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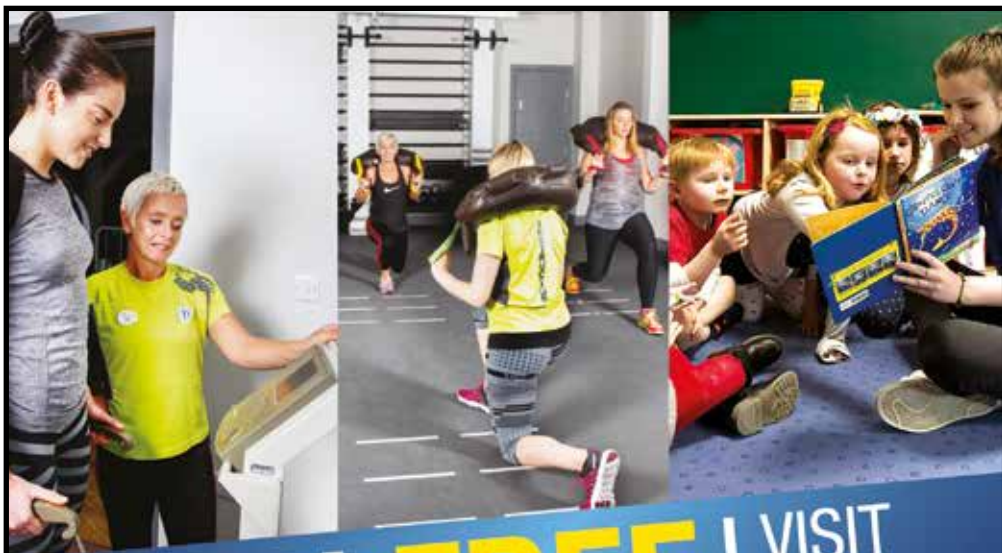
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The **cover photograph** this month is “**Sunflowers in the Allotments**” by Anna Fairs.

There’s a lot happening in September and in a busy weekend at the **Old Basing Village Hall** there is on **Saturday, 8th September**, the **Old Basing Village Hall Jumble Sale**, and the day after, on **Sunday, 9th September**, the **Old Basing & Lychpit Village Show** (*see below for details on both*).

BASINGA ARTICLES

We welcome both regular and occasional items for the Basinga. The very last date for copy to the Editor for the **October edition** is **6 pm on Monday, 10th September**. 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 **300 words maximum**.

OLD BASING & LYCHPIT VILLAGE SHOW

As you read this item in the Basinga there will be only a few days left to get your entries in for the **Old Basing & Lychpit Village Show** on **Sunday, 9th September**. We are looking forward to this year’s show with anticipation, with lots of vegetables, flowers and handicrafts on display, also of course to the always fascinating children’s entries, don’t forget mums and dads, no assistance with the preparation of exhibits.

All entries to be delivered to the **Show Secretary** or any **Committee member** by **10 pm on Wednesday, 5th September** (any late entries to our **Chairman, Judith Dixon-Patterson** by **10 pm on Friday, 7th September**, please).

Even if you are not entering anything (why not!) do come along and see what our judges always say is one of the best village shows in the south of England. Even at this late stage you can still enter, do look on our website www.oblvs.org.uk

The Committee look forward to seeing friends old and new on **Sunday, 9th September**, at **2.30 pm** in **Old Basing Village Hall**.

OLD BASING VILLAGE HALL JUMBLE SALE

Is it time to clear some bits and bobs around the house and garage? The **Old Basing Village Hall** would be grateful for contributions to sell at our **Jumble Sale** on **Saturday, 8th September**, at **2 pm**

We appreciate bric-a-brac, unwanted, good quality clothing, gardening tools, toys, books and toys! Unfortunately we can’t take large items of furniture, but everything else, **YES PLEASE**. Please leave your **items** in the **outer porch of the Village Hall** from **Monday, 3rd September, through to noon on Saturday, 8th September**.

This is a fundraising event, helping to enable the volunteer committee to maintain our wonderful hall. If you would like to help on the day, with sorting or selling, we would love to see you there. **Sorters arrive at 10 am, sellers 1.45pm. Entry 25p.**

Laura Haystaff (Old Basing Village Hall Committee) – tel. **07969 072230**

CARNIVAL UPDATE

So the 2018 carnival is over and the Committee have started planning for **next year's carnival**, which will be held on **Saturday, 15th June, 2019**, and the theme will be confirmed at the **Old Basing Carnival Committee Annual General Meeting** held on **Wednesday, 10th October**, at **8 pm**, in the **Frank Goddard Room** at **Old Basing Village Hall**. At the Annual General Meeting, the Committee will once again be sharing out some of the profits to local groups that helped and/or took part in this year's carnival procession. If you would like to be **considered for a share**, please send your request, indicating what the money will be used for, in writing to **Joe Croombs, 12 The Smithy, Bramley, Hampshire RG26 5AY**, or email **oldbasingcarnival@outlook.com** by **Saturday, 1st September**. If emailing, all emails will be acknowledge therefore if you do not get a response with 72 hours, please resend. This date is set and no late requests will be accepted. Please note that no telephone or individual requests will be considered. A member of your group is required to be present at the Annual General Meeting.

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!

