

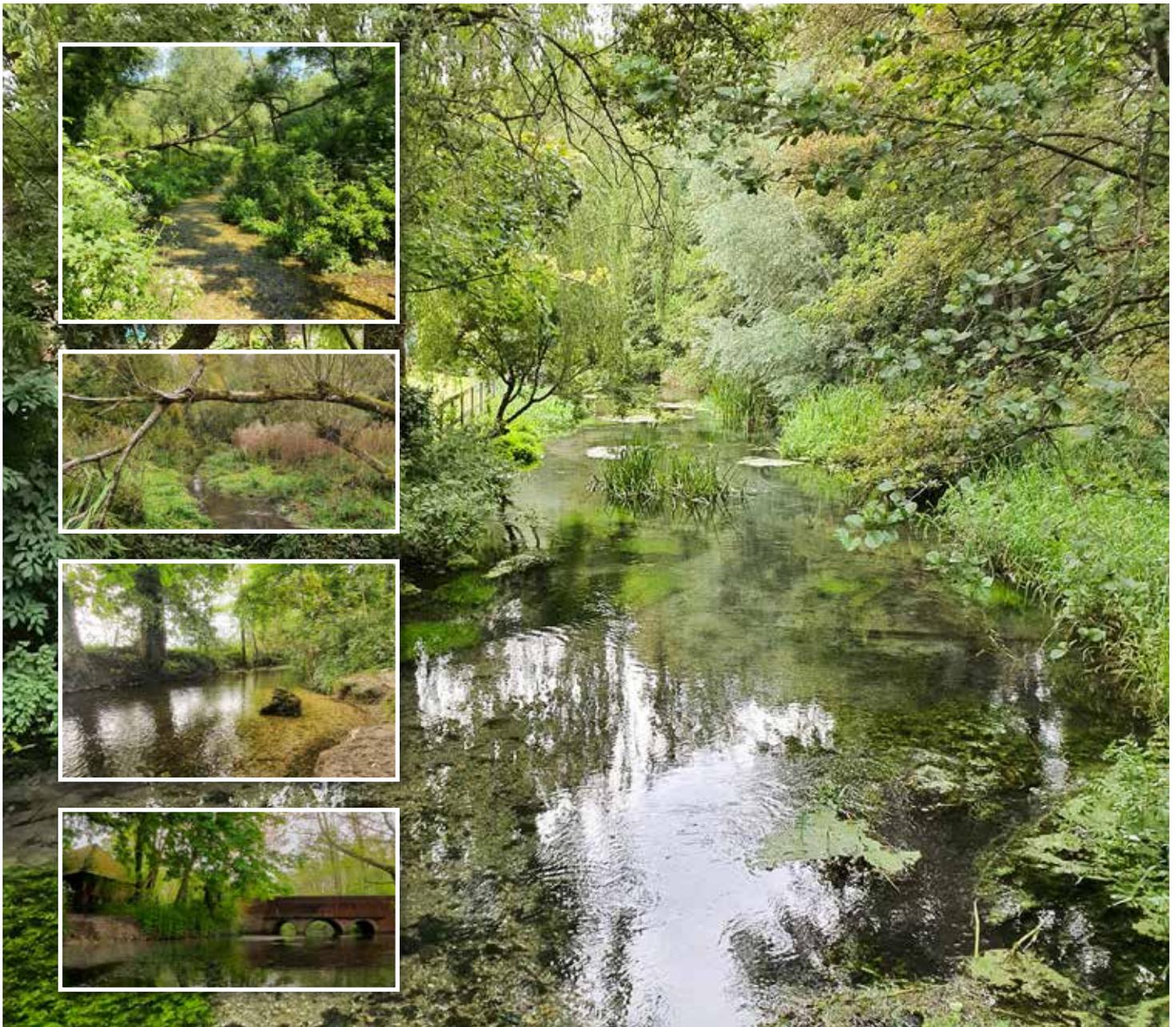


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Parish Council Community Newsletter

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# From the Chairman

Following the easing of restrictions in July, I would like to thank our Staff - Sandra Tuck, Kate Hope, Stephen Richardson, Harry Rice, Alison Martin and David Rose, plus Finance Officer Les Orvis - for their work since March 2020 during the pandemic. They made a difficult job look easy and the Parish is indebted to them.

## Climate change: Old Basing & Lychpit

In this Newsletter you will find a paper by Councillor Steve Brown, entitled 'A climate emergency; A response by Old Basing & Lychpit Parish Council', adopted as policy on 3rd June 2021.

We plan to convene a public meeting on 13 November at the Lychpit Community Hall to discuss how the Parish as a whole might address the issues locally.

Areas of interest include:

- |                       |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Domestic insulation   | Domestic heating   |
| Domestic electricity  | Transport          |
| The built environment | Funding and grants |
| Greening              |                    |

If you have knowledge concerning these topics, and you would like to safeguard the future and assist the community here, then please email the Clerk, Sandra Tuck [clerk@oldbasing.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@oldbasing.gov.uk) setting out:

- Your field of knowledge
  - Any direct experience of addressing climate change issues
  - Details of experience in managing/facilitating group meetings
- (We suggest submissions of half a page of A4 in length.)

### We will invite interested residents to the Public Meeting.

Note that whilst the Parish Council is seeking to facilitate the establishment of 'The Community Group' it does not intend to run this directly. Instead, the Group will be formed of, and run by, residents. The Parish Council will support the Group as required.

It is likely that, within the Group framework, study sub groups will be set up, each consisting of several residents with a particular interest or expertise in an area, such as Domestic Heating for instance.

Examples you can look at from other areas are Sustainable Overton (local electricity generation), Energy Alton (domestic energy efficiency) and Greener Brockenhurst (recycling and greening).

### The work of The Community Group will take time.

Eventually, the aim is to put together recommendations for a local response to climate issues and to initiate action to mitigate the effects of severe climate change.

When ready, the recommendations will be published and presented to the Parish Council for adoption, in so far as the Parish Council can itself take direct action (there may be actions for other bodies too).

Alan Renwick





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## Parish Notes - AUTUMN 2021

The photos here are just a few that have been taken on a monthly basis over the course of this year and highlight the thoughtlessness of some individuals in dumping their rubbish for someone else to clear up. The bring site at the Lychpit Centre has become a regular fly-tipping area and local eyesore.

If the bins are full and you leave your rubbish on the ground outside the bin this is classed as fly-tipping - take it to another site, book a visit to the tip or take it home and dispose of it in your household waste bins.

The Borough Council's waste disposal team clears the site regularly and two of our Lychpit Councillors voluntarily clear what they can in an attempt to improve the surroundings for residents - a thankless task as the rubbish just builds up again. The Borough Council has prosecuted one individual for fly-tipping at this site and is currently considering the future of the site with a report due at the time of writing this piece.



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### PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS & EVENTS FOR 2021

The remainder of meetings for 2021 are as follows:

#### Full Parish Council:

7 September; 5 October; 2 November, 7 December

#### COMMITTEES:

#### Planning & Development:

14 & 28 September; 12 & 26 October; 9 & 23 November; 14 December

#### Facilities Management:

21 September; 16 November

#### Finance & Resources:

19 October

Unless otherwise advised, these will all now take place in the Pavilion Building at the Recreation Ground.

## Parish Council

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# County Councillor Report

Cllr. Elaine Still

## Climate Change

Hampshire County Council has been taking active steps to ensure Hampshire is resilient to climate change and in mitigating further changes through carbon reduction measures. HCC's own emissions have reduced by more than 43%, with more than a 50% reduction by 2025 and carbon neutrality by 2050. The 2050 Hampshire Commission of Enquiry placed climate change and the environment as its top priority. In the budget HCC pledged £2m towards climate change measures in addition to the capital schemes outlined above. HCC is aware its greatest leadership and influence will be achieved by working in partnership with the District, City and Parish Councils, businesses and communities via the Expert Forum. At a household level HCC is supporting the county-wide Greening Campaign (aims

to find simple solutions around reducing and measuring power consumption, insulating housing stock, reducing water usage, sourcing local food, community travel and renewable energy schemes), the Help line, Solar Buy-in scheme and community energy projects.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/environment/climatechange>

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# National Garden Scheme IN HAMPSHIRE

So... here we are at the end of another NGS Garden Opening Season - I really do not know where this year has gone - but here we are well into September.

For an insight into where some of the donated money goes, there is an interesting piece on the website. [ngs.org.uk](https://ngs.org.uk)



In early July a Specialist Palliative Care Unit was officially opened by Prince Charles at the Royal Glamorgan Hospital in Wales. This was a jointly funded venture by both

Macmillan Cancer Support and the National Garden Scheme, who both contributed £2.5 million. The balance of the £7.25 million was funded by the Welsh Government and Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board. Prince Charles is a Patron of both Macmillan Cancer Support and the National Garden Scheme, so it was very fitting that he was able to support this event.

<https://ngs.org.uk/his-royal-highness-prince-charles-visits-macmillan-palliative-care-unit-at-the-royal-glamorgan-hospital/>

We are well into collating all the gardens, which have agreed to open again for the National Garden Scheme in 2022 - plus a few exciting new ones.

Now is the time of year that our volunteers visit Clubs, Groups and Societies, giving talks about the history of the NGS and amazing support the NGS gives to so many deserving charities. We are the main benefactor to many of our charities, which makes our fund-raising so much more vital. If you are a member of a Club, and would like more details of our increasingly popular talks, please feel free to contact me and I can give you more details.

I wish you all well - keep safe.

Best Wishes

Pat Beagley (Publicity)

National Garden Scheme - Hampshire

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## OLD BASING & LYCHPIT GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Yes we are still here offering a local service for those that might need neighbourly help like transport for appointments to Doctors, the Hospital, Dentist etc. we also have a client who we take to the Hairdressers, so as you can see we are very versatile. Perhaps you would like some shopping done, we can offer a variety of services. We are happy to help whatever the task - give us a call (freephone number) **0333 044 0116** and we will do our best to help.



Sue Wilson (Chairman)

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You are guaranteed to meet some very nice people and hopefully make new friendships. Welcome back to all our existing members and looking forward to seeing you if you would like to come and see what we are all about.

