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The crew safely on top of the Vickers Valetta. Photo supplied by ret'd RAF Group Captain Mel Kent. See Probus Club article on page 44.

## November 2013

The variety of activities, talks, pastimes etc mentioned in the Chat never ceases to amaze me but we always need new material. If you have a function or story to tell just let me know. Editorial content is free, the only cost is your time.

We also desperately need good photographs or drawings for the front cover. These can be historical, a picture of a recent event or just a nice picture. The only real criteria is that it should be in Chineham but even that rule is flexible!

At a recent meeting of the Chat Team we discussed a common misunderstanding about the the Chat. Apart from the physical printing, the Chat is produced and distributed entirely by volunteers in their own time. We are not paid employees and some of our Team have full time jobs as well as the Chat to worry about. Add the family, holidays and short breaks into the equation and time becomes a premium. Everyone tries their best but other commitments do sometimes interfere! Please be understanding if you cannot immediately contact us or if your Chat is a few days late arriving. You can always look at the website if it's urgent.

Dennis Clapp

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## Chineham Village Club

We are now entering into a busy period for the club as we start preparing for the festive season.

Prior to that we are running a number of entertainment events during the course of November. Details are as follows:

**Monday 4:** Bingo in the Lounge Bar. Eyes down 20:30.

**Saturday 9:** Annual Fireworks Night, barbecue available. Gates open 18:30. Everyone welcome. For further details including pricing please visit [www.chinehamvillageclub.co.uk](http://www.chinehamvillageclub.co.uk) or call the club on 01256 471982.

**Saturday 16:** 20:00. Quiz Night in the Lounge Bar hosted by Gill & Bob. £1 per person entry. Teams can have a maximum of six people.

**Thursday 21:** Senior Citizens' Bingo & lunch in the Lounge Bar. Eyes down at 13:00.

**Saturday 30:** Family Night Disco & Entertainment, 19:00 in the Lounge Bar.

**Every Friday:** Kids' Club - 18:45 in the Community Room. £1-50 per child for entry dependent on activities. This popular club is back and will run on Friday evenings until April 2014.

**Every Sunday:** Poker - First session starts 19:00, last session 21:00 in the Lounge Bar

John Prince

## Chineham Village Hall

**Bookings/Enquiries:** All bookings/enquiries concerning the halls, meeting rooms and field can be made on our Booking Line 01256 842745, on [chinehamvillagehall@hotmail.com](mailto:chinehamvillagehall@hotmail.com).

or via our website [www.chinehamvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.chinehamvillagehall.co.uk). Please be aware when you call our booking line for any enquiry that the Booking Clerk is not always available to answer this phone immediately. In order that she is aware of your interest and can contact you as soon as possible to discuss your requirements, it is important that you leave a message with your name, contact number and details.

**Playground litter:** There was a problem previously reported in Chineham Chat that some youngsters were breaking branches and twigs from the trees and foliage edging the Cufaude Lane side of the property and leaving pieces of wood and general mess in the play area. The caretaker recently discovered some children playing with large pieces of wood broken from the trees and explained that it makes the play area hazardous for young children, and that the woodland should be left alone. Hopefully this will be an end to the problem but if anyone sees it happening again, could you please encourage them to stop. The local police have already been advised of the problem.

It's great that there was an increase in the number of people using the facilities during the good weather but it also increased the amount of rubbish left lying around the play area and the field. To keep this area clean and safe for everyone to use, especially children, throughout the year, could you please ensure all rubbish is placed in the bins provided or taken home with you.

Lynne Hughes

## Chineham WI Christmas Fair

We are holding our **Christmas Fair** in the Chineham Scout Headquarters on Hanmore Road on Saturday 23 November, 1-30 pm to 4-30 pm.

This is your chance to buy fabulous Christmas presents from local crafts people. There are also homemade cakes and jam from the WI ladies, activities for children and fun for all the family.

Elaine Devenport

## Chineham Library

**Crafty Club:** Our third Crafty Club session will run on Saturday 9 November, starting at 11am, where we will be making puppets, why not pop along, suitable for children over 6.

**Over 60s get together:** Also running on Saturday 9 November, will be our second over 60s get together, this month focusing on Health, starting at 10am. Join us for tea/coffee/biscuits and an interesting get together.

We have a new display of Books on Prescription in the library. From phobias to stress, pain and health, we have a range of books to help everyone.

**ChiPPs:** Our reading group for parents, where the children play and the adults gossip, is on Wednesday 20 November at 1030 until 1130 am, we look forward to seeing you.

**Knitting group Plus:** Our knit and natter group runs every other Friday

from 1.30 till 3pm, our next sessions will be on Friday 8 & 22 November. Our group is open to any crafters, who do knitting, crochet, sewing, embroidery. Just bring your project along and join in with a cuppa and a chat.

