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#### **JULY 2019 - NOTES AND NEWS**

The cover photograph is by **Anna Fairs**, taken at the **Old Basing Tennis Club**. Last month we welcomed **Reverend Heather Leppard** as the new **Vicar of St Marys Church**. We wish her every success and happiness serving the community of Old Basing and Lychpit (*her contact details can be found on page 42*).

#### **BASINGA**

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 **Wednesday**, **10th July**. Please use the forms on the Basinga website **www.basinga.org.uk** to get your dates, articles and letters to us (*see box on page 15 for further instructions*). All advertising enquiries – classified, free adverts or inserts (flyers) can also be made via the Basinga website. Don't forget that we only accept articles with about **300 words maximum**.

#### **OLD BASING & LYCHPIT VILLAGE SHOW**

The Old Basing & Lychpit Village Show will take place on Sunday, 8th September, at the Old Basing Village Hall at 2.30pm. Admission £1 adults; accompanied under 15s free.

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

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

#### FRANK AND SUE MCKENNA - FAREWELL

Frank and Sue McKenna and family would like to thank all their many friends, neighbours and the whole community of Old Basing for a very happy and eventful 25 years in the village. Living in Kingfisher Bridge in Paddock Fields has been a privilege; watching the birds and the wildlife from our kitchen window is something we shall always remember with fondness. We have moved to Broadstone in Dorset, next to heathlands and close to the coast so dog walking will be varied and really interesting. Our new home is close to our family and in a village setting too. Thank you to all who make this village of Old Basing such a wonderful place to raise a family, live in and to be a part of. We hope that the friendship, support and fun we have always had here in Hampshire from so many people, artisans and businesses will be repeated in our next home. So thank you, farewell and all the very best to you all.

#### **CARNIVAL UPDATE**

By the time you read this, we will have hopefully had another amazing Old Basing Carnival with an amazing Comic/Cartoon Characters 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, 9th October, in the Frank Goddard Room at Old Basing Village Hall at 8pm. 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 and how you helped and/or took part in the carnival, in writing to Joe Croombs, 12 The Smithy, Bramley, Hampshire RG26 5AY or email oldbasingcarnival@outlook.com by 5pm on Sunday, 1st September. If emailing, all emails will be acknowledge therefore if you do not get a response with 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 our 50th Celebratory Year – on 20th June 2020 where the theme will be **'50 Golden Years – anything goes'**. So we will be expecting to see a wide array of things from the last 50 years and maybe some new things.

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Joe Croombs (Chair, Old Basing Carnival Committee)

#### **OLD BASING ALLOTMENT AND GARDEN SOCIETY**

The shop in Riley Lane is open on the 7th and 21st July, 10.30am to noon.

Hopefully the water issues we experienced last year won't reappear but prudent use of water butts and mulches are always wise. If possible, try to water early in the morning or late in the day to prevent too much evaporation. Hoeing also helps break up the soil and prevent weeds taking over. Harvest early potatoes, tomatoes and main crop strawberries. Rhubarb should only be pulled for a couple more weeks to allow the crown to build up strength over the autumn. Garlic, shallots and onions are also coming into season, as are early plums, pears and apples.

Continue sowing beetroot, carrot and lettuce, and start sowing winter brassicas. Plant out the last of your squashes. If the weather is wet, keep an eye out for blight. If you have infected plants, bin or burn them. Don't add them to your compost heap as you'll end up with more blight next year. Keep an eye out for caterpillars, aphids and pea moths. Treat as necessary. Hoe, Hoe, Hoe!

For more information on gardening jobs for July *see page 36* or for more information on the Old Basing Allotment Garden Society see **www.facebook.com/oldbasingallotments** 

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#### PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

#### PARISH COUNCIL CHANGES

We reported in the June Basinga that we hoped to co-opt at least two **new Councillors** to the Parish Council at our May meeting and we are pleased to welcome Old Basing resident **Richard Barker** and Lychpit resident **Steve Brown**, together with a former Old Basing Councillor, **Chris Fowler**. This leaves just one unfilled Councillor vacancy to represent Lychpit which we will be seeking to fill by co-option in the coming months.

We also have a **new Chairman**, **Cllr Alan Renwick**, who has taken over from **Cllr Mark Oszczyk** who will offer his support as Vice-Chairman. Former Vice-Chairman, Peter Bloyce has taken on the role of Chairman of the Planning & Development Committee.

Following discussion at the May meeting it was decided not to change the start times for meetings and this remains at 7.30pm. All meetings are open to the public and are held in either the Parish Council Meeting Room or Tea Room at The Pavilion next to the Recreation Ground in Old Basing.

#### PARISH OFFICE VACANCY

We will be saying farewell later this month to our **Deputy Clerk**, **Heather Mountford**, who will be leaving after 11 years with the Parish Council to spend more time on voluntary work and pursue her various sporting hobbies. We would all like to thank Heather for her flexibility and dedication during her time with us.

If you think you may be interested in this part-time role, please contact the Parish Office for further details.

#### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The meeting this year was well attended, possibly due to the prospect of an interesting talk by new Councillor, Richard Barker, as proved to be the case when he enlightened us on the intricacies of the criminal justice system and how it affects us as a parish with a brief insight into what the Magistrates get up to in local courts.

