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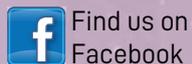
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CHAIRMAN'S FOREWORD

Welcome to the Christmas edition of the Old Basing and Lychpit Parish Newsletter and our first winter edition.

With an increasing amount of material being submitted we have decided to try and produce 4 editions a year.

Reflecting as always on previous writings I note that the Red Men have been returned to Crockfords Lane Roundabout (referred to by BBC Berkshire and others as 'The Red Man Roundabout'). Hopefully this and the noticeable increase in the amount of finished road surface means that we are not far off the completion of the A33 corridor works and once again might hope that through traffic in the parish will reduce. Sadly we have also learnt that Hampshire County Council has no intention of pursuing any further 20mph limits in the county and so we are unlikely to see this in the Parish in the near future. I have to say, having seen the report online, I am less than convinced of their arguments that they have little or no effect. Their own figures tend to disprove this.

Following the 'making' of the Parish Neighbourhood plan I was pleased at the end of October to receive an invite from the Mayor of Basingstoke and Deane to attend his office to receive a commemorative scroll noting the adoption by the Borough Council of the plan. I accompanied Councillor David Whiter to whom many of the thanks must go for an arduous 2 or 3 years of work. It was good to see the efforts of David and the Neighbourhood plan team being recognised in this way.

More progress has also been made on the Pavilion building works with new double glazed windows and doors which we

expect to have a significant effect on heating costs. Alterations to one of the entrances to the Tea Room and the addition of a ramp will provide level access to this room.

Unfortunately not all the news is good and I have to report another break in at the workshop on the recreation ground. With improved security following the break in last year we did not envisage a new line of attack; tiles were stripped from the roof and although once entry was made the alarms sounded, this did not prevent the thieves making off with a considerable amount of tools and machinery. We are considering what further measures we can take but in the meantime the claim against the insurance is bound to affect future premiums.

By the time you read this I will have once again represented the Council at the annual Service of Remembrance and Parade which this year falls on Armistice Day. I know there is some discussion nationally as to whether this is the best way to remember the sacrifice given by servicemen and others during the two World Wars and other conflicts but I am proud to take my place in the Parade and at the wreath laying on this 100th Anniversary of the end of the 'Great War'.

Councillors and Staff wish you a Merry Christmas and thank you for your support in our efforts to maintain and improve parish life where we can.

Mark Oszczyk
Chairman, Old Basing & Lychpit Parish Council



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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.

JANUARY	JULY
8 Full Parish Council Communications Committee (7pm)	2 Full Parish Council Communications Committee (7pm)
15 Planning & Development Committee	9&23 Planning & Development Committee
29 Facilities Management Committee	
FEBRUARY	AUGUST
5 Full Parish Council Communications Committee (7pm)	6 Full Parish Council Communications Committee (7pm)
12&26 Planning & Development Committee	13&27 Planning & Development Committee
	20 Facilities Management Committee
MARCH	SEPTEMBER
5 Full Parish Council Communications Committee (7pm)	3 Full Parish Council Communications Committee (7pm)
12&26 Planning & Development Committee	10&24 Planning & Development Committee
19 Facilities Management Committee	17 Facilities Management Committee
APRIL	OCTOBER
2 Full Parish Council Communications Committee (7pm)	1 Full Parish Council Communications Committee (7pm)
9&23 Planning & Development Committee	8&22 Planning & Development Committee
30 Facilities Management Committee	15 Finance & Resources Committee
	29 Facilities Management Committee
MAY	NOVEMBER
7 Full Parish Council & AGM Communications Committee (7pm)	5 Full Parish Council Communications Committee (7pm)
14&28 Planning & Development Committee	12&26 Planning & Development Committee
21 Annual Parish Meeting	
JUNE	DECEMBER
4 Full Parish Council Communications Committee (7pm)	3 Full Parish Council Communications Committee (7pm)
11&25 Planning & Development Committee	9 Community Partnership Evening
18 Facilities Management Committee	10 Facilities Management Committee
	17 Planning & Development Committee

Neighbourhood Plan

CLLr David Whiter (Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee) and CLLr Mark Oszczyk (Chairman, OB&L PC) receiving a framed certificate from Basingtoke & Deane Mayor, CLLr Sean Keating in recognition of the Parish Council's completion of its Neighbourhood Plan.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Old Basing & Lychpit Big Turkey Christmas Lunch
Saturday 29 December

Senior Citizens Party
Saturday 16 February 2019

Carnival Princess Selection Disco
Friday 8 March 2019

Carnival Day
Saturday 15 June 2019 (Theme-Comic Characters)

Parish Notes

OLD BASING BOOK EXCHANGE

The Book Exchange located in the red telephone kiosk on the approach to the recreation ground/Oliver's Battery has now closed for the winter and will re-open in April next year.

AUDIO NEWSLETTER

Thanks to a number of volunteer readers and following a trial run with the Autumn Newsletter, this and future editions will be available in audio format on the Parish Council website which we aim to achieve within 2 weeks of publication.

WORKSHOP BREAK-IN

As our Chairman has mentioned in his report, despite increased security, the workshop was broken into again in October. This time the intruders entered through the roof, removing tiles and cutting through the lining, and taking a considerable amount of grounds maintenance items. It is possible these may be used by people touting for gardening work so please do employ anyone calling on the off chance as "they are in the area" unless they can provide legitimate identification and/or a waste disposal licence; not only might you have paid for their equipment via the precept if they are using stolen goods, but it is also possible the hedge cuttings and other waste will be fly-tipped at further cost to you the taxpayer for disposal. Legitimate traders should be happy to provide such identification. Check this Newsletter or the Basinga for local tradesmen.

Contact information

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	Sandra Tuck (Clerk) clerk@oldbasing.gov.uk		Heather Mountford (Deputy Clerk) Deputy.clerk@oldbasing.gov.uk
	Stephen Richardson Grounds & Facilities Manager	Harry Rice Groundsman	

Councillors

		
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Christmas personal safety

We want to remind residents about the following safety tips to ensure a good night out at Christmas time:

- ☛ Don't leave a bag unattended. Take it with you, and always use table or bar hooks, if available.
- ☛ Never leave your drink unattended – whilst rare, it can only take a few seconds for someone to tamper with it.

- ☛ Always plan your journey home and avoid walking alone. Save the number of a local licensed taxi firm in your mobile phone. If using a taxi, ensure it is registered and displaying taxi licence plates.
- ☛ How much you drink on a night out can also affect your decision-making – never drink so much that you may endanger yourself. If you are driving to a party or event, don't be tempted to drink. Some venues offer free soft drinks for designated drivers.
- ☛ If you have been out the night before, remember that you may still be over the alcohol limit to drive. If unsure whether it is safe to drive, make alternative arrangements.

Old Basing & Lychpit Good Neighbours

We have now been running for 2 years and have felt privileged to help so many of you in our community. Can we help you? Do you need transport for an appointment at the hospital, clinic, doctors, dentist, shopping or a social group, light gardening or DIY? If you live in the Old Basing and Lychpit area just phone us and a local volunteer will hopefully be available to help.