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# A Climate Emergency - A Response by Old Basing & Lychpit Parish Council

**At the Parish Council (the council, PC) meeting of March 2nd, the council agreed to pursue the approach adopted by Overton Parish Council and consider whether we should investigate and possibly initiate a community energy group following their model.**

**This is a discussion document concerning how we might achieve this, together with a proposal that the Parish Council may wish to consider.**

## Why should we be involved with action to address the climate emergency?

The effects of climatic change caused by the burning of fossil fuels will continue to affect us for many years, have extensive impact and will be irreversible in the short term. Initially, the South of England will find a warming climate predicted to be like that of present-day Melbourne by 2050. Although this doesn't sound alarming, the frequency of extreme weather events such as droughts, heatwaves, extensive fires, possible food shortages, storms and floods yet ironically shortages of water, will result. Coastal regions will suffer from flooding and erosion as sea levels continue to rise. Areas of the globe closer to the equator will be affected more severely with a consequent implication for food imports and the mass migration of people as living conditions become ever harder. The effects of global warming are expected to increase global and intra-national inequality.

By the time children currently at junior school are ready to retire (2080), the World and the Parish will be different. We need to know how different, how to start local initiatives to ameliorate and prepare for the worst effects and how to link with county and national initiatives.

The Parish Council does not have the expertise or resources to implement measures in the wider community itself, but it can promote and encourage action within the Parish, tap local expertise in the areas of both technical knowledge about climate change and in raising awareness and persuading residents of the need for action, despite the considerable costs involved. The push towards a carbon free future will be driven nationally and by county and district councils, but the closest contact with residents will be at parish level.

Many councils are becoming involved with community energy groups. This movement has the dual aims of

producing lower carbon energy and of ensuring local empowerment and social justice, since the change to greener energy will cost. We need to research this movement but ensure that our actions are backed by evidence rather than popular opinion which may have a limited base in fact.

It is proposed that we initiate a group of residents (The Community Group) to take this work forward. Councillors will be members of this group but leadership and action will come from within the parish rather than be undertaken by the PC itself.



## Areas for Development

Each of these areas requires in-depth research as the issues are complex and obvious solutions may not be the best way forward. A study group for each area will be proposed.

### Domestic Insulation.

This will probably take advantage of initiatives by HCC and National Government. The benefits for mid and late 20th century housing may be limited as some degree of insulation was built in during construction. Period properties in the Parish will require specialist and sympathetic knowledge. New builds might be insulated to a far higher standard and the Council will have some influence over this.

### Domestic heating.

The move away from fossil fuels is taking two routes at present. Domestic gas may be supplemented by hydrogen produced without the production of CO<sub>2</sub>. A complete switch to hydrogen requires the installation of new boilers and can only be done for a whole district at once. Heat pumps are a means of heating properties cheaply (after installation costs) which works particularly well where a house is equipped with photovoltaic (PV) cells and battery storage to produce the power for the pump. However, heat pumps are noisy, work best with underfloor heating and may not be suitable for hot water used for washing.



### Domestic electricity.

Properties can generate electricity using PV cells together with battery storage for excess power. HCC is rolling out a scheme to supply these cheaply at present but not all properties will be suitable. Wind generation is possible in areas of low-density housing.



### Transport.

The move to electric vehicles continues apace. Councils will need to ensure that sufficient charging points are available and that the electricity supply infrastructure is adequate and developed proactively. It is possible that the manufacture of new electric vehicles (EVs) may produce large amounts of greenhouse gases (especially since many components are made in China). There is a possibility that continuing to use existing internal combustion vehicles may be more effective than buying a new EV, especially if sustainable biofuels are used.

Public transport and commercial vehicle operators may need greater pressure than that of a Parish Council but we can work with others and lobby BDBC and HCC to push for change.



### The built environment.

The production of cement and concrete causes large amounts of CO<sub>2</sub> to be released into the atmosphere and while alternatives are becoming available, they are expensive. This is again an area where the Council will have influence in the use of materials.

### Funding and grants.

Change is unlikely to take place unless necessitated (e.g., domestic gas is replaced by hydrogen) due to the costs involved but a wide variety of grants is likely to be available. This requires research.

### Greening.

We live in a green area, but tree planting and other initiatives to increase vegetation will form part of our net zero strategy.

### Steering.

A group will be needed to oversee the wider programme. Technology rarely progresses as expected and energy

# A Climate Emergency

use in 2050 may look quite different to the currently assumed picture. This or a separate group will be needed to track overall progress and new developments as they arise.

## Proposed action for the Council.

- 1 The council will produce an action plan with the aim of engaging residents and investigating involving local expertise.
- 2 The action plan will be communicated to residents through established routes and social media. Some pump priming through informal contact will almost certainly be required.
- 3 The action plan will be supported by a public meeting, probably with a suitable motivational speaker.
- 4 This will ideally result in a local climate change, or community energy group led by members of the community and supported by the council.
- 5 The council will suggest guidelines and targets to support the work of the groups and support the initiative with offers of speakers and advice from established groups and public bodies. Councillors will most likely be involved with each sub-group that is established.
- 6 The council will need to address its own energy use. The most urgent will be the Pavilion heating system and insulation and we may need to consider renewable fuel for our machinery. Action in this area is needed both to ameliorate the current costs and as an act of good faith in modelling the critical need for action.

## Outcomes for the community group.

Since the Community Group will set its own objectives, these must remain suggestions. The overall outcome will be a carbon free parish, but these are perhaps some milestones.

- a To investigate means of reducing and eventually eliminating greenhouse-gas emitting sources of energy and to build resilience against global warming.
- b To ascertain how these might be implemented.
- c To engage with residents, energy suppliers and public bodies to implement these measures.
- d To inform residents of progress.



## Proposal

“That this council undertakes measures to encourage and create a Community Energy Group formed from and led by residents of the Parish and with the aim of enabling the government’s policy of net zero carbon emissions by 2050.”

## References

<https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/climate-change/climate-change-in-the-uk>

<https://www.pnas.org/content/116/20/9808>

## Resources

[communityenergyengland.org](http://communityenergyengland.org)

[communityenergysouth.org](http://communityenergysouth.org)

[hants.gov.uk/climatechange](http://hants.gov.uk/climatechange)

This is an important document.

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2018/07/24/heat-could-stay-extra-three-degrees-warming-2050/>

<https://www.cpre.org.uk/discover/why-we-love-community-energy/>

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# Old Basing WI

Despite the restrictions, the Summer months have been a busy time for the Old Basing WI. We have continued to meet each month via Zoom and have welcomed speakers on such diverse subjects as the History of Handbags, to the work of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance.



In August we held our first face-to-face meeting for 17 months back at the Parish Rooms when we were entertained by Joyce Meacher talking to us about the History of Knitting.

We held our very successful Summer Sale at the Lychpit Village Hall in June. The queue was around the block to get in at 11am! Many thanks

to the Parish Council for letting us have the venue, which proved remarkably cool on such a hot day, and thank you to the folk of Old Basing and Lychpit who supported us in our fundraising efforts. We hope to see you all again at our stall at the Basing House Christmas Fair on the weekend of 27th/28th November. We are already planning our Christmas makes and bakes for this event!

At the end of June, we manned a display table at the St Mary's Church Summer Fair to increase our profile in the Village and to hopefully bring a smile to your faces with our knitted and crocheted "picnic". We were very pleased to be awarded 2nd place for our efforts! Many items were donated to the local playgroup afterwards so the children could continue to gain some pleasure from them.



July saw us put on a Summer Luncheon party for thirty of our Members at the Recreation Ground. This event took a great deal of planning by the Committee and we were incredibly lucky with the weather on the day. It rained hard before we started and after we had finished, but it was warm and sunny whilst we were enjoying ourselves. The Committee provided a finger food and sandwich buffet with fresh fruit for dessert.

All guests were sent home with a party box containing a specially made cup cake with the WI Logo on the top and a chocolate in a hand-made box.



Everybody agreed that it was lovely to meet up in person for the first time this year and to have a catch up with old friends.

The Old Basing WI Committee has lots of things planned for when things get back to normal. Our popular coffee@ Conkers has re-started as has our monthly lunch club. We welcome ladies of all ages to our friendly group. Please contact our President Sue Stewart by email at [oldbasingpres@hampshirewi.org.uk](mailto:oldbasingpres@hampshirewi.org.uk) for further information.



**CRIME PREVENTION** YOUR UPDATE

Edition 30, July 2021

**Courier Fraud Warning**

Hampshire Constabulary is asking residents to be vigilant about courier fraud after an increase in incidents in Alresford and Farnborough, with one resident losing more than £6,500 to fraudsters. This type of fraud commonly involves an unexpected call from someone who claims to be a police officer or a staff member from a bank, HMRC, internet or phone provider. They then tell the victim that their account is subject to fraud and request that they assist them with the ongoing investigation.

**Please remember that:**

1. Police officers, banks and other organisations such as HMRC will never call people in this way and ask you to withdraw money or disclose personal or financial information.
2. If someone calls claiming to be a police officer, ask for their ID number and police force. A genuine police officer will not mind waiting while you phone 101 to check.
3. Never hand money or your bank card/pin to someone at the door to be sent off elsewhere.

**Anti-social behaviour on and around the water**

Hampshire Constabulary's Marine Unit will continue to carry out [Operation Wavebreaker](#), addressing anti-social behaviour in, on & around the water. If you see anyone putting others at risk or in difficulty at the coast, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard.

**Booking a last minute break?**

Beware of 'too good to be true' deals. Where possible, use a credit card when making purchases over £100 and up to £30,000 as you receive protection under Section 75 of the Consumer Credit Act.

**One Eighty – New website for young people**

Wondering what to do with your free time? One Eighty helps you find your activity, event, group, course, or just a fun place to hang out where and when you want to.

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**Reporting Graffiti**

Not only is graffiti a criminal offence, but very often it causes great harm and offence to communities within Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

If your own property has been targeted, report this to us [online](#) as an incidence of criminal damage.

Graffiti seen on land, buildings or structures owned or managed by the council should be reported to the [relevant local authority](#) and graffiti on utility company property (e.g. bus shelters, railway bridges) should be reported directly to the company responsible for the upkeep, rather than the council.

**Licensed Waste Carriers**

When disposing of waste you must use a [licensed waste carrier](#), or take it to a registered site. You could be fined an unlimited amount by the local council if your waste ends up fly-tipped.

**Don't replace your rubbish with a fine.**

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**Pet Fraud**

Action Fraud is reminding animal lovers to take extra care when buying a pet online, as new figures show more than £2.5 million has been lost to criminals through fake pet adverts.

