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JULY 2018 – NOTES AND NEWS

The cover photograph this month is “**Tennis and Strawberries: the perfect combination**”, by **Anna Fairs**. With the **Football World Cup** continuing and **Wimbledon** starting in July it is going to be an incredibly busy sporting month.

BASINGA ARTICLES

We welcome both regular and occasional items for the Basinga. The very last date for copy to the Editor for the **August edition** is **6 pm on Tuesday, 10th July**. Please use the forms on **www.basinga.org.uk** to get your dates, articles and letters to us (*see also “Basinga and the GDPR” below*). 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 **300 words maximum**.

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We are more than happy if you want to try out the website forms to get used to them, just put “Test Message” in the name field and complete your email address, you will then get a conformation of receipt.

Using the website as a means of contacting us ensures that contributions and enquiries are directed to the most appropriate of our volunteers, cuts down on our time and provides us with a more efficient system.

SITUATIONS VACANT

The **Basinga Team** are looking to recruit an **Assistant Advertising Manager** to learn what is involved in this part of our activity and to lend support to the advertising manager when necessary. For more information contact the Editor at **editor@basinga.org.uk**

We would also like to recruit a **Website Technician** to help administer **Basinga Extra**. This would be a great opportunity for a retired programmer or an older student who would like some experience in helping to maintain a dynamic website that is increasingly important in the monthly composition of this magazine, Please contact **webman@basinga.org.uk** for more information.

CARNIVAL UPDATE

By the time you read this, we will have hopefully had another amazing **Old Basing Carnival** with a fantastic Book Titles-themed procession and fantastic array of scarecrows around the village. And remember, tip from Sandie – keep your scarecrows for re-using next year!

Our **Annual General Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, 10th October**, at **8pm** in the **Frank Goddard Room** at the **Village Hall**. At the Annual General 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, in writing to **Joe Croombs, 12 The Smithy, Bramley, Hampshire RG26 5AY**, or email **oldbasingcarnival@outlook.com** by **Saturday, 1st September**. If emailing, all emails will be acknowledged therefore if you do not get a response within 72 hours, please re-send. 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 another great year.

There are many ways to keep in contact: Web: **www.oldbasingcarnival.com** Email: **oldbasingcarnival@outlook.com** Facebook: **www.facebook.com/OldBasingCarnival/** Twitter: **@basing.carnival** or Instagram: **@oldbasingcarnival**

Joe Croombs (Chair, Old Basing Carnival Committee)

NEWS FROM BASING HOUSE

The school summer holidays are the ideal time to visit Basing House. The site is more than ruins – we have 14 acres of grassland, a nature trail and a walled garden as well. **And with tickets now lasting a year, repeat visits are free.** We also have some family activities planned.

Nature becomes our theme on **Thursday, 26th July**, when **Hampshire & Isle Of Wight Wildlife Trust (HIWWR)** staff are in attendance. In the morning they help visitors explore the Basing House meadows and learn about the butterflies and other bugs that live in this habitat. Sweep nets and bug pots can be used to catch and identify a range of species. In the afternoon there is a beginners' session to learn how to identify wildflowers which will help you to learn the basics by focussing on plant families and their characteristics. By the end of the session you should be able to identify a number of common grassland plants. There is an additional fee for these events.

On **Tuesday, 31st July**, you can join our fun, friendly family clay workshop and create some unique pieces from air-dry clay to take home. What will yours be...a fairy door or an entrance to a monster's lair?

Meanwhile our **Thursday craft mornings** continue through **July** and **August**, as do our **Tuesday** and **Thursday guided tours**. There is also a **craft course – spinner rings**, which includes some silversmithing on **Wednesday, 25th July**. We'll also open the **tunnel** and **dig pits**, where children can learn basic archaeological techniques, in **August**.

Full details about **Basing House, guided tours, courses, events, and how to book** are found at **www.hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk/venue-events/68** Otherwise tel. **01256 463965** or call in at the **visitor centre**, next to the Great Barn, **11am to 4pm, Saturday to Thursday**.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – REFERENDUM UPDATE

Thank you to all residents who voted on **7th June** – the result of the referendum was a resounding **YES** to the **Neighbourhood Plan**. This will now go to a **meeting of the Borough Council** on **19th July** for the Plan to be “made”. *See also bottom of the page.*

COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION

It is with considerable regret that we say **goodbye** to **Cllr Sven Godesen** who has served as a Parish Councillor and former Chairman for more than 12 years but has decided, due to health issues, to step down from the Parish Council. He will, however, continue to represent residents as a Borough Councillor and member of the Development Control Committee.

Cllr Godesen’s resignation leaves a **vacancy for a Parish Councillor** to represent **Old Basing** and anyone wishing to put their name forward for co-option should email the Clerk. If you are unsure as to whether this role is right for you, now is a good time as all Councillors will stand for re-election next May so you need only commit until then before deciding whether or not to continue.

TESCO BAGS OF HELP

The Parish Council’s application to this scheme for funds to install an item of **Special Needs Outdoor Fitness Equipment** on the **Recreation Ground** has been successful and the project will be put forward for customer votes during July and August. Participating stores are the main Chineham Tesco, Tesco Express at Lychpit and the Basingstoke Tesco Metro. Tokens are not always handed out automatically so please ASK each time you shop at any of these stores and place your vote.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next two **meeting** dates are **Tuesdays 3rd July** and **7th August** at **7.30pm** at the **Pavilion**. All are welcome and if you have impaired mobility contact the Parish Office in advance.

PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: **Cllr. Mark Oszczyk** (contact via Parish Office)

Parish Clerk: **Mrs Sandra Tuck** Deputy Clerk: **Mrs Heather Mountford**

Address: **The Pavilion, The Recreation Ground, The Street, Old Basing, RG24 7DA.**

Tel: **01256 462847**. Office Opening Hours: **Monday to Thursday 10am to noon**

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REFERENDUM

The **Referendum** on **7th June** was supported by **86% of parish residents**. This means the **Plan goes forward for approval** by **Basingstoke & Deane** on **19th July** to become a formal part of the planning process.