OUR TELEPHONE NUMBER IS **0333 04440116**.

Likewise to run this service we are calling all potential OB&L GN volunteers, we need you! Please consider joining our growing band of volunteers if you could spare a little time occasionally or regularly to help local people in need of neighbourly help. We would be very grateful.

Call the number above, or if you would like a general chat and to find out more, please call me on **01256 328196**. Thank you for your time.

Sue Wilson Chairman



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County Councillor Report

CHINEHAM SHOPPING CENTRE PROPOSALS

I have received a number of calls regarding the plans for the Chineham District Centre, mainly concerned about parking but generally positive and excited about the project. I share these feelings.

Good access both for pedestrians and vehicles, including sufficient parking is essential and I have asked questions of Tellon Capital on these issues both during and after construction.

I have been reassured regarding parking as the current plan is to leave the south car park (nearest Tesco) much as it is, and to build a new car park that links to the existing north west car park (nearest Boots/Matalan) which means a net gain of 100 spaces with part of this new car park underground.

The plan is for cars to access from the existing roundabout and enter into the new underground car park and then drive onto ground level; the current car park access to Matalan would become exit only. Over 280 people attended the Tellon second public exhibition on the 27 September and I understand 83% of those who attended expressed support for the plans and provided helpful and constructive suggestions. Tellon have assured me that, where possible, they will seek to incorporate the feedback and suggestions received into their final plans.

They intend to submit a planning application to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council in the Autumn of 2018 and will keep all interested parties informed as the project progresses. If you would like further information in the meantime, contact their Communications Team at chinehamconsultation@telloncapital.com or call **0800 298 7040**.

A30 – NATELEY SCURES/WATER END

For several years now this stretch of the road has been a cause of concern to many residents and over the years measures have been put in place to make the road safer to travel along.

I am hoping the review outlined below will have a positive outcome. In August I invited Cllr Rob Humby Hampshire County Council Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment to hear from Newnham Parish Councillors the concerns of residents regarding the A30 from The Hatch to Hoggett Pub.

They asked the executive member to consider traffic volumes and speeds on this stretch of road and there is strong community desire to see the road reduced to an enforced 40/50mph single carriageway. Cllr Humby listened to their concerns and agreed to have a review done.

Having discussed this review with HCC Transport officers Cllr Humby concluded that the recent changes to the road in the area of the Baredown development means that surveys to assess the speed and volume of traffic through this area are now timely and on that basis HCC officers will arrange for these surveys to be carried out along the A3 between Hook and Hatch as soon as possible.

As I write this article it is expected that the data will be available to share with residents very soon.

Cllr Humby said the collated survey data, along with the injury accident record, will be used by officers to determine if measures should be recommended for this stretch of the A30, and the data will also be shared with the Police with a view to seeking their views on the safety of this road and any possible interventions. I will update Old Basing and Lychpit Parish Council when I receive more information.

TRAVEL & TRANSPORT STRATEGY

Hampshire County Council and Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council are seeking residents' and stakeholders' views on travel and transport within Basingstoke, including which measures should

be prioritised to improve movement throughout the town. Over the past decade the two councils, working with key partners, have introduced changes to transport, including significant improvements at key junctions. However, as Basingstoke continues to grow and evolve, further improvements are needed to ensure that the right travel and transport infrastructure is in place. This is vital to securing Basingstoke's future economic growth and prosperity - and making the town a more attractive and healthier place to live, work and visit. The two councils are seeking views to inform a new shared vision, and to set the priorities for further investment in Basingstoke's transport infrastructure over the coming years. Your feedback will help to inform a new Transport Strategy for Basingstoke so please respond to the consultation. Full details can be found on the Hampshire CC website under Basingstoke Transport Strategy.

Cllr Elaine Still

Pavillion Alterations

The Parish Council has been holding funds earmarked for long overdue improvements to the Pavilion meeting rooms and Parish Office. The first floor committee room is inaccessible to those with mobility problems, the ground floor office is cramped with unsuitable wheelchair access and the tea room is very noisy. In addition, the single glazed timber windows and doors are not energy efficient and are now showing their age.

Apart from the Parish Council the building is used by various clubs and other organisations and, after considering several ways to overcome these problems, we have started a scheme that is within our existing budget.



The first move is to replace the doors and windows with double glazed UPVC windows that require much less maintenance and offer better energy efficiency. New doors will provide improved wheelchair access to the tea room and public toilets. We are pleased to report this work is already under way.

The next phase will be to improve the tea room and serving area with softer surfaces to reduce noise levels and increase space for the tea point to include more storage.

There will also be improvements to the changing rooms and ground floor office, and improved insulation in the first floor roof space. Externally ramps for wheelchair access will be improved and all areas will be redecorated. We have funds set aside for this and are seeking tenders from builders.

If funds allow we will go forward with a further phase to provide a larger meeting room at ground floor level by moving the office to the first floor and improving the layout of the WCs, retaining a disabled toilet accessible from outside and providing better facilities for the meeting rooms inside. We are seeking grants to top up our funds for this phase.

Cllr David Whiter

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Response to CC Report

PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS ON LOCAL PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS PROPOSALS

You will read elsewhere in this newsletter the County Councillors Report detailing 2 Planning issues. Whilst both are incomplete the Parish Council wishes to state that the views of the County Councillor are not necessarily shared or endorsed by all at local level.

Chineham Shopping Centre redevelopment

Whilst the percentage of people 'supporting' the development plans are probably correct (at least for those who filled in one of the forms) this does not mean that everybody who attended wholeheartedly supported any plans that Telson might have had.

I was present and in discussion with the transport specialist it was clear that while many thought that some 'upgrade' was due they did not agree with the scope and mix of the proposed new proposals. Many could not see the need for a cinema, a sports centre or a hotel. Many misgivings were voiced about the proposed traffic plan within the development and surrounds. The attitude by their representative at the open evening seemed to be that Mellon would squeeze the maximum into the site and that anything else was County Council responsibility. Thus they had no qualms about the lack of a traffic light control on the exit from the centre onto the Chineham roundabout, the inadequacy of the road layout for 2 way traffic and bus stops nor the consequent expansion of traffic onto Great Binfields Road including buses entering and leaving via the south car park entrance turning left and right.

Finally, there is great concern over the Post Office as this is currently in a unit to be demolished and there seemed to be no undertaking that this vital service would be continually available.

A30 Proposed Speed Limit Hatch to Nately Scures

Whilst there is a history of serious accidents along this stretch of the A30 these have greatly reduced since the re-alignment of the junctions at Water End and Blackstocks Lane / Crown Lane junction. There is also undoubtedly a case for extending the limit at the top of Nately Scures hill following the recent re-alignment of 'The Baredown' Junction. However, the proposal for a blanket 50 mph or even worse 40 mph limit along this entire stretch is nonsensical. An extension of the Old Basing speed limit to encompass the complex junction at Conkers Garden Centre would also be justified in both directions. However the imposition of a low urban speed limit on a long stretch of rural dual carriageway Trunk Road should be resisted. Anyone who regularly uses this stretch of road particularly during the extended morning or evening rush hour will know that the slightest bottleneck on the M3 results in traffic, no doubt using Google maps or SATNAVs, diverting onto a 'faster route'. Restricting this route will result in those same SATNAV and Google guided drivers switching instead to the unrestricted Newnham Lane and Greywell / Nately Roads as the expected average speed will be greater on these entirely unsuitable trunk alternatives. As a result of these concerns we urge the County Council to fully engage in meaningful dialogue and consultation on these 2 plans before we are all subject to a set of 'unexpected' but predictable consequences.