If you have any feedback on this year's carnival or suggestions for further improvements, we would love to hear from you. Website: **www.oldbasingcarnival.com** Email: **oldbasingcarnival@outlook.com** Facebook: **www.facebook.com/OldBasingCarnival/** Twitter: **@basing.carnival** Instagram: **@oldbasingcarnival**

Joe Croombs (Chair, Old Basing Carnival Committee)

NEWS FROM BASING HOUSE

Perhaps September will give us some “normal” weather. Back at Easter we were waiting for the rain to stop, and then came the long, hot summer. If September is normal, and drowning or scorching is not on your agenda, do come to visit, and remember that tickets are valid for a year, so if you've been this year you can come back without paying, and if you haven't your ticket will last for next summer.

Parch marks, or **crop marks** have made their way into the media this summer. These are where underground remains – usually foundations – stop the grass roots going as deep as they should and make the grass go brown sooner than where the roots can grow deeper. This leaves a plan of what is underground on the grass. We have had one of these – but unfortunately it is not a treasure house or other romantic relic of days gone by – it marks the site of the 1970s museum! But still a good example of a phenomenon with a major role in archaeology.

From **Sunday, 9th September**, we are running an in-depth **three-day** (three Sundays) **photography and film workshop** exploring different locations on the grounds of Basing House with professional photographer and filmmaker Paul Gonella. This course is suitable for all cameras, ages and abilities and lets participants discover and develop lots of new camera techniques and skills in a fun and interesting way. Meanwhile our **Thursday craft mornings** continue, as do our **Tuesday** and **Thursday guided tours**.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

The Old Basing and Lychpit Neighbourhood Plan was ‘made’ at the Basingstoke and Deane Full Council on 19th July, 2018. Planning decisions relating to the parish now need to be made in accordance with the Adopted Local Plan and the Neighbourhood Plan. The period for legal challenge ended on 30th August and The Old Basing and Lychpit Neighbourhood Plan and Decision Statement can be seen at www.basingstoke.gov.uk/OBNP – hard copies are also available.

Several readers commented on the level of support from residents mentioned in the July Basinga. This should have read “86% of parish residents voting”. In fact the overall turnout was 21%. The Declaration of Results from Basingstoke and Deane contained full details including the number of votes recorded of 1,206 plus 4 spoiled/rejected ballot papers.

MILKINGPEN LANE UPDATE

We continue to seek clarification on progress and have been told that the existing drainage system under the bridge will be replaced as part of a future drainage improvement scheme.

Exploratory work locating the existing carrier drain and outfall has been unsuccessful as has an attempt to expose the connection of Network Rail drainage into a pipe under the bridge due to close proximity of the bridge, which appears to have the highway drain and/or carrier pipe surrounded with concrete and included within the footings. There is also uncertainty as to whether the Network Rail system and highway drainage system are still linked. HCC and Network Rail engineers are now deciding how to inspect the connection encased in concrete.

The feasibility of installing a new deep-bore soakaway is also being considered and a comprehensive survey of all services in the highway will determine the best location for a bore hole (and the new drainage system that connects into it) if that is the chosen solution.

BIN COLLECTIONS

Councillors, both Parish and those dealing with this issue at the Borough Council, share the frustration of residents over the unreliability of the bin collections. A statement has been issued by Cllr Hayley Eachus, Cabinet Member responsible for bin collections, apologising for the problems and explaining that Veolia is working to resolve staff recruitment issues caused by low unemployment in the area and a national shortage of trained HGV drivers. The situation has been compounded by staff retiring, moving to other jobs or taking leave. Crews are being encouraged to work overtime and at weekends to catch up, which many are, and other crews are also helping out. In the meantime the Borough Council’s website lists incomplete rounds and estimated collection dates.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next two **meeting dates** are **Tuesdays, 4th September and 2nd October, 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.

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

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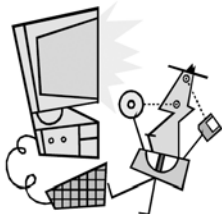
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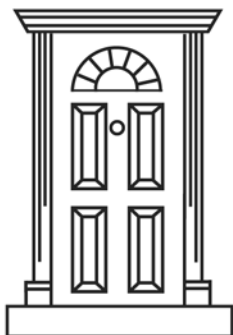
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For our business guests The Barn is ideally located, just a short drive to Basingstoke town centre and train station, and in easy commuting distance of some of the town's busiest business parks and districts. We are also able to offer on-site conference facilities and meeting spaces at competitive rates, which are a delightful alternative to the more common backdrop of workplace meeting rooms. With a range of breakfasts on offer from 7.30 am, guests can still get the early start they may need to go about their day, while enjoying the fantastic quality food available from our kitchen.

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We are holding an open, 'taster' evening on **Tuesday, 23rd October**, at our rehearsal venue (**United Reformed Church, Basingstoke**). We want you to experience choral singing, try it for yourselves and then decide if you want to be part of the choir. The evening will be informal with plenty of opportunity to sing and ask questions. You won't be disappointed!

Come along on the night at **7.30 pm**, contact us via our website www.basingstokemvc.org.uk or Facebook page **BasingstokeMVC** or ring **01256 768608** for more information.

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BASINGSTOKE AND DISTRICT RAILWAY SOCIETY

Some British nostalgia at our September meetings! On **Wednesday, 12th September**, we will welcome back Geoff Plumb who last visited in 2016 when he looked back to 1967. This time he will go back a further year to present more of the last years of steam in **That Was The Year That Was – 1966**.

The following meeting on **Wednesday, 26th September**, will be a rather special evening when railway historian and musician Mike Fenton will tell us about **Great Western Railway Camping Coaches**. Mike will tell us about his research on the subject and his talk will include memories and photographs of many folk who participated in camping coach holidays from the 1930s. This fascinating railway and social history will be accompanied by a musical interlude by Mike and his wife.