Wendy Castle.

## Phantom Owl Hooter

Quite regularly my husband and I are awoken at around 2-3am by the sound of a faint real owl hoot which is being responded to by what we think is an amateur human naturalist who seems to think he can do a good impression of the real thing. We can imagine that somewhere across Basingstoke there is a very confused owl who perhaps thinks he is attracting a suitor when in reality it's a rather silly human who is probably old enough to know better.

We are wondering if our neighbours in Ajax Close have heard this bizarre calling and if so, do they find their nights being disturbed? Do they have a theory as to who or what this might be? My husband starts work very early in the morning so as you can imagine can well do without the disruption. We are both feeling tired and worn out by this caper. It is not funny when you have to get up for work each morning feeling very weary. It is almost sending us mad!

This is a plea to whoever it is doing this to please stop. If it continues we will have no option but to take things further.

Name and address supplied

## Children in Need

Rotarians from Basingstoke Loddon, Basingstoke Deane and Basingstoke Rotary clubs will be raising money for Children In Need on 15 November by taking part in the Fast-Food Challenge. The challenge is not quite what it appears at first sight!

On the day local Rotarians will fast from dawn until dusk with the aim of raising £10 or more each from sponsorship. For food everyone taking part will be meeting up later for a pre booked meal at Pizza Express in Festival Place. During the evening the amount of money raised for Children in Need will added up and the total announced towards the end.

If you wish to support the Fast-Food Challenge for Children in Need you can sponsor Rotarian Chris Flemming by going to the MyDonate website and the 'Basingstoke Loddon Rotary' charity to make a donation.

Alternatively, you can organise your own Fast-Food challenge for Children in Need - with friends or through any organisation you belong to.

To find out more about the three Rotary clubs in Basingstoke and what they are all about please take a look at [www.basingstokeloddon.org.uk](http://www.basingstokeloddon.org.uk), [www.basingstoke.rotaryweb.org](http://www.basingstoke.rotaryweb.org), [www.therotaryclubofbasingstokedeane.co.uk](http://www.therotaryclubofbasingstokedeane.co.uk)

Chris Flemming

## Four Lanes Parking

I would like to add to this issue. We are also plagued by parents dropping off and picking up children from the school. Sometimes parking up to half an hour before hand so that they can get a good 'spot', this antisocial behaviour restricts people visiting us as there is no where for them to park, but in some cases has also meant restricted access to our own drive. In a couple of instances people actually parked on our drives waiting for their children to come out of school. We have also had people driving over our gardens to turn around, as the road is quite narrow, and bins being knocked over.

Not only do we have to contend with that we are now also having to put up with people who live in the flats, who have a very large private car park, also parking in the road.

There is also a major safety issue with the entrance to these flats (Cibbons Road) as it crosses a footpath. It's a major route for pedestrians who not only have to negotiate parked cars but also traffic to and from the car park. There have been several near misses at this location and despite the residents complaining to the council regarding this nothing has been done to improve safety. I can only conclude that they are waiting for a major incident to occur before anything gets done.

Name supplied

## Did You Know?

A typical athlete's heart churns out 25 to 30 litres of blood per minute.

## Greening Campaign

During October the Greening Chineham group put a display in the library at Chineham. I hope you glanced at it if you were in there during October. We hoped to raise some interest in the group and perhaps attract some new members. The display highlighted a number of issues that we have worked on in the past, not least the need for good insulation. With the recent news of the hike in energy bills this is probably still the most relevant issue of all those that we have tackled. It is worth reminding everyone that we can lend electricity monitors to anyone who would like to keep on top of their energy consumption. If your house has cold draughts and you would like advice on how to deal with these or have a thermal image survey of your house done you can contact us on [greeningchineham@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:greeningchineham@hotmail.co.uk). Thorough insulation is the best way to cut those heating bills. Ask for advice from the Energy Saving Trust, telephone number below, or go to Basingstoke and Deane website for information <http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/browse/housing/improvements-and-repairs/home-energy/grants.htm>.

The Warm Front Grant is a Government funded initiative which can provide a grant of up to £3,500.00 to certain households with the greatest health risks – older people, families with young children and people with disabilities or long term illnesses. For more details of this scheme, please ring 0800 316 6011 and quote MK215.



Your energy supplier may be offering discounts of up to 60% towards the cost of installing cavity wall insulation and loft insulation. For up to date information on which supplier is offering the best deal, please ring the Energy Saving Trust Advice Centre on 0800 512 012 or contact your own energy provider and ask to speak to their energy efficiency team. Their contact phone number will be on your latest bill. Occasionally energy suppliers offer free insulation for a limited period, it is worth looking out for these, often they come through the letter box with junk mail and get thrown out, unseen, but into the recycling bin I hope.

