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OCTOBER NOTES AND NEWS

This month's photograph of a wandering hedgehog is by Vaughan Snook. Hedgehogs are normally found in the garden foraging for food. They will also come onto patios and to the back door if food is put out. Also in parks, scrubby areas, hedgerows and woods. This particular animal looks as though it was on its way to the shops!

BASINGA

We welcome both regular and occasional items for the **Basinga**. The very last date for copy to the Editor for the **November** edition is **6.00 pm on Thursday**, **10th October**. 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**.

REQUEST FOR PHOTOS AND LOGOS

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

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

ADVERTISING ASSISTANT NEEDED

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

BASINGA DELIVERERS NEEDED

The Basinga requires local deliverers of the Basinga in Old Basing, specifically in the Loyalty Lane and Holly Drive area. It's not an arduous task and it requires less than an hour a month to deliver the magazine in your local area. If you are interested then please email: basing@basinga.org.uk or telephone: 07790 279954 or 01256 352299.

DR WEAVER

As you may be aware **Dr Tony Weaver** is retiring as the senior partner of **Odiham and Old Basing Health Centre**. He joined the surgery in Odiham 40 years ago and has been fundamental in building both the Odiham and Old Basing surgeries to what they are today.

We are organising a **retirement party** for him and would love patients and staff, past and present to join us. It is very informal and will be a drop in party on the afternoon of **Saturday**, **5th October** from **2.00** until **4.00pm** at the **Odiham Health Centre**.

Dr Jessica Pizzotti

THE COMMON

Another apparently serene month for our new horsey friends on the common although I understand that a couple of them recently left for a new life in Sweden of all places! I'm sure they'll love the fresh air and green pastures.

Whilst serenity seems to have returned to our beloved open space there are still one or two people who believe that it's an area for the benefit of the public and dogs ahead of its use for livestock, i.e. the original reason that the common exists. Yes, changes in animal husbandry and the need for parish folk to depend on a cow or sheep have long gone but to maintain the premise of this valuable green space, and as a financial necessity, we must accept that beasts must always take priority.

Rick Bourne (see p37 for contact details)

CHINEHAM LIBRARY

We have just come to the end of another successful Summer Reading Challenge and hope your children enjoyed taking part. A good number of medals and certificates were earned by the finishers. Once again we were well supported by a team of volunteers whose services we could not manage without.

Activities for children have now returned to normal, with **Rhymetimes** on **Tuesdays** for under ones at **10.00am** and over ones at **11.00am**, and **Storytimes** on **Saturdays** at **11.00am**. Every first Saturday of the month Storytime is replaced by a drop-in **craft session** starting at **10.00am**, with this month's scheduled for the 5th October. **Lego** and **Duplo** are available to play with between **2.00 to 3.30pm Saturdays**. There are also a couple of extra events for children scheduled for the half term week. **Tuesday, 29th October** we are hosting the **Quirks' Animal Roadshow**, giving children chance to handle and learn about a variety of creatures, including lizards and furry animals. Tickets costing £6 need to be bought in advance for children aged over four. There will also be some spooky goings on in honour of **Halloween** on **31st October**, further details will follow.

Activities for adults also follow their usual pattern, with **Cuppa and Chat** meeting fortnightly on **Wednesday** mornings for over 50s to have a social get-together from **10.00am**. If you are unsure of the dates please check with the library first. **Age Concern** will again offer their **computer tuition** for the over 50s on **Wednesday mornings**, for further information and to book sessions please contact: **01256 423874**. Our **reading group** meets on **27th** at **10.30am** and the **writing group** on the **17th**. Starting on **5th December at 6pm** we begin a trio of **crime talks**, costing £15 to attend all three. Further details are available from the library.

Cathy Foster

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY COFFEE MORNING

A Christmas card sale and coffee morning in aid of The Children's Society will be held from 10.00am to noon on Saturday 19th October in The Parish Room. There will be a variety of stalls including a raffle, cake stall, bric-a-brac and, not to be missed, glitz bits and bling! This is an opportunity for you to buy your Christmas cards in good time! Please do come and support this worthy charity and we look forward to welcoming you there.

Rosemary Kershaw





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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

NEW COUNCILLOR

We are delighted to welcome back Alan Jones who was co-opted on to the Parish Council at the September meeting. Alan was forced to stand down as a Councillor some 12 months ago for health reasons. Happily, he is now fit and well and looking forward to again playing an active part as a member of the Parish Council.

