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Chairman's Foreword

Mark Oszczyk

I pay tribute to my predecessor - This is easy to do. Mark was Vice Chairman for four years and then Chairman for four years, during which time he chaired all monthly Parish Council meetings, timing his holidays to fit in with that. A thoughtful and principled man, ever ready to take on extra work to help the Staff, Mark built up a broad knowledge of Parish and Borough matters over the years, becoming an exemplar of someone dedicated to serving the community. Happily, he continues to serve and help us as Vice Chairman and adviser on IT issues.

Allotments

The Parish Council has one hundred and ten allotments and these are inspected every quarter. If an allotment is uncultivated or if it has been neglected then the Parish Council will write to the Holder requesting that improvements are made. Sometimes cultivation falls behind because the Holder develops ill health or has other problems and cannot manage to communicate with the Parish Office. If you have a relative who has an allotment and who is experiencing difficulties then please do inform the Parish Office. Keeping us informed should prevent a letter being sent out to someone who is simply struggling to manage.

The Workshop

We call the building beside the Archery shooting field the Workshop. It contains the tractor and other equipment used to maintain the Recreation Ground and other Parish sites. There have been many attempted, and some successful, break-ins since 2010. In October 2018 thieves entered through the roof and, in a matter of minutes, stole various items. The Police feel sure that the same gang of four has been active in our area. Our insurance settlement was £10,476.00. The Parish Council set up a Working Party to look at security and, following the recommendations made, a number of additional security measures are now in place, including appropriate warning signs on the outside of the building. One - intriguing - enhancement is what is called a Smoke Cloak. Once the alarm is triggered, the Smoke Cloak emits a dense white vapour which fills the inside of the Workshop, reducing visibility to pretty much zero. We hope that the measures taken will prove to be a deterrent and, if another break in occurs, effective. Time will tell. ... and meanwhile we have a Smoke Cloak video to show the insurance broker!

Castle Water

Castle Water, based in Blairgowrie, wrote to us in January 2017 to advise that Thames Water would transfer our account for waste water charges to Castle Water as of April 2017. Now, the Parish Council has been in dispute with Castle Water for the two years since August 2017. Castle Water wanted to charge the same amount for waste water as for water coming into the Recreation Ground whereas with Thames Water we received an abatement of 90 % for waste water, as only 10% of waste water goes into the drains with the remainder being used to water sports pitches and allotments. Most of our waste water therefore goes to aquifer.

For two years the Parish Council has been asking Castle Water to put us back into the position we were in by reinstating our 90 % abatement for waste water charges. In June 2019 the Parish Council complained formally to Castle Water, as well as the regulator, The Consumer Council for Water, about the aggravation and inconvenience of dealing with Castle Water experienced over two years. The complaint is ongoing.

Old Basing Scout and Guide Headquarters, Milkingpen Lane

Fund raising efforts continue for this project. Planning consent has been obtained and Building Regulations approval is expected soon, following which the Trustees will be seeking larger grant awards. Any resident who knows of philanthropist organisations, companies, trust funds or charitable foundations which may



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consider grant applications is asked to contact Andy Molloy, Trustee, via the Parish Office.

In addition, the Trustees would welcome hearing from those with professional or practical skills to help with the building work.

In conclusion

Parish Councillors are active in undertaking various tasks throughout the year in addition to attending monthly meetings. By doing so they assist the Staff and the community.

We have a hard working Staff team, capably led by Mrs Sandra Tuck, the Clerk. As the years go by it seems that the workload increases; somehow, our people manage to keep up.

I thank our Parish Councillors and Staff for their work and dedication.

Alan Renwick, Chairman
 August 2019

Parish Notes

LIME PITS

Improvements to the Lime Pits including new gates, new signs, bins and picnic tables and landscape improvements to the paths and car parks will start in September. The Parish Council has been pleased to contribute £9,000 of its Open Spaces Funding towards these improvements and the Borough Council has allocated LIF funding to cover the remaining cost of the work. It is hoped that the improvements will make the Lime Pits a more attractive and safe area for families to enjoy.

ALLOTMENT & CEMETERY INSPECTIONS

The next inspections will take place during week commencing 7 October. If you are an allotment holder and have been unable to maintain your plot due to illness or other problem, please let the Parish Office know as this will be taken into account during the inspection.

NO. 55 BUS

We are pleased to report that the Parish Council's request for the No. 55 bus to continue far as the "Tesco Express roundabout" and then return along Gt Binfields Road before turning into Old Basing has been agreed. This now means that Lychpit Residents will return to where they joined the bus instead of having to walk from the Barn Animal Hospital or remain on the bus whilst it travels around Old

Basing before returning to Basingstoke via Lychpit. This change will operate for a 3 month trial period before being implemented permanently if it proves popular.

Contact information

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County Councillor Report

As I write this article it is school holiday time and people are taking their well-deserved holidays which means things are relatively quiet. However, Climate Change is very real and on lots of peoples' minds so you may wish to be aware of what action Hampshire County Council is taking following its declaration of a Climate Emergency by its Cabinet and endorsement by the full County Council.

The following statement was released by Councillor Rob Humby, Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment at Hampshire County Council when announcing the decision to declare a Climate Emergency:

"This strategy will give us a framework within which all of the County Council's services can work towards these goals. However, we can't do this alone – we need to work with our partners, and with local communities, to meet these challenging reduction targets and increase Hampshire's climate resilience for future generations. Furthermore, these ambitions are also dependent on action by the UK Government. I and my Cabinet colleagues will continue to press Government ministers to deliver on their pledges to make the UK carbon neutral.

With around 70 per cent of carbon emissions in Hampshire coming from transport and domestic property, it is important that a wider Hampshire action plan brings focus to these areas. Bringing about this change will need everyone to contribute and consider changes to our lifestyles, as well as action on a national scale.

