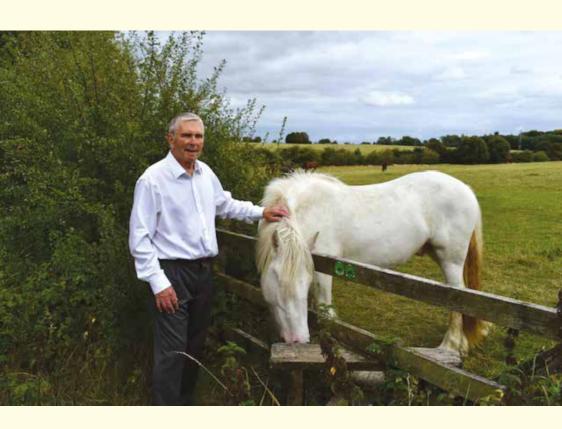
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#### **NOVEMBER NOTES AND NEWS**

The cover photograph this month is of **Basingstoke Common**, often mistakenly referred to as Basing Common but more commonly known (excuse the pun) as 'the Common'. **Councillor Sven Godesen** is shown stroking the mane of one it's lovely summer-month residents (photo taken by fellow **Councillor Onnalee Cubitt)**. The Common has been causing a bit of a stir lately, to read exactly what has been going on *see page 4*.

### **CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BASINGA**

We welcome both regular and occasional items for the Basinga. The very last date for copy to the Editor for the **December edition** is **6 pm on Sunday, 10th November.** Please use the forms on the Basinga website: **www.basinga.org.uk** to get your dates, articles and letters to us (see box on page 15 for further instructions). All **advertising** enquiries – classified, free adverts or inserts (flyers) can also be made via the Basinga website. Don't forget that we only accept articles with about a **300 word maximum**.

### PHOTOS FOR THE BASINGA

If any reader would like to offer up a **photograph of the village environment** we would be more than happy to receive them, either for immediate use, as above, or to build up a portfolio of 'village views' that we can use when appropriate.

We now have a web form that you can use to send a photograph for the website archive and possible use in the magazine. Go to **www.basinga.org.uk** and the form can be found on the **'Contributors Submission'** drop-down menu. Should you wish to submit multiple or a series of photos they can be emailed but please read the instructions on the photo form for details. This feature should **NOT** be used for Free Ads or Article photos, which can be attached to their own forms.

### LOGOS FOR THE BASINGA

We are making changes to the presentation of the Basinga and would welcome **club** and **society logos**, with the option to use them within articles. Please send via the **Editor**.

### **OLD BASING AND LYCHPIT GOOD NEIGHBOURS**

Our organisation has been running for three years, during which time we have undertaken close on 500 tasks, which is great having been able to help our service users who are very grateful, and we as volunteers have met some very lovely and interesting people, some of which have lived in the area all their lives. We currently have 15 volunteers which in an area the size of Old Basing and Lychpit is not that many. We are always looking for more people to help. If you could spare some time we would love you to join us, the emphasis on being a volunteer is if you are not available to undertake a task then that is fine. There are people in our area who would love an occasional visit, to have a cup of tea and a chat with, and if you are one of those people, please contact us – tel. **03330 440116.** We do not only offer drivers for appointments, we have some DIY skills and we do know a weed from a flower. If you would like to become a volunteer then phone me on **01256 328196**.

Sue Wilson (Chairman)

### THE COMMON

Councillors **Sven Godesen** and **Onnalee Cubitt**, Trustees of the Common, arranged for a meeting to take place to give them the opportunity to explain to local residents the background for the running of the Common. The **meeting** took place on **2nd July** in the **tearooms** on the **Recreation Ground**.

Traditionally horses and/or cattle have run on the Common during the summer months to provide the modest income required to cover public insurance costs, payment of water bills and occasional repair to perimeter fencing. Eighteen months ago the farmer that had been running his cattle for a number of years informed the Trustees that he wished to terminate the arrangement. Extensive enquiries failed to find a replacement. Eventually



the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust identified a farmer willing to take on the responsibility. The Borough Council biodiversity officer reminded us that under the 2003 Control of Ragwort Act we had a responsibility to ensure that it was not allowed to spread. The individual concerned announced that pre-commencement he would need to cut the Common in order to get it into better condition, would need to spray the ragwort in order to protect his cattle and dogs were to be kept on leads.

The meeting was very well attended and everyone was given the opportunity to express their views. The Trustees took the opportunity to make clear that in the ten years that they had administered the Common they had neither asked for nor received any remuneration and had never claimed a penny in expenses. Their sole motivation had been to preserve the 'sanctity' of the Common for the benefit of our local residents.

A very lively debate took place. A solution galloped over the horizon when Trina and Ian Barrington agreed that if allowed to run their horses free of charge they would assume responsibility for the payment of the invoices and the maintenance of the fencing. The Trustees felt that if they were able to assemble sufficient horses to 'eat the Common' off by the end of summer then this was the solution that would find most favour with all parties. The Trustees would like to thank all for taking the trouble to attend the meeting.

### **NEWS FROM BASING HOUSE**

Basing House **closed** for the winter on **Thursday, 24th October**, and will re-open in the run up to Easter next year. Our one remaining event this year will be our annual **Christmas Fayre** on **Saturday, 30th November**. This is held in the **Great Barn** and runs from **11am** until **4pm**. There will be over 30 stalls selling handmade crafts and local produce. Father Christmas will be in attendance and admission is £2.50. If you are interested in taking a stand, please contact **Milestones Museum** on **01256 63955**. Parking is off Barton's Lane just before you reach the Bartons Mill pub. There is then a near-500-yard walk to the Barn. Parking in The Street is discouraged, it just isn't wide enough.