Recently I was astonished to find out just how much recycling goes on in other council areas. For example in Surrey Heath, not a million miles away from us, as well as paper, cardboard, plastic bottles and metal cans, householders can also add tetrapak cartons, aluminium foil, all kinds of plastic food trays and packaging and plastic bags. In some London boroughs CDs, DVDs and cases, bubble wrap, crisp packets, plastic film and plant pots are also collected in the green bin. Basingstoke and Deane languishes at the bottom of the recycling league table, managing to recycle just 26% of the waste collected for our homes, a very sorry performance. If we dig a little more into this situation we will come up against politics and how the council negotiates the contract for waste disposal. Then there are all the other questions to be answered. Where are all the items for recycling sent? Is the recycling done here in the UK or are we sending our recycling off to China

and India? If so, is there a genuine saving in carbon emissions? And at this point I begin to get a headache.

Clearly the whole issue is a complex one and perhaps the simple answer is that we should stop throwing away so much stuff. Do we really need all the plastic bags and packaging that we bring home from each shopping expedition? I have come full circle, back to our campaign to encourage everyone to bring a bag for life to the shops. Many thanks to all those in the Chineham WI who have signed up to show their support for a ban the bag campaign, please join us and help to make it a success. For more information come to one of our friendly meetings, the second Wednesday in the month at Four Lanes Junior school from 7.30pm, or send an email to [greeningchineham@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:greeningchineham@hotmail.co.uk)

Sue Juon

## **Nail Metal Thieves**

Theft of metal is a huge risk to the UK and whilst prices remain high and global demand for metal continues to rise, this crime is big business and an international problem that will not disappear on its own. Costs to the UK economy are estimated at £770m each year.

Metal theft is the hot topic today. We read about incidents in the papers and many of us may well have felt the impact of metal theft on our day to day lives; train cancellations from cable and track theft, loss of phone and internet connection, school closures.

However, awareness of metal theft is only part of the battle. In order to stop criminals continuing to disrupt our lives we all need to be proactive, vigilant and to report our suspicions quickly.

Police Forces in the South East recently introduced a scheme named Operation Tornado., working together to target metal theft.

There is also new legislation which came into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013 to make it harder for thieves and unscrupulous scrap dealers to do their business unlawfully. A licence will be required by operators wishing to sell scrap metal, no cash payments are permitted and any scrap should be fully traceable. It will also make it easier to trace any person who sells metal to Scrap Metal Merchants and will help to remove and prosecute dealers of stolen metal.

As a Force we are committed to reducing metal theft in Hampshire and Isle of Wight. Operation Tornado aims to target unscrupulous dealers rather than inhibit legitimate businesses. However we still need intelligence from the public to tackle this crime from all angles. For example, if you have a skip on your drive which is suddenly attracting people who start rummaging and taking any metal items, please tell us. People on the roof of the local school who clearly aren't there to repair it? Tell us.

To pass on information about metal theft or any crime anonymously, Crimestoppers can be contacted online at [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org), or by calling the 24/7 anonymous

0800 555 111 number. Whichever form of communication you chose, no one will know you gave information – unless you tell them yourself!

Who's stealing metal from homes, schools and churches? Cable from railways? Who's a crooked metal dealer? Tell us 0800 555111.

PC Simon Wright, Crimestoppers

## **Chineham Parish Council**

**Razor's Farm – BDB/77341:** The Parish Council has been consulted on and has provided a response to the amended plans for the Outline Planning Application for Razor's Farm. We have also been informed that Croudace has applied for an appeal on the grounds of non-determination by the Borough Council and so the Outline Planning Application will now go to the Planning Inspector for a decision. The Parish Council is concerned that Croudace has taken this action when it was they who held the application up by trying to address some of the concerns raised from the original application. There will be a Borough Council Development Control meeting in the near future (open to the public) where they will decide what their decision would have been on this application and this will be passed to the Planning Inspector. As soon as the date of this meeting has been confirmed, we will put it on the Parish Council website.

**Petty's Brook Fitness Trail:** Following the consultation with local residents close to the proposed trail, Chineham Parish Council has agreed a revised

route produced by the Borough Council which moves the fitness stations away from houses. The revised plans can be viewed on the Parish Council website [www.chineham.gov.uk](http://www.chineham.gov.uk). It is hoped that work will be undertaken soon on this project, along with the planned extension at the Binfields Multiple Use Games Area.