Our **meetings** are held at **7.45 pm** at **The Wote Street Club** in New Road in Basingstoke town centre. We welcome new members to the Society and we are always pleased to see non-members at our meetings at a cost of just **£3**. More information about the Society, membership and future meetings can be found on our website at www.bdrs70d.com or telephone **01256 331002**.

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Please note: Saturday was printed on our original poster by mistake.

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THE MILL FIELD LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

EVENT NEWS

We have two events in the Mill Field this month as part of **Loddon Rivers Week**. The first is a **Bat Walk** on the evening of **Monday, 24th September**, starting at **6.45 pm** (dogs on leads can attend). Please wear warm layers, suitable footwear and bring a torch. The second is a **Bird Walk** on **Saturday, 29th September**, starting **7.30 am** (no dogs permitted for this event). For both meet by the **play area**, in the corner of the field nearest to **Bartons Mill PH**. As ever, all are welcome, however if you are interested in attending or need further information please contact **Charlie Dooley** on **01256 845723** or email **Charlie.Dooley@basingstoke.gov.uk**

WHAT TO LOOK FOR THIS MONTH

Signalling the end of summer, you will notice the movement of House Martins, Swallows and Swifts as they fly back south followed by Hobbys, you may get the chance to see a Redstart or Whinchat onsite or maybe something a little rarer. If the weather is kind, amongst the grass you should spot butterflies such as the Marbled White, Silver-Washed Fritillary and Purple Emperor.

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

Facebook: **Mill Field Conservation Group**

BUS ROUTE 55

Well, it has been almost a year since the birth of **Route 55**. The Borough Council is satisfied with the performance of the service provided over that period. With that in mind, it recently agreed to continue an improved service with the original service provider for the foreseeable future – at least the next three years.

Firstly, because certain pick-up points on the original route were not popular, adjustments have been made. This has provided a real benefit to Old Basing customers, in as much that the total time taken for the circular route has been considerably reduced.

Get there quicker – get home quicker! Essentially, the access to Chineham Centre plus the increasingly expanding retail area which includes Lidl, Dunelm and other major outlets is greatly improved. The concept of “hail down and drop-off” with driver assistance remains a core principle of the service.

So, what is the better news? Once the tender process had been completed and contract awarded, a further route extension to the scheduled Route 55 has been added as a pilot scheme for the financial year with a review of use and popularity after an initial period of six months. Briefly it includes two additional ports of call at Waitrose and John Lewis and Shopmobility in Church Street (by Marks and Spencer).

For those who experience mobility difficulties, you can be dropped at the Shopmobility front door ready to pick up your shopping chariot. The driver will be on hand to help you into their reception area. You can then browse and shop to your hearts content. Even take in the delights of Glebe Gardens or just watch the world go by. Please visit the **Shopmobility** website for hire information: **www.shopmobilitybasingstoke.org**

So Route 55 gets better and better. In times when we hear about savings here and savings there, this can become a service worthy of using more and more. In that way Route 55 is more likely to stand the test of time. *See also the leaflet enclosed and the Basinga website.*



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RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION

The **North Hampshire Downs Ramblers group** is part of the **Ramblers Association**. We walk mostly in Hampshire and the surrounding countryside.

In the last few months our group has enjoyed both walks and social activities, including our regular away trip and summer picnic.

The group **walk** on both **Tuesday** and **Saturday** and have just recently started a **Thursday walk** which is sometimes a bit shorter for those who do not want to walk the longer distances. In the summer this can take the form of a short evening walk and pub stop.

The walks cover areas in and around Basingstoke as well as sometimes going further afield. We have had some lovely spring and summer walks, enjoying the changing landscapes and of course trying to avoid the worst of the hot weather.

On our **Tuesday morning walks**, which are typically **6 to 7 miles**, we continue to attract many walkers. We have recently walked around Titchbourne, Hartley Wintney and our annual summer picnic was held in Brown Candover, where we did a 3-mile walk followed by a shared picnic in the Candover Valley Club afterwards. We usually end up with an end-of-walk pub stop, to give people time for a catch up.

Our **Saturday walks** tend to be longer, with fewer walkers, and can sometimes take most of the day. This last quarter our walks have included walking around Christchurch and Hengistbury Head, an annual favourite, as well as around Lower Wield, a coastal walk around Southsea and a walk around Winchester.

Our **Thursday walks** have included evening walks around Sherborne St John, Englefield and a 4-mile day time walk around Tadley Common.

The **Away trip** this **June** was four days in Eastbourne where walks were arranged over the four days. The group had a great time and walked near Battle, Beachy Head and the Seven Sisters.

As well as the walks, the group also enjoys social activities, this includes an annual summer picnic, boys lunches, and ladies walks and lunches, and the group occasionally organise weekends and days away.

The group have an active path patrol group, who report problems to the local council and also do some work on the paths, which can be as varied as checking waymarking and replacing waymarking discs, minor clearing or even repairing stiles and gates. To date this group has replaced 20 plus gates in conjunction with the local council. The latest task was installing a sleeper bridge on Hartley Wespall Foot Path 3.

If you are interested in finding out more about the **North Hampshire Downs group**, there is more information on our website **www.northhampshiredownsrabblers.org.uk**

If you are new to walking and want to give us a try, or already walk, you would be given a very warm welcome by the group. We hope to see you soon!

If you are interested in joining the Ramblers we suggest you come along for a couple of walks with the group first to get a taster.

Membership details are available from the Ramblers' national website: **www.rabblers.org.uk**

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. MARY'S ?

On the weekend of the **7th and 8th of July**, after over a fortnight of sweltering weather, St Mary's Church provided a cool, calm sanctuary from the heat for its **Flower Festival**.