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# Overview of the Financial Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021

## INCOME

The actual income for the year was better than expected due to the receipt of Covid-19 grants from the Borough Council for organisations that pay business rates. This meant that income lost due to the closure of the Lychpit Community Hall was considerably less than anticipated.

Income from the Clubs was also reduced due to Covid-19 restrictions but ongoing maintenance of playing surfaces ensured these were available for play once restrictions were lifted.

## EXPENDITURE

To offset anticipated losses due to Covid, expenditure was kept to a minimum whilst still ensuring that the standard of grounds maintenance and service the Parish Council provides was maintained.

### Capital Expenditure

Capital expenditure items during 2020 was the resurfacing of the main driveway, renovation of the adjacent parking spaces and resurfacing the footpath across the recreation ground.

### Revenue Expenditure

Additional expenditure included cleaning the public toilets which remained open during the lock-downs and the provision of hand sanitising stations around the recreation ground and in the Parish Council's buildings.

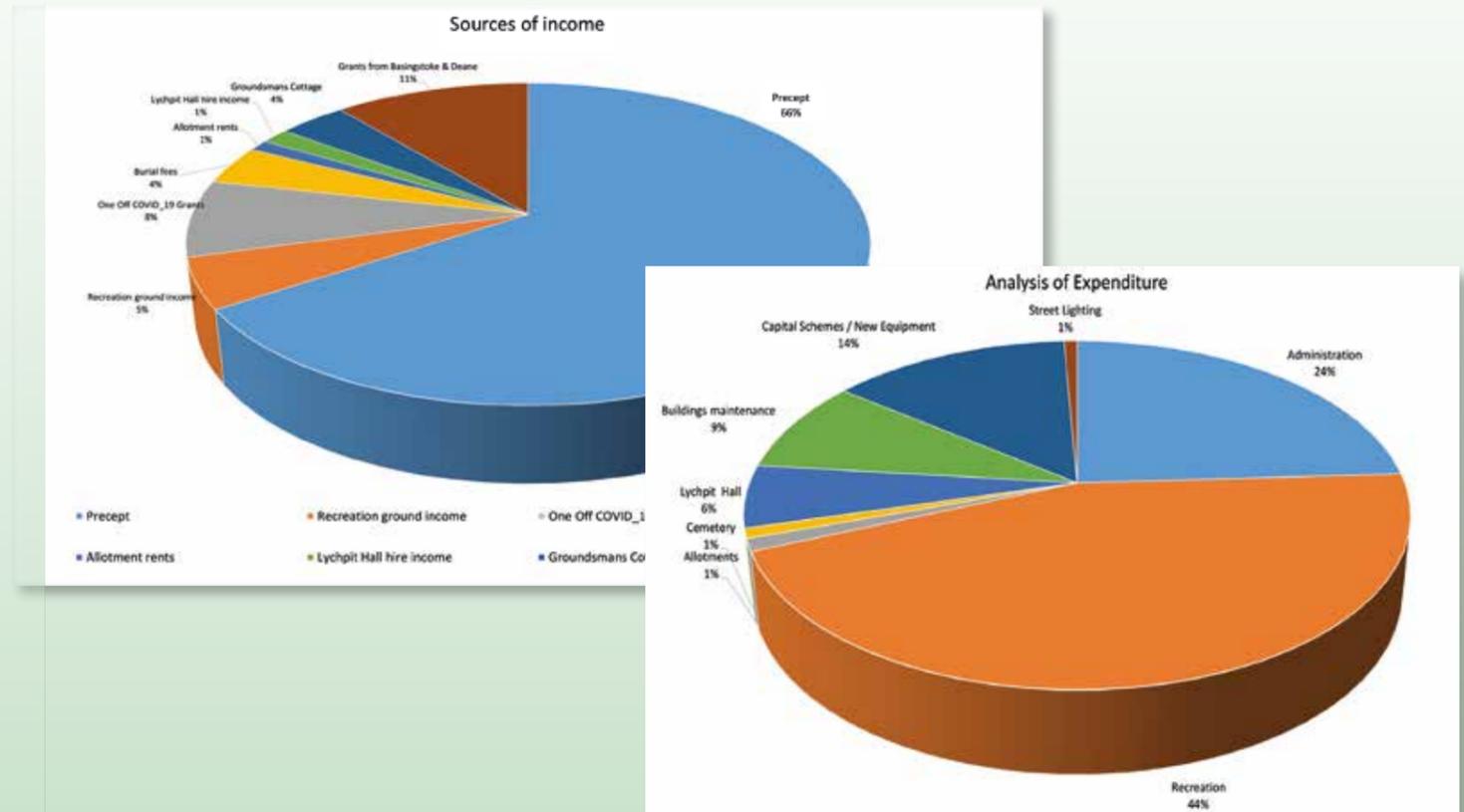
## RESERVES

The total closing reserves of £232,162 comprise a General Fund of £69,829 and Earmarked Reserves of £162,333.

The amount reserved under the General Fund is determined in accordance with best practice at 25% of the annual budgeted Revenue Expenditure.

The level of reserves is reviewed at the end of each financial year to determine their continued relevance and whether the parish should allocate additional funds, release funds or set aside funds for new projects (an example of this being possible climate emergency initiatives).

Earmarked Reserves comprise funds set aside for projects covering more than 1 and possibly several financial years. An example of this is the recent resurfacing of the tennis courts, that has yet to be reflected in the financial results as the work has straddled 2 financial years.



Old Basing & Lychpit Parish Council		
Year ending 31 March 2021		
Balance Sheet:	£	£
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Debtors		2,724
Prepayments		0
Bank and Cash		261,940
		<b>264,664</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Creditors		(32,502)
		<b>£ 232,162</b>
<b>General Fund</b>		218,351
Income & Expenditure Account:		13,811
		<b>£232,162</b>
<b>Income &amp; Expenditure Account:</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Precept		193,718
One Off COVID_19 Grants		22,818
Recreation		14,905
Burial		11,645
Allotment Rents		3,330
Lychpit Hall		4,592
Groundsmans Cottage		11,265
Grant Aid / Revenue / Maintenance		32,563
		<b>294,836</b>
<b>Expenditure:</b>		
Administration	67,475	
Street Lights	1,109	
Recreation	126,341	
Allotments	3,255	
Cemetery	2,608	
Lychpit Hall	16,404	
Other Buildings	24,722	
Capital Schemes / New Equipment	39,111	
	<b>281,025</b>	<b>(281,025)</b>
<b>Net Income/(Expenditure) for the year</b>		<b>£ 13,811</b>
<b>Reserves</b>		
Net Income/(Expenditure) for the year		13,811
Transfers from EarMarked Reserves		(5,320)
Net Income/(Expenditure) for the year to General Reserves		8,491
General Fund		64,599
Opening balance from period		5,230
		<b>69,829</b>
<b>Earmarked Reserves</b>		
Opening balance from period		153,752
		8,581
		<b>162,333</b>
<b>TOTAL RESERVES</b>		<b>232,162</b>

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Further, the Parish Council makes no endorsements whatsoever with regard to any advertisements.

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### Parish Office

The Pavillion  
The Recreation Ground, The Street  
Old Basing, RG24 7DA  
Or go to [www.oldbasing.gov.uk](http://www.oldbasing.gov.uk)  
and submit a message.



## Sheds are thriving . . .

Members at both the QMC and Everest Sheds are enjoying a safe return to activities and once again enjoying a good social chat over a cup of tea.



Various projects both personal and community are back under way and members are grateful to be participating. It's a safe place and gets them out of the house and away from the loneliness which some have experienced

if you would like a look round, see what's going on and how you would fit in. There is no obligation of course and your tea is free!



recently. Why not find out more and come along one day? You would get an idea of what we do and you would be very welcome and you would get a cup of tea, for sure!

We are a mixed bunch and several new members have been pleased at what the Sheds offer (tools, projects, companionship, machines, advice and a fair bit of banter)

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We have been told by recipients of shoeboxes, who have now grown up, of the excitement with which they were opened and what treasured memories they have of that special gift

## Despite the restrictions of Covid

Wessex Rotary, (Hampshire and part of Dorset) safely deliver a total 14,442 Christmas Shoeboxes to Romania, Albania, Montenegro, Moldova & Serbia. Some difficulties along the way meant some Shoeboxes did not get to their destination until early February, but all the Shoeboxes got to be opened by happy children.



We will continue to support The Purple Community Fund a UK registered charity, in the Philippine, supported by Rotary, work with children living on rubbish dumps of Manila and we are pleased to see these children get shoeboxes .

To make sure they don't go astray Rotarians supervise the whole process including volunteers going to the countries to make sure the boxes get to the children. Philippines boxes go to a charity set up by a Rotarian that we know, so they will not go astray.

## Drop off your box at the venues below by 18th October 2021

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Why not get your workplace, church, club, your school, Scout, Cubs, Brownie & Guide groups, your children, grandchildren or just you involved, start now so with your help Christmas time can be special for these children who don't have a lot, and spread a little joy Despite last years restrictions we were able to send 350 boxes. Can you help send twice as many this year as we have in the past?

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**Wearing** - hat, gloves, scarf, socks, hair accessories, jewellery

Items need to be new or in good/as new condition. Please - No liquids, sharp items, guns or war toys Boxes for either Boys or Girls, ages, 1-3, 4-7, 8-11, 12-15. Just use elastic bands to secure your box so it can be checked by customs. Forms to attach to your box and further info and small print on our website and Social media.

Remember that recipients will be opening the box in eager anticipation of finding it full of toys and useful items, possibly the first gifts they have received.

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# Old Basing Village Nursery School

Where does the time go? We can't believe that we said another farewell to our third cohort of Fledglings in July with some of them being in our care since we first opened our doors back in September 2018!



We marked our third birthday with a wonderful end of term family party complete with birthday cake and hotdogs in the sunshine at the hall. We kept children occupied with three bouncy castles that were very kindly sponsored by Martin Keyte (Martin Keyte Financial Planning Limited) who is one of our Fledgling parents. It was wonderful to see so many of our families enjoying themselves and bringing to a close what has been another strange but wonderful year for our families.

