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AUGUST 2019 – NOTES AND NEWS

The cover photograph this month is by **Chris Jocelyn** who writes: *I am a resident of Dewpond Walk in Lychpit. One of my many hobbies is photography and recently captured one of the busy Blue Tits in our nest box. They have recently fledged which I missed but did get a shot of one departing on a foraging mission. I had some pretty good feedback from it so thought I'd share it with you for consideration of a potential Basinga cover photo. I'd be very grateful of course! I will be spending much more time in the local area soon looking for more inspiration!*

We are very grateful to **Anna Fairs** for her excellent images over the past years and we look forward to many more. If any reader would like to offer up a photograph of the village environment we would be more than happy to receive them, either for immediate use, as above, or to build up a portfolio of 'village views' that we can use when appropriate.

We are also making changes to our presentation (let us know what you think) and would welcome club and society **logos** and the option to use **photographs** within articles, via the Editor, please.

BASINGA

We welcome both regular and occasional items for the Basinga. The very last date for copy to the Editor for the July edition is **6.00 pm on Saturday, 10th August.** Please use the forms on the Basinga **website www.basinga.org.uk** to get your dates, articles and letters to us (see box on page 15 for further instructions). All advertising enquiries – classified, free adverts or inserts (flyers) can also be made via the Basinga website. Don't forget that we only accept articles with about a **300 word maximum**.

ADVERTISING ASSISTANT NEEDED

The team would still like to recruit an Advertising Assistant to provide back up to the Advertising Manager. This is an opportunity to learn new skills in processing advertiser enquires and advert graphics. Knowledge of Word and Excel would be an advantage but training will be available in the use of Adobe InDesign and Photoshop applications. For information about this volunteer role please contact: advertising@basinga.org.uk.

OLD BASING CARNIVAL

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 23rd October (new date) in the Frank Goddard Room at the Village Hall at 8.00pm. At this meeting the Committee will once again be sharing out some of the profits to local groups that helped and/or took part in this year's carnival procession. If you would like to be considered for a share, please send your request, indicating what the money will be used for and how you helped and/or took part in the carnival, in writing to Joe Croombs, 12 The Smithy, Bramley, Hampshire, RG26 5AY or email oldbasingcarnival@outlook.com by 5.00pm on Sunday, 1st September. All emails will be acknowledge therefore if you do not get a response with 72 hours, please resend. This date is set and no late requests will be accepted. Please note that no telephone or individual requests will be considered. A member of your group is required to be present at the Annual General Meeting.

Thanks again for all your support and we look forward to our **50th Celebratory Year**; on **20th June 2020**, where the theme will be '**50 Golden Years – anything goes**'. So we will be expecting to see an array of things from the last 50 years and maybe something new!

Joe Croombs, Chair, Old Basing Carnival Committee

OLD BASING INFANT SCHOOL

By the time you read this we will have finished the school year and the final weeks were not quiet by any means! The summer holidays were welcomed by all as an opportunity to reflect upon a successful academic year, look forward to the upcoming academic year and most importantly; to rest and recharge!



We have crammed in an action packed sports morning which was made even more exciting by the potential of a downpour from the threatening clouds overhead! Thankfully though the rain stayed away (just!) and much fun was had by all as every child competed to earn points for their class in an array of events such as discus, javelin, shot put, hammer and running events.

Each year group has performed at their end of year assembly and gave the children the opportunity to showcase their favourite parts of the academic year. The Year 2 assembly was particularly poignant as this was the opportunity to reflect upon not only their Year 2 journey but to look at their accomplishments and time in the Infants school. We wish them the very best of luck as they move onwards into junior education.

Our governing body are looking for a **new co-opted governor** to assist the governing body. Their main aim is to maintain and improve the standard of education for all pupils, of all abilities. Their role is to oversee the development of the school and work alongside the Head Teacher providing support. Should you wish to be considered for this role please contact the chair of governors; **Johnathan.Richards@oldbasing.hants.sch.uk** for more information.

We are looking forward to greeting our new cohort of children and their families in September as they begin their educational journey with us. Additionally we have an **Open Morning** on **18th September** for prospective parents for the 2020/2021 cohort. Please call our school office on **01256 325704** to make appointment.

WHY JOIN SCOUTS?

What better way to tell you about joining the scouting adventure than to ask one of our older scouts to do this for me! So this is Hugh's view of scouting both worldwide and with **Old Basing Cavalier Scouts**. Hugh has just achieved the highest award in Scouts, his Gold Chief Scout Award and this was the one of his final tasks. Scouts is a fun way to learn new life skills, make new friends, even travel around the world.

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At Old Basing Cavalier Scouts, we have a range of camps varying from just six mile hikes to full blown survival camping in the snow for all winter campers (obviously not many!).

We also hold patrol competitions about punctuality and being prepared. The prize is decided by the winning patrol choosing an activity that the whole scout troop participate in whether it is going to the Aquadrome or Flip Out.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

BUS SERVICES

The council has made repeated approaches to Stagecoach over the infrequency of buses through Lychpit including a positive suggestion to swap a No 7 route bus with a No 14 to even out the frequency. Sadly we have not even received an acknowledgement let alone a response.

