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AUGUST NOTES AND NEWS

The **front cover photo** this month is by **Phil Males**: "I spotted this Broad Bodied Chaser **Dragonfly** sunning itself above my berberis darwinii this afternoon. I am not sure if it is male or female as immature males are yellow as well as mature females. It was obligingly there for about half an hour. Probably recently emerged and drying its wings".

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BASINGA

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

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 website. **Don't forget that we only accept articles with about a 300-word maximum and articles are only published at the Editor's discretion.**

PHOTOS AND LOGOS FOR THE BASINGA

If any reader would like to offer a **photograph of the village environment** we would be happy to receive them, either for immediate use or to build up a portfolio of 'village views' that we can use. We now have a web form that you can use to send a photograph for the website archive and possible use in the magazine – go to **www.basinga.org.uk** and the form can be found on the '**Contributors Submission**' menu. Should you wish to submit multiple photos, or a photo is too 'large', they can be emailed directly to the **Editor**.

This feature should **NOT** be used for Free Ads or article photos, which can be attached to their own forms. We welcome **club** and **society logos**, with the option to use them within articles. Please send graphics to **editor@basinga.org.uk**

WANTED – BASINGA ADVERTISING ADMINISTRATOR

The Basinga is looking for an **Advertising Administrator**. They will be a member of the Basinga Committee responsible for managing the advertising in the magazine.

They need to be re-active to contacts (phone/email) seeking advertising in the magazine. They need to be pro-active in administering advertisers and checking the correctness/quality of the advertisements. They need to maintain existing Basinga contacts and advertisers, build a network of potential advertisers willing to support the Basinga practically or financially. They need to be self-motivated, organised and work to the production deadlines for the Basinga and invoicing.

The estimated time commitment, on average, is two to three email/phone calls per week, plus one or two accumulated days during October/November when reviewing advertiser's contracts for the following year. They also need to attend committee meetings during the year (typically two).

If you are interested please contact **Peter Watson** – tel. **01256 352299** or email **advertising@basinga.org.uk** for more information.

Basing Royals FC winners on so many levels!

What a year we've had! With four teams at Under 12 level, the local FA Accredited, Youth Football Club has recently been recognised as one of the **Top 50 Clubs in the UK** in a Nationwide Building Society Respect Campaign.



We're incredibly proud that club initiatives such as raising funds for a defibrillator, community sponsored runs, mini first aid training courses for players and kit donations to charity have helped contribute to winning this award. As well as coaching our children to be the best footballers they can be, our aim is that all the children at our club grow into well balanced, respectful, assured, young adults.

In terms of performance, there's been lots of celebrating here too! **Our Hurricanes Team** won the prized **Sunday PHYL Cup** and ended the season as the top performing Basingstoke team in the Premier League. **The Spitfires team triumphantly won the 1st Division** and there have been numerous wins during local tournaments too from all teams. The club now has 15 players who have been picked up by District and Basingstoke Town Academy.



With plans underway for the new 11-a-side season, we're still looking for local sponsors to cover new kits and equipment. Due to Covid and rising cost of living, gaining sponsorship has been very hard and we need help in continuing our passion to coach, develop and keep the children of the village healthy. Sponsorship options start from as little as £50 and a great package is offered in return. If you are interested in supporting our award-winning club, we'd love to hear from you. email: football@basingroyalsfc.co.uk

Big shout out to the many community supporters who have helped so much this season: **The Royal British Legion; Bidfood; The King of Wessex; Capital Roofing & Building Services; The Bolton Arms; The Crown; The Bakeshop; Gorilla Spirits; Tesco Chineham; The Beauty Spot; Flip Out; Exertis; Basingstoke Town FC; Westies Groom Room.**

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INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) PROPOSALS

We want to thank all who put forward suggestions for allocating the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) money. This funding comes from developers and currently we have £93,056.01. Over 2022 and 2023 this is likely to amount to about £350,000 in total; it may be spent on a wide range of projects.

The Parish Council has begun sifting the current proposals in line with its Grant Policy and Conditions of Grant and in accordance with the need for transparency, here is the current position on the suggestions received so far:

PROPOSALS FOR CIL FUNDED PROJECTS

Climate Challenge

We will dedicate £30,000 of our current CIL holding to this initiative to improve the carbon footprint of the buildings owned by the Parish Council, plus the Village Hall (if the Hall Committee agrees) due to its strong links with the community. Further sums up to a total of £120,000 will be allocated from future CIL receipts. The first amount will enable us to seek advice on the best and most cost-effective ways of achieving such improvements.

