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# Chairman's Report 2013/14

## Introduction

As Chairman of the Parish Council I am pleased to present this annual report on behalf of the Parish Council. Councillors and Staff have worked hard over the past year focusing on many issues affecting the parish, sharing the workload and implementing effective decision making, all of which benefit our parishioners.

The Parish Council via its Planning and Development Committee has also worked hard with other like minded groups successfully influencing the decision to reduce the amount of housing development within and around our parish over the coming years.

The past year has been another successful year for the Parish Council implementing many improvements to the parish facilities

Recreation Club support continues via financial subsidies and regular meetings to understand and help with their issues.

The allotment waiting list continues to be reduced with additional plots created by splitting and sharing the larger plots.

A new Parish Council Community Newsletter is presently being trialled with the first edition published in June and it is planned to produce two per year - Spring and Autumn.

We continue to hold our stakeholder event at the end of each calendar year; this event serves as an

opportunity to meet and network with those people who work together within our Parish.

We have significantly improved the Parish Council's financial management and reporting and for this I wish to place on record our gratitude to our Finance Officer, Mr Les Orvis.



## Plans/Projects

During this year we will complete the redesign and improvement of the Garden of Remembrance area of the cemetery.

A Working Group has recently been set up to produce a Parish Neighbourhood Plan to be shared and consulted with parishioners when complete.

The Parish Council Website has been redesigned and has now been launched. Comments will be most welcome to enable us to continually improve this facility.

## In Conclusion

All of the foregoing would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of the staff and fellow councillors, for which I am extremely grateful. I am sure that many new challenges will present themselves as we progress into the year. And I am confident your Parish Council is equipped to deal with such challenges as they arise.

**Keith Nuttall** *Chairman,*  
*Old Basing and Lychpit Parish Council.*

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## Welcome to a new Councillor

David Whiter was co-opted to join the Parish Council at its meeting on 2 July. David has lived in Milkingpen Lane for many years and will represent Old Basing Ward.

## Thank you

Photographs in this issue have been kindly provided by Stephen Pritchard, Les Orvis and Tony Tuck.

## Have Your Say

Please send your letters and comments for publication to the Parish Clerk, **Mrs Sandra Tuck** via email at [clerk@oldbasing.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@oldbasing.gov.uk), or by post to **Parish Office, The Pavilion, The Recreation Ground, The Street, Old Basing, RG24 7DA**

You can also visit [www.oldbasing.gov.uk](http://www.oldbasing.gov.uk) and submit a message from there.

## Parish Council Meetings

Meetings are held in the committee room above the Parish Office. Members of the public are welcome to attend any meeting and anyone with mobility difficulties can be accommodated with advance notice. In addition to the main Parish Council meetings which are held on the first Wednesday monthly, regular committee meetings are held to discuss specific matters.

These committees are:

### Planning

Second and fourth Monday monthly

### Finance & Resources

Quarterly on a Tuesday

### Facilities Management

Approximately 6-weekly on a Tuesday

### Communications

Precedes main Parish Council meeting

### Safer Neighbourhood Panel

Incorporated quarterly in main Parish Council meeting



## Parish Notes

### Parish Council Website

Many of you over the past months have pointed out that the Parish Council website was sadly out of date and asking when something would be done. Well – we are pleased to say our new website is now up and running, albeit still a “work in progress”. Councillor Stephen Pritchard has carried out the work on the website voluntarily, fitting this in with running his own business and looking after a lively toddler, and we are grateful for his expertise. This has not been a simple task and much of the information transferred from the old website will need updating over the coming months. If your club or organisation is represented and the details do need to be amended, or if you are a local group and are not already listed, please let us know. You can “contact us” via the website and also make booking enquiries for Lychpit Community Hall.

### Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council is still seeking volunteers to assist with the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan. If you care about your local environment and are concerned about the increasing development of local areas, this is your opportunity to have your say. To find out more contact the Parish Office.

## Diary Dates 2014

### JANUARY

- 6 & 27 Planning
- 8 Parish Council meeting
- 8 Communications (7-7.30pm)
- 14 Finance & Resources (7-7.30pm)
- 14 Facilities Management

### FEBRUARY

- 5 Parish Council meeting
- 5 Communications (7-7.30pm)
- 10 & 24 Planning
- 25 Facilities Management

### MARCH

- 5 Parish Council meeting  
*inc. safer Neighbourhood Panel*
- 5 Communications (7-7.30pm)
- 10 & 24 Planning

### APRIL

- 2 Parish Council meeting
- 2 Communications (7-7.30pm)
- 8 Facilities Management
- 14 & 28 Planning
- 22 Finance & Resources

### MAY

- 7 Parish Council meeting (AGM)
- 7 Communications (7 – 7.30 pm)
- 12 & 27 Planning
- 15 Annual Parish Meeting
- 20 Facilities Management
- 22 European and Borough Elections

### JUNE

- 4 Parish Council meeting  
*inc. Safer Neighbourhood Panel*
- 4 Communications (7-7.30pm)
- 9 & 23 Planning

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**JULY**

- 2 Parish Council meeting
- 2 Communications (7-7.30pm)
- 8 Finance & Resources (7-7.30pm)
- 8 Facilities Management
- 14 & 28 Planning

**AUGUST**

- 6 Parish Council meeting
- 6 Communications (7-7.30pm)
- 11 & 26 Planning
- 19th Facilities Management

**SEPTEMBER**

- 3 Parish Council meeting  
*inc. Safer Neighbourhood Panel*
- 3 Communications (7-7.30pm)
- 8 & 22 Planning
- 30 Facilities Management

**OCTOBER**

- 1 Parish Council meeting
- 1 Communications (7-7.30pm)
- 13 & 27 Planning
- 21 Finance & Resources

**NOVEMBER**

- 5 Parish Council meeting
- 5 Communications (7-7.30pm)
- 10 & 24 Planning
- 11 Facilities Management

**DECEMBER**

- 3 Parish Council meeting  
*inc. Safer Neighbourhood Panel*
- 3 Communications (7-7.30pm)
- 8 & 22 Planning
- 23 Facilities Management