On Friday evening visitors enjoyed a preview of the art exhibition and admired the talents of local artists.

Saturday dawned, clear and hot, and events at St Mary's warmed up too. Soon there were swarms of visitors enjoying the fabulous floral displays and the glorious scent of flowers which filled the church, mulling over the stall offerings, enjoying the cheerful music of the barrel organ, enjoying light refreshments and later tucking in to the barbecue.

In the afternoon they would enjoy one of St. Mary's renowned cream teas after being enchanted by the singing of the St Mary's Junior School Choir and taking one last chance to Dunk the Vicar.

Those with energy to spare traversed the village visiting the gardens which had been generously opened for the weekend.

The finishing touch of the day was a wonderful concert by the Cantemus choir who were joined by the Saxophonists. A beautiful evening had the appreciative audience mingling outside in the interval enjoying a glass of wine. An excellent end to a splendid day.

The weekend was crowned with a Festal Choral Evensong in our beautiful church which resounded with the music of Stanford, Tallis and Dyson. Glorious, and a perfect end to a perfect weekend!

Sunday, 22nd July, witnessed the bitter-sweet occasion of our **goodbye to Fr. Alec** after six years with us. A packed congregation enjoyed his last service and saw him presented with a 19th-century pocket icon and cheque from the congregation as a thank you for his ministry among us. The Glass Maidens also made him a beautiful framed-glass cross to remember us by.

Afterwards the congregation and others from the village enjoyed a very jolly bring and share lunch with the Men's Breakfast Group providing a barbecue. The sun shone and everyone made merry despite being so very sad to see Fr. Alec leave us.

He is returning to Military Chaplaincy which has proved to be his enduring vocation. We will miss him terribly but are thankful for his time with us during which he has proved to be a popular, insightful and deeply spiritual leader. We wish him and his family all good wishes for the future.

But we can look forward to.....

The **Village Pantomime** which is back the **weekend of 24th and 25th of November**. Keep the date.

God Bless,

Tricia Renwick, Churchwarden

THIS MONTH AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

We look forward to welcoming visiting ministers who will be leading our service in the coming weeks

- Sunday, 2nd September** **Rev. Canon Ken Batt (8 am Holy Communion and 9.30 am Sung Eucharist)**
- Sunday, 9th September** **Rev. Christopher Butler (8am Holy Communion and 10 am All Age Eucharist).** This is our **Patronal Festival**, when we celebrate the birth of our namesake, the Virgin Mary
- Sunday, 16th September** **Rev. Canon Michael Kenning (8 am Holy Communion)**
Our 9.30 am Sung Eucharist will be led by **The Rt. Rev. David Williams, Bishop of Basingstoke**
- Sunday, 23rd September** **Rev. Christopher Butler (8 am Holy Communion)**
Rev. Malcolm Surman (9.30 am Sung Eucharist)
- Sunday, 30th September** **Rev. Malcolm Surman (8 am Holy Communion and 9.30 am Sung Eucharist)**

Other Dates to note at St Mary's

Saturday, 1st September **Men's Breakfast, 8.45 am**, in the **Parish Room**. If you fancy a full English breakfast do pop along to the Parish Room, you'd be most welcome (**price £4**)

Monday, 24th September **Tea & Talk Café, 2 pm, Parish Room.** All welcome, **no charge**
After the weekly **9.30 am service** at St Mary's **refreshments** are served in the **Parish Room** which is an informal setting in which to meet other members of the congregation. If you have time after the service do join us, you will be very welcome.

For more details about the life of St Mary's please visit www.stmarysoldbasing.org.uk or **St Mary's Face Book page** and follow us on Twitter **@OB&L_St Marys** where you will find fresh updates including sermons. The church is open daily for prayer and you are welcome as you are every Sunday.

Looking forward

Sunday, 7th October **Harvest Festival at 10 am**

OLD BASING METHODIST CHURCH

Tuesday, 4th & 18th September **Craft group, 2 to 4 pm.** Bring your own craft or items will be provided

Sunday, 9th September **Covenant Service and Gift Day**

Tuesday, 11th September **MHA lunch club** followed by activities from **noon until 3 pm**

Tuesday, 25th September **Weekday Communion and reflection at 2.30 pm**

Our regular **Sunday worship** starts at **10.30 am**, 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.

Debbie Robertson

CHURCHYARD CONSERVATION GROUP (PIOCC)

This month the **working parties** will be on **Saturday, 1st September, at 10 am**, and **Thursday, 27th September, at 2 pm** – meet in the **church lobby**. This month we will finish the summer-season maintenance so next month we can move onto our conservation work, including woodland management. We are always delighted to welcome new participants.

We are a friendly group. This community project is not just for churchgoers, we welcome all who would like to help. The tools are provided. Just turn up in gardening clothes and bring gloves. Our **Saturday morning** sessions last about **3 hours** (with a coffee break and chance to relax) and our **Thursday afternoons** about **2 hours**.

As we move towards autumn the nights grow cooler and the mornings misty, but the days can still be pleasantly warm and summery. With the cooler weather the dryness from the summer heatwave will eventually green up. Butterflies are still about. They love warm weather. Why not come and see what you can find? Or perhaps just enjoy an opportunity for a moment of peace or prayer on the WI seat with its lovely view of the church. The Conservation Area is a community space for all to enjoy.

On **Monday, 1st October**, our **Open Meeting** will mark the start of the **winter conservation programme**. Please put the date in your diary and join us at **8 pm** in **St Mary's Parish Room**. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

For further information please ring **Fay Farrant** on **01256 476863**.