*Clr M Oszczyk
Chairman,
Old Basing & Lychpit Parish Council*

WW1 Centenary dinner dance at RBL

Sixty members and guest enjoyed a wonderful evening of food, entertainment and reflection at the Old Basing RBL's WW1 Centenary Dinner- Dance held on November 3rd. On arrival the guests were entertained by the superb Military Wives Choir from RAF Odiham and enjoyed a glass of fizz as they listened. During the sumptuous 3 course dinner, pianist Lewis Bolland gently enhanced the atmosphere with a delightful medley of soft background music and between courses members of RAF Odiham stood to recite timelines of specific WW1 events spanning the 4 terrible years of conflict. Whilst the mood of the attendees was of course solemn for these moments of recall, and a chance for us all to say 'Thank You' to those who made the ultimate sacrifice, the evening was one of celebration too with ballroom dance trio The Three Amigos seeing the evening out. A raffle held during the event raised a whopping £270 ensuring that the Poppy Appeal benefitted also.

Footnote:

One can see by the photographs that the Legion Hall can be transformed into something of a wonderland so if you have a big event such as a wedding or special anniversary coming up, why not consider using this VERY local amenity. For further information on hiring this venue contact Tracey Merritt on **07437 016815** or email socialclubentertainments@gmail.com.



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Old Basing & Lychpit parishioners gather for the annual Remembrance Day service.



After a stormy night, Sunday morning was dry and sunny for the parade by the Band of the Royal British Legion (cover photo) followed by the Service and Act of Remembrance at St Mary's Church which was packed for this memorable occasion.

Tributes included a knitted wreath by members of the W.I. and Old Basing resident Penny Bourne raised £100.00 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal by auctioning a cake that she made and decorated. *Remembrance Day Photos by Tony Tuck*



Icing on the cake at Poppy Appeal

Penny Bourne handing over the Remembrance Cake to Matthew Larcome in exchange for his cheque for £100 for The Poppy Appeal.

Matthew who is Founder and Editor of the newly formed online Basingstoke Echo, outbid numerous other people on the Old Basing and Lychpit web groups auction to land the iced, rich fruit cake decorated in WW1 themed illustrations. Penny was understandably delighted that her efforts were so handsomely rewarded and remarked how fitting it was that the winning bid matched the Centenary commemoration! She was therefore very pleased to pass on the cake's proceeds to Tim Russell, PAO for Old Basing RBL and Chairman of Hampshire County RBL.





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Reduce your use of plastics

You've told us you want to recycle more and together with Hampshire County Council, the disposal authority, we are always looking at sustainable ways to recycle more materials.

Back in 2014 we introduced 29 mixed plastic bring banks at 10 sites across the borough to recycle items such as plastic pots, tubs and trays. These were in addition to the plastic bottles you can recycle in your green bin and were well used by residents.

Unfortunately, there has been a drop in demand for this mixed plastic recycling affecting us and other authorities in the UK. We were given the choice to keep the bins but all the material collected could no longer be recycled and, instead, would be sent for incineration in the north of the country. As we already incinerate our waste in the borough we have chosen to remove the banks.

I am very disappointed it has been necessary to close and remove the mixed plastic recycling banks but I do not want our residents making the effort to recycle and travelling to the bring bank sites for the material to be incinerated elsewhere. Instead, the next best and most sustainable option to recycling is for people to place the mixed plastics in their grey bin at home for it to be incinerated locally.

We hope this will be a short-term measure and we will continue to look for a new sustainable market for this material, but our focus is also on encouraging people to produce and use less of this type of plastic. We will be speaking to local supermarkets to reduce their use of plastic and feeding our views into the Government's Waste



and Resources Strategy due to be published late November.

To help you reduce your use of plastics here are our top five tips:

- Work out what plastic you really need – take a look at what you're throwing away every day and ask yourself if you really need it. For example, to keep leftover food fresh cover it with a plate or a bowl instead of cling film.
- Avoid excess food packing – farm shops, markets and larger supermarkets offer loose fruit and vegetables. Choose unpackaged items where possible to reduce plastic use.
- Swap disposable for reusable – take a reusable cup when you go to buy your daily coffee or tea. Take your own reusable bag when shopping instead of using plastic bags and bring your own knife and fork to work for any takeaway lunches.
- Say no to plastic straws – when going out for a drink refuse plastic straws and instead encourage pubs and cafes to use cardboard straws.
- Take time to dine in – seek unpackaged food wherever possible, make your own 'real food' whenever you can, or take the time to dine in instead of getting takeaway food in plastic containers.

Don't forget plastic bottles – be it a bleach bottle, plastic milk bottle, shampoo bottle or drinks bottle – can still be recycled through the green bin at home.

Visit www.basingstoke.gov.uk/recycle for more information on what you can and can't recycle. **Councillor Hayley Eachus**
Cabinet Member for Regulatory Services and the Environment

Tackling Waste Disposal Costs by Keeping Household Waste Recycling Centre Provision open to all

Against a backdrop of financial challenges facing local authorities, Hampshire County Council is looking at ways to maintain its extensive provision of household waste recycling centres (HWRCs) as the cost of managing household waste continues to rise

Councillor Rob Humby, Executive Member for Environment and Transport at Hampshire County Council, said: "Hampshire has one of the most extensive networks of Household Waste Recycling Centres in the country with 24 facilities across the county. Some of these sites are very close to county borders so are inevitably used by non-Hampshire residents".

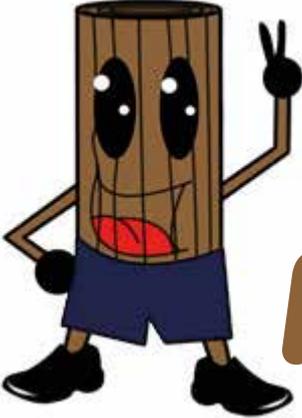
Cllr Humby quotes "Several of our neighbouring authorities, who are facing similar financial pressures to Hampshire, have taken the difficult decision to prevent non-residents using their HWRCs. However, I recognise that access to convenient local HWRCs is important to encourage recycling. I also want to be fair to Hampshire council taxpayers though, which is why we are looking at the potential of non-Hampshire residents contributing to the cost of this service. HWRCs are the most efficient and cost effective way of recycling and it's important that we do everything

we can to maintain our network of sites across Hampshire."