We always feel very sad to say goodbye to another group of children off to start at 'Big school' but we waved them off with a strong sense that they were well prepared for the transition- even within the continually changing restrictions imposed by the Covid-19 pandemic. As the summer term drew to a close there was a strong sense amongst staff that our children were increasingly 'school ready' displaying increased levels of independence and starting to talk about the journey ahead of them. We invited all of our Fledglings to take part in a Starting School Drama Tots session run by Kate. The children thoroughly enjoyed this and, during the session, talked about how they might travel to school and what they would do there including singing songs and thinking about numbers and phonics. We were able to walk the Old Basing Infant school new starters to visit the grounds where they met with Mrs Scibberas, the head of year R, for a tour. While we were unable to physically go inside the

building (due to the restrictions) the children will no doubt have benefited from seeing the school, especially the year R outdoor area as well as meeting some of the teachers and support staff. It was a wonderful treat for children and staff to spot so many friends who had left us last year. It turned out to be one of the hottest days of the year so the children had an ice lolly before their walk back to nursery – let's hope they aren't expecting one every time they attend school!

July brought with it our first inspection by our regulator, Ofsted. During what felt like a very positive experience, the inspector was able to really develop a sense of what it feels like to be a child cared for by the OBVNS team. Our inspector observed that our children, '...develop strong and meaningful relationships with staff and demonstrate that they are very happy and exceptionally cared for'. We could 'could not be happier with the feedback and are delighted to report that we achieved an 'Outstanding' grading, the highest possible grading. The inspector felt children thrived at the setting and she didn't have any areas for improvement or recommendations that we needed to implement. We were of course over the moon with this outcome and can't wait to build on this and continue to improve and refine what we offer for the children of Old Basing and beyond.

As well as the end of year party we saw the year out with a number of other enjoyable activities. Regular readers will know that our children love their weekly Wild Child sessions and the last one of these was a teddy bear's picnic. The children hunted for bears in the woods and then prepared cakes for their teddy bears (using playdough!). It was lovely to see our younger 'Owlet' and 'Little Owls' groups of children having the opportunity to take part and their parents who were able to join the session. The children also took part in a flower arranging activity led by a local florist Daiva



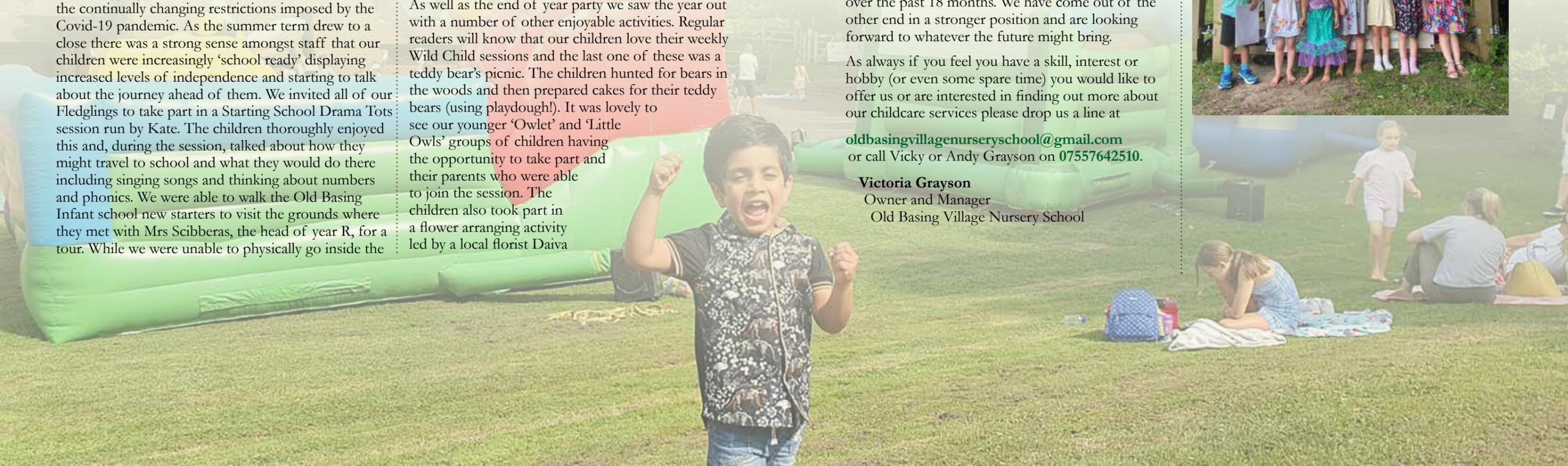
Ranson. The children took a great deal of pride in the beautiful arrangements they created and were able to take home. We thoroughly enjoy having our parents relatives visit us to see what our little ones get up to as well as local people share hobbies and interests with us. We sincerely hope to find more opportunities to do so as the pandemic restrictions continue to ease.

The summer holidays have given us time to reflect and take stock of our OBVNS journey so far and we are very excited to get back onto the swing of things and picking up where we left off in the Autumn term. The COVID-19 pandemic has certainly proved challenging, as it has for many especially small businesses, and we would like to thank all our parents and friends at the Old Basing Village Hall Management Committee for their continued support over the past 18 months. We have come out of the other end in a stronger position and are looking forward to whatever the future might bring.

As always if you feel you have a skill, interest or hobby (or even some spare time) you would like to offer us or are interested in finding out more about our childcare services please drop us a line at

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**Victoria Grayson**  
Owner and Manager  
Old Basing Village Nursery School



# Old Basing Infant School

What a challenging school year 2020-2021 was! Despite the challenges we finished the year on a high with no popped bubbles and every child in school after the lockdown earlier in the year.

I would like to thank our community for its fantastic support of the school in helping to keep everyone safe and well through the year. Our families worked with us to ensure their children were safe and well in school. We are so proud of our children and the resilience they showed in dealing with bubbles, home learning and strict control measures in the classes every day.

Despite the restrictions placed on schools last year, the children here still managed to have a great year with lots of fun to engage them in their learning. The highlights of the year included a Bog Baby, a socially distanced visit from Father Christmas, a curious tricky

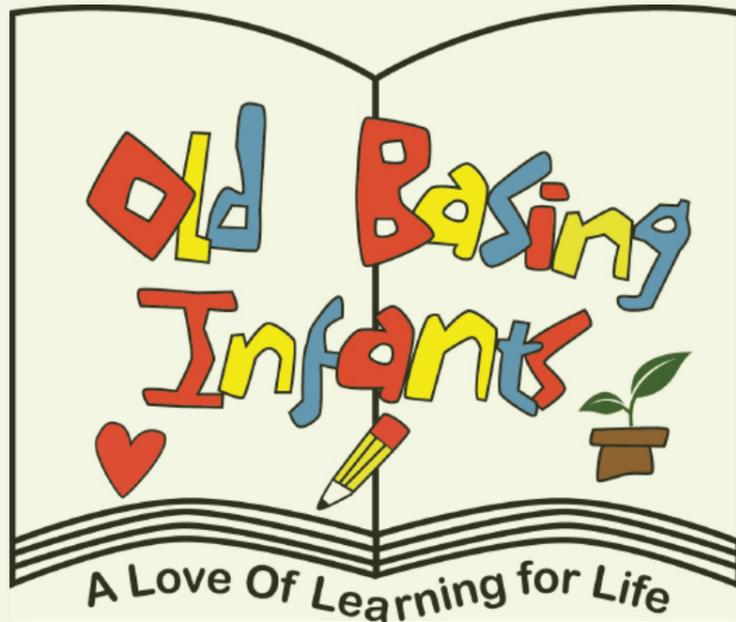
trickster, Year 2 'sailing' on the Titanic, exploring the world with famous adventurers and explorers such as Amelia Earhart and Steve Backshall and a visit from Paralympian Aaron Phipps who has been selected for GB as part of the Wheelchair Rugby team for Tokyo. This year we are hope for even more exciting opportunities to learn and enjoy school.

In the next half term we have a number of Open

Sessions for parents of children due to start school in September 2022 and we would love to invite any interested parents to come and visit our school, meet some key staff and get a guided tour from our Year 2 children who love talking about their school. The first open session is at 9.15am on Tuesday 21st September. Please call the school office to register your interest or for more information on future dates.

Our Governing body is currently looking for a new person to co-opt onto the board. We have a diverse school community and we would like our board to reflect that diversity. We are also looking for someone who may have HR or Health and Safety skills that they could bring to the role. A co-opted governor can be any interested individual from our community. If you think you may have what we are looking for and would be interested in exploring what being a governor means please contact the school for more information. Our contact details can be found on our website:

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# Village Café

What a long time it has been since the Village Café was open for business!

As I write this, we are planning to meet up and discuss the safest way forward for all our customers and volunteers. As soon as we have agreed a date to reopen, we will let you all know via our Facebook page. We will obviously have as many safety measures in place as possible to ensure everyone feels comfortable visiting us.

We have all faced a challenging time over the past year and a half, something none of us could ever have predicted and our lives have been very different. With the amazing vaccination programme, we now look to the future with far more hope. Many amongst our community will be wary of venturing out after such a long period of restrictions but hopefully, over the coming months, confidence will grow and a new kind of normality will follow.

As yet, we have no idea what the autumn and winter will bring, will we have another wave, another lockdown, we can but speculate. With the likelihood of booster jabs being administered to many, we may have a bit of a safety net and this coming winter may not be as bad as some fear. Most shops and businesses are adhering to the face mask and hand sanitiser guidelines and this will continue, again, providing extra protection for all.

Sadly, during the past year and a half the café has been closed, our fundraising for the planned AED has ground to a halt and we are hoping that, once we have opened our doors once more, we can continue this as it is a real life saver which will greatly benefit our village. The café has always supported a variety of local charities but our aim will be to raise funds for the AED and ensure it's installation.

We hope that with the easing of restrictions you have all been able to meet up with much missed family and friends and enjoy time together. After such an unusual time, it's more important than ever to cherish these relationships, I think we have all probably re-evaluated things over the enforced lockdown periods and realised how important the small things are, things we have all taken for granted in the past.

Here at the Village Café, we all love a good celebration and if things go well in the coming months, we will hopefully plan at least a Christmas afternoon. Our aim at the moment is to start small and safely, so we hope you all look forward to joining us for a relaxed afternoon when we reopen.

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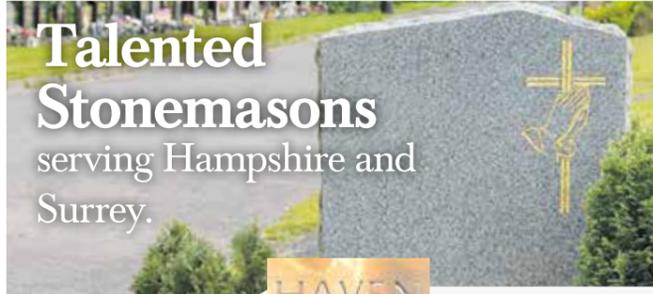
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# Probus Hears About 'That Faded Snapshot'

It happened just a few weeks ago now, a chance glimpse of a small insignificant fading snapshot of a young WW2 bomber crew, attached to which was a sellotaped fading biro written note.