Living in a large rural county, Hampshire residents are very reliant on car travel – in fact, we have one of the highest car ownership levels anywhere in the country. We welcome the Government's commitment to carbon neutrality, and we will seek opportunities to secure funding to help us make

Hampshire carbon neutral - such as extending sustainable travel choices for people outside of the cities and into Hampshire's market towns and surrounding areas, including promoting walking and cycling.

Areas where targets are expected to be set include greenhouse gas emissions, air quality data, energy performance and fuel poverty, and securing new developments that provide a net environmental gain as well as flood defence measures."

"The Hampshire 2050 Commission of Inquiry, which heard from experts and collated evidence to establish what would most impact on Hampshire's quality of life and prosperity for future generations, looked at key aspects of our lives such as work and skills, transport, demography and connectivity.

From all of this, the theme that came through loud and clear as the biggest threat to the county was the impact of climate change. To respond to both the findings of the Commission, and the Government's 2050 net zero carbon target, we need to ensure environmental impacts and considerations are truly embedded in the work we all do, and how we do it.

The decision to declare a 'Climate Emergency' was endorsed at the latest meeting of the County Council, earlier this month, together with the appointment of a new Environment Champion for Hampshire County Council. Councillor Jan Warwick takes up this role with immediate effect."

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A new Vicar for Old Basing & Lychpit

A packed church welcomed the new vicar of Old Basing & Lychpit at St. Mary's Church on Wednesday 26th June.

Bishop David and Archdeacon Richard Brand officiated at the service of Institution and Induction in which The Rev'd Heather Leppard became the new vicar of the Parish.

The service was attended by the congregation of St. Mary's, friends and supporters of Heather from her previous parish and invited guests from the local community. Heather was joined by her family and friends, her husband Dominic, son Isaac and baby Grace.

The Basing Singers joined the Church choir in singing the anthem 'This is the Day' by John Rutter, which was chosen by Heather.

It was a truly glorious occasion full of warmth, joyful music and spectacle with the many robed clergy and choir forming a colourful procession at the start of the service.

This is Heather's first appointment as vicar; she previously served as a curate in the parish of Harnham in Salisbury. She grew up in Fleet so knows the area well and is looking forward to getting to know members of the community and becoming involved in local life. This won't take long as hard on the heels of her arrival was the popular Hymns & Pimms followed by the Church Fete. Fortunately for her, the Drench the Vicar feature was dropped this year!

We, as members of St. Mary's congregation, are looking forward to getting to know Heather and to working with her to raise awareness of the importance of the special place our church occupies in this community of Old Basing and Lychpit.

Tricia Renwick
Churchwarden, St. Mary's Church



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Old Basing & Lychpit Village Show 2019

This edition of the Newsletter went to press before the Village Show on Sunday 8th September but we hope it will have been a bumper show with lots of new entrants and prize winners.

The Committee would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to our former committee member and treasurer, Bea Preston, who sadly passed away in June. She joined the committee in 1983 as Treasurer when the Show was organised under the aegis of the Residents Association and continued in that role after 2001 when the Association was wound up and the Flower Show became independent. After 20 years she asked to be 'allowed' to stand down as Treasurer but remained on the Committee as a hardworking and valued member until our AGM in 2011 when the President paid tribute to her long standing and valuable membership. Bea was best known for her expertise in the Domestic section of the show, winning the Major Daniel, Ann West and Nash Challenge cups on a number of occasions but she also enjoyed flower arranging and having won the Novice Cup went on the next year to win the cup for best Flower Arrangement in the Show.

We would like to thank all our advertisers and donors of raffle prizes. There has been a very loyal group of local businesses willingly advertising in the Show Schedule year after year and similarly a group of generous donors of raffle prizes. In no particular order many are listed below – Kershaw Solicitors and then Clarke and Son when the two merged, The Bolton Arms, The Crown, Lane Monnington Welton, Conkers, Rick Bourne's 'Bird Drop-Ins', Linden Market in the days of Pyle ownership, Oliver's Bakehouse, Glaysher Family Butcher when it was in the Bellevue Parade, The Topiary, Wayne Simon, Oliver's Fish Restaurant, Tesco, Toucan Travel, Andwells

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Alan Titchmarsh recently wrote an article in the Daily Express praising Village Shows. He pointed out that a village show is just that, not a hothouse for giant leeks or yards long carrots. More and more families are growing their own fruit and vegetables so are bound to have some runner beans, courgettes or raspberries that look pretty good. And it isn't all about fruit and veg, there are many other classes. You may have roses which are having a good year, dahlias or other perennial flowers. Succulents and other indoor plants are very popular at the moment and we have classes for them. How about making your own liqueurs or cordials? They are not difficult and homemade elderflower cordial is delicious. If you don't garden, there are many classes for preserves and baking including our very popular and keenly competitive men's baking class. The handicraft classes show a wide range of skills and there is always room for more – tapestries done during the long winter evenings, paintings, greetings cards and so on. Photography is also popular as are the classes for children with edible necklaces, junk models, decorated cupcakes - something for all ages up to 15 and which can be produced during the summer holidays.

If you visited the Show and enjoyed seeing the huge variety of entries we hope you will be inspired to take part in this community event next year.



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5 Reasons to Make a Will in your 20's or 30's

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So if you are a young adult (or you have children or grandchildren in their 20's or 30's) then here are 5 reasons that may inspire you / them to make a will sooner:

- 1. We never know when our time is up.** Anyone over the age of 18 can make a will. Your will doesn't just reflect what you have now and can be written in anticipation of children, wealth, relationships and property.
- 2. Ensure your partner is provided for.** If you are living with a partner and are not married they may not be looked after as you had hoped.
- 3. Doing it for the kids.** If you have children or anticipate having children in the near future a will allows you to appoint legal guardians should you pass away when they are still young.
- 4. Protecting Property.** If you own a property or are considering buying a property, a will is an important document to have in place to determine what will happen to your share.
- 5. Set out your funeral plans.** Many of us have an idea about what type of funeral we would like to have. Whether you would want to be buried or cremated or if there are specific songs / readings you would like. These can be outlined in your will.

