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AUGUST NOTES AND NEWS

The **cover photo** this month is another beautiful image from **Jim Andrews**, this time a **Marbled White Butterfly**. This month's edition has many articles with photographs: St. Mary's Summer Fayre; Old Basing WI; Nature notes; HIWWT.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BASINGA

We welcome both regular and occasional items for the Basinga. The very last date for copy to the Editor for the **September edition** is **6pm** on **Tuesday**, **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 website. Don't forget that we only accept articles with about a 300 word maximum and articles are only published at the Editor's discretion.

PHOTOS AND LOGOS FOR THE BASINGA

If any reader would like to offer a **photograph of the village environment** we would be happy to receive them, either for immediate use or to build up a portfolio of 'village views' that we can use. We now have a web form that you can use to send a photograph for the website archive and possible use in the magazine, go to **www.basinga.org.uk** and the form can be found on the **'Contributors Submission'** menu.

Should you wish to submit multiple photos, or a photo is too 'large', they can be emailed directly to the **Editor**.

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We would like to offer a warm welcome Alan Rowden as our new Advertising Manager. Alan's role will be to answer all advertising queries, to provide information and make decisions about the placing and charging of adverts in the magazine. He will contact all advertisers towards the Basinga year end to confirm or otherwise that they wish to repeat their current advert and to advise of the current costs involved. The same help is offered to anyone enquiring regarding leaflets to be circulated with Basinga.

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Can you help in either location, or both, if so please contact **Peter Watson** for further details: email **basing@basinga.org.uk** call or message **07790 279954** or **01256 352299**.

CHINEHAM LIBRARY NEWS

Good news, our building works are almost completed, so you can now visit the library to choose and return your books. Obviously Covid restrictions are still in place but our self-service machines are back up and running, and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Our Summer Reading Challenge has started, this years theme is "Wild World Heroes" It's easy to take part – just sign up online, at the Hampshire Library webpage: www.hants. gov.uk/librariesandarchives/kids-zone and or sign up at Chineham Library and read six books over the summer. You can download certificates for each step of the way and earn a medal when you complete the challenge.

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FLY-TIPPING

A local man has been ordered to pay a total of £728 after he was convicted of fly-tipping household waste items at one of the borough's recycling centres. He pleaded guilty to the offence at Basingstoke Magistrates Court on Tuesday 22nd June. He was fined £400, ordered to pay £328 in costs and will now have a criminal record.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council prosecuted Mr Thomas Skipp after a witness saw him depositing several items of household waste including a radiator, a vacuum cleaner, two folding garden chairs at Lychpit Centre, Great Binfields Road, Basingstoke, on the morning of 3rd June 2020.

Since May 2018, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council has convicted 31 individuals and companies for fly-tipping and related waste offences.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

If all goes to plan and all Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted on 19th July the Parish Council will return to holding meetings in the Pavilion, Old Basing. We thank the Royal British Legion in coming to our rescue and providing a sufficiently large hall to enable us to comply with distancing requirements at recent meetings.

LYCHPIT COMMUNITY HALL

All being well and the above relaxation of the rules has come into effect the Lychpit Community Hall have re-opened for children's party bookings. We are not, at this stage, taking evening adult bookings until the situation regarding the control of the virus is clearer.

BOTTLE RECYCLING

We have a supply of green kerbside bottle boxes in the parish office for anyone wishing to replace theirs or who needs an additional box. Staff are now back in the office so you can just call in between 10.00am to noon when we are open to pick one up. You can put more than one box out or if you regularly recycle a larger quantity of glass a red wheelie bin can be purchased from the Borough Council.

INCONSIDERATE PARKING

The Parish Council has been approached by residents living along The Street in the vicinity of **The Street Bakeshop** regarding the inconsiderate parking by some customers and has met with the owner of The Street Bakeshop who will be implementing measures to try to alleviate the problem. It is unfortunate that the success of this local business is having a detrimental effect on those living nearby and hopefully anyone visiting The Street Bakeshop by car will be more mindful of where and how they are parking to ensure they are not blocking driveways or access for larger vehicles along The Street.

