

The image shows two large, flat-topped mushrooms, likely shelf fungi, growing on a tree trunk. The mushrooms have a dark, almost black top surface with patches of yellowish-green and reddish-brown. Their undersides are a pale, creamy white. The tree trunk has a rough, cracked bark. To the right, there is a vertical strip of ivy leaves. The overall scene is outdoors, with natural lighting.

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Editorial



Full of the joys of Autumn?



Do you have a favourite season? For me, it's hard to beat the long days of summer and the chance to spend as much time outdoors as possible - even if we have had one of the wettest Julys on record! As we head into autumn many of us will be looking forward to a return to familiar routines, the changing colours of the trees, and the chance to wrap up in a comfy jumper. For others of us, it might be hard to shake the end of summer blues and all we want to do is start planning what we're going to do next summer.

As well as experiencing the changing of the meteorological seasons, we all experience changing seasons in our lives. Some of these seasons might be planned, others will be beyond our control. There are seasons we relish and others we'd do anything to move on from. And much like our great British weather, even within seasons of life, things can be very up and down from one day to the next.

How do we cope with these ever-changing seasons? In our churches this term we're going to be spending most of our time hearing what God has to say to us through a book in the Bible that has been described as "the sunniest of Paul's epistles." Tucked in the middle of the New Testament, the book of Philippians, just 4 chapters long, could be summarised by a single word: "rejoice!"

As we unpack this little book over the next term we'll be exploring how and why we really can rejoice, be full of joy. Paul writes about a joy we can experience whatever season of life we're in. The joy we'll hear about is not a "cheer up it's not that bad" kind of joy or a "just smile and pretend everything's okay" kind of joy. No, Paul is writing this letter from prison where it really is that bad and everything is definitely not okay.

Yet he is somehow filled with a joy that transcends all of that. A joy that won't melt like an ice-cream on a sunny day. A joy rooted in his relationship with Jesus Christ who carried his sin and his sorrows when he died on the cross. A joy the risen Lord Jesus offers to all who will come to him.

As the new term gets going I very much look forward to meeting more of you in the coming weeks.

Rev. Stewart Deering



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Services for September 2023

The Services at St Andrew's are live streamed on our YouTube channel and are available to watch afterwards.

Visit <https://www.youtube.com/c/ParishoftheSherborneswithPamber> or the link on our website under the Resources Menu.

Sunday Club:

Sunday Club for children from School year R and upwards will meet during the service.

For more information please contact Caroline Elphick on 01256 851384

Creche – there are a few toys available for use in the Bell Tower, but this will be unsupervised.

03 September

10am The Lord's Supper St Andrew's
Philippians 1:1-11 Revd Stewart Deering

10 September

10am Morning Worship All Saints'
Philippians 1:12-30 Revd Stewart Deering

17 September

10am Morning Worship St Andrew's
Philippians 2:1-11 Revd Stewart Deering

24 September

10am Morning Worship St Andrew's
Philippians 2:12-18 Steve Howe

MIDWEEK

Home Groups - W/O 18th September

Central Prayer Meetings - Second Saturday at 8.30am – 9th September

Little Acorns - term time starting Wednesday 13th September 10am SSJ village hall

PCC - Monday 25th September 8pm Parish Room

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

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

Claiming Dates

September 2023

2	Fish & Chips & Fleetwood Mac Live Music at Sherborne St John Social Club	7.30pm
5	Women's Fellowship, SSJ Village Hall, Speaker "The Am Dram Tart" + Harvest Tea	2.00pm
8	St Michael's Hospice - SMH Golf Day – Sherfield Oaks Golf Club. stmichaelshospice.org.uk	
9	Ride & Stride Open Day in local historic churches – St Andrew's Church, SSJ Refreshments	10am – 6pm
9	Danny Connors Live Music at Sherborne St John Social Club	7.30pm
10	Monk Sherborne Village Fete, Village Hall	12 noon – 4pm
11	Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00
23	Basingstoke Concert Band, Proms Concert, Sherfield Park Community Hall	7 – 9pm
25	Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 12.00
30	St Michael's Hospice - Moonlight Walk – Festival Place. stmichaelshospice.org.uk	
30	Robbie Williams Tribute at Sherborne St John Social Club	7.30pm

