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CHAIRMAN'S FOREWORD

RUNNING NOT WALKING

As I write this we are in the process of forming the 'new' Parish Council for the next 4 year term. Disappointingly there were fewer candidates than seats on the council, but luckily we have already had a number of volunteers so we will start the next 4 year term at almost full strength.

We were more fortunate with the Borough Council elections and a good field of candidates were available for your consideration for the one seat in the Basing Ward (which includes the villages of Mapedurwell, Up Nateley and Newnham as well as the Parish area of Basing and Lychpit). Paul Gaskell was re-elected and we look forward to working with him as one of our 3 Borough Councillors.

You may have noticed my name on the ballot paper and despite not being elected I did receive enough support to make me likely to offer myself for service again next year as the entire council is re-elected due to a Boundary Commission review. The new Ward will also include Upton Grey.

To save me another round of posting leaflets though all your doors may I take this opportunity to thank all of you who voted, and particularly those that put an X next to my name.

Closer to home we have completed the refurbishment of the Pavilion building and a much improved Tea Room is now available with wheelchair access to this area and the redecorated public toilets. The rest of the building has also been redecorated and the old single glazed wooden windows and doors replaced with double glazed units. New radiators and better insulation will hopefully reduce heating costs as well as providing a more comfortable environment for staff and others using the building for meetings.

Particular thanks must go to Cllr David Whiter, who was the lead councillor and Project Manager, for an excellent result. Our Finance Officer, Les Orvis, should also be singled out for continuing to ensure we meet our budget and squeezing a little more out of every pound.

Things never stand still and we must now look outside of the building and carry out repairs or re-surfacing work, particularly to the main driveway, and look to improve facilities for car parking. Summer evenings are always a challenge and I would remind those using the recreation ground that there is often space in the Riley Lane Car Parks or, still better, car share or walk. We have a limited number of disabled parking spaces which should only be used by badge holders, and badges should be displayed.

Finally as I hand over the reins of Chairman to Councillor Alan Renwick I'd like to finish by thanking my fellow Councillors who have chosen to give their time freely once again and look forward to another busy year.

Mark Oszyk

Outgoing Chairman, Old Basing & Lychpit Parish Council

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Parish Notes

NEW COUNCILLORS

The Parish Council is pleased to welcome two new Councillors.

Richard Barker moved with his wife to Old Basing a few years ago and has close family ties in the Parish. He is a qualified barrister specialising in criminal and family law and is employed in the local Court as a Magistrates' Legal Adviser. Many residents will know him from his involvement as a volunteer cutting the grass at the church and also helping to clear up after the Carnival.

Steve Brown has been a resident in Lychpit for 20 years and having retired from his role as a Deputy Head teacher and Mathematics Education Lecturer at Reading University now has more time to devote to local activities. Some residents may know him from his role as a former Director of a local education-business charity, The Basingstoke Consortium, or will have seen him working on his plot at the allotments in Riley Lane.

Both Richard and Steve have a wealth of experience between them to call on when carrying out the duties of Parish Councillor.

We are also pleased to welcome back Chris Fowler who was unavailable to stand for re-election earlier this month but has now asked to be co-opted back on to the Parish Council. Chris lives in Old Basing and is a member of Old Basing Lawn Tennis Club and Basingstoke Camera Club.

This leaves just one Councillor vacancy (representing Lychpit) left to fill although you do not have to be a Lychpit resident to qualify. If you think you may be interested, we will be pleased to hear from you.

EROSION OF RIVERBANK

Several residents have contacted the office regarding the erosion of the riverbank between the Millstone Pub and Basing House mainly caused by dogs going into and out of the river.

All comments have been passed on to the Hampshire County Council Countryside Officer who is responsible for this footpath and he has provided the following information:

As my team is responsible for the rights of way network in your parish we have inspected this footpath and identified the areas described. I have raised a job for the team to carry out repairs to the sections which have eroded and we will also carry out some vegetation clearance to ensure the full width is available, particularly at the western end of the path. The surface itself is in generally good condition and save for the limited areas of erosion the path is in a good state of repair.

I am aware that some waterways (e.g. River Itchen, Basingstoke Canal) have installed 'dog dips' on banks as a means of trying to encourage dogs to access the water at allocated spots and therefore reduce erosion. I'd be happy to discuss this option further with you if required.

As is often the case, no task is simple and we have since received the following update:

Regarding path 20 and the erosion of the bank, I have been in touch with Historic England who have given us the go ahead without the need for formal consent. Their approval being necessary due to proximity to Basing House.

However, The River Loddon is a designated main river. This work is likely to be flood risk activity and needs permission from the Environment Agency. This is in progress. Our plan is to install coir logs. I'll have to get back to you about creating places for dogs to enter the water. With summer approaching and consequent increase in people using this footpath, it is hoped, the necessary permissions will be granted quickly to enable work to be carried out as soon as possible.



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Meetings take place on Tuesday evenings starting at 7.30 pm unless otherwise stated and are held at The Pavilion on the Recreation Ground, Old Basing. Planning & Development Committee meetings may be cancelled if there are no plans for discussion.

All meetings are open to the public and time is allocated on the Agenda for any member of the public present to address the meeting. Until the proposed improvements to the Pavilion are completed we would ask anyone with mobility problems who wish to attend to contact the Parish Office in advance.

JULY

- 2** Full Parish Council Communications Committee (7pm)
9&23 Planning & Development Committee

AUGUST

- 6** Full Parish Council Communications Committee (7pm)
13&27 Planning & Development Committee
20 Facilities Management Committee

SEPTEMBER

- 3** Full Parish Council Communications Committee (7pm)
10&24 Planning & Development Committee
17 Facilities Management Committee

OCTOBER

- 1** Full Parish Council Communications Committee (7pm)
8&22 Planning & Development Committee
15 Finance & Resources Committee
20 Facilities Management Committee

NOVEMBER

- 5** Full Parish Council Communications Committee (7pm)
12&26 Planning & Development Committee

DECEMBER

- 3** Full Parish Council Communications Committee (7pm)
9 Community Partnership Evening
10 Facilities Management Committee
17 Planning & Development Committee

National Neighbourhood Watch Week

17—23 June

As part of National NHW week, Basingstoke & Deane NHW team will be attending several events including a joint crime prevention event with Safer North Hampshire and the Police in Festival Place on Thursday 20 June between 11:00 and 14:00 hours.