It is a complex process and document, so thanks to all, especially the Team who put together a document representing parish opinion, and to those who worked their way through to understanding the possibilities and limits of the Plan.

Thank you all!

David Whiter



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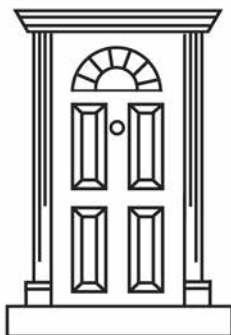
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If you're still not sure what class to enter, don't forget, all the details of this year's classes are to be found on our website: **www.oblvs.org.uk**

Can we make a plea to all of **last years' cup winners to return them to Steve** (*see address above*), by **Monday, 3rd September**. Many thanks.

Make a note in your diary: **Old Basing & Lychpit Village Show (Sunday, 9th September, 2.30pm, Old Basing Village Hall).**

APPEAL LAUNCHED TO SAVE INTERNATIONALLY IMPORTANT 18TH-CENTURY HAMPSHIRE TAPESTRIES

Six of the **most important tapestries** in the National Trust's collection are leaving their home at **The Wyne** for a 'bath' in **Belgium**. The **18th-century 'chinoiserie' tapestries** urgently need extensive conservation work. Historic repairs have begun to fail and the tapestries' backings have warped, putting strain on the fragile fabric. The work will cost the charity in the region of **£382,000**, and The Wyne has launched an urgent appeal to help fund the project, and ensure the magnificent tapestries can continue to be enjoyed by visitors to The Wyne.

In **June** the textiles travelled to the **Royal Manufacturers De Wit in Belgium** – the world's leading restorer of tapestries. There, they will undergo a process known as 'wet cleaning', before returning to the UK for major conservation treatment, estimated to take three years. 'Wet cleaning' will see the tapestries laid out on a 'suction table' whilst a mist of mild detergent is gently drawn through the historic fabric to remove any dirt. After cleaning, the tapestries will be laid out and covered with cloth to absorb the moisture. Once dried, they will be carefully rolled up and transported back to the UK.

The conservation project has received some financial support from the National Trust. However with a total of 250,000 hectares of countryside, 778 miles of coastline and hundreds of special places across England, Wales and Northern Ireland to look after, the Trust must look to the generosity of its supporters to meet the shortfall. To enable the conservation project to go ahead, The Wyne has launched an **urgent appeal** to raise the **remaining £35,000**. Visitor Experience and Fundraising Manager Hollie Ryan explains: "It's really easy to support conservation efforts like The Wyne's Tapestry Project. You can donate remotely by phoning **01256 883858** or you can make a **contribution during your visit**."

Raffle tickets are currently on sale at The Wyne with a **top prize of £10,000**. Young families can also lend a helping hand and have fun at the same time by tackling the **Lost tapestries trail** on their visit for a suggested **donation of £1 plus normal admission**. UK taxpayers can make their donation go even further by adding Gift Aid.

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Summer is by far the best time of year for exploring your **local meadow**. Now wild flowers are blooming, butterflies are on the wing, grasshoppers are singing and birds are raising young. In most of the UK, meadows came about through people felling forests thousands of years ago, and subsequently grazing livestock over many centuries. Meadows are a habitat maintained – and prevented from becoming something else – by the activity of humans and our livestock.

Since these habitats were largely shaped by centuries of grazing, conservation organisations continue the same management today. It is only through management of scrub and trees that we can maintain the open diversity of these wonderful habitats. Meadows are therefore also great places to look out for our native livestock species.

The **Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust's** management of meadows is supported by an army of cows and sheep, who keep the scrub at bay, and maintain the open habitat that sun-loving flowers and invertebrates love. Why not discover your local meadow this weekend and see what amazing meadow species you can spot on your patch.

Meadow Buttercup

Meadow buttercup is one of our iconic buttercup species. It's often found in meadows and pastures, but also in parks, gardens and woodland edges. It flowers between April and October, and forms yellow meadows much loved by bees and butterflies that dazzle in the sunshine.

Skylark

Male skylarks sing in flight as well as from perches such as fence posts or large rocks. Despite their aerial activities, skylarks nest on the ground, laying three to four eggs. If seen singing, the Skylark is unmistakable. A streaky brown bird with a crest, the skylark is larger, with a longer tail, than other similar birds. The song of the skylark has been the subject of many works of literature and music, from Chaucer to Shelley, Vaughan Williams to jazz.

Field Grasshopper

Grasshoppers can be found thanks to the males' song, created by rubbing their legs against their wings. Field grasshoppers are one of our commonest species, and their song is a brief, single chirrup, repeated at short intervals.

Meadow Brown

The meadow brown is one of the commonest grassland butterflies, though whole colonies have been lost as a result of agricultural practices in recent years. They can be seen from June to September – look out for mainly brown butterflies with washed-out orange patches on the forewings.

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust is one of 46 Wildlife Trusts working across the UK. With the invaluable support of volunteers and members they manage over 50 nature reserves. They also work with other organisations and landowners to protect and connect wildlife sites across the county and inspire local communities and young people to care for wildlife where they live.

To find out more about wild meadows and the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust go to **www.hiwwt.org.uk**

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DATE CHANGE FOR JULY PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH: To facilitate the Junior School's pilgrimage day the July Ploughman's Lunch will take place on the 26th July (fourth Thursday of the month) and not the 19th (third Thursday). Our next lunch club will then be 20th September, following our annual August holiday, and subsequent third Thursdays monthly. Denise Lane (tel. 01256) 351295.

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To all those contributors to the Basinga that are using the secure website forms found at www.basinga.org.uk to send your dates, articles, letters, Free Ads and Concession Ads (What's On) to us, a big thank you! Because of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), which came into force at the end of May, this is our preferred means of receiving information. For all those that have not yet tried this system of contacting the Basinga please see page 3, "Basinga and the GDPR", for full instructions.