A will is a fluid document that can be updated or amended at any time, usually quite cost effectively depending on the type of change you want to make.

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS & EVENTS FOR 2019

Meetings take place on Tuesday evenings starting at 7.30 pm unless otherwise stated and are held at The Pavilion on the Recreation Ground, Old Basing.

Planning & Development Committee meetings may be cancelled if there

are no plans for discussion.

The meeting room is on the first floor - if you have mobility problems and wish to attend a meeting please contact the Parish Office in advance so alternative arrangements can be made.

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Full Parish Council
- 10&24 Planning & Development Committee
- 17 Facilities Management Committee

OCTOBER

- 1 Full Parish Council
- 8&22 Planning & Development Committee
- 15 Finance & Resources Committee
- 29 Facilities Management Committee

NOVEMBER

- 5 Full Parish Council
- 12&26 Planning & Development Committee

DECEMBER

- 3 Full Parish Council
- 9 Community Partnership Evening
- 10 Facilities Management Committee
- 17 Planning & Development Committee

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Mosaic Healthcare provide additional health services from 1st July 2019

From 1st July, Crown Heights Medical Centre and Odiham and Old Basing Health Centres have joined together to form a Primary Care Network called Mosaic Healthcare.

Primary care networks are not a merger of practices but are based on combining GP registered lists, typically serving natural communities of around 30,000 to 50,000. They are small enough to provide the personal care valued by both patients and GPs, but large enough to have impact and economies of scale through better collaboration between practices and others in the local health and social care system. Mosaic will be providing additional appointments to meet the demand from their patients for services including Osteopathy, Podiatry, Dietary and Counselling. These services will be delivered in evening sessions on Tuesday and Thursdays and during the day on Saturdays.

In addition Mosaic Healthcare has recruited a Social Prescriber who will work across all three sites. Social prescribing, sometimes referred to as community referral, is a means of enabling GPs, nurses and other primary care professionals to refer people to a range of local, non-clinical services.

Recognising that people's health is determined primarily by a range of social, economic and environmental factors, social prescribing seeks to address people's needs in a holistic way. It also aims to support individuals to take greater control of their own health.

Social prescribing schemes can involve a variety of activities which are typically provided by voluntary and community sector organisations. Examples include volunteering, arts activities, group learning, gardening, befriending, cookery, healthy eating advice and a range of sports.

Social prescribing is designed to support people with a wide range of social, emotional or practical needs, and many schemes are focussed on improving mental health and physical well-being. Those who could benefit from social prescribing schemes include people with mild or long-term mental health problems, vulnerable groups, people who are socially isolated, and those who frequently attend either primary or secondary health care.

Mosaic are planning to extend their non-clinical services from September when the Citizens Advice Services in Basingstoke and Hart will be holding advice sessions based at the surgeries for the sole use of the registered patients.

More information contact:
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INVITATION FROM ODIHAM AND OLD BASING HEALTH CENTRE

Dr Tony Weaver is retiring as the senior partner of Odiham and Old Basing Health Centre. He joined the surgery in Odiham 40 years ago and has been fundamental in building both the Odiham and Old Basing surgeries to what they are today.

We are organising a retirement party for him and would love patients and staff, past and present to join us...it is very informal and all are welcome to drop in for a glass of fizz and some cake on the afternoon of Saturday 5th October from 2pm until 4pm at the Odiham Health Centre.



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BASING COMMON

Councillors Sven Godesen and Onnalee Cubitt, Trustees of the Common, arranged for a meeting to take place to give them the opportunity to explain to local residents the background for the running of the Common. The meeting took place on July 2nd in the tearoom at the Recreation Ground.

Traditionally, horses and/or cattle have run on the Common during the summer months to provide the modest income required to cover public insurance costs, payment of water bills and occasional repair to perimeter fencing. Eighteen months ago the farmer that had been running his cattle for a number of years informed the Trustees that he wished to terminate the arrangement. Extensive enquiries failed to find a replacement and eventually the Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council Environmental Officer identified a farmer willing to take on the responsibility.

The Borough Council Biodiversity Officer reminded us that under the 2003 Control of Ragwort Act we had a responsibility to ensure that it was not allowed to spread. The individual concerned announced that pre-commencement he would need to cut the Common in order to get it into better condition and would need to spray the ragwort in order to protect his cattle. This was all clearly a step too far.

The meeting was very well attended and everyone was given the opportunity to express their views. The Trustees took the opportunity to make clear that in the ten years that they had administered the Common they had neither asked for nor received any remuneration and had never claimed a penny in expenses; their sole motivation had been to preserve the "sanctity" of the Common for the benefit of our local residents.

A very lively debate took place and a solution galloped over the horizon when Trina and Ian Barrington agreed that if allowed to run their horses free of charge they would assume responsibility for the payment of the invoices and the maintenance of the fencing.

The Trustees felt that if they were able to assemble sufficient horses to "eat the common off" by the end of the summer then this was the solution that would find most favour with all parties. The Trustees would like to thank all for taking the trouble to attend the meeting.

Old Basing and Lychpit Big Turkey Community Christmas Lunch, 2019

Save the date in your diary now for the 2019 Big Turkey lunch! This popular event will be held for the fifth consecutive year on Sunday, 29th December, at Old Basing Village Hall starting with drinks served from 12 noon and lunch at 1pm.

Come and enjoy a complimentary Christmas meal and afternoon of entertainment - everyone is welcome. For further details see the next issue of this Newsletter.

Did you help out with last year's Christmas lunch or perhaps you are interested in joining the team this year? Come to our volunteers evening on Saturday 28th September at 7pm in the Parish Room when we will be thanking all the 2018 volunteers and sharing plans for the 2019 lunch. Come along to find out how you could help.

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They will give a brief history of gin, explaining just how different gins can be with the help of small tasters. An introductory cocktail, the Hiltingbury Lady, is included in the admission price. Drinks and bottles will available for purchase. Friday 20 September 2019 7:30pm to 9:30pm (18+ Years only. **Tickets £10**)

GREEN WEEK
September 21-28
All Week: Love Food, Hate Waste – Pick up some useful freebies to help you reduce your waste at home.