**Hitting the cold spots:** Hampshire County Council with its partners is running the Hitting the Cold Spots campaign which can help and advise you on ways to keep warm and healthy this winter. The Hitting the Cold Spots Team could help you with visits from Hitting the Cold Spots Advisors offering advice and practical support; hot water and heating system repairs; support with alternative heating measures (electric oil filled radiators) if you are without heating; access to small grant support to help cope with winter fuel emergencies. Other services include practical support and advice with debt, money and benefits; free Home Safety visits which can include a carbon monoxide monitor, smoke detector and a fire safety plan; access to free insulation (cavity wall, loft and solid wall); assistance to switch your energy provider or tariff to help give you savings on your fuel bills; assessment for funding for a gas mains to be laid to your property and a central heating system to be installed. Some of these services and emergency relief are subject to availability and conditions apply. Please contact the dedicated free Advice Line on 0800 804 8601.

### **Parking near Four Lanes Schools:**

Concerns have been raised by residents about parking near to the Four Lanes Schools at drop off and pick up times. The Parish Council would encourage considerate parking so that access to driveways is not blocked.

The next Chineham Parish Council meeting is to be held on 11 November. It starts at 7.45 pm in the Community Rooms at Chineham Village Hall (the public session will start at 7.50 pm). The Parish Council is here to help the residents of Chineham, so if there is a Chineham issue you are concerned about, please feel free to contact the Clerk, Sally Jackson on 474500 or email [clerk@chineham.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@chineham.gov.uk) or the Assistant Clerk, Julia Johnston at [assistantclerk@chineham.gov.uk](mailto:assistantclerk@chineham.gov.uk) or 324345 during office hours only please. The Parish Council website can be found at [www.chineham.gov.uk](http://www.chineham.gov.uk).

### **Aldworth Badminton Club**

We are looking for new members. Players should have experience as we do not have coaching. We meet every Thursday at Aldworth Community College. We play from 7pm till 8.30pm and have a wide age range. We meet in the Aldworth Bar afterwards, and also have other social functions periodically. Each session costs £3.50 but the first visit is free!

Contact Brian Davies on 323291 or Dave Allingham on 328427

Lynda Clarke

### **Fast Broadband?**

I have recently been converted to the new fast broadband by BT. I am unable to see any difference. Do others still have this problem?

Tony Davie, Petty`s Brook Road

### **Dog Barking Nuisance**

Would the owners of the yapping dog in Fennel Close, please show some consideration toward their neighbours and remove the dog from the garden occasionally to allow the other residents of the close to get some peace.

I have been a dog owner all my life but would never dream of allowing my dogs to bark continuously in the garden during the day, late at night (sometimes up to 11 o'clock or later) early in the morning (7am at weekends) or indeed in the middle of the night (on occasion 2am).

It's extremely inconsiderate and unnecessary. If the dog is being left out in the garden for long periods of time perhaps you need to ask yourselves if you have the time or the commitment required to look after a dog.

Name supplied

### **Did You Know?**

Fingernails grow nearly 4 times faster than toenails.

On average, you blink 15,000 times a day. Women blink twice as much as men.

## **Borough Councillor Martin Biermann**

So did you submit comments on the Basingstoke and Deane Local Plan pre-submission document?

If you started AND completed the process, you deserve a massive Brownie point. Some aspects of the form are required by regulation, but that does not mean that it could not have been framed and explained in a way allowing normal mortals to readily participate.

Despite having much exposure to the process over many months, when it came to completing the form, I too struggled. To this day I am not sure that I presented all aspects in the manner required.

Being aware that a number of members of the public had either started preparing a response and had given up or had been deterred from even starting. I raised the matter at the October meeting of the borough council.

Apart from the challenge with the form completion process I queried the views of the portfolio holder concerning whether democracy was undermined given that the process had specifically been much publicised as the opportunity for members of the public to contribute to the development of the plan. He resolutely dismissed such concerns.

I truly think that this has been a most unsatisfactory process and that democracy has been severely sidelined. The matter was made worse by virtue of basically technical difficulties in working out how to use the form because of downloading and online practical challenges.

I shall be pursuing the matter.

Martin Biermann  
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## **Borough Councillor Paul Miller**

The Draft Local Plan public consultation has now finished and all the views will now be analysed by the Borough Officers and, when validated and agreed by the elected members, be incorporated into the Plan prior to submission to the Planning Inspector. This process should lead to Basingstoke and Deane having an adopted plan that will allow us to look and plan for the future at least to 2030. It will also allow the Council to control development through the policies that we have defined and not through external pressures such as we are currently experiencing. The Razors Farm application will soon be heard by the Development Control Committee and I will keep you informed of the process.

Four Lanes Community Primary School is currently seeking a new Governor to join the team and would welcome any enquires on 01256 816326. Governors from the local community are a vital component in the running of any school and this is your opportunity to contribute to the only purpose-built Community Primary School in Hampshire that provides so much value to Chineham.

As a result of the snowfalls and extreme weather in recent years, I repeat the call for all those who own a 4x4 and who are willing to help out in the event of assistance requests to contact me as the cold weather is now approaching!

