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## Parish Council Community Newsletter

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## Chairman's foreword

**Welcome to the latest edition of the Community Newsletter. I hope you will find much of interest in the coming pages.**

It continues to be a busy time for both our volunteer councillors and paid staff as we continue to represent you on various matters. A major undertaking coming to a close shortly is the Neighbourhood Plan. Its principles and objectives will help to preserve and enhance the environment in which we live. I will save full thanks to the team for when the plan is adopted in the coming year.

It is clear however as this major effort finishes, that work will be ongoing to monitor the Borough Council and County Council as elements of the local plan are delivered. We are already involved in the consultations on Basing Road and Redlands, with further rounds to come as well as further consultations on 'East of Basingstoke' and an additional unexpected development on the A33. The Parish Council's Planning Committee meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month in the Pavilion. Members of the public are always welcome and agendas are published in advance on the parish notice boards and web site. We continue with our efforts to influence the decision makers on road and other infrastructures to improve safety. Other decisions also have impact so we continue to send a representative to the Chineham

Energy Recovery Facility forum and the Thames Water Anaerobic Sludge Digester plant.

On a related note I have recently, on 2 occasions, exercised my civic duty in the modern era reporting via the HCC website Fly Tipping near the Scout Hut and 2 lighting failures. The second of these was not just a fault report but an opportunity to continue to press for changes to the lights under Milkingpen Lane Bridge, which are too bright and badly angled, actually causing a traffic hazard. It is easy to see these things and assume someone else will take care of it, but often there is only one report and the Councils (Borough and County) rely on members of the public to be their eyes and ears. I encourage you all to report problems, when appropriate, either by telephone or using the reporting tools on the County or Borough Councils' websites.

Fly tipping is an increasing problem, particularly in Riley Lane, where the Parish Council has covered the cost of disposal of fridges, mattresses, tyres, bags of wallpaper and other items, leading it to install security cameras in certain areas. Anyone employing tradesmen should ensure they have a valid Waste Disposal Certificate to ensure their waste is correctly disposed of – if fly-tipped waste is tracked back to



the householder they could be held accountable!

Our own Website has recently been re-launched. We have not re-written the book but have engaged a professional company to devise a fresher and more user-friendly website.

We hope, over the coming months, to continue to improve the content – let us know if there is any additional information we should include.

Our grounds staff have been busy around the Village Hall, notably giving the pond a much needed renovation. As I write this is nearly complete and hopefully as spring develops wildlife will return. A fence has been erected as the pond is not visible from the car park and is quite deep. As foliage returns the area will provide a retreat from the bustle of everyday life.

A bid for Local Infrastructure Funding towards the cost of refurbishing the Pavilion to provide step-free access to meeting rooms and public toilets has, so far, been unsuccessful. Without some grant funding we may, reluctantly, be forced to consider merely renovating the facilities although this will limit the opportunity to improve our green credentials by reducing energy consumption.

**Cllr Mark Oszczyk (Chairman)**

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

Full Parish Council Meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday monthly at 7.30 pm and are preceded by the Communications Committee starting at 7.00 pm.

Planning & Development Committee Meetings are held twice monthly on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 7.30 pm. These meetings are subject to cancellation if there are no plans for discussion.

Finance & Resources Committee – meetings arranged as required but generally one meeting in the Autumn to discuss the Annual Budget.

Safer Neighbourhood Panel – incorporated quarterly in the Parish Council Meeting. Dates for 2017 are 1st March, 7th June, 6th September and 6th December.

### 2017 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 9 May  
Annual Parish Meeting  
(Neighbourhood Plan update)

Saturday 17 June  
Old Basing Carnival

Sunday 10 September  
Old Basing & Lychpit Village Show

## Old Basing & Lychpit Village Show

**The 2017 Village Show will take place in the Village hall on Sunday 10th September. Please note the later date for this year only.**

The Village Show Committee has been very busy during January, updating the Schedule of Classes for the Show. This entails looking closely at last year entries in all categories, removing less popular items and adding new and, hopefully more interesting classes. For example the Children's Photograph class will be the ever popular "Selfie"

Following on from requests from families living in the Village, the scope for entering the Show has been extended, the rules and conditions of entry now read:-

Entrants must be resident, or in permanent employment, or in education, or have a parent, partners parent, or grandparent, in the Parish of Old Basing & Lychpit.

The Committee are looking forward to another successful Show and will be attending the Parish Carnival in June, so come along and discuss your ideas and thoughts about your entries for this year's Show.

## Parish notes

In December the Parish Council's Community Partnership Evening was held at the Lychpit Community Hall. Those attending were able to view and comment on the proposed plans for the Pavilion. The event was well attended and is an opportunity for representatives from the various clubs and voluntary groups within the parish (of which there are a considerable number) to meet Parish and County Councillors and their fellow volunteers in a relaxed environment whilst enjoying some light refreshments. If you or your group have not received an invitation to this event in the past and would like to join us in the future, please email details to the Parish Clerk.



### Website

[www.oldbasing.gov.uk](http://www.oldbasing.gov.uk)

We now have a completely new website! This is long overdue and has taken considerably longer than expected but we hope you will find the new website clear and easy to negotiate. It is still early days and we would welcome comments as to how it could be improved, updates to information (particularly those for clubs and organisations) additions of groups that have not been included and any other items you feel would be useful to visitors to the site. There is a "contact us" form or you can just email [clerk@oldbasing.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@oldbasing.gov.uk) with your suggestions.

### Allotments

A number of plots have been given up in the past 12 months and the wait list is now down to single figures. Existing plot-holders wishing to take on an additional plot are invited to put their name forward for consideration once plots have been allotted to new applicants.

### Community Speedwatch

Our small team of volunteers continues to carry out checks on alternate months but their efforts are limited due to a lack of members. It takes 3 people to manage the equipment and monitor traffic and a few more volunteers would enable them to carry out more checks or at least not have to cancel due to lack of manpower. Since the inception of Community Speedwatch a few years ago, the vetting process has been simplified meaning that volunteers do not have to go through the onerous police checks and form filling previously required so, if you have a few hours to spare on alternate months, please consider joining the team in keeping the roads in Old Basing & Lychpit safe.

## Contact information

**Parish Office, The Pavilion,  
The Recreation Ground, The Street,  
Old Basing, RG24 7DA  
01256 462847  
[www.oldbasing.gov.uk](http://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



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### Parish Council Services (where your money is spent)

- Maintaining the Cemetery and Garden of Remembrance in Riley Lane
- Maintaining and Administering the Allotments in Riley Lane
- Litter picking in Old Basing & Lychpit
- Maintaining children's play areas on the Recreation Ground and Belle Vue Road including the adult gym equipment on the Recreation Ground
- Maintaining the sports facilities which include the cricket square, 2 football pitches, bowling green, 4 tennis courts and MUGA in addition to the general recreation area
- Checking and looking after trees on Parish Council land
- Providing support to clubs and other organisations including Archery, Bowls, Cricket, and Tennis and the Beddington Centre and Village Hall
- Maintenance of the Pavilion building including the Tea Room, Sports Changing Facilities and the Public Toilets
- Managing and maintaining the Lychpit Community Hall
- Maintaining Oliver's Battery (an English Heritage site), the village pond and the War Memorial at St Mary's Church
- Working with Hampshire CC and Basingstoke & Deane BC with regard to highway and hedgerow maintenance

### Projects completed in the past year include

- Installation of adult exercise equipment on Old Basing Recreation Ground
- Provision of a second defibrillator (outside the Lychpit Community Hall) to complement the one installed outside the Parish Office in Old Basing
- Cleaning and restoration of the War Memorial at St Mary's Church, Old Basing
- Installation of new goalposts on the Lower Football Pitch
- Lychpit Community Hall
- Refurbishment of kitchen to include sink unit, worktop, cooker, 'fridge, microwave and small appliances
- Complete overhaul of the heating system including installation of a new boiler
- Installation of energy efficient lighting
- Clearing the Pond and erection of safety fencing
- Contribution towards outdoor canopy at The Beddington Centre

### Projects for 2017/18

- Refurbishment of safety surfaces in children's play areas on the Recreation Ground and Belle Vue Road and installation of two new items of equipment
- Completion and implementation of a Neighbourhood Plan
- Implementation of a 5-year treatment and maintenance programme to improve the cricket square
- Resurfacing the footpath in Riley Lane with the help of grant funding
- Resurfacing the area surrounding the bowling green
- Ongoing tree management

## More Hampshire school leavers take best next steps for their future

**Over 97% of Hampshire's 16 and 17 year olds secured a further education or training placement for the start of the 2016/17 academic year - making Hampshire County Council one of the best performing authorities in the country at supporting young people to stay in education or training.**

Hampshire County Council's Executive Member for Education, Councillor Peter Edgar said: "Supporting young people to continue their education or training is one of our key priorities, and I'm very proud of our success in this area, supported by schools, parents and carers. With almost 27,000 young people turning 16 or 17 years old in Hampshire last year, we have a bigger need to meet than most other local authorities in England. Nonetheless we are exceeding both the national average, and the performance of all other authorities in England that have a similar number of young people.