Margaret Carr – www.stmarysoldbasing.org.uk

NWR – A NATIONWIDE GROUP FOR WOMEN

Our meeting for August was a wine tasting. An excellent opportunity for those of us who do not know our Chenin Blanc from our Viognier or our Merlot from our Rioja, to explore and appreciate the differences. I don't think we will be a threat to any wine buffs out there. Possibly our palettes became a little less sharp after each sample. Despite the spittoons provided, we may have drunk a fair amount of the wine too, but just to make sure we could identify each one in the quiz at the end you understand! Sitting outside, enjoying the company and the lovely weather, this was a very pleasant way to spend an afternoon and to learn a little about various wines, the grapes used, the regions they came from and other general wine related information.

We will be having our usual **lunch** and this month our **reading group** will be discussing *The Keeper of Lost Things* by **Ruth Hogan**.

We welcome new members, so if you are looking to make new friends and to enjoy some lively conversation do come along to meet us. We are very social and meet in the afternoon in each others' homes on the **first Monday of the month** as well as **cinema** and **theatre trips** and any **other activity** that has enough support. We also have a regular **Lunch Club** and a **Reading Group** who meet in the **evening every fourth Thursday**.

For **more information** about **NWR** do look at the website nwr.org.uk or to find out about our group do come along to any of our meetings (to check us out with no obligation to join) please contact **Evelyn Jones** (email: evelyncjjones@hotmail.co.uk or tel. **01256 816636**).

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Royal Voluntary Service is one of the UK’s largest volunteering organisations and our key focus is on helping older people live happy and healthy lives and supporting the NHS. We’re volunteer-powered, with people like you at our heart. No previous experience is required – just a friendly smile and willingness to help others. Full training and support is provided.

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And the good news is, volunteering is not a one-way street. As well as benefiting older people by helping them retain their independence and self esteem, you too can enjoy many rewards including: 1) Meeting new people; 2) Learning new things about others and the area you live; 3) Experiencing a feeling of contributing to an invaluable service.

To find out more about the difference you could make to someone’s life and how to get involved call **Tessa** on **07919 880629** or email: **Tessa.Notman-Watt@RoyalVoluntaryService.org.uk**

OLD BASING WI

In August we were entertained by a talk from Alan Purkiss, a retired traffic policeman, who regaled us with some interesting stories of his 22 years in the police force. He explained how the Hampshire police force has changed over time and he told us of his brush with royalty when the Queen’s Rolls Royce broke down when she was visiting Winchester!

Our **September meeting** takes place on **Tuesday, 4th September**, at **7.30 pm** in the **Parish Room** at **St Mary’s Church** when a speaker from Thrive, the national charity whose aim is to enable positive change in the lives of disabled and disadvantaged people through the use of gardening and horticulture. The **competition** on this date is a **“favourite picture of your garden”**.

Our regular **coffee mornings** will continue over the summer at **Conkers** and details of **lunch** at **Wyvale Garden Centre**, our regular **walks** and **craft group meetings** can be found on 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).

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Welcome back to our BU5 children; we're really looking forward to hearing all about your summer break! Welcome also to our newbies and their families. All our popular activities are waiting for you, plus our "All about Me" topic. Our current children are also very excited about making new friends.

Our first term is already full of exciting visitors, from people in the community, to autumn walks, our harvest festival, and lots more! If anyone in the local community has an interesting hobby or occupation and would like to visit us, we'd love to hear from you. These experiences are fabulous learning opportunities and lots of fun for the children and if you can help please email info@boltonunder5s.com or call **01256 326196** and ask for **Louise** or **Tina**.

Although we have lots of new children joining us, we can't forget our last cohort and the fun we had with them. We finished the summer term with our Graduation Party. The parents were invited to watch their child receive their certificate and to reminisce with the staff – we even had a real life super hero visit us! Whilst it is always sad to see them leave, they are ready, so we wish them every happiness as they progress through their educational journey.

We also said goodbye to Brenda, who retired after 17 years! She had been with us since 2001, running the preschool as manager and more recently as one of our key workers. She was our Carnival Queen and we will miss her experience and enthusiasm for dressing up and having fun!

If you are interested in your child joining our 'Outstanding' preschool, we have spaces and would welcome you to come in and meet our team. Please do bring your little one with you; they can get involved playing with the children and exploring our toys, whilst a member of the management team shows you around and explains our daily routine, whilst also allowing you to see the setting in action. Please do call on **01256 326196** to arrange a time for a visit!

Cat Coveney

BADEN-POWELL CENTRE FOR OLD BASING SCOUTS AND GUIDES

The Management Committee for the Baden-Powell Centre would like to thank the **donor**, who wishes to remain anonymous, for their extremely generous **gift** of **£5,000 (£6,250 with gift aid)**. We would also like to thank the **Church Café** for their generous **donation** of **£130** to the **rebuild fund**.

During **June** and **July** we had several **fundraising activities** and between them we raised a staggering **£1,290**.

On **Saturday, 13th October**, we are holding a **Family Quiz Night** with **fish and chip supper, 6.30 pm, Old Basing Village Hall**. Bring your own drinks and snacks. **Tickets are £12 adults; £6 children**. If you would like tickets please email fundraising4newhut@gmail.com

On **Saturday, 3rd November**, we will be holding a **Craft Sale**, if you would like to book a table please email fundraising4newhut@gmail.com – **tables £10 each**, there will be **tea, coffee and homemade cakes** and a **raffle** too.