DEPUTY CLERK

In September we finally said farewell to our Deputy Clerk, Heather Mountford after eleven years with the Parish Council. We are grateful to Heather for delaying her departure to give us more time to find a replacement. At the time of writing interviews are still to take place but we hope it will not be long before we are able to welcome a new member of staff to the Parish Office.

CROSSWAYS CHILDREN'S HOME

You may have seen in the Basingstoke Gazette that Crossways has now closed and the site is being offered by Hampshire County Council for development with a view to building three or four residential properties. It is no surprise as this is a prime site close to our local schools and the Parish Council's Planning & Development Committee will scrutinise any development proposals carefully when these are eventually submitted.

LYCHPIT COMMUNITY HALL

We still have space during weekdays for regular groups or classes for adults or children. If you are starting a new group or looking for an additional venue to expand, please give us a call. Hire charges include use of the hall and a fully equipped kitchen and there is ample free parking in the Lychpit Centre car park.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next two meeting dates are **Tuesday**, **1st October** and **5th November** at **7.30pm** in the **Pavilion Committee Room**. All are welcome and anyone with impaired mobility should contact the Parish Office so they can be accommodated.

PARISH COUNCIL

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Parish Clerk: Mrs Sandra Tuck

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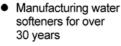
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Another year has gone by with a lot of hard work by the **Show Committee** resulting in yet another successful Show. 26 new entrants, the highest number of entries since 2003, everybody seemed to enjoy the day, and, joy of joys, we have appeared to have taken more monies this year, which of course we have to do to keep up with the increasing costs of putting on a quality Show for the Village.

Many thanks to all the local businesses who donated raffle prizes, took adverts in the Schedule, provided the outlets around the Village where they were obtainable, and of course the record number of people who came to see the Show on the day.

Here's then to next year, don't forget the **Village Show AGM** on **Tuesday, 12th November** at **8.00pm** in the **Parish Room.**

Mark Offord

THE VILLAGE CAFE

The Village Café; a volunteer run café for the community of Old Basing and Lychpit The café is open on **Friday afternoons** from **2.00** to **4.30pm** in the **Parish Room** at **St Mary's Church**.

As you know, we support local charities by donating all profits and up until Christmas we will be supporting a charity for the homeless called Julian House. The charity actively go out onto the streets of Basingstoke to help people who are living rough into accommodation. As we are entering the colder months, this is an even more worthwhile charity for us to help.

Two dates to remind you of: we are closed on Friday 1st November but re-open the following week, 8th November, when we will be hosting another pop up visit by Alison's Wonderland. No doubt along with the usual wonderful array of gifts, there will be some Seasonal pieces so get a head start on your Christmas shopping whilst enjoying a hot drink and some homemade cake.

We'd love to hear from anyone who would like to get involved with the café, either as a baker or volunteer; call: **07813186328** or email: **thevillagecafeoldbasing@gmail.com**

Debbie Filer

THE IVY CLUB

September saw us celebrating our 60th birthday with entertainment from "The Barrel Organ Boys" and The Carnival Chorus, it is fabulous that this club has been going for so long and we would love to encourage some more new members to join us, so how about it a couple of hours on a Wednesday afternoon for some R & R? Our local Beat Officer Aiden Blackwell also paid us a visit in September and it is reassuring to know how we stand in Old Basing as far as crime rates are concerned.

We still have a few seats left on our trip to Bordon Country Market on Tuesday, 12th November leaving Old Basing at 10.00 am at a cost of £10.00 per head, arriving in time for a nice cup of coffee before having a good look around and no doubt making a few purchases. Do think about coming to join us we would love to see you.

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sewing machine where a dog ran on a turntable replacing the traditional treadle. The dog powered turn spit saved servants rotating the carcase of meat over the fire.

Multitasking is nothing new. A machine was a combination baby rocker and butter churner which enabled the mother to do her knitting. Or the fresh air bed that had a large trumpet shape over the sleeping person that brought in fresh air from outside.

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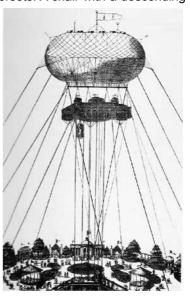
cushion caused two paddles to fan the face of the

distressed lady.

Fear of being struck by lightning saw the invention of the lightning conductor umbrella with an aerial to attract the lightning and a wire to earth. It was modified for some ladies' hats. The German Army designed a rain collecting hat with a small tap.