Tree and Hedge Planting

We will offer three grants of £2,000 each (in addition to any other grants they may secure) to the Common Trustees, the Millfield Group and the Churchyard Conservation Group for tree and hedge planting and work to improve the natural environment and encourage wildlife.

Old Basing Village Hall

We will offer funds up to £10,000 for improvements needed to the toilet facilities at the hall.

Old Basing Royals Football Team

We will offer £10,000 to Old Basing Royals towards the cost of work required on the land adjacent to the Royal British Legion to create a football pitch for the benefit of junior football within the community and ease pressure on existing facilities at the recreation ground.

These proposals amount to £56,000 of our current holding of £93,000

SUGGESTIONS RECEIVED THAT ARE ALREADY IN HAND

Basing Road

Improvements are due to take place this summer with a footway between the Swing Swang Lane roundabout and the Loddon Bridge and is a project the Parish Council has been pursuing with Hampshire County Council for some considerable time.

A Water Bottle Refill Station

This has been installed outside the Pavilion Tea Room funded by grants from both our County and Borough Councillors and is proving to be well-used.

Contributions to SOLVE

The Parish Council is working closely with SOLVE to resist over-development east of Basingstoke and has set aside funds for this specific purpose. Contributions to SOLVE will also be considered if needed.



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Hampshire Highways has limited funding and considerable calls on limited resources.

We submitted an outline scheme to HCC Highways in January 2022 with a proposal to help fund a footway on Milkingpen Lane between Manor Court and Church Close utilising CIL funds. To date we have had no response.

20mph speed limits need HCC approval and, having been unsuccessfully investigated in the past, is unlikely to be forthcoming.

A suggestion to extend the footway and access from the Common to Five Ways similarly needs HCC approval and the Parish Council will pursue this.

SUGGESTIONS WHERE MORE INFORMATION IS NEEDED

The Scout Group needs £600,00 which greatly exceeds our total capacity in the next few years. Whilst wishing to support youth activity, more information regarding costs and long-term viability is needed and we will be contacting the Scout Group about this.

Provision of play equipment at Lychpit – whilst fully supporting this we have, over many years, examined several proposed sites which have not proved viable. We are in contact with the Borough Council to try and identify a suitable site and discuss how this might be achieved.

Cultural and leisure activities have been suggested generally but more specific proposals are needed to enable us to progress this suggestion.

We will respond individually to all those putting forward suggestions and, where needed, seek further information that may enable us to offer further grants. As these are determined updates will be provided. Further suggestions will also be invited in 2023 when more CIL funding is received.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next two meeting dates are **Tuesday, 2nd August** and **Tuesday, 6th September**, both commencing at **7.30 pm**.

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Deputy Clerk: **Mrs Kate Hope**

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

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It has become a custom over many years that at the first meeting following their AGM the Probus Club of Basingstoke have a guest of honour in the form of the **Mayor of Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council**. This tradition continues, but this year was a unique occasion as the Mayor, **Cllr Paul Miller**, is himself a member of the Probus Club of Basingstoke.

For once, at this meeting, he did not have to pay for his lunch. But Cllr Miller was able to address his fellow members about his experiences of meeting so many people and organisations around Basingstoke since his mayor-making ceremony in May and many times accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, his wife Sandra.

The club presented a cheque as a contribution to the mayor's charity appeal.

The speaker was Dr Brantley Nicholson, an American expert, working in England for a year, whose subject starkly illustrated how the Latin American drug trade was dramatically affecting society.

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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

In Europe, we have reindeer. In America, they have caribou. However, despite the difference in names, they're the same species.

This is just one example of how the common names of animals can cause confusion. Precisely for this reason, 18th-century botanist Carl Linnaeus devised a system to standardise the naming and classification of all living beings regardless of vernacular. Known as the 'father of modern taxonomy', Linnaeus proposed that all organisms are uniformly given a 'genus, species' name.

Often in Latin or Greek, these scientific names may look and sound strange but many of us are likely familiar with some already. Think of the Boa Constrictor, or even Tyrannosaurus Rex.

Scientific names often describe animals and plants better than their common names and can even reveal something of the evolutionary history of a species. Here's a closer look at some of the more interesting scientific names for British wildlife.

Eurasian Beaver (*Castor Fiber*)

Castor references the oily, scented substance called castoreum that the native British mammals secrete and use to scent mark their territory. Historically, beavers were hunted for the substance as it was used in perfume, food and medicine, this persecution led to their eventual extinction in the UK in the 16th century. Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust are hoping to release wild beavers on the Isle of Wight in future.