Paul Miller  
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## **County & Borough Councillor Elaine Still**

I thought I would give you some background on the transport survey which took place last month. Residents and visitors in North Hampshire were asked for their help in generating up-to-date, accurate information about their travel movements.

Hampshire County Council is collecting this information to map current travel patterns for the area, gauge traffic volumes and to develop a clear picture of future transport needs, which in turn will help support bids for funding for transport improvements.

The County Council undertook traffic survey interviews at around 30 road side sites in the North Hampshire. Motorists were asked to give information about the journey they were making at that time, for example, are they travelling to work, where and where from? The data collected as part of this programme will be used to help inform decisions about which large transport improvements in the North Hampshire area are taken forward to bid for a share of funding from Government. Such bids for funding for large transport schemes require up-to-date survey information to be provided if they are to stand a reasonable chance of being funded.

I have been contacted by several residents who were very angry that they were delayed getting to or from work because of long delays but in order to ensure the survey results accurately reflect the travel patterns of commuters, advance notice of exact locations and dates for these survey sites could not be publicised. I do sympathize with those who were inconvenienced but I hope most people will understand the importance of these surveys.

All County Councillors have a budget for giving grants to good causes in their area so if you have a good cause that I might be able to help with please get in touch.

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## **Sponsored Eyesore**

I am writing this to ask if anyone else finds the inclusion of the 'Sponsored by Lidl' signs on the Thornhill Way roundabout a bit of an eyesore? It's such a small roundabout does it really require 'sponsoring'?

Chineham is such a nice and green leafy area and these horribly garish blue and yellow signs make it feel like an industrial estate.

Not to mention the horrible grey electrical installation that has just appeared on Gabriels Lea. I hope the council are going to make an effort to hide this behind a fence of some sort.

I am raising these issues with the council and am urging anyone who feels the same way to do likewise.

Dave H (Gabriels Lea resident)

## **Race Night**

The Rotary Club of Basingstoke have organised a race night to be held at Sandford Springs Golf Club on Friday 1 November starting at 7.00 pm. Tickets are £15 each and this includes supper. The event is held to support Rotary charities including Mencap, Riding for the Disabled and Spotlight. For further details visit [www.basingstoke.rotaryweb.org](http://www.basingstoke.rotaryweb.org)

Richard Keast

## **Did You Know?**

Men lose about 40 hairs a day.  
Women lose about 70 hairs a day.

## **Macmillan Charity Coffee Morning**

A big thank you to all of my friends, neighbours, family and everyone who read my article last month and came to support our coffee morning.

We had a fun day and raised the grand total of £350 for the Macmillan Charity. I had made over 400 cakes and those that were left were delivered to the doors of the senior citizens at Farm View Drive on the Saturday morning. Thank you all for the smiles, laughter and chats that surrounded our fundraising and although it was mainly women who attended we did have some brave men who dared to cross the threshold and added to the fun. Thank you again for your generosity.

Sandra & Paul Miller

## **Chineham WI**

Chineham WI are in full swing now after a glorious summer. We enjoyed a cruise on the 'John Pinkerton' along the Basingstoke Canal, complete with a Fish and Chip Supper. It was a beautiful balmy August evening and thoroughly enjoyed by all who went.

Our birthday celebrations in September had a Mexican Cantina with a delicious Chilli, made by Sally Dodd. Julie Ingoe supplied us with Nachos, dips and a variety of crudités. We had fancy mocktails complete with umbrella decorations and a beautiful birthday cake made by Jenny Eden who along with Pam Malcolm and Julie organised some games such as 'Shoot the Cactus', Pin the Tail, a Quiz and

Musical Sombreros. Mexican music played and thanks to the Mexican Tourist Association we had decorations and leaflets and information aplenty. Mary-Anne won the evening's competition of Make a Cactus with her creation made from pipe-cleaners and bubblewrap.

Chineham WI meet at Christchurch Chineham usually on the fourth Monday of each month. For our members, we run a Lunch Club, a Garden Group and a Scrabble evening.

Our next meeting is 28 October – our speaker is the Chelsea Gold Medal (19 I believe) winner Rose Hardy from Hardy's Nurseries in Whitchurch.

For more information e-mail Ggillyflowerpower@hotmail.com or ring 01256 327140

Gill Dixon

## **Charity Coffee Morning**

The Charity, Pancreatic Cancer UK, has an awareness month this November and we have arranged a Coffee Morning on Saturday 16 November from 10.30 to 12.30. We will be raising funds for Pancreatic Cancer UK, and NET Patient Foundation. Both charities support those with pancreatic cancer and their families and friends.

