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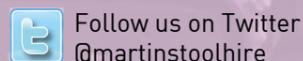
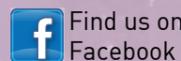
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Chairman's foreword

I write having just prepared "the walk" for this Newsletter and delivered copies of the latest Basinga to residents in Pyotts Hill.

The walk this time is a circular route taking in most of the parish including maintained open space and the area looked after by the Millfield Conservation Group. It reminds me that the Parish Council is just one of many voluntary groups in the parish looking after it for our mutual benefit and giving freely of their time. Whilst the office, grounds staff and litter wardens are paid, all Councillors are volunteers.

Last year I looked back on the completion of the Black Dam road works and looked forward to the Parish Council's plans over the next couple of years. Unfortunately, I could not predict that we would be subject to further disruption, this time caused by works within the Parish. However, I am pleased to say the Virgin Media installations are now at an end (or should have been at the end of August)! With hindsight, perhaps we should have learnt from the Black Dam works that no project is as simple as it first appears and unexpected difficulties are usually encountered as a project develops.

I wish I could offer some respite but elsewhere in this Newsletter you will read of the proposed

highways works on the A33, that includes the Chineham Wave (or Red Man) and Tesco roundabouts and completion of the original Oakridge roundabout works. Following this will be the proposed developments at Redlands, the area to the east of Pyotts Hill and Basing Road.

Other development work attracting attention is the Assisted Living facility on Great Binfields Road.

All I can say is the Parish Council, when consulted, does its best to inform authorities or developers of potential issues in the parish with its mix of a moderate volume of housing, narrow roads, pinch points, lack of pavements and street lighting, not to mention the limitations of working in a conservation area. We try to minimise the impact by engaging with other parties and keep you informed as best we can.

On a more positive note the Neighbourhood Plan is reaching its final stages (more on this elsewhere in the Newsletter) and we hope this will go some way to preserving the character of the parish.

We continue to seek grant funding to improve the pavilion building by bringing the public toilets up to current standards and provide ground floor meeting facilities so all areas are easily accessible by all members of the com-

munity. The work is, however, dependent on obtaining sufficient funding and the original plans are being revisited by a working party that has already met to discuss ways of scaling back the original plans whilst still carrying out much needed maintenance, access improvements and upgrading the Public Toilets. Progress will be reported on the Parish Council Website, in meeting minutes and in these newsletters.

Earlier in the year the workshop on the recreation ground was again targeted by thieves who, despite the prompt attendance of the police, managed to remove a considerable amount of valuable grounds maintenance equipment. In this case, although captured on CCTV, no proceedings were possible. I should, however, like to thank the quick thinking member of the public who informed the Police while the break-in was underway - it is important we all keep an eye out for criminal behaviour and report it where appropriate.

Finally, I will close by thanking our staff and volunteer councillors for all their work on your behalf and mention that we still have a Councillor vacancy so if you can spare the time and would like to get involved in parish matters we would be more than pleased to hear from you.

Mark Oszczyk Chairman

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Letters for publication should be sent to the Parish Clerk, Mrs Sandra Tuck via email at clerk@oldbasing.gov.uk, or by post to Parish Office, The Pavilion, The Recreation Ground, The Street, Old Basing, RG24 7DA.

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Meetings are held at the Pavilion on the Recreation Ground in Old Basing, either in the upstairs Committee Room or Tea Room overlooking the grounds. Anyone is welcome to attend meetings and those with mobility difficulties should contact the Parish Office in advance to enable them to be accommodated.

From January 2018 all meetings will take place on a Tuesday evening starting at the usual time of 7.30 pm. The frequency of meetings remains unchanged:

Full Parish Council – monthly (1st Tuesday)

Communications Committee – monthly starting at 7.00 pm prior to full Parish Council.

Planning & Development Committee – twice monthly (2nd & 4th Tuesday)

Facilities Management Committee – approximately 6 weekly

Finance & Resources Committee – annually in September

Planning meetings may be cancelled if there are no items for discussion.

Neighbourhood Plan update

We're getting close to submission of the Neighbourhood Plan...

During the summer we invited comments on a draft of the Neighbourhood Plan, the Pre-submission document, from residents, interested parties and statutory bodies. And the comments were varied, detailed and interesting. Since then we have been considering the comments and amending the document which has to be agreed by the Parish Council.

We expect soon to send this Submission document to Basingstoke and Deane, and to put it on the websites.

What happens next?

Basingstoke and Deane then take the lead in the process. Firstly the Submission and supporting documents are checked, and then it goes for formal Examination, which will take up to a month. The Examiner's comments also have to be added before the Neighbourhood Plan is put to a referendum in the parish.

Finally, the Neighbourhood Plan is adopted, and will stand with the Local Plan to influence development in the parish. This will mean increased Community Investment Levy due from developers to the parish for improving parish infrastructure.

If you would like to know more about the Neighbourhood Plan, please contact clerk@oldbasing.gov.uk.

Parish notes

Annual Parish Council Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting

The ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING took place on 3 May and Cllr Mark Oszczyk was re-elected as Chairman for the coming year

The ANNUAL PARISH MEETING on 9 May held at the Lychpit Community Hall was well attended and many of those present took the opportunity to air their views on the Virgin Media cabling work then under way in Old Basing. Byron Jervis and Gerry Gillanders, Community Liaison Officers for Virgin Media, engaged in an open discussion with those present.

Councillor David Whiter reported on progress with the Neighbourhood Plan which at that time was entering the pre-submission and consultation stages. The latest stage of this process is reported elsewhere in this Newsletter.

On a lighter note, the ANNUAL PARISH AWARD was presented to Sue Ingleby in recognition of her work with the Village Hall and Carnival Committees and involvement in many other groups and events since the 1980's. Sue was presented with an engraved sweet bowl.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 12 December
Parish Council Community Partnership Evening at the Lychpit Community Hall

This is an annual event for anyone actively involved in running sports clubs, voluntary groups and other organisations benefiting the community to get together over a glass of wine and light refreshments. Every effort is made to include all such groups, but if you have not received an invitation to this event in the past and would like to be invited, please email the Clerk.



Contact information

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The Parish Office is open between 10am and 12noon Mon-Thurs (staff also work outside of these hours and will return urgent calls, so please do leave a message or alternatively email the Clerk or Deputy Clerk).

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Over 100 grounds maintenance staff from around the South gathered at Old Basing recreation ground to try out the latest in grass cutting and grounds maintenance technology. The long grass on Oliver's Battery, an English Heritage site adjacent to the recreation ground, provided perfect conditions for the team from M&S Enterprises, based at Hedge End to demonstrate their specialist equipment.

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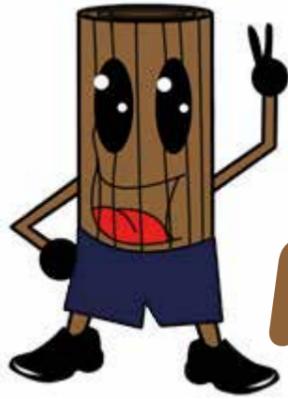
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Initiative launched to crack down on rogue waste carriers

If it's your rubbish, you're responsible- that's the message from Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council as it launches a campaign to crack down on those who illegally dump waste and to warn residents about the risk of paying rogue waste carriers.