"Of course we cannot be complacent about our strong performance and we will continue to push for even more opportunities for young people - not just in colleges, but in apprenticeships, traineeships and other learning programmes that give young people the skills they will need to help them enjoy successful, lifelong employment. We also work with local industry and economic partners to help target learning towards local skills needs, ensuring that young people can contribute to the local economy, as well as securing their futures."

A young person reaching the age of 16 or 17 is entitled to an offer of a place in education or training the following year, by the end of September. This is known as the 'September Guarantee'.



## National Plant Monitoring Scheme

Monitoring our wild flowers

### What is it?

The National Plant Monitoring Scheme (NPMS) is organised and funded by BSBI, CEH, JNCC and Plantlife. The aim is to collect data to provide an annual indication of changes in plant abundance and diversity.



### Why is it needed?

Thanks to volunteers, we have a very good understanding of changes in the populations of birds, butterflies and bats. Plants are the foundations of ecosystems, but currently we do not have a good measure of changes in plant populations.



### How will it work?

This is a scientific survey, so you will be randomly allocated a convenient 1km square to visit. The visit involves recording plant 'indicator species' in plots. Within your 1km square you will record around 5 plots.



### Who can take part?

Anyone interested in nature who can identify plants, or who is keen to learn. Different levels of participation ensure that all who are keen can participate: you do not have to be an experienced botanist. There will be training materials provided and the opportunity to attend workshops throughout the year.



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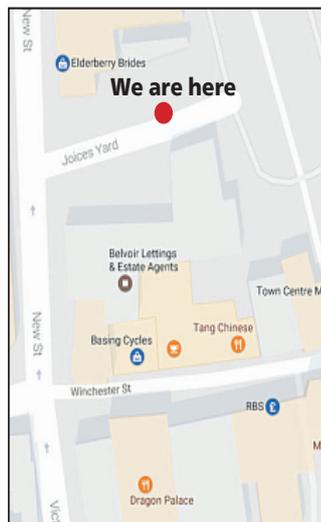
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## County Councillor's Report

### Dealing with winter weather conditions on Hampshire's roads



As I write this article the forecast is for heavy rain and snow followed by a deep freeze. So, I thought you might find it interesting to know how the County Council Highways crews deploy themselves to keep the County moving.

Winter crews are on standby 24/7. Highways teams constantly monitor road and air temperatures and localised weather forecasts to ensure the winter salting fleet treats the road network at the right time, day or night. Salting lorries across Hampshire treat roads on a priority basis - priority one routes carry the majority of traffic and include A roads, some B roads, major bus routes, roads to emergency services, large schools and public transport areas - and carry around 85% of the traffic in Hampshire. In addition, winter crews will treat extra 'Community routes' to enable access to community facilities such as doctors' surgeries and smaller schools. Timing of salting runs is crucial, as the impact may be less effective if washed away by rain or sleet. If 5cm of snow is forecast snow ploughs are deployed. There are also 100+ farmers who can be mobilised to assist in rural locations. It should not be overlooked how much salting Hampshire Highways has recently carried out to keep the Priority 1 road network ice free (Old Basing & Lychpit benefits from having a number of P1 routes). We can do our bit by using the salt bins. Spreading a small amount of salt onto pavements or smaller access roads will make a big impact on ice and frozen snow.

Taking extra care during cold weather is important for everyone and anyone worried about an elderly neighbour or relative should call Hampshire County Council's Adult's Health & Care team on 0300 555 1386, during the week in working hours, or 0300 555 1373 out of hours and on weekends and Bank Holidays.

### Hampshire highways activity

A considerable amount of work has been carried out in Old Basing & Lychpit over the past months including jetting gullies, culverts and man-holes. Drainage works under Milkingpen Lane bridge and carriageway patching on the junction of Milkingpen Lane, Bellevue Rd and Church Lane are also planned but in the interim it is likely that, in heavy down-pours, the road under the bridge may still flood and 'permanent' warning signs have been ordered.

Work still scheduled includes repairing vehicle access to the Crab Tree plantation entrance, drainage and filling potholes in Newnham Lane and carriageway patching in Hatch Lane.

### Update on Crossways, Old Basing

Further delays mean the current occupants of Crossways will not move until the beginning of April and whilst disposal of the property is still planned it may be deferred until early 2018 as Crossways may be required to temporarily house children from a home in Winchester whilst it is rebuilt.

### Virgin Media

Work by contractors on behalf of Virgin Media has caused a considerable amount of disquiet amongst some residents and I have been liaising closely with the Parish and Hampshire County Councils to ensure the works are carried out satisfactorily and in accordance with correct practices. Issues raised by Lychpit residents are being addressed and senior officers from Hampshire CC met with representatives from Virgin Media and the contractors at various sites in Old Basing when a full audit was carried out by the contractors on all areas where concerns were raised. The findings of the audit and the view of the officer was that the works are being undertaken safely and are acceptable. Unfortunately, some mess is inevitable, particularly with recent weather conditions. It should also be noted that Councils do not approve utility works - Virgin Media has a National licence to undertake the works which are required by Government. I and officers from HCC will continue to monitor the situation.

**Cllr Elaine Still**



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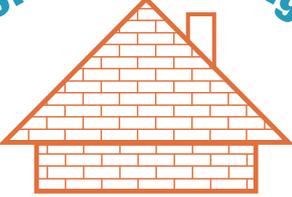
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The Old Basing Memory Cafe is held on the 4th Monday of each month (including holidays) in the Parish Room at St. Mary's Church, Old Basing, RG24 7DJ between 2.15pm - 3.45pm.

It is an opportunity for anyone with memory loss or dementia, their carers, friends and family members, and anyone looking for company, to come to meet, to reminisce, to share experiences or just to get out of the house. These informal sessions include activities, free refreshments and access to relevant information. There is no need to book so why not call in and see what a visit to the Memory Cafe can add to your day.

For further information please contact **Sally Regan** of Home Instead on **01256 40660**

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## The Neighbourhood Plan is taking shape

The first stage of the formal process has begun. A 'screening document' has gone to Basingstoke and Deane for checking against the Local Plan.

It will also go to a number of national bodies like Historic England and Natural England for comment. After that we can start the pre-submission document, which will form the Neighbourhood Plan. An outline of this has been presented to the Parish Council for agreement, so it can go before residents and others in coming weeks.

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- To ensure development is in accordance with the Village Design Statement
- To provide sufficient dwellings for first time buyers and those downsizing

With the pre-submission document in place, Basingstoke & Deane will proceed with formal consultation, examination and, finally, referendum and adoption.

Look out for the Plan when it is published...it will be on the Parish website [www.ldbasing.gov.uk](http://www.ldbasing.gov.uk) and Basinga Extra website [www.basinga.org.uk](http://www.basinga.org.uk), with updates in Basinga magazine. or you can contact the Parish Clerk at [clerk@ldbasing.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@ldbasing.gov.uk) or at the Parish Office, Recreation Ground, The Street, Old Basing, RG24 7DA.

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Answers on page 31

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# Vehicle related crime - advice from Hampshire Constabulary



## Motorbikes

- Always lock your bike and set its alarm if it has one.
- Try to use a designated motorcycle parking place with a stand and security loop.
- When leaving your bike for some time, try to lock it to something secure. At home, you can fit special attachments to lock your bike to.
- Don't leave items such as helmets or other possessions with your bike.

## Preventing scooter/moped thefts

- Park in safe areas where there are lots of passers-by and onlookers who will see if anyone is tampering with your scooter.
- Never leave anything, including your helmet, unsecured and on display.
- Have an alarm and immobiliser fitted - it is almost certainly worth the investment.

## Thefts from vehicles

- Don't leave anything in your car - if it's not there, then it can't be stolen.
- Choose a stereo that can be removed and take it with you! You should also mark it with your registration number or postcode, in case it's stolen.
- Thieves aren't picky - don't leave even low-value items in your car. Often thieves will smash and grab first and look later to see if what they've stolen is valuable.
- Don't hide it - if you hide items under the seat or in the glove box, chances are someone will have watched you. If you cannot avoid leaving something in your car, put it in your boot before you begin your journey.
- Don't leave valuables in your car even for a minute - it only takes a thief a few seconds to smash a window and get what they want, so don't take the chance.
- Your car isn't safe left unlocked on your driveway - nearly half of all incidents where items are stolen from cars happen when they are parked overnight, close to the owner's home.
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- If it's portable, take it with you together with the support cradle and suction pads.
- Wipe away marks left by the suction pads as thieves will look out for these.
- Don't leave your equipment in the glove compartment - thieves usually check here first.