**Anne Francis** was presented with the **Annual Parish Award** for her dedication over 17 years as Chairman of the Millfield Conservation Group.

An additional award this year was a **Long Service Award** presented by the Parish Council to **Betty Waller**, who retired earlier in the year after 26 years as a Parish Councillor.

#### PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next two meeting dates are **Tuesdays 2nd July and 6th August** at **7.30pm** in the **Pavilion Meeting Room**. All are welcome and anyone with impaired mobility should contact the Parish Office so they can be accommodated.

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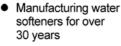
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**Friday 26th July** sees one of the highlights of our 2019 season, with a performance of *Pride and Prejudice* in the Walled Garden at Basing House. So, pack a picnic, bring your chairs and prepare for an evening of entertainment in the gardens of Basing House, where you can take a step back in time with the **Chapterhouse Theatre Company** to meet Elizabeth Bennet, Jane Austen's admirable and endearing heroine. When she meets the terse and abrupt Mr Darcy, she loathes him at first sight. But is there more to him than meets the eye? Brought to life by award-winning writer Laura Turner, this adaptation has been a favourite of Chapterhouse audiences for years and will be a joy to see in the company's 20th year of touring. Join us to bask in the glow of this timeless classic as the sun sets behind our 400-plus-year-old walls.

**Doors** open **6pm**, (**performance** starting at **7pm**). You can enjoy Basing House and its grounds before the performance starts, and there is free parking close to the performance just off Redbridge Lane, Old Basing RG24 7HB – access is by the turning off Redbridge Lane on the far side (A30 side) of the old canal bridge to the village and following the lane. This is not the usual Basing House car park near the Bartons Mill pub, which is a considerable walk from the walled garden, especially if you're carrying chairs and a picnic! Full details and how to book are at **www.hampshireculture.org.uk/event/pride-and-prejudice** or tel. **01256 463965** (11am to 4pm, except Fridays). **Prices – adults £16, children £11; family (2+2) £46.** 

In **August** we'll be running some daytime activities for children and in **September** (1st) we'll be staging *Wuthering Heights*. More in the next Basinga.

**Andrew Howard** (tel. 01256 327014)

#### THE MILL FIELD CONSERVATION GROUP

At the end of May I was presented with the **Annual Parish Award by the Parish Council** as an acknowledgement of the 17 years plus that I have been running the Mill Field group. And it got me thinking about the importance of what the volunteers do and also the dual importance of the site as both an amenity and as a home to its huge variety of wildlife. Old Basing and Lychpit are very fortunate to have 30 acres of green space sitting in the middle of what otherwise could be a very built up area, it is a place anyone can visit whether to walk the dog, take the children exploring or just to walk across on route to another destination. However this green space needs caretakers so that for us humans it's accessible and not overgrown, where it is a peaceful spot to unwind and enjoy the great outdoors, but also so that we protect it as a home for its wildlife residents from the dormouse to the kestrel. So next time you visit, take a breath, look around you and I hope you appreciate how lovely it is.

#### WHAT'S AROUND THIS MONTH

July is a vibrant month for wildlife in the field; Parent Goldfinch will be carrying food back to the 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 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 will find the Bee and Common Spot orchids, plus the flowering of the towering Woolly thistle.

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Our next meeting is our annual **Garden Party** hosted by one of our members on **Tuesday, 2nd July**, which takes place at **7pm**. If it is raining, we will meet at the **St Marys Church Parish Room** at the usual time of **7.30pm**. For further venue details please contact a committee member. The competition that evening will be a pudding which we will all be sampling!

As well as our regular coffee mornings and lunches, we hold a walk once a month and a popular craft morning. For further details of our activities this month please go to the Hampshire WI website at **www.hampshirewi.org.uk** (click on WIs from the top of the page and select Old Basing from the list). Come and join us and be a part of one of the longest running successful groups in Basingstoke!

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**Sue Wilson** (Chairman)

#### THE IVY CLUB

We are proposing having a **coach outing** to **Weymouth** on **Tuesday, 16th July**. Pick up points will be, first one at 9am, The Co-Op, Belle Vue Road, the Royal British Legion and Oakfields – cost £15 per head. If you are interested, can you please complete the form below.

You are welcome to bring guests, but the above must be completed for each passenger for insurance purposes. We cannot accept bookings without the relevant information. Please drop off your completed form with the money to the Ivy Club (we meet each Wednesday,1.30 to 4pm at the Royal British Legion). If you are over 60 years of age why not come and join us, new members always welcome, if you wish to know more contact **Sue Wilson** on **01256 328196**.

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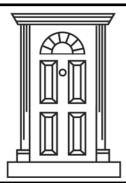
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# **BUSES OF OLD BASING (PART 4): BUS CRASH OF SEPTEMBER 1929**

Local resident Roy Reynolds has been in touch about the May article in the Basinga to tell me that "C.V.Reynolds" who ran an independent bus service from Basing to Basingstoke in the '20s was in fact his grandfather, Charlie. Thanks to Roy and John Pearce (co-author of the book *Venture Limited*) I am now able to reconstruct the story of a bus crash in September 1929.