On a happier note, the No. 55 bus is well used - sometimes running to capacity. We understand that if it is full a phone call to the Community Office (01256 320501) will result in another vehicle being despatched to pick up anyone still waiting. The one problem is that anyone picked up in Lychpit cannot return to the same point. Currently the bus leaves Old Basing, travels along Gt Binfields Road, picks up at the bus stop opposite Tesco Express and continues on to Chineham Shopping Centre and central Basingstoke. However, on returning from Basingstoke to Chineham Shopping Centre and along Gt Binfields Road it then turns left into Bartons Lane and Old Basing. Anyone wishing to get off in Lychpit has to do so by the Animal Hospital and walk the rest of the way, possibly with heavy shopping. Cllr Doust has spoken to the Transport Manager responsible for the No. 55 bus requesting the route is extended to continue to the Tesco Express roundabout where it will drop off before returning to Bartons Lane and into Old Basing. The Parish Council has agreed to cover the small cost required by the Traffic Commissioners to implement this change of route so we are hopeful this will be agreed and will happen soon.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS ALONG MILKINGPEN LANE

Hampshire Highways has advised that a proposed traffic regulation order is on its programme for 2019/20 and revised drawings are being prepared to reflect further parking controls requested by our Borough Councillors.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next two meeting dates are **Tuesday**, **6th August** and **3rd September at 7.30pm** in the **Pavilion Committee Room**. All are welcome and anyone with impaired mobility should contact the Parish Office so they can be accommodated.

PARISH COUNCIL

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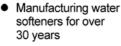
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As we come to the end of a truly wonderful first year, we have been reflecting on some of our highlights. Most recently, was our involvement in the annual **Old Basing Carnival** where we were delighted to have won '1st prize' in the playgroup category and 'Overall Carnival Winners'. It was lovely to see the effort our families put into their costumes and we even had a couple of Flintstone cars! As we have grown and established, we have forged new friendships and renewed previous links with the Village Hall Management Committee, St Mary's Church and the two local schools.

Following our Spring term environment audit, we took the chance to work in partnership with two of our parents who have helped us to re-model our garden area; we now have artificial grass in our smaller garden (making those wet days even easier!) and a wonderful new sandpit and den-building area in our rear garden! As you can imagine, both gardens have been a HUGE hit with our little ones! We took inspiration from the children's interest in the Emergency Services and arranged visits by a police patrol car and a fire engine (complete with crew!).

On behalf of the whole of the team at Old Basing Village Nursery School, I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to the local community for making us feel so welcomed - we feel very lucky to be a part of such a wonderful community. As always, if you have a little one and are thinking of sending them to nursery school over the next 12-18 months, please get in touch for a visit: 07557642510 or email oldbasingvillagenurseryschool@gmail.com

Victoria Grayson, Nursery School Manager

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This year's **Summer Reading Challenge**, Space Chase, has already launched successfully! Don't worry if you haven't been able to register your children to date, as the scheme runs until 14th September so there is still plenty of time. Don't forget if you come on Wednesdays between 10.00am and 2.00pm there are free space-themed crafts for the children to enjoy while collecting their stickers. Alongside the Challenge we are also running a children's colouring competition, with prizes including free tickets for various local venues. Saturday **Storytimes** will continue every week at 11.00am, and **Construction Club** in the afternoons from 2.00 to 3.30pm. The weekly Tuesday **Rhymetimes** continue as usual, with under ones at 10.00am and over ones at 11.00am.

In addition to all this, there are several extra ticketed events during August. On the 10th are some exciting **sculpture workshop** sessions at 10.30am to 12.30pm and 1.00 to 3.00. These are aimed at 5 to 10 year olds, with bookable tickets available for £5. On 22nd August at 3.00pm we have **Slime Lab**, in which children have fun with slime. This is also aimed at 5 to 10 year olds and tickets are available at £6 each from the Library or the online shop. Then on 29th August there are three themed workshops provided by **Explore Learning**. These are aimed at 4 to 7 year olds, and free tickets can be booked through the Library. **Chatterbooks** and **Code Clu**b break for the Summer and will resume in September. **Stay and Play** has completely ceased.

All the adult groups will continue to meet, with the **Crime Reading Group** on 17th August and the **General Reading Group** on 28th August. Both meet at 10.30am. Our **Writing Group** meets on 22nd August from 5.30pm. Age Concern take a break for the Summer.

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THE BUSES OF OLD BASING: PART 5

Before we continue on our journey I would like to thank Mike Simpson for his comments following a previous article. Mike says that he moved to Old Basing in 1970 from London and it took some time to adjust to village life and the local buses, "We had a sharp learning curve to cope with the hourly frequencies and lack of Sunday services. Initially, I often found myself running to catch a bus however some drivers would greet me with the comment that they would have waited, something that never happened in London." Mike often used the Alder Valley service and recalls several trips when the fully loaded bus could not climb to the top of Eastrop Lane so the passengers would dismount and walk around the corner into the flat London Road.

He also points out that there have been some short-lived routes such as Old Basing to Chineham, Basingstoke to Blackbushe Sunday Market, and AV207 Sunday services via Hatch Lane, Daneshill and Oakridge. "The AV207 weekday services briefly detoured via Byfleet Avenue and Hatch Lane. In more recent times, BUZZ Bus route 30 provided a service along A30 between Fleet/Farnborough the and Basingstoke which "replaced" the Stagecoach service to Camberley but it only lasted about three years."

Now I don't want you to think that people like myself and Mike spend all our time pouring over old bus timetables at the expense of other leisure activities; far from it! But for this month's excursion we will see how far we could get from Basing on a 1979 National Wanderbus ticket. These tickets were introduced to facilitate journeys across the various National Bus boundaries and were valid for one day's travel south of a line from the Mersey to the Humber. In 1979 they cost £2.40 and had to be bought in advance from bus stations. A cracking day out for the price of eight loaves of sliced

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Are you ready? It's a Wednesday morning in May, and we are waiting at the Bolton Arms, rubbing our eyes and yawning. The first bus we get on is the 07.04 H&D service 406 to Basingstoke Bus Station where we get the 275 to Andover. There we have 45 minutes to grab ourselves a bacon sandwich and a mug of tea in the rather horrible bus station café before continuing to Salisbury, arriving at 10.27. We buy a can of coca-cola (bottled water had not been invented yet) before we undertake our longest stage of the day, the 90 minute journey to Dorchester. But this where we hit a problem. We want to transfer to Western National bus 432 but there isn't one for a couple of hours. So we have lunch in the Antelope Hotel and suitably refreshed continue on our way, arriving at Axminster Railway Station where we have only minutes to get the 17.34 Western National service to Exeter.

