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Chairman's Foreword

Assistant Clerk

In October we welcomed Kate Hope, the new Assistant Clerk. Kate has worked in the corporate sector before and is now turning to making a contribution in the community. Kate lives nearby in Upton Grey, having previously been based in Little Basing. Until recently, she was a Parent Governor at Old Basing Infants School for eight years: Kate knows our schools well, having three children at the local schools and pre-school. Kate will deal with matters relating to Planning Applications, Allotments, Cemetery and venue bookings.

Finance

We are the second largest 'small local authority' in the Basingstoke area; Tadley Town Council is the largest.

Each Autumn, the Parish Council considers the budget, including the Precept (the annual charge that you, the electors, pay), for the next financial year. Our main source of income is the Precept, which is collected for us by the Borough Council and passed to us in two annual instalments in April and September. Our financial year runs from 1 April to the following 31 March. So now, we are involved in agreeing the budget for the 2020/2021 year.

For the current 2019/2020 year, the Precept was set at £179,363, which for a Band D property is £1.10 per week.

Turnover at the Parish Council amounts to around £267,000 a year, which figure reflects the Precept income, the use of other income and set aside reserves as well. A substantial amount of money is spent on what is called Facilities Management: Staff salaries, maintaining the Recreation Ground, machinery, the Cemetery and Lychpit Hall, which is leased to us by Hampshire County Council.

The Facilities Management Expenditure budget is currently £174,422. When added to the amount of general expenditure and other incidentals, our running costs are £252,065.

Regarding income, other items are: a grass cutting grant from the Borough Council of £20,989, Grant Aid of £11,088 for two litter wardens, anticipated income of £16,000 for hiring out Lychpit Hall, contributions from the clubs plus Burial Fees, Allotment Rents and rental income from the cottage on the Recreation Ground.

The person who assists us with financial matters is Les Orvis, Finance Officer. His dexterity with a budget spreadsheet shown to us as a slide show at meetings is something to be

marvelled at! We thank Les for his contribution. Les is also a photographer and you will see his photograph on the front cover of this edition.

Alan Renwick

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CHANGES IN THE PARISH OFFICE

In September we said goodbye to Heather Mountford, after 11 years with the Parish Council. Heather will now be devoting her time to voluntary work and her sporting activities. We wish her well and are particularly grateful to her for staying on longer than planned to give us more time to recruit her replacement.

WALK IN THE AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

The Village Hall Committee has expressed concern that the starting point for the Piggy Dam walk was the Village Hall car park and that this could impact on functions if a number of cars were parked by walkers. We would therefore remind walkers that the Recreation Ground car park is just a short walk across Oliver's Battery and is freely available for anyone to use.

BOXING DAY WALK

Don't forget to don your boots and join Tony Stoney and colleagues for the Boxing Day Walk which will start at Old Basing Village Hall at 11 am on 26 December. Dogs on leads are always welcome so this is a good opportunity for you and your dog to walk off all those extra Christmas treats.

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.

All meetings are open to the public and time is allocated on the Agenda for any member of the public present to address the meeting. Meetings are generally held in the 1st floor Committee Room, however if you wish to attend a meeting but have difficulty with stairs please let us know so the meeting can be moved to a ground floor room.

MONTH	FULL PARISH COUNCIL	PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	FACILITIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE	OTHER
January	7th	14th & 28th			
February	4th	11th & 25th		18th	
March	3rd	10th & 24th	17th		
April	7th	14th & 28th			21st (Annual Parish Meeting)
May	7th	12th & 26th	19th		
June	7th	9th & 23rd	30th		
July	7th	14th & 28th			
August	7th	11th & 25th	18th		
September	7th	8th & 22th	29th		
October	7th	13th & 27th		20th	
November	7th	10th & 24th	17th		
December	7th	8th & 22th			14th Community Partnership Evening

PARISH OFFICE HOURS OVER CHRISTMAS

The Parish Office will be closed from Tuesday 24 December (Christmas Eve) through to Sunday 29 December and again on Wednesday 1 January (New Year's Day).

Telephone messages and emails will be monitored from time to time during this period and any urgent messages dealt with.

Non-urgent messages will be responded to as quickly as possible when the office re-opens on 30 December.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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The Recreation Ground,
The Street,
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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 Assistant Clerk).

PARISH OFFICE AND RECREATION FACILITIES



Sandra Tuck (Clerk)
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Stephen Richardson
Grounds & Facilities Manager



Kate Hope
(Assistant Clerk)
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Harry Rice Groundsman

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County Councillor Report

Cllr. Elaine Still

Milkingpen Lane Bridge

I have been pressing HCC Highways Department for a progress report on measures to resolve the flooding under the Milkingpen Lane Bridge. It does appear the last attempt at jet washing where they were able to reach further into the drain may have resolved the problem as, despite recent heavy rainfall, the road has been relatively clear. However, investigations are continuing and Highways has apologised that a resolution to the issue has become so protracted. They have, and still are, experiencing several issues. Below is a report received at the time of writing this article:

1 High pressure water jetting has cleared some debris from the system, which is now allowing water to drain. Access from under the bridge is very limited and with the carrier drain being of brick construction, care must be taken not to damage this as part of the cleansing process.

2 The highway drain that takes the water from under the bridge runs east under the bridge structure itself, before heading south under the bridge abutment. This has prevented access to the carrier drain from the surface and means that the first point at which the carrier appears to be accessible (the entrance to the area adjacent to the scout hut), the carrier is in excess of 2m deep. Any works adjacent to the bridge can only be completed with supervision by Network Rail.