At least it credited their names and a date, but what initially intrigued Probus Club member, retired RAF Squadron Leader Chris Perkins MVO, was the connection with the 'legless WW2 fighter ace' Douglas Bader. Seeing this old black and white photograph was on a quick visit to his old RAF Station Odiham carrying out research into the helicopter era of the 1970s and 80s concerning 18 Squadron. What follows is yet another tale that should never be forgotten.

The 18 Squadron crew pictured comprised of Pilot, Jack Nickleson from Toronto Canada, Observer, Walter Meadows from Askrigg in Yorkshire and Air Gunner, John Pearson from Birmingham. Walter and John were in their 20s, but their 'Skipper' Jack, was just 19 years old. All were Non-Commissioned Sergeant Aircrew and had been on the squadron barely a month. Sadly, their Operational Tour was to last just eleven missions and their names are listed amongst the 55,000 plus other airmen lost in Bomber Command during WW2.

To those of us growing up in the 'black and white' years of the 1950s, the wartime exploits of Bader, as portrayed magnificently by actor Kenneth Moore in the film 'Reach For The Sky', were very familiar. It will be eighty years ago this August, that, on 9 August 1941 Wing Commander Douglas Bader, leading his Spitfire Wing from RAF Tangmere, was shot down over German occupied France. He 'bailed out' minus his prosthetic right leg, which had become jammed by the rudder pedals during combat. Thankfully, a leather retaining strap eventually broke allowing him to exit the aircraft. Knocked unconscious on landing, he was taken to a Luftwaffe hospital in St Omer.

The battered artificial leg was subsequently recovered from the Spitfire wreckage and a temporary repair was carried out before being returned to him. Bader was delighted! It meant that he now had the mobility means to try an engineer an escape before being transported under escort to more a permanent incarceration in Germany. In the meantime, however, the German Authorities had signalled the RAF reporting his 'safe arrival' and status as a POW and requesting that replacement leg be delivered. Safe passage for that aircraft by the Luftwaffe would be guaranteed.



Although the RAF were willing to devise a means of delivery, they were unwilling to offer a propaganda opportunity to the Germans by means of the 'safe passage' option. It was therefore decided to parachute drop the replacement leg by an aircraft involved in a bombing operation nearby. No 18 Squadron operating from a forward operating base at RAF Manston were allocated the task with six Blenheim light bombers and escorted, appropriately, by Spitfires of Bader's Tangmere Wing.

Sgt Jack Nickleson and crew were chosen to deliver the box with replacement limb. At that time, there was no devised procedure for dropping cargo from RAF Blenheim bombers and automatically deploy a suitable parachute.

It was decided that the 'best option' would be to attach the box, 'somehow', to a standard partially opened crew parachute and 'throw' it out of the aircraft! In theory this was a simple solution, but in practise it fell far short.

Once the crate containing the leg was delivered to the 18 Squadron at RAF Manston in Kent, Jack, Walter and John realised the enormity of their task. To manhandle and dispatch

the bulky crate attached to a partially opened cumbersome parachute out of a small escape hatch, was not going to be easy. All this and bouncing around at 10,000 feet in formation with other aircraft and from the extremely cramped interior of the bomber. But this they did and very successfully. Needless to say, a following press release on the operation at the time, in typical fashion, falsely reported Bader's leg as being delivered by 'Our Fighter Boys'!

The 'Nickleson Crew' survived operations until 20th September 1941. As part of an eight 18 Squadron aircraft low level mission to attack shipping off the Dutch coast, they were hit by anti-aircraft fire. Their aircraft was seen to crash into the sea with the starboard engine on fire. The bodies of Sgt Walter Meadows and Sgt John Pearson were both washed ashore during the weeks following the crash and they lie in Commonwealth War Graves Cemeteries. The body of the young Sgt Jack Nickleson, Royal Canadian Air Force from Toronto, Canada was never found. At 18 he enlisted straight from high school in July the previous year and his flying career had spanned but a short, active but nevertheless eventful fourteen months.



# Walk for Hope returns in real life

Wessex Cancer Trust's flagship fundraising event, Walk for Hope, returns to Burley Park in the New Forest in real life on Sunday 26 September, and the charity is looking for 400 walkers to step out and raise vital funds for local people living with cancer.

You can do your bit by signing up to walk five, ten or 20 miles. You can do it alone or with friends and family and at your own pace, making the event perfect for supporters of all ages and abilities.

Rachel Billsberry-Grass, Wessex Cancer Trust's CEO says Walk for Hope will be extra-special this year: "This is our fifth Walk for Hope and it'll be a poignant day; both because we turn 40 in July and because we're so thrilled we'll be able to come together again in person after last year's virtual event. The peace and beauty of the New Forest make it a fitting setting to give hope to friends and family undergoing cancer treatment, to remember loved ones and to support everyone affected by cancer. If you prefer, you can still do the Walk for Hope your own way, from home. If you'd like to dress up in 80s clothes to help celebrate our 40th birthday we'd love that too. Please join us to make our 2021 Walk for Hope the biggest and best yet! And if walking isn't your thing, there are plenty of volunteering opportunities available – from laying out signage to handing out water and snacks."

Philip Dinn from Brockenhurst walked ten miles as part of a group from New Forest Rotary at the 2020 event and raised £500. Philip was supported by Wessex Cancer Trust's Waterside support centre after being diagnosed with a rare form of blood cancer.

## He says Walk for Hope gave him a focus:

"From experience I know that when you're diagnosed with cancer it's important to find something that can take you from your lowest ebb to being filled with hope for the future. Wessex Cancer Trust does that with the support it provides in its local communities, and the team has been working harder than ever to keep that support going throughout the pandemic. Taking part in Walk for Hope over the years has really helped me focus on getting well during my recovery period." Entrants will receive an official Walk for Hope t-shirt, sponsorship forms and all the training and event information you'll need for the day. After being cheered over the finish line, walkers will be presented with a medal and will be able to celebrate over a slice of 40th birthday cake.

Tickets are £25 adults, £15 for under 16s, £85 for a team of four adults and £5 for dogs. Visit <https://www.wessexcancer.org.uk/event/walk-for-hope-2021/> for more information and to sign up. There is a sponsorship goal of £100 for the five-mile route, and £150 for the ten and 20-mile routes.

All of the money raised will be used to provide practical and emotional support to people living with cancer in Hampshire, Dorset and the Isle of Wight.

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# Meeting & Party venues in Old Basing & Lychpit

Old Basing & Lychpit has a number of venues suitable for evening and weekend hire for all types of parties and meetings and other group events. For information on any of the venues contact the Parish Office via the contact form on the website, by email to [clerk@oldbasing.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@oldbasing.gov.uk) or telephone 01256 462847. Now that Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted, venues have re-opened but some measures may still be in place to ensure events can be held as safely as possible. These may vary depending on the capacity and other arrangements for the individual venues.



## 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.*

If you would like to enquire further please contact the Booking Secretary, Sandie Rice on 07544 289932. [bookings@oldbasingvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:bookings@oldbasingvillagehall.co.uk)



## The Beddington Centre

For children's parties and meetings of up to approx 50. Cat via email [Beddingtoncentrebookings@gmail.com](mailto:Beddingtoncentrebookings@gmail.com)

## Old Basing Cricket Club

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**John Huntingdon 07966 394599**

## Old Basing Royal British Legion

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\* [socialclubentertainments@gmail.com](mailto:socialclubentertainments@gmail.com) 01256 465800 or 07437 016815

## 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  
\* **Debbie Filer, Administrator 07541 698235**

## Basing House

The beautiful ruins of Basing House are managed by Hampshire Cultural Trust and we are pleased to offer a range of venue hire options for your special event.



### Great Barn

A fabulous location for your event, marriage or civil partnership ceremony and is available any day including weekends. The spectacular Tudor Great Barn, proudly showing its Civil War battle scars, is over 37m (120ft) long, 13m (43ft) high and 10.6m (35ft) wide and will accommodate 600 people standing, around 300 for meetings or conferences, and 250 for seated parties and wedding celebrations.

### Walled Garden

The Walled Garden is a beautiful and unusual place to hold events and parties. Surrounded by the original Tudor walls the reconstructed Jacobean style knot garden offers ample space for large marquees and performances and is available any day including weekends for hire. Small intimate wedding ceremonies can take place in the Garden Museum for up to 30 guests.

### Courtyard

The farm yard at Basing House is an excellent space for outdoor events. Cover is available under the Shelter Sheds, the Great Barn makes a fabulous backdrop and the spaces are available any day including weekends for your special event. Outdoor wedding ceremonies can take place under the cart shed in the meadow for up to 120 guests.



### Learning/Community Room

A bright space equipped with an interactive white board, underfloor heating, coffee and tea making facilities and small kitchenette. Ideal for business meetings, talks and presentations, craft activities or workshops and is available any day including weekends. The space is 12.2m x 4.9m with a max capacity of 35 when seated. We have no restrictions on suppliers at Basing House, you are welcome to hire your own caterers and industry specialists or even go DIY to create your perfect day the choice really is yours. Whatever your event our friendly and passionate events team will support you from first enquiry to final take down. We cannot wait to hear from you.

\* For more information please visit our website [www.hampshireculture.org.uk/basinghouse](http://www.hampshireculture.org.uk/basinghouse) or call Hannah Miles on 01256 639564 or by email [hannah.miles@hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk](mailto:hannah.miles@hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk). Alternatively please contact us at Basing House on 01256 463965 during opening times



## Lychpit Community Hall

This lovely Grade II Listed barn with its impressive oak beams and vaulted ceiling is a popular venue for children's parties whilst providing a unique setting for intimate wedding receptions and family events. The polished oak floor, replaced in 2019, with its under-floor heating also makes this a ideal venue for yoga and pilates groups where much of the exercise is floor-based.

The hall will seat up to 80 in a formal setting or accommodate 100 guests for an informal occasion.

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 can be hired separately or hired in conjunction with the main hall for use as a coat or storage area for larger gatherings.

We have various slots during weekdays for regular groups, in particular on Fridays so do give us a call if you are looking to run a regular class or group - email [deputy.clerk@oldbasing.gov.uk](mailto:deputy.clerk@oldbasing.gov.uk).