The proposals <<https://democracy.hants.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cid=170&Mid=4195>> to be considered aim to enable residents from outside of Hampshire to continue to use Hampshire HWRC facilities with an appropriate contribution to costs. They detail how the County Council plans to identify Hampshire residents to ensure they can continue to visit any Hampshire HWRC to dispose of household waste material free of charge. Charges for non-household waste (asbestos, plasterboard, soil and rubble) remain. This will involve Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) to allow access for vehicles registered to Hampshire addresses, with no need to wait for any other form of checking.

Hampshire residents can also continue to apply for permits for vans and trailers. The proposals include the introduction of a £15 administration fee to cover the costs of providing the permit to allow 12 visits within a 12 month period. This will be available to Hampshire residents only. Commercial vehicles from both within and outside of Hampshire can continue to use Hampshire HWRCs on a chargeable basis.





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Here in Old Basing, St Marys church, the Methodist church and the Co-op donate weekly, and the school and pre-school groups have collections at Harvest Festival. The big stores – Tesco, Waitrose Morrison, Sainsbury – host donation points and collection days when Food Bank volunteers canvas shoppers to make special donations.

The Basingstoke Food Bank is at Sarum Hill Methodist Church where donated food is weighed, sorted, stored and distributed. Clients, all of them locals, are welcomed with tea and an opportunity to discuss their needs with counsellors.

Clients come to the Food Bank with a voucher issued by their GP, Citizens Advice and others entitling them to sufficient food for their family for three days. Clients can only receive three vouchers; they come with a range of personal difficulties, often temporary, with many waiting for benefits after sudden redundancy or facing a large unexpected bill. On collection days at the large stores we often meet former clients who express their thanks for the help they received when they were in crisis.

Nationally there are about 420 food banks operating at 1230 locations providing over 1.3 million 3-day emergency supplies.



The Basingstoke Food Banks operating at Sarum Hill and Tadley have issued more than 3,500 emergency supplies in the year.

Can you help? It's clear the need won't lessen in the near future. So here's how you can help...

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www.trusselltrust.org

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Old Basing & Lychpit Village Show 2018



On Saturday evening after setting up the tables and laying out the spaces for the different classes and putting up all the signs the Committee went home, only to rise early on Sunday morning to welcome all the entrants from 8.00am.

The number of entries was up this year with 25 new entrants and the highest number of entries since 2010. Once they had all laid out all the produce, flowers and cakes of all shapes and sizes including 11 entries for the Men and Boys cake making, photographs and handicrafts, the judging started, and as always, our independent judges spent the next couple of hours examining, tasting and admiring all the entries.

Then the marks were added up and the winners of all the cups and trophies were ascertained. At 2.30pm the doors opened and in rushed the excited entrants, have I won? The general public then followed, in greater numbers than in previous years, where they enjoyed participating in the raffle and tombola, and then sitting down to refresh themselves with tea, coffee and cake.

The Committee would like to thank all helpers, entrants, advertisers in the Schedule, local companies who donated raffle prizes and of course the public for supporting the Annual Village Show. Next year's Show will take place on Sunday 8th September, see you there.



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Parking & Speeding

Parking - Despite constant requests and complaints, drivers continue to park on the pavements blocking these and causing inconvenience and frustration to pedestrians. It seems that many drivers just bump up onto the footpath as a matter of course. Damaged pavements come out of the Hampshire Highways limited budget for road repairs. The police can prosecute if a vehicle is causing an obstruction on the pavement, there should be room for a wheelchair or pushchair to pass by easily and safely. Some drivers say that they are parking this way to avoid damage from passing vehicles on a narrowed road. Will this avoid damage from a disgruntled pedestrian?

The Borough Council has proposed extension to the parking restrictions (more double yellow lines) around St Mary's Junior School and Great Binfields Primary School. The Parish Council supports this but has commented that increased enforcement should accompany this. Old Basing Infants School has a number of initiatives to try to alleviate parking problems around this school.

Speeding - There continues to be complaints about speeding traffic in the Parish, including requests for a 20 mph speed limit and a one way system. These are ongoing problems and the Parish Council has pushed for these previously.

One way System - Our roads are not suitable for a one way system and previous ideas had a number of residents objecting. A one way system is unlikely.

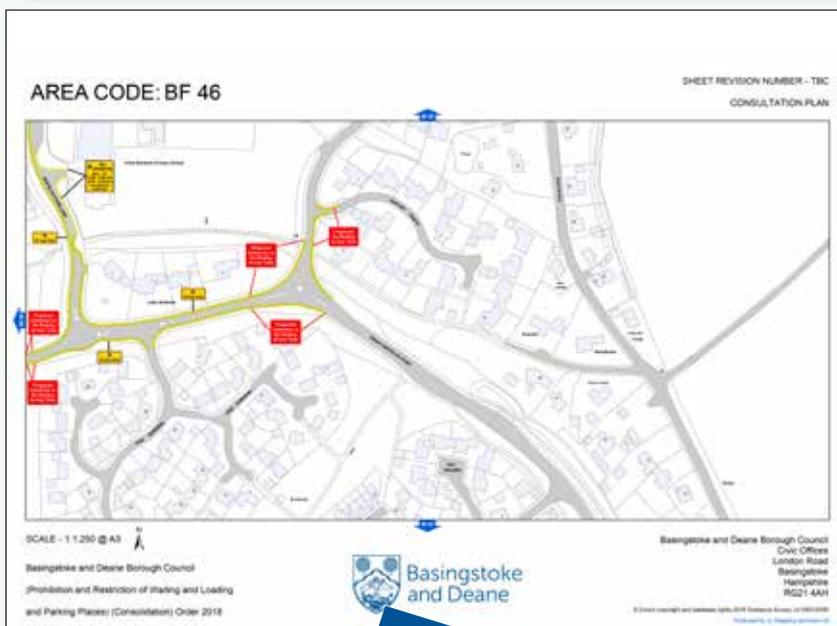
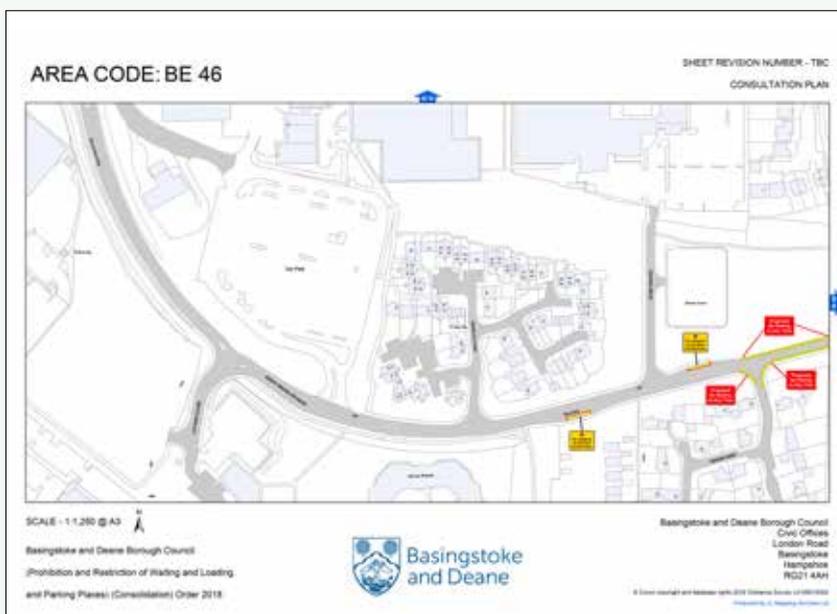
A 20 mph limit - This got as far as identifying the roads through Old Basing for this limit. However, after a pilot scheme in other parts of Hampshire, the Highways department decided they would not introduce anymore 20 mph limits.