During the week NHW will be celebrating another successful year. Membership continues to grow and more residents are joining because they know it makes a difference to the safety of their community. Whether it's preventing fraud, educating young people about knives or accompanying a person to a doctors' appointment, NHW volunteers are doing incredible work to make their communities safer and stronger.

Much of the public think NHW is purely a crime prevention movement – we know that's not the whole picture and we want to give people a more rounded sense of what NHW is all about. This year we want to highlight both the traditional work our groups do on crime prevention & reporting as well as celebrate the unexpected projects our volunteers work on.

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County Councillor Report

My term of office as Chairman of Hampshire County Council has come to an end and I handed over the Chain of Office on 17 May. It has been an enormous pleasure and privilege to represent Hampshire County Council as their Civic Head and to attend numerous events and occasions. Whilst carrying out my duties I met many amazing people from all walks of life and this has been a huge eye-opener for me in seeing at first hand the great work carried out by volunteers from every sector.

I enjoyed all of the formal engagements, meeting dignitaries and opening or just visiting events and places in Hampshire but what stood out most was the dedication and commitment of the people involved, many of whom are volunteers. I will treasure my memories of these events for a long time.

Changes at the Top

Former RAF pilot and MP, Councillor Keith Mans has been elected as the new County Council Leader and Councillor Charles Choudhary has been elected as Chairman (the Civic Head of Hampshire County Council). It follows the announcement by former Leader, Councillor Roy Perry that he was stepping down from the role after six years.

Climate Change Cabinet

A meeting dedicated to considering how Hampshire County Council can reduce its carbon emissions to zero will be arranged over the coming weeks. This will be an opportunity to consider carbon reduction targets across Hampshire - from schools, farms, traffic and transport through to waste and recycling.

Street Lighting

Hampshire County Council has had a programme of energy reduction around street lighting over recent years with a 50% reduction in consumption and a 66% reduction in carbon emissions since 2010. Although lights have been dimmed in residential areas overnight since 2012 a three-hour switch off between the hours of 0100 and 0400 came into force on 1st April. The decision was supported by the Clear Skies campaign following a public consultation in 2018.

Streetlights are controlled centrally; exclude Principal Routes (A to C class roads), town centres, and roads with traffic calming, subways, crossings and illuminated traffic signs. Hampshire Constabulary were consulted on the proposals and asked to comment on those areas where lights should be left on. However it is early days in the programme and changes can be made as necessary as the streetlights can be individually controlled via a central system.

Use of Large Commercial Vehicles or Trailers at HWRCs

Hampshire residents can use a van, pick-up or trailer longer than 1.8m to transport their own household waste for disposal,

while restricting use of the sites for commercial purposes from 1st June with a permit. The permit will cost £15 and will be valid for 12 months or 12 visits, and provides access for vans and larger vehicles at any of the 24 HWRCs across Hampshire. Separate arrangements are in place at Hampshire's HWRCs for traders and businesses to dispose of commercial waste on a chargeable basis, depending on the scale and type of waste. All HWRCs have an accessible parking bay for blue badge holders. Blue badge holders will also now require a permit if they wish to use a larger commercial-type vehicle for their household waste. Residents wishing to apply for a permit can do so at www.hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/recyclingcentres/wastepermits

Information on commercial waste charges for businesses is available at www.hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/commercialwaste

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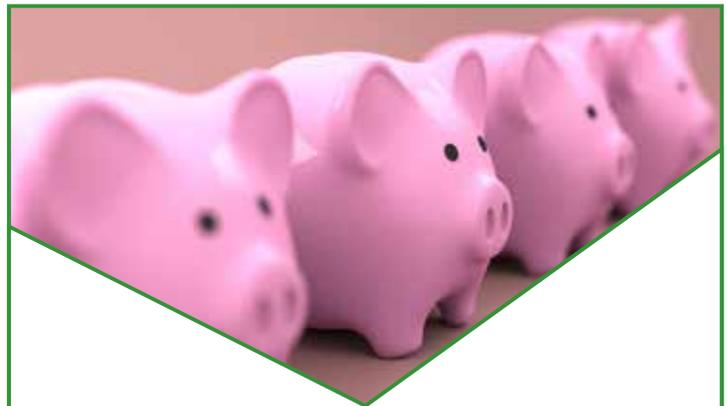


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Saturday 22 June: 12.30pm/£3

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Facing transphobia and providing solidarity – a guide to better allyship in 2019.

A workshop and Q&A session focused on debunking myths and common misconceptions about the transgender experience, as well as how to provide support for transgender people in general. Hosted by trans activist and director of a local Hampshire community arts venue, Devin Valentine, alongside Georgie Williams who is a gender researcher currently working at the University of Southampton.

Saturday 22 June: 2pm/ £5

Diary of a Drag Queen

This is an adult only event with Author Crystal Rassmussen. Crystal takes you through a year in the life of a Northern, working-class drag queen. Her book covers topics such as gender pronouns, ownership of words, and the impact of RuPaul's Drag Race on perceptions of drag and trans issues. This is where the unspeakable turns into the estimable - a one of a kind depiction of the queer experience. The Author pulls no punches with her use of language in a very frank and honest session.

Tuesday 25 June: 10.30am/ £5

Hidden Basingstoke Walk: Basingstoke Churches

Back by popular demand and following a sell-out walk in April, Phil Howe and John Hopkins from Hidden Britain Tours are back to do an additional date for their Basingstoke Churches walk, leading you through the town to explore parts that are often overlooked. Basingstoke has a wealth of church architecture, ranging from battle scarred ancient churches with mysterious medieval graffiti, to the peculiar Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion, to tin tabernacles. This gentle town walk examines the town's places of worship and explains at least some of the stories behind the stones. Meet at the Information Desk in Basingstoke Discovery Centre and please dress for the weather.