7.30pm start unless stated

## Parish Council Contact Information

**Parish Office,  
The Pavilion,  
The Recreation Ground,  
The Street,  
Old Basing, RG24 7DA  
01256 462847  
www.oldbasing.gov.uk**

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

### Parish Office and Recreation Facilities

Clerk: **Mrs Sandra Tuck**  
clerk@oldbasing.gov.uk  
Deputy Clerk: **Mrs Heather Mountford**  
deputy.clerk@oldbasing.gov.uk  
Grounds & Facilities Manager: **Mr Stephen Richardson**  
Assistant Groundsman: **Mr Harry Rice**  
We also have two Litter Wardens covering Old Basing and Lychpit respectively

### Councillors

- Councillor Keith Nuttall**  
(Chairman) Lychpit
- Councillor Mark Oszczyk**  
(Vice Chairman) Old Basing
- Councillor Sven Godesen**  
(Chairman - Planning) Old Basing
- Councillor Nick O'Shea**  
(Vice Chairman - Planning) Old Basing
- Councillor Peter Bloyce**  
(Chairman - Facilities Management) Old Basing
- Councillor Stephen Pritchard**  
(Vice Chairman - Facilities Management) Lychpit
- Councillor Betty Waller**  
(Chairman - Communications) Old Basing
- Councillor Veronica Lickley** Old Basing
- Councillor Vera Riley-Shaw** Lychpit
- Councillor Stephen Marks** Old Basing
- Councillor David Whiter** Old Basing
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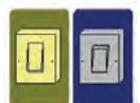
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<b>Income</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Balance Sheet</b>	<b>£</b>
Precept	127,158	<u>Current Assets</u>	
Bank deposit Interest	1,337	Debtors	3,280
Other Income	2,237	Prepayments	2,582
Recreation ground income	18,833	Bank and cash	226,853
Burial fees	9,018		<u>232,715</u>
Allotment rents	2,527	<u>Current Liabilities</u>	
Lychpit Hall hire income	24,427	Creditors	(30,360)
Grants from Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council	32,227		
	<u>217,764</u>	<b>Net Assets</b>	<b><u>202,355</u></b>
Note:		Represented by:	
<b>Expenditure</b>		Opening Reserves as at 1st April 2013	179,688
1 Administration	50,209	Income and Expenditure Account	22,667
Street Lights	2,043		
2 Recreation	81,997	<b>Closing Reserves as at 31st March 2014</b>	<b><u>202,355</u></b>
Allotments	1,865	<b>Analysis of Closing Reserves</b>	
Cemetery	1,379	Net Income for the year	22,667
Running costs of Lychpit Hall inc. utilities	17,891	Transfers to Earmarked Reserves	(18,562)
Other buildings maintenance inc. utilities	24,526		
Fixed Assets	15,187	Net Expenditure for the year to Unallocated Reserves	4,105
	<u>195,097</u>		
	<u>22,667</u>	Opening balance Unallocated Reserves	45,189
<b>Net Income for the year</b>		From period	4,105
		Closing Balance as at 31st March 2014	49,294
		Opening balance Earmarked Reserves	134,499
		From period	18,562
		Closing Balance as at 31st March 2014	153,061
		<b>Total Earmarked and Unallocated Reserves</b>	<b><u>202,355</u></b>

## Notes to the accounts

### Note 1

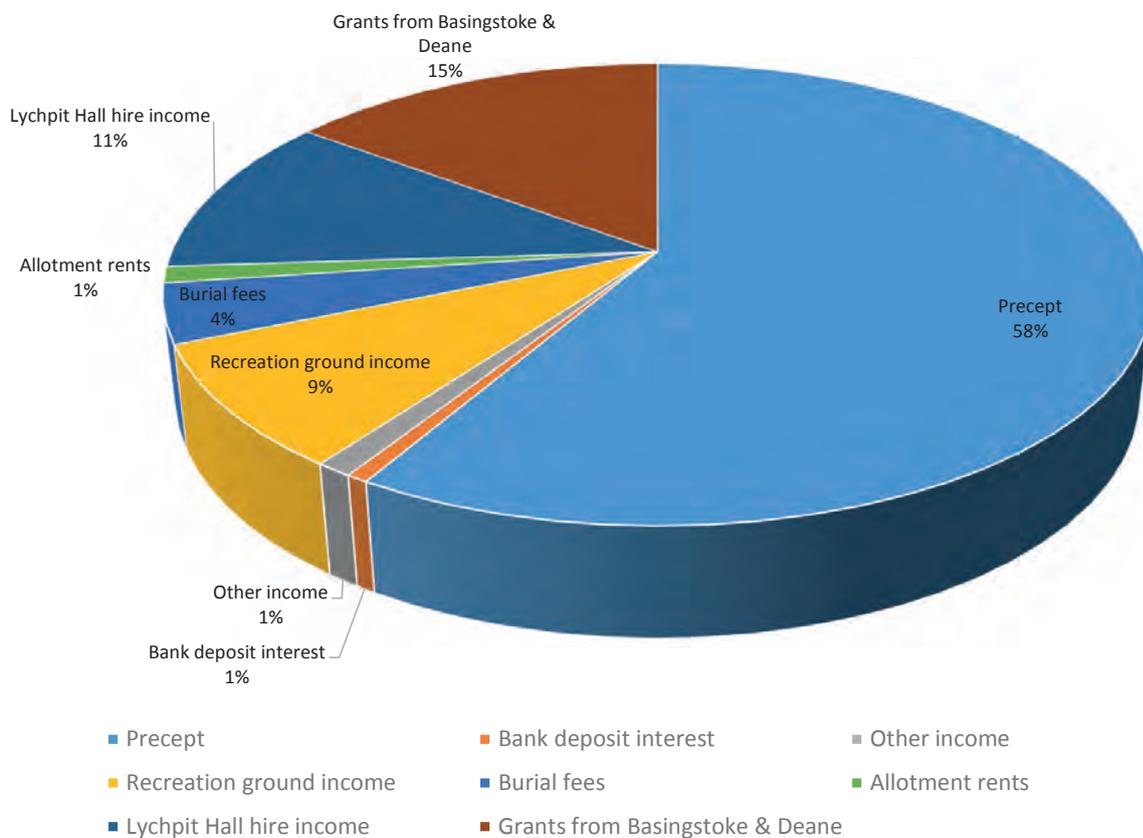
Administration costs include:  
 Office staff costs, employers NI and Pension contributions  
 Insurance premiums covering buildings and public/employer liability  
 Donations to Country Watch / Basinga magazine  
 Audit fees  
 Membership fees to Local Government Associations