Transport had many eccentric developments. The Danish Hunting Monocycle travelled at 24 mph and the American Monocycle reached 30 mph. The Dutch military Multi-cycle in 1887 transported twelve soldiers and there was the Telegraph Wire Bicycle in 1890 suspended from telegraph wires rather than running on the ground.

And was there a castle in the air? The 1894 Antwerp exhibition saw the idea of using a large balloon from which a town could be suspended. Naturally it was all hot air and it never saw the light of day.



OLD BASING ALLOTMENT AND GARDEN SOCIETY

This month the allotment shop will be open on October 6th; 10.30am - noon. There will also be the final allotment inspections of the year in the week commencing 7th October.

Your plots should be yielding the final courgettes, pumpkins and runner beans as well as main crop potatoes. You can begin sowing peas and broad beans for overwintering but watch out for mice as they love to feast on the seeds. Rhubarb crowns can either be planted from new or divided from established clumps. Brussels sprouts should be staked against high winds. As ground becomes free, either cover with black plastic or cardboard to prevent too much weeding next year or alternatively consider sowing a green manure that can simply be dug into the soil next spring.

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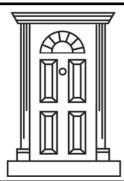
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Basingclog Morris, your local Northwest Morris side, is inviting new dancers to come along to their autumn practice season. **Practices** are held on **Tuesdays at 8.00pm** in **Sherfield on Loddon Village Hall**, from **24th September** until mid-April 2020.

A complete schedule is on our website at www.basingclog.org.uk. For more information, email contact@basingclog.org.uk or find us on Facebook.

Basingclog offers music, fresh air, dancing, laughter and friendship in equal measure and a chance to be part of something worthwhile. Practice season lasts throughout the autumn and winter months, and during the summer months, you can find us dancing at local pubs, fetes and festivals.

Morris is a traditional form of English dancing that has been performed for hundreds of years. Basingclog Morris perform the North West style of Morris dancing. Many of our dances originated some 300 years ago in and around the cotton mills in the North of England, and we have written our own dances to further the living tradition.

Basingclog's costume of black, white and red is designed to complement the style of North West Morris dancing, giving a bright and colourful display. We believe in dancing to entertain, and we are renowned for the energy and enthusiasm we put into our dances, and for the volume of noise generated by our band.

We're a mixed side with male and female dancers. Beginners are welcome at any time, and you don't need any previous experience to learn Morris dancing.

Emily Hendren-Allwright Press officer, Basingclog Morris email: contact@basingclog.org.uk web: www.basingclog.org.uk

OLD BASING & LYCHPIT BIG TURKEY CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Sunday, 29th December, should go in your 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 1.00pm. 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.

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THE MILL FIELD LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

Event News: Join us at our next volunteer morning on **Sunday, 20th October** when we will tackle some of the scrub. We aim to clear areas of ash, oak and thorn to allow smaller plants to flourish and renew the views for walkers across the site. No special skills are required just appropriate clothes and footwear and we will provide tea, coffee and tools. We meet at the Play area at 10am or find us in the field and the task will run for 2 hours and is a great way to get some fresh air and free exercise.

Path maintenance: Much of our activity is spent trying to keep the main paths around the site as accessible as possible, through clearing scrub, laying chippings and sleepers. This is so that users of the field can keep to the paths throughout the year and not have to make detours and inadvertently create new paths. It is really important to the site as a Local Nature Reserve to provide shelter for the wildlife, therefore the more paths that are inadvertently created the more difficult it is for the habitats to exist. So we respectfully ask all users of the field to please keep to the main paths and respect the reserve.

What to Look out for this month: Now autumn is underway you may see the last of the summers migrants going south and the winter ones arriving such as Redwings. Watch out for large groups of starlings and the last of this year's butterflies on the ivy. With the misty mornings spiders are more obvious with their fabulous webs, and around the stream there will still be dragonflies such as the common darter and you never know something a little rarer!

Anne Francis, phone: 07974 944439

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

OLD BASING WI

At our September meeting, we welcomed Hazel Fotheringham from the Hampshire and IOW Wildlife Trust who talked to us about their work in the reserves they maintain around Hampshire. In particular she mentioned the local reserve at Pamber Forest which has recorded otters for the first time in many years.

We also were pleased to be a part of the Old Basing and Lychpit Village Show in this, our Centenary Year, when we manned a table showing off our activities.

Our next Members' meeting will take place on **Tuesday, 1st October** where we will be holding a special raffle in aid of Salisbury Spinal unit. Any donated raffle prizes will be gratefully received for this worthy cause. The competition will be "Home-Made Sweets".