Hampshire County have said - "Following an evaluation of recent Residential 20mph Speed Limit Pilots, it was agreed that no further such schemes would be implemented, but that the existing schemes will be retained. The decision was that any future speed limit schemes would be prioritised in accordance with the Traffic Management policy approved in 2016, and thereby limited to locations where injury accidents attributed to speed are identified, with proposals assessed in accordance with current policy and Department for Transport guidance on setting speed limits."

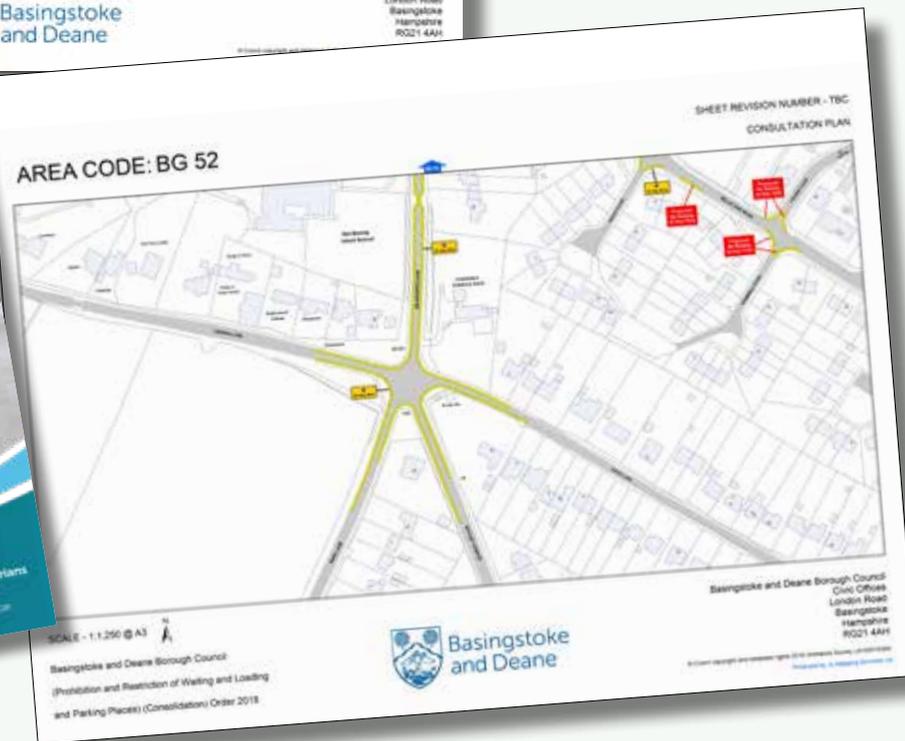
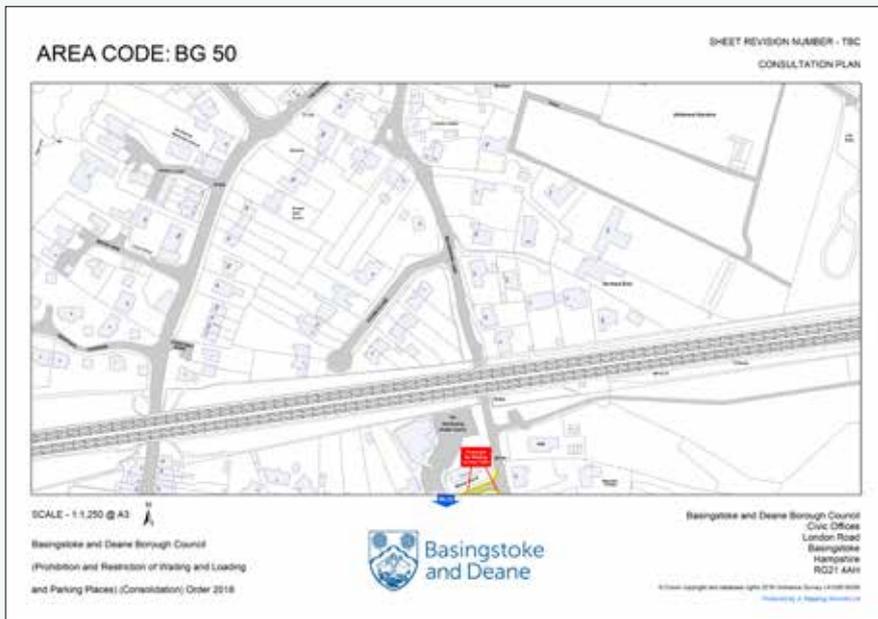
It could be argued that Hampshire Highways have been selective in their interpretation of the results. Readers may like to decide that for themselves. The full report is at - <https://democracy.hants.gov.uk/documents/s19304/Report.pdf>

Speedwatch - We have a limited number of Speedwatch Volunteers so we are unable to get out as much as we would like; volunteers are always welcome contact the Parish Clerk. Does anyone suffer from insomnia? Then join the Speedwatch volunteers and turn out at 6:30 in the morning and catch the worst offenders, the early morning rush hour rat runners!

*Peter Bloyce
Parish Council Vice Chairman*



These maps show the proposed parking restrictions around the schools in Old Basing and Binfields School, Chineham.





Old Basing Bowling Club

Looking forward to 2019 we will be holding our Open Days on Saturday 13th and Sunday 21st of April from 10.30am to 2.00pm. Beginners and interested bowlers are invited to give bowls a try free of charge and see our Club facilities on either of these days. Bowls will be provided but try to bring flat soled shoes.

The 2018 season saw glorious weather and some excellent bowling conditions. OBBC had some splendid results in District competitions. Yvonne Bannister and Anita Christian won the North Hampshire Ladies Pairs whilst Dave Morris triumphed in the Basingstoke District Novice Singles, recovering from a deficit of 11/20 to win 21/20. A great come back. Mick Seymour and Chris Beadle finished runners up in the Basingstoke over 65 Pairs.

League results include the Ladies team finishing 2nd in their league and a 1st place for the Men's Triples in the Monday Basingstoke League Division 2 ensuring promotion for 2019. All other teams remain in their leagues for next season.

OBBC annual competitions came to an end on the weekend of September 1/2 with the final 12 games played. After 150 matches played during the season the weekend saw very high standard, competitive and hard fought finals. Club Champions were: Men-Martin Cullis and Ladies-Lin Osborne. Special mention also to Yvonne and Martin Bannister for multiple wins in other finals.