The Baden-Powell centre has a **500 Club**, if you would like to take part in the monthly draw please mail the fundraising email for further details.

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Is your child due to start school in **September 2019**? If so, we have arranged some **Open Morning Sessions** on the following dates: **Wednesday 10th October; Tuesday 6th November; and Thursday 29th November.**

This is an opportunity to see our school at work and to talk to some of the pupils who will be conducting tours on these days. Our **Headteacher, Miss Jules Rogers, and Deputy Headteacher, Miss Nicki Lyddon**, will be available to meet you and answer any questions you may have. If you would like to attend please contact the **school office** on **01256 460532** and we will be happy to book an appointment for you.

CHINEHAM LIBRARY

Amazingly a new school year is upon us and the **Summer Reading Challenge** is nearly over at the library. The **finish date is Saturday, 15th September**, so please bring all children who are yet to finish by that date. There is **no Saturday craft this month**, but there are the regular **preschool storytimes at 10 am**, and crafts resume on **Sunday, 7th October. Mischief Makers** had been hugely successful at Chineham, so thank you to both our local families and volunteers who have made this happen.

We are now looking to **recruit volunteers** to join us throughout the year, so if this is something that may interest you please do contact us for further information. Days, hours and areas of involvement can be tailored to suit. Our friendly team would love to welcome you.

All the other regular children's activities resume this month. So in addition to **storytimes**, we have **Construction Club** with Lego to play with from **2 to 3.30 pm on Saturdays. Rhymetimes** are **Tuesdays at 10 am for under ones and 11 am for over ones**. The **Chatterbooks** group meets on **Thursday, 13th September, at 3.45 pm**, and for details of our **coding clubs** please contact the library (places are bookable for these).

Adult activities also restart after the summer break. **Age Concern** return on **Wednesdays to provide** computer tuition for the **over 50s**. Sessions must be booked in advance through their area office on **01256 423874**. Others include the general **Reading group** on **Saturday, 29th September at 10.30 am** and the **Creative Writing Group** on **Thursday, 6th September, at 5.30 pm**. The **CHIPPS reading group for parents and preschoolers** meets on **Wednesday, 12th September, at 10 am**. Perhaps think about taking up a new interest for the autumn, you are welcome even to try a group out!

Cathy Foster – Chineham.library@hants.gov.uk (Chineham Library on Facebook)

LINGUATASTIC LANGUAGE ACADEMY

International Translation Day is celebrated on **Sunday, 30th September**, and so in recognition of this day, Linguatastic would this month, like to share with you a few interesting translation-related anecdotes (*go to the Basinga Extra website www.basinga.org.uk to read these*).

Of course, the quotes can generally be understood, but what they do perhaps illustrate is that translation is not necessarily a case of $1+1 = 2$, but it requires a true understanding of two languages and a skill which deserves our utmost respect.



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If you are interested please come along to one of our training sessions held on **Wednesday evenings** at **Down Grange, Pack Lane, Basingstoke RG22 5SN** (by the hockey field), **7 to 8.30 pm**. Please contact **Ben (Ladies Manager)** on **07519 845292** or **Garry (U18's Manager)** on **07776 366602** to find out more. Alternatively email **downgrangeladiesfc@gmail.com**

BASINGSTOKE BULLS KORFBALL CLUB

We are Basingstoke's one and only **Korfball club**! You're probably thinking, 'what on earth is korfball? Please let us explain, korfball is a mixed-gender team sport, meaning guys and girls play on the same team (4 males and 4 females). It is very similar to both basketball and netball and the aim is to score more goals through the 3.5-metre high hoop (aka 'korf') than your opponents. Founded in 2006, **Basingstoke Bulls** are part of a local league, playing teams between Oxford and Southampton. Our **season** runs from **September to April**, with matches on the weekends

Looking to try something new? We are always looking for new members to join! **Basingstoke Bulls Korfball Club** are open to **men and women over the age of 18**. We **train** every **Wednesday** at **Everest Community Academy** (RG24 9UP) from **8 to 9.30 pm**.

Korfball is a great way to keep fit in a light-hearted environment. The sport is easy to pick up and we welcome players of all abilities. The **first three sessions** are **free**!

We look forward to welcoming you at one of our sessions. For more information please get in contact via email: **info@basingstokekorfball.co.uk** or find us on Facebook and Instagram: **@basingstokebulls**

VIKING BADMINTON CLUB

Viking Badminton Club boasts members from all walks of Basingstoke life. If you are a club player (played at University or used to play and life got in the way) and would like to try a small, friendly club, the season runs from **early September through to end April (the first night's free)**. For full club details please visit our website **vikingbadmintonclub.org.uk** and watch out for a very special new member offer!

Jo Berry (Viking Badminton Club)

FOOBS TRAIL AND FUN RUN

Taking place **Sunday, 14th October**, the **FOOBS Trail and Fun Run** promises to be a great run day and with a bouncy castle and drink plus a BBQ and massage on offer we think it will also be a great family fun day. So pop over to the website **www.foobs.weebly.com/fun-run** and book your place.

Michele Byrne (Race Secretary)

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OLD BASING ROYAL BRITISH LEGION UPDATE

MONTHLY BRANCH MEETING

The **monthly branch meeting** will be on **Thursday, 6th September, 7.45 for 8 pm**, in the **Jack Morris Hall** at the **Royal British Legion** in Crown Lane.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday, 21st September: Good Old Basing Golf Day (Sherfield Oaks Golf Club).