On **Wednesday**, **9th October** Old Basing members will be attending a talk by **Lady Carnarvon from Highclere Castle**. All WI Members are welcome at the **Loddon Bowls Club**.

It is hoped to produce a monthly emailed newsletter to Members. Watch out for this arriving in your inbox. The sender will be "HCFWI Old Basing Secretary".

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.

Linda Frawley

Dear friends.

At this time of year, the pre-schools, schools and churches here in Lychpit and Old Basing celebrate Harvest. Harvest is a time to be thankful for creation, for the gifts of the harvest, and all the gifts that God has given us. It is wonderful to live in a world where there is a bountiful supply of food, yet shocking that so much food is wasted, while many go hungry.

I was at Greenbelt Festival with my family this summer and the Real Junk Food Project were running a 'Pay as you feel' café. The project intercepts food, often surplus stock from supermarkets, that would otherwise be heading to landfill and serves it up as tasty meals. People are invited to pay for their meal based on what they feel it is worth, or with their skills by helping out at the café, for example washing up.

It is not the first time I have come across a project to redistribute food that would have gone to waste. When I worked at a Catholic charity in Smethwick, West Midlands, we would receive a van of food from the national organisation FareShare each week, which again was surplus stock destined for landfill, and hand it out in food parcels to those most in need.

It is shocking to realise how much good food goes to waste in the UK. Since 2013 the Real Junk Food Project alone has saved 5000 tonnes of food, the equivalent to 11.9 million meals. Yet it is not just the supermarkets that waste food, UK households are thought to waste 6.7 million tonnes of food each year. Just think how many people that could feed.

As Christians, our faith teaches us that we are stewards of God's good creation. We have a responsibility to care for the world, this wonderful gift that God has given us (Genesis 2:15), and that includes being responsible with the food that is harvested. We need to work for a fairer distribution of the world's resources so that less food is wasted by the full, and those who are hungry are fed.

There are some simple steps that we can try to take to reduce food waste:

- We can make the decision to buy just the food we need so we throw away less.
- We can accept that produce can be top quality and taste great even if it is a slightly odd shape.



- We can ask for a take-home container for food that we don't finish in restaurants.
- We can share excess food from our gardens with others.

They may seem like small steps, but with the average person in the UK wasting 70kg of food a year, they are a good place to start!

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THIS MONTH AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Saturday, 5th October 8:45 to 10.00am Men's Breakfast Group. 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)

10.00am Harvest Festival. All age service to celebrate and Sunday, 6th October

give thanks for the bounty of creation. Donations invited for

the Basingstoke Foodbank.

2.00pm Tea & Talk Café in the Parish Room. All welcome, Monday, 28th October

no charge.

Thursday, 31st October 5.30 to 7.00pm Children's Halloween Party. 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).

Looking forward:

Saturday, 2nd November **4.00pm All Souls Service.** A time to come together to

remember loved ones who have died

Sunday, 10th November 10.00am Remembrance Day Service

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

Sunday services take place every week at 8.00am 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 9.30am 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 on St Mary's Facebook page where you will find fresh updates.

OLD BASING METHODIST CHURCH

Tuesday, October 1st Craft group - from 2.00 to 4.00pm. Bring your own craft or

items will be provided.

Harvest Thanksgiving service at 10.30am followed by Sunday, 6th October

lunch. Traditional gifts and donations for The Besom in

Basingstoke.

MHA lunch club followed by activities from noon to 3.00pm. Tuesday, October 8th Friday, October 11th

Coffee Break, our monthly coffee morning from 10.30am to

noon.

Tuesday, October 15th Craft group - from 2.00 to 4.00pm. Bring your own craft or

items will be provided.

Prayers and Reflection at 2.30 to 3.30pm. Tuesday, October 22nd

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)

At our **Open Meeting** on **Monday 7th October** to mark the start of our winter Conservation programme Margaret and Tim Carr will present "New Zealand – Top to Toe", an evening of photographs showing the wonderful scenery and wildlife of North and South Islands. We look forward to seeing you at **8.00pm** in **St Mary's Parish Room.** All are welcome.

This month's working parties will be on Saturday, 5th October at 10.00am and Thursday 24th October at 2.00pm — meet in the church lobby. With the arrival of autumn, we are starting our seasonal conservation work, including woodland management. We look forward to welcoming our regular volunteers and also new participants.