In 1919 Charlie was demobbed, got married, and moved into The Street. He was certainly a "character". Initially he tried to seek his fortune by lifting all the local flagstones and looking for gold and jewels supposedly buried in a dead sheep during the siege of Basing House, but to no avail! He soon decided to set up his own business and built his own garage in the garden of the cottage opposite The Crown. Roy says that "we were given to understand by my father that the storage tanks for the petrol pumps were under the road in front of the garage, and that they were never removed or filled in!" Don't smoke in this area just in case.

At some point in the early 1920s he obtained a lorry, built an enclosed compartment on the back with access steps, a door and windows, painted it yellow and started running a bus service between Old Basing and Basingstoke. After some years the Ford expired, and was dumped in the Basingstoke Canal (disused by then) where the road crossed it just before where the British Legion is now. And as far as we know the remains are still there.

In 1929 the new Venture bus company were keen to take on the Old Basing route and began competing with Charlie Reynolds' service. In September of that year he was returning from Basingstoke, and as he approached the Old Basing Road Infirmary (now the Hampshire Clinic), there was a Venture bus on the other side of the road. As he passed it a nurse ran out from behind the bus straight in front of

Charlie's bus resulting in a fatal accident. The Venture bus driver said he had seen it all in his mirror and that Charlie never had a chance. But in the resulting court case the Venture driver changed his story and stated that Charlie was speeding and could have avoided the accident. Following this case, many of the Old Basing residents of the time turned against Charlie and his business.

At some financial cost he took the case to appeal and it was eventually shown that the Venture driver had taken a bribe and lied under oath. But there remained some doubt about the exact circumstances of the crash, especially the standard of the brakes. In summing up the judge said that Charlie had been extremely lucky and that he had had a narrow escape. "Let this be a lesson to you" he concluded before dismissing the case.

It was occurrences like this, and others during the 1920s "bus wars" that persuaded the government to regulate and control bus operators. The result was the 1930 Road Traffic Act.

In June 1931 Charlie Reynolds applied for a licence to run a bus service under the new regulations but was vigorously opposed by Venture. Understandably he felt extremely upset by the lack of local support and the financial cost, and eventually sold his routes to Venture for the sum of £300 in December 1932. He didn't see much of this though. A sum of £200 was owed to the Lintott Motor Company who had supplied his latest bus on HP. He left the area, and got a job driving for the Royal Blue coach company and died in August 1964. The garage was demolished in 1972 to form part of Bexmoor Way.

Next month: How far could you travel from Basing on a 1979 National Wanderbus ticket?

Ian Maynard - ianmaynard@msn.com

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June was a very popular meeting when we shared puddings and our favourite poems. There was an interesting mix of poignant, funny, classic and modern, as well as two of our members writing their own poems.

Some of us have tickets for *Much Ado About Nothing* on Sunday, 30th June. We hope the weather allows this to be in the Walled Gardens at Down Granges where we will share a picnic beforehand. On Monday, 1st July, the topic is Transactional Analysis: How do you communicate and are you in touch with your inner child? This is a system of popular psychology based on the idea that one's behaviour and social relationships reflect an interchange of aspects of personality established early in life. In August we look forward to wine tasting.

To find out more NWR information please visit **nwr.org.uk** or if you world like more specific information about our Local Group you can email **sandra.tapping@gmail.com** or call **Karen Dann** on **01256 328488.** If you have commitments on Monday afternoons then the NWR website gives details of several other local NWR groups which meet in the evenings or on different days.

**Sandie Tapping** 

#### **OLD BASING INFANT SCHOOL**

As we enter the last half term of the year we have had plenty to keep us busy; including move up sessions and sports day.

Year R have had great fun exploring other cultures as part of their multi-cultural week; investigating the cultures of each class and learning about the traditions and experiences each different culture has, from Slovakia, India, Thailand and Greece in just one week!

Year 1 have been detectives and have been investigating the case of 'The Porridge Thief' who struck at Old Basing Infant School; thankfully the children used the 'CCTV' footage to create wanted posters, designed questions for the suspect and helped secure justice for us by ensuring Goldilocks was behind bars!

Year 2 have been continuing with their global campaign to help save the orangutans by writing letters to large manufacturers who use palm oil in their products in order to try to persuade them to stop.

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

We are looking forward to greeting our new cohort of children and their families in September as they begin their educational journey with us. Additionally we have an **Open Morning** on **Monday, 8th July**, for prospective parents for the 2020/2021 cohort. Please call our school office on 01256 325704 to make appointment.

#### **LOVE ALL!**

I've always been a fan of Wimbledon, and as July rolls around once again I sincerely hope that the weather is better than it is as I write this in a very wet June!

Having recently moved to the Vicarage, and now taking charge of a good-sized garden, I'm faced for the first time in my life with a serious infestation of weeds. It's going to be an education for me and the family as we get to grips with them all, and build on everything that's gone before in this green corner of Old Basing.

It makes me think of the ground staff at Wimbledon, who spend the entire year tending their patches of ground, making them perfect for the start of the tournament. I'm struck by just how much dedication it must take to be there day in, day out, tending the grass. That it gets rather threadbare by the end of the tournament must be rather galling, but by next year, thanks to a lot of hard work it will once again be looking perfect.

