total of 3,991. Delivered to 9 Maintenance Unit on 11th June 1941, it was then deployed to three operational squadrons before arriving at No 41 squadron on 25th July 1942 and into



Supermarine Spitfire EB-C as flown by Sgt Goodall. Armed with two Hispano 20 mm canons and four Browning.303 machine guns it could also carry two 250 lb or one 500 lb bombs. Powered by a Rolls Royce 45 series V12 engine that developed 1,440 HP

the hands of Sgt Goodall. But what caused this Spitfire, at 17.45 hrs on Saturday 15th August 1942, to dive into farmland and kill the pilot outright?

The Board of Inquiry established that Sgt Goodall had been detailed to deliver this Spitfire from RAF Station Debden in Essex to RAF Station Tangmere near Chichester in Sussex. His squadron was being repositioned there in readiness for the forthcoming ill-fated 'Operation Jubilee' raid on Dieppe that took place on 19th August 1942.

Presumably due to instrument failure, Sgt Goodall found himself flying in the wrong direction, a little to the northwest to where he needed to be. While there were no enemy aircraft in the vicinity neither was there any radar cover in that period of the war but on that eventful day the southern half of England had a low cloud base of only 1,000 feet.

It is assumed that he was descending through the low clouds to achieve sight of the ground and with little room to manoeuvre the Spitfire crashed into a field at Blounce Farm in Weston Patrick, partly burying itself and catching fire immediately. Sgt Goodall was killed instantly.

He was interred with full service honours at Brookwood Military Cemetery near Woking in Surrey, in grave reference Plot 2 Row 1, 1. This is an area of 37 acres making it the largest Commonwealth war cemetery in the United Kingdom. Sgt Goodall's head stone follows the standard design of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Sgt Bernard Bryn Goodall had flown 312 hours as a pilot. He had taken part in 41 operational flights, being most offensive patrols, including 12 convoy patrols and 2 sector reconnaissance



flights. He also took part in two low level attacks on enemy positions in France, a shipping reconnaissance and an air sea rescue search.

Like many citizens of countries in the British Empire, Bernard Bryn Goodall made the ultimate sacrifice in supporting this country's war effort. He was 23 years old.

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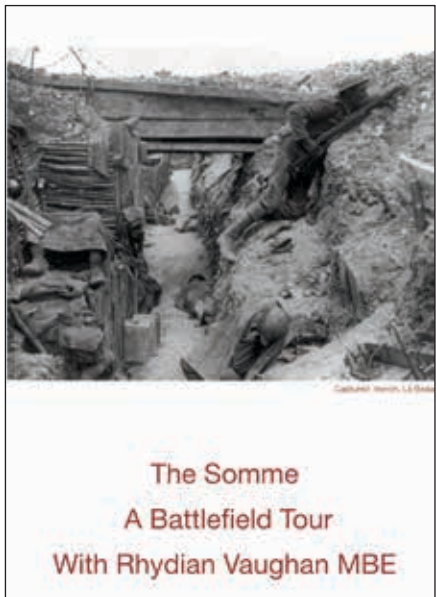
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I have been asked by several people to put together a battlefield tour to the Somme which I would be delighted to do on behalf of the Royal British Legion. I suggest 5/6/7 September 2025 travelling by coach via Eurotunnel and staying in Albert, France.

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News from Clift Surgery and the Patient Participation Group

What is the PCN?

Most of you will have heard of a PCN, in the context of Clift Surgery. It is part of the Whitewater Loddon PCN, but do you know what a PCN is? It stands for Primary Care Network

“Back in 2019 following the ‘Fuller Stocktake’ report, GP practices were encouraged to pull together to form Primary Care Networks (PCNs) to benefit patients by offering improved access and extending the range of services available to them, and by helping to integrate primary care with wider health and community services.

Whitewater Loddon PCN consists of three surgeries serving over 45,000 patients across Chineham, Bramley, Hook and Hartley Wintney

- Chineham Medical Practice, serving 17,000 patients in Chineham, Lychpit and Old Basing
- Clift Surgery, serving 9,000 patients in Bramley and Sherfield-on-Loddon and Sherborne St John.

- Whitewater Health, serving 19,000 patients across Hook and Hartley Wintney

By working together, our practices can provide extended and timely care to our patients, improving overall health and wellbeing in the community.”