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THE MILL FIELD CONSERVATION GROUP

EVENT NEWS

On **Saturday, 7th July**, as part of the **Fun Day** at **Bartons Mill Pub** we shall be holding our annual **Duck Race (from 1.30pm)** to raise funds to enable us to maintain the field to the benefit of you, the users and the abundant wildlife that abounds on this Local Nature Reserve. **Tickets** will be on **sale in advance at Bartons Mill or on the day**.

However, money alone only covers our administration costs, such as insurance and tools. What keeps the field in trim is time and effort from a small team of volunteers over the winter series of **maintenance sessions**. These sessions are **two hours on a weekend morning, from 10am to noon**, with a coffee break. We would love it if Mill Field dog walkers could come along and help one Saturday or Sunday this winter - its just two hours – just one session – that's just four dog walks of your time.

Our second event for July is a **Guided Walk around the Mill Field Local Nature Reserve**. This will be on **Wednesday, 11th July**, starting from the **play area** by **Bartons Mill** at **7.30pm**. Do join us if you can for what will be a fascinating tour of the birds, butterflies and plants in the field. As ever, everyone is most welcome.

WHAT'S AROUND THIS MONTH

July is a vibrant month for the wildlife in the field; Parent Goldfinch will be carrying food back to feed their young in the nest and Whitethroats will be stalking around the scrub. During the day the stream is a popular spot for Swallows and House Martins swooping in on flying insects whilst visitors later in the evening will see an increase in the number of bats on the wing. Our butterflies and moths are recovering in numbers so look out for daytime moths such as the Silver Y and the Burnet, distinctive for its red spots on black wings. Those looking for plants in July will find the Bee and Common Spot orchids, as well as the flowering of the towering Woolly thistle.

Anne Francis – tel. **07974 944439**; email: **millfieldoldbasing@yahoo.co.uk**

Facebook: **Mill Field Conservation Group**

PROBUS VISITS EXBURY GARDENS

Thursday, 7th June, saw 31 souls consisting of members, wives, lady friends and some from the Ladies Probus Club of Basingstoke having a splendid trip by coach to **Exbury Gardens**. Situated at the southern end of the New Forest and adjacent to the Beaulieu River the property was bought by the de Rothschild family in 1918. During WWII the house was used by General Eisenhower, Churchill and General Montgomery to plan the D Day landings. It has been a lifetime's work for several generations of the de Rothschild family in creating one of the finest woodland gardens in the country extending over 250 acres. The gardens also include a narrow-gauge steam railway conceived in 2,000 and taking over two years to construct. It was the dream of Leopold de Rothschild, who had been denied a model railway as a boy. It had been hoped that the rhododendrons would still be in bloom but this year's spring weather put paid to that, although there were a few late varieties still in flower. The group had a guided tour while some less mobile used a golf buggy complete with informative driver. The afternoon encouraged a ride on the steam train which took in parts of the garden not accessible on foot. More information about the Probus Club of Basingstoke, a social club for retired professional and business managers, can be seen on the website **www.probusbasingstoke.wordpress.com**



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NWR – A NATIONWIDE GROUP FOR WOMEN

As several members were away this month we had a change to our planned wine tasting, instead discussing newspaper items that had grabbed our attention. This led to very varied discussions covering such issues as Snowflake Parents, political correctness, the chaos caused by Visa systems failing, the rise of depression and anxiety particularly in young people and the link or not with social media and of course The Royal Wedding. One member had brought along several pieces from the *Basingstoke Gazette*. The first reporting an alarming development where a gang from the Midlands, equipped with vicious-looking knives had descended on Basingstoke. This article was happily balanced by several other more uplifting stories reporting some wonderful achievements from local young people.

This month we will be having our usual lunch, this time followed by a walk, and our reading group will be discussing *The Awakening* by Kate Chopin.

We are a very social group and our very informal meetings are usually held in the afternoon in each others' homes. We have a regular **Lunch Club** and a **Reading Group** who meet **monthly** in the **evenings every fourth Thursday**. For more information about NWR look at the website: **nwr.org.uk** to find out about our group, come along to any of our meetings (to check us out with no obligation to join) or contact **Avril Keable**, email: **avrilkeable@hotmail.co.uk** (tel. **01256 322832**) or **Evelyn Jones**, email: **evelyncjjones@hotmail.co.uk** (tel. **01256 816636**).

TRAIL AND FUN RUN UPDATE

It's four months and counting now until our inaugural **FOOBS Trail and Fun Run**, taking place on **Sunday, 14th October**. And with the summer holidays almost upon us, what better way to get yourself beach ready than donning your trainers and going for a run!

Behind-the-scenes planning continues to ensure a successful running day for all. Latest developments include committee member George Medhurst inspecting the route with Andrew Aitken who looks after all public stiles and footpaths for Hampshire County Council. We are pleased to inform you all stiles en route were checked and approved!

We are also thrilled to announce our headline sponsors, RJS Builders who are based in Old Basing and established since 1991, specialising in all aspects of building work from maintenance and repairs, kitchens and bathrooms, landscaping and extensions to new builds. Their generous contribution will certainly pave the way to a fantastic family day for us all – a huge thank you RJS from the committee!

Entry spots also continue to be steadily filled for all three of the races (2km, 5km and 10km) – and with a capped number for each race please make sure you don't miss out on your own place by heading over to the online site to enter, which you can access via the FOOBS website: **www.foobs.weebly.com/fun-run**

Finally, as always we would welcome any *Basinga* readers who would like to offer sponsorship or their services on the day as marshals to please get in touch at the usual email address: **foobsfunrun@gmail.com**

Happy running!

Michele Byrne (Race Secretary)

AND NOW, THE END IS NEAR...

It has been my pleasure and privilege for the last six years to be the vicar of St Mary's, and so it is with some sadness that I pen this final missive to the readers of the *Basinga* before departing to fresh woods and pastures new at the end of July.