3 Due to these restrictions, progress to date has been quite limited and we have been unable to establish where this drain discharges.

4 With the limited information that we have managed to gather about the system, we are a little reluctant to start excavating the carriageway as at the anticipated depths, a road closure would be required and may be in place for a considerable length of time.

Not wishing to repeatedly cause inconvenience to residents and highway users, we are trying to gather as much information as we can about this drainage system, prior to the commencement of any further investigation / remedial works at this location. If anyone can assist with information about this drainage system, we would be very pleased to hear it.

Speed Limit along the A30

Cllr Rob Humby cabinet member for the Environment and Highways will be considering a report at his Decision Day on 12 November which contains a recommendation to reduce speed limits in the vicinity of Nateley Scures and the Baredown. I have been campaigning for this along with residents for some time now and so I am delighted that this decision will be heard and hopefully agreed on and which I hope will meet the concerns that I and residents have raised with him.

On a lighter note ...

Regular readers will know of my great passion for the natural environment. It was therefore a great pleasure to take part in the first "Pollinator Promise" planting of wildflower seed in Chineham.

The "Pollinator Promise" is a wildflower planting scheme to support more bees and other pollinating insects, supported by the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust (HIWWT).

It was wonderful to help plant the wildflower seeds at Great Binfields Primary School and meet the children, who showed a real passion for protecting their local environment. As I said to them, it's important that we look after nature, then nature will look after us. Residents of Old Basing and Lychpit who wish to participate in the scheme can do so by removing one square metre of turf from their gardens, and planting wildflower seeds, which are available free of charge if they register with the Chineham Conservation Group at pollinator.patches@gmail.com. Seeds will come with planting and care instructions.

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Lychpit Christmas Celebration

On Sunday 24 November, despite the rain, the local community in Lychpit came together to enjoy a truly festive evening.

We would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who supported the event, from those who helped us get it up and running by donating prizes for the tombola to those who gave so generously of their time. Huge thanks must also go to the local businesses who sponsored the event and the wonderful singers and musicians.. we couldn't have done it without you. And, of course, thank you to everyone who turned up on a very drizzly evening to help make it a success.

to cover the initial outlay and the costs of putting on such an event. Thanks to everyone's generosity, we managed to do a little better than that so we are delighted to be able to say that we raised enough to be able to make a donation to the Mayor's Charity Appeal. Thank you!



Special thanks must go to Minuteman Press for producing all of our advertising material and to Alan Sewell who supplied and fitted the wonderful Christmas lights. People were saying that they



so enjoyed the Christmas countdown and the light switch on in the Courtyard was the perfect setting - a space that was unknown to many.

Here are just a few comments we have received:

"It was great, lovely start to the Christmas period", "A wonderful afternoon/evening! Well done for bringing the community together", "Thank you for creating such a wonderful and magical event - hopefully the first of many", "Lovely to see so many coming together and local businesses supporting each other", "Great community buzz", "Hope this is the start of an annual event for

Lychpit. It was so lovely to see so many people", "All looked so festive - a truly village event".

The Christmas Celebration was put together in

the hope that it would help create a community feel; bringing the local community together. We hoped that we would raise enough money

Natasha and Debbie
Lychpit Community Events Society

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The last inspection revealed that urgent repairs were needed on several roofs, gutters, downpipes and stonework. In addition repairs are required on some windows. This is not because the church has been neglected in the past, far from it, but these things have come due as anyone with the doubtful privilege of owning an ancient listed building will appreciate.

In order to get ahead of ourselves we have decided to do all the works together thus saving time, money and disruption in the long term.

This leads me on to the subject of how much will it cost and how are we going to pay for it?

We are fortunate indeed to have a very active Friends of St. Mary's who work tirelessly to raise funds for us and those who attended their most recent pantomime will remember we had a display showing what works are needed at the church.

They are making a most generous grant towards the cost and we are fortunate to have received a recent legacy which will hopefully cover the remainder of a hefty £150,000 start price. I use the word 'start' deliberately as we will not know what else will be revealed when work begins. The rest of the cost will otherwise be born by funds raised by our regular congregation.

Is there anything the wider community can do to ensure the viability of this, arguably one of the village's most precious assets? Yes, you can support the Friends and Church fundraising activities. We are having our ever popular Christmas Tree Festival on 7/8th December. Please think about sponsoring a tree and telling all your friends and family to come and enjoy it. You can, should you wish to make a more direct contribution, contact the church administrator who would be pleased to tell you other ways in which you can support St. Mary's.

Meanwhile it is business as usual. The church is open for all our regular services and activities, details of which can be found on our website stmarysoldbasing.org.uk. Please come and visit us, you will be most welcome.

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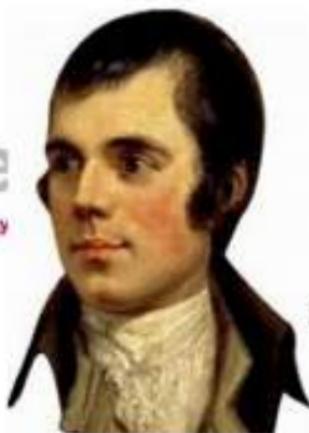
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Crime Prevention Advice on Theft from Vehicle Crime

As part of on-going efforts to tackle crime across Basingstoke, we would like to keep residents up to date with relevant crime prevention advice, so that you have a better awareness of how you may protect yourself and your belongings.

Due to a recent spate of theft from vehicle offences in the area, we would like to offer some simple but crucial advice.