Children's events

Tuesday 25 June: 1.30pm & 3.75pm/ £3.75

Elmer Interactive Storytime

Come dressed in your brightest colours & join in the celebrations. Lots of fun with this rainbow coloured elephant and his friends. Amanda from Merry-go-Round Storytelling leads an interactive session based on this well-loved story. For ages 2-6 yrs.

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Saturday 15 June: 10am – 4pm/ £30

Drawing in Charcoal – a one day workshop

A 6 hour workshop. Learn how to draw in charcoal and develop techniques to create a piece of artwork to take home. Suitable for beginners or those with some experience.

Tuesday 11 June – Tuesday 16 July (a 6 week course): 4pm – 6pm/ £60 (+ £2 per session payable to the tutor)

Just Watercolours!

This course will introduce learners to creating unique and innovative art based on watercolours. Learn in a creative and friendly environment, supported by local artist and tutor Jacky Purtill.

Saturday 29 June: 10am – 4pm/ £30

Creative Sewing for All

An opportunity to have fun learning and improving your sewing skills. Whether you want to upcycle or create a new garment, this workshop will give you lots of ideas and support. For all abilities. With local artist and designer, Sarah Pinnell.

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Having grown up in Fleet, Revd Heather is returning to an area that she knows and loves.

Prior to ordination, Revd. Heather worked in university chaplaincy in Plymouth; worked in outreach for the Methodist Church in Bristol; interned at Derby Cathedral; and lived in Christian communities volunteering among refugees and asylum seekers, and people with learning difficulties in Birmingham. She also holds degrees from the Open University and the University of Cambridge.

Her faith has been nurtured particularly through church music, pilgrimages to Taizé and Santiago de Compostella, contemplative prayer, and social action. Revd. Heather trained for ministry at Westcott House in Cambridge where she met, and married, Revd. Dominic Thornton. They have two young children, and love spending time outdoors as a family. Revd. Heather also enjoys running,



dancing (though mainly round the kitchen these days!) and reading Feminist Theology. She is very much looking forward to getting to know the community in Old Basing and Lychpit



Old Basing & Lychpit Village Show 2019

The Old Basing & Lychpit Village Show will take place on Sunday 8th September at The Village Hall, Old Basing at 2.30pm. Admission is £1 for adults and accompanied children under 15 are free.



The free yellow booklet containing the schedule of classes has been available for a few weeks from various retail outlets in the Village and, if you would like to enter, this will give you an idea of what you need to do. Do also look at our website www.oblvs.org.uk where you can find an on-line version of the schedule to download, as well as tips and hints and spare entry forms. We are always looking for new entrants to come and join the fun! Staging of your exhibits starts at 8am on the morning of the show and the judging starts at 10.15 prompt.

There are 100 classes to enter, including fruit and vegetables, flowers, pot plants, floral arrangements, baking, jams and preserves, handicrafts, photography, wine and beer and the ever popular children's classes. So there is something for absolutely everyone. This year it is worth mentioning that we have a class for a decorative hanging basket or planter which should be displayed at the front of your house, visible from the road. You will need to deliver a hard copy photo of your entry to the Show Secretary by 12th August as the entries for this class will be judged that week. This is a good class to enter if you know that you will be on holiday for the show day itself as you can do all this beforehand!

For the first time there will be an additional display by another village organisation – the Old Basing WI which is celebrating its Centenary.

The Village Show Committee will of course be on hand at the Carnival on 15th June at the "Village Show gazebo" to help with any queries you may have about the show itself. We shall be having our usual plant sale where donated plants are always welcome. Even if your cucumbers aren't quite ready, your prize rose has

greenfly or your scones have been eaten, we hope you will come and stroll round the show exhibits before enjoying a cup of tea and some homemade cake whilst deciding which classes to enter next year.

Village Show stall at Old Basing and Lychpit Carnival 2018



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Display of children's entries for the 'Junk Model' class 2018



2018 entry for the Decorative Hanging Basket or Planter class

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Local Beat Officer Update

Message Sent By **Aiden Blackwell** (Police, PC, Basingstoke District)

I am your local Police Officer Aiden Blackwell. This is an update for the East beat area of Basingstoke consisting of Old Basing, Chineham and Lychpit.

The main priority and focus over the last 3 months has been to deal with the increasing number of theft from motor vehicles that have occurred. I have taken an active approach in trying to catch the person/s involved and encouraging residents to contact Police with any information and CCTV that you may have to assist with the investigations. I am pleased to say a person that was believed to be committing the crimes has now been arrested and is spending time behind bars.

This will still stay as a priority and would like to remind residents to make sure that their vehicles are locked and to remove all valuables. Please physically check your vehicle is secure as it still appears many are being left unlocked. One simple check can have a profound impact on the number of incidents which will enviably decrease and discourage persons from attempting these type of crimes.

On another note it appears from the most recent

figures from the last rolling 3 months compared to the previous 3, thefts from sheds have increased. Over the past 3 months there has been 15 reported shed breaks compared to 6 from the previous 3 months. Again I would like to remind you to please make sure your outer buildings are locked and anything of value out of sight. You can access www.immobilise.com which is a free service used by Hampshire Constabulary to help relocate stolen property. Note down serial numbers of products you own for example tools or push bikes that you may have.

I would encourage you to report crime or suspicious activity, by calling us on 101 or reporting it online by going to www.hampshire.police.uk. You can also report it anonymously to Crime Stoppers instead of the police, on **0800 555111**.

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Breaking News: No Fault Divorce Approved

After years of campaigning, media attention and a 12 week public consultation it has been announced that the 'no fault' divorce has been approved by Government and will be introduced 'as soon as parliamentary time allows'.

This news brings family law into the 21st century and will be welcomed by many separating couples who may now have a chance to separate faster and with dignity.