Common Cuckoo (*Cuculus Canorus*)

These UK summer migrants are known for being brood parasites and coaxing other birds into raising their chicks. The cuckoo (*see photo, right, by Andy Ames*) gets its common name from the male's onomatopoeic call and their scientific name recognises this with *canorus* meaning melodious.



Swift (*Apus Apus*)

Another beloved summer migrant, these restless birds hardly ever touch ground. They sleep, eat, gather nest materials, and even mate on the wing and because of this have evolved extremely short legs, possibly the shortest of any similarly sized bird. Its scientific name, which literally means footless, reflects this.

Wren (*Troglodytes Troglodytes*)

One of our smallest garden birds, the wren's scientific name translates as cave-dweller. This refers to the cave-like domed nests it builds, plus the bird's habit of staying concealed in the undergrowth.

Clearly, there's much to be learned from delving into the world of scientific names of animals and plants – you may even discover a cave-dweller in your garden!

Learn more about local wildlife at hiwwt.org.uk

Jake Kendall-Ashton

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OLD BASING SCOUTS AND GUIDES – UPDATE



Firstly I must express our sincere thanks for the community support we received from those that attended as visitors and helpers at our **Old Basing Village Family Fun Day**. It was a huge success by



every ambition we had for the event. It was a delight to see so many people having fun; the laughter, clapping and cheering at random intervals as people triumphed (or failed dramatically) at individual stalls was a joy to behold. So many of you were finally able to see the model of our proposed hall and place it in the context of our space.

Attendance at the day was a not formally counted because all accompanied children were welcomed free of charge and some may have paid for entrance by card at the gate. We know that we welcomed at least 157 adult visitors and I estimate that there were more than 300 people using our field on the day. The event made a surplus of around **£1,500** on the day from stalls and the entrance but in addition we also received some very generous donations that amounted to a little over **£1,500** as well. I would like to offer **special thanks** to **Old Basing Carnival Committee, PIOCC, BARPC, OBTC, The Old Basing Open DofE Centre** (Bob & Jackie), **SOLVE, Pat Brace, Rick Bourne, The Gough family, St Mary's Church Men's Breakfast Group** and all the talented **Cake Bakers of Cavalier Road**; without your voluntary support of energy, time, equipment and produce the day would not have been the success that it turned out to be. The leaders of Scouting & Guiding sections also did us proud with some innovative events and of course the young people from their groups brought the joy and excitement that made the day even more special. I would also like to acknowledge the financial contribution from **B&DBC** that helped with the essential costs that we incurred in running this event; without their help we may not have been able to risk the investment in equipment and publicity for the event.

Finally I would like to add that our major fund raising is now under way with the first of many very large funding applications submitted in early July. We plan to make many more applications over the weeks and months ahead and will keep you all posted on our progress towards our construction project funding goal.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Good afternoon. Would it be possible for me to write a small piece in the village magazine?

It's a bit of a rant really.

The crux of the piece is that we all enjoy our gardens in different ways and shouldn't inflict our lifestyle choices onto our neighbours. One of the worst possible things is to play loud music in the garden. Whilst you may love the constant base of the music you may be causing great distress to other people who equally want to enjoy their outside space but are unable to even hold a conversation due to the music on the other side of the fence.

Some people think that outside their garden nobody can hear them or the deafening music. Spoiler, we can too and so can the rest of the street. The odd garden party maybe but not day in and day out. It is such a shame as when we walk around our beautiful village it is normally so tranquil and respectful just for a small minority to ruin it for everyone else.

Rant over !!

For obvious reasons, name withheld

Dear Friends,

When John Bird launched a new concept of magazine for homeless people to sell in order to earn money, he cleverly called it *The Big Issue* linking the issuing of the magazine with major issues of the day.

So what are the big issues of today?

They include

- International conflicts
- 100 million displaced people
- Huge numbers living with severe hunger, water shortages and crippling poverty
- Catastrophic climate changes
- Pandemics
- Corrupt governments
- Human rights abuses
- Terrorism, racism and crime
- The possibility of economic collapse



The issues we face are indeed big. They are massive threats to the values we seek to live by—justice, peace, freedom and integrity.

With so many inducements to despair, where can we find a rational basis for hope?

Where can we find the resilience and strength and wisdom we need to address these issues in an effective way?

As a person of faith I believe that the ultimate antidote to our shared anxiety is to be found in the existence and nature of God, who is committed to what has been created and encourages and empowers us to cooperate with God and with one another in ways that bring life, compassion, healing and inventiveness towards tackling life's major challenges.

We need God and we need each other if we are to make effective headway in facing and overcoming the really big issues of our day.