That sort of dedication to looking after something is the thing that lies at the very heart of a community. My family and I haven't yet had much chance to get to know the community here in Old Basing and Lychpit, but already I'm really excited to see just how many dedicated people put a lot of their time and effort into tending this particular community, helping it to grow and flourish. I won't start naming people or organisations, because I know that with so many I'll miss lots out, but I'm looking forward to getting to know more and more of them.

We each have our things that we love, that we're dedicated to helping to grow and flourish. Perhaps I can encourage us all, in this season when the trees and fields flourish and grow, because of (and often in spite of!) the weather, to look to the thing that nourishes us all, the community around us. Perhaps I can encourage each of us to think of what we might be able to do to give something back.

That dedication to community is also at the heart of the Christian faith. Jesus prays towards the end of John's gospel for his disciples, the first Christian community, and for all those who will believe in him. He says 'I pray for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you'. That call for community, and for unity, remains hugely important; in a seemingly divided country, the dedication to building community, a community that is generous enough for all to be welcome, is never more important.

With love,

Reverend Heather

#### THIS MONTH AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Saturday, 6th July Men's Breakfast Group from 8.45 to 10am. Men of all ages

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

Room - you'd be most welcome (price £4).

Monday, 22nd July We look forward to welcoming the Year 6 children of St Mary's

CE Junior School for their Leavers' Service at 2pm.

Monday, 29th July Tea and Talk Café at 2pm

After the **weekly 9.30am 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 the **St Mary's Face Book** page and follow us on **Twitter: @OB&L\_St Marys** where you will find fresh updates. The church is open daily for prayer and you are welcome as you are every Sunday.

#### **CHURCHYARD CONSERVATION GROUP (PIOCC)**

We were thrilled that our Coffee Morning in May raised £218.90. Thank you to everyone who attended, donated plants, cakes and those who supported us by buying them too.

This month the **working parties** will be on **Saturday**, **6th July**, at **10am** and **Thursday**, **25th July**, at **2pm** – meet in the **church lobby**. We will be continuing the summer season maintenance to encourage the wild flowers and associated wildlife and 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 and we welcome our new vicar, Reverend Heather too. Why not come and visit the Conservation Area while the weather is good. The earlier spring flowers have given way to blue Meadow Cranesbill, lilac coloured Field Scabious and purple heads of Common Knapweed flowers. Hopefully you will find butterflies as well. Meadow Brown and Ringlets love the flowers and grasses in the more open Central Glade while 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** 

#### **OLD BASING METHODIST CHURCH**

Tuesdays, 2nd/16th July Craft afternoons from 2 until 4pm. Bring your own crafts or items will be provided.

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Tuesday, 23rd July Midweek Communion at 2.30 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 – a warm welcome awaits you.

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

Hopefully by the time you're reading this we'll be enjoying some lovely sunshine and The Village Café will be setting up some tables outside. Thank you for your continuing support.

A reminder that we're open on **Friday afternoons**, **2 to 4.30pm**, in the **Parish Room** of **St Mary's Church**. All proceeds (up until 19th July) will to go to The Motor Neurone Disease Association. We shall continue to open during the summer, with the exception of the last two Fridays in August, when all proceeds will be donated to St Mary's Church.

We'd love to hear from you if you would like to get involved. Please call **07813 186328** or email **thevillagecafeoldbasing@gmail.com** (thank you for your support).

#### **CHRISTMAS IS A LONG WAY OFF!**

'Spread a little happiness this Christmas'. Get involved! It's surprising but there are still children who live in poverty and rarely get presents even at Christmas. For many years **Rotary's Shoebox scheme** has given a little happiness to some of these children, with your help we spread that happiness even further.

Last year Rotary Wessex (Hampshire and east Dorset) distributed over 27.000 shoeboxes to children in Montenegro, Moldova and Albania, and to make sure they don't go astray Rotarians supervise the whole process including volunteers going to the countries to make sure the boxes get to the children. Remember that recipients will be opening the box in eager anticipation of finding it full of toys and useful items, possibly the first gifts they have received. We have been told by recipients of shoeboxes, who have now grown up, of the excitement with which they were opened and what treasured memories they have of that special gift

Christmas is a long way off but for Rotary to plan ahead we need to let you know about what can be put in the shoeboxes so you can start collecting items to include, one item a week will fill your box.

These are items you can collect: **Playing** – ball, skipping rope, small games, cards, dominoes, harmonicas/recorders, cars, small toys, cuddly toy; **Washing** – soap, toothbrush; **Writing** – pens, pencils, sharpener, notebook, colouring book, puzzle book; **Wearing** – hat, gloves, scarf, socks, hair accessories, jewellery. Items need to be new or in good/as new condition. Collect for either boys or girls, ages 1 to 3, 4 to 7, 8 to 11 and 12 to 15.

Get your workplace, church, club, your school, Scout, cub, Brownie and Guide groups, your children, grandchildren or just you involved, start planning now so we can make this Christmas special for these children. Please also attach £1 coin to each box for transport cost. For more information, check out our Facebook.