Under the current rules, in order to obtain a divorce in England and Wales, one party needs to prove adultery, unreasonable behaviour or desertion. Otherwise, the couple need to have been separated, living apart for at least two years (*if the other spouse is willing to consent to a divorce*) or five years or more (*no consent required*) – meaning some couples are forced to stay legally married for many years after the relationship has broken down.



This fuels the 'blame game' at the start of the separation procedure and can be damaging to relationships throughout, it can make for acrimonious or hostile proceedings and can be particularly tough for any children involved in a divorce

This will now be scrapped, allowing couples to divorce in a much more civil manner. Thousands of marriages break-down each year through no fault of any one particular party. Many simply grow apart, want different things or fall out of love and the new rules mean that couples can go their separate ways without a bitter end to what, on the whole, may have been a positive relationship.



Lamb Brooks Family Law Team L-R:
Julia McGuigan, Rob Parker, Laura Bell

The change in divorce law is welcomed by the Family Law Team at Lamb Brooks, who champion the use of non-confrontational separation methods such as Mediation and the Collaborative Method– allowing couples to firm up their arrangements round the table, without the need to attend court.

The 'no fault' divorce will benefit so many who wish to remain respectful to their ex-partner and work together to continue to raise children.

For further information please do not hesitate to contact our friendly family team on **01256 844 888** or email enquiries@lambbrooks.com



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After the success of last year's rain-soaked inaugural event, we are delighted to let Parishoners know that

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We are hoping for better weather this year, so that our BBQ & bouncy castles can be enjoyed by spectators and runners alike - although last year was great fun splashing around in the puddles! Watch this space for more details of how to enter.... you've got all Summer to get fit and ready to trot.



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FIVE-WAYS TRAFFIC LIGHTS

Hampshire Highways has given us an explanation regarding the changes to the Five-ways traffic lights in Old Basing. A number of residents have questioned whether the changes were needed given that they were working well before – “If it isn’t broke don’t fix it”. However, Highways have said that the old lights had reached the end of their maintainable life. The signals have been upgraded to a new system called MOVA (Microprocessor Optimised Vehicle Actuation). This is currently the most responsive system available to traffic conditions used at isolated intersections. Highways say that this often leads to a significant increase in capacity at junctions. At the time of writing the new lights and controls appear to be working well.

Hampshire Highways has sent us the following explanation of the MOVA operation.

“MOVA solves this problem with two modes of operation depending on traffic conditions. These are congested and uncongested (free flowing) conditions. In free-flowing mode the aim of MOVA is to disperse any queues which have built up on a red signal, it then assesses the traffic flows approaching on each arm of the junction and calculates if extending the current green would be beneficial. If it is beneficial then the current green is extended, and the calculation is repeated. This continues until there is no benefit in extending the green and the signals move to the next stage in the sequence. When the road network is congested MOVA operates in capacity maximising mode. This assesses which approaches are overloaded and how efficiently the green is being used and seeks to determine a set of signal timings which will maximise the throughput of the junction under the current conditions. Of course, delays may still occur if traffic demand exceeds the capacity of the junction to handle the traffic, as often happens in the morning and evening peak hours, but it will always do its best to optimise the signal settings under these circumstances.” Please direct all enquiries to Hampshire Highways.

Parking – Motorists continue to break the law parking illegally and using every trick in the book to park as



conveniently (many would say selfishly) as they can. In a recent Court case in Basingstoke a motorist from Chineham pleaded guilty to altering a Blue Badge Document (disabled parking permit). This cost him over £3000 in fines and costs.

Pavement parking – Pavement parking continues to be a nuisance throughout the Parish as well as more widely. A letter in the Gazette (2nd May) from the Chair of Cycle Basingstoke, has highlighted the continuing and growing problem of pavement parking. The letter pointed to a Government consultation asking for public views and suggestions for solutions. Pavement parking is not illegal, except in London, but does cause obstruction which can lead to police prosecution. Hopefully stricter rules nationally may come out of this consultation. The consultation ends on 14th May, after the issue of this Newsletter.

Article by Peter Bloyce

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Sauce

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crème fraiche
1 tsp horseradish
sauce
Drizzle of runny honey
mix all ingredients
together

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A country walk

A return to an old favourite for this edition. This is a circular walk beginning and ending at the Riley Lane car park. It follows Footpaths 13 and 12, a stretch of U261, Poors Farm Road and Ashmoor Lane, and completes along Footpath 14.



Unlike the previous few walks this one does incorporate a large amount of country footpaths and field margins so stout footwear is advised. Although all the paths are passable there are exposed tree roots and stretches of uneven ground so this walk is unsuitable for wheelchairs, pushchairs etc.

Start by following Riley Lane towards the cemetery and the railway footbridge (Easterly). At the footbridge proceed on the north side of the railway line through a gate onto a narrow path. Follow this path alongside the railway line (FP12) until it eventually passes through a boggy section to a modern countryside access gate (what we would have called in my early years in Oxfordshire a 'Kissing Gate'). Previously this walk involved about 5 hard to manage stiles but these have all been replaced with these modern gates. After the gate follow the path up though a little gorge to emerge on the field margin on level ground. Continue eastwards to another 'Kissing Gate' and immediately turn right to follow the field margin to the corner and then again easterly along the edge of the railway cutting. Pass through a third gate and follow the path diagonally left across and down the field to the corner with woods to the right. Previously this field had horses in it and there is evidence of future possible use so follow the normal rules about dogs and securing gates etc.

At the bottom of this slope exit the field via a more traditional wooden access gate next to the field gate. Proceed about 100 yards / metres along a field access track to Poors Farm Road - Poors Farm is to the left. Turn right and follow the road level and then uphill to the rail overbridge (no 128, 44 miles and 60 chains from Waterloo, as detailed on the Network Rail bridge identifier clearly visible).

On the far side of the bridge follow Ashmoor Lane level, slightly uphill and then down fairly steeply. Over the left hand hedgerow are good views of open countryside but unfortunately now road noise from the A30 intrudes.