Remember – most of these offences are opportunist in nature – by taking even simple precautions you can greatly reduce your likelihood of becoming a victim.

- Most offences of theft from vehicle are opportunist. When leaving your car, close all windows and lock your car. This is the best way to protect your belongings.
- Upon locking your vehicle try your car door to ensure it is actually locked!
- Take all your personal possessions with you and do not leave items on display.
- Even items of little value, such as shopping bags and clothing, may tempt a potential thief to break into the vehicle to see whether they contain anything worth stealing. They may even be tempted by such things as coins for the car park, sunglasses, packs of medication or other items that can earn quick cash.
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- Report all suspicious activity or offences to the police. Even if we cannot take immediate action it will help us build a better picture of the issue which will help us combat it more effectively in the long-run.

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No Fault Divorce: Q&A With A Divorce Lawyer

The Government confirmed earlier this year that divorce laws will be changed, removing the need for one party to be at 'fault' for the marriage breaking down.

Our specialist Family Law Team answers some frequently asked questions on No Fault Divorce:

"When will these changes come into place?"

At the moment the only guidance we have is that the changes will 'come into play as soon as parliamentary time allows'. With a fair amount happening in Government at the moment we aren't expecting anything to happen soon. We would hope to have an update in the Autumn/Winter of this year.

"I have already started divorce proceedings, will this affect me?"

If you are already going through the divorce process then it will continue under the current rules and you will not be affected.

"I am considering divorce, should I wait until the new rules are in place?"

If you have already made up your mind on getting a divorce then there isn't really a need to delay the process. There is unlikely to be any major time or financial benefit to waiting and at this moment in time we have no indication on when that will happen. Lamb Brooks already practice under Resolution's guidance, meaning that where ever possible we work with clients in a dignified and non-confrontational manner, using alternatives to court.

"How will the changes make the divorce process better for separating couples?"

Going through a divorce will still be a difficult time however the removal of apportioning 'blame' to one party can help make the process less confrontational. Obtaining a divorce could be made much quicker too, as couples will no longer have to wait 5 years to formally separate without attributing fault or blame to one another.

If you are looking for advice or further information on separation, divorce or any other family legal matters then please get in touch with our Family Law Team on

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Julia McGuigan, Rob Parker, Laura Bell

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ANSWERS

Christmas Maze

Christmas Word Search

S	G	O	N	N	J	E	M	B	X	Y	P	T
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Christmas Word Scramble

Unscramble the Christmas themed words and join them to the pictures on the right. We've done the first one for you.
Remember, there is more than one reindeer!

natas	.....	santa	.....
fgtis	.....	gifts	.....
eighls	.....	sleigh	.....
eert	.....	tree	.....
tleomsite	.....	mistletoe	.....
tzbilne	.....	blitzen	.....
fsofnakew	snowflake	
lohly	holly	
neidreer	reindeer	
ydncanace	candycane	
rhedas	dasher	

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NO HAPPY NEW YEAR

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

This modern, well maintained venue is perfect for weddings and birthday parties

from 1 to 100 consisting of three halls that can adapt to most group needs. The hall is fully licensed with broadband facility, a stage and a large well-equipped kitchen.

The hall hosts many groups throughout the week such as ballet classes, nursery school, table tennis, archery, line dancing and pilates.

The weekend is kept free for one-off bookings such as weddings, parties, christenings etc. and we also hold jumble sales, scouting and guides events, quiz nights, religious services, blood donation sessions, flower shows, pantomimes, charity functions - in fact celebrations of all kinds.



In addition to the main hall, the FRANK GODDARD ROOM is a modern meeting room accessed by a flight of stairs and located at the rear of the hall. It has a separate entrance and access to a small kitchenette.



The Main Hall can be adapted for 50 to 200 people and the Frank Goddard Room is suitable for up to 30 people.

Our committee of volunteers has maintained a wonderful facility for all to enjoy with disabled access and toilet. Special rates are offered to parishioners.

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Parish Meeting Room

Adjacent to St Mary's Church, Old Basing, this room is suitable for groups of up to 60 (seated), 100 (standing). Please note: limited parking

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Basing House

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Great Barn

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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).

Learning/Community Room

A bright space equipped with an interactive white board, underfloor heating, coffee and tea making facilities and sink. Ideal for business meetings, talks and presentations, craft activities or birthday parties and is available any day including weekends. Max capacity when seated 35.

Space 12.2m x 4.9m and suitable for all including activities for under 5s.

Minimum 3 hour hire after 5pm

Catering for all the above locations is not included and you may use your own caterer. Tea and coffee is available for purchase on site if required.

☛ *www.hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk/content/hiring-spacebasing-house or call Linda Owen on 01256 403905 or by email linda.owen@hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk. Alternatively please call the Milestones Museum reception on 01256 477766 where a message can be left*



Lychpit Community Hall

Lychpit Community Hall is a lovely Grade II Listed barn with oak beams and flooring. It is a popular venue for children's parties and provides a unique setting for intimate wedding receptions and other family events. The hall will seat up to 80 in a formal setting or 100 guests for an informal buffet or party. There is a small fully-equipped kitchen off the entrance foyer and a separate accessible toilet with baby changing facilities. The hall is fully licensed for entertainment and the sale of alcohol.

A small meeting room ideal for one-to-one meetings is also available to hire separately during the week.

We currently have space for regular groups during the day on all weekdays. To check availability visit the Parish Council website www.oldbasing.gov.uk where you will find Lychpit Community Hall listed under Venues for Hire. Weekends are generally reserved from mid-day for party bookings, although full day events/workshops will be considered.