October 2023

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

November 2023

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

December 2023

3	St Michael's Hospice - Reindeer Run – Festival Place. stmichaelshospice.org.uk	
4	Retirement Coffee Morning, Sherborne St John Village Hall	10.00am – 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	10.00am – 12.00

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

St Andrew's Church, Sherborne St John

Open Day

Saturday 9th September 2023 from 10.00am to 6.00pm

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

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



News from the Pambers & Little London

Hello everyone,

I hope you are having a good summer and that none of you was unfortunate enough to be caught up in the fires which has been wreaking havoc in southern Europe. There was, actually, rather a dramatic fire in Pamber Green in July, and Paul has suggested that the incident might be used as a reminder to residents to make sure they always leave their contact number with friends or neighbours who can be contacted if a problem arises in their property when they are away.



In our Meet the Villager section this issue I would like to introduce you to Simon Greaves, the Chair of Pamber Parish Council, who is known to many of you but not to everyone.

"Hi, I became the new Chair of Pamber Parish Council in May of this year. I have taken over from Chris Goss who has done an excellent job over the last 7 years and will be a tough act to follow. Luckily he has accepted the role of Vice Chair for the next year to show me the ropes.

I moved to Little London in 1989 with my wife Mary and 3 daughters. We all enjoy the peaceful, rural surroundings with my eldest finding her passion for horses

at Pamber Riding School. I became a parish councillor 6 years ago. I have no affiliation to any political party, my desire is to foster a sense of community and pride in the Parish. This is not always possible as we all have our own views on what is good or bad for the area.

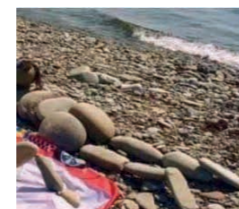
One of my achievements is the War Horse Memorial at the Plough Inn. Commissioned and installed to commemorate 100 years since the end of WWI. It is now a registered war memorial and dedicated to Arthur Pearce, a Little London resident who was shot by a German sniper at the start of the war on 23/24 August 1914.

I am now an Ambassador for the War Horse Memorial in Ascot which runs The Animal Purple Poppy Fund donating money to related charities. I organise and run the War Horse Walk through Pamber Forest, which is held yearly on the August Bank Holiday Monday. Please join us and support the Fund."

On a similar, non-human theme, have you ever wondered how the experts know how to track bird flu and how the world's bird movements affect it? The answer is that for over 100 years birds have been trapped and "ringed" all over the world, and the birds that have been caught with a ring on provide the necessary tracking information.

Ringling is the process where a bird is caught, measured, weighed and key age, sex and biometric data recorded. There are about 2,000 qualified ringers in the UK and about 1 million birds are ringed per annum. For the last 12 years there has been a ringing project on our doorstep in Pamber Forest where a team of qualified ringers, in conjunction with Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust, catch and record birds as part of the worldwide effort. The team is led by New Road Resident Paul James, so if you see Paul or any ringers in the Forest ask them about the project and maybe get a close up of some of our avian neighbours.

And, in conclusion, I was sent this rather amusing photo by a friend who professes to have chanced upon a naturist beach not too far from here. 😊 And I don't think it's anywhere near the newly-(re)opened footpath. Thank you Jonathan for all your efforts in that area i.e., footpaths, not naturist beaches!



Enjoy the rest of the summer!

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Sherborne St John Primary School

We have now returned for a new school year and we are delighted to welcome our new families to the SSJ community. The new children are settling well and learning all about our school values of Trust, Truth and Forgiveness. They will carry these values with them throughout their time with us and beyond!

As mentioned in the last edition, we ended the year with our Junior Production of Aladdin. The photos show some of our stars in action!

As with all new school years, there is so much to look forward to. The teachers have planned lots of exciting learning opportunities; there are trips out to enrich this learning and there are a number of school traditions to uphold too. It is going to be a busy year.