## Securing cars

- Always secure your car.
- Always lock your car and wind your windows up, even if you are just posting a letter or going into a petrol station.
- If you are stationary in traffic, keep your doors locked and don't wind your windows too far down - someone could reach in and try to grab something off your passenger seat.
- Use a steering wheel lock every time you leave your car - it makes life more difficult for the thief and therefore your car a less tempting target.
- Get a car alarm and have it fitted by a professional. They not only deter a thief from stealing the car, but also items from inside it.
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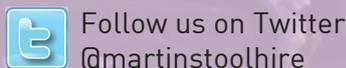
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To contact any of the above call 101 giving your postcode.

We are keen to identify additional NHW 'street coordinators' for Old Basing and Lychpit and although the crime rate is exceptionally low we wish to ensure this remains so and your Parish continues to be one of the best places to live in Hampshire.

If you are interested contact your Area Coordinator on **01256 321242**.

**Tony Tuck, Vice Chair Basingstoke NHW; VP HINHWA (Hampshire & IOW NHW)**

**Community Safety Patrol Officers (CSPOs) are currently working a campaign, titled 'Notice Your Neighbourhood' and you can find more information about the work of the CSPO team including campaigns at [www.basingstoke.gov.uk/cspos](http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/cspos)**

### CSPO campaigns

In addition to responding to issues around anti-social behaviour and environmental crime, the Community Safety Patrol team conducts a series of campaigns throughout the year to tackle on-going problems. The aim is to raise awareness, identify areas for improvement and work with partner organisations, businesses and residents to find sustainable long-term solutions.

### Recent campaigns

#### January to March 2017 Notice Your Neighbourhood

The aim is to raise awareness and empower residents to report issues such as graffiti, fly tipping and abandoned vehicles and the CSPO team will engage with members of the public, community groups and local businesses to find sustainable long-term solutions to areas of concern. As well as having an impact on making areas of the Borough cleaner, Notice Your Neighbourhood campaign aims to positively impact on residents' satisfaction with the area in which they live.

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### Previous campaigns

#### January to March 2016 Supporting Residents and Communities

During early 2016, the team focussed its efforts on supporting communities to help prevent crime and anti-social behaviour by strengthening the presence of schemes such as Neighbourhood Watch

#### July to September 2015 Anti-Social Behaviour and Littering in Parks and Open Spaces

The aims of the campaign were to proactively deal with incidents of anti-social behaviour and promote positive use of parks; identify areas for improvement and gather views of users on what they wished to see in the future to reduce anti-social behaviour and encourage greater use.

#### October to December 2015 Dog Fouling

The council continues to receive numerous complaints about people not cleaning up after their dogs. During the three month period, 107 high visibility patrols were conducted in hot spot locations at key times and over 300 people spoken to about the impact of dog fouling, the penalties and responsible dog ownership.

2 Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) and 1 Antisocial Behaviour warning notice were issued and a total of 509 dog fouls identified, sprayed and removed. As a result improvements have been seen in the 'hot spot locations'.

#### February to March 2015 Basingstoke Leisure Park

The campaign was advertised in the press and social media with a key message being that littering in the park would not be tolerated. The team worked closely with local businesses and the security team to identify offenders and issue fixed penalty notices to anyone seen dropping litter. Since the campaign, officers continue to work with local businesses to maintain this approach.

#### April to June 2015 Smoking Related Litter - 'No ifs, no butts'

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## Parish Walks - Lychpit

**First, an apology if I have switched my left and my right and confused the approach to 'The Train' on the Lime Pits walk. I wrote 2 different versions of the walk and the other involved descending from the mound above the children's play area where a right turn would have been correct.**

This is a walk almost entirely along footpaths around Lychpit. We are fortunate that the planners included generous pathways and green space. Our Neighbourhood Planning Team hopes to continue to influence planners so that future development is equally well served.

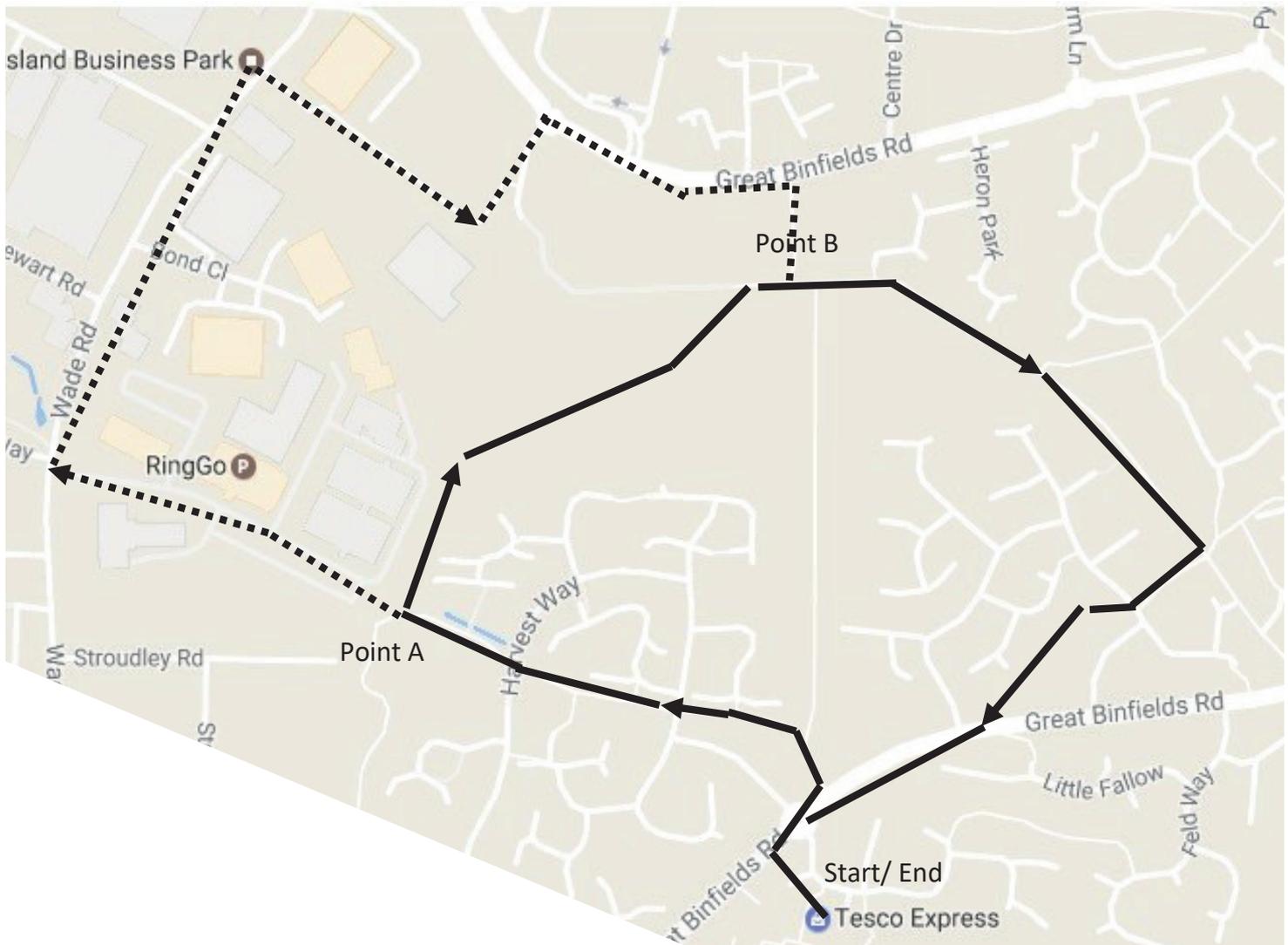
Starting in the Lychpit Centre Car Park (Tesco Express, Lychpit Hall etc), leave via the path to the bus stop on Great Binfields Road and continue east towards the roundabout. Cross Great Binfields Road and then Harvest Way using crossing points and islands. Walk along the north side of Great Binfields Road to the first footpath entrance, turning left on to the footpath and forking left in front of houses. Cross Harvest Way / Cowslip Bank and continue, keeping the houses on your right. Cross Harvest Way and continue to a crossroads of the paths in front of the car park of a large commercial building.