We are now in the shadow of Exeter cathedral. It's just gone 7 o'clock in the evening and, regretting that lunchtime ploughman's lunch and two pints of Badger, we tell ourselves to keep going and get the bus to Torquay. There's no time to appreciate the view or the newly built concrete monstrosities along the coast as, in fading light, we board the last bus (number 128) to Plymouth. Where we arrive, exhausted, after 16 hours, to find that there's nothing open and nowhere to stay. Because this is 1979......

Oh no it's not. My mistake. It's 40 years later and Mrs Maynard is yelling at me to put those bloody timetables away!

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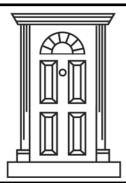
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BASINGSTOKE MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL (BMAF): See Latest News on website for the early announcement of entry deadlines and performances.

BASINGSTOKE VOLUNTARY ACTION

CEO's Update

It's been a whirlwind first quarter of the year for us here at BVA, with lots of new initiatives and partnerships beginning to take shape as we continue to drive forward our refreshed strategy and services. In May we launched our new Community Learning Programme offering a wide range of training courses along with extending our Member Outreach Drop-In sessions. The team have been working hard reaching out the 400+ organisations registered with us to double check we have the latest details and up to contact information for local services. If you're unsure if your organisation holds free BVA membership why not get in touch to find out how we can help. Finally, we're delighted to provide details in this newsletter of our refreshed partnership meetings including the Voluntary Sector Forum, Older Persons Partnership along with an exciting Funders Forum where we shall be welcoming a guest speaker from the National Lottery.

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NEWS FROM BASING HOUSE

On every Tuesday and Thursday in August (save Thursday 8th) we will be running our "Lost Tudor Palace" tour with a local, volunteer guide. The tour lasts 90 minutes and is included in our admission ticket (£9 adults, £6 children, less online) which is valid for admission to the site for twelve months. The tour sets out from our visitor centre, on the eastern end of the Great Barn at 1.30pm on Tuesdays and 11.15am on Thursdays. Cars should be parked in our car park by Barton's Mill. Given the outdoor nature of Basing House the tour may not run in bad weather conditions.

Following the performance of Pride and Prejudice in the Basing House walled garden on 26th July, the **Chapterhouse Theatre Company** will be returning to perform **Wuthering Heights** on **Sunday 1st September**, with **gates opening** at **5.00pm** and the performance starting at **6.00pm**. You will need to bring low backed chairs and probably a picnic.

You can enjoy Basing House and its grounds before the performance starts, and there is **free parking close to the performance just off Redbridge Lane**, Old Basing RG24 7HB – access is by the turning off Redbridge Lane on the far side (ie the A30 side) of the old canal bridge to the village and following the lane. This is not the usual Basing House car park near the Barton's Mill pub, which is a considerable walk from the walled garden, especially if you are carrying chairs and a picnic!

Full details and how to book for these performances and the tours are on the website: www.hampshireculture.org.uk/basing-house or by phone on 01256 463965 (11:00am to 4:00pm, except Fridays). Theatre prices are adults £16, children £11; family (2+2) £46.

Andrew Howard 01256 327014

THE MILL FIELD CONSERVATION GROUP

What's around this month:

Bird activity in the field during August will see the migrants moving back through the field with the departing house martins, swifts and swallows moving on southwards. Dragonfly numbers will be increasing, due to the migrant species – look out for the southern hawker and brown hawker. The Butterfly numbers finally took off last month as the weather warmed up, those we have will still be keeping up good numbers throughout the month. Finally, for the plants, we had very good numbers of orchids this year in particular a rare occurrence on-site of the Birds Nest Orchid. Another newer plant for the field currently flowering is the frothy yellow Lady's Bedstraw in the top meadow, and finally look out for the large yellow daisy-like flowers of the fleabane – a magnet for butterflies in past years.

Anne Francis (07974 944439)

Email: millfieldoldbasing@yahoo.co.uk Facebook: Mill Field Conservation Group

VILLAGE CAFÉ - A CAFÉ FOR THE VILLAGE, BY THE VILLAGE!

The Village Café will be open as usual during the summer, with the exception of the last two Fridays in August (23rd and 30th). Friday afternoons, 2 pm - 4.30 pm in the Parish Room of St Mary's Church. We'd love to hear from you if you would like to get involved, either as a baker or volunteer.

Please call 07813 186328 or email: the village cafe old basing @gmail.com if you would like to help.

Thank you for your support.

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CARNIVAL UPDATE THANK YOU

Wow what can I say? Such an amazing array of colourful and imaginative Comic and Cartoon Characters themed procession entrants combined with an outstanding arena displays from our local talented young dancers, fantastic Royal British Legion Band and Military Wives Choir, Odiham, whose amazing voices carried us away. I hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

On behalf of the Carnival Committee, I wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone for their amazing support again at this year's Carnival. Special thanks to Liz Wood for opening the carnival. The Royal Party and Liz did an amazing job giving out all the awards and Miss Amelia May kindly gave out the rosettes to our cherished cars and bikes attendees.