Regular activities include:

Monday

Karate

Tuesday

Basing Beans
Pilates
Rainbows
Brownies
KAP Workshop

Wednesday

Daisy Foundation
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Thursday

Drama Tots
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Friday

Kids Kan Dance
Pilates

The Loft Music Night
(last Friday monthly)
Yoga Blissipline
(twice monthly)

Saturday

British Wheel of Yoga
Yoga with Christine

Sunday

Infinite Harmony Yoga

To enquire about hiring Lychpit Hall contact the Parish Office either via the contact form on our website www.oldbasing.gov.uk, by email to lychpithall@oldbasing.gov.uk or telephone 01256 462847 (mornings only or leave a voicemail).



Hall following refurbishment



Lychpit Hall Committee Room

Pavilion Tea Room

Our newly refurbished Pavilion Tea Room overlooks the recreation ground in Old Basing and is ideal for smaller groups and parties for approximately 20 people or for sports groups providing refreshments to spectators. The Tea Room now boasts a brand new self-contained kitchen with serving hatch, fridge, microwave and dishwasher. For sports groups, there are two separate changing rooms at the rear providing changing and shower facilities plus an individual referee's changing room and shower, all are accessible from the tea room. The Tea Room is easily accessible for wheelchair users with a permanent ramp and designated wider door.



Pavilion Committee Room

Located above the Parish Office, this newly refurbished meeting room is equipped with WiFi, projector and flip charts and will seat up to 20 people for boardroom style meetings or training events. Alternatively, the easily foldable tables and stacking chairs can be stored to one side to leave space for other activities. The adjacent kitchen area is ideal for preparation of light refreshments.

Free on-site parking is available at all the above facilities.



The Old Basing Village Show

At 8.0am on Sunday 8th September 2019 the doors of the Village Hall opened and our exhibitors with their precious exhibits came pouring in. Evenly matched runner beans, carefully scrubbed beetroot, perfect squashes, straight cucumbers, onions, tomatoes and bunches of herbs were all beautifully presented in their classes.

Apples, plums and soft fruit filled the fruit tables. Dahlias, roses, asters, Japanese anemones and other lovely flowers took up the far side of the hall and along the bottom of the stage pot plants, orchids and cacti were placed to best advantage. Flower arrangements were snipped and tweaked and the cakes, scones, breads and pasties arrived covered in clingfilm, together with the men and boys class of a cake using a vegetable ingredient. The jars of homemade jams, jellies and marmalades take up less space but look very colourful when set out. A wide variety of handicrafts were displayed on the balcony and the photos together with the liqueurs and non-alcoholic cordials all went into the Frank Goddard Room. As for the children, the junk models, decorated Pringle containers, decorated cupcakes and monsters were all very carefully brought in and displayed on the stage. The hall was a hive of purposeful activity until 10.15 when everyone was shooed out in readiness for the judges.

Our judges come back year after year and seem to very much enjoy judging the show. So Messrs Mason and Newman headed for the fruit and veg, to study the straightness of the beans, the roundness of the globe beetroot, presentation of the onions and so on. Mrs Williams and Mrs Garwood, having agreed who would cover the baking and who would do the jams and jellies, set too with their knives and teaspoons to cut and taste every exhibit. Mrs West judged the flower arrangements, of which there are sadly too few. The handicrafts judge, Mrs Blight, headed upstairs for the needlecraft, paintings and other craft classes. Ms Fairs took on the unenviable task of judging the photograph classes and Mr Brace had the, hopefully, enjoyable task of tasting the liqueurs. Mrs Mitchell handled the children's bug hotels, vegetable monsters and other classes with great enthusiasm.



chat before heading home, leaving the committee to put the labels on the cards of the class winners and work out who had won the cups.

At 2.30pm the queue of visitors and entrants anxious to see who had won what was allowed into the hall to exclaim at the varied display, comment on the class winners and regret not entering as their dahlias were better! Winners collected their prize money, the children were delighted with their sweets and rosettes. Many people contributed to our funds by buying raffle tickets, taking part in the tombola or buying some of the produce for sale. The teas and cakes were, as usual, very popular. It was very heartening to see so many people coming to enjoy the show.

This year we were delighted to have Laura Haystaff from The Topiary to give out the cups and the children's certificates. The usual auction of produce which exhibitors had kindly donated, was interspersed with auctioning two excellent prizes – a massage from The Spine Team and a voucher from Box Hairdressing. This was great fun as everyone entered into the spirit of the auction bidding against each other for prize-winning vegetables, jams, flowers and cakes.

The committee was delighted with the success of this year's show. We welcomed 30 new entrants, several of whom won prizes in the individual classes, and had an overall increase in the number of entries. We very much hope that both participants and visitors enjoyed the day.

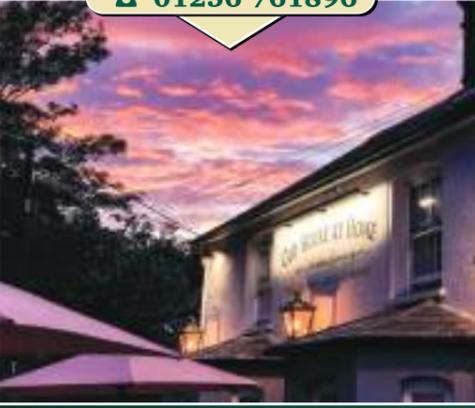
Finally, the committee will be working on next year's schedule during January and we hope you will be picking up your copy from the usual village outlets in early spring. It will also be available on our website www.oblvs.org.uk.