**Point A.** Turn right along the path between the houses and Business / Industrial Park. Follow this path as it rises and bear right into the woods. Continue towards Lutyens Close business park. You will skirt these buildings and car parks as the path levels out. Turn right just before the new houses (at the time of writing surrounded by blue hoardings). Follow this path until it turns into Daneshill Drive.

**Point B.** (This is a footpath as well as a private road serving houses). Follow Daneshill Drive as it bears right and falls towards Great Binfields Road, ignoring the first entrance to the right into the Lychpit housing and continue until the second, which forms a crossroads of paths. Turn right and proceed towards Great Binfields Crescent. Use the footpath along the road edge towards Great Binfields Road and at the end turn right into a copse following this path turning left before the rear of gardens. Follow this new path to the edge of Great Binfields Road then turn right and either cross Great Binfields road at the bus stop, following the footpath on the south side back to the roundabout or follow the footpath on the north side and cross Great Binfields Crescent to proceed to the roundabout on the north side. At the roundabout use the traffic islands to recross the roads and return to the car park. (1.2 miles)

For a longer walk including part of Wade Road follow the previous instructions to Point A. Instead of turning right follow the path with the commercial Building and its car park to your right. Continue to follow this path between other buildings until it emerges onto Wade Road opposite Enterprise Car Hire. Turn right onto the nearside footpath and follow this path (using traffic islands to cross Business Park Entrances) eventually starting to climb. Part way up this hill turn right into a narrow footpath between commercial buildings at a sign indicating Council Offices. Follow this path including a sharp left bend climbing to emerge onto Lutyens close at a proposed light industrial site entrance. Cross Lutyens close and turn left onto the opposite footpath. Follow this footpath onto Great Binfields Road continuing along the footpath on the right hand side of Great Binfields Road until reaching the footpath immediately before the new housing plot. Turn right into this footpath and then turn right at the back of the housing into the path which becomes Daneshill Drive at point B. Follow the rest of the instructions for the shorter route (1.6 miles).

Both routes are entirely on tarmac pathways with no stiles, although some moderate slopes are involved, so are pushchair and wheelchair friendly,



## Checking up on Virgin Media Work!

County Councillor Elaine Still, Parish Councillors Sven Godesen and Peter Bloyce together with representatives from Hampshire County Council (Highways), the Contractors for Virgin Media (AFL) and local resident, Alan Renwick, braved storm Doris to inspect various areas in Old Basing where cabling work had been completed. Mr Renwick expressed concern at the standard of the work in some areas, particularly where soil and loose gravel from the tarmac had not been cleared, causing it to wash into drains when it rained. The Hampshire Highways representative has instructed the contractors to make good those areas of tarmac left unfinished and he will ensure the drains in Park Lane, which are completely blocked with soil and leaves, are cleared as soon as possible.

AFL acknowledged the problems raised and said these were mainly due to different gangs of contractors being employed, resulting in some ar-

reas being restored satisfactorily, whilst others were not. They will revisit the worst affected areas to correct this and confirmed that a re-seeding of grass verges is planned once all work is completed – hopefully towards the end of April. Meanwhile Councillors will continue to monitor the works which, at the time of writing, is soon to start in The Street. Photos show the cold and windswept group on the corner of Park Lane and Linden Avenue.

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AFL and our contractors will be undertaking this major build project and connecting these villages to Virgin Media's network. This will involve excavation works on all designated streets, installing cabinets and then fibre cable to each property.

Over the past few months, residents have seen our crews working tirelessly to connect their streets to Virgin Media's superfast broadband services.

This guide is to provide a greater insight in the local community to the works these crews do and the stages involved in getting each property connected back to Virgin Media's network.

### Project Initiation

Public Engagement. Ahead of works commencement, letters were delivered to residents in Basingstoke throughout August 2016 informing them of upcoming works. We are now re-notifying residents using more tailored letters within 1 week of works starting in their street.

### Community Events

Community Events were held by Virgin Media in both Old Basing and Oakley during December 2016 and January 2017. This was to provide a forum for discussion on ongoing works and ensure residents were able to understand how works would affect their streets.

Local Council Engagement. Ahead of works commencement, AFL and Virgin Media attended council meetings to discuss and agree all works to be carried out in Basingstoke.

Virgin Media consulted with the local council to agree locations to install the street side cabinets to allow each home to be serviced by their network.

For each street, formal notification was sent to the council to advise that works were due to commence and agreed on any restrictions which applied to traffic sensitive locations.

### Project Implementation

#### Phase 1 - Civils Works

Narrow Trenching. Civils Engineering tools – Saw Cutter, Mini Excavator, Narrow Foot Rammer. Engineers will visit each designated street to start digging works. They will be excavating a narrow trench on each street in order to install the fibre cable to each property.

This narrow trenching techniques comes with great benefits! It is time and cost effective. There is also less waste and lowered risk of injury to members of public.

#### Phase 2 - Tube Installation and Reinstatement

Once the narrow trench has been excavated, the engineers install tubing which be able to support the fibre cable at a later stage.

They will then backfill the trench using the same materials the dug out previously in either the grassed verges, footpaths or carriageway.

#### Phase 3 - Fibre Cabling

Once the civils works and re- instatement have been completed, our fibre engineers visit each cabinet location to install fibre to connect the street back to Virgin Media's main network.

This is the final phase of works by AFL engineers at each designated street. Cable Engineering tools – Air Compressor and Fibre Blowing Machine

### Project Monitoring

Field Monitoring. We have field supervisors in every area monitoring the works carried out by our engineers every day. They are there to monitor safety and quality of works in your street.

### Safety quality

Our supervisors will check every street with excavation works daily to ensure that our engineers are working safely to protect the members of public and themselves!

AFL treat safety with the utmost importance, so please always report to our supervisors any concerns.

Every street will be checked before we leave an area by the supervisors for quality. The main aim is to ensure that each street is presented back to the residents/council in an acceptable manner.

We have programmes in place to review any works that have not been completed to the correct standard and engineers will re-visit the area to correct at agreed times with the council.

### Project Support

Residential Support. This project has a field based team to support every resident. Please feel free to contact any member with queries, concerns or issues.

### Field Supervisors

Assistance with general queries and support.

Mark Garland – 07710 104134

Tom Meredith – 07436 835788

Stewart Driver – 07971 315925

### Field Project Team

Escalations or Complaints

Christina Wilson (Project Manager)

07436 835789

Sammi Holmes (Field Project Engineer)

07436 530717

### Project Closure

This is a large project and working in residential locations will always have challenges. However, AFL hope to conduct all works safely and keep the community happy throughout.

Our engineers should leave each street in an acceptable condition.

Our aim is to ensure that each resident has the opportunity to get access to Virgin Media's superfast broad capabilities.

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**Old Basing archer Jacob to represent Great Britain**

Old Basing Archer Jacob Caine has been selected to join the GB squad. Jacob, 14, from Hatch Lane in Old Basing, will compete in the European Indoor Championships in Vittel, France in the Junior Men's Compound Team (Under 21) where he will shoot against opponents from around the world.

It's a rapid rise to the top for the Costello student. He started shooting aged 10 with Old Basing Archers at the recreation ground, quickly taking up the compound bow. He entered local and national tournaments and was soon snapped up to represent Hampshire. For the last two years Jacob has won the Archery GB Junior National Championships for his age group, and also competed against adults in the Archery GB National Series at shoots around the country, gaining master bowman status.

At the UK National Indoor Championships he managed an amazing 120/120 in the adult division, shooting against the best archers in the UK, Europe and the US, one of only a few to achieve this perfect score.

More recently, he shot in Stage 3 of the Indoor Archery World Cup in Nimes, France against some of the best under 21s in the world. He qualified 14th out of 62, progressing to the head-to-head competition and finally finished in 9th place, being knocked out by the 2nd Seed. To gain selection, Jacob shot three qualifying scores on an indoor round (WA18) above 579/600 during a three month window. "It's very exciting to have been selected to represent GB," said Jacob. "The thought of competing at that level against some of the top archers in the world is just brilliant."

As well as shooting every day, Jacob follows a gym routine developed by the GB coaches to work on core and upper body strength and attends team days with the GB coaches in Lilleshall in Shropshire, the home of Archery GB.

Geoff McCann, chairman of Old Basing Archers, added: "It's fantastic for Jacob to have been selected, and well deserved. He's been an enthusiastic and dedicated member of the club and is proof that hard work really does pay off. We are all very proud of him."





## Going abroad on holiday?

# Don't forget your travel insurance!

**Edward Waite-Roberts of Chandelle Travel**

Most people don't buy holiday insurance – recent statistics have revealed that only about 35% of travellers actually bother! And if you're among the 65% who don't, perhaps you're happy to just float along hoping that your own natural good luck won't run out this year. Or do you go off on holiday wishing you had taken out a holiday insurance policy, but had not got around to finding the time to do it?