The Old Basing Cricket Club are hosting the event in the clubhouse on the rec. There will be teas, coffees, biscuits, a raffle, and Phoenix Cards hope to be joining us.

Liz Gray 465821

## **The Impact of Colour**

I am very aware of and fascinated by colour! Somehow it has a language all of its own even though not a single word needs to be expressed!

I once went to a country that had repressed its people for many years. I was amazed to find that it was a colourless and bland place with a pervading greyness which carried an encroaching depression. It was as if the very life had been taken from the population. Creativity had not had any opportunity to flourish and the years of the quelling of individual freedom had had the combined effect of producing a visible impact on the surrounding environment which was both sad and very stark.

I understand that once freedom for this country's people had been won, the colour began returning to its neighbourhoods. More colourful fabrics were created, flowers were planted to herald in the seasons, and houses were painted in a variety of colours.

I can remember that when I asked God to be a part of my life, I found that the sky seemed a more vivid blue and the trees a distinctly stronger green! It was a sign for me that God had heard my prayers. As He is such a personal God, this was the way he was showing me that he was becoming involved in my life.

For another person it could be that they find they have an internal peace which had previously been elusive. Of course, we trust that the ultimate change is in our characters, in how we

relate to each other and how we desire to impact our world for good.

Just as freedom changed the whole atmosphere of the country I had visited, so God has the ability to impact each of our lives and set us free from old characteristics or habits. We can discover a new vibrance and a life filled with the colour of freedom!

Hazel Marchment  
Community Church

## **Christ & Community Church Activities**

Welcome to Christ Church Chineham!

During November we will be continuing our look at Galatians – this is a challenging letter which reminds us that there is only one gospel and one way of salvation through what Christ has done for us. We have two services on Sunday mornings – our 9am services tend to be quiet and reflective. They finish by 10am and include a service of Holy Communion every other week. Our 10.30am services follow the same theme, and there are groups for children of all ages from 0-18+ (no charge). Take a look at our website for a copy of the sermon programme.

**Coffee and Co**, our Monday morning cafe, is open from 9.30am to 11.30am every Monday during term-time. There are delicious cakes and “posh” coffee on sale, with drinks and craft activities for the children, and a selection of books, cards and fairly traded groceries on sale.

**CCBBies** is our Thursday morning group for pre-school children and their parents/carers from 10 to 11.15am – they meet every Thursday during term time. Activities include free play, refreshments, a Bible story, prayers, songs and crafts. There is no charge and all are welcome!

There will be no “Who let the Dads out?” session or **Kids’ Club** in November but all pre-schoolers are invited to come along to the next “Who let the Dads out?” on Saturday 14 December (details in the next Chat) and the next Kids’ Club is on 14 December also.

**Messy Church:** On Monday 4 November families are invited to come along to find out about Jesus and the Bible in a fun and messy way! Doors open 3.45pm for refreshments/games, crafts/activities from 4.15pm, supper is served at 5.15pm and it is time to go home at 5.45pm. There is no charge, although donations towards the cost of the food are always welcome. There is no need to book, but if you are coming and have a special dietary need it would be great if you could let us know in advance.

**TGIF Youth Club** – young people from year 6 upwards are invited to join us for activities from 8-9.30pm every Friday during term time. Special activities this month include an ice-skating trip and making Christmas decorations. Entrance fee £1; bring some extra cash for tuck and bring a friend too! All welcome.

Our Prayer Room is open while the building is open. Everyone is welcome

to come and sit quietly in prayer and reflection. On the subject of prayer, if you have any prayer requests please let us know and we will pray for you. Our next monthly prayer meeting will be on Monday 25 November from 8-9pm – everyone is welcome to join us as we pray for our church, our community and our world.

Come along on Saturday 9 November at 8pm for an unforgettable evening of live entertainment and laughter when we welcome stand up comedian Andy Kind to Christ Church. Andy has supported Tim Vine and Milton Jones on national tours, and his comedy helps to develop a real sense of self worth. Tickets cost £10 per person which includes soft drinks – bring your own beer/other drinks.

Christ Church Christmas Tree Festival - following the success of our previous Christmas Tree Festivals we are holding another one over the weekend of 7 – 8 December. Church and community groups have been invited to stage a Christmas tree that will then be available for all to see during the weekend. The weekend’s activities will include singing by children from local schools, Ooh Ma Ma Choir, Hands Up: Puppets 4 Jesus, our very own puppets, craft stalls and children’s activities. Homemade soup, bread and cakes will also be available. If you would like to stage a tree and do not have a booking form already please contact Ruth in the church office. Come and join us, all welcome!

The National Blood Service will be hosting a blood donation clinic in the Wesley Hall on Tuesday 26 November.

To make an appointment visit [www.blood.co.uk](http://www.blood.co.uk).