Pavement parking and parking on grass verges is another issue throughout Old Basing and Lychpit and the Parish Council is in contact with Borough Council Enforcement Officers to find a way of dealing with this. Blocking access along a pavement is an offence, it is inconsiderate to those using mobility scooters and parents with buggies and may cause a serious accident.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next two meeting dates are **Tuesday**, **3rd August** and **7th September at 7.30 pm**.

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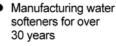
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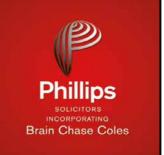
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NEWS FROM BASING HOUSE

Between Friday, 30th July and Sunday, 1st August, much is happening at Basing House.

Firstly, on the Friday night the **Chapterhouse Theatre Company** presents **A Midsummer Night's Dream**, at **7.00pm** in the **Walled Garden**. The gates open at 6.00pm for picnics.

The next day, we go back to 1544 for an evening of theatrical history with an audience with **King Henry VIII**, performed in our magnificent **Tudor Great Barn**, which was completed in 1535, the year of King Henry VIII's first visit to Basing House.

On the Sunday *Alice in Wonderland* takes over, with trips down the rabbit hole, croquet or giant cards on the lawn, Alice-themed crafts, and our White Rabbit "I'm Late for an Important Date" trail (purchased at an extra cost and includes a prize). The Bothy Tea Room will be open for Mad Hatter Teas. The **Chapterhouse Theatre Company** performs *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* at 3.00pm. The walled garden gates open at 2.00pm for picnics or Mad Hatter Tea Parties in the garden.

On the **Bank Holiday Sunday** and **Monday, 29th** and **30th August** we are holding a late-summer fair in and around the barn where along with craft and gifts stalls we have Morris Dancers and a live sax band, face painting, and traditional fete competitions. On the Monday, **Mills Cottage Farm** will be joining us with their summer animals. The grounds and our Bothy Tea Room are open.

On the evening of **Sunday, 19th September**, the **London Festival Opera** is in the barn with stars from the Royal Opera House and Glyndebourne performing opera classics. This starts at **7.00pm**, with the gates opening at 6.00pm for picnics on the meadow outside. **Tickets cost £25 per adult and £22 per child or concession**.

Further information, prices, and advice on what to bring and where to park are on the website at: www.hampshireculture.org.uk/events?venue=6.#

Andrew Howard, 01256 327014

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If you are looking for something new to try after this strange and challenging year or you would like to try something different, then come and join **Old Basing Royal British Legion Corps of Drums** and you would be most welcome.

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We meet at 10.30am most Sunday mornings for band practice at the Royal British Legion Club, Crown Lane.

Most of our engagements are carnivals, fetes, care homes and fund raising events.

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What a joy it is to write this article to welcome you all back to The Ivy Club. We are meeting again at **The Royal British Legion Hall** from **1.30 until 4.00pm** and in true tradition we will start our first meeting by playing **BINGO**, so don't forget to bring your pens, along with a mug to enjoy a nice cup of tea and of course a complimentary piece of cake. Your weekly subscription will remain at £2.00 which will entitle you to said cup of tea and refreshments along with a raffle. Of course a great deal has happened during lockdown and sadly we have lost a few members, but lets look on the bright side and we enjoyed their company while they were with us and we always have our memories. Hopefully we can also arrange a coach outing and I will discuss this when we meet up. We would love to welcome some new members, we are a friendly over 60s group which meets weekly for social interaction and activities, so why not join us, you don't have to live in Old Basing and all are welcome. Anyway, I very much look forward to seeing you all again.

Sue Wilson - Chairman

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A brief mention should be made of our very successful **Summer Sale** in June which was held at the Lychpit Village Hall. Thank you very much to all who donated bakes and crafts to sell, and to those who queued up in the heat to come and buy!