### Note 2

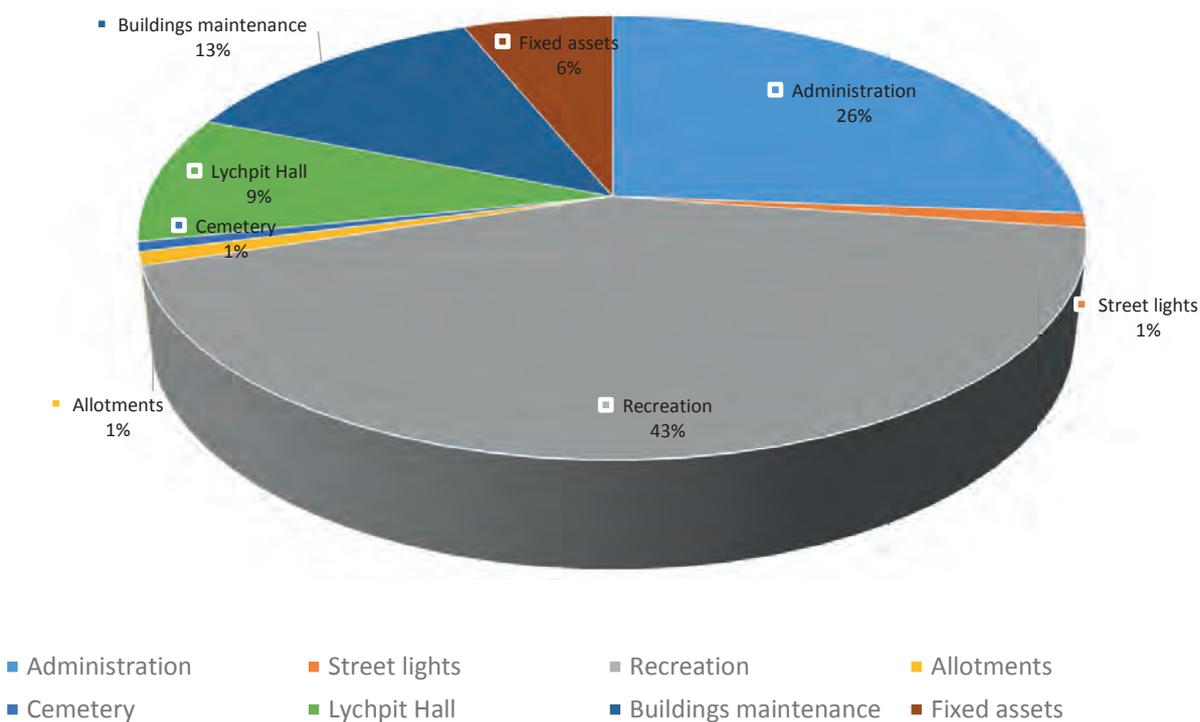
Recreation costs include:  
 Recreation staff costs including litter wardens, employer's NI and Pension contributions  
 Chemicals, turf and other supplies for the upkeep of the Recreation ground / allotments / cemetery and Belle Vue play area  
 Health & safety checks including monthly Legionella testing

# Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 March 2014

Sources of Income



Analysis of Expenditure



# Garden of Remembrance

The Garden of Remembrance adjacent to Old Basing Cemetery has now been landscaped with raised flower beds and a pathway suitable for wheelchairs. The hard landscaping was carried out by Hart Driveways in May and over the coming months the Parish Council's grounds staff will be planting the raised beds and, in the autumn, will plant a yew hedge to provide screening. The Parish Council is grateful to Cllr Elaine Still for funding from Hampshire County Council to purchase the tree seat in the centre of the garden.

The photos show the area as it was and progress during the landscaping. Planting the raised beds and a yew hedge around the garden will take place in the Autumn and when fully planted the garden will provide a pleasant area for the interment of cremated remains and somewhere relatives can visit and pay their respects.



*Prior to work starting*



*Work has started*



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# Road Sharing

This article focussing on road use and safety in Old Basing has been divided into three main user categories but noted that there are also horse riders, scooters (particularly on the walk to school) and mobility aid users. It is hoped that readers will find something useful, or thought provoking in what follows.

## Pedestrians

Probably the most vulnerable, pedestrians can do some things to improve their own safety and avoid frustration, and confusion to others. Some may remember the old TV safety adverts Wear Something white at night but it's easy to forget this advice on the occasional after sunset walk. There is good reason why pedestrians should walk on the right hand side of the road - this enables vehicles whose driver is on the remote side from the pedestrian to be more visible, giving the pedestrian the opportunity to step onto the verge or into a gateway if the driver is cutting it too fine. Obviously where there is a pavement on one side of the road this should be used instead.

When near crossings, pedestrians need to make it obvious if they are intending to cross and stay clear of the pavement edge if they are not about to cross the road. When walking along a road with a side turning it is good practice to check that no vehicles are coming in or out when crossing. Similarly pedestrians must try not to hover on the inside edge of bends, thereby reducing the



vision of drivers negotiating the bend. A positive move which helps all is to try and make eye contact with drivers as they approach, to ensure each is aware of the others presence.

## Cyclists

Helmet wearing saves lives, as does having lights on at night or in reduced daylight. Modern bike light sets with universal fittings and various 'blink' patterns are reasonably priced (Halfords have a basic set for £10). Cyclists need to make their intentions clear to other road users, by using arm signals.



Cyclists should also exercise caution when approaching a junction where the road surface may be covered in grit or water. Having to stop suddenly may be difficult and cyclists should always expect the unexpected. Riding two or more abreast holds up passing traffic and may make it difficult for oncoming traffic to pass safely. Cyclists should also be aware of the priorities at pinch points around the village and remember they are subject to give way signs or dotted lines across the carriageway the same as vehicles. Like pedestrians it is always helpful to make eye contact with drivers if possible (although not at the expense of checking the road ahead for dangers).