In this article, we want to highlight some Holiday Insurance issues – so please read on because knowledge always helps you make better decisions:-

Firstly, it's a good idea to take out your trip Holiday Insurance straight after you have paid a substantial deposit because all decent policies will pretty well reimburse you for payments made if, subsequently, you are unable to travel for defined reasons such as either you or someone in your direct family having been involved in an accident.

Secondly, Holiday Insurance is available from many different companies – at many different prices. You might choose one of the cheapest policies and, if so, you will at least have some cover - but the point we want to make is that cheap policies can only be so if cover levels are themselves reduced. This is a bit like choosing to buy something from a quality 'name' and paying a little more, because you know you will be getting a quality product, and vice-versa!

Thirdly, tell your insurer the truth about any pre-existing health issues when taking out that policy – and don't skimp on details – it's always better to pay a small premium at set-up rather than finding out that you're not covered when you're lying in a far-away hospital bed.

Fourthly, if travelling in the EEA (European Economic Area) or Switzerland, you really should take an EHIC (European Health Insurance Card) with you. Practically everyone ordinarily resident in the UK is entitled to a free EHIC, renewable every 5 years. Your EHIC entitles you to state-provided healthcare across the EEA and Switzerland, but excludes such as the Channel Islands (because they're not in the EEA!). However, this cover is only to the level provided to each country's own citizens and it won't cover locally incurred costs, such as mountain rescue in ski resorts or being flown back to the UK. It really is wonderfully easy to get an EHIC - just telephone 0300 330 1350, at any time, and give the details requested (i.e. your Full Name, your Date of Birth, and your National Insurance or NHS number) and the card should drop through your letterbox within about 7 days!

Finally, being based in Old Basing, Chandelle Travel always does its best to provide a good and 100% fair service to all clients at all times, so please don't hesitate to contact us with your queries – be they for holidays themselves or just insurance!

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## Hampshire miles ahead in highways maintenance

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Councillor Rob Humby, Executive Member for Environment and Transport at Hampshire County Council, said: "Our planned maintenance programme, Operation Resilience, is a long term strategy designed to ensure Hampshire's road network is more resilient to the impact of heavy traffic and weather. We've put extra investment into this, around £10 million a year, and are seeing the results: Hampshire has one of the lowest pothole compensation claim rates per mile of road amongst all our neighbouring county councils in the South East."

This planned maintenance approach uses the most appropriate treatment to extend the life of the road surface while getting the best value for money. Work includes reconstruction, asphalt dressing and full resurfacing. On top of this, around £1.5million is being invested, this year, into improving drainage under the roads so heavy and intense rainfall can drain away quicker.

Councillor Humby continued: "Well maintained roads are vital to the prosperity of Hampshire and the quality of life of the people who live and work here. However, all councils are facing considerable funding pressures and it really is time for the Government to properly support us to maintain this critical infrastructure. The country's motorists contribute significant amounts to the Government through various taxes, and I do believe that some of this money should be made available to help improve the state of roads across the country."

Details of Hampshire County Council's Operation Resilience planned maintenance programme is available at: **www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/plannedmaintenance**

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## Hampshire countryside staff partner with Police to tackle rural crime

Councillor Andrew Gibson, Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside, said: "Hampshire is a predominantly rural county, and supporting rural communities is a priority for the County Council. We wanted to work more closely with the Country Watch Team on issues relating to rural crime, and there seemed an obvious partnership between Country Watch and our Countryside Service, whose staff are frequently out and about in the countryside.



"The Countryside Service manages more than 7,400 acres and 3,000 miles of rights of way across the county. Locally-based teams have good knowledge of the areas they look after, and are in a good position to notice any changes or suspicious activity when out performing their duties."

Around 75% of Hampshire is classified as rural, and these areas are home to 300,000 people - 21% of the county's total population.

As part of the partnership, Countryside Ser-

vice staff will receive training from the Country Watch Team on signs of rural crime to look out for, to help gather intelligence and report incidents. Around 20 Countryside Service vehicles will also be badged with the Country Watch logo to help give rural policing a more visible presence.

The newly branded Countryside vehicles were launched at the Hampshire and Isle of Wight's Police and Crime Commissioner's Rural Communities Matter Conference at Sparsholt College near Winchester (10 February).

Country Watch Inspector Lou Hubble said: "We're really excited about this partnership, which will provide additional resources and support our efforts to tackle rural crime. We look forward to working together to protect our rural communities."

Michael Lane, Police and Crime Commissioner, said: "A key pillar of my Police and Crime Plan is partnership. I am delighted to support this partnership of Hampshire County Council and Country Watch as we work more effectively and efficiently to keep us all safer."



Hampshire County Council's Countryside Service will provide extra eyes and ears to support Hampshire Constabulary's Country Watch as part of a new partnership to tackle rural crime.

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## Our outside classroom

As part of our reflective practise we are continuously enhancing our outside classroom to ensure we are meeting the needs of our current children.

The children have practically enjoyed engaging in water play and to develop this further we have built a water wall where the children have been finding out and experimenting with capacity, space and movement. They have been creating and thinking critically, using their own ideas to problem solve and find new ways to do things. The children have clearly been motivated by the challenges set by the practitioners and have maintained focus at these activities for long periods of time.

Working together the children have been planning, making decisions and setting their own challenges. During this process they have been risk taking and learning about trial and error.

This is just one area within the outside classroom that provides an extensive range of learning opportunities. You **don't** need a huge space but **do** need an enabling environment that enhancing and inspires learning.



## Children's pre-school groups

### Bolton Under 5s Preschool Group

The Beddington Centre on Riley Lane is the home of Bolton under 5s Preschool in Old Basing, providing a fun, caring and engaging Early Years education to children from aged 2 ½ years old.

Set in beautiful surroundings alongside the Recreation Grounds, the preschool has large secure gardens to the front and rear providing hours of enjoyment all year around. The rear garden has many features to enhance the children's learning experiences and enjoyment; raised planting beds allow them to learn about where their food comes from, and how it grows, and our large sand pit provides a multitude of Mathematical learning opportunities whilst having lots of fun with their friends.

We have a sensory garden area where the children can explore their senses with beautiful fragrant smells and different textures to walk or climb on, with our wooden playhouse providing the perfect place for the children to take a break.

In 2016, our parent led committee raised funds to erect an all-weather shelter across the patio area of the rear garden, giving us further opportunities for outdoor learning and play during the wet and windy seasons.

We pride ourselves on being a family focussed preschool, welcoming parents and family members into preschool to read stories, bake, or get actively involved in our Management or Fundraising Committees.

Our fantastic team of highly skilled Early Years Practitioners deliver the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum through interests led by the children. We are very proud of the progress the children make during their time with us, and have close relationships with Old Basing Infant school to ensure that all children meet their milestones, with many exceeding them, before they make their next step up to Reception class.

We can support children with Special Education Needs and English as a second language. We have many child friendly strategies in place to support children with their confidence and communication skills; small listening and speaking groups and emotions cards that the children use to communicate their feelings.

We provide 15 hours of free government funding for all 3 year olds, and workplace childcare vouchers are also accepted from all voucher providers.

We currently have spaces available for children to start immediately - to enquire or arrange a visit, please call **07881 920709**.

### Basing Beans Toddler Group

Basing Beans runs on Tuesdays from 10.00 to 11.30 at the Royal British Legion hall in Old Basing. The session costs £2 for up to two children, and £1 for each additional child. We have a carpeted area for babies and crawlers, and the main hall area for walkers. Each session includes a craft, story and song time as well as refreshments and biscuits!

Basing Beans is a committee-run, not for profit playgroup that operates for the benefit of its users and is based at the Royal British Legion hall, Old Basing. Offers of support are always welcome, whether on an ad hoc basis or more regularly. If you'd like to volunteer in any capacity, or find out more, you can speak to us informally during a session or email us at [basingbeans@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:basingbeans@hotmail.co.uk) or find us on Facebook.

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# Children's Corner



## Spring flowers

Match the pairs of spring flowers



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### Ingredients

200g digestive biscuits  
100g unsalted butter  
3 tbsp golden syrup  
2 tbsp cocoa powder  
50g raisins  
100g chocolate broken into pieces

### Instructions

Butter an 18cm/7 inch sandwich tin.

Seal the biscuits inside a bag and pound them with a rolling pin.

Melt the golden syrup and butter in a saucepan and then stir in the raisins and cocoa powder.

Thoroughly stir the biscuit crumbs in and firmly press mixture into the sandwich tin. Put the mixture in the fridge to chill for ten minutes.