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

The leaves are now turning and berries ripening to provide food for the wildlife. It's the best season for finding fungi too, but please, remember some are poisonous. Why not come and see what you can find? Or perhaps just enjoy a peaceful moment for prayer or reflection on the WI seat. The Conservation Area is a community space for all to enjoy. For further information please ring **Fay Farrant on 01256 476863**.

Margaret Carr www.stmarysoldbasing.org.uk

NEWS FROM BASING HOUSE

Over the weekend of **28th September** the **English Civil War Society** join us at **Basing House** for a packed two days of re-enactment, living history and historical entertainment.

Basing House - the Marquess of Winchester's splendid residence was besieged three times during the English Civil War, finally falling to Oliver Cromwell in October 1645. The house was completely destroyed with many of the bricks being used to rebuild Old Basing.

The Marquess of Winchester's Regiment will be returning to their spiritual home over this weekend to commemorate this event and to show aspects of life, both military and civilian, of the period. They will be joined by friends from other regiments of both the King's Army and the Roundhead Association. Throughout the weekend there will drill displays and skirmish re-enactments, plus a living history display running the whole time the site is open. Some of these events can lead to bangs and crashes.

The weekend will conclude with a short ceremony to remember the events which happened there in the 1640s and to lower the Basing House Standard and lodge it for safe keeping over the winter.

After this weekend the Basing House year begins to draw to a close. The site continues to open in October; the only remaining event for this year is our popular annual Christmas Fair in the Great Barn, which will be held on 30th November.

Full details about Basing House, its events, fees and opening times are at www. hampshireculture.org.uk/basing-house, otherwise ring 01256 463965 or call in at the visitor centre, next to the Great Barn between 11.00am and 4.00pm, Saturday to Thursday. Basinga articles are written some time ahead of events, and the information on the website is therefore more up to date, and occasionally more correct.

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If you require any further information please call the school office on **01256 465092**. We look forward to welcoming you to St Mary's C of E Junior School.

THE BADEN POWELL CENTRE - UPDATE

A lot has been going on over the summer months and some of you may even have seen a digger on site. The good news is that we have now completed all the building regulation approvals as well as the full structural design and are now able to go out to tender. Now that we have reached this milestone in the project, we will be able to apply for the larger capital grants that we were frozen out of until we reached this stage. The not so good news is that we are still a long way short of our funding objectives and we still require the full support of the local community and business's to enable us to reduce this funding gap.

We have also been awarded a grant of 200 hedge saplings that we plan to plant around the perimeter of the plot to create a natural boundary for the wildlife to live in. We will be having a working party in October and another in November to get prepared and to plant these so please email us if you are interested in helping.

On a fund raising note we are holding a disco for the young people of the Guide and Scout groups of Old Basing and Lychpit on Saturday, 19th October between 5.30pm and 7.30pm. Tickets will be £2 per child and there will be opportunities for them to buy glow sticks, drinks and snacks, so bring along some pocket money.

We are also holding a **Craft Fayre on Saturday 9th November, from 1.30 to 4.00pm at Old Basing Village Hall.** We have lots of craft stalls perfect for Christmas shopping. If you would like a stall we still have space. Stalls will be £10 each and a donation to the raffle.

We will have refreshments with homemade cakes a plenty.

If you would like to help with fundraising or feel that you have skills to help us with the building project or would like to book a stall for the craft Fayre please email **Paula** at: fundraising4newhut@gmail.com

OLD BASING TENNIS CLUB

Our **AGM** is on **Tuesday**, **29th October** and on **Saturday**,**16th November** we shall be holding our **ANNUAL QUIZ** at 7.00 for **7.30pm** at **Lychpit Hall**. Teams of six at £6.00 per head. Please bring your own food and drink. A raffle will be held during the evening. We hope you can come and join us for this enjoyable evening!

To book a table please contact Clive - email: **OBTC.Information@gmail.com**To find out more about our club visit **www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/ OldBasingTennisClub**We are also on Facebook and Instagram.

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www.hampshireculture.org.uk/basing-house

BASING ROYALS FC

Basing Royals FC, a local youth football club in the village, has expanded this season to include an U11s team playing in the North Hants Saturday league playing in Hampshire/Berkshire and Surrey. Huge thanks goes to Eden Motors for supporting the club with invaluable sponsorship. Basing Royals FC was set up just over a year ago and is excited to be building on the success of last season with the addition of a new U8s football team and a third team in the successful U10s age group. These new teams have been set up in response to the great feedback and reputation we have quickly built and means we now have five teams playing across three age groups. As well as winning the Hampshire Cup Winter Plate last year, we were also proud to be recognised as an FA Charter Standard club.