This was followed by our display table at the **St Mary's Summer Fayre** where we chose the theme of "Picnic in the Park". We had lots of lovely comments on our knitted and crocheted picnic items.

We held our hugely anticipated Summer Luncheon Party, at the Recreation Ground in July. We were limited to 30 people outside and we soon filled all places. The weather forecast was not promising but it all turned out fine and we didn't get wet until right at the very end!

The buffet food and drink was provided by the Committee and was laid out in the Pavilion Tea Room and, after a toast to better times ahead, we sat down to eat and chat. It was lovely to meet up with people after so long. Each Member was given a gift of a specially made boxed cake and a chocolate heart, which was

greatly appreciated.

We fully anticipate to be able to hold our **August meeting** in person at the **Parish Rooms** for the first time in 18 months on **Tuesday, 3rd August**, when we will be welcoming **Joyce Meader**, to talk to us about the **'History of Knitting from 1950 to today'**. The competition that evening is a knitted piece. Please check your emails for final arrangements for this.



Details of the Womens Institute in Hampshire and other WI activities can be found at www.hampshirewi.org.uk

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Submissions made via the forms now provide a common input for both the magazine and website and are automatically routed to the member of the team responsible for processing them. All submissions must be received by the 10th of the month (6th in December) previous to the magazine issue month.

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hawker. The Butterfly numbers finally took off last month with the warm weather, those we have will still be keeping up good numbers throughout the month.

A welcome first sighting for the Mill Field was a Scarlet Tiger (picture – right) in July, this is a daytime moth which looks like it comes from the tropics with black forewings with yellow and white dots and scarlet red hindwings. It likes to feed on Agrimony and Comfrey and prefers a damp habitat so unsurprisingly was found near the stream.

Finally, for the plants, we had amazing numbers of orchids this year, in particular the Pyramidal Orchid which has now spread to all parts of the

site, we think there were about 500! Other newer plants for the field currently flowering is the frothy yellow Lady's Bedstraw and Kidney Vetch in the top meadow and the frothy white Hedge Bedstraw in the central meadow, and finally look out for the large yellow daisy-like flowers of the fleabane – a magnet for butterflies in past years.

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The vision of the National Women's Register (NWR) is to connect women for discussion, friendship and fun. We do not get involved in campaigns or fund-raising – our values are open-minded, welcoming, friendly, respectful and embracing difference. Chineham and Old Basing NWR generally meet on the first Monday of each month at 2.00pm in each other's homes. We have restarted our additional monthly lunch meetings at a local pub and after over a year of Zoom meetings we had a discussion meeting outside with seven who each researched and spoke about someone from the list of BBC 100 Women of the Year 2020. Women chosen were: Wendy Beatriz Caishpal Jaco, disability activist; Sanna Marin, Prime Minister of Finland; Lorna Prendergast, dementia academic; Dame Sarah Gilbert who lead the Oxford Covid vaccine team; Nadine Kaadam, illustrator and writer; Nasrin Sotoudeh, Human Rights lawyer; and Julie Budge, domestic abuse activist.

Subject to guidance in August we will be having the highlight of my NWR year – the tutored wine tasting led by the knowledgeable husband of one of our members. In September we will discuss superstitions and in October will talk about gardens we have enjoyed visiting. Some of our members are also in the Thursday evening monthly Book Group. The current book is *Small Pleasures* by Clare Chambers which is set in 1957.

If you enjoy lively conversation and broadened horizons whilst having fun and meeting people (according to the current guidance) please look at www.nwr.org.uk or contact our current local organiser Karen via karen.dann@gmail.com or call her on 01256 328488.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor.

Thank you for publishing the obituary for our mother, Beryl Mullender, in your July edition. I suspect it's too late for any update to the published edition, but I thought I'd just drop you an email to inform you that the date of our mothers Memorial service has now been moved to **Saturday, 4th September,** reflecting the delay in lifting some of the government COVID restrictions.