We will soon start running tours for prospective parents of children starting next September. We have a lovely new website which we'd love for you to take a look at and share with anyone you

know who will be looking at schools in the coming months. Please visit www.ssj-school.co.uk.

Sherbert

SSJ School Villager Correspondent



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We welcome all those, men and women, who would love a chat over coffee/tea and biscuits. It provides an opportunity to meet other village member and make new friends.

We usually organise 2 trips a year. We run a tombola and Bring & Buy during the event.

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John Edwards

We said goodbye to my dear husband John, on 4th July. We have lived in SSJ for 45 years this September, and he could not have found a more friendly and welcoming village for his growing family.

We had been living in Scotland for a couple of years and were expecting our third child, Charlotte, when Lever Bros wanted him to move back to head office in Kingston.

John threw himself into village life with delight. He was first approached by Lesley McArt, once it was known we both enjoyed tennis, to enquire if he'd like to be Treasurer of the club in his place. And so he was assured of getting to know local people, and in school holidays he would arrange coaching for schoolchildren. Then there were Tennis Club picnics once a year, and a bowling evening at a pub near Tadley annually.

He also helped set up the SSJ boys football club with Harry Hall and Don Elsley - names that many of you will remember. Football had always been his first love and for the next 20 or so years there was no stopping him! Before strict safety rules for passengers in cars, John would enjoy filling his estate car with young footballers for away games. Coaching then moved on to refereeing.

When the Pavilion was built there had to be a caretaker (volunteer) and John was only too happy to take on that task. He had always wanted to run a village shop, but this was quite a good compromise, as he had to buy soap, loo rolls, sometimes the loo roll holders if some hirers had got a bit too energetic, and other paraphernalia! When the hiring of the pavilion became a bit much for a single person, the late Judith Darmady was happy to volunteer her assistance. Between them they managed brilliantly in sorting out bookings, cleaning the hall between times until cleaners were employed, and generally keeping the pavilion ticking over.

Many villagers will recall seeing John walking the village streets with a dog. After Rocky died, our old black Labrador, we took a break from having a dog, until I realized John was becoming depressed (the start of dementia, and then Parkinsons disease). It then occurred to me that we could puppy walk a Guide Dog. And so our relationship with that charity began. Our first puppy was Snoopy, (John adored him) who after successfully working for a music teacher in Peterborough, was retired at age 9½. We were delighted to have



him back with us for his retirement. Until his illness overtook him, John really enjoyed his walks in and around the village, chatting with people as he went. Snoopy who was much loved by SSJ schoolchildren, was put to sleep in March this year aged 13 ½.

John loved life, he always said he was keen to give young people an opportunity in socializing, learning tennis, football etc, to give them hobbies, learning to be part of a team and so on. He was a Peter Pan, who would join in any games, whether invited or not, and a person who delighted in getting to know people.

Elizabeth Edwards

Beau's Blog



The Launch...

I like to make as big a splash as I can so I take a running jump at the water and launch myself in as far out as possible to show off my dynamic entry into the

water. I have been instructed to fetch a stick that they wish me to retrieve, which the Boss or the Mrs, plus any companions along for the show, have kindly thrown into the water.

The Mrs calls my launch a belly flop but I like to think of it as canine controlled lift off!

Once the splash has settled and my head is above the surface I set out doing doggie paddle with my paws splayed out making the most of the webbing between my toes to achieve a fast canine crawl. With the stick securely lodged between my teeth I return to the bank. This is usually accompanied with

a certain amount of snorting to clear the water from my nose and throat as I carry the stick in my mouth. As I climb out onto the bank and offer the stick up for a repeat exercise my praise for the successful retrieval is tempered by screams of anguish as I blink the water from my eyes and remove the excess from my coat by executing a full body shake from my head to the tip of my tail. Instead of admiring my swimming technique, stick retrieval and water ejection the miniatures scream and the adults run away. Honestly, there is no pleasing some people!

SSJ History Society



Trade and shopping in early Victorian times

By the time Queen Victoria came to the throne in 1837 villagers of SSJ must still have been adapting to the changes resulting from the Enclosure Act of 1830. The open fields, common pasture and woodland were taken away from them, resulting in loss of income for many. There were, however, some new opportunities for work.