As a club, we've achieved so much in the short time we've been going and further help is needed to offer the best facilities and coaching for the youngsters within our community! Therefore, on the **18th October, our annual fund raising Race Night** will be held at the **Royal British Legion** in the village. **Tickets** are available for £5 per adult and sponsorship of the races is available to anyone interested.

Please email **football@basingroyalsfc.co.uk** for more information.

Also, if your company is able to offer any sponsorship for the coming season then we would love to hear from you. Please email **football@basingroyalsfc.co.uk** for our range of sponsorship opportunities including full kit options and website links.

Wishing all Basing Royals FC teams a great start to the 2019/20 season!

FOOBS TRAIL AND FUN RUNS

Taking place on 13th October. As we write this, the schools have just started back and we are heading fast towards the second Friends of Old Basing Schools Trail and Fun Runs!!

Whatever the weather, we can guarantee a lovely all-terrain course, with friendly marshals, and a BBQ, drinks and home-made cakes to welcome you home.

We have 10k, 6k and 2k courses, all similar to last year, and we are looking forwards to lots of entries from villagers and school families. If you have already entered for this year's run, thank you! But if you aren't a runner, we would be really grateful for your support with marshalling or general help on the day. Any queries, please do contact us on foobsfunrun@gmail.com

We would like to thank our headline sponsors: RJS Builders Ltd. and other sponsors including Go Walkies, SJB Autotech, Paul Jones Judo.

BASING SINGERS

For our followers we are pleased to tell you that we will be performing in the **Basingstoke Variety Show** along with a host of local talent, which is part of the Mayor's fund raising for charity. There will be a varied programme which starts at **7.30pm** in the **Anvil** on **Saturday, 5th October**. Tickets are available from the Anvil box office.

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CARNIVAL UPDATE

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

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 23rd October (NEW DATE) in the Frank Goddard Room at the Village Hall at 8.00pm. At 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 are interested in joining the carnival committee, please come along and have a chat over cheese and wine.

New for 2020 – calling all previous princesses, princes, deputies, attendances and escorts – we need you – please get in touch and help us make our 50th year dream come true!!

Joe Croombs Chair, Old Basing Carnival Committee

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WILL THE 50TH OLD BASING CARNIVAL OF 2020 BE THE LAST?

Plans for the 50th Anniversary Carnival are in full swing and the Carnival Committee aim to make it the best one ever and we hope it is not the last...... due to a number of reasons: a significant number of committee members are stepping down after the 2020 Carnival but have committed to making sure the 50th goes well and will work with new committee members to ensure a smooth transition, but we need those new members to come forward in the next couple of months. So if you are interested in supporting then please get in touch, otherwise the committee will make arrangements to close after the 50th celebrations.

Who is needed:

- Chair
- Secretary
- Treasure
- General committee members

The Carnival Committee also run the Senior Citizens Party in February, the Prince and Princess Disco in March, and the BBQ, Cake Stall and other stalls on Carnival Day, so you will need to be able to help with organising as well as planning and running events or areas on the day. A sense of humour and patience is invaluable – these are great fun to do but need support and energy.

The Carnival and associated events have run for nearly 50 years and are a key diary date for the village and great community spirit. If you want them to continue and want to know more - please give **Joe** a call on **07768 032936** or email **oldbasingcarnival@outlook.com**

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A variety of stalls, games, live music, a raffle, story-telling and even a guest appearance from Pikachu helped raise the marvellous sum of £1,400. The OCH Old Basing shop team of volunteers, led by Sue organised a wide range of stalls to entertain folks, both young and old; and fortunately, the weather was kind to us!



Odiham Cottage Hospital will use these funds to continue to provide a range of health and social care services to the residents of West Hart and Old Basing. For further details see our website.

With a three day Bonanza over the August bank holiday weekend and monthly quiz nights, we are most grateful for all the support that The Hatch pub team have given to Odiham Cottage Hospital.

Ginny East, email: och1@btinternet.com, Tel 01256 393600 www.odihamcottagehospital.org.uk

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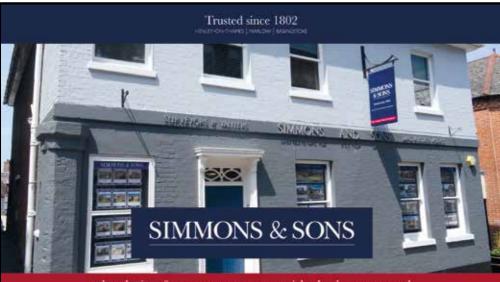
I just want to extend a really big thank you to the team members of the Foodbank, and in particular Peter Jones from the **Citizens Advice Bureau**, who put me in touch.