The council is appealing to residents to choose carefully before paying someone to take their junk away. If residents aren't careful about who they choose, they can be held responsible if it gets fly-tipped.

Cabinet Member for Regulatory Services and the Environment Hayley Eachus said: "We all need to be very cautious about who we employ to take waste away and each of us has a responsibility to make sure our waste is disposed of lawfully."

"Those who do use rogue waste carriers could be held responsible if the waste gets fly-tipped, so please don't get caught out by using an unregulated service as it may prove costly."

There are plenty of legitimate businesses which will take away waste and there are simple steps that can be taken to make sure that waste won't end up being fly-tipped.

People are encouraged to ask questions - genuine businesses will be happy to provide all the information needed about how and where waste will be disposed of and they will have a waste carrier's licence.

Visit a website such as <https://environment.data.gov.uk/public-register/view/search-waste-carriers-brokers> or simply search waste carrier licence check.

The campaign has been launched in the wake of the council imposing the maximum possible fine on fly-tippers, with new fixed penalty notices raised from £200 to £400.

The enforcement team investigates all reported incidents of fly-tipping and won't hesitate to take action against anyone found to be responsible.

Cllr Eachus said:

"We believe that fly-tippers should have to pay the price. Fly-tipping is illegal and has a hugely negative impact on our communities and countryside. I would encourage anyone who sees an incident of fly-tipping, or would like to report any suspicions, to get in touch. We rely on frequent and direct contact from residents in our efforts to keep our borough beautiful and free from fly-tipping."

To make a report visit www.basingstoke.gov.uk/report or call **01256 844844**. For more information on local recycling sites, please visit www.hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/recyclingcentres.

Photo shows fly tipping near the Scout Hut in Old Basing earlier this year.




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Time to register for the Sitting With Jane auction

IT'S been at the heart of the Jane Austen 200 celebrations – and now the grand finale of the Sitting With Jane event is nearly here when the bookbenches will be auctioned to raise money for a much-needed local cancer treatment centre.

A 'Wild in Art' event, being delivered by Destination Basingstoke and in association with Festival Place, Sitting With Jane is a public art trail featuring 24 specially-designed sponsored bookbenches, on display in and around the Basingstoke area from June 17 to August 31.

One of the bookbenches has been on display by The Tythe Barn at Old Basing. The bookbench, created by Basingstoke artist Sian Storey, is called Once Upon a Time in Steventon and has been sponsored by Absolutely Offices, whose managing director is Beryl Huntingdon.

After the bookbench trail went live on June 17, Beryl hosted a gathering to celebrate the bookbench sponsorship. Guests included Basingstoke MP Maria Miller, and several other leading figures from the Basing and Lychpit community, including local councillors.

The bookbenches will be available to buy at an auction, which will be organised by well-known fine art auctioneers and valuers Andrew Smith & Son, from Itchen Stoke, near Winchester. The auction will take place at The Ark Conference Centre on the evening of Friday, September 15.

Seventy five per cent of the proceeds raised at the auction will go to the Sitting With Jane charity partner Ark Cancer Centre Charity – leaving a lasting legacy that will help and support cancer patients and their families as the charity is raising £5million towards a unique local NHS cancer treatment centre.

Merv Rees, Ark Cancer Centre Charity trustee, said: "Sitting With Jane has



attracted a great deal of attention locally, nationally and internationally – and everyone involved with Ark Cancer Centre Charity looks forward to the auction providing a grand and fitting final chapter to this wonderful event.

"The professionally-designed bookbenches that will be up for sale have become must-see attractions in and around Basingstoke and Deane, and those involved in purchasing them will be contributing to a lasting legacy.

"It is hoped that each of the bookbenches will raise several thousand pounds, which will make a significant difference to Ark's fundraising campaign."

Largely being funded by Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, the new cancer treatment centre – which will be built in the Basingstoke area – will be a beacon of excellence where medical and support teams will deliver the best possible care for cancer patients, their families and loved ones.

The vital funds raised by Ark Cancer Centre Charity will ensure that a range of support services and complementary therapies are available alongside chemotherapy and radiotherapy treatments in a calm and uplifting environment.

Tickets to the auction cost £10, and include a welcome drink and auction catalogue, and the event is set to attract a 300-strong audience, most of whom will have registered their interest in bidding for one of the bookbenches.

In order to bid for one of the bookbenches, people need to complete the online registration by going to arkcancercharity.org.uk/fundraising/sitting-jane where there are also details on other aspects of the auction.

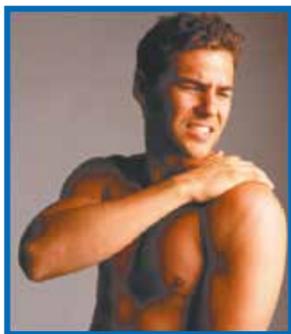
Ticket holders for the auction event will be able to see the bookbenches all together free of charge on Friday, September 8 between 3.30pm and 4.30pm where they will be on display before the Sitting With Jane Farewell Event at Milestones Museum on September 9-10.

(from left) Basingstoke MP Maria Miller, Basingstoke and Deane Borough and Hampshire County councillor Elaine Still, Absolutely Offices managing director Beryl Huntingdon, and Basingstoke and Deane Borough councillor Sven Godesen with the Sitting With Jane bookbench that has been painted by local artist Sian Storey.



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Old Basing & Lychpit Parish Council year ending 31 March 2017

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Other Income includes:

Basingstoke & Deane S106 for Aerator	5,528
HCC grant War Memorial repair work	1,000
	<u>6,528</u>

Lychpit Hall

Lettings: Regulars	20,279
Lettings: One off bookings	9,683
	<u>29,962</u>

EXPENDITURE

Administration includes:

Staff Salaries, NI and Pension costs	28,662
Insurances	5,845
Membership Fees	1,378
Audit & A/c'ing Fees	7,020
Legal and Professional fees	6,554

Recreation includes:

Staff Salaries, NI and Pension costs	62,012
Machinery Leasing , servicing and fuel	8,606
Litter Wardens - Salaries, NI and Pension costs	10,486
Grass seed, fertilizer and chemicals	11,175
Health & safety costs including Legionella testing	3,588
Green waste and other waste disposal	4,058

Lychpit Hall includes:

Replace Sodium lighting with more efficient LED lighting	4,164
New gas boiler	4,458
Kitchen worktops replace	2,998
Repairs to central heating system	4,428

Other Buildings includes:

Repairs and maintenance	8,612
Water charges and waste pump maintenance	4,756
Cleaning public areas	3,845
Electricity Charges	3,256
Alarm and fire equipment maintenance	1,785

Balance Sheet

	£	£
Current Assets		
Debtors		7,101
Prepayments		2,808
Bank and Cash		225,422
		<u>235,331</u>
Current Liabilities		
Creditors		(14,841)
		<u>£ 220,490</u>
General Fund		235,583
Income & Expenditure Account		(15,093)
		<u>£ 220,490</u>