It's been a funny old year. We had wonderful weather for the re-enactors of the Sealed Knot at Easter and a goodly attendance. The weather, and perhaps the forecasters, then ganged up on our English Civil War Society weekend with the opposite effect.

Andrew Howard (tel. 01256 327014)





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### **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

### **CHANGES IN THE PARISH OFFICE**

Councillors finally said farewell to **Heather Mountford** at the Parish Council Meeting on 1st October when Chairman, Alan Renwick acknowledged Heather's eleven-and-a-half years as a member of the Parish Council team and presented her with a bouquet of flowers and golf vouchers. We wish her all the best in her retirement. Joining us at the meeting was **Kate Hope** 

who has taken over as **Assistant Clerk**. Kate recently moved from Little Basing to Upton Grey and will be a familiar face to many parents as her three children attend the local schools and pre-school. Kate will be the first port of call for matters relating to Planning Applications, Allotments, Cemetery and Lychpit Hall bookings.

### SOLAR FARM PROPOSAL

Planning officers at Basingstoke have advised us of the possible development of a solar panel farm between Riley Lane and Newnham Lane behind the Recreation Ground and Oliver's Battery. This is not yet a formal planning application; more information, including a map, at www.pad.basingstoke.gov.uk/documents/4753/01/21/00/01210074.PDF (the proposal involves approximately 95 acres of grassland). If you want to comment on this proposal, please forward your views to clerk@oldbasing.gov.uk

### **USE OF VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK**

The Village Hall Committee has expressed concern that the Village Hall car park was the suggested starting point for the Piggy Dam walk published in the Autumn Newsletter. Whilst it is unlikely that a number of cars (if any) would be parked by walkers we suggest using the Recreation Ground car park which is just a short walk across Oliver's Battery.

### **MULTI USE GAMES AREA**

The Parish Council is currently considering the future use of the multi use games area and how best to address problems that have arisen in the past. Comments from those using the facility are welcome – please email the Clerk or respond via the "Contact Us" page on our website www.oldbasing.gov.uk

### JUBILEE TREE

Once again our thanks go to Jeff Owen and his son Gareth for keeping the Jubilee Tree in good shape. Jeff informs us that the cross may look a bit sparse until the new growth in the spring but this is all part of getting it back into shape.

### **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP EVENING**

This will be held on **Monday, 9th December** at the **Lychpit Community Hall**. Invitations will be sent to clubs and voluntary groups during November. The evening is a good opportunity to meet Councillors and members of the community involved in a wide range of activities. If you are involved with a local club or group and would like an invitation contact the Clerk.

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next two meeting dates are Tuesdays 5th November and 3rd December at 7.30 pm in the Pavilion Committee Room. All are welcome and anyone with impaired mobility should contact the Parish Office so they can be accommodated.

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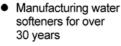
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'Cocktails and Canapés', in Old Basing Village Hall, on Saturday, 5th October, was aimed at raising money to provide the café with new equipment and supplies so that your experience can be enjoyed even more when you visit us. Huge thanks to everyone who bought a ticket, donated time, raffle prizes and came along to support the café team. Thank you to the band who provided music for the evening. it went down a storm, it was a really fabulous evening enjoyed by all and we may even do it again!

As you will be aware, the café supports local charities by donating our profits. Prior to our current homeless charity, Julian House, we supported MDNA (Motor Neurone Disease Association), and are pleased to say we donated them the fantastic sum of £1,248.32.

A little reminder that on **Friday**, **8th November**, we will be hosting another pop up visit from **Alison's Wonderland**, come along and start your Christmas shopping with some great little buys and enjoy a cuppa and a cake at the same time.

We have been opening our doors for just over a year now and it has been amazing the support you have all given. Thank you for making this venture so successful. If anyone would like to get involved with the café, as a baker or a volunteer, feel free to contact us – tel. **07813 186328** or email: **thevillagecafeoldbasing@gmail.com** 

**Deborah Thorne** 

### **BASINGSTOKE COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SERVING LYCHPIT**

Firstly, it's a great pleasure to be well again and back serving on the Parish Council. However, and more importantly, I wish to bring to your attention of a pilot programme introduced recently to improve the already successful No.55 bus operation serving Lychpit. Historically, the service available to Lychpit residents was viewed less positive than by those who live within the village of Old Basing. Some reasons cited by some Lychpit residents are: A diverse population creating differing travel needs; High level of full-time employment, therefore times of bus travel incompatible; Distance of available pick-up points from the homes of many potential service users; The journey travel time when returning from town - i.e. last to be dropped off --etc. Essentially, the pilot was introduced to address the one service impediment which was able to be resolved by the service provider – namely. travel time and distance on return from town to Lychpit. The pickup point as before, Tesco Express, which is the last prior to making its way to town via Chineham Tesco etc. Then, on its return from town, again via Chineham Tesco but directly to Tesco Express. Amended timetables will be available on Parish and Basinga websites, all Parish Council notice boards and where possible (and permitted) – at Stagecoach bus stops. An important thing to remember, this is a wave-down service. In this particular case, anywhere along Great Binfields Road and the Tesco Express carkpark in both directions. Therefore the message is - LET'S MAKE THE PILOT DURING NOVEMBER A RESOUNDING SUCCESS - so it may become a lasting addition to an already valuable and successful parish transport solution. Furthermore, I am willing to respond to any questions or suggestions from ANY of our parish residents via the Parish office.