Saturday 21 September
Willow Fish Craft Activity – Family drop-in: 10am-2pm/**£1 per fish/per person** Join Laura Wilcox to create a beautiful Willow Fish in this Family Drop-in session.
Glass Painting: 2 - 4 pm/**£5/ for age 16+**
All materials provided, except for a clean clear small jar, which attendees will need to bring with them (label removed and no lid).

Saturday 28 September
Recycled Plastic Art - Family drop-in: 10am – 2pm/ **FREE**

Free drop-in session. This activity for all the family will involve making a bunch of flowers completely out of recycled materials. And it's yours to take home!

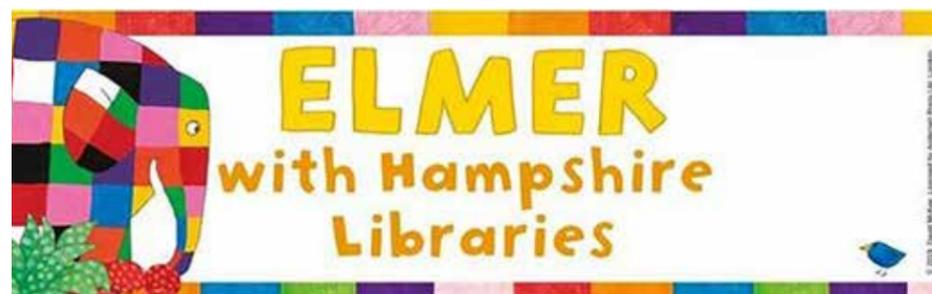
Clothes Upcycling: 28 September
10.30am - 12.30pm/£5
Don't throw away your old clothing – upcycle it into something more stylish and wearable. Join Sarah Pinnell to learn techniques and get ideas for your upcycling clothes projects.

40 Years catching smugglers
An insight into how Customs/Border Force Officers catch drug smugglers in the Green Channel. Tuesday 22 October 2019 2pm to 3pm. **Tickets £8**

Library of Screams
A Don't go into the cellar Theatre production. Library of Screams' Classic spine-tinglers from the Golden Age of Horror are given a new lease of blood in this original stage chiller. Thursday 24 October 2019 7:30pm to 9:30pm. **Tickets £12.50**

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Broadmore Revealed: The Victorian Asylum
An introduction to England's oldest secure hospital with Mark Stevens, Berkshire's County Archivist and author of 'Broadmoor Revealed'. Thursday 31 October 2019 2pm to 3pm. **Tickets £4.**

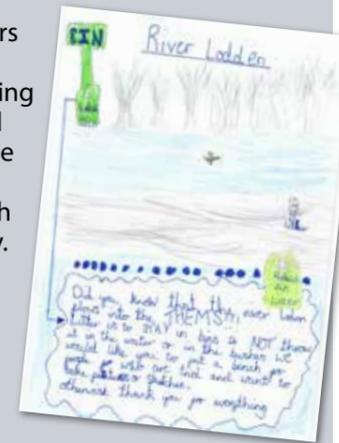


ST MARY'S JUNIOR SCHOOL YEAR 3 FIELD TRIP

As part of their Geography and Science curriculum, Year 3 children from St. Mary's Junior School, Old Basing, visited the River Loddon, local to the school. They went prepared with welly boots and old clothes and went into the water with nets to discover what invertebrates lived there.

The children explored the speed of the river by timing how long a stick took to reach a certain distance and enjoyed time sitting and sketching what they could see. The children were amazed and enjoyed learning about the rich diversity of wildlife that is found at the River.

Afterwards they wrote letters of thanks to the groups of people responsible for looking after this area and designed posters to encourage people to continue to keep this place clean and tidy for both people and wildlife to enjoy.



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Accounts for year ending 31 March 2019

Balance Sheet:		£	£
Current Assets			
Debtors		10,151	
Prepayments		3,187	
Bank and Cash		252,782	
		266,120	
Current Liabilities			
Creditors		(32,422)	
		£ 233,698	
General Fund			
Income & Expenditure Account:		210,888	
		22,810	
		£ 233,698	

Income & Expenditure Account:			
Income		£	£
Precept		166,053	
Interest Received		1,000	
Administrative		22,171	
Recreation		23,061	
Burial		7,935	
Allotment		3,235	
Lychpit Hall		24,550	
Groundsmans Cottage		11,728	
Grant Aid	Revenue/Maintenance	32,913	
S.106	Development	16,066	
		308,712	

Expenditure:		£	£
Administration		56,848	
Street Lights		1,142	
Recreation		123,519	
Allotments & Cemetery		1,255	
Lychpit Hall		17,174	
Other Buildings		32,080	
Capital Schemes		53,884	
		285,902	(285,902)

Net Income/(Expenditure) for the year £ 22,810

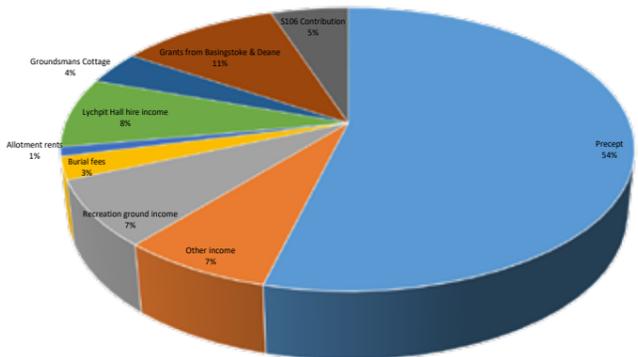
Reserves		£	£
Net Income/(Expenditure) for the year		22,810	
Net Income/(Expenditure) for the year to General Reserves		22,810	