A calendar showing regular events and hall availability for parties can be found on the Parish Council's website [www.oldbasing.gov.uk](http://www.oldbasing.gov.uk).

## Regular Groups

### Monday

Stepping Stones  
Infinite Harmony Yoga  
Basingstoke HEMA

### Tuesday

Basing Beans  
Flexercise  
Lychpit Brownies  
Khushee Yoga  
The Spine Clinic Pilates

### Wednesday

Lisa Jane School of Dance  
Stepping Stones

### Thursday

Drama Tots  
Lisa Jane School of Dance

### Friday

Yoga Blissipline (twice monthly)

### Saturday

British Wheel of Yoga

### Sunday

Infinite Harmony Yoga  
Kites of Wessex (alternate weeks)

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



## 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.



# The River Loddon Valley that we know and love is under imminent threat!

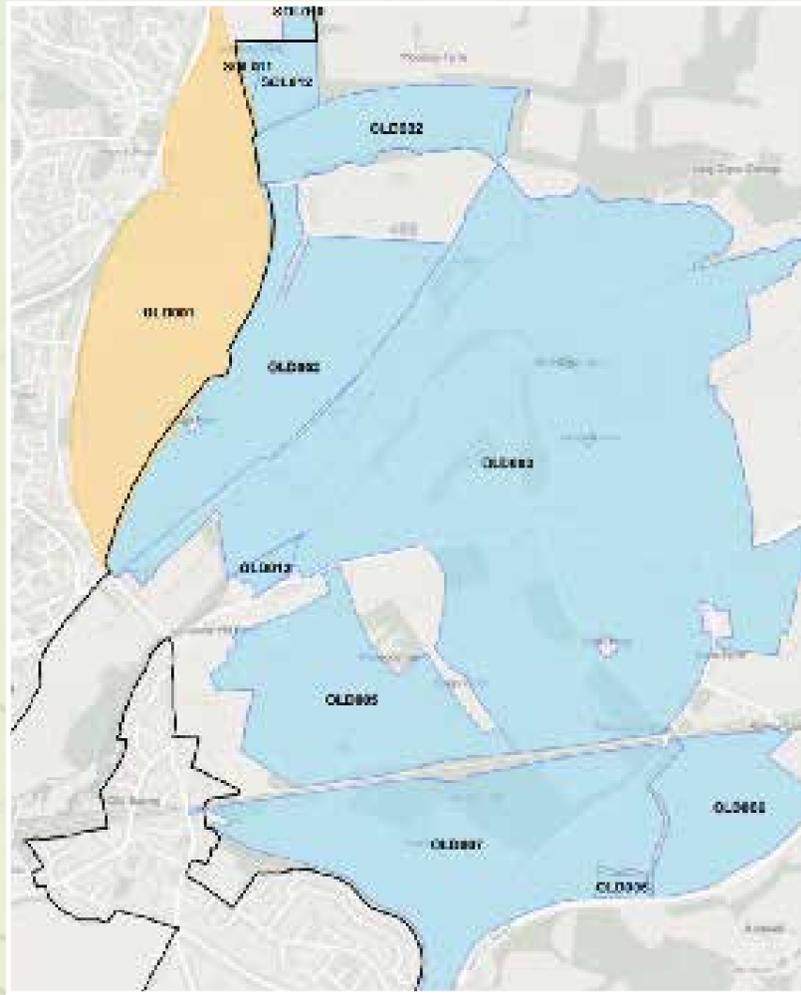
We understand that two further plots are being shortlisted for development - decision 2nd September. The Map below identifies the 3 current sites they intend to include in the Local Plan Update: 001 - 900 houses | 002 - 900 houses | 007-800 houses

Plus an additional 210 houses to be built somewhere in Basing & Lychpit as part of an amended Neighbourhood Plan requirement. All in all 2,810 more houses in our Ward... plus we fear for the other neighbouring sites on the map attached and marked in blue.

## So why is the River Loddon valley special?

*Well being* It gives us breathing space – literally the lungs of the community. We enjoy walking/running/cycling and the views by the river and across the entire valley. Who doesn't feel better for the sight of a clear babbling chalk stream especially on a hot summer's day?

*Habitat* North flowing chalk streams are both extremely rare and unique in the habitat and biodiversity that they offer. Peat bogs are the UK's 'Amazon rainforest' for carbon storage and the river has environmentally important peat bogs dotted along its length. Pockets of ancient woodland along the valley are remnants of the historic hunting forest and vital habitat.

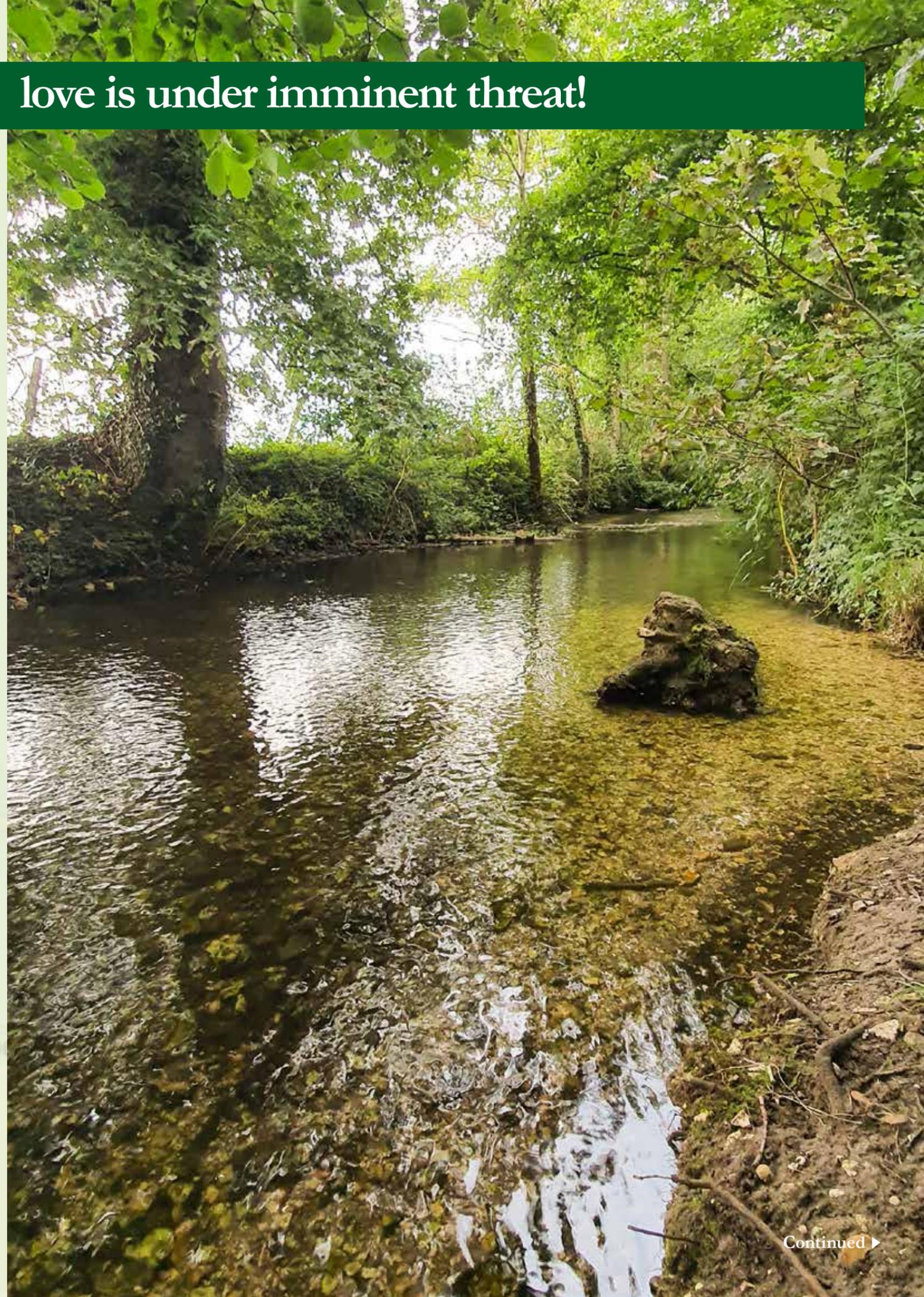


The Basing Fen SINC is a bit of a tardis as far as ecology goes. Historic records tell of the Desmoulin whorl snail being present, which packs a punch at 2.5mm size, and which was responsible for the delay of the Newbury bypass. Downstream, beyond our Parish, otters and water voles are present which, given the right conditions, could easily migrate upstream. We last recorded water voles some years ago and are well beyond the due date for habitat restoration.

## Water Quality

Almost all of Basingstoke's sewage goes into the river Loddon. There were 40 raw sewage "storm overflow" events in 2020. (See web site: The Rivers Trust: is my river fit to play in?) It is a pristine chalk stream at its source but what state is it in by the time it leaves our Borough?