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As temperatures drop Roe deer will become more evident, and you may see some early winter visitors like the Siskin, Brambling and Lesser Redpoll as well as increased numbers of Starling, Song Thrush and Redwing. Browsing the various sources of food there will be groups of Long Tailed Tits around with large mixed groups of other species.

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**Tracy Braybrook** 

### **OLD BASING TENNIS CLUB**



Our Annual Summer Tournament Finals' Day took place on Saturday, 7th September. The day was a great success helped by dry weather and members enjoyed a BBQ after the trophies were presented.

We are holding our annual quiz on Saturday, 16th November (7pm for 7.30pm start) at the Lychpit Community Hall. Teams are of six people (£6

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Lynne Thomas (Chairperson)

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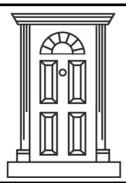
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### **OLD BASING WI**

At Our **October Members' Meeting** our very own Jenny Surridge spoke to us about her recent long-term stay at the Salisbury Spinal Unit at Odstock Hospital. She spoke about the difference that Horatio's Garden at the hospital had made to her, by getting her out of the ward into the fresh air and she spoke about the magnificent work of the staff and volunteers who run trips, quizzes and other activities for the patients who are often in hospital for months, and sometimes years, at a time.

A raffle then took place with prizes donated by Members and local businesses. At the time of writing the final total was not known but will be available to Members at the next meeting and will be included in the monthly Newsletter. Thank you to all who donated prizes and who bought tickets.

Our **November meeting** takes place on **Tuesday, 5th November**, when our speaker will be Deborah Wheeler who will be relating some amusing stories from her experiences with the Museum Service. The competition that evening will be a 'small jug'.

We always welcome new members to our WI group. For further details of our activities this month please go to the Hampshire WI website at **www.hampshirewi.org.uk** (click on WI's from the top of the page and select Old Basing from the list).

### CHINEHAM AND OLD BASING NWR

**National Women's Register (NWR)** is a social group that is not that well known, despite being in existence for nearly 60 years. It provides women with fun, friendship and the opportunity to discuss a wide variety of issues.

Chineham and Old Basing NWR meet at 2pm on the first Monday of the month in the relaxed atmosphere of someone's home. We also meet at other times for lunch and *ad hoc* trips, as well as having a Reading Group meeting in the evening every fourth Thursday. The last book was *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles.

In **October** our topic was Poland. Each of us researched and talked about an aspect of the country, followed by a quiz. Topics included: Famous people; The role of Poland during World War II; Recollections of visits including to Krakow, the salt mines and Auschwitz; Architecture; and Polish food. We also sampled Rye Bread with Crunchy Gzik, and very strong vodka.

In **November** several of our Group are visiting **Valkenburg** in The Netherlands. Also we have an evening meeting to participate in the National NWR Telephone Quiz, where we try to answer deviously complicated cryptic clues, competing against several hundred other NWR Groups. We always say we don't want to win otherwise we have to organise next year's quiz!

More information can be found via the website **www.nwr.org.uk** otherwise **Sandie**, email: **sandra.tapping@gmail.com** or **Karen**, tel. **01256 328488**.

Sandie Tapping

### **Open Mornings**

Saturday 5th October 10.00am – 1.00pm

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### **OLD BASING & LYCHPIT BIG TURKEY CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

Depending on when you are reading this there are less than 60 shopping days to go to Christmas. On that basis it is time to turn your attention to Christmas and put **Sunday**, **29th December**, in the diary for the **Old Basing & Lychpit Big Turkey Community Christmas Lunch**. The Christmas Lunch will be held at **Old Basing Village Hall**, starting with **drinks** served from **noon** and **lunch** at **1pm**.

This will be the fifth consecutive year this hugely popular event will be held where the objective is to provide a complimentary Christmas meal with an afternoon of entertainment to families, young and old to unify the community of Old Basing & Lychpit especially during this special seasonal time of the year.

Places are **limited** to **180** therefore please book early to avoid disappointment. You can either sign up for the event in the **foyer of St Mary's Church** from **early October** onwards or contact **Caron** on **07740 775036** or email: **bigturkeylunch@outlook.com** 

As previous years **transport** will be available for those that have difficulty attending the event. Volunteers to help are welcome and if you can spare some time on the day or before then also please contact **Caron**.

This is an event organised by volunteers from Old Basing & Lychpit for the families and residents of our community, in order to create a greater identity and community spirit. It relies on the funding from the Parish Council, support from St Mary's, the generosity of local vendors and from donations on the day. We look forward to seeing you all in December. Many thanks for your help and support.

Rachel Jones

### A CHRISTMAS CAROL – ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

You haven't booked your tree space yet? Don't leave it too long or you may be disappointed, the closing date for entries will be two weeks before St Mary's Church lights up in the run up to Christmas with the St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival (Saturday, 7th December, 11am to 4.30pm; Sunday, 8th December, 11am to 4pm). There is still time to book and we will fit you in with pleasure, making the Christmas Tree Festival even more spectacular. Trees cost £7.50 to sponsor.