General Fund		£	£
Opening Balance		62,049	
From period		(4,103)	
		57,946	

Earmarked Reserves		£	£
Opening Balance		148,839	
From period		26,913	
		175,752	

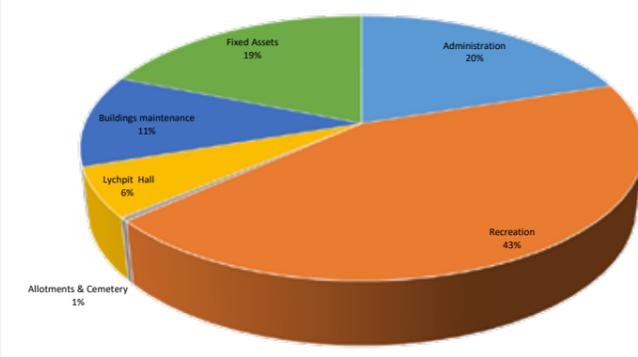
TOTAL RESERVES 233,698

SOURCES OF INCOME



- Precept
- Burial Fees
- Groundsmans Cottage
- Other Income
- Allotment Rents
- Grants from Basingstoke & Deane
- Recreation Ground Income
- Lychpit Hall Income
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ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE



- Administration
- Recreation
- Allotments & Cemetery
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For more details please visit our website:
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DALMATION PELICAN

Portrait By Keith Polwin

A new exhibition of photographs has been showing since 31st of August at the Basingstoke Discovery Centre in Festival Place Basingstoke. The exhibition, entitled "The Creative Eye" comprises photographs from near and far, showcasing work by members of the Basingstoke Camera Club. The exhibition is open during normal Discovery Centre opening hours, and runs until Saturday 14th of September, this free exhibition is a must see for anyone interested in photography.



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Start at the Village Hall car park. Turn to the right out of the right hand car park entrance and proceed along Newnham Lane. This stretch is hazardous despite the 30mph speed limit, so take care. Follow the road until you see a path to the left with 'No parking except for residents' signs and footpath pointer. There was an A4 poster on this sign advising that a stretch of the path was closed.

Take the path to the right of the cottages down a sloped path and through a gateway into the wooded area next to the Loddon. There is a stretch where the path under an overhanging branch is boggy. An alternative path to the left is very uneven, but usable with care. Continue following this path with the Loddon to the left and a field hedge to the right, the forthcoming blackberry crop looks promising. There are sandy 'beaches' to the river on the left and some bridges as well as a rudimentary rope swing. Along this stretch is Piggy Dam providing the headwaters for the mills on Newnham Lane. Continue following the path into woods alongside the river. At the wooden bridge (repaired?) cross the river and turn immediately right to follow the field margin. If you have been walking this path as long as I have, you may have been used to crossing the field via the tree in the middle at this point. Don't! The bridge over the Loddon on this route has been removed. Follow the field margin to the first hedgerow to the left and follow this hedgerow (still on the field margin) for about 100 yards / metres to the far side of the field. Cross the field margin to a wooden bridge and cross the next section of the Loddon. Again, follow the field margin in front of you around a right



hand bend and a left hand bend to the hedgerow. Turn left onto the field margin back towards the village. The incinerator can be seen intermittently above the hedgerow. This section was alive to the sound of crickets and in the neighbouring field being harvested I saw a deer avoiding the machinery.

The hedgerow 'swaps sides' of the path to be on your left part way along this long stretch. When the track (as it now is) swings sharp right and uphill, go forwards across the short footbridge (with a handrail on only one side) into The Gallops. Although the grass here was very long and showed no sign of horses in residence at the time of writing, the electric fence to your left along this stretch should be considered 'live' (as they always should). Follow the path along the north (right) edge of The Gallops to exit via a modern 'kiss gate' onto the end of Pyotts Hill. Cross the road (carefully) to the footpath and turn left. Walk along Pyotts Hill over the hump bridge back to the junction of The Street and Newnham lane and the Village Hall.

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Yet more thoughtless parking

The attached photograph was published by the Hampshire Fire Brigade. It shows an example of inconsiderate parking in Southampton.

This could be anywhere including our Parish. Constant appeals to park sensibly and avoid situations like this and pavement blocking are ignored by many. Maybe those that take no notice might like to consider how they would react if they were inconvenienced, perhaps even in a life threatening way.

Parking in Milkingpen Lane

Not so long ago, there was rarely any parking in Milkingpen Lane between Church Lane and Manor Lane; this is now a daily hazardous occurrence, particularly at school times. Speaking to drivers about this behaviour has often met with abuse.

Hampshire Highways has advised us that a proposed traffic regulation order for parking restrictions along Milkingpen Lane is on its programme for 2019/20. Additionally, revised drawings are being prepared to reflect further parking controls requested by our Borough Councillors. The Parish Council supports this but has said on a number of occasions that this needs regular enforcement.

Milkingpen Lane Bridge

Hampshire Highways continue to pursue a resolution to the flooding issues under the Milkingpen Lane railway bridge. Unfortunately this is proving difficult. Investigations to date have identified that the highway drainage heads south from the bridge and appears to go directly under the structure of the rail bridge. This makes locating the drain from the surface very difficult. Highways have said the preferred option would be to locate, clear/repair the existing system. Replacement would be both disruptive and costly, since the drainage system will be at considerable depth below the surface of the carriageway. They are currently working with Network Rail to resolve



the issue and hope to meet with them on site shortly to discuss the options to progress this matter. The last year has seen a lot of dry weather so flooding has been rare. Let's hope that this does not cause Highways to become complacent.

Speeding on Hatch Lane

Following a meeting and site visit between Hampshire Highways and Parish Councillors a number of options were discussed for traffic calming along Hatch Lane. Unfortunately Highways did not see enough evidence to justify the expense of any traffic calming methods, even low cost ones. Higher cost methods would generally require external funding, e.g. pinch points. A new speed data survey may have to be commissioned. For information the most recent data, recorded in October 2015, mean speeds were 24.7mph for westbound and 30.9mph for eastbound traffic. Unfortunately it may take a speed-related serious injury or death to change the priority.