By the way, the article regarding the recent wandering Peacocks reminded me that there was a male Peacock who for several years could often be seen in the yard outside the Tithe Barn. We'd often take walks down there to see his splendid display of tail feathers, which he appeared keen to show off to any passers by!

The Mullender Family

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It's **Swiss National Day** on **Thursday, 1st August**. This date was chosen because it was said to be the day, 730 years ago, in 1291, on which the three forest cantons of

Uri, Schwyz, and Unterwalden signed the Federal Charter on the Rütli field, near to Lake Lucerne. Interestingly, it was 130 years ago, in 1891 that the date of Swiss National Day was first decided upon and it then took over another hundred years before the Swiss decided to have a vote and give themselves the day off!

In any case, to language geeks like us at Linguatastic, Switzerland is an exciting place as it is a multilingual country with four national languages: German, French, Italian and Romansh. German is the most spoken language in the country, with around 60% of the population speaking it. The predominant language does however, vary by canton (region). German is widely spoken in the central regions of Switzerland. French is spoken most in the west, near the French border. Similarly, Italian is spoken in the south, near the Italian border. Romansh (which is spoken by less than 1% of the population) is mainly spoken in the canton of Graubünden in southeast Switzerland.

One of the consequences of having no common language is that there is much greater tolerance of people speaking different languages than perhaps in other countries. Indeed, the constitution protects the different languages used in the country. What's more, all Swiss must learn a minimum of two languages in school. So, in the spirit of multi-lingual Switzerland, Happy Schweizer Bundesfeiertag / Fête nationale suisse / Festa nazionale svizzera / Festa naziunala svizra! And remember, if you aspire to be multilingual yourself or would like your child to be, search "Linguatastic" on YouTube, watch some of our videos over the summer holidays and maybe sign up to one of our classes in September in French, German, Spanish, Italian, Japanese or Chinese, email: info@linguatastic.com

OPENING UP AND TAKING RISKS

Dear Friends,

I've been reflecting on Opening Up and Taking Risks.

As society opens up and more of the events and places we related to before March 2020 become available again, so the risks of being infected by Covid 19 or one of its variants increase. Some of us may have been safer during a time of National Lockdown than we will be now.

One of the arguments for opening up is that, not only will people's jobs and the economy benefit, but so will our mental health and quality of life.

What I've been considering is how opening up in various areas of life inevitably involves taking risks, and like the scientists and Government who have been seeking to guide us through the pandemic, we have to weigh up whether or not it's wise to take the risks of opening up. .

A young woman is weighing up whether to tell her mother that her sexual orientation is towards other women, when she knows that her mother has been looking forward to her daughter's white wedding and to becoming a grandmother herself.

Another young woman is wondering whether to risk contacting the Police when she has been raped, because, although she wants to see justice done and the man not harming anyone else, the process she would go through could involve considerable stress.

A man is wondering whether he should tell his wife about his affair when he is unsure what effect it will have on their subsequent relationship.



There are many areas of life in which opening up entails risks for people.

It may be someone opening up their life to God, saying their "yes" to God, as Mary did. What risks might that involve? Where might life go then?

It can, of course, be a risk to remain closed up rather than opening up-the risk of keeping some vital part of life bottled up.

There are no easy answers and rarely straightforward routes to travel. As with the pandemic it means weighing up one set of risks alongside another. As well as needing guidance ourselves it may be helpful to become more aware of the struggles others (and we ourselves) can face.

With love,

Reverend David Jenkins

ST MARY'S CHURCH

The Church continues to be open daily from 10.00am to 3.00pm and Sundays 11.00am to 4.00pm. Please continue to wear a facemask in the church.