Thank you to everyone who helped at our shoebox filling sessions in October as well as to those people who donated numerous items such as hats, gloves, sweets and so on – we were able to make up 265 boxes which will go to children in eastern Europe who otherwise wouldn't have received a present this Christmas. The shoeboxes will be collected by the charity's lorry on Thursday 7 November so if you would like to make up your own box there is still time! Shoeboxes need to be wrapped in Christmas paper (lid separately) and can be filled with small toys, toiletries, stationery, sweets, hats, gloves and scarves. For details please contact Ruth in the Church office.

We have a range of rooms that you can hire on a one-off or regular basis. Perhaps you are looking for somewhere to host a children's party or a special celebration meal? Or maybe you run a group that is looking for a venue? Our prices start from £7.25 per hour – that rate includes use of the nearby kitchen/snack bar and fairly traded tea, coffee and sugar are provided, as well as squash for any children. A range of groups hire rooms on a regular basis including Tiny Talk and Bridge as well as a new Craft Group, and U3A groups such as Thomas Hardy, Recorders and Latin. For details of current activities and room hire details take a look at our website or contact Ruth in the office.

Thank you to everyone who continues

to bring in items for our various charity appeals – as well as collecting used stamps and postcards, the tops from supermarket milk bottles, spectacles, food (e.g. snack pots, tins, tea, coffee, breakfast cereals) for the Camrose Day Centre, and bedding for May Place, the hostel for the homeless in Basingtoke town centre, ladies' shoes and clothing for a "safe house", we are also currently collecting socks (new and used, particularly men's socks) for May Place. You can drop your donations of bedding and socks into the Church office, or take them directly to May Place. We also collect used inkjet cartridges so if you have any you would like to donate we would be delighted to receive them. Until Christmas, we are also collecting empty baby wipe packets for Ellies Fund.

For details about any of our services or activities please contact Ruth in the office (Christ Church, Reading Road, Chineham, RG24 8LT, 474280, [admin@christchurchchineham.org.uk](mailto:admin@christchurchchineham.org.uk)) or take a look at our website [www.christchurchchineham.org.uk](http://www.christchurchchineham.org.uk). Also, you can find us on Facebook and Twitter @discover2013

### **Community Church in the School!**

You will find us at our regular home of Four Lanes Junior School. We are a relaxed group of about 80 people across the age ranges, who meet to worship God in a lively and contemporary way. You will find that we place a high value on the contribution of each person and love to make room for the variety of who each person is when we gather. We have many young people, who

contribute a lot to our shared community. To find us come to Four Lanes Junior School for 10am on Sunday or check out the web site at [www.bccnet.org.uk/east](http://www.bccnet.org.uk/east). You are welcome to visit us anytime or to find out more online. If you have a particular prayer request then you can send us a message via the website and we will pray for your situation. Alternatively you can make contact via our office on 01256 316000 and ask for Phil Norris.

Ruth Randall

## **Four Lanes Infant School**

We have just welcomed everybody back from the summer holidays to Four Lanes Infant School. We have also greeted our new Year R children into the school for the first time.

This term Year R have been thinking about themselves, how they grow, and what the parts of the body are called. This week they have been lucky enough to have had a visit from two babies to see what they look like, what they do and what has changed since the Year R children were babies. They now know that babies need different things to live, they move in different ways and they have to grow a lot before they are 4 years old. We would like to thank Mrs Mills and Miss Cluett for bringing Oscar and George to see us.

Year 1 have been learning about how humans and animals are different from each other. They have used lots of non-fiction books to find out about animals, what they do, what they eat,

how they move and where they live. In literacy they have used the information to write lots of facts in non-chronological reports. In the next couple of weeks Year 1 will be comparing our school with another school in Basingstoke. They will be looking at the geographical features of the two schools and learning about what makes them the same and different.

In History, Year 2 have been History Detectives and have been learning about the Fire of London. They have been using primary and secondary sources to answer questions about the fire that the children generated themselves. They now know that the fire started in the bakery in 1666 and why and how the fire spread quickly across London. They learnt that because of how fast the fire spread, the fire service was created. In Numeracy they will be learning about multiplication for the first time and working out number problems using their new skills.

Four lanes Infant School would like to invite any member of the community who is interested in sharing a skill, talent or interest with the children to contact us on 01256 324256 and we will call you back. Thank you.

Claire Allen

## **Did You Know?**

On average you speak almost 5,000 words a day, although almost 80% is talking to oneself.

Your middle fingernail grows fastest.

## **Willowdene Sherfield Park**

Our new nursery at Sherfield Park Community Centre (called Willowdene at Sherfield Park ) is just a 10 minute walk from Cufaude village.