Potholes are a nightmare! Cyclists need to take care when suddenly swerving to avoid a pothole either in front of cars approaching from ahead or behind.

A light 'ring' of the bell is a good way

of letting pedestrians know that they are about to pass.

## Drivers

In many other road users' eyes, these will be the chief "culprits", partly due to the fact that these roads were not designed for high speed large vehicles. Drivers should make their intentions clear to all road users and pedestrians by signalling at junctions.



It is imperative that drivers adhere to speed restrictions and take great care when driving under the railway bridges in the village. (Dipped headlights will signal your presence to other road users and pedestrians).

At pinch points with an approaching cyclist, drivers should be aware that even if they have the right of way, a cycle takes more effort to get up to speed so it is courteous to let the cyclist through first.

Finally, when reversing out of your driveway (if you are unable to reverse in) drivers should check carefully for pedestrians and cyclists on both the pavement (if there is one) and the road, particularly if there are hedgerows involved.

## All

It is hoped these pointers merely emphasise the need to be courteous, considerate and mindful of other road users to safely share our crowded roads. This will be particularly important over the next year when the works at Black Dam are bound to increase volume and decrease the patience of all road users!

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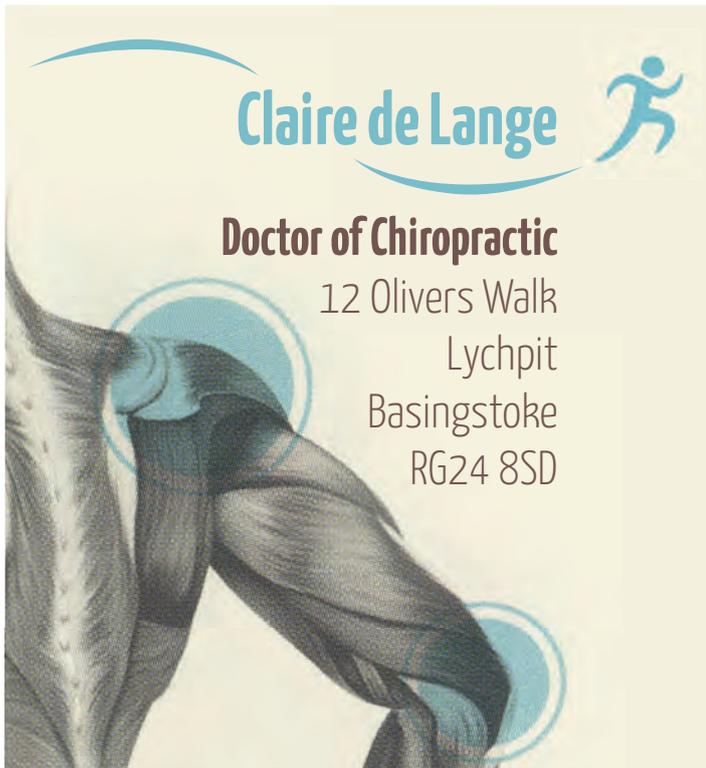
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# wellbeing

**Let's think further about Wellbeing.**

The article in the first Parish Council Newsletter concentrated on what is your own perception of wellbeing? Absolutely vital since how you feel is going to influence how you react to many situations. How someone else sees you may be different and if they consider you are looking well and good it can give you a boost, but if personally you are not feeling particularly good you may not believe them.

Wellbeing to a great extent is a help yourself matter. So number one is motivation. Get up and go and do something that will relax you, help your mobility, stamina, ability to concentrate, co-ordination, look good, and feel energised. Have some ME time, be you female or male. Making the effort to go and do some exercise is sometimes harder than the exercise itself, but afterwards you generally feel better. What exercise suits YOU? What is safe for YOU to do? Do you need tuition? Is what you want available? If not is there an alternative?

However, maybe the above paragraph is irrelevant to you; you already do exercise and know the benefits. Perhaps your exercise is a particular sport, could you improve your ability in that sport by some complimentary exercise? Perhaps a work out session a week would help? Do you exercise outside your comfort zone at all? This is not training as an athlete, but do you challenge yourself at all? Do you have any aims/ambitions?

Think about yourself, consider what would benefit you and when you decide enjoy what you are doing. If you don't enjoy it, even a little bit, you won't continue.

**Good luck - keep moving -  
 if you don't use it you'll lose it!**



**ONE OPTION**

Particularly of interest to those who work as the timing gives you a chance to get home, have something to eat and then come out and exercise in a friendly group: Monday evenings at Lychpit Community Hall from 8.30-9.30 exercise for health with Fitness League, a long established national organisation with many years of experience in the exercise and movement world. Age is no barrier and though normally attended by women, men are most welcome. Get moving, improve your body alignment and alleviate those aches and pains from perhaps sitting or standing all day at work, looking after children etc. Suffer from stiffness in some joints improve their mobility. A holistic approach to exercise and fitness. Classes restart on 1 September, you can come along any week and pay as you go, or in advance. There will be some holiday dates so a good idea to check first.

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# Headway Basingstoke

## Helping Individuals with Brain Injuries and their Families

Headway Basingstoke is a local charity formed in 1982 by relatives and carers to provide care and support by way of long-term, slow-stream rehabilitation to people who have received a traumatic head injury. The charity also provides much needed support for the families of those affected.



Recent changes in grant funding has enabled the charity to employ a Manager and a Re-habilitation Assistant plus other paid staff. However, in addition, the group also relies heavily on its wonderful volunteers who give their time and efforts freely to help those affected to be as independent as possible allowing for the extent of their brain injury. Activities include pottery, woodworking, painting and cookery.

There is also a group of dedicated trustees who meet regularly to ensure all is running smoothly and over the years a great many people in the Basingstoke and North Hampshire area, including Old Basing, have received support.

Being a charity, Headway Basingstoke relies heavily on grants, fundraising and donations to continue to provide this important service. This is becoming increasingly difficult in the current economic climate and if you feel you might like to volunteer or offer support financially, or indeed if Headway can help you or someone you know, please contact us. Details below.