REGULAR SERVICES:

Sunday	8.00am	8.00am BCP Communion	
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Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion	
Thursday	9.15am	Morning Prayer	

Most of our services are live-streamed on our page 'St Mary's Old Basing and Lychpit' on Facebook. If you have any prayer requests you can contact Reverend Heather: text or call 07745 731729

PET SERVICE

Sunday 1st August, at 2:30pm

Join us outside St Mary's Church for our inaugural Pet Service. We'll be giving thanks to God for the wonder of creation and for our beloved pets. Please do bring along your pets, or your soft toy pet, or a picture of your pet. There will be singing, and prayers, and an opportunity to receive a blessing with your pet.

We do require all animals to be on a lead or in a carrier of some kind.

BLESSING OF THE BAGS

Sunday 5th September, 9:30am

September brings new beginnings for many families, with children starting nursery, school or moving up a class. At the start of the new school year we will be once again praying for God's blessing on the places we go and the people we meet. So children and adults are invited to bring your school bag, handbag or briefcase with you to church on Sunday, 5th September, and towards the end of the 9:30am service we'll be blessing all the bags. We look forward to welcoming you.

FLOWERS AT ST MARY'S

We're still looking for a couple more people to join our team of volunteer flower arrangers. No experience necessary – just a love of flowers! Full support will be given. If you'd like to know more as to what's involved please get in touch with Debbie, St Mary's Administrator, on **07541 698235**, email: admin@stmarysoldbasing.org.uk

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Every Thursday we send out a bulletin with information about what is happening at the church. If you'd like to be added to our distribution list please email Debbie, at:

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BASINGSTOKE FOODBANK - THANK YOU

A huge thank you to everyone who continues to support the Foodbank at this time. Local collection points include The Vicarage (located on the corner of Church Lane & Milkingpen Lane), the Co-op on Linden Avenue, and Tesco at Chineham. For a list of items that are in particular short supply please visit www.basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk

CHURCHYARD CONSERVATION GROUP (PIOCC)



This month the working parties will be on **Saturday, 7th August** at **10.00am** and **Thursday 26th August** at **2.00pm** – meet in the church lobby. On Saturdays we are now able to provide refreshments on the lawn outside the church. 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. Tools are provided. Just turn up in gardening clothes and bring gloves. Our Saturday morning sessions last about three hours (with a coffee break and chance to relax) and our Thursday afternoons about two hours.

We hope that you enjoyed the Nature Trail through the Conservation Area at St Mary's Summer Festival. It was such fun. With all the rain the grass has grown! 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

OLD BASING & LYCHPIT VILLAGE SHOW

This year's Show will take place on **Sunday, 5th September** at the **Old Basing Village Hall** at **2.30pm**.

The Committee are meeting in July to discuss the final arrangements and details for the event. They have also been busy delivering copies of the Schedule of Classes to previous entrants to the Show. If you are entering for the first time, you will be very welcome, and you will need to go to the website, see details below. As this will be the first Show after missing out last year, we are looking forward to seeing many old friends and also making new ones. Website: www.oblvs.org.uk

Mark Offord

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY COLLECTION BOXES

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THE HAMPSHIRE OPEN STUDIOS SCHEME

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.org.uk**

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, 21st to Bank Holiday Monday, 30th August, 11.00am to 5.00pm

For more details go to: www.aileenmayers.co.uk



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ST MARY'S SUMMER FESTIVAL 2021

Summer Days Are Here Again

How wonderful it was to see so many people from the local community enjoying the many stalls, activities and displays catching up with one another again whilst listening to the barrel organs. A big thank you to everyone for your support in making it a very successful event, and to Mayor Onnalee Cubitt and Consort Hugo Cubitt for joining us.

The displays of "What Summer Means to Me" were so creative. The winner of the Favourite Display as voted by those who attended was: "Summer Holiday" by Old Basing Brownies & Rainbows; 2nd, "Picnic In the Park" by Old Basing WI; and 3rd, "Summer Puzzles!" by Malinda Snook.

New this year and loved by those who visited was the **Conservation Trail**, which included a doormouse village, a look at the family history of one of the graves, willow animals and a creative station. Do visit the area to learn about the wildlife and flowers within the churchyard.