Living the life of a vicar is a terrifically humbling experience. One is invited into many of the most painful, as well as many of the most joyful experiences of people's lives. One is present at life's beginning and it's ending. One can end up going straight from the deathbed of a well-loved friend to a roomful of happy schoolchildren. One shares others' stories and their doubts. One sees children grow from infants being baptised into garrulous children in the playground. And all the time one turns to God in prayer, hoping that he will fill the gap between what one can offer and what others deserve.

It is easy to take for granted that the place where one lives is a community in the truest sense. Busy and active, friendly and supportive. But, in truth, it is only because enough people care about the institutions that help it to be that way – the schools, clubs, societies, the local government, and, yes, the church – and are prepared to do the hard donkey work that lies behind them – the committees, the chores, the maintenance and the heavy lifting – that we can have opportunities to come together and live a full life alongside each other. We are fortunate, and I am fortunate to have lived in a place where those people have been in plentiful supply, and to have been a part of this village.

And so, at **10am on Sunday the 22nd of July** I shall take my **last service at St Mary's**, and bid a fond farewell to this community and its people, before returning to the army as a chaplain once again – a vocation I left behind six years ago, but which has never ceased to make a claim on me.

I can look back on my time here with immense gratitude due, in large measure, to the big-hearted generosity I have met with from so many of the people in this place. Inevitably, in a role like this it feels that one receives so much more than one is ever able to give.

God Bless, and thanks for the memories.

Fr Alec

THANK YOU FR ALEC

The Churchwardens and the worshipping community of St Mary's joins the whole parish in thanking Fr Alec for his wonderful ministry among us and wishes him a very happy and fulfilling future in his return to army chaplaincy. We are hugely grateful for all he has given us over the past years.

THIS MONTH AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

- Sunday, 1st July** **Ordination Service** for Gill Sakakini at Winchester Cathedral at **10am**. All welcome!
- Weekend, 7th–8th July** **“Music in Bloom” – St Mary’s Summer Flower Festival with Art Exhibition, Cantemus Concert & Open Gardens**
Throughout the weekend you can see the flower displays and the art exhibition, visit gardens or enjoy the refreshments available (Saturday 10.30 am to 5 pm, Sunday from 11 am). All are welcome to exhibit – forms are available in the church. *See also page 24*
Friday, 6th July, 7.30 to 9.30pm: preview of Art Exhibition
Saturday, 7th July, 2pm: St Mary’s CE Junior School Choir
Saturday, 7th July, 7.30 pm: Cantemus Concert
Sunday, 8th July, 6pm: Festal Evensong
- Sunday, 8th July** **All Age Eucharist at 10 am**
- Sunday, 22nd July** **Fr Alec’s final service** at St Mary’s at **10am**, followed by refreshments
- Monday, 23rd July** **Tea and Talk Cafe at 2pm**
- Fridays (till 20th July)** **Coffee Catch Up Cafe (2 to 4 pm)**. Come along and sample delicious cakes, outside if weather permits!

After the weekly **9.30 am service** at St Mary’s **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** and follow us on **Twitter @OB&L_St Marys** where you will find fresh updates including sermons. **The church is open daily for prayer and you are welcome as you are every Sunday.**

OLD BASING METHODIST CHURCH

- Tuesdays, 3rd/17th July** **Craft group (2 to 4pm)**. Bring your own craft or items will be provided.
- Tuesday, 10th July** **MHA lunch club** followed by **games (noon to 3pm)**
- Tuesday, 24th July** **Mid-week prayers and reflection at 2 pm**

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 for worship, midweek prayers and Tuesday craft – a warm welcome awaits you.

CYRIL MULLETT

Pam and family would like to thank friends and neighbours for their loving support during Cyril’s illness. He will be sadly missed by us all.

'MUSIC IN BLOOM': ST MARY'S SUMMER FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS, ART, MUSIC & OPEN GARDENS

By the time you read this our summer festival will be days away. Do join us for a weekend of fabulous flowers, amazing art, melodic music and gorgeous gardens. Starting with the **Art Preview**, to which everyone is welcome, on **Friday, 6th July**, at **7.30pm**, you can enjoy a glass of wine and nibbles as well as getting first look at how talented our local artists are.

On **Saturday** and **Sunday** the **Church** is **open** with beautiful **flower arrangements on a musical theme**. The creativity of our flower arrangers will amaze you. The **art exhibition** will be **open** and **refreshments will be served all day**, with **cream teas** on offer in the **afternoons**.

On **Saturday** there will be **stalls** to enjoy and a **concert** in the **Church** by the **Cantemus group** at **7.30pm**.

CHURCHYARD CONSERVATION GROUP (PIOCC)

This month the **working parties** will be on **Saturday, 7th July**, at **10am** and **Thursday, 26th July**, at **2pm** – meet in the **church lobby**. We will be continuing the summer season maintenance to encourage the wildflowers and associated wildlife. We will give you a warm welcome. This is a community project, not just for churchgoers, we look forward to seeing our regular volunteers and also new participants. Just turn up in gardening clothes and bring gloves. The tools are provided. Our **Saturday morning** sessions last about **three hours** (with a coffee break and chance to relax) and our **Thursday afternoons** about **two hours**.

Summer is here. **St Mary's Flower Festival** is on **Saturday, 7th to Sunday, 8th July** (*see above*). Why not come and while you are here visit the colourful Conservation Area. The blue Meadow Cranesbill, lilac-coloured Field Scabious and purple heads of Common Knapweed flowers dominate. Managing for wildlife means we welcome the nettles as they attract insects, including bees and butterflies galore. Red Admiral, Comma, Peacock and Small Tortoiseshell butterflies lay their eggs on nettles for their caterpillars to eat. So a world without nettles would be so much poorer. Meadow Brown and Ringlets love the flowers and grasses in the more open Central Glade. The Speckled Woods prefer the woodland through which they flit on sunny days. 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 spot from which to enjoy a moment of peace within our busy parish. For further information please ring **Fay Farrant** on **01256 476863**.