William Lyde Wiggett Chute had started his regeneration work on the Vyne Estate, the first being the re-building of the carpenter's house & shop near The Swan (later tenanted by Dangerfield, whose name was retained into the late 20th century for the road corner).

In SSJ, John Whistler, painter, plumber and glazier and house builder arrived and found plenty of work for himself and his employees.

Trade directories and the 1841 census give us some idea of the times. If we follow a traveller approaching the village from Tadley along the turnpike road, now the A340, tolls were payable at the gate at Pamber End. On arriving at SSJ a traveller would pass the cottage of poulterer, John Hannington at West End Hill, then known as Hannington Hill.

Continuing down the hill there was Monger's forge and wheelwright. Pamber End and Monk Sherborne also had forges. Transport was provided by Chandler, a carrier, and James Kew served the majority by providing shoes & boots.

A little further along West End there was Sarah Wix's shop for bread and general provisions, which now forms part of Cleeves. Next door was Hasker's brewery. Now long demolished, it was a thriving business in early Victorian times. On the opposite side of the road John Whistler had built Wellington cottages for himself and family, with a garden to the front and his business yard to the rear on the corner of Monk Sherborne Road. The yard, now a garden, is still surrounded by its original brick wall.

Our traveller then had a choice of routes. He could stop off at another bakery, known to all in recent times as Dixon's; from there he may have continued towards Basingstoke. He would pass the cottages in the Chalk Dell, but then it was just farm land until reaching the town.

However, if the traveller turned left at the junction by the farm, now known as Cranes, he would probably keep to the left, rather than going past the poor-house (now, much

altered, it is known as Spring Cottage). This was the time when the Union Workhouse in Basing was being built, where the village's destitute would be sent in the future.

The left fork led past the old vicarage - occupied by labourers; the village had no resident vicar or rector at that time. Walking along past Manor farm pond and the newly rebuilt Manor Farmhouse there was a row of three one-roomed cottages to the right (now Church cottage) and some rundown buildings, once the Rectory. Wiggett Chute used the site for the establishment of a village school in the late 1840s. The church, on the left, had recently seen the rebuilding of its tower and the erection of the brilliant copper covered spire, paid for by Mrs Elizabeth Chute of The Vyne.

Our traveller would then reach Church Square. Here he would have seen signs of trade - literally, as there was a sign board on White's the tailor's shop. This is now The Haye, as shown in this water colour painted at the time.



Church square also had a bakery, on the site of Springfield which was run by William Biggs. If our traveller now walked on past April, then called Church, Cottage, and the watercress beds he would come to the brick kiln. This was run by Charles Ilsley and employed a number of villagers as brickmakers, digging the clay, forming the bricks, drying, and stacking the kiln.

Turning back along Kiln Lane he would pass The Swan Inn and see carpenters at work on the right. There was a saw pit on the corner and across the road the recently rebuilt carpenter's house. Finally he could walk back to Church Square and continue along the Vyne road to the Sherborne Mill where wheat was ground into flour for the local farmers and villagers.

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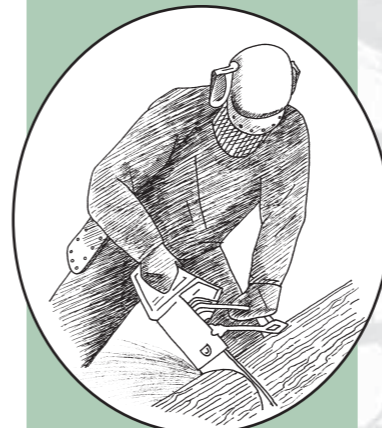
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Can nature be revived? Is it too late? These are questions for all of us, and not just for Greta. Listening to the news, the alarm bells are ringing, to quote Private Frazer: ‘We are doomed.’ In a table of biodiversity collapse, Britain comes an exciting last place in relation to other G7 countries; we sit on the naughty step of the world’s bottom 10% of environmentally careless countries having lost almost half of our wildlife and plant species over the past 200 years.

But even as we approach 23:59 on the disaster clock, there are rays of hope.