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Just like going to the horse races, you don't need to have lots of knowledge to enjoy all the sporting action that the Wellington Country Fair and Horse Trials has to offer. So, what is this 'Eventing' lark all about? Well in simple terms, it's the equine equivalent to a triathlon. Dressage is the horse's ability to perform, where elegance and obedience is key. Showjumping is designed to show the agility of the horse and Cross Country is all about stamina.

Previously this weekend has pulled in big industry professionals, last year the British Eventing team competed as part of their preparations, as well as Olympic and other experienced riders from around the world and even the Queen's granddaughter Zara Philips has competed.

This year will be extra special with **Lowde Music Trust** working alongside the **Academy of Contemporary Music (ACM)** in Guildford to provide a brilliant array of local talent with the provision of musicians and performers across the three days.

For tickets and more information see www.wellingtonhorsetrials.co.uk

#### **BASINGSTOKE AND DISTRICT RAILWAY SOCIETY**

This month's first meeting at **7.45pm** on **Wednesday**, **10th July**, features a return visit from John Gulliver to present 'The Exeter – Barnstaple Line: Past, Present and Future'. John will look back over the last 30 years or so at perceived threats to the route and the vigorous and largely successful efforts to overcome them, through to the present more secure prospects for the line. Looking into the future he will examine some of the controversies that remain to be resolved. This will be an analytical look at the route, with many illustrations, by one to whom it matters a great deal.

By contrast, our next meeting at **7.45pm** on **Wednesday, 24th July**, will take a world tour with Howard Nichols who will present 'A Life On Rails'. Howard will tell his personal story of a lifetime travelling the railways of the world, taking in North and South America, Africa, the Middle and Far East and Australasia, illustrated with many previously unpublished photographs.

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

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Time is flying by and we are hurtling towards the end of term and the current educational year, which for our older children will mean the end of their time with the preschool as they move on up to Big School in September!

At time of writing this, our children are very excited with their preparations for the Village Carnival parade, dressing up as *Thomas the Tank* and all the other engines – this an annual event that we love being part of!

We are also looking forwards to our "Circus"-Themed Summer Fayre on Saturday, 13th July, from noon until 3pm, at the Beddington Centre, to which we invite all the village families to come along and join in with sports day races, bouncy castle, face painting and games, a BBQ and Pimms, tombola and raffle and many other stalls and activities. Advanced tickets are available from the preschool. The £5 ticket price will include entry, a burger or sausage, soft drink and a free Drama Tot's session, which represents a huge saving. Entry tickets will also be available on the day for £1 with pay-as-you-go option for the events and activities.

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#### LINGUATASTIC LANGUAGE ACADEMY

We had a busy month last month, but this month's not exactly calm! On **Saturday, 13th July, noon to 8pm**, it's **Sherfest**, an annual festival organised by Sherfield Park Community at **Sherfield Park Community Centre** and the theme is "Bastille". With our obvious connections to the French language and culture, the organisers have asked us to open the event at midday so please do come and support us at the marquee. As well as a short "performance", we'll be getting the audience involved, so make sure you come with your dancing shoes at the ready for some French-themed dances!

On the topic of Bastille, did you know that The Bastille was originally a state prison built in the 1370s to defend Paris from the English during the war? And when it was stormed those 230 years ago, it was actually only holding seven prisoners!

The academic year ends in July, but that's not it for Linguatastic. Although our usual clubs will not be running during the summer holidays, we are offering some sessions for toddlers (accompanied by parents/carers and which older siblings are also welcome to attend). Please get in touch (e-mail info@linguatastic.com or tel. 01256 471474) for further information on any of the following sessions:

French on Tuesdays (23rd and 30th July; 6th and 13th August) Spanish on Wednesdays (24th and 31st July; 7th and 14th August) German on Thursdays (25th July; 1st, 8th and 15th August)

In these sessions, we'll be singing songs, playing games and reading books in the target language. Followed by time for refreshments, chatting and free play.

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On Saturday, 13 July, Basing Singers and Ooh Mama are getting together again for a very special evening of music in All Saints Church, Basingstoke. The two choirs, accompanied by The Heritage Light Orchestra, will be performing a concert to raise money for the Ark Cancer charity. The programme will include John Rutter's Requiem; Karl Jenkins' Adiemus; Zadok The Priest by Handel; and other musical gems. It promises to be an evening of stunning music in a glorious setting and is for a very worthy local cause. Don't miss it. The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets are £10 on the door or from Mike on 01256 471493

#### BASINGSTOKE MALE VOICE CHOIR CONCERT IN AID OF ALZHEIMERS SOCIETY

Most of us have heard about the benefit that music can bring to dementia sufferers and some of you may have seen the recent TV documentary 'Dementia Choir'. As a result BMVC have decided to donate the proceeds from their Summer Concert to Alzheimers Society in support of dementia sufferers locally.

This is a great opportunity to see the Basingstoke Male Voice Choir in action and also to support a great charity locally. The choir will be aided by a guest performance from Sound Company – a vocal group from Farnham. The concert will also feature some great new songs which should give a more contemporary feel to the performance.

The concert will take place at the **United Reformed Church**, London Street, Basinsgtoke, on **Friday**, **5th July**, at **7.30pm**. Entrance is £10 and tickets can be reserved by sending an email to **Basingstokemvc@outlook.com** or at the door. Please come and help us donate a huge amount to charity.