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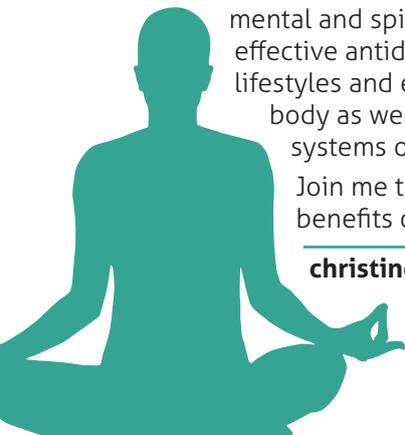
On Saturday mornings from 10.15am to 11.30am I teach a Yoga class for all levels at Lychpit Village Hall.

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# Walks Around Old Basing

## Summer Sightings

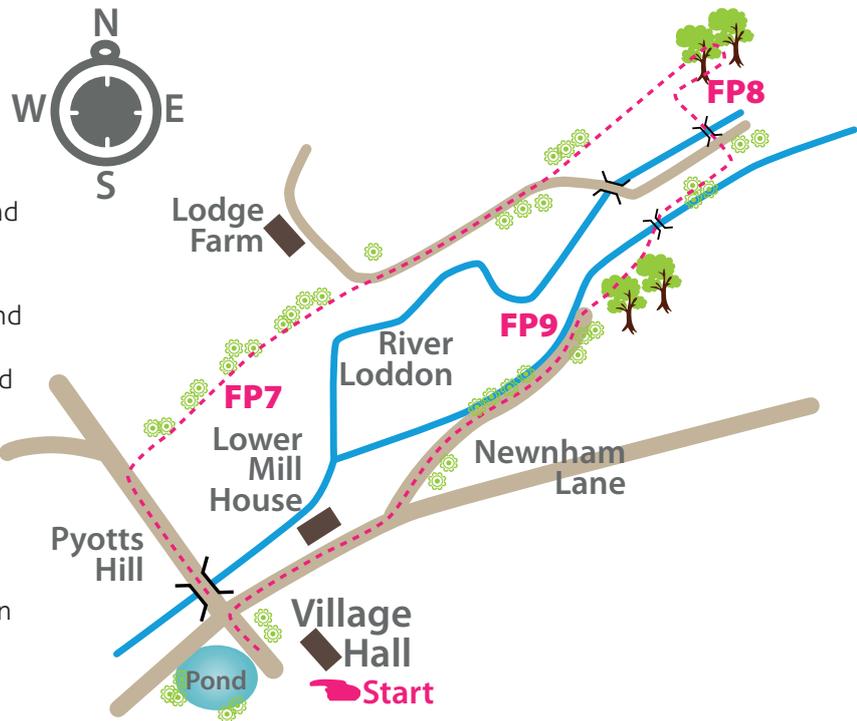
distance 4km / 2.5 miles

▶ Start: Village Hall

Before starting the walk take a look at the flowers in and around the pond and note the Bird Cherry trees on the mound by the pond.

▶ Walk along Newnham Lane past Lower Mill House and take the signposted footpath on the left (FP9). After a short time it follows the course of the River Loddon and the fragrances of Meadow Sweet and Creeping Thistle can be detected.

▶ At the end of the track you will enter a small copse – cross the footbridge and turn right, continuing in the same direction on the other river bank. Turn left at the first hedge on the path (FP8) and follow the hedge, cross the footbridge over another branch of the Loddon and cross the field, aiming for a marked post. Turn left and follow the hedgerow on your right and then the farm track (FP7) to the point where it turns right in the direction of Basing Lodge Farm. Go through the kissing gate on the left of the track into the field and follow the hedgerow to Pyotts Hill. Turn left and follow the road down to your starting point at the Village Hall.



This walk is taken from the Parish Council's "Walks around the Parish of Old Basing" booklet copies of which are available from the Parish Office for a fee of £2



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# Parking Advice for Residents

Parking in and around Old Basing & Lychpit is a particular concern – there are many misconceptions around parking and we hope this information is of some use.

## Did you know?

All vehicles must be taxed and insured to be on the public highway. The local authority has the right to remove any vehicles without tax from the public highway.

You should not park your vehicles within ten metres of a junction except in an authorised parking space. If you do, your vehicle may be considered to be causing an obstruction and you may receive a fine.

Unless a parking space is marked as belonging to a particular property, any vehicle may park there.

Zig-Zag lines are there to protect pedestrians. If you stop on yellow zig-zags you may get a

fine. If you stop on white zig-zags, you may get a fine and three points on your licence.

If there are no parking restrictions in place, such as double yellow lines, single yellow lines or a residents' permit, and a vehicle is not blocking access like a dropped kerb, a vehicle has the right to park there. In these circumstances you have no right to ask another road user to move their vehicle.



Parking on footpaths causes people to walk in the road. There must be enough room for a double push chair or wheelchair to pass. If not, you are causing an obstruction.

Homeowners do not own the public highway outside their property or have a priority right to park there unless they have a dropped kerb outside it.

Single and double yellow lines also apply to grass verges and the footpath either side of the road.

Emergency vehicles do not have to follow parking restrictions when dealing with an incident. The Highway Code states that you cannot park anywhere that would prevent access for emergency vehicles.

For more information, contact your local council or visit Safer North Hampshire at [www.safernh.co.uk](http://www.safernh.co.uk)

# Road Improvement Work at Black Dam

Parishioners will by now be aware of the proposed works at Black Dam which is due to start at the end of the summer and last until at least June next year

Although the council can do little regarding the impact this major disruption to the local trunk road network will have on local roads, we

have pressed the highways authority at meetings and they have undertaken to carry out traffic studies before the works commence and to use this data to alleviate the likely issues resulting from any traffic delays at Black Dam.

We will of course continue to keep you informed via our Basinga page and the Parish website and will press

the Highways Agency to erect suitable signage where appropriate

We would ask residents to be patient - it is only a temporary issue - and the long term effects should be an improvement in traffic flow and strengthen our efforts to reduce existing "rat-running" throughout the village.