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Verges are being left uncut. In London, commons at Clapham, Barnes and Wandsworth are being left to rewild at the margins. Go to visit gardens on NGS days and almost all of them have a patch or strip left for nature. ‘No Mow May’ signs up more householders every year. Chelsea gardens have wild patches. Oxbridge colleges no longer stripe (all) their lawns. The National Trust avoids using the chemicals that were once freely sprayed across their estates. The conservation charity Caring for God’s Acre is helping transforming burial grounds up and down the country into havens for wildlife.

Of course, by themselves these measures will not overturn decades of destruction, but a start has been made. There is a place in everyone’s gardens for beetles and butterflies. Create a messy edge, put away the strimmer, and leave Roundup for the swivel-eyed. You will find yourself rewarded. The wild edge is often the most interesting part of the garden – a place of buzzing, crawling, scratchy life rather than the dead ‘green-tarmac’ lawns of the post-war gardener. It won’t stop climate change and the red squirrel will not come bounding back. But in your patch of England you will be doing your bit. And if enough of us do our bit, and the government encourages and subsidises farmers and landowners to do their bit, then it might, just might, be enough to slow – even reverse - the trend towards ecological Armageddon.

Some give up chocolate for Lent. Better would be to give up the back of your garden! If you are interested, please look at the WildEast website. WildEast, a wildlife conservation charity that begun in Norfolk, asks



A wildlife strip in a Sherborne St. John garden

all of us – in our schools, factories, councils, churchyards and houses – to give 20% of our land back to nature and by doing so help restore habitat to the creatures with whom we share this crowded island. A ‘wetter, wilder, woodier’ England is possible. There are villages in Norfolk where nearly everyone has pledged an area of their backyards to nature – perhaps we could do the same in the Sherbornes with Pamber? In a small garden, a pile of logs for beetles or a ‘bug hotel’; in a larger garden, space left for Mother Nature to breathe. We can all play our part in the fight for wildlife revival.

“To restore stability to our planet we must restore its biodiversity, the very thing that we have removed. It is the only way out of this crisis that we have ourselves created. We must rewild the world.”

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Rotary Christmas shoebox – UPDATE

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BRAMLEY & DISTRICT NEWS

We begin our autumn series of events on Tuesday 12 September with a talk by Martin Robertson. Martin is an ambassador for the charity Tough Enough To Care who provide support and counselling for people going through tough times with mental health issues. If this is you, or if you are caring for someone going through a bad patch, you would be most welcome to this evening with Martin. It is at Cross House, Bramley, RG26 5DF and begins at 7.30pm. *This is a change from our previously advertised talk.*

Our ANNUAL DINNER at Sherfield Oaks Golf Club is on Friday 6 October at 7pm. This year's Guest of Honour is

Lt Gen (Rtd) Sir Mark Mans KCB, CBE, DL who is our RBL County Patron, accompanied by Lady Mans. For tickets and more information contact Steve Day (Bramley.Treasurer@rbl.community). This is always a wonderful evening with good food and great company!

On Tuesday 10 October, we hold our short AGM followed by an illustrated talk by B&DBC Cllr Paul Miller, former Mayor of our borough. Paul and his wife Sandra will be reflecting on their year as our 'First citizens'.

This year's POPPY APPEAL officially launches on October 28th until Remembrance Sunday. Our branch will again be supporting the Poppy stall in the main reception at Basingstoke

hospital. If you could spare an hour or two to help, please get in touch with our Poppy Appeal Organiser Michael Luck (michael_luck@icloud.com).

To help with the appeal in Sherfield village contact Natalie Larner (880075)

Our meetings are **open to everyone** who supports the aims of the RBL which are to promote the welfare of the whole armed forces family, whether Veterans, Serving members or dependents and to preserve the memory and sacrifice of all who have died serving our nation in times of conflict

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Probus Annual Summer Pub Lunch



Dr Jeff Grover, who was appointed President at the 43rd AGM in June decided that the Swan at Sherborne St John would do nicely. And it did with 34 in attendance. Although a thatched 17th century inn it is, these days, part of the Chef & Brewer chain and had an extensive menu selection that suited all tastes.