To find out more, check out their website www.whitewaterloddonpcn.co.uk or follow them on Facebook.

If you would like to keep up to date with the NHS plans you can check out the Change NHS web site at <http://change.nhs.uk>

Health Awareness Day

On January 14th Whitewater Loddon PCN put on their third Community Health Day, held at Clift Meadow halls Bramley, following on from the Mental Health Day in Hook and Men’s Health event in Chineham last year. The focus was Healthy Hearts and the day consisted of three talks, about physical fitness, healthy eating and understanding your heart. We

were particularly lucky to have the cardiologist Dr. Carl Brookes who spoke and took questions from patients in what was an interesting, informative and reassuring session.

We were also joined by representatives from local organisations whose focus is on health, whether it be keeping fit, giving up smoking or advice on diabetes.

The PPG supported the day by providing tea, coffee and hot chocolate and biscuits.

The event was well attended by patients from all three surgeries. The next one will be held in Hook and further information will be available soon.

And finally, the number of appointments that were missed in January was 85. This is heading in the right direction but there is still room for improvement.

Destination Basingstoke A Place to be Proud of Awards 2025 – Green Heroes

Nominations are now open for the Destination Basingstoke A Place to be Proud of Awards 2025! Since 2003, these awards have celebrated and honoured countless individuals, businesses, organisations, and projects. This year, Tomato Energy is thrilled to sponsor the Green Community Champions Award once again!

Do you know someone who has made a significant impact on Basingstoke’s sustainability and environment? Perhaps you or someone you know has implemented a project, activity or initiative making our community greener and cleaner, below are a selection of examples:

- **Green Spaces:** Promoting and maintaining parks, gardens, and urban green areas.
- **Nature Conservation:** Protecting wildlife habitats and biodiversity.

- **Environmental Education:** Raising awareness and educating the community about environmental issues.
- **Sustainable Technology:** Innovating and implementing eco-friendly technologies.
- **Waste Reduction:** Encouraging recycling, upcycling, composting, and reducing waste.
- **Renewable Energy:** Advocating for and using renewable energy sources like solar and wind power.
- **Water Conservation:** Promoting efficient water use and protecting water resources.
- **Sustainable Transportation:** Encouraging the use of public transport, cycling, and electric vehicles.
- **Community Gardening:** Supporting local food production through community gardens.

- **Climate Action:** Initiatives aimed at reducing carbon footprints and combating climate change.

Whether you’re an individual, community group, school, organisation, business, parish council or other entity, we’re inviting everyone to participate.

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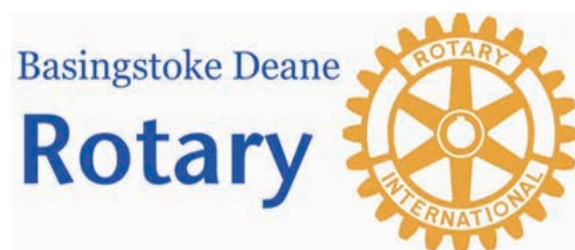
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Deadline: Friday, 14 March – Don’t miss out! Nominate your Green Community Champion today and help celebrate the Green Heroes of Basingstoke and Deane!

Free public lecture at Winchester College

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“The evening that might be most fun and of local interest would be when Winchester College open the Warden’s Gardens for their annual garden lecture. Kim Wilkie is a brilliant speaker and designer.”



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR ROYAL MARINES CONCERT AT THE ANVIL

The afternoon of Sunday 26TH of January saw us hosting the The Band of His Majesty's Royal Marines for our 15TH annual concert and they were on great form, with an excellent and varied programme that particularly showcased solos by their very talented band members. Recognising the 80th anniversary of VE day this year we began with 'Let Freedom Ring' We had the music from the 1927 film Metropolis and were then shaken up by The Prodigy Medley. The traditional finale of Pomp and Circumstance followed by an amazing Top Gun encore. A truly varied programme



We hosted the Basingstoke Army Cadet Force Corps of Drums who had the exciting opportunity of being invited to watch the rehearsal and show and also to join in a master class of Drum lead by the RM Corps of Drums. A great opportunity for the cadets. We were also joined by the wonderful Chelsea Pensioners who were able to meet the audience after the show

SUPPORTING LOCAL CHARITIES

People ask us 'What does Rotary do?' We're about helping and supporting communities. As Rotarian's, we do some fantastic work each year, whilst having fun and raising money at events like the concert at The Anvil and The Festival of Transport, that enable us to donate to more than 20 local charities, such as:-

Mencap Basingstoke, Young Carers, and the Camrose Centre for homeless people, and a few international

causes such as Christmas Shoeboxes, Shelterboxes and the End Polio campaign.