#### BASINGSTOKE CONCERT BAND 'CLASSICS IN CONCERT'

Come and enjoy a beautiful open-air concert with the Basingstoke Concert Band. The concert, feature a variety of classics including *Carmina Burana*; *Flower Duet* from Lakme; *Slaves Chorus* (Nabucco); and Offenbach's *Barcarolle*, led by Director of Music, Mark Atkins.

It takes place on Saturday, 13 July, 6 to 9.30pm, at Sherfield-On-Loddon Village Hall Garden, RG27 0EZ.

Tickets are £12 (under 16s,£5) and includes a BBQ. Tickets are available online from www.ticketlab.co.uk/events/BasingstokeConcert or from Tim (tel. 07503 881241).

Bring your own chair and drinks and don't miss this amazing concert.

# TEA AT 3 THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER

With summer in full swing, it's the perfect time to think about hosting your very own **Tea at 3 event** in support of **St. Michael's Hospice**. There are so many ways to get involved over the summer months including hosting a coffee morning, garden party, tea dance or teddy bears picnic!

Since launching in 2011, St. Michael's Hospice Tea at 3 events have raised over £57,000. This has allowed the Hospice to deliver care to eleven patients on the inpatient unit for the average length of stay which is ten days.

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#### CHANGES TO COUNCIL'S BIN COLLECTIONS

Rubbish, recycling and garden waste collections in Basingstoke and Deane are set to change as part of a move to improve bin collection routes to make them more efficient and environmentally friendly. Working with Serco, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council is changing waste, recycling and garden waste collections to reduce the distances bin trucks are travelling, revise the routes to incorporate new homes in the area and simplify collections for some residents so their glass and recycling is collected on the same day.

The changes will be introduced from **Monday 22nd July**, and will mean that over half of Basingstoke and Deane's homes will see a change, to the day or week their waste and recycling is collected. Nearly all of the garden waste customers across the borough will be affected. Those residents remaining on the same collection day may have a change to their collection time, therefore **bins need to be put out by 7am**. The waste bins will continue to be collected weekly and recycling and glass collections will remain a fortnightly service. Those people signed up to the garden waste service will continue to have their bins and bags collected every two weeks.

The council will send a leaflet to all Basingstoke and Deane residents in early July to advise of any changes to their existing waste and recycling service. Garden waste customers will receive a separate leaflet. Information on the new collections will also be available on the council's website **www.basingstoke.gov.uk/bin-changes** from Monday, 1st July. Updates will also be provided on its social media channels.

The borough council's Cabinet Member for Environment and Enforcement Cllr Hayley Eachus said: "Working with our contractor Serco we have been looking at how we can improve the efficiency of the bin collection routes, simplify collections for some of our residents and ensure we are prepared for new homes in the borough. By revising the routes our bin trucks currently take and changing the days or weeks some residents receive their collections, we can achieve all of these benefits while also retaining a weekly waste and fortnightly recycling collection." Cllr Eachus added: "I appreciate these changes may be confusing at first as we are all in the habit of putting our bins out on a certain day, but we will do everything we can to minimise the impact of these changes and keep residents informed." Serco's Transformation Director Duncan Hadland said: "These changes will also ensure that the workload is more equally spread across all of the crews, who have been fully involved in the process. Their local knowledge has been invaluable with the fine-tuning of the rounds and I would like to thank them for all of their help and support."

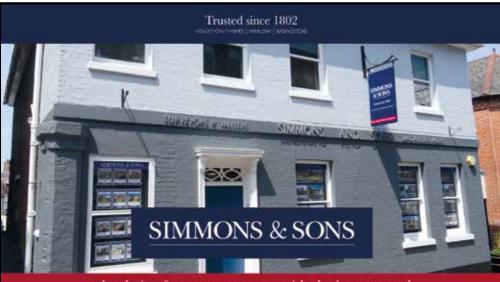
#### **OLD BASING TENNIS CLUB**

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! Our **Summer Tournament** will continue to be played this month, with the **finals** being played on **Saturday, 7th September**.

If you feel inspired to pick up a racket and come and play please get in touch with our Secretary, **Jan**, by emailing **OBTC.Information@gmail.com** or you can also find more about us on Facebook **@oldbasingtennisclub** or visit **www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/OldBasingTennisClub** For junior and adult coaching and summer camps, please get in touch with Jamie and Ben at

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#### OLD BASING ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

#### **NEWS**

The current amount raised for the **Poppy Appeal by Old Basing, Chineham and Hook**, now stands at £27,311.79. Thank you everyone for your efforts as we are very close to beating last year's total already. For all enquiries, please call me on 0777 2883964 or you can email hampshire.chairman@rbl.community

**Tim Russell** (Poppy Appeal Organiser)

#### **DIARY DATES**

Thursday 4th July

RBL Branch meeting, 7.45pm for 8pm, in the Jack Morris Hall.

Beer and Gin Festival plus attractions, 2pm until later, in the Jack Morris Hall.