Let's hope that the Christmas Tree Festival is as enjoyable and successful. We look forward to seeing you there!

Jeanette Edwards



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The summer brings with it a profusion of wildlife in many of the wilder areas of the countryside. From blooming wild flowers to the sounds of birdsong, there is so much going on. But many of our mammalian friends are out of sight out of mind, especially in the summer as they hide away in the dense vegetation. This week, we take a look at what some of our furry friends are up to at this time of year.

Feeding up

Hazel dormice might be most familiar as an autumnal species, getting ready to bed down for winter. They wake in spring, and from then on, it's a race to pile on the pounds for the colder months. During summer, they are at their most active, clambering around hedges and trees, looking for their favourite food. Already cute, one of the biggest components of their summer diet is flowers. Honeysuckle and bramble flowers make up a significant proportion of their diet before they turn to nuts in the autumn.

Up in the air

Bats are giving birth at this time of year, usually to a single pup which the mothers nurse in a maternity roost. The young bats take about four weeks before they start to learn to fly, growing quickly in that time. Some will still be suckling from mum until August. To help keep a steady supply of milk for their young, the adult bats must eat thousands of tiny insects every night!

Long evenings

Many of Britain's larger mammals are either nocturnal or crepuscular (meaning they come out at dusk, in twilight). The long summer evenings mean a much better chance of spotting this species compared to the winter. Badgers are no exception. Their cubs will be around four months old now and making the most of this time to play. By July, most will be weaned and starting to become independent. The cubs will roll around with each other, play fighting and chasing their siblings around the sett.

Small mammals, like mice and voles, are essential food sources for wildlife higher up the food chain. Healthy



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Contact me by phone or email for a form if you would like to play in what is our seventeenth annual event. This year the day will start around **12.30pm** for coffee and a bacon roll, 18 holes of golf on the WELLINGTON course and a two-course dinner, plus contribution to prizes, all for just £50! Partners are cordially invited to come along for the evening meal and presentation at a cost of £15. Cost to members of Sherfield Oaks will be £25.

We look forward to seeing everyone again who have helped to raise many thousands of pounds for worthy causes, not forgetting that it is YOU the winner, who gets to choose THAT charity. And if you've not entered before, that's even better as you will be very welcome.

All entries and payments must be in LATEST Thursday, 9th September

Rick Bourne - tel. 07900 648675; email: rickbourne@yahoo.com

BASINGSTOKE LADIES CHOIR

REHEARSALS ARE STARTING

Basingstoke Ladies Choir may not have been in the public eye during the long months of lockdown but we have not been in hibernation! We have successfully continued to rehearse, hold a variety of social events and generally have a good time all courtesy of Zoom! Our successful Walk Round Britain for Sebastian's Action Trust, which raised £2,000 plus allowed us to remain supportive of our wider community.

Our greatest joy is to sing and we are looking forward to getting together again as we plan our return to rehearsals in September. So if you are looking for something new to do after lockdown with a friendly group of people we would love to welcome you!

Our choir open evening taster sessions are Mondays, 13th September, 10th January and 9th May 2022 or we would be delighted to welcome you on any Monday evening for fun while you sing.

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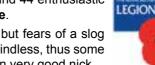


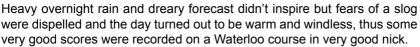




OLD BASING RBL ARMED FORCES GOLF DAY

With something like normality returning just in time, we were able to host the Old Basing RBL's seventh Armed Forces Golf day and 44 enthusiastic golfers turned up to play at Sherfield Oaks on **28th June**.





As well as prizes for the individual winners and Nearest-the-Pin shots, players amalgamated into a four-man format with the best two scores on each hole contributing toward the team's total. The winning team members were Scott Devlin, Scott Lawner, Kevin Vane and Jim Stirrup, who amassed 93 points.

In second place on countback, scoring 90, were Mark Winyard, Gavin Jackson, Chris Collyer and Tony Norfolk. Also scoring 90 were David Harrison, Kevin White, Jim Coventry and Peter Applegate taking the third spot.