With love,

Reverend David Jenkins

ST MARY'S CHURCH

As you will have seen from last month's Basinga, Reverend Heather has moved on to pastures new at Oxford Brookes University. We wish her and the rest of her family every success in the future.

The Parochial Church Council has already met with Bishop David, Bishop of Basingstoke and we are looking to advertise for a new Vicar in the coming months.

The regular pattern of services will continue, and we are looking forward to our Patronal Festival in September and our Harvest Festival soon thereafter. Members of our uniformed organisations will be joining us for Harvest Festival and we hope that their families will also join us. There will be a collection for the Basingstoke Foodbank.

We are blessed to have a number of, mostly, retired clergy who will be leading services for us. Therefore, please remember that just because there isn't a vicar this does not mean that you won't still be able to get married and be baptised in church, where necessary, hold funerals, and we will provide pastoral support where we can. For any requests contact the Parish Administrator, **Debbie**, on **07541 698235** or **admin@stmarysoldbasing.org.uk**

The month of August is a time when people who can often go away and relax. If you are away, you will still be able to follow the **9.30am Sunday** service via **St Mary's Facebook page** as that is 'broadcast' every week, and will be uploaded to YouTube thereafter.

Can I offer you every blessing.

Robert Jackson (Churchwarden)

REGULAR SERVICES

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| Sunday | 8am | BCP Communion |
| | 9.30am | Sung Eucharist with Junior Church |
| Monday | 9.15am | Morning Prayer |
| Wednesday | 10am | Holy Communion |
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| | 10am | Diddy Disciples (term-time only) |



Details of services are available on the St Mary's website **www.stmarysoldbasing.org.uk**

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The summer is a particularly busy time for the Foodbank so please do continue to leave donations in the crate at the end of the Vicarage drive.

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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We are also able to hand deliver bulletins to those without internet access. Please phone **Debbie** on **07541 698235**.

CHURCHYARD CONSERVATION GROUP – PIOCC



This month's **working parties** will be on **Saturday, 6th August**, at **10am** and **Thursday, 25th August**, at **2pm** – meet by the PIOCC noticeboard. We will continue the summer season maintenance to encourage the wild flowers and associated wildlife.

We are a friendly group, always delighted to welcome new participants.

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**.

We were delighted last month to see our Yellow Rattle had flowered well. It has taken a lot of effort to get it established. This traditional hay meadow flower is semi-parasitic on grass, weakening it and so allowing the meadow flowers to flourish. We hope it will seed well and carry on its good work. Any day the swifts will start their long journey back to Africa, but there is still much to see especially on a sunny summer's day when the butterflies will be flying amongst the grasses and flowers of the Central Glade.

The Conservation Area is a community space for all to enjoy. The WI seat is a lovely peaceful shady spot to enjoy a moment of peace and reflection.

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

Margaret Carr – www.stmarysoldbasing.org.uk

OLD BASING WI



Our July meeting was a great success with 35 people attending a Garden Party held this year at St Mary's Church. The food and drink were bought and prepared by Committee members and helpers and it was lovely to welcome five new ladies to this annual event. We hope to see even more new Members next month. We are a very friendly bunch!

Our **next meeting takes** place on **Tuesday, 2nd August**, at **7.30pm** at the **Parish Room, St Mary's Church**. We will have a speaker, Olive Butler, who will be telling us some women's stories. Olive has visited us before and is most entertaining. The competition that evening will be 'A Treasured Story Book'. We will also be running our regular raffle and flower competition. Details of the WI in Hampshire are at www.hampshirewi.org.uk

If you would like to join our long-running and thriving group, please contact our President **Sue Stewart** by email at oldbasingpres@hampshirewi.org.uk

OLD BASING ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

The dreaded words, SCAM, FRAUD, there is so much of it these days. The banks are now offering a very good service and have dedicated personnel to come and talk to you on how you might be able to avoid the trauma. **HSBC Bank** are coming to our **August Meeting** on **Thursday, 25th August**, starting **8.30pm**, in the **Jack Morris Hall**. Because of the interest and obviously being given the indications to help people prevent them from falling into the trap we are making this event **open to anyone** who would like to join us. Please give serious consideration to our invitation and we very much hope you will be able to join us.

Sue Wilson (Publicity)

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Since things always wind down a bit in August I'm afraid we have no Craft Group this month. However still taking place we have:

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Friday, 19th **10.30am–noon** **Coffee morning open to all**
Sunday morning worship 10.30am

By way of tackling environmental issues we are now a hub to receive blister packaging from pills/tablets to send for recycling. I'm sure there are plenty of people in the village who throw away a number of these every week. Please bring them along anytime we are advertised as open (sorry not so often this month) or if a small enough package pop them through the letterbox.