I attended the Trussel Trust Foodbank yesterday in dire straits as a lot of others are forced to do in recent times and I cannot speak more glowingly at the help and kind support that I received. The volunteers and all those members of the public who donate to make this service possible are the unsung heroes of our time, whose work and generous giving of the heart will go on to make a real difference in people's lives. Thank you again and may the goodness of providence and society flow back on you and your families; thank you.

name and address supplied

THE WILLOW OF BASING

"The Willow of Basing" about the life and times of William Paulet, is a talk by Alan Turton on behalf of the Friends of St Mary's Church Old Basing. Refreshments will be served. Please join us in the Parish Rooms at 8.00pm on Friday 22nd November; price to be confirmed.



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None of us want to think about the dreaded "C" but time is fast approaching when we have to make plans, and that is where we are here to help. We are holding our **Christmas Bazaar** on **Saturday 30th November** from **2.00** to **4.00pm** in the **Jack Morris Hall** of the **Royal British Legion**. Looking for those lovely gifts but at bargain prices then we are the place to visit, our market stall has it all. Once you have filled your bags you will deserve a nice cup of tea and a piece of cake or if you prefer a mince pie. You will of course have the opportunity to win fabulous prizes on our tombola as well as visiting our other stalls. If you feel you have some spectacular goods to offer and would like a stall, then please give us a call, there is limited space available.

Please make a note of this date in your diary you will not be disappointed. Looking forward to seeing you.

Sue Wilson - Publicity 01256 328196

POPPY APPEAL

November's Remembrance time is fast approaching and we are looking for additional volunteers to strengthen our loyal band of collectors and businesses that are willing to receive Poppy Boxes and Poppy Tins.

If you would like to be involved as a Poppy Collector, or your organisation would like to receive a Poppy Box where you do not already, please feel free to contact me on hampshire.chairman@rbl.community All money collected goes to the Poppy Appeal.

Tim Russell, Poppy Appeal Organiser

PROTEUS CREATION SPACE

PROTEUS CREATION SPACE presents season of amazing performances from Thursday **26th September to Tuesday 24th December**, celebrating families of all types; some shows are all about families and some are made for families.

Scratch Built in association with **Proteus** return for the 6th successive year with a brand new in-house Christmas show for pre-school children and their families. Father Christmas's Christmas Workshop is an enchanting and immersive walk-through show that even the youngest audience members can interact with and enjoy! For more information and a detailed breakdown of the whole Autumn programme please visit the **Basinga Extra** website at **www.basinga.org.uk**

LYNSEY'S LITTLE STARS MOTHER & TODDLER GROUP

If you would like an opportunity for your little ones to meet with others on a **Wednesday** morning (term-time only), why not pop down to **Lynsey's Little Stars 10.00 to 11.15am** in the **Parish Room of St Mary's**. You'll receive a friendly welcome and there is a selection of toys for the little ones, including a slide, ball pit and a craft table.

Please just turn up but if you'd like further information please call **07867 810265** or email **lynseyslittlestars@yahoo.com**

OCTOBER JOBS FOR THE GARDEN

By now the trees should be starting to put on their best autumn displays of red, gold and orange. As the leaves fall, it is a good time to start making some leaf mould by collecting them into a wire basket or plastic bag with holes punched in to allow air access.

Now is your last chance to scarify, aerate, top dress and feed lawns before the very cold weather sets in. since we are in a warmer area of the country there is still just time sow grass seed if you haven't gotten around to it yet but be quick and be sure to cover freshly sown areas with fleece to protect it from frost. Raking up fallen leaves will mean that light and air can get to the grass and make it healthier.

Once the first frosts have hit, dahlias can be lifted and the tubers stored over winter. You can risk leaving them in the ground protected by straw but flowering may be reduced next year. Summer bedding plants are best discarded once they are beginning to fade away. Hanging baskets can be nurtured until mid autumn when they can be replanted with winter flowering violas, heathers, ivies and spring flowering bulbs. Pots should also be raised onto feet so that they don't sit in puddles and get waterlogged. This is especially important for terracotta pots as water freezing in the ceramic will cause it to crack.

It is time to move spring bedding plants such as wallflowers, primula and daisies into prepared ground or pots now and spring flowering bulbs can also be planted, as well as any final hardy annuals you wish to sow. New herbaceous perennials will do well planted now, giving them time to establish before the cold sets in fully. Older plants can be divided if needed or cut back and tidied. You can collect the last of the seed from plants that are still forming

seed heads. All tender plants should now be safely inside a heated greenhouse or conservatory.