The day was only possible because of the army of volunteers who provided their time, muscles and support, on and before the day. Some of these helpers come year in, year out and some are new. Thanks to Basing Singers who man the gates, the wonderful ladies who supported Sandie in the tea tent and Terry, Roger, Sue and team who ran the BBQ and Jackie and family who helped Kath run the tombola. The Basingstoke Shed Men who helped erect the marquees and Pat, Nick, Caroline, Matt, Paul, Nigel and Cadets who helped marshal the procession route and Helen and Ollie who made all the social media and communications possible.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to the Carnival Committee, who continue to work so hard, in so many different ways, to make the Carnival such an enjoyable and successful day! The other key person in our team is Stephen Richardson, the Grounds and Facilities Manager at the Rec. Without Stephen and his team we would never get everything out and up in preparation or away in such a timely and safe way!

Thanks also to all our sponsors, who provide raffle prizes and advertisements, which all support the success of the carnival. Special thanks to everyone who took part in the Scarecrow competition, and Sandie Rice for coordinating it. Thanks to Aidan Hannigan for another amazing programme. Congratulations to Xavier Family for winning the adult prize for their wonderful Pink Panther and Inspector Clouseau and to Charlotte and Emilie Jarrett for winning the child prize for Lady Bug and Eiffel Tower. We are hoping to have even more next year and for more to enter their fantastic creations!!

Congratulations to the Old Basing Village Nursery School for winning the Viner Cup as the overall procession winner for their wonderful rendition of the Flintstones.

Thank you to Russell Taylor and Andy Caine for allowing us to use their cherished cars in the procession to bring our royal party to the carnival in style.

Now that the 2019 carnival is over, the committee have already started planning for next year's carnival, hopefully ours biggest ever as it is the 50th anniversary and will be held on Saturday, 20th June 2020 and the theme is "50 Golden Years – anything goes".

Many thanks

Joe Croombs
Chair, Old Basing Carnival Committee

See Page 3 for information about next year's Carnival, Carnival Annual General Meeting and the distribution of funds from this year's Carnival.

INVITATIONS

I had a special invitation recently.

It was to the licensing service for Heather. the new Vicar at St Mary's. It was a lovely evening, with lots of us dressed up in our best clerical gear to welcome her. Exciting to meet her and realise that she was going to bring something very new and different to Old Basing and Lychpit. The bishop was his normal lively self and he is rejoicing that he will be back in Old Basing soon to baptise the new baby at the vicarage, Grace.

Can you think of an invitation you have received to a church service? It is my privilege to conduct marriages, christenings and funerals. Without such opportunities to travel with people at important moments in their lives I could never be fulfilled as a minister.

I worry though people think that you need a personal invitation to attend a church. Our services at Old Basing Methodist Church are acts of public worship and the services are open to everyone. You don't need to be a Methodist, you don't even need to believe to come and join us. You might be curious, confused or lonely. You might be grieving or rejoicing. I am sure that all this is also true of St Mary's. In both churches you will find a welcome, no strings attached.

I met a lady the other day who was not sure whether she could attend our craft sessions as an Anglican. Everyone is welcome!

Some people worry that God or the church will be cross with them for staying away so long! I spent eight years out of the church community when I was younger and the welcome I received when I returned made me silently weep for joy. I pray it will be the same for you.

Then people worry that they won't know what to do. It really doesn't matter. You can copy us, you can challenge us! No one will expect you to know what to do and if they do not offer you help then ask for it.

Above all this know that you always invited into the love of God and his desire is to bless you and give you hope and joy and peace!

It was a challenge to me to pick an invitation from God to you because there are so many but in Matthew's gospel, we find these words from Jesus, quoting his Father, God.

"Come to me all of you who are tired from the heavy burden you have been forced to carry. I will give you rest. Accept my teaching. Learn from me. I am gentle and humble in spirit. And you will be able to get some rest".

Blessings and love,

Reverend Alison

THIS MONTH AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Saturday, 3rd August Men's Breakfast Group from 8:45 to 10:00 am. Men of all

ages are invited to come along to a full English breakfast in the

Parish Room; you'd be most welcome (price: £4)

Weekly Sunday services at 8.00am and 9.30am. All are welcome. There is a children's corner where young children can play and pray.

After the 9:30 am service refreshments are served in the Parish Room which is an informal setting in which to meet other members of the congregation. If you have time after the service do join us, you will be very welcome.

For more details about the life of St Mary's please visit **www.stmarysoldbasing.org.uk** or St Mary's Face Book page where you will find fresh updates.

The church is open daily for prayer and you are welcome as you are every Sunday.

Looking forward:

Sunday, 1st September 9:30 am. Sunday Service with Blessing of School Bags

Sunday, 8th September 9.30 am. **Patronal Festival**Sunday, 6th October 10.00 am. **Harvest Festival**

OLD BASING METHODIST CHURCH

Tuesday, 13th August MHA Lunch Club followed by social activity, Noon until 3 p.m.

Sunday, 25th August There will be **no service at Old Basing**. Instead there we be

a united service at Oakridge church from 11.00am.

Tuesday, August 27th Time for prayers and reflection from 2.00pm.

Our **regular Sunday worship** starts at **10.30am**, coffee and tea are served after the service. Children are welcome into our junior church. Come and join us - a warm welcome awaits you.

CHURCHYARD CONSERVATION GROUP (PIOCC)

This month the working parties will be on Saturday 3rd August at 10.00am and Thursday 22nd August at 2.00pm; meet in the church lobby. We will be continuing the summer season maintenance to encourage the wild flowers and associated wildlife. We are always delighted to welcome new participants.