Margaret Carr – www.stmarysoldbasing.org.uk

OLD BASING WI

June was a busy month for the Old Basing WI. At the beginning of the month Members were entertained by Mrs Katy England who gave us a talk on life in the Stone Age. We held a successful stall at the Old Basing Carnival selling cakes, preserves and handicraft items, and later in the month a group enjoyed a cream tea on the Watercress Line at Alresford.

Our next **meeting** will take place on **Tuesday, 3rd July**, when we will have our annual **Garden Party** held in a **Member's garden starting at 7pm**. Please bring a plate of dessert. If the weather is wet then alternative arrangements will be made.

For further information about the Old Basing WI please go to www.hampshirewi.org.uk click on **WI's** from the top of the page and select **Old Basing** from the list.

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BOLTON UNDER 5'S PRESCHOOL

Time is flying by and we are hurtling towards the end of term and the educational year, which for our older children will mean the end of their preschool years and the move to their “Big School” in September! But before we wave goodbye, we have our Graduation Party to look forward to, with some exciting guests due to visit and surprise the children!

Our amazing Summer Fayre activities are over and our children were very excited by their preparations for the Village Carnival Parade, dressing up as Peter Pan, Wendy and the lost boys, indians and pirates. This is an annual event that we love being part of.

We recently had visitors from RAF Odiham and the local constabulary, showing the children their equipment and letting them try on their helmets, sit in the squad car and even sound the sirens; just some of our exciting visitors!

Spaces are available from **September 2018!** If you are interested in your child joining our outstanding preschool (for ages 2 to 4) please call on **07881 920709** or **01256 326196** to arrange a visit! You will have a tour of our preschool, where a member of the management team will show you around, giving you and your child a chance to see our setting in action and meet the team. We'll explain how we assess and continually enhance your child's development through exciting activities, ensuring they are ready for school, or the next stage of their interest-led learning. During your tour, your little one can get stuck into all the activities we have, whilst we do our 'adult talking', especially in our wonderful outdoor learning areas. We hope to hear from you as we plan our year ahead!

BEES AT OLD BASING INFANT SCHOOL

As we hurtle towards the end of the academic year the pupils at **Old Basing Infant School** have more than just the summer holidays to get excited about. We are also eagerly anticipating the prospect of our first honey harvest from our bees!

This time last year, we took delivery of our first beehive and in doing so became the first primary school in Hampshire to keep bees.

Since that time the bees have become an integral part of our school life. Pupils are involved in the beekeeping (with their own infant-sized bee suits); monitoring the hive, checking for the queen and ensuring the bees are healthy. Our Year 2 classes this year have built a whole topic around bees and their importance to us. We are members of the Basingstoke Bee Association who provide us with local support and advice in maintaining our hives. Children love being part of the Bee Club. The bees are a positive addition to our school, the local environment and to the children's education.

If you would like your child to have the opportunity to be a beekeeper in the future you can apply for a school place at Old Basing Infant School. Currently there are spaces in Year R for 2018–2019. Visits to the school for the 2019–2020 intake will begin in September. Please call the school for details.

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So, exams are over for most of our older students and many are now thinking about the summer holidays...

Teenagers can of course keep themselves entertained, but for some parents of younger children, there might be a concern of just how to keep them entertained over such a long summer break. Interestingly though, we in England, have some of the shortest summer holidays in Europe. According to a Czech linguist, mathematician and cartographer, Jakub Marian, most countries have more than nine weeks' holiday in primary education! Indeed, much of Italy started their summer holidays last month and will be on break for 14 weeks! Do visit **Linguatastic's Facebook page** to see the map Mr Marian has produced showing the variation in holidays across Europe.

And as for "dealing with" the summer holidays themselves, although we don't have much going on for the older generations over the summer, we hope to be running some groups for preschoolers in French, German and Spanish. Watch this space for further information.

And finally, may we take this opportunity to say goodbye to those preschoolers who will be having their last few L'école Maternelle/El Círculo/Kinder Singen sessions with us this month as they'll be starting school in September. We hope to see many of them in our after-school sessions, but it'll certainly be different for them and for us coming in the afternoon instead of the morning.

CHINEHAM LIBRARY

This is a very busy month in the library, with the '**Mischief Makers**' summer reading challenge beginning on **Saturday, 14th July**. Do bring your children **aged from 4 to 12 years** to take part again this year. In addition, we have an event for children on **Wednesday, 25th July**, called '**Summer Beach Bowl**'. This is a session to create food treats with Katie from Cookery Doodle Do. Places (charge) can be booked through the library for sessions at **10am** and **11am**. It should be good fun.

All our regular groups will be meeting this month. For children we have **Rhymetimes** on **Tuesday mornings**: for **under ones** at **10am** and **over ones** at **11am**. **Saturday Storytimes** take place every **Saturday** at **10am**, **except for the 7th** when we have **Under the Sea Crafts** from **10am to noon**. The **Chatterbooks** children's reading group meets on **Thursday, 12th July**, from **3.45 to 4.45pm**. There will be **extra craft sessions** during the summer on **Wednesday mornings** from **10am**. Further details will follow.

For **adults**, the **CHIPPS** group meets on **Wednesday, 11th July**, at **10am** and the **Crime Reading Group** on **Saturday, 21st July**, at **10.30am**. The **general reading group** are meeting on **Saturday, 28th July**, at **10.30am**, and the **Writing Group** on **Thursday, 12th July**, at **5.30pm**. Both of these would welcome new members. For details of **Age Concern** sessions for **over 50s** please contact their area office on **01256 423874**.

For the most up-to-date information check social media. We hope to see you in the library.

Cathy Foster

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St. Michael's Hospice opened a **Distribution and Sorting Centre** at its unit on **Wade Road** last month and it is proving to be a real success.

Volunteers and staff are really enjoying helping out there and the stores are delighted with how much it helps them. The space has been transformed so that it is warm and inviting and helpers enjoy spending time with others while helping the Hospice fund its critical work.