At a square green sign "Hodds Farm" turn right. Although this is Hodds Farm drive it is also Footpath 14. Follow the drive gently uphill westerly and then gently downhill. At the dip follow a westerly path though the farm (all buildings to the right) and to the right of a white bungalow ahead. Proceed uphill along Footpath 14 with fields to the left and woodland to the right. On this stretch as you near the top of the rise, across a couple of small fields on the right the mainline rail track is visible again. As the track converges to the railway cross the footbridge and return via Riley Lane to the car park.

Alternatively follow the path westerly under tree cover to emerge next to a metal 5-bar access gate to the site of the proposed replacement Scout Centre and onto Milkingpen Lane. Turn right under the famous flooding bridge and along Milkingpen Lane to the green triangle outside the Bolton Arms and thence up Riley Lane to the Car Park.



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In the Parish Council minutes of January 7th 1924 under 'New Machinery' a Mr Wellsted reported that chimney sweeping apparatus could be purchased for 30 shillings. He was asked to report further at the next council meeting.

At the next meeting on February 4th 1924 a resolution was passed to purchase said chimney sweeping apparatus which was to be hired out to parishioners. Rules for letting were drawn up & the maximum letting time was to be 4 hours.

The chimney sweeping apparatus was obviously put to good use because at the Parish Council meeting on January 5th 1925 it was decided to purchase a new brush for said apparatus. The cost was not to exceed 5 shillings.

On November 7th 1927 the chimney sweeping apparatus account was presented to the Council. It showed the vast profit of 1 penny on the four years of letting. It was decided to put a notice in the post office inviting tenders for the sale of the brushes etc.

On December 5th 1927 two offers were made for the sweeping apparatus. A Mr White for 10 shillings & the Women's Institute for 15 shillings. Naturally the latter offer was accepted & here my tale ends.

I have seen the minutes for Old Basing WI for this period but cannot recall any mention of chimney sweeping apparatus. Of course the expenditure should be in the accounts book which I have not seen. I wonder has anyone heard any

mention of this scheme from elderly relatives? If so I would be very interested to hear from them. Old Basing WI celebrates its centenary next year & we will be putting together more stories from its past.

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Is this the year that you'll pick up your old tennis racket and start to get fit or sign up yourself or your children for some tennis coaching?

Our season has started well, not only with great weather for playing outside and we're hoping for another long, hot summer like last year, but our Winter League match results were encouraging with the Men's A and B teams finishing 3rd and 7th in Division 1 and our Mixed team finishing 2nd in Division 1.

We are pleased to have welcomed a number of new members to the club this season which is great, and our new tennis coaches, Jamie and Ben from JB Tennis Academy are coaching youngsters on Wednesdays from 4-5pm. They also coach adults individually or in groups, so do contact them on jbtenniscademy1@gmail.com if you'd like to learn tennis or improve your play.

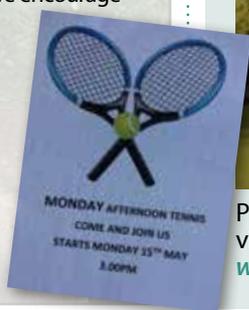
Club nights on Tuesday and Friday from 6pm have been well attended, often with all 4 courts being used with the added incentive of a trip to the pub after play on one Friday a month, and Monday afternoons is when some members have a social hit from 3pm, with anyone welcome to join in.

Or, if you'd just like to have a quiet hit with your family and friends, that's good too, as the courts are available for members to use at any time.

If you're not sure whether you want to become a member, we encourage people to come and play with us 3 times before signing up and members can bring guests along too at £3 a session.

To find out more information about us, go to clubspark.lta.org.uk/oldbasingtennisclub or email obtc.information@gmail.com

We look forward to welcoming you on court soon, and if you're not sure where we are, you can find the clubhouse and courts next to the cricket and football pitches off Riley Lane, opposite The Bolton Arms pub.



Old Basing Bowling Club

Visitors and new/experienced bowlers are most welcome at all times.

Visitors: You are invited to come in, watch the bowling and enjoy a drink.

Bowlers: We are always looking for 'new talent'. Coaching and free trial sessions provided. Come and visit us at The Recreation ground and you will find a friendly environment. We are hosting a County game between Hampshire and Wiltshire at 2pm on Saturday June 29th. Spectators are welcome.



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At the beginning of the year, our children met with some members of the Old Basing Village Hall Management Committee to plant daffodil bulbs around the grounds of the village hall. The children enjoyed chatting to the committee members and thinking about the right way to plant the bulb and how plants need water and sunshine to grow. It was a

thrill to see the bulbs grow and the daffodils emerge - they really did look fantastic. In our art lessons with Sarah, we used paint mixed with salts to create beautiful textured daffodil paintings inspired by the village hall daffodils.

As we are nearing the end of our first academic year at Old Basing Village Nursery School, we have been reflecting on all that we have done and have particularly enjoyed working with others within the local community. We are looking forward to more opportunities to work with both the village hall committee and the wider community in the summer and the new academic year. If you think your community group or organisation may benefit from a link with Old Basing Village Nursery School please do get in touch.



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OLD BASING VILLAGE HALL

Most residents will have visited Old Basing Village Hall whether for an Antiques Fair, Jumble Sale a party or other occasion and although not one of the more historic properties in Old Basing, its history is nonetheless interesting. The fact we have a village hall at all is due to the resourcefulness, determination and, in some instances, disregard for their own safety of a small group of residents that formed the village hall committee and to a large extent built the hall themselves as Sheila Grassi the wife of Don Grassi, one of the founder members and current Chairman recalls

The old Village Hall was pulled down and the ground given to the Trustees of the Church to look after. In 1976/77 the village asked for a new hall to be built so a committee was formed to find a piece of ground and raise the money to build a new hall. After 3 years all suggestions had been turned down by the village and the committee became fed up with trying and resigned. Betty Holmes, who was the Chairwoman, asked Trevor Dyer to form another committee – which he did.