Marion Wales

OLD BASING AND LYCHPIT GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Unfortunately we seem to be a victim of our own success as we continue to offer our services of transport for various appointments, whether it be hospital, doctors, dentists or even a trip to the hairdressers, collection of medication or just a friendly chat over a cup of tea, we are happy to consider any neighbourly task.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE OFFERING HELP?

We are desperately looking for more volunteers and therefore if you would like to join us and could spare a little time occasionally or regularly to help local people, we would love to hear from you. Please call me on **01256 328196** for more information, but if you require help then please call our dedicated call line which is **0333 044 0116**.

Sue Wilson (Chairman)

CHINEHAM AND OLD BASING NATIONAL WOMEN'S REGISTER



We looked across the pond to America this month. Each member took a state to research, an easy task thanks to Google and Wikipedia. We learned lots of interesting things about Alaska, Massachusetts, Utah, California, Texas, Louisiana and Wyoming.

We have our **annual wine tasting** in **August** and will be participating in a **Nationwide walk** in **October**; the aim is to walk **628 miles**. That is the distance between our most northerly group in Bridge of Don, Scotland to Roselands in Cornwall. Thankfully this will be a combined effort with individual groups contributing the miles they walk to reach our target. If you would like to join us on one of our walks in the first two weeks of October you will be very welcome.

NWR provides a mixture of talks and activities, both locally and nationally. We meet in **member's homes**, usually at **2.00pm** on the **first Monday of the month** but occasionally in the **evening** and our **Reading Group** meets at **8.00pm** on **fourth Thursday** every month. We also have a lunch club that meets at different venues once a month.

If you would like more information do look at the website: **nwr.org.uk** or for our local group: **www.basinga.org.uk/wp/national-womens-register** or contact our Local Organiser: **Dusty Brough** – tel. **01256 357276** or email: **dmbc861@gmail.com**

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL

Wow, what talented individuals we have in Old Basing and the surrounding area.

St Mary's Church was a riot of colours inside for the Flower Festival on the theme of **'A Royal Celebration in Flowers'** and there were some wonderful paintings in the art exhibition. Over the weekend we have been entertained by the children's choirs of St Mary's Junior School and Old Basing Infant School, The Royal British Legion Band, the Barrel Organ Boys and on the Friday by the BSC Chorale and Jo Jarrett-Kerr on the organ.



Outside there were numerous stalls and activities. Congratulations to Old Basing Brownies and Rainbows for winning the Favourite Outdoor Display. Moving further afield we saw the return of Open Gardens with a wide variety of gardens to visit.

A big thank-you goes out to all involved who made this weekend event possible and the hundreds who visited the church and gardens over the weekend, including Deputy Mayor, Cllr David Leeks and Deputy Mayoress, Mrs Amanda Leeks.

Next date for your diary is the **Christmas Tree Festival** over the weekend of **10th and 11th of December**.

Julia Wright

U3A – JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

We dug out our memorabilia, packed a chair, grabbed a drink, and set out for a picnic in Stratton Park for our Jubilee celebrations.

We do have a monthly meeting where everyone can come together, but our Stratton Park picnic gave us a chance to meet up, enjoy a 'goodie bag' and relax in the sun!

Our U3a membership year starts in September, and to make sure we cover as many interests as possible, we ask members for new ideas. Our **2022 Meet and Greet Day** is planned for **Wednesday, 14th September**, in the **Queen Mary's Hall in Queen Mary's College, 2 to 4pm**. All our group leaders will be there to introduce themselves and tell you about their activities, and we'd love to meet you there.



To find out more email: basinstokeu3aenquiries@gmail.com or if you're not online and would like a paper copy of all our current activities, phone **07787 520281**.

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FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CHURCH

Every month, we at The Friends of St Mary's pop something in here to tell you what we are up to, but I wondered how many of you know what we are all about.

St Mary's Church is a much loved and integral part of the character and feel of the village. However, there's a 'but' - helping to keep it standing costs a lot of money. The Friends was set up in 1995 and as a secular, social 'club' with the aim of having fun, getting together and meeting new people – all whilst raising the money to keep the fabric of church in good condition.

My family and I have been members since 2007 when we first moved to Old Basing. As a result, we have been to so many great events with The Friends; from a grand **Tudor Banquet** (photo, top) to smaller garden parties, with pantos, murder mysteries, live music, quiz nights and history talks in between.