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The Ivy Club

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We also had a raffle and thanks to the various organisations that supplied the prizes. We would like to thank the local Co-Op particularly as they support The Ivy Club on a monthly basis with raffle prizes.

We had a notice board of past and present members and those that have celebrated their 100th birthdays with us and have also had a Diamond Wedding Anniversary for a couple who live at Oakfields.

The Ivy Club has, of course, changed in format over the years but we still meet on a weekly basis and new members are always welcome.



We have had 3 coach outings this year, the first one to the Cotswolds, then off to the seaside in the summer and in

November we are spending the day at Hampshire Farmers Market at Bordon. We will be having our Christmas Party in December so fun for all.

The Ivy Club, would not be The Ivy Club but for the support of its members so long may it last.

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- 1 tsp cornflour
- Mix together 1 tsp of mixed herbs,
- 2 tsp breadcrumbs , ½ tsp ginger ,
- ½ tsp black pepper
- 70g rocket leaves

Cook the pasta as per packet instructions. (Linguine is very like spaghetti so this could be used as a substitute).

In a large frying pan or wok heat the oil over a medium heat. Mix the lime juice chilli powder and garlic to a paste and fry for 10 secs.

Tip in the tomatoes and cook for 2 minutes to soften.

Add the prawns then stir in the white wine mixture, then add the herb mixture and let it cook for about 2 minutes.

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Date for the diary: Sunday 29th December, 2019

Depending on when you are reading this there are less than 30 shopping days to go to Christmas. On that basis it is time to turn your attention to Christmas and put Sunday, 29th December, in the diary for the Old Basing & Lychpit Big Turkey Community Christmas Lunch. The Christmas Lunch will be held at Old Basing Village Hall starting with drinks served from noon and lunch at 1.00 pm. This will be the fifth consecutive year this hugely popular event will be held where the objective is to provide a complimentary Christmas meal with an afternoon of entertainment to families; young and old to unify the community of Old Basing & Lychpit especially during this special seasonal time of the year. Places are limited to 180 therefore please book early to avoid disappointment. You can either sign up for the event in the foyer of St Mary's Church from early October onwards or contact Caron on [07740 775036](tel:07740775036) or email bigturkeylunch@outlook.com.

As previous years transport will be available for those that have difficulty attending the event. Volunteers to help are welcome and if you can spare some time on the day or before then also please contact Caron. This is an event organised by volunteers from Old Basing & Lychpit for the families and residents of our community, in order to create a greater identity and community spirit. It relies on the funding from the Parish Council, support from St Mary's, the generosity of local vendors and from donations on the day. We look forward to seeing you all in December

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The Village Café



The Village Café is a volunteer run café for the community of Old Basing and Lychpit and is open on Friday afternoons from 2 to 4:30pm in the Parish Room at St Mary's church.

The café originated from the previously held "coffee catchup" and was bought to fruition by Debbie Filer and Gillian Peer who have worked incredibly hard to establish a group of volunteers to bake and serve at the café.

Our aim is to engage with the local community to provide a support service where needed and to end social isolation within our community. The café has been hugely successful and it is lovely to see our customers every week and to catch up with them all.

As well as providing homemade bakes and drinks, we donate all profits made to charity. We have supported ARK, The Pink Place, MDNA (Motor Neurone Disease Association) and currently support Julian House, our local homeless charity.

We welcome occasional pop up visits from local business such as Alison's Wonderland and the Glass Maidens which enables our customers to buy a few lovely pieces whilst enjoying a cuppa and a cake. These businesses generously donate a percentage of any sales made to the charity we are supporting that day.

Incredibly, we have now been opening our doors for a year and to celebrate, we held a birthday party afternoon on 25th October. It was amazing to welcome so many to our celebration along with representatives from the charities we have supported. Thank you to everyone who has supported us over the past 12 months and we look forward to seeing many more of you in future. As a one off, we decided to

donate profits from this event to the Macmillan Biggest Coffee Morning Fund and we raised over £380 so a huge thank you for the generosity of all who visited.

We now look forward to the continued success of the café and welcome you all to visit. Our opening dates are shared on our Facebook page along with any special events planned.



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Early in 2019, the National Garden Scheme donated £3 million pounds to our Beneficiaries. Here in Hampshire two organisations benefitted from these donations.

Firstly Treloar's School and College in Alton. At Treloar's focus is on the ability of the students - not the disability. Around 170 children and young people, aged between 2 & 25 years attend the school and college. The complexity of the student's needs is increasing, which means that Treloar's need to upgrade some of their facilities. To this end the NGS donated a very generous £85,000 which will be used towards a new Outdoor Learning Centre.



Earlier this Summer, one of our very popular Gardens:- The Thatched Cottage, Upper Farringdon, invited a number of students and staff, from Treloar's, to visit their garden on an educational visit to study pollination. As well as being a beautiful garden there are chickens and ducks wandering around. As you can see, this made Debbie one very happy young student.

To read more about this trip - [visit the website https://www.ngs.org.uk/discover-more/news/](https://www.ngs.org.uk/discover-more/news/) and page down to the item on 26th June.

Our second donation went to KIDS: Giving Disabled Children and their parents Support Towards a Brighter Future -KIDS is a Nationwide organisation, and for the last 50 years they have been dedicated to providing an extensive range of services to children and young people, aged 0 to 25 years, irrespective of their impairment or condition.