Rick Bourne

WOMEN'S SECTION ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

There is a **General Meeting** of the **RBL Women's Section** on **Thursday, 27th September, 7.30 pm**, followed by George Lake with a talk on "Memories of an Evacuee" (the competition is "Your oldest book"), taking place in the **Jack Morris Hall** of the **Royal British Legion**.

The RBL Women's Section thank you to all who supported our Summer Bazaar on 4th August and for the generous donation of items which helped us to raise funds for the Benevolent Fund. It is always good to welcome our supporters albeit a swell in numbers would be appreciated.

Sue Wilson (Publicity)

THE GOOD OLD BASING GOLF DAY 2018

You now only have a few days to enter the annual **Good Old Basing Charity Golf Day** which will take place **Friday, 21st September**, at **Sherfield Oaks Golf Club (Sherfield on Lodden) – 9.15am coffee and bacon rolls, first tee off 10 am**. Contact **Steve** or **Rick** (*see below*) for a form if you would like to play in what is our thirteenth annual event. The day will consist of **27 holes of golf, coffee and bacon roll, lunch and 2-course dinner**, plus **contribution to prizes**, all for **£57**. Cost to **members of Sherfield Oaks** will be **£32.50**. 'Other halves' are warmly invited to join everyone for the **evening meal and presentation** for just **£15**.

As well as having the chance to win some great prizes at the golf, there will be some excellent offers during the raffle and auction. The event is also designed to raise money for the winners' chosen charity so you need to be prepared if you win! The event is intended for, but not exclusively to Old Basing and Lychpit residents. Families of residents and former villagers are very welcome to play. **Last date for entry** will be **Friday, 14th September**.

Rick Bourne (tel. **07714 289157**) and **Steve Western** (tel. **07920 840985**)

OLD BASING TENNIS CLUB

There is nothing better than playing tennis outside when it is warm and sunny and this summer the weather has certainly played ball! Club nights are well attended and league matches are being played. We ran an **American Tournament** on the **8th July** and managed to play in the heat – tea and cake afterwards were well deserved and enjoyed! If you would like to join our club please get in touch with our **Secretary, Jan** – email: **OBTC.Information@gmail.com**

On **Saturday, 1st September**, we are holding our **Summer Tournament Finals' Day** followed by a **BBQ**, we welcome spectators, so please come and watch some great tennis. A date for your diary: **OBTC Annual Quiz, Saturday, 10th November (Old Basing Village Hall)**.

Lynne Thomas (Chair)

SEPTEMBER IN YOUR GARDEN

The prolonged heatwave this year has drawn comparisons with 1976. Certainly everything appears to be very early this year, wild Blackberries have been ripening in the countryside much earlier than normal, the first pickings as early as late July. Meanwhile, according to the English Apples and Pears trade body, despite a smaller crop, this will be the 'tastiest crop of apples and pears this century'.

Because of the extreme conditions it is worth keeping a regular eye on your produce to avoid them going over before you are ready for them. Likewise, other jobs that are seasonally specific may need adjusting to keep in line with the variant growing season.

Kale, Cabbage and other leafy vegetables will need secure netting to prevent butterflies from laying their eggs on the leaves. Make sure you check for the eggs if not already done so. The netting must be similar in security to Fort Knox I find, they seem able to penetrate the smallest of holes.

With the end of summer rapidly approaching, thoughts turn to the coming winter, and how to prepare. Strawberry plants will have stopped producing by now, and so is time to clear away any straw you may have used to protect the fruits, as this can harbour pests and diseases. Any spent crops should be removed and composted, the earlier this is started, the less things that need doing before the cold weather arrives. You can also pot up strawberry runners to make extra plants for next year and any rooted runners of strawberries can be planted out for a good crop next year.

Greenhouses with shading on should be removed to allow the most light in. Also closing vents and doors late in the afternoon will help trap in heat overnight. These actions will ensure your plants crop for as long as possible. Clean out your greenhouse to reduce the risk of pests and diseases next year. Tomatoes that have not yet ripened should be brought inside and put on a windowsill to maximise the chance of them ripening.

There is some planting that can be done at this time. Garlic and Onion sets can be planted, ensuring that the soil has not been manured recently. They do not like fresh fertiliser. Sweet Peas will also be ending, if you have any seed pods, leave them on the plant for as long as possible before the rains arrive, then cut them off leaving a bit of the stem attached. Save in a cool dry place for a month, then pop the seeds and store in a cool dry place. They can be started next month in a cold frame or unheated greenhouse for planting out next year.

It is important to keep deadheading annuals and perennials to extend their performance, while deadheading Penstemons, Dahlias and Roses will prolong flowering. Pruning is also important, prune any late-summer flowering shrubs such as the rock rose (*Helianthemum*). Climbing roses and rambling roses should also be pruned once they've finished flowering (unless they are repeat-flowering, in which case leave them). Ensure Camellias and Rhododendrons are well watered at this time of year to ensure that next year's buds develop well. Spring-flowering bulbs, Daffodils, Crocus, Hyacinths can be planted this month.

Do not be left barren over the winter! Mint and Parsley can be potted up and placed in the kitchen windowsill for crops over the winter.

That most tiresome of tasks also begins again this month. Digging over the soil and adding organic matter for the coming year. It can be dug over quite rough at this time, the winter frosts will hopefully break down any clumps, making sowing next year much easier.

NATURE NOTES FOR SEPTEMBER

That very hot spell brought back memories of 1976, coincidentally the year I got married, when gardens suffered all over the country due to lack of rain and excess withering sunshine. I wasn't aware of the UK wildlife's ability to cope then but certainly am now and one can only imagine the difficulties that most creatures endure.