Newnham Lane - road safety

Following safety concerns expressed by horse riders using

Newnham Lane Highways have confirmed that they will not be introducing a speed limit along this road. In short, the road does not meet the Department for Transport criteria which has an emphasis on the existing mean speeds and safety history. The Department of Transport guidance says that speed limits should be self-explanatory and self-compliant. They rely on drivers being sensible. True for most but not the irresponsible idiot who is racing home from work.

However, Highways will be reviewing Newnham Lane with a view to providing relevant warning signs through its Traffic and Safety works programmes. They say that proposals for signage will be developed at the earliest opportunity.

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Autumn
Word Search

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M	Q	A	E	A	T	Y	I	Q	U	R	P	E	A	L
E	T	A	U	H	S	P	S	T	K	P	E	M	G	F
A	C	N	A	N	A	N	U	E	L	O	I	W	N	E
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S	M	X	C	M	Y	I	D	S	U	X	M	B	V	T
H	Y	A	K	S	D	S	C	D	A	M	O	S	E	X
J	E	R	Q	E	H	A	G	B	L	E	P	U	C	U
C	K	G	R	L	R	W	S	I	L	M	A	K	S	W
K	R	U	X	E	J	I	K	K	E	B	V	E	I	J
J	U	M	C	V	V	D	D	C	A	O	Q	S	P	N
S	T	R	K	A	C	D	P	D	V	T	J	O	S	X
O	O	B	O	N	F	I	R	E	E	L	U	T	A	I
W	E	D	I	R	Y	A	H	R	S	S	O	M	D	U

Acorn	Family	Scarecrow
Apple Cider	Hatride	Smores
Autumn	Leaves	Turkey
Bonfire	Pumpkin	Thanks

Word search solutions can be found on page 37

AUTUMN WORD SEARCH 2

S	F	A	L	L	X	S	Q	U	A	S	H	U
A	U	T	U	M	N	W	R	H	C	S	A	T
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A	O	X	Z	S	S	O	K	L	R	A	U	A
P	C	Z	S	E	P	V	E	L	N	R	M	N
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X	R	E	N	Z	T	R	E	N	I	W	B	V
H	A	Y	R	I	D	E	S	D	A	C	Y	I
X	S	M	Y	F	O	O	T	B	A	L	L	N
V	S	E	P	T	E	M	B	E	R	D	K	G

Find the hidden words in the puzzle above.

Football	Thanksgiving
Leaves	Fall
Hayride	Harvest
Acorn	Spider
Season	Squash
Apple	Turkey
Rake	November
Corn	September
Autumn	Pumpkin
Halloween	Scarecrow
	October

Recipe

BAKED STUFFED APPLES

- 6 apples, washed
- 150g of blackberries, washed
- 30g of butter
- 2 tsp brown sugar
- 40g of raisins
- 30g of ground almonds



Method

- 1 Core the apples completely through. Use a knife to score around the equator of the apple, piercing the skin.
- 2 Preheat the oven to 150°C/gas mark 2.
- 3 Using your hands, mix together the butter, brown sugar, raisins and ground almonds in a bowl.
- 4 Fill each apple to halfway with the almond mixture, then add a couple of blackberries to the centre as well.
- 5 Bake the stuffed apples in the oven until soft, approximately 20-30 minutes.

Serve warm with remaining blackberries.

STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE

(serves 9-12)

This is the perfect recipe for a family event or BBQ as it can be made up in advance with the strawberries on the top being added prior to serving.

1k fresh strawberries chopped and 24g sugar

The filling

- 200g cream cheese
- 50g of sugar
- 140g icing sugar
- 2 ¾ cups of double cream whipped
- 2 tsp of vanilla essence
- 140g boudoir biscuits
- 3tbsp sweet sherry (optional)

The Topping

- 90g of malted milk biscuits
- 1 tbsp sugar
- Pinch of salt
- 2 ½ tbsp melted butter
- Strawberries to decorate



- Combine the chopped strawberries and sugar and set aside while you make the rest of the filling.
- Add the cream cheese and sugar to a large mixing bowl and beat until well mixed and smooth. Set aside
- In another large bowl combine the double cream, the icing sugar and vanilla essence and whip on high speed until soft peaks form
- Add about 1/3 of the whipped cream to the cheese mixture and gently fold, add another 1/3 etc., until all is combined.
- Add the strawberries (without the juice) to the cream mixture and gently fold together.
- Mix the strawberry juice with the sherry and dip the boudoir biscuits in it.
- Place a full layer of boudoir biscuits in the bottom of a 9"x13" cake dish.
- Add half the strawberry mixture to the top of the ladyfingers and spread into an even layer. Repeat step 6 and 7.
- Place into the fridge to set about 4-5 hours or overnight.
- Switch oven on to 180 deg and crush the malted milk biscuits
- Mix the crumbs, sugar, salt and melted butter together until well combined.
- Spread the mixture evenly onto parchment paper or silicone baking sheet and bake for 5-7 mins, until the edge of the mixture starts to brown.
- Remove from the oven and allow to cool for a few minutes, and then break into crumble pieces.
- Once the crumble is cool and you are ready to assemble your cake, sprinkle on top of the cake and add a layer of strawberries cut in half.
- Put this back into the fridge until you are ready to serve.

This cake will keep for 2-3 days or as long as the strawberries stay fresh.

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OLD BASING CARNIVAL

What another colourful and fun year Old Basing Carnival Committee has had...

First came the Senior Citizens Party, we had a wonderful Valentine Senior Citizens Party where all senior citizens from the village were invited to eat, drink, play games (pass the parcel and bingo), enjoy the very generous raffle and watch the wonderful Tune for Life provide an array of song and dance followed by a good old sing along. Then the Boyle-O'Dowda Irish dancers provided an amazing display, so colourful, entertaining and vibrant. A truly lovely afternoon made special by the efforts of the carnival committee, 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, with the odd curtsy, for the opportunity to represent the village, as the Old Basing Carnival Princess, Prince, Attendant or Escort were chosen. What an array of wonderful bright eyed and smiley faces we had join us and some of the rather interesting and exaggerated dancing! It was wonderful to see all the outgoing royal family crown the new royal family, which comprised of: Miss Amelia May and her Attendant and Deputy Miss Emmy King. Prince Master Owen Eastwood and his Escort and Deputy Master Scott Connor.