We are a friendly group. This community project is not just for churchgoers, we welcome all who would like to help. The tools are provided. Just turn up in gardening clothes and bring gloves. Our Saturday morning sessions last about 3 hours (with a coffee break and chance to relax) and our Thursday afternoons about 2 hours.

We were delighted last month to see our Yellow Rattle had flowered well. This traditional hay meadow flower is semi-parasitic on grass, weakening it and so allowing the meadow flowers to flourish. We hope it will seed well and carry on its good work. Soon the swifts that screamed as they flew over the churchyard last month will depart for Africa leaving the churchyard strangely quiet, but there is still plenty to see.

This month look for butterflies. Meadow Browns love the tall uncut grass, whilst Speckled Woods prefer the shady woodland. Gatekeepers prefer the purple Marjoram flowers in the sunny Central Glade. The Buddleia flowers are popular with Red Admirals; perhaps you will see Small Tortoiseshells, Peacocks or Painted Lady butterflies nectaring there too. Marbled Whites, the second brood of Brimstones and Common Blues may also appear. Why not come and see what you can find?

The Conservation Area is a community space for all to enjoy. The WI seat is a lovely peaceful shady spot to enjoy a moment of peace and reflection.

For further information please ring Fay Farrant on 01256 476863.

Margaret Carr www.stmarysoldbasing.org.uk

CHURCH FETE IN JUNE

May we again ask The Basinga to pass on our thanks to Ian Kershaw and team, also the Rev`ds Heather and Dominic for a wonderful day on 29th June. It was one of the best fetes that we have attended. We are only sorry for those who missed it. The atmosphere was friendly and gave the new Vicars a true impression of Old Basing and Lychpit residents and what a friendly parish they have come to.

The fete had a very tasty barbecue, there were wonderful cream teas, and lovely stalls of plants, home made cakes and jam, ice cream, crafts etc. There were a variety of children's games, such as hook a duck.

Conducted tours of the church included explanations of the very rare organ and how all the beautiful gold leafed pipes were hidden for years behind wooden panels because they were considered too gaudy for the church by the Victorians.

Children's choirs entertained in the church, which was very popular with everyone, and this was followed by a paper plane throwing competition.

Finally, we entertained with street organs outside the church, and from the amount in our collecting bucket for the church funds, people must have enjoyed our music.

We hope this wonderful fete was a good welcome for our new vicar and her family. We hope they are going to be very happy here.

Love to you all,

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OLD BASING AND LYCHPIT VILLAGE SHOW

Sunday 8th September. With a month to go to your Village Show, it is time to finish off that handicraft item, make a selection of your best photos and put the cork in your wine and beer entry! Entry forms can be found on our website at **www.oblvs.org.uk** or in the vellow booklets that are available free from all the usual places in the Village.

Please do enter the **new Class 1** which is a photo of a decorative hanging basket or planter. For this class only, a hard copy photo should be delivered to the **Show Secretary** no later than **12th August** – so very soon! Full details are in the Show Schedule.

On the day itself, the **Village Hall** is open to the public at **2.30pm** after the judging has taken place, for you to view the exhibits. We also have a fine selection of raffle prizes this year, thanks to local businesses. There will be a tombola, a produce stall and our famous "tearoom" where you can purchase a drink and a slice of homemade cake. Many items will be auctioned off at 4.00pm after the prizes have been awarded.

So come and support your Village Show by entering a class or two and by coming on the day to see what wonderful things have been made and grown by your neighbours! We look forward to seeing you on 8th September.

OLD BASING WI

On 2nd June, 31 Members enjoyed a splendid garden party in Iris's lovely garden. The weather was sunny, if not a little breezy, but this did not dampen our spirits as we tucked into a wonderful buffet prepared by the committee. Thanks to Chris for doing all the shopping. As is customary, we then sampled many different delicious puddings which had been made by our Members to be judged as the competition for the evening. It was a very difficult decision!

Our next **Members' meeting** takes place at **7.30pm** on **Tuesday, 6th August** in the **Parish Rooms**, when we will have a talk on Hampshire Folklore by Terri Reid entitled "The Lady in the Brown Caravan". The competition on this day will be a "small glass ornament".

As well as our regular coffee mornings and lunches, we hold a walk once a month and a popular craft morning. For further details of our activities this month please go to the Hampshire WI website at **www.hampshirewi.org.uk** Click on **WI's** from the top of the page and select Old Basing from the list.

Come and join us and be a part of one of the longest running successful groups in Basingstoke!

OLD BASING TENNIS CLUB

As I write we are enjoying some good weather; it is so good to play tennis outside when it's warm and sunny! Club nights continue to take place on Tuesdays and Fridays from 6.00pm onwards. August sees the quarter finals and semi finals of our Summer Tournament taking place, with Finals Day on Saturday, 7th September; we welcome spectators, so if you would like to see some great tennis please do come and watch.

A date for your diary: the OBTC Annual Quiz will be held on Saturday, 16th November, in Lychpit Hall - more details to follow. Email Jan, our Secretary, for more information at: OBTC.Information@gmail.com We are on Facebook and Instagram, or visit our website: www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/OldBasingTennisClub

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OLD BASING ALLOTMENT AND GARDEN SOCIETY

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If you have got a glut of veg, this is the time to start preserving what you can. Not only does this reduce waste, homemade jams and chutneys make great gifts for Christmas. If you don't fancy yourself as much of a chef, then most fruit and veg can be frozen, either by blanching first or by laying them out in a single layer on a baking tray in the freezer overnight before transferring to an airtight container.

Carrots, runner beans, beetroot, courgettes and sweetcorn will all be ready for harvesting now and you can prune plum trees and trained apples and pears. Keep an eye out for blossom end rot on tomatoes, which is caused by irregular watering. You can still sow salad for the autumn but be sure to keep them out of the direct glare of the sun or they will run to seed. Summer fruiting raspberry canes can be cut to the ground once they have fruited.