The mantra "Do no harm" is no longer good enough, we have to "do better" and improve water quality and restore

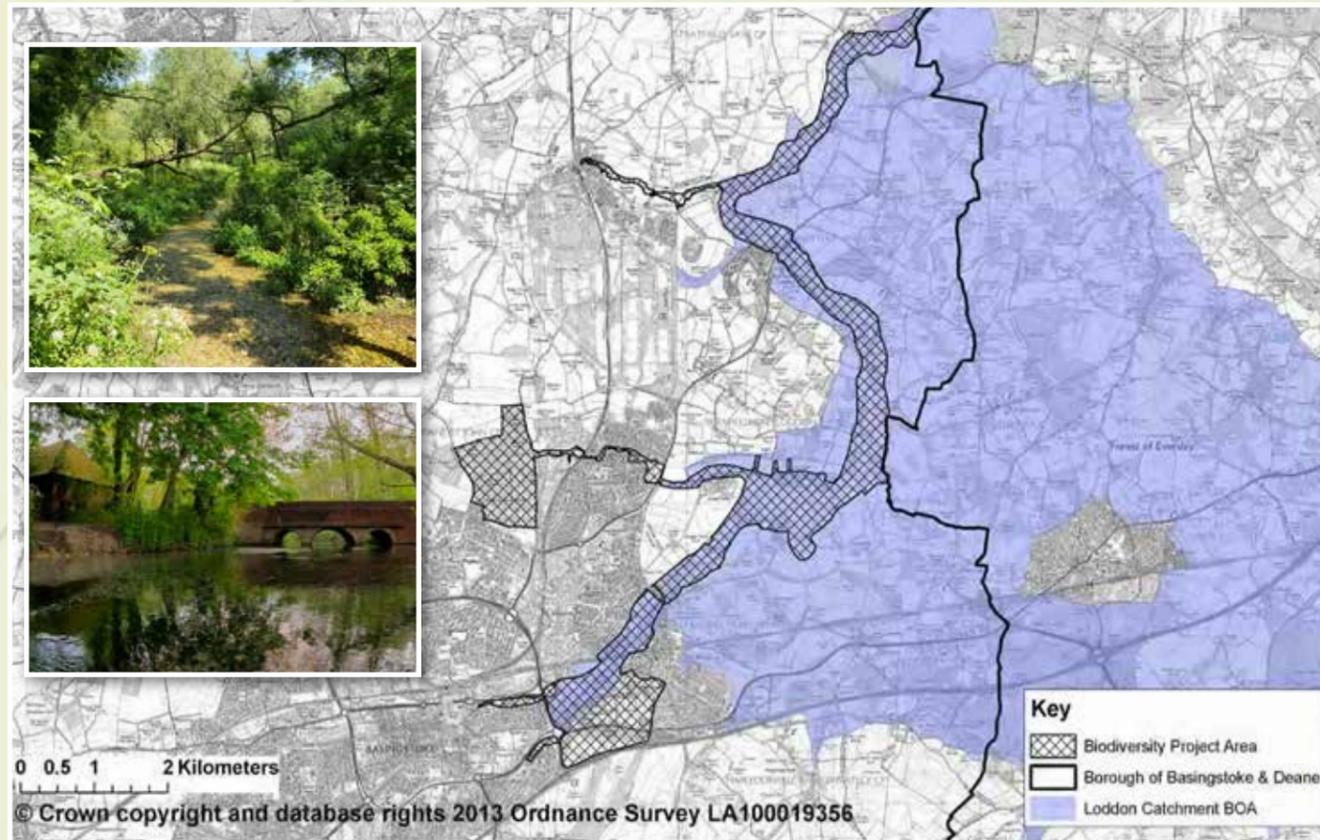


# The River Loddon Valley

biodiversity. So far we have allowed the degradation of the river valley with the pressures of ever more housebuilding plus the attendant disruption to wildlife and ecology that we as humans bring with us.

overwhelmed and being overwhelmed by people and houses all squashed together.

*Landscape character* The landscape character of



The purple part of this map is the Loddon Catchment Biodiversity Opportunity Area. We must insist on proactive improvement. The CaBA Chalk Stream Restoration Strategy 2021 report determines that chalk streams must be managed and restored on a catchment wide basis. The Borough's Green Infrastructure Strategy is beginning to understand the issues at the headwaters but is lacking ambition in the stretch of river from Pyotts Bridge downstream – precisely where developers have been lobbying over the years!

*Strategic gap* It must also be said that this area forms an important Strategic Gap. It is the green space that stops Basing merging with Chineham, Newnham and Hook in one sprawling suburb. It provides a separate identity and sense of place that makes our villages different and interesting. It stops us feeling

the Loddon valley is highly sensitive to further development according to the Planning Inspector. We must protect it from further development which will bring more pollution of water, air, light, noise; increased water run-off; increased traffic; loss of trees and hedges; loss of biodiversity owing to the destruction of the natural environment. Our river valley is one of our greatest assets in terms of mitigating climate change, something we all have a responsibility to consider. We can no longer be bystanders. We must stand up and be counted.

**Kate Tuck SOLVE**  
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## 100 years and still going strong

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Unfortunately, the **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**, formed in that year to assist our servicemen, women and families after that terrible war, are unable to wave its magic wand this time around but regardless, it remains an organization key to alleviating suffering to many thousands of today's ex-forces community.

May 15th was the date earmarked for national commemoration of 'our 100th birthday' and while all events were (obviously) low key and socially distanced, the Legion did its best to make a noise about it. Locally, Old Basing's Branch Chairman Ian Greenway (ex-The Rifles and RLC) and Standard Bearer Ian Preston (ex-RN), laid wreaths at the memorial in St. Mary's churchyard and later that same morning, joined the Mayor and other parish

Standard Bearers for a further ceremony in the War Memorial Park. The photographs here record these events.

Many thousands of villages and town RBL Branches were formed by ex-forces communities from 1921 and through the following decades but Old Basing is extremely proud of the fact that it celebrates its 100 years of existence in 2021 as well, in October to be exact, and will be celebrating that fact by hosting a Black-Tie dinner dance at its HQ in Crown Lane to mark that time. YOU can be part of that celebration too (details at the end of this article).

The main purpose of the Legion was straightforward: to care for those who had suffered as a result of service in the Armed Forces in the Great War, whether through their own endeavours or through that of a husband, father or son. The suffering took many forms: the effect of a war wound on a man's ability to earn a living and support his family; or a war widow's struggle to give her children an education. But even those who had come through the war relatively

unscathed struggled with employment. As a result of the war, Britain's economy plummeted and by 1921 there were 2 million unemployed. Over six million men had served in the war - 725,000 never returned. Of those who came back, 1.75 million had suffered some form of disability and half of these were permanently disabled. To this figure then had to be added those who depended on those who had gone to war - the wives and children, widows and orphans as well as the parents who had lost sons in the war, on whom they were often financially dependent.

The situation so moved Lance Bombardier Tom Lister, a Lancastrian, that he decided that if the Government was either unable or unwilling to do anything to improve the lives of ex-Service men, he would do something about it himself. This eventually led to the formation of The Royal British Legion.

When the country's leaders looked around them, not only did they see a gigantic task in front of them looking after those who had suffered in that conflict, they also sought to prevent further sacrifice in the future by reminding the nation of the human cost of war and to work actively for peace.

By the time of the Legion's formation in 1921, the tradition of an annual Two Minute Silence in memory of the dead had been established. The first ever Poppy Appeal was held that year with the first Poppy Day on 11 November 1921.

We were granted "Royal" status in 1971, and then in 1981 extended our membership to serving members of Her Majesty's Forces, as well as ex-Service personnel. Now, anyone can become a member of The Royal British Legion. We welcome men and women of all ages, whether they have served in the Armed Forces or not and have a thriving youth section connected by sports or music.

Nationally today, over 220,000 members in 2,500 branches continue to ensure that this voice does not go unheard, ably supported by 1,100 welfare and admin staff, and who are there to safeguard the welfare and interests of those who need assistance and never to forget why this is so.

As I mentioned earlier, the Old Basing Branch was founded in October of the same year, making it one of the oldest in the land and although it had a meeting place in the Reading Rooms and the old Village Hall in The Street for many years, it was not until August 1949 that a building licence was received from Basingstoke and

District Council. A small parcel of land next to Crown Lane had been made available by Lord Camrose upon which stood a Nissen Hut, (see picture taken circa 1952) and this quaint structure was altered and modified to make a suitable HQ for the Legion in Old Basing. Today, after numerous alterations and improvements our Legion

proudly boasts a membership of over 400 people and (where and when possible!) runs numerous social and commemoration events through the year.

**YOU** would be most welcome to join us in our constant efforts to support today's ex-service community.

**Rick Bourne** -on behalf of the **Old Basing RBL Branch and Club**.

(tickets and more details for the Black tie dinner-dance on Saturday October 30th are available from Avril Mitchell at [oldbasingweb@rbl.community](mailto:oldbasingweb@rbl.community). These are priced at £30 per person and include a 3-course dinner and music/dancing after. You do not have to be a member to participate but tickets are very limited so do not delay)



# HOT WEATHER FROM A DOG'S PERSPECTIVE



“I’m old and I’m tired, but most of all I’m just so very, very hot. Couldn’t sleep last night because of the heat but today it’s so much worse. I haven’t

been out yet but that’s okay. I don’t want to. I just want to find somewhere cool to lay down. Here we go, the kitchen floor is cool. I’ll just lay here for a while... bliss.

Oh no, what’s this? My human says it’s time for walkies. I love walkies but surely not today! She has thin clothes and flipflops on. I wish I could take this thick coat off and slip into something more comfortable but I can’t.

We start walking. Ouch! My feet meet the hot tarmac of the pavement and it’s burning! It hurts so much. I try to walk faster but I can’t and I start to pant to try and cool myself down. We keep walking along the melting pavement. Every step burning my pads. I don’t know how much more of this I can take. I’m in agony. Please take me home now. I didn’t ask for walkies.

Then my human stops to chat to another human. They chat and chat for what seems like ages, all the time my sore burnt feet sticking to the tarmac. I look up at her with desperate eyes, still panting but now I feel tired too. I feel hot from the inside out, like my insides are cooking.

I need to lay down for a while and close my eyes.

The next thing I remember is waking up in a beautiful field and it’s cool and my feet no longer hurt. My human is not with me but it’s okay. I know she didn’t mean for this to happen.”



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## Basingstoke Civil Service Retirement Fellowship

The Chairman, David Cowling, welcomed back 42 members and 4 visitors to what was the first meeting since March 2020 due to the Covid 19 lockdowns.



He said what a pleasure it was to see so many there and gave apologies for those unable to attend. He explained that there was no speaker at this meeting so that people had more time to catch up and have coffee and biscuits. Myrna Lyon asked to speak on behalf of the members to thank the committee for keeping in touch with everyone throughout the closure with newsletters and monthly phone calls which she said were greatly appreciated. The Secretary, Tony Brazier gave details of the forthcoming trips that we hoped could go ahead this year and reminded everyone about the new arrangements for the payment of subscriptions. Our Welfare Officer, Christine Broadbent, then gave an update on those members who had not been well

and those that had sadly died since we last met.

The group's first outing this year will be the Mystery Trip on Thursday 14th October which includes elevenses, lunch and afternoon tea at a cost of £50 (non-members £52) with the coach leaving Oakley at 9.15, Leisure Centre 9.30 and Town Centre at 9.35. This will be followed on Thursday 18th November with a trip to Haskins Garden Centre for Christmas shopping and then the Christmas lunch at BCOT on Thursday 9th December.

The meeting ended with a bumper raffle in which everyone ended up winning a prize.