The individual winner this year with an impressive Stableford score of 45 was Kevin White from the Army G.C, playing off 17. Second spot with 39 points was secured by last year's winner, Chris Godfrey playing off a handicap of 22. Third place, on countback, was Scott Devlin with a commendable 38 off a handicap of 11, and in fourth was Scott Lawner also with 38 points, playing off 10.

The Secret Pairs, effectively a draw of all players and their scores, was won by Marc Ginger and Tony Norfolk with the highest total of 74 points.

All of the par three holes were individually entered by the players for cash prizes so Nearest the Pin honours went to Gavin Jackson who nailed the 2nd, Noel Donovan won the 5th (again, as he did last year!) Ryan Houston the 7th, Dave Jones the 12th and Pete Woods the 15th. Several of the winners donated their winnings back to the Poppy Appeal fund which was much appreciated.



There were a number of prizes brought along by the players towards the raffle as well four very generous donations from local businesses, ie, Olivers Fish and Chips, The Basing Takeaway, The Co-op, and Tesco at Chineham.

The proceeds of all of this plus the competition entry fees realized a record total of £600 profit for the Poppy Appeal, which was presented to a delighted Tim Russell, the P.A.Organiser for Old Basing RBL.

Huge thanks to everyone for the players generosity and the donating businesses plus a big mention to Steve Western for totting up scorecards and assessing finishing positions.

Rick Bourne - Hampshire RBL Golf Secretary

AUGUST IN YOUR GARDEN

August is usually one of the hottest months of the year. My usual advice for this month would be to make sure that you keep on top of your watering routine. Although we've had a fairly wet summer up to this point (early July as I write), water butts may be full one minute but after a dry spell they can soon run dry. The first job is to prioritise plants that need a lot of water in order to survive. Pots, tomatoes, sweetcorn and pumpkins are some of these, but I'm sure you know which of yours need the most water.

There are lots of tips about saving and making the most of water available, but most require some forethought and need to be in place before the dry spell happens. Something that you can do after watering that will retain moisture in the soil is to mulch around the base of your plants with grass clippings, bark chips or even compost. Avoid using <u>peat-based</u> compost however as it dries out quickly. Try watering in the early morning, allowing the water to seep into the soil rather than evaporate. Evening watering is also fine, as the cooler conditions mean less water is lost through evaporation.

Other jobs that need doing include pruning climbing roses once they have finished flowering, removing up to a third of stems that have flowered, and tie the rest to supports. Wisteria will also benefit from pruning, remove all 'whippy' side shoots from the main branch to encourage

Also deadhead dahlias and other perennials to encourage a constant display of blooms. If you have plants fruiting in containers, make sure you give them a high potash liquid to keep plants healthy and productive.

Cuttings can be taken of Fuchsias now and will quickly take root, ensuring that they survive the winter. Ensure that water baths are topped up, and also ponds. Tomato plants should by now have five to six trusses on each plant, if so remove the growing tip and the lower leaves to allow light in and prevent disease spreading and also to keep it thriving for longer.

Look out for symptoms of Clematis Wilt such as wilting leaves and black discolouration on the leaves and stems of your Clematis. Cut out any infected plant material and dispose of it in your household waste.

Trim your lavender plants after they have finished flowering to keep them compact, cut back quite hard but avoid cutting into old wood as this can reduce flowering potential the following year. Also be careful not to remove green shoots as this can kill the plant. You may also want to consider taking cuttings of your lavender, now is the ideal time. While you are at it you may consider taking cuttings of your lavender, if you do, make sure you chose non-flowering shoots.

Hedges can be given a final trim now before they stop growing. By the end of this month, garden birds should have left their breeding nests so you can start to prune your yew hedging and clip any topiary.

Now is also the perfect month for sowing a wildflower meadow, which will be glorious and beneficial to all kinds of wildlife next year. Even a small space can make a great wildflower area, they thrive on rough and nutrient poor soil, so it's a great way to use up neglected areas.