For information on Open Days or Membership please see our website www.oldbasingbowlingclub.co.uk or contact Maurice Bates, Chairman on **01256 328423** or Secretary Stella Hayden on **01256780388**.

Finally I must mention that in the last few weeks two long serving members and former club officials have passed away. Alan Turvey was Chairman of the club from 1997 until 2014 and Norman Hillier served as Club Secretary from 1991 until 2015.

We would like to acknowledge their outstanding contributions to Old Basing Bowling Club over so many years and to bowls in both Hampshire and the local Basingstoke and Whitchurch leagues.

Maurice Bates, Chairman

Old Basing Ivy Club

We would love you to come and join us, have a nice cup of tea (even cakes sometimes) and have an afternoon of social interaction.

The Ivy Club is an over 60's Group who meet every Wednesday in the Royal British Legion Hall from 1.30 pm to 4.00 pm at a nominal charge of £1.50 which includes a free raffle ticket.

There is never a dull moment, we play Bingo, have Quiz afternoons, provide entertainment, Bring and Buy Sales, the occasional speaker and just to keep all your joints operational a very gentle keep fit class.

We are always open to new activities so your suggestions are always welcome. We have been known to do community singing, but I don't think any local choirs have anything to worry about. We also have an annual seaside outing. We are open to ladies and gentlemen who live in the area and surrounding districts.

You can be assured of a warm welcome so why not give us a try. If you would like to know more about us, please feel free to telephone me on **01256 328196**.

Sue Wilson - Chairman

Archer wins gold at the Invictus Games



Old Basing Archer Jenny Collins clinched gold in the women's open recurve section at this year's Invictus Games. In a thrilling five set final at the Sydney Olympic Park Hockey Centre she beat Australian Jocelyn McKinley 6 points to 4. Jenny also picked up bronze in the team open recurve category.

It's becoming something of a tradition at OBA. At last year's games in Canada, Clare Langham-Phillips won bronze in the Women's novice recurve section.



take part gain valuable points towards their overall GB rankings – important for those with an eye on the 2020 Olympics!

The OBA Siege Shoot, though, can trace its roots back much further than 2016. First shot in the early 1970s, we used to run this as a friendly, inter-club event. Specifically for longbow, it latterly included other bow types. The name commemorates the Civil War siege of Basing House in 1643.

Another famous battle - the Battle of Basing in 871 between the Saxons and Danes – is also remembered in our second World Record Status shoot, this time held in February at Hampshire Court Hotel in Chineham.

The 2019 event – on 23 and 24 February - will be our second World Record Status 'Battle of Basing' shoot and we expect some 160 archers for the one-day indoor tournament. The previous evening sees the highly popular Nerves of Steel, where archers shoot a single arrow at a target 18m away, but which is covered by a thick steel plate with a small hole in the centre. Miss and you go home... with one damaged arrow. Hit and you progress to the next round, where the diameter of the opening reduces. Last archer standing gets the medal and manages to keep all his/her arrows intact. Great fun.

Both these top ranking events show just how far OBA has come in the past few years. Our profile nationally within the sport has never been better and this is reflected by the number of members we have – in excess of 100 - and the growing waiting list of those wanting to learn the sport and join the club. It all bodes well for a full and busy 2019 year of shooting.



Twixt two top tournaments Autumn finds Old Basing Archers midway between organising two big, national shoots.

In September, we ran our highly popular and hugely successful Siege Shoot. Top archers – including some from the club itself - attended this highly-praised event over two days on a sunny September weekend at the Recreation Ground.

Both days consisted of a normal round of 72 arrows over 70m. The maximum score possible is 720 and the current world record stands at 700 for senior men and 691 for senior women. The top scores over the weekend came from Team GB shooters Tom Hall from Warwick and Eleanor Piper from Woking, with 651 and 639 respectively. To put that in perspective, the OBA club record is 628 (held by our tournament organiser Andy Caine).

The 140 archers, who included a number of disabled archers including Paralympians, were ranked based on their scores. After lunch the competitors took part in a shoot off, one-against-one Olympic style, where each archer shot three arrows per set; two points for a win, one for a draw and the first to six points progressed.

In its current format, the Siege Shoot has been running for three years and is ranked as a World Record Status shoot, which means those who

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Tennis Club

Old Basing Tennis Club is situated in Rileys Lane, Old Basing, alongside the recreation ground and the allotments.

The club has four all weather courts and a clubhouse with facilities. We welcome new members at any time of the year, so if you would like to find out more about us please contact our Secretary by emailing OBTC.Information@gmail.com or have a look at our website: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/OldBasingTennisClub> we can also be found on Face Book.

The club is run by a committee of volunteers who organise various events throughout the year and keep the clubhouse well maintained. The club is affiliated to the LTA which enables members to join, for free, the British Tennis Membership (BTM) which means they can enter the club's Wimbledon Ballot and have a chance to go to this prestigious tournament.

Finals' Day on Saturday, 1st September was a great success - fine weather & excellent tennis! Well done to the runners up & congratulations to the winners! Here are the results:

Men's Singles: Jamie Thomas beat Mike Chamberlain 6-0 6-0

Ladies' Singles: Penny Luke beat Bev Cleaver 6-4

Men's Doubles: Jamie Thomas & Andy Mountford beat James Chamberlain & Del Salter 6-3 6-3

Ladies' Doubles: Penny Luke & Jane Hatter beat Sandie Benham & Bev Cleaver 3-6 6-4 10/5

Mixed Doubles: Lynne Thomas & Jamie Thomas beat Penny Luke & Andy Mountford 6-1 6-1

Men's Handicap: Graeme Robertson & Nigel Hatt (0) beat Clive Barham & Rob Lewin (-15) 3-6 6-3 10/8

Ladies' Handicap: Lynn Pullen & Jan Petto (0) beat Robyn Lewin & Lynne Thomas (-15) 6-3 6-1

Following on from his triple success at Old Basing, club member Jamie Thomas carried on with his winning streak at the Basingstoke & District League Finals' Day. Competitors played matches over the summer and the finalists then competed at Beechdown on the 16th September.

Jamie won the Men's Singles Final in straight sets. He will be awarded his trophy at the Basingstoke & District League AGM in November.

*Lynne Thomas
Chair - Old Basing Tennis Club*



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The fourteenth Old Basing Parish Golf day took place on September 21st at Sherfield Oaks.

Thirty two players endured a very windy and sometimes showery day, though a brighter afternoon did mean a better end to what were difficult playing conditions.

Regardless, an enjoyable event was had and which considering the conditions, produced some very good scores in each of the morning and afternoon events.

A fun team Texas scramble over 10 holes of the Wellington course was played in the morning and the winners were Malcolm and Carolyn Leavey, Pete Fincham and Linda Sexton with the foursome of Lee Price, Paul Cooper, John and Rob Fullicks filling second place.

The afternoon saw the main event take place on the Waterloo course with each player competing in an individual Stableford competition. As well as receiving prizes bought out of part of the entry fee, the players fought for the right to pick up the perpetual award shield as well.