We also have fun helping charities 'hands on' at their own fundraising events. This may often involve marshalling and car parking. We regularly support St Michael's Hospice with all their fundraising events including providing refreshments for Moonlight Walk.

2025 FOCUS for FUNDRAISING

We launched this years fundraising focus at the Anvil Concert. We are working with Hampshire Hospitals Charity with a £40,000 target to fund Thoracoscopy equipment which falls outside NHS funding. This will avoid the need for patients to travel to other hospitals for many lung and respiratory related procedures such as biopsies. This will also be the focus of our Festival of Transport fundraising.

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Sunday 11th May 2025

We had wonderful weather and a great day in the Memorial Park last May, with hundreds of vehicles and thousands of happy people enjoying the sunshine.

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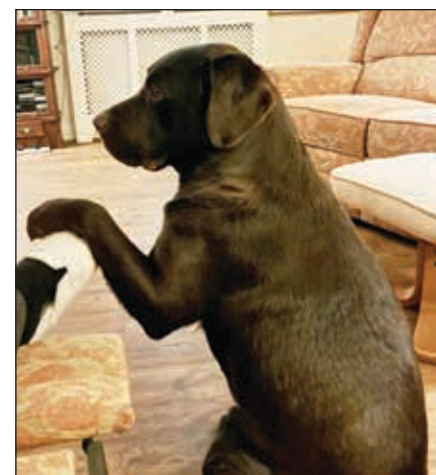
Basingstoke Deane Rotary is a group of 35 men & women from a wide variety of backgrounds.

All live locally in the borough but some commute to work outside Basingstoke. Most joined Rotary to help others less fortunate, and they find Basingstoke Deane Rotary adds another extremely enjoyable dimension to their lives.

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

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Beau's Blog



Please can we go for a walk now..... I've waited patiently for the snooker to finish

(I must say I am a bit flummoxed by all those balls, and how they disappear down holes - very similar to rabbits). We could squeeze in a nice walk before the darts start, or we could do an even longer walk before the golf starts.....

The Mrs helps me by explaining to the Boss that "the dog wants to go for a walk" at which point he jumps up with alacrity and immediately finds his boots and coat. If you believe this you are more gullible than I gave you credit for.....

Luckily he needs to collect more wood for the fire and I am a champ at helping with that so we do eventually get the buggy out and go for a good run. I assist

by foraging for logs and chunks of wood which he loads into the buggy. However after a few forages into the pile I get a bit bored and start to investigate other scents around the area. There is an interesting smell coming from the back of the wood pile but I am restrained from further excavation by a call on the whistle. The wood collection is over and it's time to go home to dinner and more sport, that is unless the Mrs has hidden the flicker and is watching what she wants to watch for a change.....I am afraid I am on the Boss's side - anything involving a ball holds my attention!

<http://beauregardsdogblog.blogspot.com>

Caring for God's Acre - What on earth!

When churchyards become full such as happened in Sherborne St John some years ago, they can quickly become uncared for unless handed over to the local council for maintenance, as in our case. The present maintenance work is currently limited to occasional mowing of the grass.

In recognition that this is a common arrangement for many churchyards, a lot of which hold some real historic interest, in 2000 a charity was formed called 'Caring for God's Acre', with the aim of helping local people to get involved with conserving their local burial sites. In addition to this conservation approach, a well-kept churchyard is recognised as a desirable asset to any village.

Based upon a recent survey, it would appear that over the last 20 years or

so, we have lost over 60% of our insect population. Many of those insects of course are invaluable in pollination, upon which many of our food crops rely. This has been obviously brought about by the use of pesticides; pressure on making ends meet in tough conditions for farmers; a rapidly changing climate; and especially locally much more building covering areas of natural habitat.