Our most recent events have been **Music and Bubbles** (photo, middle) in a gorgeous local garden which was a sublime afternoon in June.

Then, at the beginning of last month, we had the preview of a show on its way to the Edinburgh Fringe, **Diary of a Nobody**, re-imagined by local villager, Tim Shaw. (photo, bottom).

Our next event is a talk entitled '**Steventon: The cradle of Jane Austen's Genius**' on

Saturday, 8th October, and for further details of all our events and photos of past glories, have a look at www.friendsofstmaryschurcholdbasing.org

Next month a different member of the committee will give you their take on 'The Friends'.

Kate O'Neil



AS YOU LIKE IT AT THE VYNE



This summer **The Lord Chamberlain's Men**, with a history stretching back to William Shakespeare himself, present the sparkling comedy, **As You Like It**. Performing at National Trust's, **The Vyne**, on **Saturday, 6th August**,

tickets for this summer highlight are on sale now. Following last year's hugely successful tour of *Macbeth*, The Lord Chamberlain's Men return with a joyous and celebratory production of Shakespeare's *As You Like It*. Tickets available at www.tlcm.co.uk

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WHAT'S AROUND THIS MONTH

Bird activity in the field during August will see the migrants moving back through the field with the departing house martins, swifts and swallows moving on southwards. Dragonfly numbers will be increasing, due to the migrant species – look out for the southern hawker and brown hawker. The Butterfly numbers finally took off last month with the warm weather, those we have will still be keeping up good numbers throughout the month. Finally, for the plants, we had very good numbers of orchids this year in particular the more unusual Birds Nest Orchid. Other newer plants for the field currently flowering is the frothy yellow Lady's Bedstraw and Kidney Vetch in the top meadow and the frothy white Hedge Bedstraw in the central meadow, and finally look out for the large yellow daisy-like flowers of the fleabane – a magnet for butterflies in past years. Check out our Facebook page for more photos.

Anne Francis

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To recognise their importance and their needs, there is now an **'International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples'** which takes place on **Tuesday, 9th August**. In this month's edition of the Basinga, we'd like to pay tribute to the indigenous people of the world by sharing with you some interesting language-related facts which the organisation 'Survival International has published on its website.

- The Baka people of central Africa have more than 15 different words for "elephant" depending on the animal's age, sex and temperament
- The Guugu Yimithirr people of Australia traditionally had no words for left and right and only used north, south, east and west for direction. They orientate themselves instinctively
- !Xóǀ, a language spoken by the Bushman tribes in the Kalahari Desert, has over 160 different sounds (compare this with English, which uses around 42 different sounds). This includes five different 'click' sounds originally found only in Bushman languages

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And if you are interested in all things multicultural, look out for details on **World Party at Eastrop Park**, being organised by **Basingstoke Multicultural Forum**, for **September** (date to be confirmed). We would love to see some familiar (and new) faces there.

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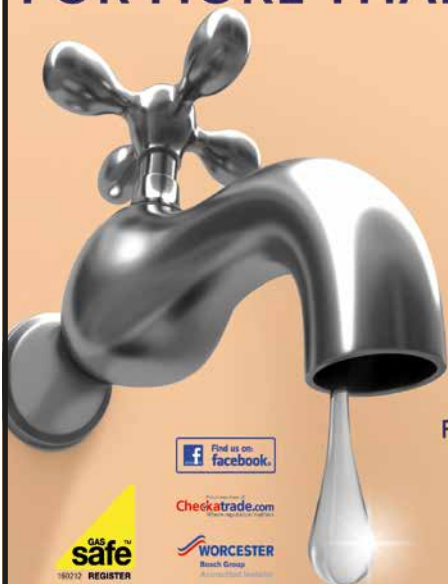
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The **Old Basing Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal** benefited to the tune of a record **£629.50** last month when 37 golfers came together to compete for the **Armed Forces Day** event. Played on the Wellington course at Sherfield Oaks we were honoured to have the new Mayor and Mayoress of Basingstoke Cllr Paul Miller and Mrs Sandra Miller, to start the competition off and to come back later to present the prizes. **Individual winner** was **Bill Welsh** but there were numerous other awards for teams, 'Secret Pairs' and 'Nearest the Pin' contests too so a good day was had by all. Consolation drinks and a good meal at the 19th hole were an ample reward for those who didn't lift a prize. Grateful thanks go to the generosity of everyone who took part and to local businesses: Oliver's; Basing Takeaway; Basing Convenience Store; Tesco Chineham; and Tylney Hall for kindly donating prizes for auction or raffle.