Rick Bourne

#### OLD BASING ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

**Thursday, 25th July**Meeting of the RBL Women's Section – Buffet Night (our 75th Birthday), competition "A surprise in a box", in the Jack Morris

Hall.

**Sue Wilson** (Publicity)

#### **BOBBY SCHEME OFFERS HOME SAFETY ADVICE**

The **Bobby Scheme** is a free practical service providing reassurance and a sense of security to vulnerable people in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight within their own home.

The scheme aims to bring peace of mind and reduce the fear of crime, particularly for elderly people and victims of burglary and domestic abuse. It is the charitable arm of the **Blue Lamp Trust** and is supported by Hampshire Constabulary and Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service.

#### HOW DOES IT WORK?

A full crime prevention and fire safety survey is carried out by one of the scheme's trained, police-vetted fitters. They will provide both general and specific crime and fire prevention advice to improve home safety.

When appropriate, they will fit such items as locks, spy-holes, door chains and smoke alarms. This service is completely free. The Blue Lamp Trust can supply and fit police approved key safes for a small donation. The Blue Lamp Trust also gives talks at community groups to offer advice about home crime and fire prevention.

Since the Bobby Scheme started in 1998, more than 17,500 homes have been visited. In 2018, the scheme helped over 1,600 vulnerable people, 175 burglary victims and 355 victims of domestic abuse.

For more information please visit **www.bluelamptrust.org.uk** or contact the Bobby Scheme directly on **0300** 777 **0157** or email **bobby@bluelamptrust.org.uk** 

#### JULY JOBS FOR THE GARDEN

As I sit here writing this the skies are grey and there is a month's worth of rainfall predicted today. So much for summer! Hopefully by the time you are reading this we will be in the middle of much warmer weather. If so, being water wise will be the order of the month. Using water butts, trying to only water pots and new plants if dry and keeping bird baths and ponds clean and topped up should all be priorities.

Unless in drought, lawns should be mown regularly. Setting the blades slightly higher can protect the grass in very hot weather, but any brown patches will soon recover once autumn rains return. Try to only use a sprinkler if absolutely necessary. Ants and weeds will probably be your biggest problems right now, so brush off the former and spot treat or dig out the latter. The growing rate of the grass will slow towards the end of summer so setting a higher blade height then will make the grass more resistant to wear.

Summer baskets can be kept looking at their best if they are cut back and then fed. This can encourage new growth and revive their display. Deadhead flower borders and cut back hardy geraniums and delphiniums after the first flush of flowers to encourage more blooms.

You can propagate your own flowers by starting to collect seed heads and by taking cuttings of container and patio plants. Carnations can be multiplied by layering or cuttings. Feeding and mulching borders will really help encourage a good display as well as retaining moisture, reducing the need to water and will also suppress weeds. It is probably the best thing you can do for your garden right now. The best mulches are 5–7cm thick and are rich in organic matter.

Evergreen hedges such as Lonicera nitada, Box and Privet can be clipped this month and the clippings added to the compost heap if they aren't too woody. Once Clematis Montana has finished flowering, it can be cut back – hard if necessary. Honeysuckle and climbing roses will need tying in to their supports, the latter need to be tied as horizontal as possible to ensure the best showing of flowers. If you need to propagate any shrubs, now is the time to take softwood cuttings of plants such as lavender, rosemary, hydrangea and philadelphus.

June-flowering shrubs such as philadelphus can be pruned now and while you are at it, take some semi-ripe cuttings to create new plants. Hydrangea and Choisya can also be propagated from cuttings that are placed in pots of gritty compost and placed into a cold frame. Remove suckers from rose bushes and trees and tie in climbers and ramblers as they grow.

House plants can benefit by being placed outside for the warmer months and plants in the greenhouse will need shading to protect them from scorching under glass. Keep an eye out for red spider mite, whitefly, mealy bugs and scale insects and treat appropriately.

Finally keeping on top of fallen leaves and flowers to help prevent some pest and disease problems. Above all, be sure to take some time off from weeding and watering to relax and enjoy the rewards of your labour.

Happy gardening!

**Tracy Braybrook** 

# OLD BASING ALLOTMENT AND GARDEN SOCIETY

For details of the Old Basing Allotment and Garden Society see page 4.

#### **NATURE NOTES FOR JULY**

There are few Swallows or House Martins to report so far, although a reasonable number of Swifts have now been seen and heard around the village. Good reports however of fledged young from residents with usual garden nesters of Blackbird, Robin, House Sparrow and Blue Tits all doing very well it seems. Considering the very heavy rain and cool weather we are having right now, that is very good news. Thanks go to Stephen Thair, Tony Stoney, Terry McAnish (plus photographs) and Allison Wells for their information.

In addition, Allison reports Linnets visiting her feeders and the recently declining Greenfinch have been noticeable in Stephen's patch, and indeed in my own. Perhaps most odd was a Tufted Duck, startled in John Watsons garden in Cavalier Road, and whilst Mallards spending time away from watery areas isn't unusual, seeing this duck species around here is bizarre. See John's photo of the duck on Basinga Extra www.basinga.org.uk

Wet and chilly springs are always a concern when young birds fledge so it was reassuring to see an article posted by the World Economic Forum last week about the absolute proof how Britain's bird lovers were truly making a difference to the previously declining population of popular species over recent decades.