Micheldever. Lunch is preceded by a guest speaker and at the meeting in September the subject is Basingstoke Photographs from the 1960s.

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

The incoming President of the Probus Club of Basingstoke has the responsibility of selecting a venue for the Club's annual Summer Pub Lunch which is just one of many occasions when the ladies are welcome to join their menfolk.

The next special occasion is a visit to Blenheim Palace in September followed by a Christmas lunch to be held at another local restaurant. Their monthly business meetings continue unabated which are held on the second Tuesday of most months at the Test Valley Golf Club situated between Overton and

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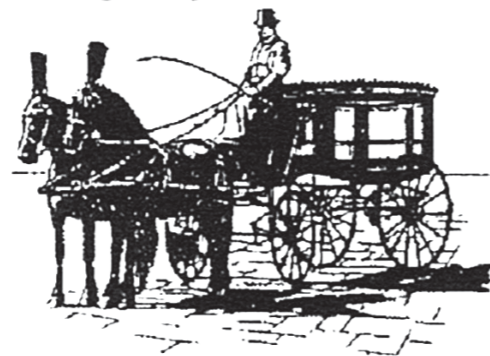


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Ladies' Probus Visit Stratfield Saye House



Basingstoke Ladies' Probus Club proved that it is not essential to travel some distance to have an enjoyable day out.

With their usual meeting venue of the restaurant at BCoT closed for the summer holidays, instead the Ladies' Probus Club spent a day at Stratfield Saye House, the family home of the Dukes of Wellington. This country house, only a handful of miles north of Basingstoke, is the home of the current eighth Duke of Wellington and his family and is only open to visitors over Easter and during August. After almost a year, in planning a party of thirty ladies with a sprinkling of men folk enjoyed a private tour of this historically important house.

A grateful nation had given Author Wellesley, the Duke of Wellington, around £600,000 to enable him to purchase or have built a residence that reflected his status as the victor over Napoleon at the battle of Waterloo on 18 June 1815. On that fateful day with 160,000 troops and supported by the Prussian army the battle raged over two square miles during which he lost 40,000 men and 15,000 horses. The result was to make Britain a world power for the next century.

He purchased Stratfield Saye house as he liked hunting, and his famous horse, Copenhagen, that carried him for sixteen hours at Waterloo, is buried



in the grounds. An ambitious plan was developed to demolish the house and build Waterloo Palace on the estate in a style to be even grander than Blenheim Palace. The descending families were all pleased that this did not materialise as the future running costs would have been potentially ruinous.



Instead, the Duke added some features to Stratfield Saye house including ensuite water closets, central heating and even double glazing and bought a property at the corner of Piccadilly and Hyde Park, Apsley House, which has the famous address of No 1 London.

When the duke died in 1852 his will contained no plans for his burial so Queen Victoria and Prince Albert decided that a state funeral would be given. But it was not possible to get the funding approved until Parliament returned from their summer recess which left only eighteen days before the ceremony was to take place. In that short time the death carriage was built by a team of craftsmen working night and day - including melting down the French cannons that had been taken at Waterloo, the bronze to be used for its decorative covering. It was pulled by a team of twelve black horses provided by London breweries. Today it is housed in one of the stable buildings.

Over two hundred thousand people passed the coffin of Britain's greatest general, the Iron Duke, as it lay in state while the funeral procession was so extensive that it took over an hour and a

half to pass a spot. London was packed for the occasion - the like of which had never been seen before.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Basingstoke Ladies' Probus Club, contact their secretary by email: pam.luck59@gmail.com or by phone: 07890 152846.

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However, all was not lost as one of our members, Lyn Kerr, stepped up and gave us a brilliant and amusing talk about her involvement with Sandringham WI and the time when she, and the Queen, were both in attendance.

Sandringham WI was started in 1917 and Queen Mary and the Queen Mother have both been members in their time. All members have some connection to the Sandringham Estate.