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## A Brief History Of The Lychpit Community Hall And Adjacent Buildings



**Lychpit Barn**

It is quite rare to find early farm barns built of brick in this area. The expense of brick put it beyond the reach of most before the 17th century, and the majority of agricultural buildings were therefore constructed of timber. However, after the Civil War the parishioners of Basing were encouraged to take the bricks from the remains of the besieged Basing House for their own use. This is why a number of buildings in the present village of Old Basing were built, or rebuilt, in the second half of the 17th century, using earlier bricks salvaged from the remains. The north barn at Lychpit was just such a building. The present doctor's surgery to the east and the restaurant to the west of the former farmyard are similarly constructed of materials from Basing House. In the case of the doctor's surgery the windows and doorway are of stone, a material which would never have been used in a local farm building if it had not been available for the taking.

Tree ring dates for the timbers of the roof of the great Tithe Barn in Old Basing indicate that it was constructed in about 1533. The bricks used in

the Lychpit buildings are almost certainly of a similar age, but they were probably not re-used in their new location until after the Civil War, perhaps in the middle of the 17th century. The roof of the Lychpit Barn can be stylistically dated to the same period, and it was therefore new and not re-used.

Lychpit Farmhouse and its early farm buildings are "listed", and therefore protected because of their architectural and historic merit. When the plans for new housing developments at Lychpit and Chineham were being developed in the 1970s the listed farm buildings were identified as forming part of an area that would become a local centre, with a shop and community facilities. Hampshire County Council had inherited the buildings when it purchased the surrounding land, and developed plans for their restoration and conversion to provide some of the facilities for the new local centre. The buildings had not been used agriculturally for some years, and were in poor condition.

The main barn had originally been built to store the corn harvest, with the crop being threshed through the winter months to extract the grain. This activity would have been carried out with flails on a timber floor in the space between the two large doorways. The wind blowing through the building would have helped with the process of winnowing, or the separation the grain from the chaff. In more modern times the barn had been converted into a corn dryer. To

suit this new use a large hopper had been dug into the floor and openings had been knocked in the walls. It is to the County Council's credit that it faithfully restored the historic buildings and built sympathetic new buildings which created a centre which has served the local community successfully for a generation. The success of the scheme was recognised with the award of a Civic Trust Commendation in the 1980s.



**View of the inside of the hall showing the vaulted ceiling and beams**

Lychpit Barn, or Lychpit Community Hall as it is now known, is home to the Lychpit Nursery during the daytime and is used extensively by community groups, such as Guides, Brownies, Rainbows and a range of fitness classes and provides a unique setting for special events and parties.

**Bill Fergie** local resident

To enquire about group or individual party bookings call the Parish Office on **01256 462847**, send an email to **lychpithall@gmail.com** or use the enquiry form on the Parish Council website **www.ldbasing.gov.uk**

## Groups at Lychpit Community Hall

### Monday-Friday

Lychpit Nursery School  
Nicky Bradley, 07506 720551

### Monday 6.15-8.15pm

Seishinkai Karate Club  
Peter Welch, 4th Dan, 01256 702255  
weekend.wanderer@btinternet.com

### Monday 8.30-9.30pm

Fitness League  
Alison Howard, 01256 327014  
ah.fitnessleague@gmail.com

### Tuesday 8-9.30pm

Basingstoke Ju Jitsu Club  
Tony Bailey, 07986 245659  
tj.bailey2@gmail.com

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Lisa McCarthy, 01256 816821  
www.lisajanedance.co.uk  
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### Thursday

Line Dancing  
Debbie Rawlings, 01256 332508

### Saturday

British Wheel of Yoga  
Helen Varcoe, 01256 701095  
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### Sunday

Pilates  
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*Other groups include: Guides, Brownies and Rainbows (information on these groups available from Susan Huntingdon on 01256 323402)*

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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.

Below is a list with brief details and contact information.

## Old Basing Village Hall and Frank Goddard Room

A well maintained and adaptable venue with extensive parking and currently hosts a playgroup, ballet classes, badminton, line-dancing, short mat bowls karate, archery, U3A and Weightwatchers. At weekends we hold jumble sales, weddings, birthday parties from 1 year to 100 and fund raisers of all kinds. The hall has a maximum capacity of 200, or can be adapted for a party of 50 people.

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

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

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

➔ Sandie Rice 01256 477637



## The Beddington Centre

For children's parties and meetings of up to approx 50.

➔ Kath Davies 01256 473402

## Old Basing Cricket Club

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➔ Parish Office 01256 462847

## 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

## Old Basing Royal British Legion

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## Lychpit Community Hall

An historic Grade II listed barn, suitable for all types of parties, including wedding receptions and anniversaries. Maximum capacity 80-100. With kitchen and licensed bar facility.



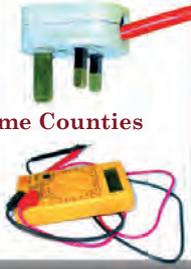
Regular users include a daily nursery group, Guides, Brownies, Rainbows, ballet, karate, line dancing, pilates, fitness league, Zumba and two yoga groups.

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The tree which is situated in Old Basing at the junction of Milkingpen Lane and The Street is a valued local landmark and Jeff's efforts are greatly appreciated by all.



An old photo



The tree prior to trimming



Jeff hard at work

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## Basingstoke Canal The Last Five miles

At our Parish Council meeting on 2nd July, a member of the Basingstoke Canal Society, Philip Riley, gave a talk to the Parish Council regarding the Basingstoke Canal. He concentrated on future plans with regard to 'the last 5 Miles' of the canal, part of which runs through Old Basing.

The Society was originally formed in 1966 to save the privately owned waterway and, after much campaigning for its restoration, the then derelict canal was purchased in the early 1970s by Hampshire and Surrey County Councils. In partnership with the local authorities, the Society organized volunteers and employed a full-time team to restore the Canal. After nearly 20 years' effort, thirty two miles of the waterway, from the Wey Navigation junction to the Greywell Tunnel, were formally reopened in May 1991 by HRH The Duke of Kent.

The Canal is now managed by the Basingstoke Canal Authority with financial help from the two county council owners and neighbouring borough and district authorities. The Society is a registered charity which also makes a significant contribution both in cash and value-in-kind.