In 2019 the NGS donated £85,000 to develop the garden spaces at two of their Early Years care centres - Basingstoke Nursery, Hampshire and Wylde Green Centre, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands

To see more of the amazing work this charity does click on the link www.kids.org.uk

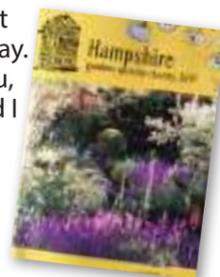
We are quietly confident that Hampshire has achieved another record breaking year. We have to wait until Spring

2020 to see what the NGS has achieved Nationwide, by way of Donations to our beneficiaries.

The Hampshire County Booklet is a great source of reference for our Open Gardens, and should be available around February 2020. You can pick up a copy at all local libraries, and many Garden Centres. Then of course there is our web site www.ngs.org.uk Once all the gardens are collated, you will be able view images and a more detailed description of the gardens.

We have very experienced speakers, who will visit Clubs or Groups to give entertaining talks about the NGS - from its history to the present day. If this is something that might interest you, please contact me in the first instance and I will send you details.

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OLD BASING WI

The Autumn months have been a busy time for the Old Basing WI, in this our Centenary year. We were grateful for the opportunity to provide a display of all our activities at the Village Show in September.



We had a lot of interest and some very kind comments about our display (see photo). To celebrate our centenary, a native ash tree will be planted on the Recreation ground and we thank the Carnival Committee for their generous donation towards this. Our very active craft group has also produced a wonderful wall hanging which will soon be on permanent display in the Parish Room to commemorate our Centenary.

The craft group has been busy dying pure wool to be used to make stitched cards to be sold at the Basing House Christmas Fayre. We will also be taking part in the St Marys Christmas Tree festival in December. We hold a weekly "coffee and chat" at Conkers Garden Centre, a monthly lunch at a local pub as well as regular walks in the local area (see photo). Members enjoy local theatre trips and have recently been to see "9-5" performed by BATS at the Haymarket. We also enjoy playing skittles and have a team

that has won through to the Hampshire WI finals next year. Old Basing WI are part of the greater Loddon Group WI family and some of our Members have recently listened to Lady Carnarvon talking about life at Highclere Castle and the filming of Downton Abbey. We also attend Hampshire WI events both at the Anvil and further afield where we have the opportunity to listen to fantastic speakers such as the truly inspirational Sally Becker- The Angel of Mostar. Next year we shall be going to see adventurer and TV presenter Ben Fogle. Our monthly meetings take place on the first Tuesday of every month at the St Mary's Parish Rooms starting at 7.30pm. Recently we have had speakers from Hants and IOW Wildlife Trust, Funny Stories from the Museum Service, and our December meeting will include a recital on the theme of Christmas food, by a local actress. We have a packed agenda planned for 2020 and would welcome any new members. Details are in the Basinga or the Hampshire WI website at www.hampshirewi.org.uk Click on WI's from the top of the page and select Old Basing from the list.





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After the torrential rainstorms we had last year, we were hoping that we might have a dry day this year. But despite our hopes and prayers, it was grey and drizzly and the sunshine once again declined to join in with our Friends Of Old Basing Schools Trail and Fun Runs :(



However, the villagers and local runners came out en masse to support the event and we had over 130 adults and teenagers take part in the 10km route, and over 100 runners in the 6km route, both of which went through the fields and tracks around Wildmoor!

First home was 16 year old Cameron Coveney, with a time of 40.53, followed by Alex Bigg (Senior Male) and Mark Soane (Male 40-49) - unsurprisingly, all three are BMHAC members and we thank the club for their support of this local event. Dawn Hunt (Senior Female) won the female race, coming in 11th overall, with Gemma Bigg (Senior Female) and Mitch Lloyd (Women 40-49) closing in fast on her heels.



The 6km race had more runners joining in this year than last year, with about 100 children and adults running and this was won by Michal Bursak (Senior Male) in 25.55, with Jack Hedderly (age 13) and Charlie Coveney (age 12) coming in fast behind him. Izzy Powell (aged 12) came in 9th overall to be the first female home, with Ella Marston (age 12) & Nicole Fuller (Woman 40-49) coming in 2nd and 3rd for the Women's race.

The top three males and females in both these races each won a glass trophy and voucher prize kindly donated by Petra Jewellery, Pizza Express and Atmosphere Trampoline Park.

Once all the 10k and 6k runners were in, Julian Goater, an England National Cross Country Champ and GB Cross Country team runner, presented the prizes. Then after a fun warm up session, the children's 2km race went off around the rec and Oliver's Battery, with 160 little ones giving their all in the muddy conditions, slipping and sliding with their parents, as they raced for the finish line where they received a wonderful medal, a water bottle and some well-deserved sweets!

The event raised about £3,500 for the village schools and we warmly thank our headline sponsor, RJS Builders Ltd, plus all the other sponsors and volunteers for their generosity of time, monies and donations; not forgetting the wonderfully cheerful marshalls who stood out in the cold and rain, cheering everyone around the course!

It was so wonderful to see hundreds of local children and adults joining in, despite the weather, and having fun running and getting muddy while raising money for our local schools - roll on next year, when it surely has to be sunny, doesn't it?!



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Below is a list of the events which will be taking place at Basingstoke Discovery Centre in December.

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Adult Talks/Events

Ascot Brewing Company

Beer tasting and talk

Tickets: £8

Friday 6 December, 7-9pm (18+)

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Make Christmas Willow Decorations

£10 for materials

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Friday 6 and Friday 13 December, 10am – 1pm

Learn simple willow techniques and create charming Christmas decorations to take home.

Metal Embossing

Christmas Gift Workshop

Tickets: £30. Plus an additional £5 for materials (payable to the tutor during the workshop).