On **Saturday, 7th December**, there will be **Christmas Stalls** selling homemade cakes, sweets and preserves, stationery, glass and crafts, just right for those last-minute Christmas presents. We will also have a raffle, children's activities and a stall selling candles for you to inscribe with a loved ones name to be lit in their memory at the **Blue Christmas service** on **Friday, 20th December**. Not only will we be serving tea, coffee and light refreshments, but mulled wine and mince pies at lunch time. Entrance is free or purchase a programme for £1 which will contain a voting form for your family's favourite tree to be announced on Sunday at 3.45pm. Join us on **Saturday** for the combined **Schools Choirs** and **Basing Singers Concert** at **2pm**. All information will be in the Church Lobby.

We are asking for donations of baked goods, raffle prizes, and help in stewarding the Festival. Can you spare an hour of your time for this? We need your help to make this much-loved festival the start of a wonderful Christmas. To book your tree space or find out more contact **Jeanette Edwards**, email: **jdedwards38@hotmail.co.uk** 

### CRABTREE PLANTATION AND OTHER BLESSINGS

I have fallen in love with Crabtree Plantation. I have been on a surprising journey to feel this way. Years of being stalked by cake, an occupational hazard for the clergy, had left me heavy and sluggish and wishing that God would magically flatten Crabtree's hills so I could get back to my car without wanting to give up.

Approaching one of those birthdays with a zero at the end I decided that things had to change! If I was going to be able to wear my black cassock to conduct funerals then the weight needed to come off, also I needed to be able to walk up hills without having to stop halfway.

The problem is that my ability to eat sensibly and exercise is very limited. I can only do this in company with others. I need community to help me. So, I need to say thank you to a whole load of strangers, some of whom have become good friends over the last year. I also need to credit my daughter's beautiful Labrador. Thanks also go to people I have met up with in Chineham who have inspired me to believe that I can say no to cake graciously.

I have met special people at Parkrun, a new venture for me, and I have chatted to others as I accompanied the dog on it's walks. I will never be a runner but with the encouragement of others I can achieve a decent scuttle!!

I scuttled round Crabtree recently and I felt joyous! The expanse of open sky above us and the circling red kite above were beautiful. Children, dogs, laughter, people stopping to let others hurtle past them, encouragement at every corner of the Parkrun course and the wonderful, inspiring lady I met that day made me smile broadly as I completed the 5-km course.

At the end of the day this is also why I love church. Even as a minister I can only manage a spiritual scuttle and to do that I need other people, their prayers, their vision, their love and their voices raised with mine as we praise God together.

In church and as I scuttle round Crabtree these words from Psalm eight come to me.

### Lord, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory

in the heavens.

Perhaps we will meet to enjoy Crabtree together. Whatever happens I hope you get to be encouraged and enabled by community and that you feel blessed too.

With love and prayers,

Revd Alison

### THIS MONTH AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Thursday, 31st October Children's Halloween Party (5.30 to 7 pm): Children are invited to come along in costume and join us for an evening of pumpkin carving, crafts, activities and food. (Parent/Carer supervision required).

Saturday, 2nd November Men's Breakfast Group (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)

> All Souls Service (4pm): A time to come together to remember loved ones who have died

Sunday, 10th November Remembrance Day Service (10am)

Monday, 25th November Tea & Talk Café (2pm): Parish Room. All welcome, no charge

### LOOKING FORWARD TO DECEMBER

Sat/Sun 7/8th December St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival - A Christmas Carol:

Saturday, 11am-4.30pm, with seasonal and craft stalls. Sunday, 11am-4pm, concluding with the Christingle Service at 4pm. See also page 21

Sunday, 15th December Carol Service (4pm)

Full details of all St Mary's Christmas services will be published next month and are available on St Mary's website and Facebook page.

The church is open daily for prayer and you are welcome as you are every Sunday. Sunday services take place every week at 8 and 9.30am. All are welcome. There is a children's corner where young children can play and pray. During the 9.30am service, Junior Church meets for primary school age children in the Parish Room. After the 9.30 am service refreshments are served in the Parish Room which is an informal setting in which to meet other members of the congregation. If you have time after the service do join us, you will be very welcome.

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

### **OLD BASING METHODIST CHURCH**

Sunday, 3rd November Celebrating the Wesley family during morning worship

Craft group (2-4pm): Bring your own craft or items will Tuesdays 5th/12th November

be provided

Friday, 8th November Coffee Break (10.30am-noon): Monthly coffee morning

Tuesday, 12th November MHA lunch club (noon-3pm), followed by activities

Tuesday, 26th November Prayers and reflection (2.30–3.30pm)

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.

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

Thank you to everyone who attended our Open Meeting last month. We enjoyed your company and appreciated your support.

This month's working parties will be on Saturday, 2nd November, at 10am and Thursday, 28th November, at 2pm – meet in the church lobby. We will continue our seasonal conservation work, including woodland management. All are welcome. We look forward to seeing our regular volunteers and also new participants.

Churchyard Conservation is a community project, not just for churchgoers, so please come along if you would like to be involved. 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**.

The birds will be feasting as the berries in the churchyard ripen and turn wonderful colours. How many different types can you find? Why not come and see? Or perhaps just enjoy a peaceful moment or on the WI seat. The Conservation Area is a community space for everyone.