You should now be thinking however of getting your entry in to the annual **Good Old Basing Charity Golf Day** that will be held on **Friday, 16th September**, at **Sherfield Oaks Golf Course**.

Contact me by phone or email for a form if you would like to play in what is our eighteenth annual event. This year the day will start around **12.30pm** for coffee and bacon roll, 18



holes of golf on the Waterloo Course at 1.30pm and a two-course dinner, plus contribution to prizes, all for just **£55!** **Partners** are cordially invited to come along for the **evening meal and presentation** at a cost of **£15**. Cost to **members of Sherfield Oaks** will be **£25**.

We look forward to seeing everyone again who have helped to raise many thousands of pounds for worthy causes, not forgetting that it is **YOU** the winner, who gets to choose **THAT** charity. And if you've not entered before, that's even better as you will be very welcome.

All entries and payments must be in LATEST: Thursday, 9th September

Rick Bourne – tel. 07900 648675; email: rickbourne@yahoo.com

BASING SINGERS COMBINED CONCERT

Basing Singers are getting together with **Ooh Mama** ladies choir and **Steventon Singers**, as well as singers from other choirs around Basingstoke, to put on a concert of '**Music From Stage and Screen**' in **Queen Mary's Hall, Queen Mary's College**, on **Saturday, 17th September**.

The 70-strong choirs will be accompanied by the **Heritage Light Orchestra** and the programme includes much-loved pieces from *Les Miserables* and *West Side Story*, as well as music from *Lord Of The Rings*, *The Greatest Showman* and more.

This promises to be a wonderful evening of popular music, which is in aid of **St Michael's Hospice**. We are grateful for financial support from Basingstoke Festival of Choirs, which is helping us to give as much as we can to the Hospice.

The concert **starts at 7pm** and **tickets** are **£10 adult** and **£1 for accompanied children**. Tickets are available from choir members; on the door, email: **mike.leaming@gmail.com** or telephone **01256 471493**.

AUGUST IN YOUR GARDEN

At the time of writing (12th July) the weather has been in, Fast Show weather forecast terminology, 'scorchio', and it was looking like it was going to continue into the second half of July. August is usually one of the hottest months of the year so my advice for this month would be to make sure that you keep on top of your watering routine. Even if water butts are full after a downpour, after a dry spell they can soon run dry. The first job is to prioritise plants that need a lot of water in order to survive. Pots, tomatoes, sweet corn and pumpkins are some of these, but I'm sure you know which of yours need the most water.

There are lots of tips about saving and making the most of water available, but most require some forethought and need to be in place before the dry spell happens. Something that you can do after watering that will retain moisture in the soil is to mulch around the base of your plants with grass clippings, bark chips or even compost. Avoid using peat-based compost however as it dries out quickly. Try watering in the early morning, allowing the water to seep into the soil rather than evaporate. Evening watering is also fine, as the cooler conditions mean less water is lost through evaporation. Also ensure that birdbaths are topped up, in addition to ponds.

Other jobs that need doing include pruning climbing roses once they have finished flowering, removing up to a third of stems that have flowered, and tie the rest to supports. Wisteria will also benefit from pruning, remove all 'whippy' side shoots from the main branch to encourage strong growth.

Also deadhead dahlias and other perennials to encourage a constant display of blooms. If you have plants fruiting in containers, make sure you give them a high potash liquid to keep plants healthy and productive.

Cuttings can be taken of Fuchsias now and will quickly take root, ensuring that they survive the winter. Tomato plants should by now have five to six trusses on each plant, if so remove the growing tip and the lower leaves to allow light in and prevent disease spreading and also to keep it thriving for longer.

Look out for symptoms of Clematis Wilt such as wilting leaves and black discolouration on the leaves and stems of your Clematis. Cut out any infected plant material and dispose of it in your household waste.

Trim your lavender plants after they have finished flowering to keep them compact, cut back quite hard but avoid cutting into old wood as this can reduce flowering potential the following year. Also be careful not to remove green shoots as this can kill the plant. You may also want to consider taking cuttings of your lavender, now is the ideal time. While you are at it you may consider taking cuttings of your lavender, if you do, make sure you chose non-flowering shoots.

Hedges can be given a final trim now before they stop growing. By the end of this month, garden birds should have left their breeding nests so you can start to prune your yew hedging and clip any topiary.

Now is also the perfect month for sowing a wildflower meadow, which will be glorious and beneficial to all kinds of wildlife next year. Even a small space can make a great wildflower area, they thrive on rough and nutrient poor soil, and so it's a great way to use up neglected areas.