And finally came the big day itself and I cannot lie, we had a few days where we worried it may not happen with the amount of rain that came down, however in true British fashion we soldier on and oh what a great day it was, albeit a bit wet in the middle!! We estimate we had over 2,500 people joining us as everyone took the rain in their stride!!! Such an amazing array of colourful and imaginative Comic and Cartoon Characters themed procession entrants combined with outstanding arena displays from our local talented young dancers and Military Wives Choir – Odiham, whose amazing voices carried us away. I hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

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 23 October 2019, 8pm in the Frank Goddard Room.

Recent Chairman of Royal British Legion - Liz Wood opened the carnival, following an array of colour from the 12 amazing entries parading around the arena. The Royal Party and Liz did an superb job giving out all the awards and Miss Amelia May kindly gave out the rosettes to our cherished cars and bikes attendees.

The Viner cup, overall winner of the procession, was won by Old Basing Village Nursery School for their wonderful rendition of the Flintstones. I hope you will agree all the procession entries were spectacular and the judges said they had an extremely hard time judging, it is getting even harder each year.

This year saw another array of scarecrows.

Congratulations to the Xavier Family for winning the adult prize for their brilliant Pink Panther and Inspector Clouseau and to Charlotte & Emilie Jarrett for winning the child prize for Lady Bug and Eiffel Tower. We are hoping to have even more next year and for more to enter their fantastic creations!!

Next year will be the 50th Anniversary of the Carnival New for 2020 – so 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 20 June 2020. The theme for 2020 Carnival is **"50 Golden Years – anything goes"** - so anything from the last 50 years or something new – it is up to you.



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Will the 50th Old Basing Carnival on 20 June 2020 be the last?

Plans for the 50th Anniversary Carnival are in full swing and the Carnival Committee aim to make it the best one ever and we hope it is not the last... due to an array of reasons a significant number of committee members are stepping down after the 2020 Carnival, but have committed to making sure the 50th goes well and will work with new committee members to ensure a smooth transition - but we need those new members to come forward in the next couple of months. So if you are interested in supporting then please get in touch, otherwise the committee will make arrangements to close after the 50th celebrations.

Who is needed:

- **Chair**
- **Secretary**
- **Treasurer**
- **General committee members**

The Carnival Committee also run the Senior Citizens Party in February, the Prince and Princess Disco in March, and the BBQ, Cake Stall and other stalls on Carnival Day, so you will need to be able to help with organising as well as planning and running events or areas on the day. A sense of humour and patience is invaluable – these are great fun to do but need support and energy.

The Carnival and associated events have run for nearly 50 years and are a key diary date for the village and great community spiritif you

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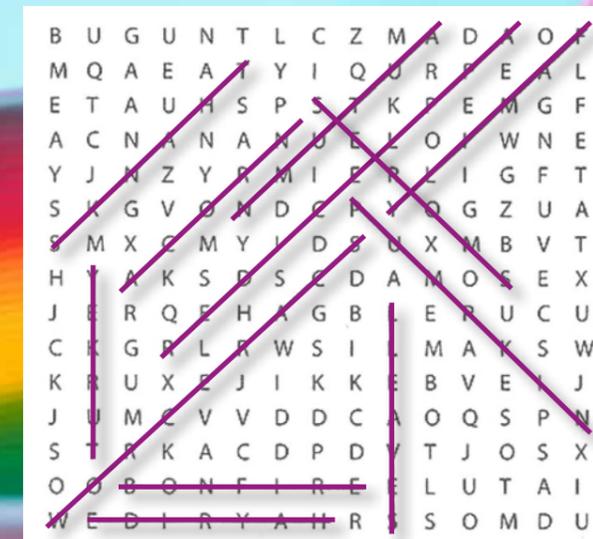
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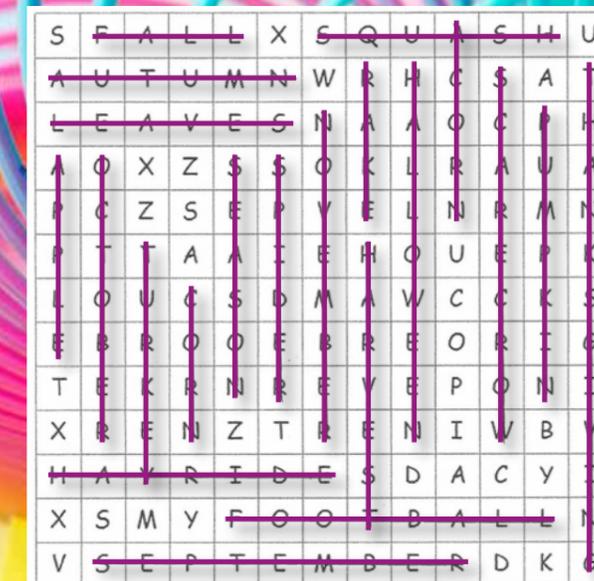
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AUTUMN WORD SEARCH 1



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| Acorn | Family | Scarecrow |
| Apple Cider | Hatride | Smores |
| Autumn | Leaves | Turkey |
| Bonfire | Pumpkin | Thanks |

AUTUMN WORD SEARCH 2



- | | | |
|----------|--------------|-----------|
| Football | Corn | Squash |
| Leaves | Autumn | Turkey |
| Hayride | Halloween | November |
| Acorn | Thanksgiving | September |
| Season | Fall | Pumpkin |
| Apple | Harvest | Scarecrow |
| Rake | Spider | October |

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One aspect of the course covers safety. It is the responsibility of all archers to ensure the integrity of the range and it is a stipulation from Archery GB (our governing body and insurance provider) that all archers present are vigilant; an approach that ensures archery is one of the safest sports around.