A piece of land in Riley Lane had been given by Lord Camrose but when the committee looked into this they were advised that they couldn't build due to a covenant stating that no building was permitted on this land. Luckily for the village Betty Holmes then donated a piece of land at the bottom of Oliver's Battery for the hall to be built on and the ground given to the Parish Council with a small rent agreed.

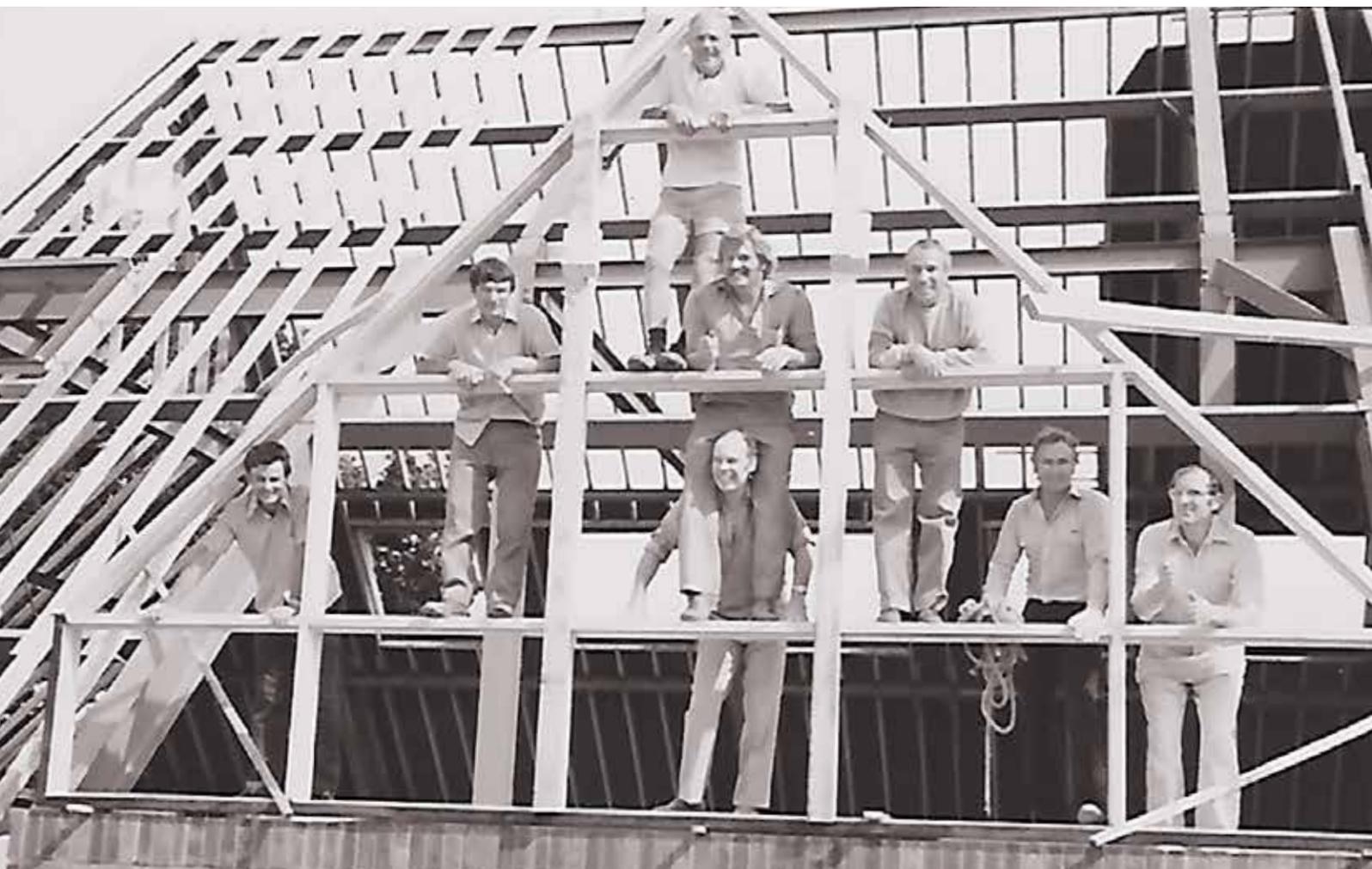
In 1978 when the present committee was formed its first task was to discuss fund raising and the building of the hall. It was thought more help was needed and a Fund Raising Committee was elected which then formed a Charity. The Committee was to have 9 elected members, to be re-elected each year, together with representative members from organisations within the village (one of the requirements for a Village Hall).

Problems with the money from the sale of the old village hall land were encountered but a design for the hall was drawn up with the help of Derek Kearns, a local Architect, and the various needs of hirers were considered.

The hall was to be constructed from brick around a steel frame, supporting a high pitched tiles roof. Badminton and other activities were one of the requirements for the hall and an area off the main hall with removable partitions was also a requirement to provide a committee or games room. There was a bar area, gallery running across one side of the hall, kitchen, toilets and changing rooms. A metal gantry would be built to the full length of the roof so that electric light bulbs could be changed.

The land surrounding the hall would be planted with trees and a car park laid for between 70-80 cars. The estimated cost was £80,000 for which there was a Capital Grant of £40,000 together with a Local Government Grant of 20,000 leaving £20,000 to be raised by the committee.

*John Davie
Peter Thorn Joe Wrey Dave Vickery
Fred Barrett Geoff Wade Ron Cox Don Grassi*





Mike Kendall Fred Barrett Geoff Wade

Savings were made, especially with the hall floor, when Peter Thorn, one of the committee members, was advised that he could have a wooden floor being pulled up at Salisbury College. Geoff Wade and a couple of other chaps went to Salisbury College and took up the floor which was collected by various village hall committee members and brought back in lorries and stored in garages until needed. This maple floor is the current floor to this day.