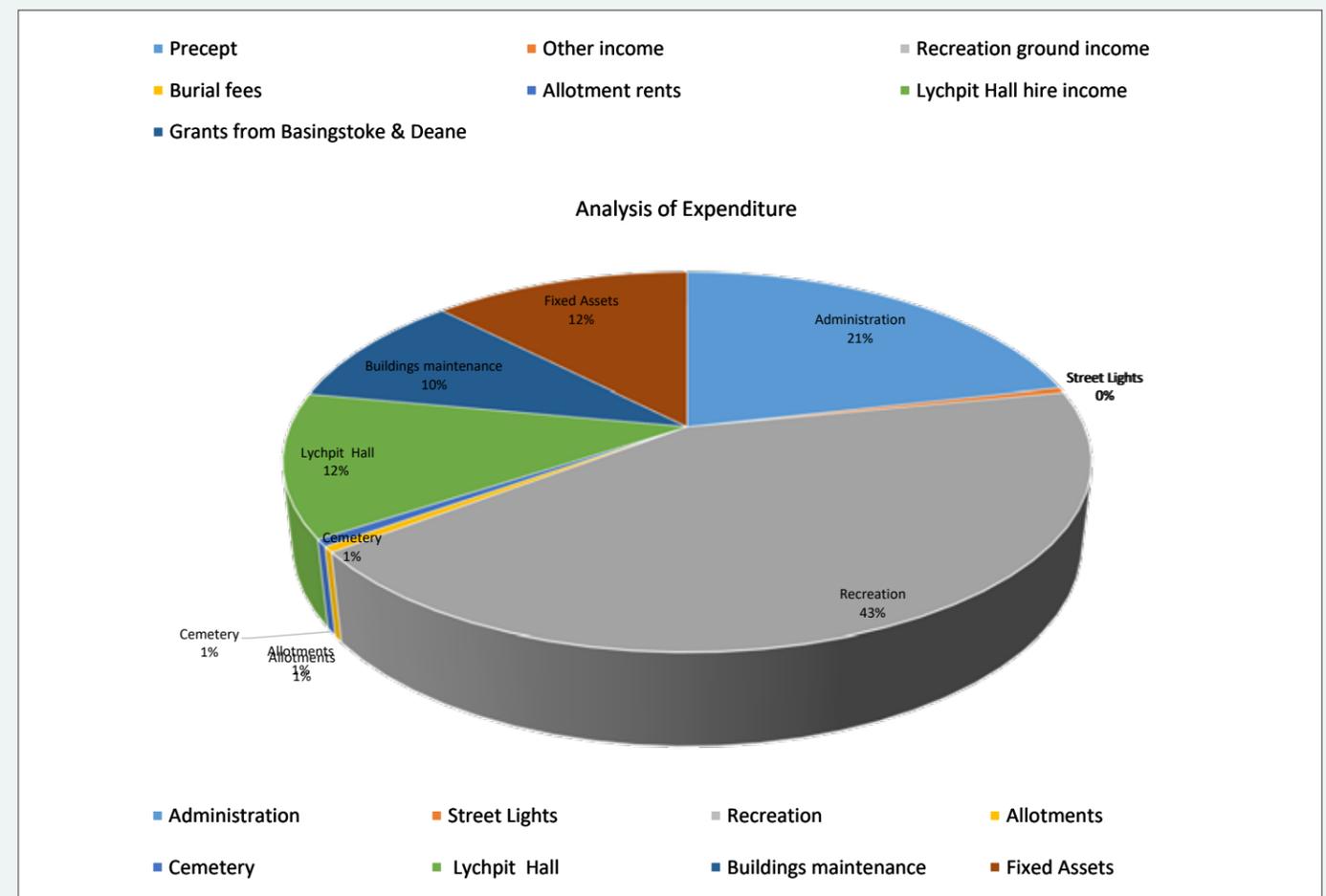
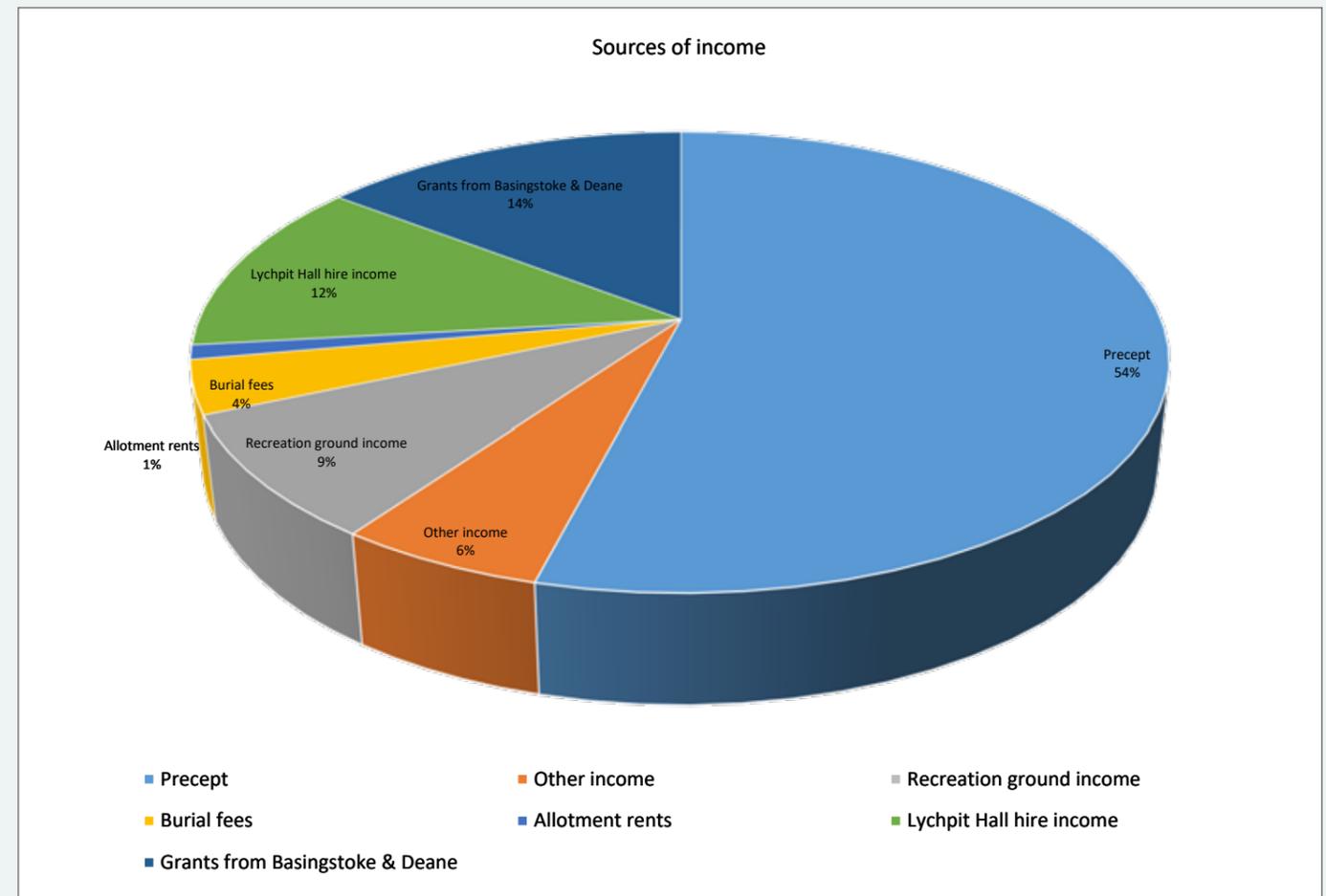
Income & Expenditure Account:

Income			
Precept			134,782
Interest Received			584
Administration			14,464
Recreation			21,616
Burial			9,314
Allotment			2,517
Lychpit Hall			30,614
Grant Aid			0
Grant Aid	Capital Projects		36,275
S.106	Revenue/Maintenance		0
	Develop		0
			<u>250,166</u>

Expenditure:			
Administration		56,973	
S.137 - Payments		0	
Street Lights		1,122	
Recreation		113,203	
Allotments		1,308	
Cemetery		1,610	
Lychpit Hall		32,537	
Other Buildings		25,818	
Publicity		0	
Capital	Schemes	32,688	
		<u>265,259</u>	
			<u>(265,259)</u>
			<u>(£ 15,093)</u>

Reserves

			(15,093)
			(41,449)
			<u>(56,542)</u>
General Fund	Opening Balance		47,958
	From period		10,196
			<u>58,154</u>
Earmarked Reserves	Opening Balance		187,625
	From period		(25,289)
			<u>162,336</u>
			<u>220,490</u>
TOTAL RESERVES			<u>220,490</u>



County Councillor's report

Firstly I would like to say how delighted I was to be returned as your Hampshire County Councillor in the May elections, making this my 4th term. Thank you also to all who voted for me - I will continue to serve all residents in Loddon Division to the best of my ability.

I have also been elected Vice Chairman of Hampshire County Council for 2017 which leads to the role of Chairman in 2018. This is indeed a great honour for me as it involves promoting the interests and reputation of the County Council and Hampshire, acting as an Ambassador by carrying out civic, community and ceremonial duties and fostering community identity and pride. Indeed, one of my first events as Vice Chairman was The Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award Holders Reception attended by 148 young people including four from Old Basing.

Much has appeared in the media lately paying tribute to the 19th century author, Jane Austen, to mark the 200th Anniversary of her life. I was delighted to be invited to "Sitting with Jane" at the Tythe Barn in Old Basing for the unveiling of one of the many beautiful benches produced to celebrate this historical event. The colourful bench at the Tythe Barn is sponsored by Beryl Huntingdon of Absolutely Offices in aid of Heartburn Cancer UK.



By the time you read this work should be underway on major works to increase the highway capacity and improve traffic management on the A33 between the Ringway and Binfields Roundabouts. More about this appears elsewhere in this Newsletter.

I was pleased to see the completion by Hampshire Highways of the pedestrian crossing on Great Binfields Road to improve access to the Lychpit Centre and also the footpath extension in The Street from the pinch point to the recreation ground. This followed requests during the walk to school and meeting between parents and Councillor Sean Woodward and myself in September 2016 for a safer route to the recreation ground and Beddington Centre. In addition, and despite budget cutbacks, other improvements in and around the Parish have included:

Signage

Basing Road – 2 new "barrier ahead" signs; Milkingpen Lane – 2 new flood warning signs (drainage improvement programme still pending)

Gulley clearance

A30 London Road (between Crabtree & Martins Garage); Milkingpen Lane (under bridge) - carried out twice; Park Avenue & Park Lane; Basing Road (opposite Grange Farm) – ditch clearance;

Newnham Lane – installation of new gulley and clearance

Road and access improvements

The Street and Pyotts Hill – surface dressing; Blenheim Road – 2 tactile crossings; Huish Lane, Ashmore Lane, Pot Lane – pothole repairs and jet patching; Crabtree Plantation – access repairs;

Greywell Road – junction marking refreshed; A30 London Road (between Nateley Scures & Crabtree Plantation) – siding out; Newnham Lane – various works on potholes, repairs to edges

Minor works and tree & vegetation clearance have also been carried out and I continue to liaise with the Parish Council and Hampshire Highways to ensure issues are dealt with as soon as reasonably possible given the time and financial constraints now faced by all Local Government departments.

Update on Crossways Children's Home

The Green House children and staff have now left Crossways and moved to their new home in Chandlers Ford. However, the staff and children from Milesdown in Winchester will move into Crossways from mid-August for about 18 months whilst their new home is built. Jo Dunn, the Manager of Milesdown, will be introducing herself to her neighbours. Currently it is likely Crossways will continue to be used as a temporary children's home for the foreseeable future.

Cllr Elaine Still



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Old Basing Carnival 2017

What a fantastic year the Old Basing Carnival Committee has had...

First came the Senior Citizens Party, we had a lovely Pre-Valentine's Day Senior Citizens Party where all senior citizens from the village were invited to eat, drink, play games (pass the parcel and bingo), enjoy the generous raffle and have a good sing along, thanks to the wonderful voices of the Basing Singers. A truly lovely afternoon made special by the efforts of the carnival committee and army of helpers.

Then came the Junior Carnival Disco, where all children over 5 years and under 12 years were invited to join in the fun and be presented to the judges for the opportunity to represent the village, as the Old Basing Carnival Princess, Prince, Attendant or Escort were chosen. What an array of wonderful smiles and bright eyes we had join us and some rather interesting dancing! It was lovely to see the outgoing royal family crown the new royal family, which comprised of: Princess Miss Megan Perks and her attendant and deputy Miss Eadie Haystaff. Prince Master Tom Welsh-Smyth and his escort and deputy Master Joshua Cooper.

And finally came the big day and oh what an amazing day it was!!! We estimate we had over

3,500 people joining us to have fun in the blazing sun, we could not have asked for more. Such an amazing array of colourful, fantastic and imaginative procession entrants combined with an outstanding arena displays from our local talented young ladies and gentleman. I hope you were as blown away as much as we were.

As in previous years we will be reviewing the requests for donations from local groups (deadline set as 1st of September each year) that helped and/or took part in this year's carnival procession against our finances to see how much we can give out to local groups and this will be announced at the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 11 October 2017, 8pm in the Frank Goddard Room.

Mayor and Mayoress of Basingstoke & Deane - Cllr Paul Frankum and Cllr Jane Frankum opened the carnival, following an array of colour from the 15 amazing entries parading around the arena. The Royal Party did a great job giving out all the awards.

The Viner cup, overall winner of the procession, was won by Boyle O'Dowda Academy of Irish Dance for their amazing Alice in Wonderland entry. I hope you will agree all the procession entries were spectacular and the judges said they had an extremely hard time judging. The

winners of the 2017 Tug of War goes to The Tuganators.

In the arena we were amazed by the fantastic displays from all of our dance groups and the lovely vocals from Rob the Music Man and those who joined in!

This year saw another successful scarecrow competition with congratulations to Kate O'Neil for winning the adult prize for her wonderful take on ET and to Alexa Nash for winning the child prize for her Minion.

New for 2020 - calling all previous princesses, princes, deputies, attendances and escorts - we need you - please get in touch and help us make our 50th year dream come true!!

I would like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to our army of helpers, local businesses, and the Carnival Committee, who continue to work so hard, in so many different ways, to make the Carnival such an enjoyable and successful day!

Finally - A date for your dairy ... Saturday 16 June 2018. The theme for 2018 Carnival will be announced at the Annual General Meeting.