The next meeting is on 1st September when the speaker is Suzy Buttress (The Casual Birder) on Wild Birds followed on 6th October by Malcolm Nelson speaking about 40 Years of Catching Smugglers. The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at Brookvale Village Hall from 10am to 12noon and all retired Civil Servants, their relatives and friends are welcome. Further details about the group and information about our trips can be obtained by contacting [csrfbasingstoke@gmail.com](mailto:csrfbasingstoke@gmail.com).

**David Cowling**

## E-Scooters - What are the rules?



**With the focus on being more environmentally friendly and reducing carbon emissions, a number of e-scooter trials are being carried out but where does that leave privately owned e-scooters?**

You've probably seen a number of e-scooters zipping around your local area, and if they are rented as part of an approved trial by the council that's fine, however, privately owned e-scooters are different.

If you use an e-scooter illegally, you could face a fine and penalty points on your licence, and the e-scooter could be impounded, so it's best to brush up on the rules before heading out.

The umbrella term "powered transporters" is used to cover a number of personal transport devices that are powered by a motor, including e-scooters which have risen in popularity as of late, as well as Segways, hoverboards, go-peds, powered unicycles, and u-wheels.

Given how powered transporters are motorised and designed, they fall within the legal definition of a "motor vehicle". Therefore, the laws that apply to motor vehicles apply to powered transporters.

**It is illegal to use a powered transporter:**

- on a public road without complying with a number of legal requirements, which potential users will find very difficult
- in spaces that are set aside for use by pedestrians, cyclists, and horse-riders; this includes on the pavement and in cycle lanes

Any person who uses a powered transporter on a public road or other prohibited space in breach of the law is committing a criminal offence and can be prosecuted.

**It is legal to use a powered transporter:**

- on private land with the permission of the land owner

For example, if you or a friend has a rather large back garden and you have their permission then riding an e-scooter is permitted, however, it is an offence to use powered transporters on the pavement.

In addition, powered transporters are forbidden from using footpaths.

For motor vehicles to use public roads lawfully, they must meet a number of different requirements. These include insurance; conformity with technical standards and standards of use; payment of vehicle tax, licensing, and registration; driver testing and licensing; and the use of relevant safety equipment.

However, it is likely that they will find it very difficult to comply with all of these requirements, meaning that it would be a criminal offence to use them on the road.

The potential consequences are severe for misuse of an e-scooter, ranging from fine and penalty points to disqualification from driving, and those under the influence of drink and drugs can find their actions leading to imprisonment.

Be safe and make sure you know the rules before purchasing and using an e-scooter!

# Bolton Under 5's Preschool: 2021 Summer Fayre Funtime

Although the new school year will be well and truly underway when you read this, we thought a bit of summer cheer might go down well, especially with all the pandemic difficulties.



We weren't able to hold our annual Summer Fun Day for our parents and friends, which is our big annual fundraising event, due

to restrictions, but we decided the children wouldn't miss out! So Tina, Sam and our wonderful team put together an end of term treat for the children that was a lot bigger than usual.

The theme was 'Pirates and Princesses'; what could be better? The parents and grandparents' faces were a delight at drop off, not to mention the children's. We had an awesome



bouncy Pirates Castle, especially designed for little people, with slopes, tunnels, gangways and jumping areas. The children were in their element!

We had not 1, but 2, 'Walk the Plank' activities, one quite a bit narrower than the other for the brave ones. If they fell off, they landed in a shallow paddling pool, perfect for a warm day.



There was a beach of golden sand (our specially designed sandpit), where treasure could be found, plus a few skeletons and washed up booty!

In another area, pirates tried to catch the ship's rats running along the drains. They had to have quick reactions - the children and the rats!!

There were arm tattoos, face paints, 'small world' play areas and so much more. All the games and activities had an educational objective, as you would expect, but were enormous fun.



Another highlight was the balloon modelling, which was performed by Old Basing balloon artist Emma, who spent 3 hours making the most amazing models for the children. Thank you so much Emma for making our day so special. You can find details on Instagram @balloonsbyemma or [www.facebook.com/balloonsbyemmabasingstoke/](https://www.facebook.com/balloonsbyemmabasingstoke/).



Later in the afternoon, our big school 'leavers' had their Graduation Ceremony. They wore their own handmade mortar board hats, received a Graduation Scroll and a tube of sweets to sweeten the sad reality, they were leaving us.



The BU5s team had pulled off another exciting, fun filled day, that will last in the children's memories for a long time. Well done everyone! P.S. We enjoyed it too :)

Ali Baron, Chair of BU5's Preschool Committee.

If you would like to join our preschool family, either as a child enrolling, becoming



a member of our parent committee, or to plan a visit, please call 07881 920 709, or email [sam@boltonunder-5s.com](mailto:sam@boltonunder-5s.com)

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# Autumn Recipe

## Chilli Jam

Many of us grow chillies that are ready for picking in September. But what to do with them all? Here is a recipe to use them up! Chilli Jam is good with cheese and cold meats. We use it in place of chutney. Do remember not to rub your eyes or touch your face after handling chillies!

### Ingredients

- 150g of red chillies (prepared weight) topped and tailed and de-seeded. White bits removed. If you don't grow your own then use the small packs of fresh red medium heat chillies that they sell in the supermarket for around 60p a pack. You probably need 3 packs, but it is up to you how hot you want it! Try hard to remove all the seeds, as any left in have a habit of floating to the top of the jam and then spoils the appearance.
- 200g of the long pointed sweet red peppers available from most supermarkets, (see picture), but if you can't get them, then regular sweet red peppers will do, or a mixture of both. Cut into chunks. Seeds and white bits removed.



- 1kg of Jam sugar (this is the one in the red packet with added pectin)
- 600ml of cider vinegar

### Method

- Sterilise your jars. This quantity will make roughly 4 small 250ml jars. (See photo).
- While jars are sterilising, put chillies into a food processor and blitz until they are just red flecks. Add the chunks of red peppers and blitz again.
- Put the vinegar into a large saucepan and heat gently. Add the sugar. Keep on a low heat until the sugar has completely dissolved. This takes a few minutes.
- Add all the peppers. Scrape all the flecks of pepper out of the food processor with a spatula.
- Now gradually increase the heat to a rolling boil and boil for 10-15 mins. Do not take your eyes off it at this point as it has a habit of welling up all over the top of the hob and making a big mess!
- Take off the heat and leave to cool for about 45 minutes to 1 hour, by which time the chilli jam should be starting to thicken quite a bit to form a jelly. If it is still runny, you may need to repeat the boil for another 5 minutes.
- Give it a stir to incorporate all the bits and pour into your sterilised jars and seal. If all the chilli flecks rise to the top then your jam was too hot when you put it in the jar. Try giving it a stir with a teaspoon handle as it cools further to encourage the flecks to distribute evenly.
- Can be stored in a cool, dark place for 6-9 months. Once opened keep in fridge and use in 1-2 months.



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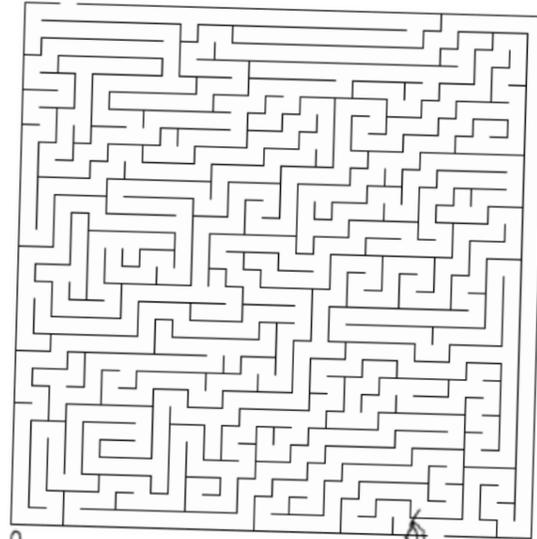
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# Children's CoRner

## Autumn Leaf Maze



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## Autumn / Fall Word Scramble

- L A F L
- K E R A
- N C A O R
- V A H R E T S
- P K P I U M N
- V L A E E S
- C S R A R E C O W
- P P L A E
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## Autumn Word Search

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 o m u t l a n p f s  
 r d t l o s s u m r  
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 r a n r e e u k a l  
 a l e a v e s i x a  
 c x h k r a e n y f  
 s l p e c i f i a n



- autumn
- fall
- leaves
- pumpkin
- scarecrow
- rake
- harvest





# Old Basing Tennis Club

## -Back in the Swing of Things!

Old Basing Tennis club has had a great season with a vibrant new feel to the club for a number of reasons.



- We have lots of new members (33 this year) and several more joined in 2020 as they were not able to play tennis indoors.

- Our tennis courts have been resurfaced and repainted and are now even better to play on and look good too! Also, the paving around the club house has been re-laid giving a much more welcoming feel.

- Booking a court is easy by using an app, so you know you will always get a court to play on.

- We've added a second coach to the club. Steph Catlin gained a tennis scholarship in America before coming back to the UK to become a coach. If you'd like some coaching contact her at [steph@foodislifenutrition.com](mailto:steph@foodislifenutrition.com). Our other coach is Ben Jubin of BJTCoaching. Ben runs drills for adults in the evenings as well as individual and group coaching sessions for adults and children.

- **Club Championships** - Last weekend we held our Final's Day for the first time in two years followed by a barbeque, beer and presentation of the trophies to

the well-deserved winners and runners up. Look on our Facebook page 'Old Basing Tennis Club' for the results.

If you fancy a game of tennis however good or rusty you are or a complete beginner, please come along and have a game either with friends or family or join in at our club nights on Tuesdays and Fridays from 6pm and Sunday mornings from 10am or book a coaching session with Steph or Ben.



Club Member Marcus tries out our newly resurfaced courts.

We also have teams in the first and second divisions of the Basingstoke league if you're interested in playing more competitively.

To find out more about how to play tennis with us visit [Clubspark.lta.org.uk/oldbasingtennisclub](http://Clubspark.lta.org.uk/oldbasingtennisclub)  
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Our four courts are located opposite the Bolton Arms pub, next to the cricket and football ground with good car parking and a clubhouse. Postcode RG24 7DH.

**We look forward to seeing you down at the courts soon.**

### Children's Corner Answers

Autumn Word Scramble

L A F L	F A L L
K E R A	R A K E
N C A O R	A C O R N
V A H R E T S	H A R V E S T
P K P I U M N	P U M P K I N
V L A E E S	L E A V E S
C S R A R E C O W	S C A R E C R O W
P P L A E	A P P L E
W E Y L O L	Y E L L O W
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Autumn Word Search

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