Meanwhile, melt the chocolate pieces and then spread over the chilled mixture. Return to fridge to set (about 30 minutes).

Once set then chop into portions and enjoy!

## recipe

# Children's Corner

## Flowers match-up

Answers to find the odd one out



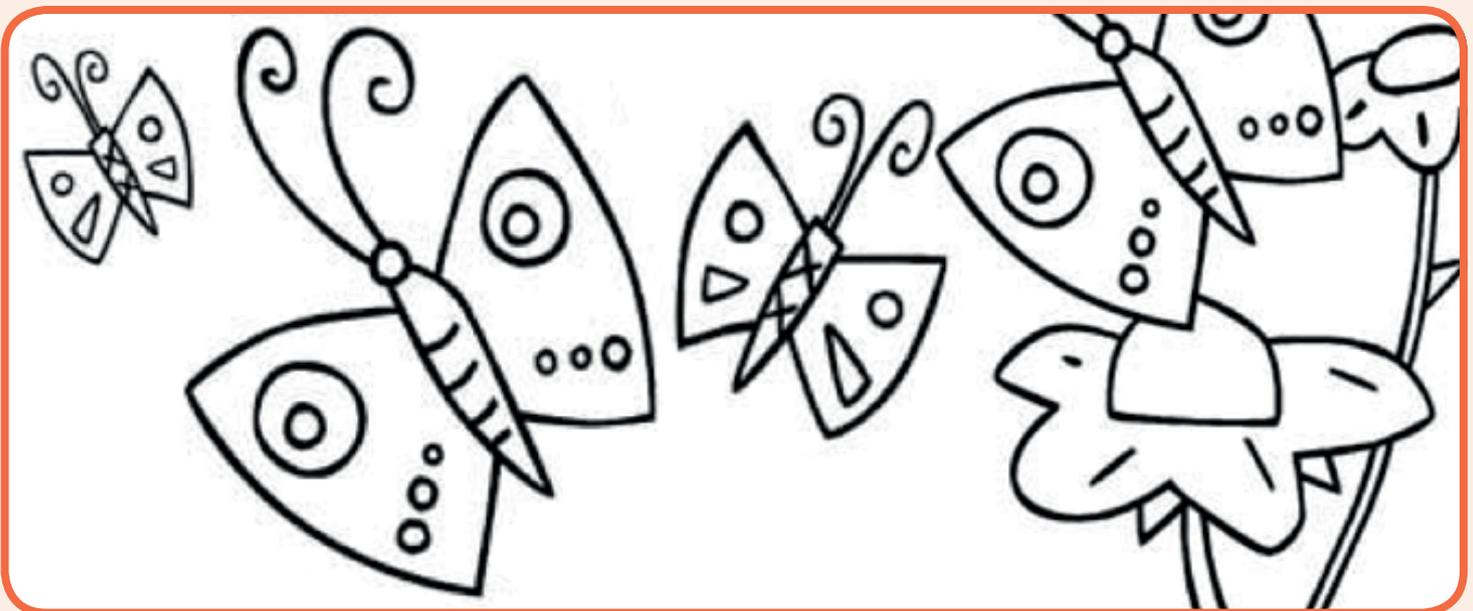
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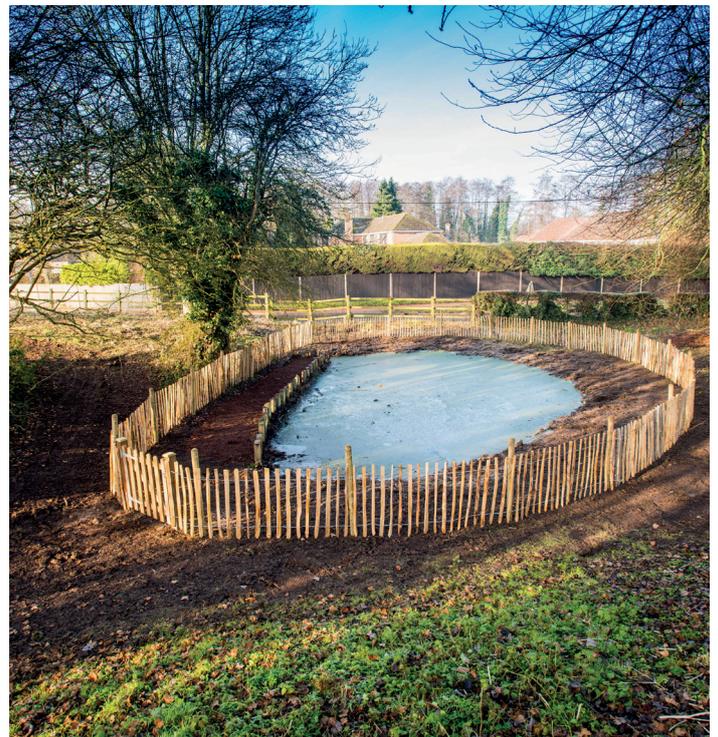
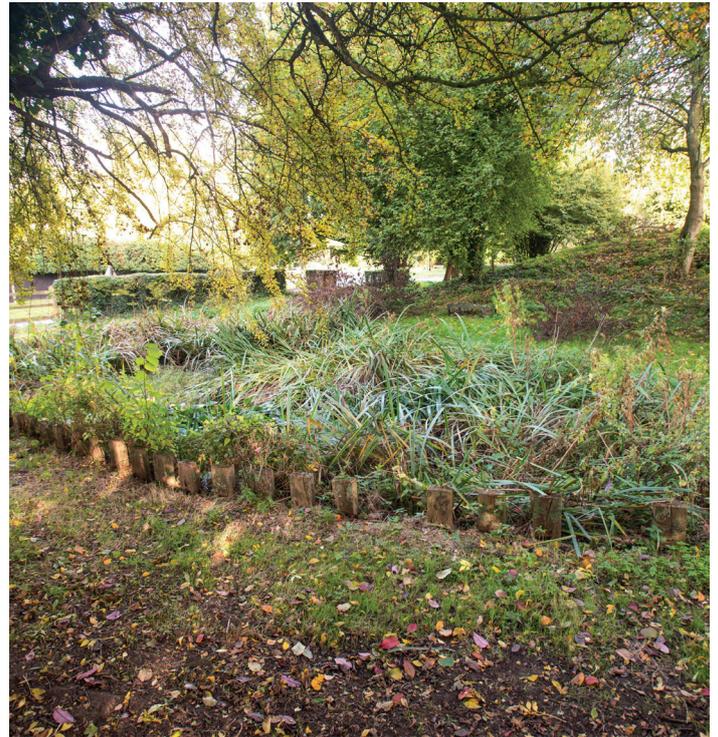
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## Village pond

Work started early in the New Year on clearing the pond adjacent to the Village Hall. This had become so overgrown that it was impossible to tell where the bank ended and the pond started! After dredging the pond the rubbish was left to allow the water to drain off and wildlife to escape back into the pond. Items found in the pond varied from lumps of concrete to odd trainers, a car headrest and wheel hub, a Walkman and numerous golf and tennis balls to name just a few.

Overgrowth around the perimeter has been cleared and a fence erected to ensure the area is safe whilst still allowing access to anyone interested in monitoring the wildlife which it is expected to increase once the plants have regenerated.

To enable the pond to evolve naturally we would ask people not to put in plants, or indeed fish, from their own ponds and it will be interesting to see what the new environment attracts in the coming months.



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### Old Basing Village Hall & Frank Goddard Room



A well maintained and adaptable venue with extensive parking and currently hosts a playgroup, ballet classes, bad-

minton, 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

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### Parish Meeting Room

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

➔ Debbie Filer, Administrator  
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### Basing House

Managed by Hampshire Cultural Trust, Basing House offers a range of venue options.

#### Great Barn

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#### Walled Garden

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

#### Courtyard

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

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➔ [www.hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk/content/hiring-space-basing-house](http://www.hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk/content/hiring-space-basing-house) or call Linda Owen on 01256 403905 or by email [linda.owen@hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk](mailto:linda.owen@hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk). Alternatively please call the Milestones Museum reception on 01256 477766 where a message can be left

### Venues managed by the Parish Council

#### Lychpit Community Hall

This 17th Century Grade II listed former barn is a unique venue for celebrations including smaller wedding receptions, anniversaries, christenings and children's and adult parties. It can accommodate up to 80 people seated or 100 for an informal event.

Improvements to the hall are ongoing and in the past 12 months new lighting has been installed in the main hall and a complete refurbishment of the kitchen, including new appliances and worktop.