If you are going on holiday, try and find an allotment neighbour to keep on top of the watering while you are away. Web: www.facebook.com/oldbasingallotments

Tracy Braybrook

MOSAIC HEALTHCARE PROVIDE ADDITIONAL HEALTH SERVICES

From 1st July, Crown Heights Medical Centre and Odiham and Old Basing Health Centres have joined together to form a Primary Care Network called Mosaic Healthcare.

Primary care networks are not a merger of practices but are based on combining GP registered lists, typically serving natural communities of around 30,000 to 50,000. They are small enough to provide the personal care valued by both patients and GPs, but large enough to have impact and economies of scale through better collaboration between practices and others in the local health and social care system.

Mosaic will be providing additional appointments to meet the demand for services including Osteopathy, Podiatry, Dietary and Counselling . These services will be delivered in evening sessions on Tuesday and Thursdays and during the day on Saturdays.

In addition Mosaic Healthcare has recruited a Social Prescriber who will work across all three sites. Social prescribing, sometimes referred to as community referral, is a means of enabling GPs, nurses and other primary care professionals to refer people to a range of local, non-clinical services.

Social prescribing schemes can involve a variety of activities which are typically provided by voluntary and community sector organisations. Examples include volunteering, arts activities, group learning, gardening, befriending, cookery, healthy eating advice and a range of sports.

Social prescribing is designed to support people with a wide range of social, emotional or practical needs, and many schemes are focussed on improving mental health and physical well-being. Those who could benefit from social prescribing schemes include people with mild or long-term mental health problems, vulnerable groups, people who are socially isolated, and those who frequently attend either primary or secondary health care.

Mosaic are planning to extend their non-clinical services from September when the Citizens Advice Services in Basingstoke and Hart will be holding advice sessions based at the surgeries for the sole use of the registered patients.

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Summer seems to have arrived at last and our Group have several suitably summery activities in the diary. As we are a very social group we have planned an afternoon tea for 16th July and a return of our very popular **wine tasting** on **5th August**.

At our July meeting we got in touch with our inner child with a meeting on Transactional Analysis where we discovered if we were a Critical Parent; a Free Child or something in-between. Much hilarity considering some typical exchanges between husbands and wives or parents and children. Some of our members also enjoyed an impromptu outing to Shakespeare in the park.

Last month our Reading Group departed from the usual novel by reading This is Going to Hurt by Adam Kay, a diary from his days as a junior doctor which gave a very interesting insight into the workings of our NHS. We return to the traditional novel this month with, Into the Darkest Corner by Elizabeth Haynes. We will also be offering the usual mix of cinema or theatre trips or any other activities members recommend.

If you are looking for something a little different, enjoy some lively conversation and a variety of activities to choose from then do come along and meet us. We usually meet in the afternoon in each others' homes on the first Monday of the month. Our Lunch club meets at various venues on different days of the week and our book lovers meet 8.00pm every 4th Thursday. For more information about NWR do look at: **nwr.org.uk** or to find out about our group do get in touch. You can be sure of a warm welcome at any of our meetings so come and check us out with no obligation to join. Please contact: **Sandie** by email: **sandra.tapping@gmail.com** or telephone **Karen Dann**: **01256 328488**

Diane Hope

BASINGSTOKE AND DISTRICT RAILWAY SOCIETY

At our first meeting this month, at **7.45pm on Wednesday, 14th August,** we will hear about **The Canadian Pacific Project** at our local heritage railway, the Watercress Line. Dr Becky Peacock, Project Supervisor at the Mid-Hants Railway, will bring us up to date with progress on the major lottery-funded project to restore Merchant Navy class locomotive 35005 Canadian Pacific and two Bulleid coaches and the associated educational programme.

The following meeting at **7.45pm on Wednesday, 28th August** will take us overseas again as Society member Norman Hogg will present **South African Steam - the Narrow Gauge Lines**. Norman will describe the history and development of the 2-foot gauge lines of South Africa and will visit lines in the Cape and Natal provinces and the private Sandstone Estate railway in the Free State.

Our meetings are held at **The Wote Street Club** in **New Road** in **Basingstoke** town centre. We welcome new members to the Society and are always pleased to see non-members at our meetings at a cost of just £3. For more information about the Society, membership and our programme of meetings in 2019 take a good look at our website at **www.bdrs70d.com** or telephone **01256 331002.**

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Basingstoke Camera Club always welcomes new members, whether novices or advanced photographers. The club meets every Thursday, September to May at Oakridge West Community Centre. For further information on Basingstoke Camera Club visit our website: **www.basingstokecameraclub.co.uk**

THE HAMPSHIRE OPEN STUDIOS SCHEME - FUSED GLASS STUDIO

Hampshire Open Studios is a scheme encouraging local artists throughout Hampshire to open their studios and homes to showcase their work, some of which hopefully you will buy as well as admire – giving an ideal opportunity to acquire an original piece.

There are several artists showing interesting and inspirational work in the area. To find them and for more information visit **www.hampshireopenstudios.com**

Aileen Mayers is a local fused glass artist who will be opening her studio in Old Basing,

under the scheme again and you would be very welcome to visit and browse her colourful fused glass artwork including glass pictures and hangings, glass homewares including dishes and coasters, and dichroic and glass jewellery.