For only the second time in the event, a lady won the day so many congratulations to Keren Western, who as a member of Sherfield Oaks used her course knowledge to just pip the field with 40 points. Keren, who plays off a 26 handicap was understandably very pleased with her victory and as a supporter of the event since its inception her win was much deserved.

Three players scored 39 points but on count back the second spot was filled by Peter Brickell and in third place was John Fullicks.

John Missingham, also a Sherfield member got the ball closer than anyone else on the short 15th to win the Nearest-the-pin prize and he also struck his ball further than anyone else on the straight and narrow 9th to win the Longest Drive. All players collected a bottle of fine wine plus vouchers for the main winners.

A raffle and auction was then held after a great dinner and this raised a commendable £270 for Dementia UK, the nominated charity of this years champion Keren.

The organizers wish to extend a massive thank you to the managers and proprietors of local businesses including The Co-op, Old Basing Takeaway, Old Basing Convenience Store, The Topiary Hair Salon, Olivers Fish and Chips, The Millstone Pub, The Hatch, The Crown, and Sherfield Oaks for their very generous donations of prizes. We would have not been able to have raised anywhere near this amount without the invaluable help of these businesses.

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Old Basing Village Hall & Frank Goddard Room

This modern, well maintained venue is perfect for weddings and birthday parties from 1 to 100 consisting of three halls that can adapt to most group needs. The hall is fully licensed and has a stage and a large well equipped kitchen. The hall hosts many groups throughout the week such as ballet classes, playgroup sessions, karate, short mat bowls, table tennis, archery, line dancing and yoga. The weekend is kept free for one-off bookings such as weddings, parties, christenings etc. and we also hold jumble sales, scouting and guides events, quiz nights, religious services, blood donation sessions, flower shows, pantomimes, charity functions - in fact celebrations of all kinds.



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



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

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Parish Meeting Room

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Basing House

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Walled Garden

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

Courtyard

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

Learning/Community Room

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

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

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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

Tuesday

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Circuit Training

Wednesday

Lisa Jane School of Dance

Thursday

Drama Tots
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Friday

Kids Kan Dance
The Loft Music Night
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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

Pavilion Tea Room

The Pavilion Tea Room overlooks the recreation ground in Old Basing and is ideal for smaller groups and parties of up to 20 people or for sports groups wishing to provide refreshments to spectators. The small kitchen area is equipped with microwave and fridge and there is direct access to the changing rooms and toilet facilities.

Pavilion Committee Room

Located above the Parish Office and with WiFi and a projector/screen the committee room is an affordable venue for meetings or training events of up to 20 people. The adjacent kitchen area is available for preparation of light refreshments. A virtual tour of this room is available on the Parish website.

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



Hall following refurbishment



Committee Room

Old Basing & Lychpit big Turkey Community Christmas Lunch

Come and celebrate Christmas together on Saturday, 29th December, at Old Basing Village Hall with our complimentary Big Turkey Community feast! Drinks will be served from 12 noon with lunch starting at 1pm.

Places are limited and filling up really fast, so please book now to avoid disappointment. You can either sign up on the list in the foyer of St Mary's Church, or contact Rachel Jones via email: rachelj.broadwater@googlemail.com or call on 07717 002651.

All ages welcome, with transport provided if needed. We are also grateful for any volunteers who would like to help, if you can spare some time on the day or before then please contact Rachel to join our friendly team, and of course enjoy lunch as well!

This is an event organised by volunteers from Old Basing and Lychpit for the families and residents of our community, in order to create a greater identity and community spirit. It relies on the funding from the Parish Council, support from St Mary's Church, the Basinga (see page 00) and the Four Lanes Trust, the generosity of local vendors, and from donations on the day.

We look forward to seeing you all on the 29th.

Rosey Stevens

Basinga Representative Report

As the Parish representative on the Basinga Committee, supported by the Parish Council, I have been calling for a major update to the Basinga. My suggestions have not always been welcomed leading to some lively debates. However, I am pleased to report that the Basinga Committee did agree to some changes and updating, albeit slowly, at the last Basinga Committee meeting on the 26th of September. Watch out for changes over the next few months. I am told that residents who sent suggestions to the editor will receive a response. Basinga readers can send suggestions/criticisms to the editor at any time.

The Basinga Committee annual accounts were presented on 26th September. These are very healthy in excess of £25,000 in the bank. A copy of the accounts can be supplied on request to the Basinga Secretary. The Committee agreed to "Champion" some local charities. Details of this will appear in the Basinga.

The Community Newsletter does not aim to compete with the Basinga as each has a different focus. The Newsletter primarily reports on Parish, Borough and County Council matters that may affect or be of interest to residents in addition to providing a platform for our resident clubs to promote their activities. Inevitably some overlap of information may occur.

Peter Bloyce
Parish Council Vice Chairman
Basinga Representative

Recipe

Low fat Christmas Pud

Ingredients

- 400g/14oz mixed dried fruit of your choice
- 4 tbsp of rum or brandy
- 90g/3oz of glace cherries halved
- 90g/3oz self raising flour
- 1 tsp of mixed spice
- ½ tsp of cinnamon
- 60g/2oz fresh breadcrumbs
- 60/ 2oz dark muscovado sugar
- Rind of ½ lemon and ½ orange grated
- 125g/4oz apple grated
- 125g/4oz carrot finely grated
- 1 tabs lemon juice
- 2 eggs
- 4 tbsp milk
- 2 tbsp black treacle



Method

1. In a large bowl soak the dried fruit in the rum or brandy and leave to marinate overnight.
2. When ready to make the pudding shake the halved cherries with the flour into a bag, then add all the dry ingredients.
3. Add the peel, grated apple and carrot into the fruit mixture together with the lemon juice.
4. Add all the dry ingredients into the pudding
5. In a separate bowl beat the eggs with the milk and treacle and slowly add to the mixture.
6. Mix together gently and thoroughly
7. Spray 1 litre/2pint pudding basin with 1k oil. Cut a small disc of foil or baking parchment and press into the base of the basin.
8. Spoon into the prepared pudding basin and press the mixture down with the back of a spoon. Cover the pudding with a layer of baking parchment paper and foil, both pleated across the middle to allow for expansion. Tie securely with string and trim off excess paper and foil with scissors.
9. To steam, put the pudding in the top of a steamer filled with simmering water, cover with a lid and steam for four hours, topping up the water as necessary.
10. When cooked through, remove the pudding from the pan and cool completely. Discard the paper and foil and replace with fresh. Store in a cool, dry place.
11. To serve, on Christmas Day, pierce the pudding with a fork and add more rum or brandy steam or boil the pudding for about two hours to reheat.