NATURE NOTES FOR AUGUST

As regular readers may have noticed, I'm rather keen on visiting Warbler species because, although generally a drab-looking family, their songs are superb. **Cetti's Warblers** aren't particularly tuneful but their sudden burst of song from a reed bed can be startling. My good friend **Jim Andrews** has tried for ages to photograph one of these elusive birds and finally managed it last week. Here it is (*right*).



I'm hoping the editorial team will allow a few extra photos this month in exchange for fewer words as I have been sent numerous (some will keep of course). **Jim** included some glorious butterfly pics and I may use one next month but I thought for a change we should share an orchid shot, one that blooms frequently in the Millfield but only visible to those who know what to look for and where! This **Bee-orchid**, is as you can see, well-named, (*pictured left*).

Another of my regular contributors is **Anthony Hutton** and although his country walks often take him just out of the parish, his sightings are absolutely worth sharing. His photo of this **fox** (*right*) he says was 'disappointing' but I absolutely love it.; its gaze through the grass, but right at the camera, appearing to show both suspicion and threat!



As I write on 9th July its still 26 Centigrade and it's 9pm so perfect weather to see bats and hedgehogs as the light fades. When we built an extension to the house and roof pitch last year we took the opportunity to mount a bat-box right up on the apex. Although we haven't seen bats in and out there is evidence of their droppings near the entrance so it's pleasing 'someone' has found it. Much more easy to find and study are **hedgehogs** and **Gary Taylor**, in Manor Lane, took great delight in letting me know that no fewer than FOUR young hoglets are visiting and expecting supper each day (*picture right shows three, I think!*). Gary told me something I didn't know and that was young hogs do tend to feed more in the day just after they've been weaned and effectively 'kicked out' by their parents. So, it can't be easy for them to find the kind of food they really need during very hot, dry spells. Kitten food was the advice Gary got and his new-found friends are loving it!



Just a quick thanks to **Terry Mc Anish** for the gift of a **woodpecker nest box** which was surplus to needs and is now going to be placed on a suitable site in The Millfield woodlands.

Send your nature-photos to: rickbourne@yahoo.com or naturenotes@basinga.org.uk or ring **01256 321108** for news. For all your bird food requirements, order it from me at '**Bird Drop-ins**' use the former email address or ring/text me on **07900 648675** to place an order or get a form.

Rick Bourne

DIARY DATES FOR AUGUST

For details of services and events at St Mary's Church please see page 24

August

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| Tue 2 | 7.30pm | Old Basing WI Meeting (Parish Room, St Mary's Church) |
| | 7.30pm | Parish Council Meeting (Pavilion, Recreation Ground) |
| Thu 4 | 8.00pm | RBL Monthly Branch Meeting (Jack Morris Hall) |
| Sat 6 | 10.00am – 1.00pm | PIOCC Churchyard Conservation (meet at noticeboard) |
| | 7.00pm | <i>As You Like It</i> (The Vyne) |
| Wed 10 | noon – 3.00pm | Old Basing Methodist Church. Lunch for MHA members. |
| Wednesday, 10th August – 6.00pm (Deadline for September copy to Editor) | | |
| Fri 19 | 10.30am – noon | Old Basing Methodist Church. Open Coffee Morning. |
| Wed 24 | 7.45pm | BDRS, Rail Operations talk (Wote Street Club) |
| Thu 25 | 2.00pm – 4.00pm | PIOCC Churchyard Conservation (meet at noticeboard) |
| | 7.30pm | RBL Women's Section General Meeting |
| | 8.30pm | RBL Women's Section: HSBC Talk (Jack Morris Hall) |
| Sun 28 | 11.00am | Basing House Summer Market (Great Barn) |
| Mon 29 | 11.00am | Basing House Summer Market (Great Barn) |

September

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| Fri 2 | 10.30am – noon | Ladies First Friday Coffee Morning (TBA) |
| Tue 6 | 7.30pm | Parish Council Meeting (Pavilion, Recreation Ground) |
| Fri 9 | 6.00pm | Deadline for entries and payment for 'Good Old Basing Charity Golf Day' (see page 35) |
| Wed 14 | 2.00pm – 4.00pm | U3A Open Afternoon (Queen Mary's Hall) |
| Fri 16 | 12.30pm | Good Old Basing Charity Golf Day (Sherfield Oaks G C)) |
| Sat 17 | | Basing Singers Combined Concert (Queen Mary's Hall) |
| Sat 24 | 9.00pm | St Michael's Hospice's annual Moonlight Walk |

BASINGA EXTRA

This month we were unable to include every article that we received, or submitted long after the deadline. Content listed below is available on our website: www.basinga.org.uk

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Sunday's

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