The new Centre is providing a vital service to the Hospice's nine stores too. The amazing generosity of local residents in donating so much to the Hospice had meant that staff and volunteers were kept very busy sorting and pricing donations in the back of the stores. Now that donations are being centralised at the Centre, staff and volunteers can spend more time chatting with and helping customers and making sure everything looks super.

The newly created Centre has also opened up some brand new roles for volunteers to provide vital assistance. The Hospice has already recruited volunteers who share their excitement about the difference the Centre will make and who want to help make it a success but they would love to have some more. Details of all the new roles are on the Hospice's website so if you are interested in joining the **Distribution and Sorting Centre**, or would like more details about any of St. Michael's Hospice volunteer opportunities, please have a look at the Hospice's website: www.stmichaels hospice.org.uk/volunteer-roles or contact **Laura Williams** on **01256 848882** or email: laura.williams@stmichaels hospice.org.uk

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Our volunteers devote anything from an hour a week to a couple of hours a day to assist our clients and we know from the feedback and comments we receive from clients and their families that our service really makes a difference to the lives of the people they help.

As is often the case, demand for such services continues to outstrip supply so we're in great need of additional **volunteer drivers** and **befrienders**. If you feel that you could contribute in either of these areas, then please pick up the phone and call us on **01256 423855** or drop us an email at info@neighbourcare.com – we'd be delighted to hear from you.



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BASINGSTOKE LIONS CLUB

We have just waved farewell to our friends from our **French twin Club**, the **Lions Club of Alençon Cité**, after a most enjoyable weekend. We met them on Friday at the Wheatsheaf whence we took them to hosts for afternoon tea. In the evening we visited the Red Lion, Overton, for a game of skittles and supper. Fortunately our ladies were on form at skittles and saved us from humiliation – our men were rubbish. Supper was lasagna which was an absolute triumph, we were assured that it was made on the premises to the chef's own recipe.

On Saturday we took them to visit the Museum of Army Flying at Middle Wallop. That was made very interesting by a guide who knew his subject and made the contribution that the troop carrying gliders made to the D Day landings really come alive. After that it was off to get toggled up for our annual Charter Night celebration at Basingstoke Golf Club. If you get one decent speaker on these occasions, you're lucky (or you've paid a fortune). To get three is miraculous! The first was our District Governor Elect – the title is usually synonymous with "stuff shirt". But he was witty, chatty and informative. Then the Mayor of Basingstoke and Deane Councillor Sean Keating took up the cudgels (or should it be shillelaghs) who has definitely kissed the blarney stone and lastly Lion President Loic Alloy who gave a very good account of the fundraising and charity support achieved by the Alençon Club during his tenure (translated by Ann Vicars). We donated £200 from the proceeds of our raffle to Different Strokes, a charity designed to assist young people who have experienced such an event.

The next day was D Day for us. Defeat at petanque during our Sunday afternoon BBQ! We play to 13 and were 11 to 9 up when disaster struck. Our final shot hit the jack which skittered off among their boules and gave them 7 scoring shots – match over. So, at the final full English breakfast at Test Valley Golf Club on Monday morning we had the pleasure of handing over the Jean le Noac'h Trophy. I say pleasure because it weighs a ton! Now, back to normal.

Currently in the programme we have **Motown Music with Lou Taylor on Saturday, 22nd September; The Caerphilly Male Voice Choir on Saturday, 13th October; Quiz Night on Saturday, 3rd November; and The Hampshire Police Band on Saturday, 17th November.** If any of these appeal, please get in touch via the website: www.basingstokelions.org.uk or one of the usual suspects: mauricehockley@hotmail.com or jomolincoln@btinternet.com or philipjhwilson@btinternet.com

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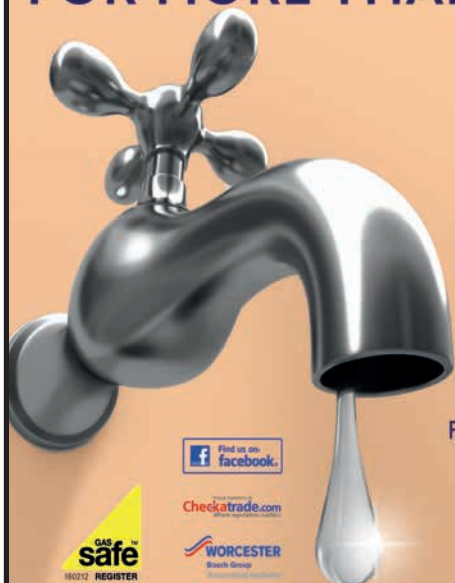


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OLD BASING ROYAL BRITISH LEGION UPDATE

MONTHLY BRANCH MEETING

The **monthly branch meeting** will be on **Thursday, 5th July, 7.45 for 8 pm**, in the **Jack Morris Hall** at the **Royal British Legion** in Crown Lane.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday, 10th July: Carnival Skittles (7.30pm, Jack Morris Hall)

Tuesday, 17th July: Carnival Skittles (7.30pm, Jack Morris Hall)

Saturday, 21st July: Beer Festival (midday to late, Jack Morris Hall/car park; *see below*)

Tuesday, 24th July: Carnival Skittles (7.30pm, Jack Morris Hall)

OLD BASING ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BEER FESTIVAL

On **Saturday, 21st July**, from **midday till late**, the **Royal British Legion** is hosting a **Beer Festival** in the **Jack Morris Hall** and the **car park**. It is not just beer on offer, there's cider also plus there will be gin and prosecco bars and food stalls. For the children there is a bouncy castle and face painting. Fundraising is for the **Royal British Legion** and the **Poppy Appeal**.

BASINGSTOKE AND DISTRICT RAILWAY SOCIETY

Near and far again for our July talks. On **Wednesday, 11th July**, long-standing Society member and Old Basing resident **David Brace** will take us to the southern hemisphere for an **African Adventure**. David will illustrate his experience on a Geoff's Trains tour of six countries in southern Africa last year including steam engines (including the massive Beyer-Garratts), locomotive depots, the 'Stars of Sandstone' festival as well as some big African wildlife.