For further information please ring **Fay Farrant** on **01256 476863** or you might like to visit **www.stmarysoldbasing.org.uk/ministry/piocc-conservation-group** 

**Margaret Carr** 

### MARIE CURIE COLLECTION

Thank you very much for your generosity at Chineham Shopping Centre back in March this year; we raised an incredible £823.75

Marie Curie Care provides nursing for seriously ill people in their home (although they are unable to provide nurses in the Basingstoke area at this time they do have nurses in other parts of Hampshire). There is a 24/7 pilot being run in the Fareham and Eastleigh areas which hopefully will be rolled out to Basingstoke in the future.

The money is also used to pay for research into Palliative Care which is shared with other organisations.

**Tesco** at the **Chineham Shopping Centre** have kindly invited Marie Curie Care to collect on **Friday**, **6th December**, so if you have an hour or more to spare please call **Sally** or **Sophie** on 023 8026 3123 or go to register for a collection near you.

### 'SOUNDS OF HOPE'

The 'Sounds of Hope', a Christian Community Choir, are holding our annual traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols on Friday. 6th December, at the All Saints' Church, Southern Road, Basingstoke, starting at 7:45pm.

We would like to invite you to come along and sing some of your favourite Christmas carols and to listen to some contemporary ones song by the choir.

Join us after the service if you can for some light refreshments and a chat.

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### **OLD BASING INFANTS SCHOOL**



Autumn is always an exciting time in our school; new classes, new uniforms and a whole new Year R intake to warmly welcome to the school. Everyone has settled in wonderfully and we can now look forward to the upcoming academic year.

Year R have been making themselves at home in our school. They've had great fun exploring the outdoor area, making new friends and learning the new routines. In Year 1 we have begun to introduce our new topic – 'If you go down to the woods today' and have been developing a new style of outdoor provision throughout all our learning. Year 2 have hit the ground running with their yearly campaign (every year group run a campaign each year which aims to highlight an issue important to them) and are looking at the damaging effects single-use plastic has on the environment and what impact this will have on their lifetime. Year 2 parents have been nagged by their children and have been tallying their plastic use at home!

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. To be considered for this role please contact the chair of governors – Johnathan Richards on Johnathan.Richards@oldbasing.hants.sch.uk for more information.

If your child is starting school next September we have an **Open Morning** on **Friday, 29th November**, for prospective parents for the **2020/2021 cohort**. Please call our school office on **01256 325704** to make appointment.

### LINGUATASTIC LANGUAGE SCHOOL

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Interestingly, Amy Thompson, an Associate Professor of Applied Linguistics at the University of South Florida, advocates that a high tolerance of ambiguity brings many advantages, since people: Becomes less anxious in social interactions; Are less nervous in subsequent language learning experiences; Have been found to be more entrepreneurial.

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If your child is due to start school in **September 2020** we would like to invite you one of our **Open Mornings**. These are being held on **Tuesday, 12th November and Thursday, 28th November – at 9.30 and 10.30am**. This is a great opportunity to hear from the Headteacher and see the school in action, before making your application. Please call the **school office** on **01256 460532** to reserve your place.

### **OLD BASING CAVALIER SCOUTS**



Hi I'm **Erin**, I've been part of the scouting community for nearly seven years now and I'm a scout with **Old Basing Cavalier Scout**s.

I have recently come home from being on a 10-day non-stop fun **scouting adventure in Holland** that happens every four years called the **Haarlem Jamborette**. We do different activities on site and a few different activities off site.

We did a big trip to a theme park called Walibi Holland. It is full of rides like 'Express', 'Sound of Speed' and 'Tomahawk'. This was a lot of fun even though I did hurt my shoulder the previous day.

We have a free day to do whatever we would like – we visited Amsterdam. We got up into groups and were able to walk around together. This was a lot of fun as the scouts were set free to walk alone with no leaders.

Activities we did included building a cart and driving around a man-made track and highrope courses where you complete a variety of obstacle courses in the sky. Another one was a zip wire across some water and you land on the grass you also ride a bike which is attached to some wire and you cycle the bike to a net and then you chuck the ball in the net and then your teammates pull you back. Some of these were built and run by scout volunteers.

We also went off site for some water sports which included raft building, paddle boarding and a big bouncy castle.

There was an open day where parents and other scouts can come to view other groups to meet people from different countries and find out more about scouting round the world.

Our scout groups consisted of two scout troops – 9th Kildare from Kilcullen (Ireland) and us – we travelled to Holland together. We all met up in Harwich to start our journey to Holland. We stayed overnight in a scout hut then walked 15 minutes to the ferry port when we woke the next morning for an eight-hour journey. When we arrived we waited for about two hours to get the bus to camp as he forgot us the first time around!! We did this exact same journey back except the Irish got a plane straight back to Ireland.

Thanks Erin. To start your adventure with scouting as a **Beaver**, **Cub**, **Scout**, **Explorer** or **adult volunteer** email: **obscoutroop@gmail.com** 

Willow (Scout Leader, Old Basing Cavalier Scouts)

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### THE GOOD OLD BASING GOLF DAY

The fifteenth Old Basing Parish Golf day took place on Saturday, 21st September, at Sherfield Oaks Golf Club.

Twenty two players enjoyed breezy but mainly dry conditions up until the end of the day when a big clap of thunder and a sudden downpour dampened things somewhat! A fun team Texas scramble over 9 holes of the Waterloo course was played in the morning and the winners were Colin Whatley, Rod Willcock, Paul Turner and Matt Donaldson.