As a result of these courses - and the growing kudos and reputation of Old Basing Archers within the archery community - we have seen membership continue to grow. We now have 130 members, both male and female, able-bodied and disabled, spanning the ages from teens to those in their 80s and with mixed abilities from novice to county, Invictus UK and Team GB archers.

The popularity of the club is evident by the numbers who shoot at weekends and, when space allows, during the weekday evenings during the summer. But it's important for us to keep shooting all year, to maintain our 'muscle memory'. That's why we can still be found shooting in the wind, rain, snow and ice over the winter months at the Rec. We also shoot indoors at the village hall and Hampshire Court Hotel, to help ensure we are all match fit when the good weather returns.

If you want to have a look, or a chat, head for the OBA flag, proudly flying in the corner of the Rec by Oliver's Battery.



OLD BASING BOWLING CLUB

At the time of writing this for the newsletter our season still has some way to go before finishing with Club Finals at the beginning of September and our season end in mid-September.

We have welcomed 18 new members this season so the club has been busy integrating them into the club, providing coaching and ensuring they have been made welcome. Several have taken to the game quickly and have already represented the club in Friendly fixtures and league games. We hosted a successful County game in late June and are now well advanced with our own club competitions and District competitions. More about these in the next newsletter. We will also feature dates for next Spring's Open Days.

The group photo was taken at the County game held June 29th between Hampshire and Wiltshire and features both teams including Chris Beadle and Maurice Bates, Old Basing members, who played for Hampshire.

Old Basing President, Pam Taplin formally handing over the Green to the Presidents of Hampshire and Wiltshire for the match which Hampshire won by some 20 points and 5 rinks to one.



OBCC v GLODWICK - A BRIEF HISTORY

Usually on the 3rd Monday in July, but occasionally the 4th Monday, the sounds of leather on willow, laughter and much jollity, can be heard at the recreation ground in Old Basing, as an annual 40 over cricket match between Old Basing and Lancashire touring side Glodwick, a suburb in Oldham, takes place for the prestigious "bat on a plank" award.

Glodwick have been making an annual pilgrimage to Hampshire on tour since 1991, and have been playing at Old Basing CC since 1992. Little did we know when Dave Leyland, OBCC fixture sec at the time took a call in early 1992 from Dave Chaloner, Glodwick stalwart and Chairman, that 27 years on the fixture would still be taking place, and in the intervening years there would be 3 joint cricket tours to Barbados. Lifetime friendships have been made over the mutual love of cricket and a Monday afternoon and evening cricket match.

Amazingly, Chaloner, Nigel Stock and Richard Connolly from the first tour are still touring 28 years on, although DC has retired from playing, but now we have sons of Nigel and Richard joining their dads on the cricket fields of Hampshire and the Surrey borders. The touring party usually numbers between 18 and 22, and includes many teenagers from the Glodwick youth production line, and several father and son participants (Dave and Jamie Symonds, another notable cricketing family), a feature of the tourists touring party throughout their time touring our lovely area.

Taking part for Old Basing in that historic first fixture back in July 1992 were club members such as Dave "Slinger" Leyland, Dave Baker, Paul Turner, Jon Hall, Chris Hayden,

and Martin Petto. Generally over the years Glodwick have held the upper hand and have probably won two thirds of the fixtures, being especially strong in the mid to late 1990s when the leg spin bowling of "Macca" would often skittle OBCC out after a solid start and 110/3 became 150 all out, and post 2010, with the tourists winning 6 of the last 9 matches, including the July 2019 fixture.

The closest game took place in 2007, when the tourists chased down a score in excess of 200, of the last ball of the innings with John Holland and Richard Connolly seeing Glodwick home. The biggest winning margin was in July 2000 when tea was taken with Glodwick 37/4 in response to OBCC declared total of 235 and the tourists finished 90 runs short, thankfully over the years such one sided games have been very isolated.

The weather gods have been extremely kind with only one match totally rained off, back in 2010, when an impromptu 11 a side football game took place and Old Basing beat the tourists 9-1, and 3 with rain interruptions, but not significant to affect the games or the fun and after match entertainment afterwards.

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ANYONE FOR TENNIS AT OLD BASING TENNIS CLUB?

What an amazing fortnight of tennis we all enjoyed from Wimbledon this summer! What with the 15-year old Coco Gauff having a dream run, only to be knocked out by the eventual winner, Simona Halep and Andy Murray, back on court where he belongs, partnering Serena Williams in the doubles. And then there was that final between Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic, going to 12 games all in the fifth set, with Djokovic just winning in the tie-break, a match many of us will never forget.

Wouldn't it be great on a hot summer's evening next year (or what's left of this summer) to be able to stroll down to the local tennis courts at Old Basing and have some fun, keep fit and enjoy the beautiful scenery at the recreation ground? There are lots of opportunities for you to do so with your friends and family and potentially they too may become the next Wimbledon champion! Our club championship has had a good number of entries again this year, but on writing this the finals have not been

played yet, so we don't know who the smiling winners are! Also, our men's, ladies and mixed league teams have been battling it out all season in some hard-fought games. Good luck to them too.

All summer there have been extra coaching and drills sessions run by our coaches Ben and Jamie of JB Tennis Academy that you or your children can take part in (contact jbtennisacademy1@gmail.com) or come to our club nights where everyone mixes in. Alternatively, if you join the club, you can come along at any time and use one of our four courts, even throughout the winter. Summer sessions include:-

- **Monday 6.30-8.00pm drills and doubles play**
- **Tuesday 6.00pm until dusk, club night**
- **Thursday 6.30-7.30pm drills**
- **Friday 6.00pm until dusk, club night.**

Old Basing Tennis Club has ample car parking and is situated next to the cricket and football ground and is off Riley Lane, opposite The Bolton Arms pub.

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