The hall is home to the Lychpit Nursery School and, during evenings and weekends, hosts a diverse range of activities including Brownies, Rainbows, karate, circuit training, 3 yoga groups each with their own style of yoga, a drumming meditation group and twice monthly Home Start Multiple Birth Group meetings. Dance classes also provide something for everyone with ballet, modern & tap, line dancing and tango. However, the majority of the weekend is available for children's and adult parties and other celebrations.



➔ Dates and times of regular groups and classes and availability for parties are available on the Parish website. To enquire about dates or to book a party contact the Parish Office either via the contact form on the website, by email to [lychpithall@gmail.com](mailto:lychpithall@gmail.com) or telephone 01256 462847.

#### Pavilion Tea Room

The Pavilion Tea Room, overlooking the recreation ground in Old Basing, is ideal for smaller groups and children's parties of approximately 20 people. There is a small kitchen area and direct access to the changing rooms and toilets and plenty of on-site parking.

#### Pavilion Committee Room

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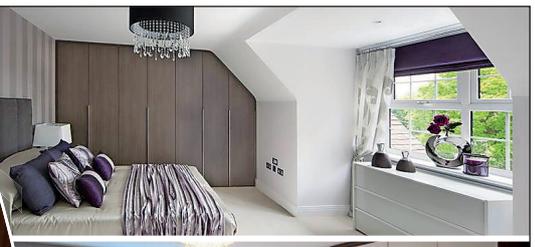
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# A golden celebration for Old Basing Archers



OLD BASING ARCHERS



## Old Basing Archers is 50 years old this August, which gives a different perspective to our annual Birthday Shoot.

This internal club event is one of our mainstay shoots of the year and is always held on the first Sunday in August which this year falls on August 6, the exact day when Ronald Selman from Cavalier Road in Old Basing created the Club. A Hampshire County Archer who shot for the, now defunct, Basingstoke Bowmen, he wanted to set up a club based at The Recreation Ground and began discussions with the Parish Council. Still waiting for a decision as to where the club could shoot, Mr Selman registered Old Basing Archers with the Grand National Archery Association (now Archery GB) and the Hampshire Archery Association. The following January he set about building the first club hut to store equipment, upgraded to the current hut in 1990. Maybe it's time for a redevelopment!

Today we have close on 100 members, men and women of varying abilities from juniors to those in their 80s, shooting a variety of bow styles with many competing in tournaments and a few shooting at high levels against world-class opponents. But it's the club shoots - the regular weekend practice sessions and weekday evening shooting during the summer - where the heart of the club lies. The archery, banter, coaching, encouragement, congratulations, successes, set-backs and social events

make OBA a truly all-inclusive and welcoming club of which Mr Selman would be proud.

The phrase 'World Record Status' is bandied around a lot these days at Old Basing Archers. WRS shoots are held around the globe and, as the name suggests, are the only shoots where archers can obtain a world ranking.

This year OBA is involved in three WRS shoots. The first took place in February at Hampshire Court Hotel where more than 90 archers from some 25 clubs took part in our first ever indoor tournament.

In September we will again be running The Siege Shoot at the Rec in Old Basing. First shot in the early 1970s, The Siege Shoot was resurrected last year as a UK Record Status event. It was such a success that this year we applied for - and were awarded - the right to hold it as a WRS shoot.

As usual, we will also co-host the WRS and OBA weekend shoot at Andover Archers' ground. That we are organising and hosting three World Record Status shoots in this our 50th year shows how established and embedded in Old Basing life OBA has become.

Here's looking forward to the next 50 years.



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## The 2017 season is just around the corner

**Although we're in the depths of winter and the weather is not exactly saying cricket to us, the new 2017 season will soon be here.**

There has been much going on throughout last autumn and into this winter, to ensure that supporting and playing cricket at Old Basing continues to thrive and improve, and plans and preparation are well underway to make 2017 another memorable year.

Steve Richardson and Harry Rice, the Parish groundsmen, have been working hard on some major ground works to the playing area, that will enliven the square and produce a much-improved playing surface for this and coming years.

Our Adult and Colts pre-season training is now well underway, this year moving to top facilities at Dummer Cricket Centre, and all new players are welcome - further details can be found on our club website [www.ldbasingcc.com](http://www.ldbasingcc.com)

Our Colts section continues to thrive, and 2017 will be no different, as we already know numbers are increasing, which is fantastic for our future but does put an increased load on our coaches, so if there are any parents or volunteers that would like to get involved in helping, so we can continue to provide a fun, safe and well structured environ-

ment, we would really love to hear from you.

The Club are delighted that our sponsors continue to support us, particularly Absolutely Offices, and this year Champion Group will play a greater part in areas such as funding coaches' education.

This season we will continue to run 3 Hampshire Cricket League teams, a Sunday side, and this year we will also have re-entered a midweek T20 league, aimed at the development of our younger players and their transition into adult cricket, offering cricket across all formats and abilities, so please get in touch as you are very welcome at Old Basing Cricket Club.

We are excited that Shaun Udal, past England International, Hampshire and Middlesex Captain, will play his second season at Old Basing, and Shaun will offer his experience and talent across all our teams and age groups through advice and coaching.

OBCC have no doubt that we will yet again make a strong contribution to the Parish, so please keep visiting our website [www.ldbasingcc.com](http://www.ldbasingcc.com) or keep in touch through our Facebook page at [@ldbasingcricketclub](https://www.facebook.com/ldbasingcricketclub)

Best regards to everyone and please feel free to contact me directly at [ldbasingcc@outlook.com](mailto:ldbasingcc@outlook.com)

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## Old Basing Bowling Club



Though still in winter as I write this note we are well advanced with our planning for the 2017 season which officially starts with our Opening Drive on Sunday the 16th April at 2.30pm.

We have a full summer of friendly games against other clubs commencing with matches against two new opponents in Windsor and Eton and then Reading on the weekend of April 22nd and look forward to meeting these clubs for the first time. Teams will be competing most days of the week in the local men's, ladies and mixed leagues. Regular informal club evenings and afternoon sessions will be held. There is also the opportunity to enter club and district competitions.

We are also hosting a County game on July 1st in the afternoon between Hampshire and Wiltshire. Come along and see some good bowls at no cost to watch and, of course, the bar will be open.

The club will again run two Open Days at which all are welcome to attend. We are pleased to see new bowlers who wish to give the game a try as well as those who have bowled but would like to see what we offer at Old Basing. The Open Days will be between 10.30am and 2pm on Saturday April 15th and Sunday April 23rd. We will provide equipment and advice if needed. There is no charge but please try to find a pair of flat soled shoes to wear. Last year we were particularly pleased to attract a good number of new members through these sessions and hope for similar success.

If you cannot make these dates but would still like to try bowls then contact me on 01256 328423 or visit our website [www.oldbasing-bowligclub.co.uk](http://www.oldbasing-bowligclub.co.uk) for more information.

Lastly, I should record the appointment of our new President, Tom Atkins, for the 2017 season and wish him well for the year as well as thanking our outgoing President John Fountaine for his service over two years as President.

**Maurice Bates (Chairman)**



## Old Basing Lawn Tennis Club

Old Basing Lawn Tennis Club is situated in Riley Lane, Old Basing in a beautiful setting. The Club has use of 4 all-weather tennis courts and a recently redecorated clubhouse. Club nights are held on Tuesday and Friday evenings from 6.00 pm. The first Club Night will be held on Tuesday 28th March. On the first Friday of the month after Club Night we go to the pub and the first of these will be on Friday 7th April. Later in the month – Friday 21st April – we shall be holding a social evening at the club after play. We enter Men's, Women's and Mixed teams in the local league and also hold American Tournaments several times a year. The Annual Tournament takes place over the summer, starting in June and ending with Finals Day on Saturday 2nd September. After all the matches have been played we present trophies and then enjoy a BBQ. Social events include a Skittles Evening in March, our Annual Quiz Night on Saturday 11th November and a ~Christmas meal at a local venue on Saturday 2nd December.

Why not come along and join us? You are most welcome! With Andy and Jamie Murray and Johanna Konta doing so well there is plenty to inspire us all! Please do get in touch with us:

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## Old Basing WI

Old Basing WI was formed in March 1919, making it one of the oldest WIs in Hampshire. We have over 30 members, and meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30 pm in the Parish Room at St Mary's Church, Old Basing. During a typical meeting we hear about events happening within our own WI, news, upcoming events and competitions from Hampshire Federation and also via our National Federation.

Every month we enjoy a speaker, demonstration, entertainment, hold discussions such as forthcoming campaigns/resolutions or we host a social event. Outside of our meetings, members also have the option of joining in with regular coffee meetings, craft group and a walking group. We also arrange theatre outings, garden visits and outings to places of interest.