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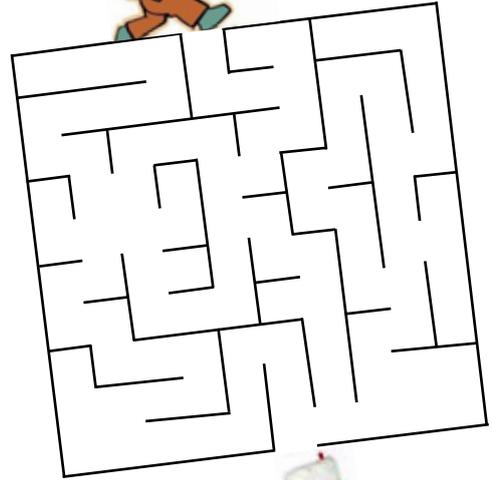
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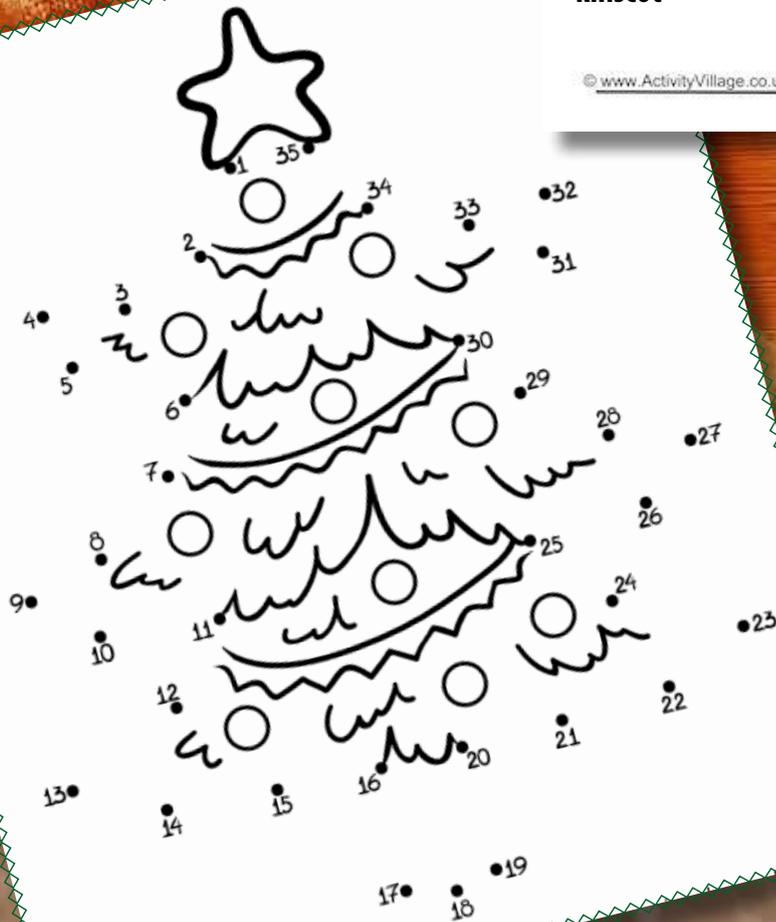
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BASINGA COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD

The Basinga presented its first Basinga Community Spirit Award to the Old Basing & Lychpit Big Turkey Community Christmas Lunch Committee and will be championing their cause by assisting them with their publicity and fundraising.

The Basinga Committee selected them for the Award in recognition of the hard work and the huge logistical operation encountered in bringing together, and providing a complimentary Christmas Lunch, for some 180 residents of the Parish.

The Old Basing & Lychpit Big Turkey Community Christmas Lunch (see page 30) was initiated in 2015 by the Rev Sarah Lloyd, the then Curate of St Mary's Church, to bring together residents, without qualification, to join together to celebrate and provide fellowship at Christmas. When Sarah moved on, the challenge was taken on by the current, independent, small team of committee members to continue the event and make it sustainable for the future.

The committee is supported by a band of volunteers who help with preparations beforehand and on the day. If you would like to get involved or can help in anyway please email Rachel Jones at rachelj.broadwater@googlemail.com or tel. 07717 002651.

The Basinga Committee will be reviewing articles submitted to the magazine to select future Award winners.

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Buy-drink-return: how deposits on cans and bottles will untangle recycling confusion

Litter pick collects a staggering 11,212 drinks containers of all materials and sizes – but the imminent introduction of a deposit return system is set to spark a recycling revolution.

Throughout September, the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) held 35 litter picks across England as part of its nationwide ‘Green Clean’. As well as helping communities clean up their local green spaces, CPRE wanted to highlight the astonishing variety of cans and bottles discarded across our countryside, towns and cities.

The data resulting from the Green Clean events will help the Government as it designs England’s ‘deposit return system’, which – if properly set up to collect every drinks can and bottle – will provide a simple solution to recycling confusion and boost recycling rates for drinks container waste to more than 90%.

CPRE’s evidence demonstrates that there is no limit to the types and sizes of cans and bottles that are causing harm to our wildlife and natural world. It should provide the incentive for the Government to make the right decision and ensure that all cans and bottles, of all types and sizes, are included in England’s deposit return system.

Samantha Harding, Litter Programme Director at the Campaign to Protect Rural England, said:

‘By introducing a simple deposit system the Government has a golden opportunity to end growing scepticism around current recycling methods, collect and recycle more materials than ever right here in the UK, and ensure that those who produce the packaging rightly pay the full cost of recovering the materials that they produce. But it will only work if it is universal in the types of cans and bottles it accepts.’



‘Deposit return infrastructure is the same for large plastic bottles as it would be for small plastic bottles, cans and glass – failing to set the system up to collect all that it can, will set the system up to fail. The Government is committed to tackling waste and boosting recycling and with this solution it has the chance to get things right.’

‘In recent times, there has been a noticeable shift in consumer behaviour and attitudes – people genuinely want to take responsibility for the amount of packaging used. We all want recycling to work, but our data clearly shows that current collection methods are failing.’

In March this year, the Government promised to ‘introduce a deposit return scheme in England for single use drinks containers, subject to consultation later this year’ [5]. However, there are many within the drinks and packaging industries attempting to dilute the system and limit the type and size of containers that will be included.

CPRE will share this data with the Government, via its upcoming deposit return consultation, to make sure England gets the best-designed system. In order to be as effective as possible, the system must accept cans and bottles of all materials, shapes and sizes. That includes drinks

packaging that is on the market now, as well as being future-proofed against changes to the type and size of containers in the future.

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Volunteers taking part in the Green Clean collected a total of 11,212 cans and bottles of all shapes, sizes and materials. Over a third (35%) of those collected were made from plastic, 50% were aluminium, 14% glass and 1% Tetra Pak.

While plastic packaging has been making the headlines, this data shows that two-thirds of all drinks containers littered are made from other materials – such as aluminium and glass – and should be taken just as seriously.

Of the plastics: 10% were small bottles (below 500ml), 71% were medium sized (500ml – average water bottle), 10% were large (501ml-1.5l), and 9% were considered extra-large (more than 1.5l).
Of the cans: 18% were small (below 330ml – small energy drink), 29% were medium sized (330ml – average fizzy drink can), and 53% were large (more than 330ml – average beer can).

Of the glass bottles: 25% were small (under 330ml – stubby and regular beer bottle), 42% were medium sized (400-750ml – larger beer bottle), and 33% were large (more than 750 ml – wine bottles and large spirits bottles).



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