The afternoon saw the main event take place on the Wellington Course with each player competing in an individual Stableford competition. As well as receiving prizes bought out of part of the entry fee, the players fought for the right to pick up the perpetual award shield as well. Local lad Malcolm Leavey won this years event with a solid 36 points, the lowest but perhaps the most normal score ever to have topped the day. Sherfield member Paul Brett scored 35 points for second spot and in third place was yours truly, only due to a better count-back than Ray Wheeler and Colin Whatley, all scoring 34 points. Ry Bird got the ball closer than anyone else on the 8th to win the 'Nearest-the-Pin' prize and Colin Whatley struck his ball further than anyone else on the long, straight 15th to win the 'Longest Drive'. All players collected a bottle of fine wine plus vouchers for the main winners.

A raffle and auction was then held after a tasty dinner and this raised a commendable £228 toward the **Poppy Appeal**, the nominated charity of this year's champion Malcolm.

The organizers wish to extend a massive thank you to the managers and proprietors of local businesses including The Co-op, Old Basing Takeaway, The Topiary Hair Salon, Olivers Fish and Chips, Old Basing Convenience Store, Bartons Mill, Conkers, The Crown, and Sherfield Oaks Golf Club for their very generous donations of prizes. Without the invaluable help of these businesses our proceeds could not have been achieved.

Many thanks to them, and of course to all of the players for their generosity during the dinner and raffle and auctions.

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### **BOOK: THE PLEASURE OF READING**

Local author and former resident of this parish **Eric Macfarlane** has recently written a book, **The Pleasure of Reading (Novels and their Writers and Readers)**. The book reflects on the joys of owning and reading books. It looks at the situations that lead people to become keen readers and the ways in which parents and teachers can encourage children's love of stories. It is critical of traditional methods of studying literature that deter many children from regarding reading as a pleasurable activity. The book also looks at the interests and passions that motivate novelists and the wide range of subjects on which they choose to write, the kind of stories they tell, the themes that they explore and the skill with which they handle their plots, characters and settings. Particular attention is given to the novelist's role as a protester against injustice, persecution and the abuse of power.

As to where to obtain a copy of the book Eric says "I am very grateful to the **Old Basing Co-op** for its generous sponsorship of my book in recognition of my long association with the village. In return I have agreed with the **Co-op to donate £2 of each sale to the village's fund-raising for a new scout and guide hut**. Naturally all concerned hope that anyone interested in buying a copy of *The Pleasure of Reading* will be prepared to purchase it from the Old Basing Co-op. The offer, of course, doesn't apply to sales from bookshops and other sources, where the normal situation will exist – the retailer and publisher sharing most of the proceeds!" For shoppers looking for a suitable Christmas present look no further and in so doing you are giving money to a good local cause.

### CHINEHAM LIBRARY

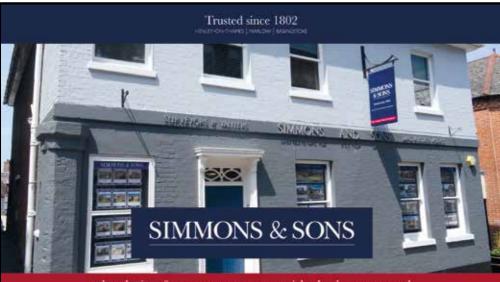
Now we've had half term and Halloween we are entering the run-up to Christmas. Christmas stock is already available to borrow, and Christmas-themed activities will be scheduled for December. In conjunction with an event at the Chineham Centre, we are holding an extra festive storytime followed by crafts on Saturday, 14th December, at 10am. Further details will be available nearer the time.

Regular children's activities follow their usual pattern, with **rhymetimes** for **under ones** at **10am** and **over ones** at **11am** on **Tuesday mornings**. There are drop-in **craft sessions every first Saturday of the month from 10am to noon**, and **storytimes** at **11am** on all **other Saturdays**. **Construction Club** takes place on all **Saturday afternoons** from **2 to 3.30pm**. The **Chatterbooks** group for primary-school-age children meets on **Thursday**, **7th November**, from **3.45 to 4.45pm**.

Our general reading group meets at 10.30 to 11.30am on Saturday, 24th November, and new members would be welcome. Our friendly drop-in 'Cuppa and Chat' group now welcomes all ages and meets weekly on Wednesday between 10.30am and noon. Why not try coming for a social drink one week? There is a trio of crime talks given by Paul Stickler, with dates arranged for Thursdays 5th December, 9th January and 27th February starting at 6pm. Tickets costing £15 are available subject to availability from the library or the on-line shop. Paul Stickler is a retired police commander, now working as a criminologist/crime historian so should be interesting and knowledgeable.

Chineham Library now has a **small room available for hire**, so if you are looking for a venue for meetings or other events, which can be outside of opening hours, do get in touch. Further details, including charges, are available from the library.

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### **NATURE NOTES FOR NOVEMBER**

Spiders! The very word has just struck fear into more than one reader I'll bet. Be warned this is the time when 'The Old Basing spider', more commonly known as the **House Spider**, will creep back into your cosy centrally heated houses and paralyse the place as it scurries across the carpet. Yes, completely harmless but scary for some for sure. Not so the **False Black Widow** (pictured right) however, which has multiplied significantly in this county over the past few years, to the extent that over 150 people



have reported being bitten over the past four years. This statistic doesn't necessarily apply to a jump in numbers in this parish but if you're not sure of the beastie you find then treat with a little caution.

By coincidence John Watson who lives just down the road from me emailed about the huge number of tiny spiders working their socks off around his car door mirrors. Literally every day it's become a process to clean off the webs before going anywhere. I concurred that we had noticed that there did seem to be many being strung from every branch, fence or doorway. Annoyingly too, around our alarms and security cameras which then sent notification alerts to our phones! They are just Garden Spiders but which become very active in late summer.