The Glass Studio, 8 Almond Close, Old Basing. Opening dates: Every day from **Saturday 17th** to **Bank Holiday Monday 26th August, 11.00am** to **5.00pm**. Other times of the year by appointment; phone **01256 476732**. For more details go to: **www.aileenmayers.co.uk**

Aileen Mayers

VOLUNTEER BEFRIENDING - JOIN US

St. Michael's Hospice and **Odiham Cottage Hospital** is recruiting volunteer befrienders The **Befriending service** operates in the **Odiham, Hook, Hartley Wintney,** and **Old Basing** areas and is looking for home visiting volunteers. This summer has seen the service celebrate five years and we currently have 52 volunteers.

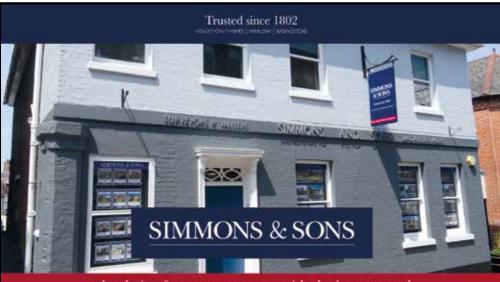
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For just two hours a week, you can make a real difference to someone living in your local community. Relevant training, as well as regular and ongoing support will be held locally at Odiham Cottage Hospital. The next three day training course will be held in November 2019

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THE GOOD OLD BASING GOLF DAY 2019

The annual Good Old Basing Charity golf day will take place on **Friday**, **September 6th** at **Sherfield Oaks** golf course.

Contact Steve or Rick for a form if you would like to play in what is our fifteenth annual event. The day will consist of 27 holes of golf, coffee & bacon roll, lunch and two-course dinner, plus contribution to prizes, all for just £58.

Cost to members of Sherfield Oaks will be £32. 'Other halves' are warmly invited to join everyone for the evening meal and presentation for just £15.

As well as having the chance to win some great prizes at the golf, there will be some excellent offers during the raffle and auction. The event is also designed to raise money for the winners' chosen charity so you need to be prepared if you win! The event is intended for, but not exclusively to Old Basing and Lychpit residents. Families of residents and former villagers are very welcome to play.

Last date for entry will be Friday 30th August

Rick Bourne 07900 648675 and Steve Western 07920 840985

ARMED FORCES GOLF DAY 2019- RESULT

Twenty five players turned out for June's event at Sherfield Oaks and enjoyed a great day with fine weather, good food and (mostly) good golf!

The day was won by Peter Fincham with a great score of 43 points, closely followed by Steve Western on 41 and yours truly with 40 points. The winning team comprised of Malcolm Leavey, Pete Fincham, Ken Chapman and Robin Jones, all picking up a bottle of plonk for their efforts. Par three nearest the pin winners were Pete Wooldridge, Dave Whitby, Aiden Brophy and Rick Bourne with Damian Goldsmith smashing his ball further than anybody else to win the Longest Drive competition.

The true winner though was the **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal** who benefited to the tune of £374 and it was a great pleasure to hand over the proceeds to RBL Poppy Appeal organizer Tim Russel.

Very well done to all the winners but thanks to all involved for the extraordinary generosity,

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Women's Section

A **General Meeting** will be held on **Friday, August 23rd** at **7.30pm** in the Jack Morris Hall, followed by Liz Woods giving a talk on Life in the RAF. Competition: Ornate picture frame up to A4 in size.

A note for your diary, The Women's Section are holding their Christmas Bazaar on the 24th November from 2.00pm to 4.00 pm.

Sue Wilson - Publicity

Also, on **Thursday, August 1st** there will be a **Monthly Branch Meeting**, arriving at **7.45pm** for **8.00pm** start. In the Jack Morris Hall.

NATURE NOTES (AND COMMON UPDATE) FOR AUGUST

Social media users will know that a bit of a storm brewed last month regarding proposed grass cutting and herbicide spraying across the Common. This was to satisfy a possible livestock owner who wished to graze a large head of cattle, thus bringing in valuable income to the Trustees of the fields.

Well after much wringing of hands, heightened emotions and a public meeting, the issues and concerns look to have been mainly resolved but I intend to use a paragraph or so each month of Nature Notes to keep everyone updated. Whilst the grass cutting took place, (although the spraying did not) it caused much consternation that skylarks, if nesting, would have been badly affected by the action. This would have been regrettable of course but in all probability it would have been a temporary setback for the birds as they breed until August and oddly the grass is now the height they actually prefer. The long term benefit for the common will be that shorter grass may well increase the variety of plants and flowers next year which of course will encourage a wider variety of butterflies and insects. Just under 50 horses will be grazing there by the time you read this too so everyone 'should' be happy that the Common is being used for the very purpose its there for. Fingers crossed!

Thanks to Sheila Grassi, Steve Western, Bridget Holland, Stephen Thair and Phil Males for observations and photos this month.

Sheila, who lives on the outskirts of the village in Newnham Lane, does see a variety of wildlife and was blessed by the regular visit of a Great Spotted Woodpecker and son (or daughter) to her feeder. That was fine but husband Don was not so pleased by a couple of Roe deer that skulked in one evening to completely obliterate his French

and runner bean crops. The joys of the countryside eh?

Now whether it was a native hornet or one of the new invasive Asian species I don't know but both Sheila and Steve Western found dead ones and that's just as well because these are frightful looking beasties that one wouldn't go near if alive. Please look up the Asian type if you find a hornet as these can decimate bee populations and authorities want to know of any that turn up.

Talking of pests, the mink that we know dwell along our Loddon have bred. Bridget Holland of Manor Lane, was held in traffic for a short while near the Basing Road bridge when a small, lithe black shape shot across the road. It can only be one of the increasing number of what is the scourge of wildfowl and water voles here and something absolutely MUST be done to control their numbers, or better still, to eradicate them.