Although the navigable length of the Basingstoke Canal ends just east of Greywell Tunnel, it has always been the long-term aim of the Canal Society to restore the remaining 5 miles into Basingstoke Town Centre. However, it is unrealistic to expect the canal to be fully restored all the way to Basingstoke for a number of reasons.

The Greywell Tunnel has partially collapsed and is a protected habitat for bats; from Mapledurwell some of the canal bed has been filled in and the M3 motorway crossing at Hatch eliminated part of the canal, while many parts, especially in Old Basing, have been built over. The original canal terminus, Basingstoke Wharf, has now been redeveloped to become (among other things) Festival Place.

However, the Canal Society is working with the local authorities to establish a footpaths and cycleways Heritage Trail, which would follow, as closely as possible, the line of the old canal from Greywell through Up Nately, Mapledurwell, Hatch and Old Basing to Basingstoke Town Centre. Much of the former route of the Canal remains, although it would be necessary to make diversions where the canal line has been built over.

In and around Old Basing parts of the Canal are still easily visible and can be found behind Cavalier Road, Milkingpen Lane, Church Lane, alongside Basing House and on into Basingstoke via Redbridge Lane, The Fen and Eastrop Park.

A recent Planning application to build in the canal basin in Milkingpen Lane was turned down by the Planning Inspector because, amongst other things, of its location on the old canal.

The Parish Council supported the ideas put forward by Philip Riley on behalf of the Canal Society and looks forward to working with them on this project.

Further details can be found on the Canal Society's website [www.basingstoke-canal.org.uk](http://www.basingstoke-canal.org.uk)

For more details about the heritage trail and the route in and around Old Basing, click on 'The Canal' and 'last 5 miles' and then the highlighted section 'footpath and cycleway'.

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# Old Basing Archers

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And some of us are actually pretty good at it! This year alone we have had four of our 70 members selected to compete for Hampshire - Andy Caine and Mark Haldane and juniors Jacob Caine and Lewis Nunn. Jacob also came fourth in the National Junior Championships.

Many members have also competed at various shoots across England and in July, Old Basing Archers held its annual World Record Status shoot in conjunction with Andover Archers. It sounds grand and it is. This event, held in Andover, attracts top archers – some 200 – from across the UK. Many from Old Basing Archers also took part.

As well as such major events, we also organise our own club shoots such as the St George's Shoot in April (this year won by Mark Haldane, Andy Caine and Len Watts), the club's Birthday Shoot in August (winner was

Arron Williams with Chris Hawkins picking up the Wand Trophy) and the club championships in September.

But this club is not just about big events and national shoots. We are a friendly family-oriented club that encourages archers of all ages, sizes and abilities to join and have some fun shooting arrows.

In addition to the have-a-go-stall at Old Basing Carnival each year, our coaches run beginners' courses in the spring and autumn so those who have never shot (or who may have tried it on holiday or at the carnival) can gain the competencies and safety skills you need in order to shoot those sharp, thin pieces of carbon, aluminium and wood many yards at high speed!

Such is the appeal of archery that spaces on our beginners' courses are limited so you may have to join a waiting list. But it's well worth it; many of our current members started on such a course. To help novice archers improve, the club has its own training bows plus more advanced bows which new members can rent prior to buying their own equipment.

Our members shoot four bow types: the recurve bow (the type used at the Olympics), the longbow (that's the



one Robin Hood shot!), compound bow (the most powerful and accurate) and barebow which is similar to a recurve but without the sight and other accessories. As you can imagine, there's a lot of banter about which is the hardest to master.

We shoot at the Rec most weekends and, during the summer months, weekday evenings. In the winter we relocate to the Village Hall on a Wednesday evening but still turn up at the Rec during the weekends to keep the practice going.

We are always happy to hear from established archers who have Archery GB membership and who are looking to join our club or shoot with us on a guest arrangement.

So, next time you are at the Rec, and you spot our targets, wander over and have a chat.

Go to [www.oldbasingarchers.co.uk](http://www.oldbasingarchers.co.uk) for more information and club contact.



## Autumn Recipe

### Plum Bread & Butter Pudding

Serves 4-5. This is a good recipe for the autumn when plums are plentiful

#### Ingredients

15g of butter softened  
1 loaf of fruit bread sliced, cut into triangles and crusts removed  
4-5 red plums stoned and cut into wedges.  
500ml milk  
15 cardamom pods crushed  
3 medium eggs beaten  
100g caster sugar  
Mint sprigs to decorate

#### Method

Preheat the oven to 170c/Fan 150c/Gas 3 and lightly butter a 1 litre ovenproof dish. Butter the bread. Arrange the bread and plums overlapping in the dish.

Place the milk and cardamom in a pan bring to the boil. Whisk the eggs and sugar in a bowl.

Pour the milk onto the egg mixture, whisk well. Strain through a fine sieve and pour over the bread and plums.

Place dish in a roasting tin, half filled with hot water. Bake for 45 mins or until golden brown and set. Serve decorated with mint sprigs.

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# WW1 Commemoration Event

Despite the best attempts by the weather on a couple of occasions, the Old Basing RBL WW1 Fete on Saturday 2nd August went brilliantly and many favourable reports have been received. The event was officially opened by the Mayor and Mayoress of Basingstoke and also in attendance was Maria Miller MP. They witnessed many period and modern stalls and entertainments but were especially impressed by the Memorial Area set up in the Cadet Hut to remember those from the Parish who gave their lives in the Great War.

For the family there were many attractions including an RAF Chinook which could not fail to impress everyone with its power upon landing and take off on the common field. An 18lb WW1 fired gun fired off a total of 8 rounds during the afternoon by the Garrison re-enactment group which made old and young jump somewhat, and bouncy castles

and dozens of stalls provided opportunities to buy goods or win prizes. The Balloon ride free draw was won by Amy Carless and we hope she enjoys her adventure on the Toucan Travel balloon.

All monies have yet to be totalled but we believe we have raised between over £2000 for the Poppy Appeal and I wish to extend a massive thank you to all those who helped run the day and for those who visited. We aim to run similar events in 2016 and 2018, but will right now continue with our research to collate as much data as we can find about the 26 Fallen with the specific aim of producing paper and e-copies of their histories. It is hoped also that the War Memorial in the churchyard can have some expert work carried out to both clean the stonework and to re-engrave some of the details that are beginning to show signs of deterioration.