The following meeting on **Wednesday, 25th July**, will bring us closer to home. With the **eastern section of Crossrail (the Elizabeth Line)** across London now operating and the full line scheduled to open later this year we will take a look at Crossrail 2 now being planned. **Gavin Cambridge**, the project's Local Consultation and Engagement Officer will explain the scheme's development journey and the current proposals now in the public domain.

Our **meetings** are held at **7.45pm** at **The Wote Street Club** in **New Road** in **Basingstoke** town centre. We welcome new members to the Society and we are always pleased to see non-members at our meetings for a minimal charge. More information about the Society, membership and future meetings can be found on our website: **www.bdrs70d.com** or telephone **01256 331002**.

BASINGSTOKE CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT FELLOWSHIP

There were 48 members at the open meeting held on 6th June and they were joined by six visitors including June Harris from Andover who used to be the Branch Treasurer. Everyone was welcomed by the Chairman, David Cowling who also introduced John Howson who had come with a variety of greeting cards he had produced. The Secretary, Tony Brazier, commented on the enjoyable trip to Windsor the week after the royal wedding had taken place and then gave details of the forthcoming trips to Painshill Park on Wednesday, 11th July, and then West Dean Gardens and the Weald & Downland Museum on Thursday, 9th August. The group **meets** on the **first Wednesday of each month** at **Brookvale Village Hall** from **10 am to noon** and all retired Civil Servants and their partners are welcome. Further details about meetings and outings can be obtained from the Secretary **Tony Brazier** on **01256 418770**.

JULY IN YOUR GARDEN

I have recently planted a Yuzu tree. Yuzu is an Asian citrus famed for its intense flavour. It has had somewhat of a surge in popularity over the last few years with Western culture jumping on the bandwagon regarding not only the flavour but also the health benefits associated with it.

From a gardening perspective, it is a frost-hardy citrus that can be planted in the ground. My variety is hardy down to minus 5°C, and has been placed in a sheltered spot in full to partial shade. Cold winds can strip it of its leaves so it is important to protect it with fleece, and it demands a sandy, well-draining soil, but so far it seems to be very happy.

The reason I write this is because for years Yuzu trees were hard to come by, and then they needed to be treated like other citrus trees, and taken indoors in winter. Only specialist companies imported them, at a hefty price, but now most companies stock them. The same is true for other more exotic trees – pomegranates are becoming more available for example. It is worth looking at catalogues all year round for inspiration and new things to try.

Onwards to the work for the month! As you may imagine there is so much to be getting on with.

Hanging baskets should be in the height of their display, but cutting back growth can encourage new flowers and revive any flagging displays but be sure you that feed your baskets well after doing this.

Cut back hardy Geraniums and Delphiniums after the first flush of flowers to encourage new growth and further blooms. Lupins can also be pruned to prompt new flowers, also water daily in dry weather. Roses look best for being deadheaded; unless your Rose produces attractive hips come the autumn, in which case leave them on. Definitely dead head sweet peas, as this encourages new growth and the peas produced aren't edible. As for hollyhock to stop rust damaging the foliage prune out affected leaves and/or spray with a fungicide.

It is probably time to stop harvesting Rhubarb stalks now, the plant needs time to recover and I'm sure you're now completely fed up with rhubarb crumble!

If you've trained your apples and pears as cordons, fans or espaliers, give them their summer prune now to maintain a good shape. Cherry, Plum and Peach trees can do with a summer prune now to avoid them getting silver leaf disease. Blackcurrants also like a summer prune once they have fruited.

In the vegetable garden you can plant second cropping potatoes to give you new potatoes for Christmas. Plant these in pots or bags so they can be brought under cover before the first frosts. As for tomatoes remember to pinch out side shoots each week and cut off any leaves growing below the lowest ripening fruit trusses to improve air circulation and prevent diseases. You can boost your tomato crop by feeding them with dilute tomato fertiliser once a week; if leaves look pale and yellow feed more regularly. With cucumber make sure you train the stems upwards instead of trailing over the ground, making most of the space available, tying in their long stems to vertical wires or a wigwam of poles.

If we do get some prolonged fine weather, cast your mind to fence panels, sheds, garden furniture and anything else that might need painting or preserving.

Like I say, hopefully the weather will be fine and warm and we can make the most of our gardens, the summer months will soon be gone sadly, so do make sure you find time to get out and enjoy your garden!

NATURE NOTES FOR JULY

It was widely reported that the month of May was the warmest and sunniest since records began and we all certainly noticed that. In previous years there inevitably seemed to be a cold and wet spell between the 20th and 30th of May, resulting in a grave shortage of insect and caterpillars, just when many nesting box broods would be hatching. The result was that the Blue, Coal and Great Tits particularly suffered poor breeding seasons and barely maintained their numbers. This year however there must have been a boom, if the success in our own garden was anything to go by, with two boxes being occupied and successfully fledging broods of Coal and Blue Tits. Before they emerged we had numerous baby birds around the place all gaping for food from overworked parents so our fat-ball and insect-impregnated suet offerings were all gratefully received. In fact all the feeders were emptied within days and were more popular than in the depths of winter! A Great Spotted Woodpecker visited every day and then she turned up with a youngster last week. Sarah Green down the road had two young GSWs in her garden earlier in the month so this species seems to have done well.

The low-flying and food scrap-hunting antics of the local Kites would indicate youngsters are also being fed somewhere locally and Ross Needs in Belle Vue sent me two cracking photos of these majestic birds overhead. These are on **Basinga Extra** web pages.