If you have trees that need moving or hedges that need planting, this is the month to do it. Bare root plants will now be available online and in garden centres and are cheaper than container plants, this includes roses. They will all establish well in the cooler and wetter conditions. If you have climbing roses, these should be pruned this month, along with any deciduous hedges that haven't yet been tended. Buddleia davidii can be cut back by half if it is getting unruly and this will also protect it from wind damage. Be sure to check trees ties and stakes before any gales hit. It is probably best to check any soft or semi-ripe cuttings that you took earlier in the year in case they need potting on. You can now take hardwood cuttings of roses and forsythia.

Greenhouses can be insulated with bubble wrap to help reduce heating costs and reduce ventilation as the weather becomes colder and windier. Remove any shading paint applied earlier in the season Sweet peas can be sown in the greenhouse for next year but watch for mice who will be tempted in for the seeds. Indoors, reduce watering of house-plants and group together tropical specimens to help produce a micro-climate which will counteract the drop in humidity levels. Pot up containers of hyacinth or amaryllis bulbs ready for Christmas and New Year displays if you didn't do this last month.

Happy gardening!

Tracy Braybrook

NATURE NOTES FOR OCTOBER

Its been a very quiet month with few reports or photos coming in, perhaps to be expected with people on holidays still and it is the time of year also when birds go into their period of moult and as I've said before the odd phenomenon is that they just seem to melt away into the countryside for several weeks until they have their new clothes on. It hasn't stopped the usual garden visitors with their voracious appetite for sunflower hearts and the like from eating some of my customers out of house and home however. Good for business I say!

I played golf at Sherfield Oaks recently which always has a variety of bird life worth seeing but I was not expecting to see a flock of around 300 Goldfinches moving between bush lines. A gathering of these lovely finches is called a charm, as to whether that still applies to such a large number I can't say but it certainly was delightful to see and to hear.

We've had a warmer than usual summer (so say the experts who keep such records) and this has been reflected in the number of hedgehog sightings and people observing bats in flight in the evenings. One rarely gets to see these little mammals up close though so Terry MacAnishs encounter with a Lesser Horseshoe Bat (we think) in mid August was special. It had taken a shine to a warm wall by Terrys front door and seemed reluctant to move on but this gave our man a chance to photograph it.

At the village show yesterday (8th) Penny Jubin, our local and skilful bee-keeper told me that the bees she's recovered from my garden in July have settled in to their new home well but they seem to be in a worse mood

Now than when she moved them. Just a cursory inspection of their well-being led

to her being stung once and threatened several hundred times so they better had produce the goods to say sorry to her!

I've heard second-hand that a resident of Cavalier Road has suggested that the Basingstoke canal near his home should be filled in due to a mosquito nuisance. Some of the upper reaches of the derelict waterway still holds reasonable amounts of water for much of the year and this encourages birds, bats, frogs, newts, waterfowl and dragonflies etc. to live and breed. Whilst I can sympathise with the gentleman a little such a drastic and expensive action could surely never be justified unless a health risk existed from insect bites, something this country doesn't suffer from (to my My best suggestion would knowledge). be to plant a number of elderberry yielding bushes between the canal and the gardens. This was always a deterrent against insect bites when we were kids out fishing or birding on summers evenings.

Mossies don't like up 'em Mr Mainwaring, they don't like it up 'em!

Rick Bourne

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

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DIARY DATES FOR OCTOBER

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

Wed 2	10.00am - 11.15am	Lynsey's Little Stars in Parish Room, St Mary's
	10.00am - noon	Civil Service Retirement. Talk at Brookvale Village Hall.
Thu 3	7.45pm	(for 8pm) RBL Monthly Branch Meeting. Jack Morris Hall
Fri 4	10.30am - noon	Ladies' First Friday Coffee Morning. 10 Oliver's Walk
	10.00am - 1.00pm	PIOCC Churchyard Conservation. Meet in lobby.
Sat 5	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Dr Weaver's Retirement do. Odiham Health Centre
	7.30pm	Basing Singers at the Anvil. Mayor's Charity Fundraising
Sun 6	10.30am - noon	OBAGS Shop opening in Riley Lane, opp Bolton Arms.
Mon 7	8.00pm	PIOCC. Margaret and Tim Carr will present "New Zealand – Top to Toe" in St Mary's Parish Room.
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