Many thanks,
Joe Croombs
Chair, Old Basing Carnival Committee

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Parish Speedwatch and inconsiderate parking

Speedwatch

On the afternoon of 22nd March the Speedwatch team were in Park Lane, Old Basing, when we were confronted by an irate driver. The driver had been caught speeding at 37 mph. As soon as he got out of the car he said we were not allowed to take down details and insisted that we hand over our list to him. Our attempts to explain what we were doing, and the purpose of Speedwatch, fell on deaf ears and he continued to insist he was right. We did not hand over the list. The incident lasted around 5 minutes during which time the driver displayed a woeful ignorance of Speedwatch and the law, whilst behaving in an obnoxious and unacceptable fashion.

The incident was reported to the Police who eventually spoke to the offending driver. Initially the driver insisted he had done nothing wrong but when presented with the evidence against him, including from an independent witness, he finally admitted he was in the wrong and had reacted inappropriately and very badly. He apologised to the police and said it would not happen again.

The police say that there is no offence that they could use to charge this man. This is a behaviour problem for which there is no crime unless it gets out of hand. The driver was cautioned by the police for his behaviour and reminded that the incident remains on record. Hopefully, he now also understands the function and reasons for Speedwatch around the parish.

Speedwatch is a Hampshire Police initiative and is supported by the Borough and Parish Councils. Volunteers take details of speeding vehicles and report these to the police who then follow this up.

It is not illegal for any member of the public to take details of vehicles. The police gain information from the public in this way which can prove very useful, for example in the high number of road rage incidents. Our Speedwatch volunteers will continue to report abuse towards them, verbal or otherwise.

Thanks go to the vast majority of local residents that do support us and those that have taken the time to stop and comment in support when

we are out and about. Due to holidays and a limited number of volunteers our Speedwatch outings during July was limited. We always need volunteers - please contact the Parish Clerk if you are interested.

Inconsiderate parking

Apart from "speeding", another Parish Council Policing Priority is to control "inconsiderate parking" in and around the parish. This not only applies to parking on double yellow lines, and single yellow lines during school pick up times, but also parking which causes an obstruction to other road users and pedestrians.

Parking on the pavement is a major problem usually the result of thoughtless, selfish or lazy actions by drivers. In most cases bumping up onto the pavement is totally unnecessary since there is room for other vehicles to pass in the road. Drivers, you may believe that parking on the path helps other drivers but it does not help pedestrians, in particular those with disabilities, wheelchairs, mothers with push chairs and young children. The police will prosecute in cases where obstruction is bad.

Parking on the pavement can cause damage since pavements are not built to withstand the weight of cars (especially 'Chelsea tractors'). Uneven pavements are yet another safety hazard, particularly in the unlit areas around the village. Recent Virgin Media work has weakened many footpaths and parking on them will make an unsatisfactory surface even worse.

Accompanying this article are two photographs of vehicles parked illegally on the pavement and double yellow lines in Milkingpen lane. Remember that the yellow lines apply equally to the path next to the road, as to the road itself.

The Parish Council would be grateful if parish residents would pass this message on to friends that may not receive this newsletter, and don't be afraid to remind drivers when they obstruct the footpath with their vehicles.

Cllr Peter Bloyce
Vice Chairman, Parish Council





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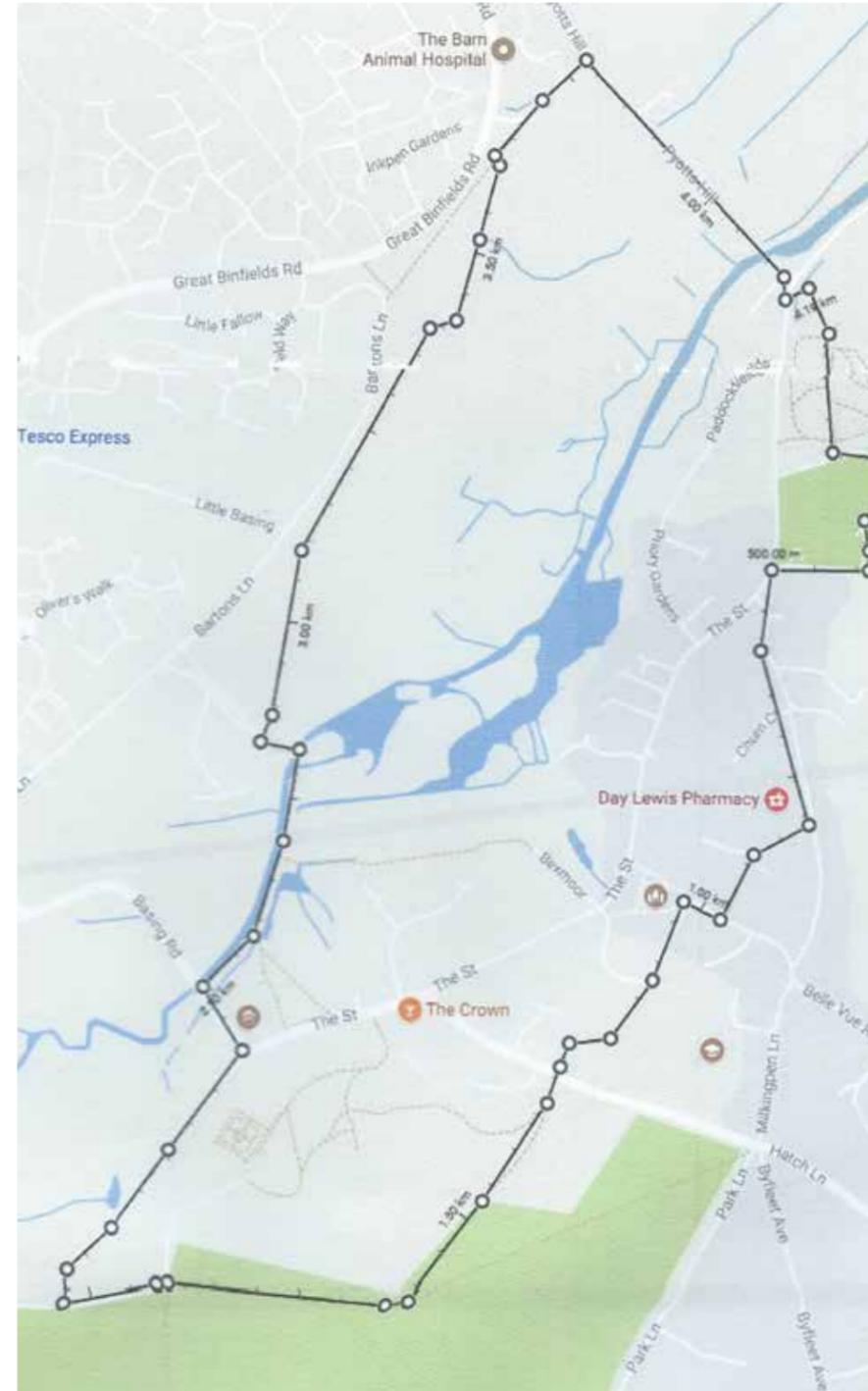


PARISH WALKS

Basingstoke Common and Millfields Walk

This walk combines the major open areas in the centre of the Parish and including Oliver's Battery and the Recreation Ground and can be started at several points around the circular walk. Instructions given here are from the Village Hall in The Street.