Terry McAnish sent a couple of photos in of young Blue Tits, eight in total, just out of their home in his garden, managing to avoid the attentions of Magpies and Jays that would be eager to benefit from the tasty bonanza briefly on offer. Terry also mentioned hearing a Cuckoo on 21st May 21 as did we here on the same day so one assumes it was working his way along the old canal looking for a warbler or pipit nest for his mate to lay her egg in. That is the first one I've heard for many years and there weren't many reports other than these, Margaret Chewters at Huish and Tony Stoney's encounter with one near Fordingbridge.

Migrants have been very late in arriving with few Swallows, House Martins or Swifts getting here in May and early June as is the norm. BBC's *Springwatch* even commented on this so it seems a national trend which is really worrying. So is it habitat loss, global warming or mass predation by humans or otherwise in Africa, who knows? It was good therefore to get a call from Christine Stuart in Lambs Row who spied about a dozen Swifts whizzing around that area on 18th May with more arriving on the 21st. That was a warm week and it encouraged an influx because that was our first sight of Martins overhead here also.

I'm never happy to find my flower beds polluted by cat poo but the hedgehog droppings found this week were a weirdly pleasing sight. Let me know if you find some too!

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

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OLD BASING TENNIS CLUB

For the first two weeks of July we shall be busy watching Wimbledon, either on TV or, if we've been very lucky, at Wimbledon itself! We shall be holding our own small tournament, an **American Tournament**, on **Sunday, 8th July**. Our **Summer Tournament** will continue to be played this month, with the **finals** being played on **Saturday, 1st September**. If you feel inspired to pick up a racket and come and play please get in touch with our Secretary **Lynne Thomas** by emailing OBTC.Information@gmail.com

DIARY DATES FOR JULY

(For details of services and events as St Mary's Church, please refer to page 23)

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| Tue 3 | 7.00 pm | WI Meeting and Garden Party (in Member's Garden) |
| | 7.30 pm | Parish Council Meeting (Pavilion Committee Room, The Rec) |
| Thu 5 | 7.45 pm | Royal British Legion Branch Meeting (Jack Morris Hall, RBL) |
| Fri 6 | 10.30 am–noon | Ladies' First Friday Coffee Morning (10 Olivers Walk, Lychpit) |
| | 2.00 pm–4.00 pm | Coffee Catch Up Café (Parish Room, St Mary's Church) |
| | 7.30 pm–9.30 pm | Preview of Art Exhibition for St Mary's Summer Festival of Flowers, Art, Music & Open Gardens (St Mary's Church) |
| Sat 7 | From 10.00 am | St Mary's Summer Festival of Flowers, Art, Music & Open Gardens (St Mary's Church and local gardens) |
| | 10.00 am | PIOCC Working Party (meet church lobby, St Mary's Church) |
| | 1.30 pm | Fun Day at Bartons Mill Pub: Duck Race (Bartons Mill Pub) |
| Sun 8 | 10.30 am–noon | Old Basing Allotment & Garden Society Shop (Riley Lane) |
| | From 11.00 am | St Mary's Summer Festival of Flowers, Art, Music & Open Gardens (St Mary's Church and local gardens) |
| | | American Tournament (Old Basing Tennis Club) |
| Tue 10 | | LAST DATE FOR COPY TO EDITOR (SEE PAGE 3) |
| | 7.30 pm | Carnival Skittles (Jack Morris Hal, RBL) |
| Wed 11 | 7.30 pm | Guided Walk around Mill Field Local Nature Reserve (starting play area, Bartons Mill) |
| | 7.30 pm | Basingstoke & District Railway Society talk (Wote Street Club, Basingstoke) |
| Fri 13 | 2.00 pm–4.00 pm | Coffee Catch Up Café (Parish Room, St Mary's Church) |
| Tue 17 | 7.30 pm | Carnival Skittles (Jack Morris Hal, RBL) |
| Fri 20 | 2.00 pm–4.00 pm | Coffee Catch Up Café (Parish Room, St Mary's Church) |
| Sat 21 | noon–late | Beer Festival (Jack Morris Hall/car park, RBL) |
| Sun 22 | 10.00 am | Fr Alec's final service at St Mary's Church |
| | 10.30 am–noon | Old Basing Allotment & Garden Society Shop (Riley Lane) |
| Tue 24 | 7.30 pm | Carnival Skittles (Jack Morris Hal, RBL) |
| Wed 25 | 7.30 pm | Basingstoke & District Railway Society talk (Wote Street Club, Basingstoke) |
| Thu 26 | 12.30 pm | Ploughman's Lunch (Parish Room, St Mary's Church) |
| | 10.00 am–4.00 pm | Hampshire & Isle Of Wight Wildlife Trust at Basing House |
| | 2.00 pm | PIOCC Working Party (meet church lobby, St Mary's Church) |
| | 7.30 pm | WI Members' AGM (Parish Room, St Mary's Church) |

LOOKING AHEAD TO AUGUST

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| Fri 3 | 10.30 am–noon | Ladies' First Friday Coffee Morning (49 Saxons Way, Lychpit) |
| Tue 7 | 7.30 pm | Parish Council Meeting (Pavilion Committee Room, The Rec) |

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VICAR: Rev Alec Battey, The Vicarage, Church Lane, Old Basing

Tel: 354707

ASSISTANT CURATE:

ADMINISTRATOR: Debbie Filer

Tel: 07541
698235

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Ian Kershaw

Tel: 326155
Tel: 355500

Regular Services at St. Mary's Church, Old Basing.

SUNDAY: 8am Holy Communion. 9.30am Sung Eucharist and Junior Church

Evening Service 5.30 pm.

OTHER DAYS: Wednesday 10am Holy Communion.

Changes to the regular service pattern and other weekday services are shown in the weekly news-sheet, a copy of which is displayed on the noticeboard in the church porch

Old Basing Methodist Church

MINISTER: Rev Alison Parker alison.m.parker@googlemail.com

SUNDAY SERVICE: 10.30am Morning Service

Tel: 465064

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St Bede's Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke.

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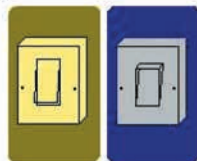
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