The first fund raising event was a May Day with a May Queen being chosen on the day. It was a beautiful day with maypole dancing, bowls and many different stalls; in fact it was so successful someone had to go and buy lots more ice cream. Over £700.00 was raised from this event. Other events included a Medieval Banquet in the Tythe Barn which at that time was owned by Seth Barton and all the villagers made their own shields which were hung around the walls. A "King" came in on a horse and maids went round with jugs of wine. Everyone attending dressed up (you couldn't attend if you didn't).

Other events were a Barn Dance, Jumbles, Waste Paper collecting every week, Carol Singing round the streets with the Junior School Band playing or with an organ pulled on a trailer.

The half marathon which was run from the hall for 3 years became very popular and raised lots of money. For 2 years the committee organised the Village Carnival and football was played every evening at the school for boys from the age of 5, men and even ladies with the final played on the recreation ground bringing all the village together. Baby Shows and Tug of War were also very popular and the result of all these activities was good sums of money being raised.

A date of Saturday 8th May 1982 was set for the opening of the hall but the final opening date was Saturday 5th June 1982.

Unfortunately Trevor Dyer, one of the original instigators, died in a boating incident so did not see the hall finished.

After completion New Year's Eve parties with live bands and a full supper became popular annual events. The hall became established as a popular venue for many types of event and was booked for many hours on a daily basis which resulted in the committee needing to employ a Booking Secretary and Caretaker.

Over the years there have been extensions to the hall, a porch was added to the front doors then a larger extension with access to the main hall but also its own entrance was added to the side creating a further committee room with a small kitchen and additional toilets.

The Village Hall has now been open for 37 years and is still used every day, making a small annual profit. The committee ensures it is maintained in great condition with funds allocated for maintenance and decorating.

At the end of 2017 the hall was booked by St Mary's Church for a Free Christmas Lunch for people from the village which was provided and cooked by volunteers. An excellent lunch and afternoon was enjoyed by all who attended.

Many of the original committee members are still on the Management Committee today and I think it is fair to say the Old Basing Village Hall Management Committee has, over the years, achieved what the residents of Old Basing & Lychpit wanted.

Details of what the hall has to offer and how to book are on page 36 of this Newsletter on the "Meeting & Party Venues" page.

Save the date for Basingstoke Festival - Friday 21 June to Sunday 7 July 2019 Fun for all the family!

There's fun for all the family at this year's Basingstoke Festival. The annual arts festival is designed to showcase the best of the arts locally, nationally and internationally. From music to dance, visual art to theatre, you will 'discover art in unusual places'.

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On Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 June get involved with an alien interaction. Don't forget to also check out what's on at Anvil Arts, Proteus and Hampshire Cultural Trust as part of the festival.

The packed programme also features a series of outdoor cinema screenings showing popular movies with tickets for Moulin Rouge! and Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again still available.

The festival builds up to the popular B LOVE festival- Basingstoke's biggest weekend of live music, packed with a variety of exciting performance, art and fantastic family fun, in the War Memorial Park on Saturday 6 July and Sunday 7 July 2019. This year's B LOVE will see an incredible line-up of local music and art talent as well as international headliners on a number of stages. Headliners announced to date include Toploader and a Faithless DJ set by Sister Bliss, and many more will soon follow!

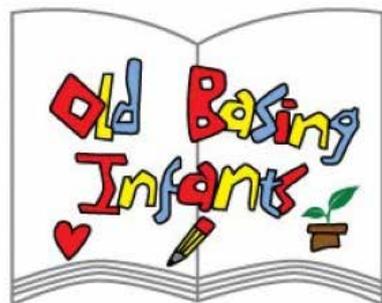
There's plenty of opportunities to get involved in wonderful family activities and events including thrilling outdoor performances, beat-boxing workshops, and pop-up theatre or explore the Magical Forest created for festival goers aged 12 and under, with face-painting, arts and crafts, games, and storytelling.

Keep an eye on the website for more information www.basingstokefestival.co.uk. Tickets for B LOVE can be purchased at <https://blovemusic.com/>. Children 12 and under go FREE with a paying adult.

Notes:

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B LOVE 2019 is coordinated by the B LOVE Music Forum in partnership with Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.



There is never a dull moment here at Old Basing Infants School and the summer term is certainly no exception! We have had plenty of trips this term and Year R have visited Marwell Zoo to embed the learning they have been doing during their Animals topic, thankfully no children were left in the monkey enclosure! Also,

Year 1 have visited Southsea to identify the similarities and differences between there and Old Basing as part of their sea-side topic. Much fun was had by all!

Year 2 have begun the transition process to various Junior schools and they will be taking part in a range of activities such as several visits to the school, meeting their Year 3 buddies and taking part in a PE lesson! The whole school have been learning about British Values and how these affect everyone; these values also underpin the engaging and exciting rights respecting curriculum we deliver here at Old Basing Infant School.

We have had staff from the University of Toronto visiting us to explore how we place the UN Convention of the Rights of a Child at the heart of our ethos and curriculum. They were particularly interested in how we deliver the message to such young children. They were impressed with how our curriculum not only teaches about children's rights but, as a school we also model rights and respect in all our relationships, whether between children or between children and adults.

We are looking forward to greeting our new cohort of children and their families in September as they begin their educational journey with us. There are places available in the current Year R and visits to the school are always welcome. Please call our school office on **01256325704** to make appointment.