This summer of course also followed a pretty nasty winter but it may be a year or two yet before we really see if there are any lasting effects. In the bird world, it would seem it's been an excellent breeding season for Blue and Great Tits with many immature birds emptying the feeders in my garden all day long.

As mentioned last month, Bee numbers are worryingly down whereas wasp numbers seem way up as indeed are Butterflies but perhaps this is just a perception or a localised trend. Nicola Matthews from Hatch Lane called to say that her lavender bushes have tons of bees yet there are few Butterflies so this is odd because, as the Butter flies (did you see what I did there?) she is only several hundred yards away.

Thank you again for various hedgehog snippets and our spiky friends have made a good comeback in 2018. Linda Palmer dropped me a line to say that a pair in her garden appeared to be getting quite frisky with each other so in the hope that the sound of tiny paws might be heard Linda was putting out cat food and water to make the amorous pair feel at home!

Maureen Johnson in Blenheim Road asked where she might acquire more dedicated hedgehog food as her supply was exhausted and she had two hungry sharing her offerings every night and occupying a house in the garden every day. The best moist food is called Spikes but is rarely found in the shops, although Waitrose claim to sell it, so ordering it on line seems one's best bet.

Margaret Chewter in Basingfield Close spotted three young Song Thrushes recently, so given the time of year it's a sure indication that the parents must be on their second, possibly third, brood.

Tony Vines who often contacts me about various sightings reported seeing a Mink on the afternoon of 18th July as it crossed the path from the river to the old fish ponds about halfway between the road bridge and the viaduct. These nasty pieces of work have been seen here before and it's no coincidence that the duck and moorhen broods are scarce again along this part of the Loddon. What's needed is a concerted effort of trapping perhaps from the Environment Agency but getting action is a whole different matter. To save some of the indigenous wildlife in this vicinity it's essential that the mink is eradicated as soon as possible.

Colin and Viv Watson, last month's correspondents about bees, had an odd visitor to their front door a couple of weeks back, a Stoat, nosing around in the porch as if it was quite the normal thing to do. One sight of Colin sent the streamlined mammal zipping off into the undergrowth. Perhaps it had kits to feed and was finding the hot weather unhelpful to fulfil this need?

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

Richard Bourne – tel. **01256 321108**; email: rbourne@glenair.co.uk

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DIARY DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

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

Sat 1	10.00 am	PIOCC Working Party (meet church lobby, St Mary's Church)
	10.00 am	Old Basing Tennis Club Summer Tournament Finals' Day (Rec)
Tue 4	7.30 pm	WI Meeting (Parish Room, St Mary's Church)
	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting (Pavilion Committee Room, The Rec)
Thu 6	7.45 pm	Royal British Legion Branch Meeting (Jack Morris Hall, RBL)
Fri 7	10.30 am–noon	Ladies' First Friday Coffee Morning (19 Rosehip Way, Lychpit)
Sat 8	2.00 pm	Old Basing Village Hall Jumble Sale (Old Basing Village Hall)
Sun 9	10.30 am–noon	Old Basing Allotment & Garden Society Shop (Riley Lane)
	2.30 pm	Old Basing & Lychpit Village Show (Old Basing Village Hall)
Mon 10		LAST DATE FOR COPY TO EDITOR (SEE PAGE 3)
Wed 12	7.30 pm	Basingstoke & District Railway Society talk (Wote Street Club)
Sat 15	7.30 pm	Basingstoke Concert Band (Sherfield Park Community Centre, Sherfield on Loddon)
Thu 26	12.30 pm	Ploughman's Lunch (Parish Room, St Mary's Church)
Fri 21	9.15 am	Good Old Basing Charity Golf Day (Sherfield Oaks Golf Club, Sherfield on Loddon)
Sun 23	10.30 am–noon	Old Basing Allotment & Garden Society Shop (Riley Lane)
	11.00 am–4.00 pm	Friends of Sherfield Family Fun Day (Sherfield School, Sherfield on Loddon)
Mon 24	6.45 pm	Bat Walk (Mill Field, starting play area, Bartons Mill)
Wed 26	7.30 pm	Basingstoke & District Railway Society talk (Wote Street Club)
Thu 27	2.00 pm	PIOCC Working Party (meet church lobby, St Mary's Church)
	7.30 pm	Gen Meeting RBL Women's Section (Jack Morris Hall, RBL)
Sat 29	7.30 am	Bird Walk (Mill Field, starting play area, Bartons Mill)
Looking ahead to October		
Mon 1	8.00 pm	PIOCC Open Meeting (Parish Room, St Mary's Church)
Tue 2	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting (Pavilion Committee Room, The Rec)
Fri 5	10.30 am–noon	Ladies' First Friday Coffee Morning (44 Lambs Row, Lychpit)
Wed 10	8.00 pm	Old Basing Carnival Committee AGM (Frank Goddard Room, Old Basing Village Hall)
Sat 13	6.30 pm	Baden-Powell Centre for Old Basing Scouts and Guides Family Quiz Night (Old Basing Village Hall)
Sun 14	10.30 am	FOOBS Trail and Fun Run (Old Basing Recreation Ground)
Sat 27	7.00 pm	Basingstoke Ladies Choir Annual Concert (Queen Mary's College, Basingstoke)

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A number of articles have been in competition for a place in this month's printed magazine. Those for which space could not be found are available at www.basinga.org.uk

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● CHURCH INFORMATION FOR THE AREA

Church of England (Parish of Old Basing & Lychpit).

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698235

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

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

Evening Service 5.30 pm.

OTHER DAYS: Wednesday 10am Holy Communion.

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

Old Basing Methodist Church

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

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