From the Village Hall car park enter Oliver's Battery through the gap in the hedgerow and proceed up the centre line using the footbridge to drop down onto the Recreation Ground access road. If accompanied by dogs turn right and proceed to the Street, turning left towards the Bolton Arms. If unaccompanied by four legged friends turn left and proceed around the Pavilion building following the eastern edge and on to the footpath. Exit the recreation ground into Riley Lane and turn right down the lane towards the Bolton Arms.



Use the short stretch of path to join Milkingpen Lane and follow the lane under the railway bridge turning right into Manor Lane. At the foot of the slope use the footpath to travel southerly along St Mary's Close to exit into Church Lane. Turn right and then left before the rear entrance to the church and follow Church Lane to its sharp right bend. Take the footpath around the Cemetery until this path joins another path from Church Lane at a T. Turn left onto Crown Lane, shortly crossing Crown Lane into the Royal British Legion Car Park and through the gap between the Army Cadet Hut and the rear of the Legion building. Use the 'Kiss gate' to enter a small area of the common neighbouring the back of Basing House Grounds. Walk up this stretch of grass area on the well-defined path to another 'Kiss Gate' and enter the common proper.

Continue uphill towards the A30 to the south but turn right at the end of the hedgerow and start to descend towards the natural dip in the centre of the Common. Remember there are often grazing stock animals on this section of the common (at the time of writing several horses) so keep dogs under control. There is a wide open path down the slope or a narrower one hugging the hedgerow. At the bottom proceed through the wide gap and continue to keep the common boundary to your right. At the corner of Redbridge Lane there is a stile or alternatively you can use the kiss gate at the bottom of the slope and walk up the arm of Redbridge Lane. There is a field gate separating this from the main section of Redbridge Lane but there is a pedestrian gap and at the time of writing the gate was not locked (although it is closed – so leave it that way if that's how you found it).

Enter Redbridge lane and cross the old canal bridge watching out for traffic and turn along the lane to the right to follow the line of the old canal towards Basing House. At the end of Redbridge Lane cross the road and turn left following the footpath along the side of Grange Farm and outbuildings to the hump bridge over the River Loddon. Turn right before this onto the footpath along the river and proceed to the Millstone Pub. Cross the car park and proceed to the right hand side into the Millfield. Follow the obvious diagonal path with the play area to your left. If there is a kick-about on do a dog leg and take the path halfway along the top of the kickabout area.

Follow this and bear right as it forks (avoiding exiting onto Barton's Lane) and follow this well-defined path all the way to its end where it emerges through a gap in the hedge onto a footpath which is part of the original Barton's Lane. Beware on joining this as it is also a Cycle Path. Turn right onto this path and follow it into Barton's Lane proper and proceed to the midpoint of Pyotts Hill turning right. Proceed along Pyotts hill over the bridge and return to the Village Hall car park.

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The changing fortunes of public transport

If you were to stop anyone at random in the street and ask them if they were satisfied with their local public services, you could be sure there would be a long list of services such as refuse collection; getting timely appointments at their GP surgery; NHS hospital operational difficulties; and maybe included in such an wide ranging list would be, **“where have all our buses gone”?**

Throughout recent decades our parish has not been immune to ever increasing change and with that it was presented with challenges to overcome, one such challenge being a gradually reducing “bus service”. Whilst the causes for this may be various, especially during more recent years, much lies within the prolonged climate of the ever expanding public transport service financial limitations coupled with a gradual reduction in use of scheduled bus services by the local community. This particularly impacts the older and more vulnerable members of rural and semi-rural communities such as Old Basing and Lychpit.

Of course, this is not unique to our locale. Throughout Hampshire and way beyond similar, and in some cases much worse challenges, prevail. The central question to be answered is: **Is there a SOLUTION and if there is, what might it look like?** Yes there is an answer! However, the **SOLUTION** will differ from place to place according to the particular local need.

Since the deregulation of public transport provision, a number of innovative SOLUTIONS have been introduced around the country. These include, commercial Taxi Share; volunteer Car Share; Mini-Buses; Dial a Ride; and “Good Neighbour” schemes; all of which are not meant to impact or compete with the scheduled commercial bus routes serving our towns and cities.

In the case of Old Basing and following the cessation of the Stage Coach services from the village to the Chineham Shopping Centre, a local charitable transport company now offers a weekday mini-bus service that provides a Pick-up and Drop-off facility 3 times a day. The (No.55) route covers most through-roads within the village and travels to Tesco at Chineham Centre; Lidl near Crockford Lane Roundabout; Popley; and Basingstoke Hospital. All anyone needs to do is waive it down or request drop-off anywhere along its route – even outside your own home! **This is a SOLUTION** to one of the changing fortunes of Old Basing’s transport needs. **It’s a service worth using and retaining for the benefit of the whole community!**

Timetables are displayed on all parish notice boards, on the parish website or are available on request from the Parish Office (Tel: 462847).

Cllr Alan Jones



Social media - beware - don't lose your job!

Social media can help you keep in touch with family and friends, but beware there are significant boundaries between home and work.

Gill Brown, Head of Employment Law at Phillips Solicitors is warning all social media users that these boundaries can be easily blurred and could lead you into trouble and even dismissal from your employment.

Misuse of the internet and social media is thought to cost our economy billions of pounds every year through theft of time used engaging in social media instead of working, defamation of businesses and their products and cyber bullying of other people often leading to absenteeism. Your employer has the right to protect itself and although you do have certain rights to freedom of speech and protection from invasion of your privacy, these rights have to be exercised with caution.

The first thing to do is to check your employer’s Social Media Policy. These vary as some companies allow and even embrace it as part of a working day. More commonly, however, there are strict rules on its use during working hours or even a complete ban on its use. These rules are separate of course to your legal duty not to make defamatory remarks about the company or work colleagues, or to make comments, that even unintentionally, might bring your employer into disrepute. Most company policies make it clear that breach of their Social Media Policy will lead to disciplinary action and even dismissal.

You must remember that it is not safe to rely on social media privacy settings because comments can and often are copied, shared or forwarded on and quickly get into the public domain.

Just be aware that in a recent case the Employment Tribunal upheld a company’s right to dismiss an employee, who made derogatory remarks about her company.

The employee’s defence was that she did not know that her Facebook page could be seen at work and she denied that she was talking about her employer. She also said that the company should have taken into account that she had been with the company for many years and had a previously clean disciplinary record.

In spite of all of this, the Employment Tribunal found that it had been within the band of reasonable responses for the company to dismiss her given the derogatory nature of the comment, which was clearly aimed at the company.

If you require clarification on your rights regarding social media or any other employment issue, we are here to help with professional advice. Contact Gill Brown on 01256 854605 or Karen Bristow on 01256 854670.

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As we reach the final stage of our work, we are aware of some snagging as part of the pavement reinstatements and would like to reassure you that remedial works have begun. For grassed areas, top soiling and seeding is underway and the cabinets in the Conservation Area will be changed to be more appropriate for the surroundings.

We are continuing to work with Hampshire Highways to thoroughly inspect the ongoing streetworks and address any concerns raised.