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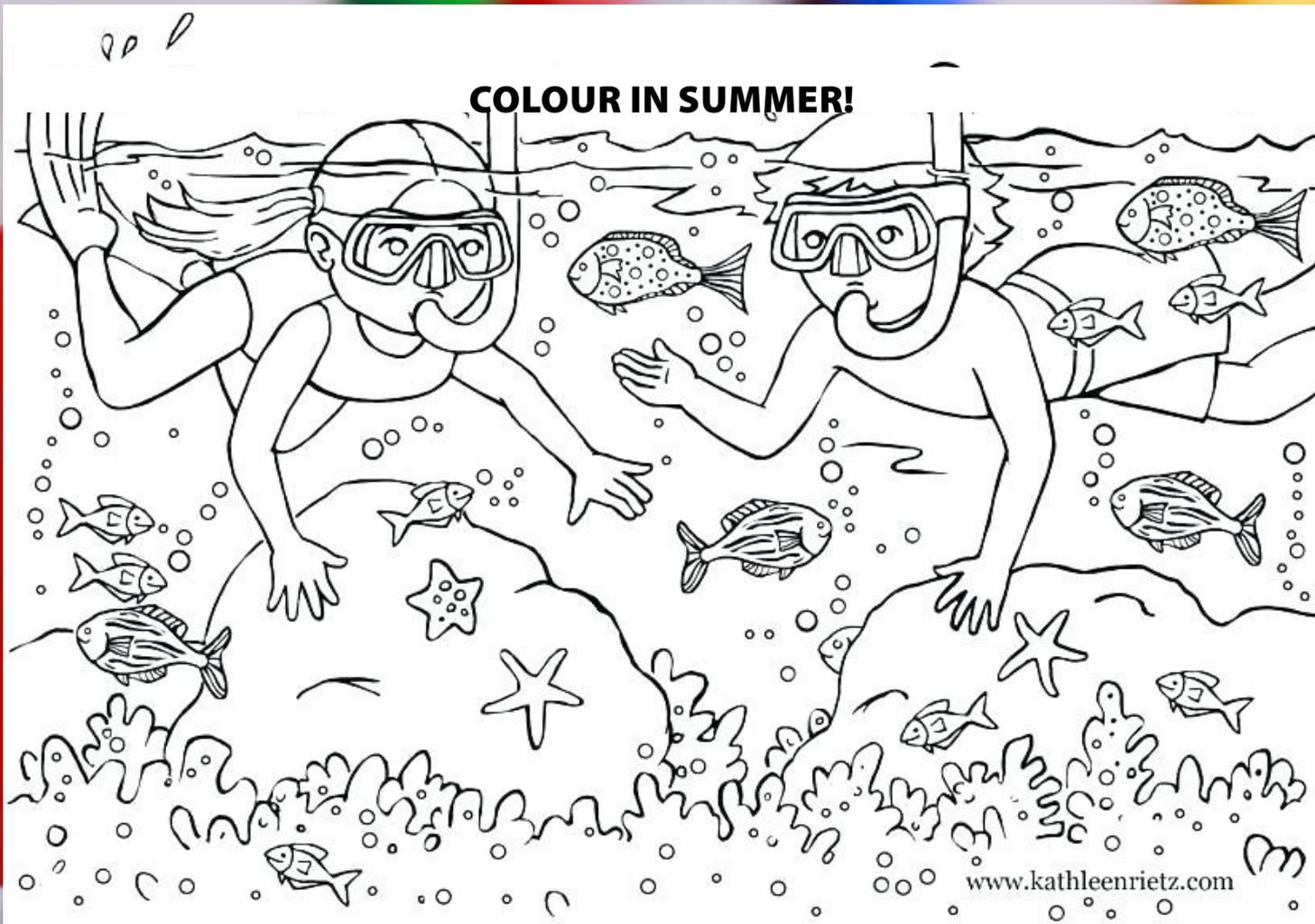
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- 4 large eggs

Method

- Preheat oven to 180°C (Gas mark 4/350°F).
- Spray or brush a 12 hole muffin tin with a little oil.
- an adult can help with this bit if necessary!).
- Chop the ham into small pieces.
- Grate the cheddar cheese.
- With scissors, cut the tops and bottoms off the spring onions and discard. Use the scissors to cut the spring onions into small pieces.
- Mix all of your prepared ingredients together in a bowl and put to one side.
- Break the eggs into a small jug or bowl. Whisk until well mixed. Add a little salt and pepper if wanted.
- Scatter a handful of flour onto a smooth surface and roll out the pastry. Using a large circle cutter and cut out 12 circles of pastry.
- Push a pastry circle into each hole in the muffin tin to form a cup.
- Spoon some of the vegetable and cheese mixture into each cup. Pour over the whisked eggs to cover the mixture and fill the cups up.
- Bake in the preheated oven for approx. 20 minutes until puffed up and golden. Remove from the muffin tin and cool on a wire rack.
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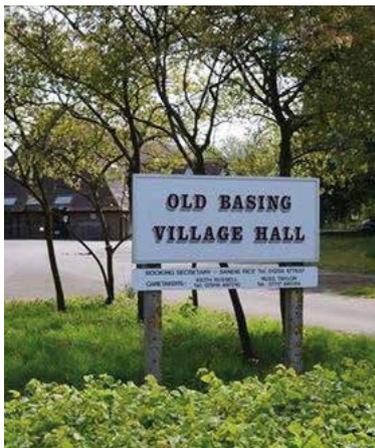
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Lychpit Community Hall

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

A small meeting room ideal for one-to-one meetings is also available to hire separately on weekdays.

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

Regular activities include:

Monday

Yoga for Relaxation
Karate

Tuesday

Basing Beans
Pilates
Rainbows
Brownies

Wednesday

Caterpillar Music
Lisa Jane School of Dance

Thursday

Drama Tots
Lisa Jane School of Dance

Friday

Kids Kan Dance
Pilates
The Loft Music Night
(last Friday monthly)

Saturday

British Wheel of Yoga
Yoga with Christine

Sunday

Infinite Harmony Yoga

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



Hall following refurbishment



Lychpit Hall Committee Room

Pavilion Tea Room

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



Pavilion Committee Room

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

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Mr & Mrs Gibson, Portishead

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Karen Thomas, Chippenham

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Carol Doyle, Surrey

Reduces energy bills

"I've already turned the underfloor heating down. Lovely job guys, thank you!"

Anne Bird, Bristol

Quieter in bad weather

"For the first time in 10 years we do not have to close the door to the conservatory when it rains, as the noise is minimal and before I found it difficult to hear the TV over the loudness of the rain on the old roof."

Mr & Mrs Bailey-Webb, Warsash

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