The Queen always managed to attend one meeting a year, in January, when she was the chairperson, signed the minutes

and then addressed the meeting prior to the invited speaker. Some of the members would always do an amusing playlet (much enjoyed by the Queen). There would then be mingling to look at archive, craft and baking tables before sitting down for the afternoon tea, always a lavish affair.

We heard all about the protocol involved in her Majesty's visit, ladies in waiting, bodyguards, singing of the National Anthem and about her interesting talk, on this occasion delivered in the year of the Trafalgar Commemorations covering Beacon lighting and other events that she attended and including a dinner on the Victory (easy for her being in such cramped surroundings but a challenge for Phillip) but she also spoke about Nelson who was born and bred in Norfolk.

Lyn was introduced to the Queen who asked her to explain her role as a WI adviser, someone who helps to set up groups and sorts any problems that arise. Lyn very much enjoyed her time as adviser and especially meeting the Queen.

Our next meeting on 5th September will be our Harvest Tea. The speaker will be Chris Walker, whose talk is The Great American Songbook.

Jenny Cooke

Bewley Homes' Skates Lane Proposal

Bewley Homes is proposing to build an estate of 260 houses in the countryside to the south of Tadley – see the area edged in red on the map. The area in question is 64-acres (~32 full-size football pitches) of unspoilt green-belt and open countryside, nestled between designated sites of special scientific interest (SSSI) and the existing home to many wildlife species and ecosystems.

A group of local residents who live in the Tadley, Pamber and the surrounding area, have joined together to form a community action and campaign group. We are Tadley & Pamber Rural Protection (www.tprp.co.uk), and it is our fervent view that the development proposed by Bewley Homes would be devastating to the local landscape character and must be stopped.

We believe the plans would irreparably cut-off and damage Pamber Forest (an important SSSI) - imperilling the wildlife that rely on this land for safe passage and their very survival, as well as destroy the ecological and biodiversity of this unspoilt countryside that has been untouched for hundreds of years, if not millennia.

We are working closely with local councillors, wildlife charities, experts in this field, as well as statutory bodies, to make our views known to the relevant authorities.

We fully support the many local residents who have expressed their view that the proposal has no place in the countryside.

The site in question is outside the Settlement Policy Boundary (SPB) and is separated from it by open countryside. It straddles the civil parishes of Tadley and Pamber. It is bordered to the north by Ron Ward's meadow – a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and to the west by Moor Copse and Lee Copse, both ancient woodlands and Sites of Interest for Nature Conservation (SINCs).

We therefore believe that the damage to the environment and immediate surrounding areas of sites of special scientific interest and copses, the loss of habitat for innumerate species, wild flowers, flora and fauna, hedgerows, trees and biodiverse ground, intrusion on rare and protected species, not-to-mention the nocturnal species that will be forced to migrate (owls, bats, to name but a few), would surely be an ecological disaster were the proposal to go ahead.

What can you do to help?

The application process will need to follow its course, and Basingstoke & Deane Borough Councillors, advised by its Planning Officers, must interpret and apply the prevailing government legislation and letter of the law in its assessment. We, the Public, cannot provide formal written objection until Bewley Homes submits a formal application.

In the meantime, if you agree with our objections, please make your voice heard by contacting your local Basingstoke & Deane Borough Councillor, as well as our local MPs.

The more objections that councillors and MPs hear from their residents, the greater the chance that the destruction of our countryside will not happen.

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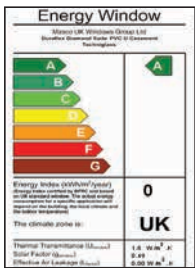
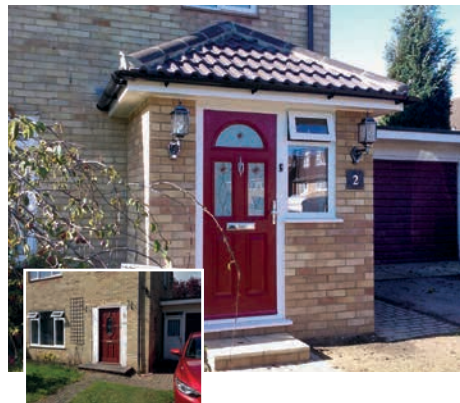
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