To check if you can get Virgin Media services visit: <http://www.virgin-media.com/cablemystreet/>

We thank you again for your patience and hope you enjoy the new services.

If you have any further comment, please contact byron.jervis@virgin-media.co.uk

Parish Stitchcraft group

The Stitchcraft Group meets on the second Tuesday of each month from 2 – 4 pm at the Parish meeting room adjacent to St Mary’s Church and offers a warm welcome to anyone wishing to join.

The Group was originally started to make Church kneelers but has now moved on to other things as there is no room for any more kneelers. The Millennium Tapestry hanging in the Church is another completed project. However, you don’t have to be a member of the Church to join the group and projects now include knitting, crochet, embroidery etc. so if you wish to learn a new craft why not tap into the experience of the group’s members. You need to supply your own materials but you will enjoy a cup of tea and a biscuit and, of course, a chat in relaxing surroundings.

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Wordsearch

Can you find all the hidden words in the grid below?

Words can go in the following directions: →←↓↑

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Colouring



Autumn Addition

Use the symbol key at the bottom to work out the answers to the sums.

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= 2 = 4 = 1
 = 3 = 6 = 8

Children's Corner

Wordsearch



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E	I	H	T	R	U	N	K	M	L	A

Can you find all 8 words?

- BARK
- BRANCH
- FOREST
- LEAF
- ROOTS
- TREE
- TRUNK
- WOODS

Autumn Recipe



Cheese Straws

- Ingredients**
- 50g unsalted butter
 - 250g grated cheddar cheese
 - 125g wholemeal flour
 - 1 egg
 - 2 tbsp. sesame seeds
 - ¼ tsp paprika

Method

Preheat oven to 180 degrees. Cream butter and cheddar in a food processor or with a hand whisk. Stir in flour so the mixture forms a soft dough.

On a lightly floured surface roll out the dough until it is 1.5cm thick. Brush the flattened dough with the beaten egg and cut into 5cm strips. Sprinkle the strips with sesame seeds and paprika.

Bake in the oven on a lightly greased baking sheet for 10-15 minutes until crisp.

Autumn Anagrams

Can you unscramble the words to find autumn word?

- aersthv
- snaroc
- dre
- matuun
- sveeal
- worbn
- roegna
- srenock
- rkae
- eerst

PETER PAN

Win ... Win ... Win ...

Old Basing & Lychpit Community Newsletter is teaming up with Anvil Arts to offer you the chance of winning a family ticket to see *Peter Pan* at The Anvil on **Saturday 16 December**. Starring in the fun-filled family panto, is **Andrew Agnew** (PC Plum in CBeebies' *Balamory*) as Smee, and **Gary Turner** (*Emmerdale*, *Peter Pan 2011*) as Captain Hook.

So take the second star to the right this Christmas and fly far away to Neverland with Peter Pan. Join Wendy, John and Michael Darling as they meet Tiger Lily and the Indians, the Lost Boys, and the mischievous fairy Tinker Bell. Boo and hiss as Captain Hook, his silly side-kick Smee, and the motley crew of acrobat pirates The Nitwits take on the children – but beware of the crocodile that ticks!

J M Barrie's *Peter Pan* is undoubtedly one of the most best-loved stories for children; an unforgettable magical fantasy that has been enjoyed by generations for over a hundred years.

To be in with a chance of winning a family ticket (2 adults, 2 children) to see the pantomime, all you need to do is answer the following question:

Who wrote the novel Peter Pan?

Please send your answers to: Peter Pan/Old Basing & Lychpit Competition, The Anvil, Churchill Way, Basingstoke, Hampshire, RG21 7QR or email competitions@anvilarts.org.uk making sure you add Peter Pan/Old Basing & Lychpit Competition to the subject line. Please include your name, address, daytime telephone number, and email address if you have one.

The closing date for competition entries is **Friday 20 October 2017**.

(T&Cs apply. Tickets are not transferable or refundable. No cash alternative.)

Peter Pan flies in to The Anvil from **Thursday 14 December** until **Sunday 7 January**, produced by **Martin Dodd** for **UK Productions** by arrangement with **Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity** and **Samuel French Limited**.

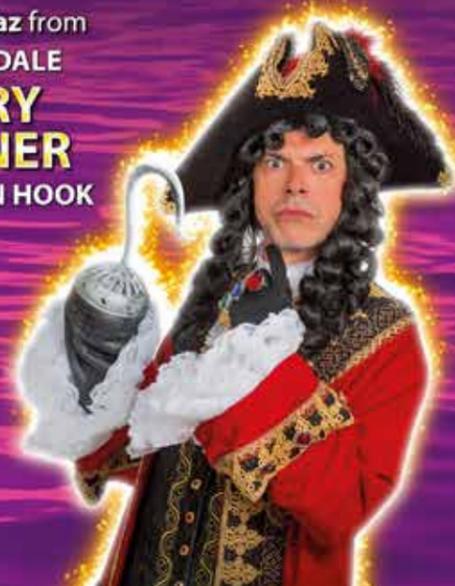
For more information, or to buy tickets, call the Anvil Arts box office on **01256 844244** or visit the website anvilarts.org.uk

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Meeting & party venues in Old Basing & Lychpit

Old Basing & Lychpit has a number of venues suitable for evening and weekend hire for all types of parties and meetings and other group events. For information on any of the venues contact the Parish Office via the contact form on the website, by email to clerk@oldbasing.gov.uk or telephone 01256 462847.

Old Basing Village Hall & Frank Goddard Room



A well maintained and adaptable venue with extensive parking and currently hosts a playgroup, ballet classes, badminton, line-dancing, short mat bowls karate, archery, U3A and Weightwatchers. At weekends we hold jumble sales, weddings, birthday parties from 1 year to 100 and fund raisers of all

kinds. The hall has a maximum capacity of 200, or can be adapted for a party of 50 people.

In addition to the main hall, the Frank Goddard Room is a modern meeting room which is accessed by a flight of stairs and is located at the rear of the hall with a separate entrance and can accommodate up to 50 people

We currently have space for a regular booking in the main hall at 8.30pm on a Monday evening or 7.15pm on a Friday evening.

Our committee of volunteers has maintained a wonderful facility for all to enjoy and we offer special rates for parishioners, so if you would like to hold a function in the hall please contact the booking secretary.

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Walled Garden

The Walled Garden is a beautiful and unusual place to hold events and parties. Surrounded by Tudor walls the reconstructed Jacobean style knot garden offers ample space for large marquees and performances and is available any day including weekends (subject to availability).

Courtyard

The farm yard at Basing House is an excellent space for outdoor events. Cover is available under the Shelter Sheds, and the Great Barn makes a fabulous backdrop and is available any day including weekends (subject to availability).

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Venues managed by the Parish Council

Lychpit Community Hall

This 17th Century Grade II listed former barn is a unique venue for celebrations including smaller wedding receptions, anniversaries, christenings and children's and adult parties. Accommodating up to 80 seated or 100 for an informal event, the hall is fully licensed for adult events and has a small well-equipped kitchen for food preparation.

Activities during the week include Brownies, Rainbows, Karate, Circuit Training, Yoga and dance classes.