On a plus Bridget reported hedgehogs visiting her garden and that part of Old Basing holds a healthy population as I know that Mike and Josie Wall in St Mary's Close often have several each night. We too had the great pleasure of no less than four feeding hungrily in our garden last week about 1030pm, feasting on proper hedgehog food purchased at Conkers!

Stephen Thair sent in lovely shots of Painted Lady butterflies and this last two weeks certainly has been great for Lepidoptera with temperatures above average, good sunshine and light winds Conditions also ideal for bats come dusk and we have noticed several zipping around the neighbourhood most nights for the past two to three weeks.

Thanks to Phil for photos of Marbled White butterflies and of Roe Deer in the Millfield.

Rick Bourne

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Don't forget to send all your nature related photos to rickbourne@yahoo.com or naturenotes@basinga.org.uk

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AUGUST JOBS FOR THE GARDEN

Hopefully by now summer has finally finished installing and we should all be enjoying some sunshine and warm weather. If so, watering is going to be a top priority this month. Wherever possible, using grey water from your washing up bowl or bath will not only save you money on your water bill, but is also better for the environment too. New plants and containers and hanging baskets are particularly susceptible to drought so make sure they receive regular drenchings.

Raising the blades on your lawn mower will help protect fine lawns from damage and stress from drought. Making regular and light mowings means that instead of collecting the clippings, you can leave then on the lawn as a mulch which will help retain moisture and help to keep them lush and green. If your soil is thin, then using a high phosphate feed will help strengthen the roots of the grass for winter. Be sure to avoid using lawn weed-killers now as they will be more effective in autumn.

In the flower beds and borders, cutting back and dead-heading this month will keep your displays looking good well into the autumn. Dicentra, hardy geraniums, dahlias, roses and penstemon will all benefit from being clipped back and tidied and for those that haven't already died back, may encourage a second flush of flowers. Feeding containers, hanging baskets and even tired border plants with tomato feed or liquid seaweed will keep them looking at

their best for the next few weeks. You can propagate pinks and carnations by layering, and begin taking cuttings of tender plants such as pelagonium and osteospermum to grow on in a cool greenhouse or windowsill. Perennial weeds are best treated when in active growth, use weed-killer if necessary and when digging out isn't working. You can collect and store seed of hardy annuals and towards then end of the month, hardy annuals can also be sown directly into the borders ready for next year.

Now is the time to prune your wisteria and other climbing shrubs once they have finished flowering. Lavender should also be trimmed back, but be sure not to cut back into old wood. Rambling roses that don't repeat flower should also be pruned but leave those that produce attractive hips. Hedges should be given a final trim over. You can still take semi-ripe cuttings of many shrubs such as box and lavender if you want to create new plants for next year.

House-plants should be watered regularly when in active growth and fed every week or two with a liquid feed. Although it seems too soon to be thinking about Christmas, corms of daffodils, freesias and hyacinths can all be planted in bowls so that they flower in the festive season. Once you have an inch of growth, move them to a cool place and only move them back into the warmth when you want them to flower.

Greenhouses should be well ventilated and hosed down on hot days to maintain a good level of humidity. If you need it, add some shading to your greenhouse to prevent your plants getting scorched. Conservatory plants can be moved outside and hosed down to remove pests such as mealy bug and red spider mite.

Make sure you enjoy the sunshine while it lasts!

Happy gardening!

Tracy Braybrook

DIARY DATES FOR AUGUST

For details of services and events at St. Mary's Church and The Methodist Church please see page 23

Thu 1	7.45pm		for 8.00pm. RBL Monthly Branch Meeting.
Fri 2	10.30am –	noon	Ladies First Friday Coffee. 8 Norton Ride, Lychpit,
Sat 3	10.00am –	1.00pm	PIOCC. Churchyard Conservation. Meet in Church lobby
	2.00pm –	4.30pm	Village Café - A Café for the Village, by the Village
Sun 4	10.30am –	noon	OBAGS Shop open in Riley Lane, opp Bolton Arms
Tue 6	7.30pm		Old Basing WI meet in Parish Room.
Fri 9	2.00pm –	4.30pm	Village Café - A Café for the Village, by the Village
Sat 10	6.00pm		Deadline for copy to Editor for September Basinga
Wed 14	7.45pm		BDRS The Canadian Pacific Project. Wote Street Club
Fri 16	2.00pm –	4.30pm	Village Café - A Café for the Village, by the Village
Sat 17	10.30am –	5.00pm	Odiham Art Group Annual Exhibition at Robert May's School until Monday 19th
	11.00am –	5.00pm	Hampshire Open Studios. Aileen Mayers, The Glass Studio, 8 Almond Close. Until August 26th
Sun 18	10.30am –	noon	OBAGS Shop open in Riley Lane, opp Bolton Arms.
Thu 22	2.00pm –	4.00pm	PIOCC. Churchyard Conservation. Meet in Church lobby
Fri 23	7.30pm		RBL Women's Section. General Meeting. Jack Morris Hall
Wed 28	7.45pm		BDRS South African Steam. Wote Street Club
Fri 30	6.00pm		The Good Old Basing Golf Day 2019. Last day for entries.
Sat 31	9.00am		Basingstoke Discovery Centre Photography Exhibition.
September			
Sun 1	5.00pm		Basing House, Wuthering Heights. Performance starts at 6.00pm. For details see page 19
Fri 6	10.30am –	noon	Ladies First Friday Coffee. 7 Olivers Walk, Lychpit

BASINGA EXTRA

We have not been able to include every article that we received for this month's printed Basinga. These extra articles can be found on our website, Basinga Extra using the address www.basinga.org.uk

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