In response, the Parochial Church Council (PCC), are considering working with local villagers in setting up a 'wildlife' area in the present churchyard adjacent to the Church path, located so as not to detract from the overall tidiness of the churchyard. Such an area of course could be a valuable teaching

resource for the Primary school, which might wish to use it to monitor the changes to wildlife locally.

With sufficient local participation, long term work might extend to maintenance of monuments, and even to perhaps a more manicured strip either side of the church path with even planting on its edge to create added attraction - quite an appeal for perhaps those holding their weddings locally!

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Hampshire County Council Fast-Track for Devolution Priority Programme

Hampshire County Council has been accepted onto the Government's fast-track Devolution Priority Programme (DPP) – marking a significant milestone in the journey towards devolution for Hampshire and the wider area.

Earlier this month Hampshire County Council, together with Southampton and Portsmouth City Councils and Isle of Wight Council put in a 'Hampshire and the Solent' devolution bid to central Government which seeks to bring power and money from Westminster and provide greater local control over vital areas such as education, transport, and health services for Hampshire residents – giving people more power to shape the things that are important to them and provide robust local accountability.

As part of devolution, a Mayor would be elected in the spring of 2026 to head up a new Combined Authority across the wider region of Hampshire County Council, Isle of Wight Council, Portsmouth City Council and Southampton City Council, in line with the Authorities' expression of interest submitted to the Deputy Prime Minister last summer. As well as promoting the interests of the wider region to central Government, the Mayor would work together with local council leaders, to make decisions about how to allocate regional funding. Greater collaboration across boundaries would be particularly effective in areas such as transport, skills and employment support, housing and planning, and tackling climate change.

Hampshire County Council Leader, Cllr Nick Adams-King said: "This is exciting news for Hampshire. Devolution represents the biggest change to local government in a generation and to be accepted onto Government's Devolution Priority Programme as a fast-track to delivering devolution for the area is a fantastic opportunity for Hampshire to self-determine and shape devolution proposals in the best interests of our residents and communities.

"We are one of a select few local authorities nationally to join this fast-track programme, highlighting the substantial devolution opportunities



recognised by the Government for our area. This selection also includes our upper-tier partners, Isle of Wight Council, and Southampton and Portsmouth City Councils and with a combined population of over two million residents, 90,000 businesses, and an economy generating around £80 billion annually, Hampshire and the Solent region are pivotal to the UK's economic landscape."

Benefits of Devolution

Devolution will transfer greater powers and flexibilities from Westminster to Hampshire and the Solent region, accompanied by additional funding and investment. This shift will enable local authorities to make crucial decisions closer to where residents live and work, driving economic growth, innovation, and productivity.

"This will enable us to deliver the best possible future for our citizens and businesses, enhancing people's quality of life and leading the way in the UK's economic recovery over the coming years," added Cllr Adams-King. "In collaboration with our upper-tier partners, we have already begun to outline the opportunities that devolution presents: sustainable economic growth, reduced inequalities, and maximised net zero ambitions. We are committed to working in partnership across Local Government, businesses, education and the wider landscape of public sector

partners to explore devolution's potential for our area." The Government plans to consult with Hampshire residents very soon to gather people's input and feedback on the prospect of devolution for the area.

Local Government Reorganisation

Additionally, the Secretary of State has confirmed today that Hampshire will be formally invited to submit proposals for local government reorganisation.

The reorganisation aims to replace the current two-tier council system with new unitary (all-purpose) councils, simplifying how councils are organised and run.

Postponement of May's Election

Due to selection for the Devolution Priority Programme, the Government has also determined that the County Council's elections, originally scheduled for May this year, should be postponed for 12 months as an essential step to enable the Council to give necessary focus to preparing for devolution and local government reorganisation, and allow for a Mayor to be elected in 2026 so the benefits of devolution to local communities can be delivered as swiftly as possible. Any by-elections, if required during this period, would continue to go ahead as normal. Reorganisation would then be expected to be in place by either April 2027 or April 2028.

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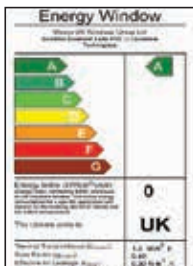
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