**Rick Bourne** Branch Chairman



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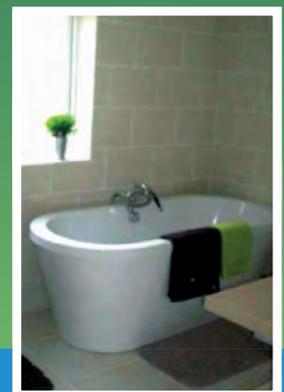
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There are a few simple formalities, such as police checks, which will need to be made, but so far no proposed coordinator has failed these checks in the Basingstoke police area. Initially you will need to work closely with your area PC/PCSO to get things started e.g. getting your neighbours interested and supporting you. Then you will

need to keep in touch with the officers, scheme members and the NW area coordinator, all assisting each other as the 24/7 eyes and ears of Hampshire Constabulary.

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There is a long standing need to involve the younger members of every community, to carry on the work which more senior residents have been doing all over the UK for many more years than a lot of us care to remember.

If you become part of Basingstoke & Deane Neighbourhood Watch, then you might also take a further step and join us on the committee which currently meets every other month in the evening at Basingstoke Police Station.




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# Old Basing Bowling Club



By the time you read this our season of 5 months will all too soon be over. This year's weather has been relatively kind and we lost a minimum of days to the weather and enjoyed some fine bowling days.

Prior to the start of the season we were able to complete extensive refurbishment of the clubhouse including the fitting of new double glazed windows which has greatly enhanced the appearance and quality of our facilities. We were kindly helped in this by grants from Hampshire County Council and Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council. Club members ably assisted with renewal work.

Successful Open days in early Spring brought in welcome new members and we will repeat this next year. Please watch out for dates in the Basinga and Spring Newsletter.

Internal competitions were enthusiastically supported and concluded with Finals Weekend August 30 and 31st. External League competitions met with mixed results. The highlight was an undefeated season for the Men's Friday Rinks team who won their league and will gain promotion to the top division again. Ladies and Mixed teams look like having mainly mid table results. A full programme of weekend friendly fixtures has involved clubs from Hampshire and surrounding counties and a number of individuals represented both Hampshire and the District Leagues in fixtures.

We welcome new bowlers and visitors at all times either to enjoy trying the game or simply to watch and partake of refreshments.

For more information visit our website [www.ldbasingbowlingclub.co.uk](http://www.ldbasingbowlingclub.co.uk) or call the President, Maurice Bates on **01256 328423** or the Secretary Norman Hillier on **01256 468099**, or for details of our sponsorship offer which is particularly geared to small local business contact Maurice Bates



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Answers on page 30

1



2



3



4



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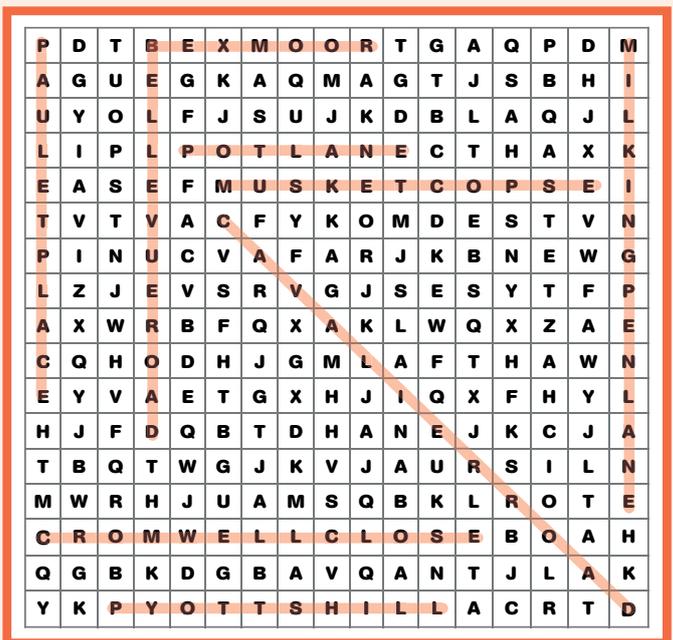
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## Guess the Location Answers

1. Railway Bridge - Bartons Mill Lane
2. Well Cover, Milkingpen Lane
3. Gate - Cottage in The Street (opposite St Mary's Church)
4. Allotment - Riley Lane

## Wordsearch Solution

Here is the solution to the Wordsearch puzzle in the last issue



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Our Colts section continues to go from strength to strength, and the future certainly looks bright as the foundations are now strong and the young talent continue to impress as they begin to break into our senior league teams.

The Club wish to extend a huge thank you to all coaches, parents and supporters who have once again given their time and enthusiasm across all age groups.

Although the closed season is now upon us, there is no relenting as plans for what will be a historic year for us and our community, as **2015 will be one that celebrates 200 years of cricket involving old basing.**

The 2015 bi-centenary celebrations will culminate on Friday 28th August when we host the legendary Lashings World XI for the second time. We plan to make the event a great celebration of 200 years of cricket in the village and are very proud to play our part in making this a great place to live. So please put the date in your diary, and keep visiting [www.ldbasingcc.com](http://www.ldbasingcc.com) for updates throughout the coming months.

We look forward to welcoming you to Old Basing Cricket Club.



# Tennis Club

Old Basing Lawn Tennis Club (OBLTC) is a friendly tennis club located on the recreation ground in the heart of Old Basing. Membership is open to all abilities, ranging from serious team players who represent the club, to those who just enjoy coming along to the Tuesday and Friday club nights to play casually with friends.

Our next social event is the annual **Old Basing Lawn Tennis Club Quiz Night**. This fund raising quiz is being held again at Old Basing Village Hall on Saturday 15th November from 7pm, with the quiz starting promptly at 7.30pm. Tables of six can be booked at a cost of £6 per head. Please bring supper and drinks. To book a table call **Carol Torselli** on **01256 818149** or email: [torsellis@tesco.net](mailto:torsellis@tesco.net)



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