NATURE NOTES FOR AUGUST

Despite a pretty dismal end to June and beginning of July later broods of young birds seem to have flourished as there are numerous comings and goings of fluffy and erratic flying fledglings around the feeders in the garden. Our own Great Tit family from our 'G-R' post/nest box all left their cosy home successfully and though that's great we do miss the

endearing cheeping from inside as mum or dad delivered yet another juicy caterpillar. Another endearing sight was captured by my youngest Laura Haystaff and is of three young Swallows perched on a rafter next to their nest (see photo, right), patiently waiting for the next insect 'soup' to be brought to them. It was fortunate indeed that these little guys have survived as one parent was taken by a Sparrowhawk about a week previously, witnessed in horror by Laura. It did appear however that there may have been three adult birds around the stables in the first place and it's not unheard of that a lone bird will assist a pair in raising a brood. Fortunate indeed then



if that was the case as it didn't spell the otherwise likely demise of the chicks for lack of sustenance.

It's clearly worrying however that the numbers of Swifts, Swallows and particularly House Martins are well down on previous years and the real concern is that because these birds usually come back to their birthplace to breed in following seasons, what happens in the long-term when they miss a year or worse, don't ever come back?

On the good news front there does seem to be a goodly crop of Warblers that have journeyed from Africa and to those of you tuned to hearing birdsong one couldn't fail to pick up Chiffchaffs, Blackcaps, Garden Warblers (very similar to the latter) and if near the river, Reed and Sedge Warblers.

Stephen Thair, a regular contributor, reported several Reed Warblers singing near Tithe Barn and Garden Warblers twittering away near the railway embankment. To my shame I've

not perambulated down there recently and have been wondering whether the short but explosive song of the Cetti's Warbler has returned from last years' lovely lockdown summer?

There seems to be a mix of views about butterfly numbers locally too. It's worth remembering however that certain species are very time conscious during the season, with Brimstones for example the first on the wing in early April whereas Painted Ladies often appear in late summer, sometimes drawn up from the continent on warm airstreams so there is time yet to spot your favourite.



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JULY

The recent cool windy damp conditions haven't exactly make ideal butterfly spotting possible either so Alan Morris (Red Admiral - bottom of page 37) of Lingfield Close and Jim Andrews (Marbled White - cover photo) are to be thanked for capturing these beauties feeding on their respective flowers.

Rick Bourne

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JULI		
Fri 30	7.00pm	Basing House – A Midsummer Night's Dream see p10
Sat 31		Tudor Great Barn – audience with King Henry VIII p10
AUGUST	-	
Sun 1		Basing House – Alice in Wonderland themed day. p10
	3.00pm	Basing House – Alice's Adventures in Wonderland p10
Tue 3	2.30pm – 4.00pm	U3A Picnic in a Park, Popley Fields. See Basinga Extra
	7.30pm	Old Basing WI. Parish Room, St. Mary's Church.
Sat 7	10.00am - 1.00pm	PIOCC Churchyard Conservation. Meet in Lobby.
Tue 10	2.30pm – 4.00pm	U3A Picnic in a Park, Stratton Pk. www.basinga.org.uk
Tue 10	6.00pm L	AST DATE FOR COPY TO EDITOR - see page 3
Wed 18	1.30pm - 4.00pm	Ivy Club. Royal British Legion Hall. Bingo!
Sat 21	11.00am - 5.00pm	Hampshire Open Studios. see p26. Until Monday 30th
Wed 25	1.30pm - 4.00pm	Ivy Club. Royal British Legion Hall.
Thu 26	2.00pm - 4.00pm	PIOCC Churchyard Conservation. Meet in Porch.
Sun 29		Basing House – Late Summer Fair
Mon 30		Basing House – Late Summer Fair

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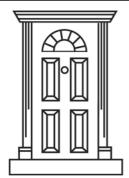
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