Back in the spring there was a worryingly slow start to the influx of Swifts, Swallows and Martins but we found out this was mainly due to very bad weather across France and Spain which slowed their progress. When they got here they wasted no time in setting up home to breed and by all accounts it seems as if it's been a very good year. Judith Patterson and other residents of Paddockfields noted most Swift and Martin boxes being occupied, even as I write (end of September) there are still young heads poking out of the fabricated Martin boxes, gaining strength as they ready themselves for their daunting flights to Africa.

The stunning 10 days we had at the end of September bought out all the birds, bats, butterflies and bees. It was a glorious end to the summer and many people remarked how great it was to see shrubs such as Buddleia flowers brimming with Bumble bees and Red Admirals. Alison Wells in Belle Vue was delighted to see the return of a pair of Nuthatches to her feeders and Stephen Thair reported a mass of Blue, Great and Coal tits on his feeders plus Gold and Greenfinches. He also noted six raptors moving south, so very high it was impossible to make out what they were. We've speculated migrating Osprey (we know one was observed over the Millfield recently) but think it may have just been a Buzzard family enjoying the thermals.

'Lord' Leavey was fishing Willow Pool at Bramley with eldest son Ben last weekend when a Grass Snake took a dip in the lake and ended up in Ben's swim, heading his way. Ben vacated the area pretty smartly until he was sure that it wasn't an Adder. No worry mate, Adders aren't keen on wet habitats but Grass Snakes are very much at home and this one would have been much more interested in finding a tasty frog rather than spoiling your fishing.

Rick Bourne

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

### **NOVEMBER JOBS THE GARDEN**

We are now in the time of year where we can be experiencing a mix of frost, gales and hailstones (hopefully not all at the same time)!! It is imperative that tender plants are protected from these weather conditions. Move them into the greenhouse, a sheltered spot near the house or, if all else fails, wrap the pots in fleece or bubble wrap to keep out the worst of the weather.

Continue to rake fallen leaves from lawns to ensure that the grass gets a good amount of light and moisture. If the temperature remains mild, then it may be necessary to continue to trim back grass, be sure to keep the blades high to reduce stress. You can also do some autumn lawn care: scarifying, aerating and top dressing in mild weather but be sure not to do this if the ground is frosty, waterlogged or snow covered. Also, it is worth avoiding walking on frosty grass as it will damage the grass.

In the flowerbeds you can continue to cut

back faded perennials but if you can, try to leave some stems uncut to provide overwintering spots for friendly insects such as ladybirds and lacewings that will help with controlling greenfly next year. Tulip bulbs should be planted this month and it is not too late to try plant some winter bedding such as violas or bellis. Ornamental grasses can be cut back and tidied, as can bamboo and you can still lift and divide overgrown perennials if you haven't already done so. The very best thing you can do for your flowerbeds now is to apply an autumn mulch, especially around the base of plants that are borderline hardy, such as kniphofia. If you are in need of new flowerbeds then this is a good time to make a start. providing the ground isn't too waterlogged as walking on very wet soil will cause it to become compacted. Digging and turning over the soil will expose hidden pests and eggs, and allow the birds to get a free feast. Be sure not to leave the newly-dug soil exposed too long though as excessive rain will wash away valuable nutrients. If you aren't planning on mulching, then cover the ground with black polythene to help keep the goodness in.

Lots of bare-root plants will be available to buy both this month. This includes hedging plants as well as roses, which are usually considerably cheaper than buying them as potted specimens. Bare-root plants need to be got in the soil as soon as possible lest their roots dry out. Try and plan ahead with your purchase so that you can be on hand when they are delivered to get them straight into their final positions. If you can do this, then heel them in and keep them well watered until you have more time. Newly planted trees and shrubs are best protected from gales with temporary net windbreaks until their roots have become established and they are strong enough to hold themselves firm. If you have plants growing in the wrong position, this is the perfect time to relocate them to somewhere more suitable. This works best with plants younger than a couple of years old. If they are more mature than this then the root ball may be too large to ensure the move is successful. In this case, it might be best leaving well alone!

Keep an eye on any bulbs that you are forcing indoors for a festive display. Amaryllis bulbs can be brought into active growth with regular watering and feeding, whilst hyacinths and paper white daffodils should be brought into a cool, light room once they have about an inch of growth and then into warmer rooms once flower buds begin to appear. Succulents and cacti very much need a period of rest over winter. Keep them barely moist and don't be tempted to feed them until the spring when active growth starts and your normal care routine can be resumed. Happy gardening.

**Tracy Braybrook** 

### OLD BASING ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

### REMEMBRANCE DAY

This year Armistice Day falls on Sunday, 10th November. The Remembrance Day Parade moves off from Old Basing RBL, Crown Lane, at 9.35am and the Remembrance Service will take place at St Mary's Church at 10am. We hope many community groups, parishioners and their families will attend. Everyone is warmly welcome back at the RBL for refreshments after the parade returns there at approx 11.30am.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS - BRANCH AND CLUB

The **AGM** of the Branch will be held on **Thursday**, 7th **November**, at 8pm. The Branch will require a new secretary from this date and its imperative the position is filled. Whilst it is an important role, the tasks required are relatively straight forward, i.e. minute taking and writing up from the monthly committee and open meetings plus distributing any correspondence. The **AGM** of the **Club** will take place on **Friday**, 22nd **November**, starting at **7.30pm**. All members SHOULD attend both meetings which will be held in the **Jack Morris Hall**. Both committees would welcome help to ensure all RBL activities can continue and with a membership exceeding 400 this surely must be achievable.