Unfortunately, due to lack of numbers, the Lychpit Nursery Group closed its doors at the end of the summer term and daytime slots are now available for any individuals or groups looking for space to run events or classes.

A new group starting at the end of September from 9.40 am on Thursdays is Drama Tots where use of roleplay, music and movement takes children on exciting adventures into the wonderful world of their imagination by using props, puppets and instruments to bring each theme to life. The session consists of two classes, Rising Stars for 18 months - 3 years from 9.40am and Bright Stars for 3 and 4 year olds from 10.30am. Details are available on www.dramatots.co.uk or by emailing kate@dramatots.co.uk.

A popular event with musicians and their followers is the Loft Music Night on the last Friday of each month.

Weekends, after the morning Yoga classes, are reserved for party bookings.

The hall is maintained and managed by the Parish Council with photos and a virtual tour on the Parish Website. A calendar of regular groups and available dates is also on the Parish website.

➔ To enquire about dates for a regular class or to book a party, contact the Parish Office either via the contact form on the website, by email to lychpithall@gmail.com or telephone 01256 462847.

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Pavilion Tea Room

The Pavilion Tea Room overlooks the recreation ground in Old Basing and is ideal for smaller groups and parties of up to 20 people or for sports groups wishing to provide refreshments to spectators. The small kitchen area is equipped with microwave and fridge and there is direct access to the changing rooms and toilet facilities.

Pavilion Committee Room

Located above the Parish Office and with WiFi and a projector/screen the committee room is an affordable venue for meetings or training events of up to 20 people. The adjacent kitchen area is available for preparation of light refreshments. A virtual tour of this room is available on the Parish website.

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A golden year for one of Old Basing's fastest-growing clubs

August saw us celebrating our club's 50th anniversary. Old Basing Archers was formed on August 6 1967 and, to the day exactly, we held our birthday shoot.

The thing about this informal, friendly, annual event is that it's a handicap shoot. This means you have to shoot well above your normal levels to win and the only ones who do that are those on the trajectory of rapid improvement; our newcomers.

We are delighted that we have been able to welcome so many new members this year. In fact, the club is going from strength to strength; we now have more than 120 shooting members making Old Basing Archers one of the largest and fastest-growing sports clubs in the parish.

Some of our new members are, of course, established and experienced archers new to the area but this increase in membership is down in no small part to the hard work and dedication of our club coaches. Not only do these archers give up their free time to study for the Hampshire Archery Association accreditation but they now run four beginners courses a year, each taking four weekend mornings and accommodating up to 16 would-be archers, per course, at a time.

A look at the list of those waiting to join one of our courses is testament to the popularity and intrigue archery has! Many, on completing the course, join the club and practice their archery during our weekend and weekday club shoots.

We are fortunate to have such a beautiful ground on which to shoot; the recreation ground. We shoot all year round but in winter the weather can be a challenge. So we are delighted that this year we have also seen an addition to our winter indoor shooting facilities. We have shot at Old Basing Village Hall for many years on a Wednesday evening but now we have added Sunday afternoons at The Hampshire Court Hotel in Chineham as a venue.

Earlier this year that hotel was the venue for our first indoor tournament. It was such a success that next February we plan to run an even bigger, two-day event.

In September we also held our Siege Shoot at the recreation ground. This popular shoot has recently been revived and is now becoming a firm fixture on the calendar as top archers from across the nation look to gain UK and world rankings. This year the shoot extended over an entire weekend.

As Old Basing Archers starts its sixth decade, it's wonderful to see so many people enjoying one of England's oldest sports. If you are interested in adding your name to the waiting list for beginners courses, go to www.oldbasingarchers.co.uk and click on the 'archery lessons' tab. We look forward to seeing you soon!

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Old Basing Tennis Club

Finals' Day was a huge success! We saw some great tennis and the weather was kind to us, in fact it was perfect! The day started with a hard fought Ladies' Doubles match which saw Bev Cleaver and Sandie Benham beating Penny Luke and Jane Hatter 7-6(10/8) 6-3. The Men's Doubles was a close match initially, but James Chamberlin and Harvey Loake soon found some great form and beat Mark Hammond and Mike Chamberlain 7-6(7/5) 6-1. The Ladies' Handicapped Doubles saw Jemma Godleman and Cas Lomax with a handicap of -30 work hard to win 6-3 6-2 playing against Debbie Robertson and Jan Petto who were on a zero handicap. Following on from these matches was the Mixed Doubles. This was a great match to watch! In the end Bev Cleaver and Alex Wood beat Penny Luke and Andy Mountford 6-3 7-5. At the same time the Men's Handicapped Doubles was taking place. Again this was a hard fought contest with Charles Robertson and Mike Chamberlain, who had a zero handicap, beating Clive Mountford and Clive Barham who had a handicap of -15, 6-4 7-6(7/5). The last matches to be played were the singles. In the Ladies' Singles Penny and Bev again faced each other! Sadly Bev had to retire hurt with Penny leading

4-3. In the Men's Singles James Chamberlin was on form, playing some great tennis to beat Mark Hammond 6-2 6-3. On completion of the singles the trophies were presented to the runners up and winners by Lynne Thomas, Chairperson of OBTC. The last trophy of the day was the Betty Holmes Award. Members vote for someone they consider to have worked hard for the club over the last year. This year's winner was Clive Mountford. Members then enjoyed the customary BBQ.

Club nights will continue into October (weather and daylight permitting) on Tuesdays and Fridays, starting at 6pm and during the winter play continues at weekends with teams playing in the local Winter League. Our AGM on 7th November is followed by our Annual Quiz on Saturday 11th November and during December we get together for a Christmas meal at a local venue. In March we shall be holding a skittles evening and April sees the start of the summer tennis season.



Old Basing Bowling Club



When you read this our season for 2017 will have concluded but at the time of writing this we are approaching the climax of the season with Club Finals taking place early in September and the last league games to be completed.

Membership has again risen and we welcome this new support for the club. Despite spells of wet weather the green has played well and the appearance of the grounds improved by new surrounds.

Highlights so far have included new friendlies with Windsor and Reading and hosting a County game between Hampshire and Wiltshire. League results have generally been good with the Ladies team showing improved form with new players coming through. They have challenged at the top of their League all season and reached Final's day of the Gazette Cup and went on to win their League. The Men's Rinks team have won their League and regained a position in Division 1 for next season. We have some representation in District Finals which are still to be decided.

New members are always welcome. Information is on our website www.oldbasingbowlingclub.co.uk or you can call Maurice Bates, Chairman on 01256 328423 or Stella Hayden, Secretary on 01256 780388. Please note you are welcome to attend one of our Open Days and try out the game. Dates for 2018 are Saturday April 14th and Sunday April 22nd between 10am and 2.30pm.

Maurice Bates
Chairman



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2 x 150g (6oz) Salmon Fillets skinned and boned

CRUST

- 1 tbs demerara sugar
- ½ tsp dry English mustard
- Finely grated zest of 2 limes
- 2 tbs of grainy mustard
- 4 tbs dried bread crumbs
- Pinch of cayenne pepper

SAUCE

- 150ml reduced fat crème fraiche
- 1 tsp horseradish sauce
- Drizzle of runny honey
- mix all ingredients together

Method

- Heat the oven to 190c Gas 5.
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