WIs in Hampshire have the opportunity to attend a spring and autumn meeting along with a group of WIs who are located within the same area. Old Basing WI are part of Loddon group which consists of 16 WIs. Belonging to a group enables us to network with other members in the area and the opportunity to share events led by the Federation such as competitions, the Federation quiz, and team skittles and darts events.

Members are looking forward to a range of different speakers during 2017, and are intrigued by some of the titles of their talks, which include 'Weeds worth growing' and 'What did you do in the war Granny?'

Next year, Hampshire Federation is 100 years old, and we will be taking part in celebrations to mark this wonderful occasion. Old Basing WI will be celebrating our centenary in 2019.

The photos attached depict some of our events in recent years, including our 95th Birthday party in 2014, members enjoying Morris Men speakers, and getting to know some friendly ferrets!



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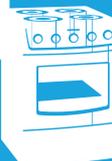
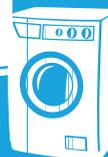
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### Ingredients

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| 4 boneless pork loin steaks trimmed of all fat     | root                     |
| 2 tsp Chinese five spice                           | 4 red apples             |
| 1 tsp sunflower oil                                | 2 tbsps redcurrant jelly |
| 1 large red onion cut into thin wedges through the | 1 tbsp red wine vinegar  |
|  | 200ml chicken stock      |

### Method

Dust the pork steaks with the Chinese five spice powder. Heat half the oil in a frying pan and fry for about 3 mins and cooked through. Transfer to a plate

Add the remaining oil to the frying pan and reduce the heat slightly, then fry the onion wedges for 2 mins. Add the apples and cook stirring for another 3 mins.

Add the redcurrant jelly to the pan, followed by the vinegar and stock. Bring to the boil and simmer rapidly uncovered for 8 – 10 mins until the sauce is slightly syrupy and the apples are tender. Gently reheat the pork in the sauce turning to glaze each side.

Serve with mashed potato and vegetables of your choice.

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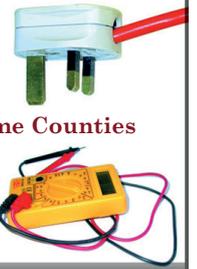
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## Basing Singers

BASING SINGERS are holding their SPRING CONCERT on Saturday 25th March 2017 with guests Hannington Silver Band featuring music from both films and musicals, in Old Basing Village Hall (RG24 7DA) Tickets £7.00 adults, £1.00 children which will be on sale at the door on the night of the concert, or beforehand from Glaysher Butchers, The Parade, Belle Vue Road or phone 01256 850415. A very entertaining and enjoyable evening. There will be refreshments and a raffle.

New members are always welcome meeting at St. Mary's Church, Parish Room on a Wednesday evening from 7.45 to 9.45 pm term time come along.

# anagrams

## ANSWERS

1. UPNATELEY
2. BRAMLEY
3. GREYWELL
4. UPTON GREY
5. MAPLEDURWELL
6. ROTHERWICK
7. NEWNHAM
8. CHINEHAM
9. ANDWELL
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## Avian flu protection

**A new Avian Influenza Prevention Zone (AIPZ) has come into force that takes a more targeted approach to controlling the disease. All poultry keepers across England must continue to observe strict biosecurity measures and housing will not be mandatory over the whole country. However keepers in some areas of England will still be required to house or net their birds. This is because based on clear scientific evidence, the APHA (Animal and Plant Health Agency) consider the risk from wild birds is still too high in these Higher Risk Areas (HRAs) to rely on biosecurity measures alone.**

In other parts of England and in Scotland and Wales, a 'Prevention Zone' will continue to operate where poultry owners, who wish to turn their birds out, must prepare the ranges to ensure there is as little faecal contamination

of the environment from wild birds as possible and make sure that ponds and other large water bodies are netted (where possible) or fenced to prevent indirect contact between wild birds and poultry.

As a result of the increase in positive findings in wild birds in Europe, the APHA ask that the public use the Defra helpline (Tel: 03459 33 55 77) to report findings of dead wild birds. In particular, any wild ducks, wild geese, swans, gulls or birds of prey and where more than five birds of any species are found dead in the same location.

The APHA would like to remind all poultry keepers that the clinical signs of this virus are variable and will depend on the species, but any suspicion of production drop, increased mortality, sick and depressed birds with a temperature and neurological signs should be initially discussed with their private veterinarian.

For the latest situation on avian influenza and actions to reduce the risks, please visit the GOV.

UK website for the latest situation.

Please be aware if any person fails to comply with a requirement of this Order or of a declaration, licence, notice or designation under it, an inspector may take the steps he considers necessary to ensure the requirement is met at the expense of that person. An inspector can direct any person to take or refrain from specified action in respect of any place, animal, bird, vehicle, or other thing; and seize and detain anything (Article 83 of AOMO).

Failure to comply with the Declaration could be an offence under section 72 or 73 of the Animal Health Act 1981 (AHA). A person guilty of an offence is liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to an unlimited fine or to both (section 75 of AHA).

**For more information visit [www.gov.uk/government/news/avian-influenza-bird-flu-in-winter-2016-to-2017](http://www.gov.uk/government/news/avian-influenza-bird-flu-in-winter-2016-to-2017)**



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## Adult exercise equipment

Have you discovered the exercise equipment at the Recreation Ground yet? If you want to get fit or get in shape for a special occasion, why not give it a try? Of course you could join a gym, but not only is this expensive but you don't have the benefit of the fresh air. The equipment is suitable for all ages over 14 years and ideal for retired members of the community wishing to maintain their fitness. There is also equipment suitable for those with mobility problems including wheelchair users

who want to exercise their upper body. Anyone using the equipment for the first time should, of course, consult their GP first and should gradually increase their routine. Councillor Vera Riley-Shaw a qualified personal trainer and former owner of Girlzone has put together a circuit training programme for beginners and intermediates using all the items of equipment. So with Spring just around the corner, why not give it a try.



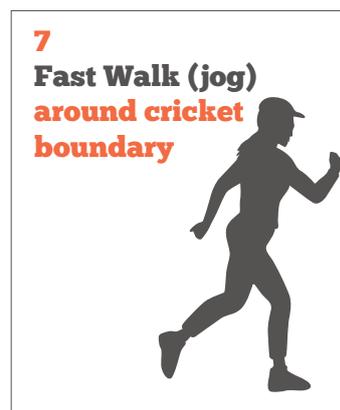
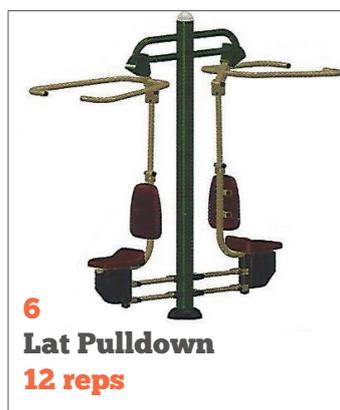
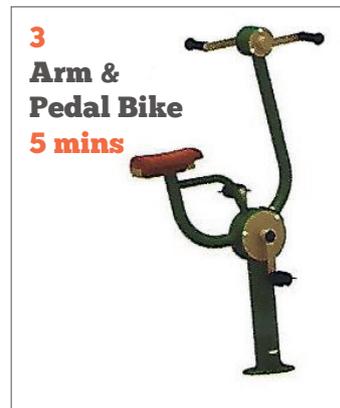
## Circuit Training for beginners and intermediates

Please consult with your Doctor before starting any exercise programme.

**Beginners** start with one circuit (numbers 1-6) building up to two circuits, and then add 7 and 8.

**Intermediates** start with two circuits (numbers 1-8) building up to three and increasing the number of repetitions to 16. The fast walk can be a jog or a run.

Start with a gentle walk round the cricket boundary.



## Mills around Old Basing

Following our article in the Autumn Newsletter on the History of Basing Lime Pits and information about Upper Mill, Mr Colin Geary, a long standing resident, contacted us with some old postcards showing what he believes to be Upper Mill (although this is by no means certain) and also Lower Mill and Basing Mill (now Bartons Mill) and we thought it would be interesting to publish these so readers can see what these buildings and the surrounding areas were like “back in the day” – perhaps you even recognise the gentlemen in two of the photos or can identify the mill in the first postcard.

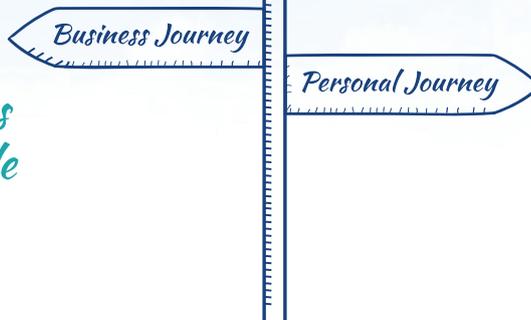


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