Saturday 7 December, 10am to 4pm

Create exciting and innovative gift pieces, such as trinket boxes,

and cards with decorative metal embossing. Learn how to make metal embossed pieces and use paint and glass liners for added decoration - make a unique and individual gift for Christmas!

Scrooge

A Christmas Panto

Single ticket £10; Adult and child ticket £17.50

17 December, 5:30pm to 6:30pm

Hampshire Libraries is delighted to present Gerry Graham's adaptation of 'A Christmas Carol' which becomes 'Scrooge - A Christmas Panto' Containing all the time-honoured pantomime components, some well-chosen music, and with a nifty twist or two in the story. This is guaranteed to appeal to all ages!

Children's events

Festive Fun crafts

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OLD BASING BOWLING CLUB

The 2019 season ended with some notable successes for Old Basing bowlers. The Ladies team won the BDBA triples league whilst Anita Christian and Yvonne Banister reached the Hampshire County over 55 pairs final.

In Basingstoke district competition Martin Cullis, is 2019 Champion of Champions and Malcolm Christian became the fifth consecutive Old Basing winner of the Novices Trophy. David Morris won the Whitchurch Over-60s knockout to complete the list of Old Basing winners. Club Competitions weekend in early September attracted a good number of spectators, who were treated to some great bowling, and close finishes, in sunny but blustery conditions. Several finals going down to the very final bowl for the winner to be decided.

When the dust had settled Anita Christian is this year's Ladies Champion and Jim Higgs triumphed in the Men's competition. Notably several of our first year bowlers also won honours. A fitting end to a successful season for the club. Planning is already underway for the 2020 season. Open Days will be held on Saturday April 11th and Sunday April 19th. Non-members are invited to try out the game of Lawn Bowls free of charge. We will provide Bowls just bring along some flat shoes and attend the club between 10.30am and 1.30pm on either day



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For further information about the club visit our website www.oldbasingbowlingclub.co.uk.

Maurice Bates
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Anita Christian and Yvonne Banister who reached the final of the County Over 55 Pairs



OLD BASING CRICKET CLUB "ALL STARS"

On a late August summer evening this year, the Hampshire Cricket Board with the support of Old Basing Cricket Club members and coaches, held a have a go All Stars session for the Basingstoke area, which was held at the recreation ground, Old Basing. Some 60 plus children and their parents attended.

Saturday morning during the summers of 2018 and 2019, and it is anticipated will be doing so again in 2020.

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All Stars is a nationwide concept introduced by the English Cricket Board and is targeted at introducing young boys and girls up to the age of 8 to the basics of cricket in a fun and enjoyable way, with lots of batting, bowling and fielding drills, followed by cricket matches. Old Basing Cricket Club have themselves been running All Stars taster sessions for local boys and girls on a



OLD BASING TENNIS CLUB

We've had another energetic year at the club and welcomed new members, some dusting off their rackets after several years and one family of beginners joined, who came down for a hit and a picnic after school, which is great.

Our Summer League positions were:-

Mixed Div 1 – 5th out of 7
Ladies Div 2 – 2nd out of 5
Men's Div 2- 3rd out of 9

The results of our Club Championships held in early September:-

Men's singles - Jamie Thomas beat James Chamberlin

Ladies singles - Penny Luke beat Jane Hatter
Men's doubles - Andrew Mountford & Jamie T beat Ben Wiltshire & James C

Ladies doubles - Jane Hatter & Penny L beat Bev Cleaver & Carol Torselli

Mixed doubles – Lynne & Jamie Thomas (mum & son) beat Jane H & James C

In our new format Handicap singles players have to score 30 points. Nigel Hatt won the men's and Bev Cleaver won the ladies.

The winner of the Betty Holmes Trophy for services to the club over the year was Bev Cleaver for the many things she

does, including planting flowers around the clubhouse, brightening it up for everyone.

Coaching with JB Tennis Academy– Ben and Jamie have been coaching adults and juniors. See them on Facebook if you're interested in having some coaching.

Interested in playing some tennis? For more information, email us at

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Local business wins prestigious award

Hundreds of local businesses attended the Inspire Business Awards Dinner on Thursday 21st November at The Hampshire Court Hotel. INSPIRE19 showcase regional businesses and centre around an outstanding awards ceremony to promote the continued success of the regions businesses and growth of the local economy.

We are pleased to report that The Topiary Hair & Beauty won the prestigious Small Business of the Year Award! Matt and Laura Haystaff from the parish, opened the Old Basing branch located on The Street, back in 2004 and their newest location in Kingsclere Road, Houndmills just 24 months ago. Laura said "We had some stiff competition and were proud to have been selected top 3 of the North Hampshire Awards, but we won! It was our year!! We are so proud of our team and both salons and beyond thankful to our customers for allowing us to gain this accolade! Without their support and love of what we do we wouldn't be where we are. "The evening was a huge glamorous party with 500 guests, lots of champagne to celebrate the huge success of many winning Basingstoke businesses.




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Further to our report in the autumn newsletter regarding safety concerns expressed by horse riders using Newnham Lane, we draw your attention to the following.

Government strategy (Strategy for the Horse Industry in England and Wales) was devised in 2005 and published in 2011. This sets out to foster a robust and sustainable horse industry, increase its economic value, enhance the welfare of the horse and develop the industry's contribution to the cultural, social, educational, health and sporting life of the nation.