Rick Bourne (on behalf of Old Basing RBL)

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

Just a reminder of our **Christmas Bazaar** this month on **Saturday, 30th November, from 2 until 4pm (entrance 50p)**. Lots of stalls with plenty of bargains to be had, cakes and jams, cards, market stall, jewellery, tombola as well as a visit from Father Christmas. After a good afternoon shopping for those Christmas gifts, take the weight of your feet with a nice cup of tea and a cake or mince pie.

Sue Wilson (Publicity)

### **REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE (SUNDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER)**

The annual **Remembrance Sunday Service and Parade** will take place this year on **Sunday, 10th November**, at the **War Memorial, Basingstoke**.

This year the parade routes have changed. The march will commence from the bandstand in War Memorial Park to the War Memorial. Following the service, the parade will march through the Top of the Town to the end of London Street. There will not be a marquee. All are welcome to attend.

In addition, on **Armistice Day, Monday, 11th November**, at **11am** at the **War Memorial**, the Mayor will also be laying a wreath. Everyone is welcome to attend the short (15-minute) service.

### LYNSEY'S LITTLE STARS MOTHER & TODDLER GROUP

If you and your little ones are free on a **Wednesday morning** why not pop down for a friendly cuppa at **Lynsey's Little Stars Mother & Toddler Group** from **10 to 11.15am (term-time only)** in the **Parish Room of St Mary's Church**. There is a good selection of toys and a weekly craft option. Please just turn up but if you'd like further information please call **07867 810265** or email **lynseyslittlestars@yahoo.com** 

### DIARY DATES FOR NOVEMBER

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

Fri 1	10.30am – noon	Ladies' First Friday Coffee Morning (19 Rosehip Way Lychpit)			
	2.00pm – 4.30pm	Village Café (Parish Room, St Mary's Church)			
Sat 2	10.00am	PIOCC Working Party (meet church lobby, St Mary's Church)			
Sun 3	11.00am – noon	Old Basing Allotment & Garden Society Shop (Riley Lane)			
Tue 5	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting (Pavilion Committee Room, Rec)			
	7.30pm	Old Basing WI Meeting (Parish Room, St Mary's Church)			
Thu 7	8.00pm	Old Basing RBL Branch AGM (Jack Morris Hall)			
Fri 8	2.00pm - 4.30pm	Village Café (Parish Room, St Mary's Church)			
Sun 10		LAST DATE FOR COPY TO EDITOR (SEE PAGE 3)			
	9.35am start	Remembrance Day Parade; St Mary's Church 10am			
Tue 12	9.30am &10.30am	Great Binfields Infants School Open Morning			
Fri 15	2.00pm - 4.30pm	Village Café (Parish Room, St Mary's Church)			
Sat 16	7.00pm for 7.30pm	Old Basing Tennis Club Quiz (Lychpit Community Hall)			
Sat 16	10.00am	Mill Field Working Party (meet play area Barton's Mill)			
Fri 22	2.00pm - 4 .30pm	Village Café (Parish Room, St Mary's Church)			
Thu 21	12.30pm – 2.00pm	Ploughman's Lunch (Parish Room, St Mary's Church)			
	7.30pm	Old Basing RBLClub AGM (Jack Morris Hall)			
Thu 28	9.30am &10.30am	Great Binfields Infants School Open Morning			
	2.00pm	PIOCC Working Party (meet church lobby, St Mary's Church)			
Fri 29	2.00pm - 4.30pm	Village Café (Parish Room, St Mary's Church)			
		Old Basing Infants School Open Morning			
Sat 30	11.00am – 4.00pm	Christmas Fayre (Great Barn, Basing House)			
	noon – 4.00pm	Christmas Market (Sherfield School)			
	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Old Basing Royal British Legion Women's Section Christmas			
		Bazaar (Jack Morris Hall, Royal British Legion)			
	7.00pm	Climate Emergency Talk (Parish Room, St Mary's Church)			
LOOKING AHEAD TO DECEMBER					
Tue 3	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting (Pavilion Committee Room, Rec)			
Fri 6	10.30am - noon	Ladies' First Friday Coffee Morning (8 Norton Ride, Lychpit)			
	7.45pm	Sounds of Hope (All Saints' Church, Basingstoke)			
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Sat 7	11.00am - 4.30pm	St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival (St Mary's Church)
Sun 8	11.00am – 4.00pm	St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival (St Mary's Church)
Sun 29	noon	Old Basing & Lychpit Big Turkey Community Christmas
		Lunch (Old Basing Village Hall)

### **BASINGA EXTRA**

A number of articles have been in competition for a place in this month's printed magazine. For those for which space couldn't be found go to www.basinga.org.uk

Basingstoke Blues Club; Basingstoke Civil Service Retirement Fellowship; BDDF's New Chronic Pain Support Groups; Basingstoke and District Railway Society; Basingstoke Lions Club; EU Settlement Scheme; Probus; Read Easy Basingstoke; 'Service Above Self'; St. Michael's Hospice November Nights.

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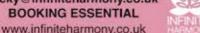
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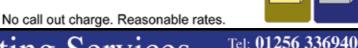
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