It's even believed that Great Tits now have developed beaks 0.3mm longer that enable them to reach further into seed feeders. Goldfinches were only regularly seen at 2% of feeding stations in 1972, but now it's a staggering 87%. Surveys and best estimates now suggest that the general public that put out feed support up to a whopping 196 million birds, which is an astonishing figure.

BBC's *Countryfile* was very interesting last night (9th June) as it featured the history and health of Hampshire's chalk streams. Sadly it didn't include the Loddon but it was clear that the Itchen for example and some

of its tributaries were suffering a little due to pesticide incursions. Although there are of course strict environmental controls for farmers and nearby industrial areas it seems likely that loopholes exist where substances unhelpful to a flourishing habitat are still finding their way into the watercourse. Unless monitoring is increased then perhaps it's down to local wildlife groups to be vigilant about negative changes to aquatic plants, invertebrates and fish. A small group of Basing residents have started monthly litter clean ups along the local river banks and perhaps this could be developed further to repair damage that's clearly in evidence along its footpaths and margins? Please contact me if you are interested in learning more and to potentially take part.

Finally, thanks to Jim Andrews for conducting the Millfield Walk back in late May for about a dozen enthusiasts. Helpfully, the weather was kind and the warm weather leading up to the day had encouraged a few migrants to arrive so the gathering were rewarded with singing Blackcaps, Whitethroats, Willow Warblers and Chiffchaffs to name but a few. We also noted several Swifts, Bullfinch, Chaffinch, Kestrel, a variety of Tits and in one field, between 50 and 75 Starlings, many with young that noisily flitted through the trees or were using their dagger-like beaks to probe the grassed areas for leatherjackets. Another early morning stroll was planned for 20th June, hopefully it was as successful as the first.

#### Rick Bourne

Don't forget to send all your nature-related photos to **rickbourne@yahoo.com** or **naturenotes@basinga.org.uk** or ring **01256 321108** for news. For all your bird food requirements, order it from me at 'Bird Dropins' (use the former email address or ring me on **07900 648675** to place an order or get a form).

#### **DIARY DATES FOR JULY**

For details of services and events at St Mary's Church and Old Basing Methodist Church see page 23

Tue 2	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting (Pavilion Committee Room, Rec)		
	7,00pm	WI Garden Party (member's garden; if wet 7.30pm in Parish		
		Room, St Marys Church)		
Thu 4	7.45pm	Old Basing Royal British Legion Branch Meeting (Jack Morris		
	-	Hall, RBL)		
Fri 5	10.30am – noon	Ladies' First Friday Coffee Morning (44, Lambs Row, Lychpit)		
	2.00 pm - 4.30 pm	Village Café (Parish Room, St Mary's Church)		
	7.30pm	Basingstoke Male Voice Choir (United Reformed Church,		
		Basingstoke)		
Sat 6	10.00am	PIOCC Working Party (meet church lobby, St Mary's Church)		
Sun 7	10.30am – noon	Old Basing Allotment & Garden Society Shop (Riley Lane)		
Mon 8	By appointment	Old Basing Infant School open morning		
Wed 10		LAST DATE FOR COPY TO EDITOR (SEE PAGE 3)		
	7.45pm	Basingstoke & District Railway Society talk (Wote Street Club)		
Fri 12	2.00 pm - 4.30 pm	Village Café (Parish Room, St Mary's Church)		
Sat 13	noon - 3.00pm	Bolton Under 5s Preschool Summer Fayre (Beddington Centre)		
	noon - 8.00pm	Sherfest (Sherfield Park Community Centre)		
	6.00pm – 9.30pm	Basingstoke Concert Band 'Classics in Concert' (Sherfield-On-		
		Loddon Village Hall Garden)		
	7.30pm	Basing Singers and Ooh Mama (All Saints Church, Basingstoke)		
Tue 16	9.00am	Ivy Club coach outing to Weymouth		
Thu 18	10.30am – 4.00pm	Ploughman's Lunch (Parish Room, St Mary's Church)		
Fri 19	2.00 pm - 4.30 pm	Village Café (Parish Room, St Mary's Church)		
Sun 21	10.30am – noon	Old Basing Allotment & Garden Society Shop (Riley Lane)		
Wed 24	7.45pm	Basingstoke & District Railway Society talk (Wote Street Club)		
Thu 25	2.00pm	PIOCC Working Party (meet church lobby, St Mary's Church)		
	7.30pm	Old Basing Royal British Legion Women's Section General		
		Meeting (Jack Morris Hall, RBL)		
Fri 26	2.00 pm - 4.30 pm	Village Café (Parish Room, St Mary's Church)		
	6.00(start 7.00)pm	Pride and Prejudice (Walled Garden, Basing House)		
Sat 27	2.00pm	Beer and Gin Festival (Jack Morris Hall, RBL)		
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Fri 2	10.30am – noon	Ladies' First Friday Coffee Morning (8 Norton Ride, Lychpit)		
Tue 6	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting (Pavilion Committee Room, Rec)		
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A number of articles have been in competition for a place in this month's printed magazine. Those for which space could not be found are available at **www.basinga.org.uk** 

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