The Hampshire Countryside Access Forum (HCAF) is the local access forum for Hampshire, a statutory advisory body established under the Countryside and Rights of Way (CROW) Act 2000. The Forum is independent of any council or interest group and draws its membership from a wide range of interests and expertise.

HCAF is concerned about the impact of new developments in Hampshire on the public Rights of Way network, multi-user routes, accessible green space and carriageways that together enable residents and visitors to explore and enjoy the countryside. It has contributed to the development of Hampshire County Council strategies for walking and cycling.

Unlike the walking and cycling sectors, the Government's strategy regarding the equestrian sector in the UK has not filtered down to local level as part of transport planning. Therefore the HCAF has published guidance to protect and promote the interests and safety of equestrians <http://documents.hants.gov.uk/countryside/Equestrians-in-Hampshire.pdf>

A few facts from the document

- Rules 204 and 215 of the Highway Code explicitly recognise equestrians as a legitimate vulnerable road user group.
- Hampshire is one of the most densely horse populated counties in England with an estimated number of horses of 87,000. In addition, in 2017 there were 5,583 ponies in the New Forest.
- It is estimated that the equestrian sector contributes £313m annually to Hampshire's local economy, excluding the contribution made by the horse racing industry.
- The horse industry is the largest rural employer after the agriculture industry in the UK (source: British Horse Industry Confederation 2017).
- 3,863 horse riders and carriage drivers in England and Wales were admitted to hospital during 2016 as a result of a traffic incident.
- 30% of riders reported road rage abuse (source: BHS Accidents and Incidents).

These statistics demonstrate how important it is that planning authorities, developers and the Highways Department take account of equestrians when planning roads and housing. As far as we understand, Hampshire Highways have yet to review warning signage in Newnham Lane.

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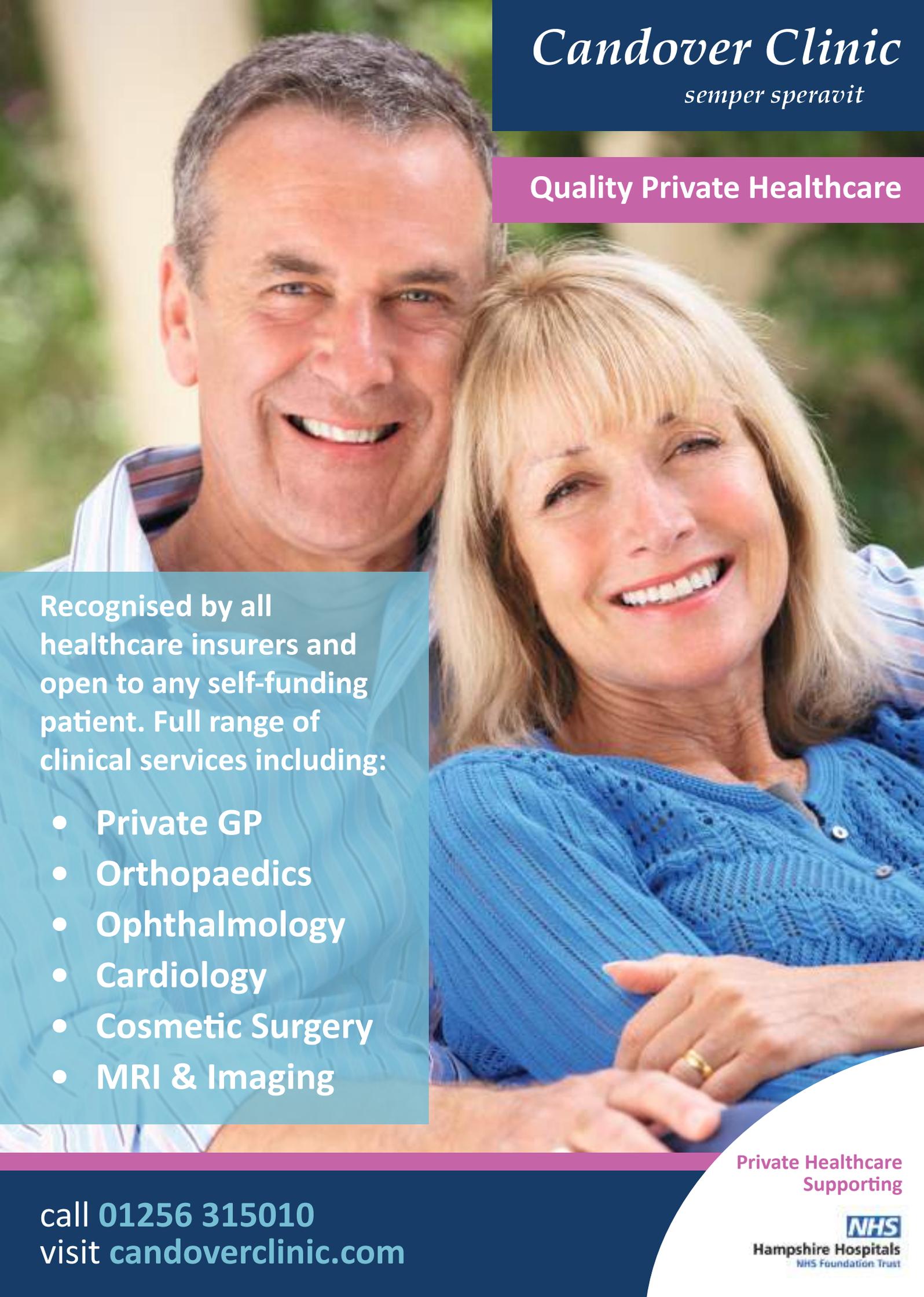
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