The nursery will be run as part of the Willowdene Nursery School brand, with the same ethos and approach, providing high quality childcare through first class care, friendliness and high standards. At Willowdene at Sherfield Park we aim to continue our philosophy of providing the best learning skills in a fun and stimulating environment.

We will open from 7.30 - 6.00 for children aged 2 upwards and take bookings by the hour.

If you, or anyone you know, is interested in booking a place please get in touch on Tel 01256 324191 or willowdene@btconnect.com, where we will be happy to answer your questions and arrange a visit.

Any other questions please give us a call, we would love to hear from prospective parents!

Marilyn Hargraves

## **November Nights**

Hold a fun evening and at the same time raise money for St Michael's Hospice. We are launching a new campaign called 'November Nights' and we would love you to be involved. Have a cheese & Wine evening, a games evening, Bonfire Night Party, or a girl's night in being pampered. The list is endless of the different things you could do to be involved.

If you have an idea please let us know, or if you need supporting material to help promote your event, please give Lynne Grimshaw a call on 01256 8 4 8 8 4 5 o r e m a i l : Lynne.grimshaw@stmichaelshospice.org.uk.

Chris Griffiths

## **Jack & the Beanstalk**

Hook Players will present the traditional Pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk' at the Elizabeth Hall, Raven Road, Hook at 7.45pm on 29 and 30 November and 5, 6 & 7 December. Matinees on Saturdays at 1.45 pm Tickets £12 and £9 (Matinees) from the Box office on 07709214679, on [www.hookplayers.co.uk](http://www.hookplayers.co.uk) or from Trees newsagents in Hook. Father Christmas and raffle aimed at children at the Matinees to add to the fun.

Wilma Jordan

## **Rockin' with Basingstoke Lions**

During the interval at our recent Abba Sensation concert, Lion President Dennis Crouch presented a cheque for £1500 to Pauline Williamson representing the RadCan charity which is raising funds for a special piece of equipment which will enable cancer sufferers to be treated locally instead of having to travel to Southampton or Guilford for treatment. Travel is hell when you're ill.

Now we're preparing for our next show which is Forever Queen at Queen

Mary's College on 23 November. Guess what their final song will be – the football fans favourite? Details on [www.basingstokelions.org.uk](http://www.basingstokelions.org.uk).

But just before that, on the 16 November, we've got another of our fun Quiz Nights at the Cliddesden Millenium Hall.

Philip Wilson

## **Strictly Nearly Christmas Dance**

On Saturday 16 November we have an evening of Ballroom and Latin dancing to Hampshires favourite swinging big band, the Innovations Jazz Orchestra. The event is at the Tadley Community Centre, Newchurch Road, Tadley with dancing starting at 7.30pm till 11.00pm. Bring your own food and drink.

Tickets are £15 from 0118 981 4538, [mandy@tadleycommunitycentre.org.uk](mailto:mandy@tadleycommunitycentre.org.uk) or [www.innovations-jazz-orchestra.co.uk](http://www.innovations-jazz-orchestra.co.uk).

Simon Ward

## **Basingstoke Choral Society**

To launch our 2013/14 season we head for the forests and fjords of Norway with a concert of music by Edvard Grieg. A veritable 'smorgasbord' of Scandinavian delights, on Sunday 24 November at 7.00pm in the Anvil, starts with the Piano Concerto in A minor. Our soloist Aleksandra Myslek is a rising star and winner of the International Chopin Piano competition.

Grieg's Peer Gynt is based on a play by Henrik Ibsen. The choir will perform this engaging work with John Lofthouse as the narrator. *'In the Hall of the Mountain King'*, famously used in Disney's Fantasia and Classic FM's *'Morning Mood'* are but two you will undoubtedly recognise.

Staying with our Scandinavian theme, we will also perform a piece by Sibelius. Maan Virsi or 'Hymn of the Earth', from a period of patriotic choral singing in Finland, was a gift from the grateful composer to a hard-working choir.

The New London Sinfonia will also be joining us, conducted by David Gibson, for a highly entertaining evening. Tickets from the Anvil on 01256 844244 and at [www.anvilarts.org.uk](http://www.anvilarts.org.uk).

Margaret Lucas

## **RadCan Concert**

There is a concert in aid of RadCan at St Michaels Church Basingstoke on November 2nd at 7.30pm featuring the Basinstoke Hospital Male Voice Choir and Berkshire Brass.

A wonderful evening of music to raise funds for the radiotherapy centre at Basingstoke Hospital

Tickets £10 can be obtained from the Newbury Building Society 5-6 Chelsea House Festival Place; by mail at RadCan c/o The Orchard White Hart Lane Basingstoke RG21 4AF; by telephone 01256 328702 or by e-mail at [radCan44@yahoo.com](mailto:radCan44@yahoo.com).

Margaret Porter

## Nature Notes

I was amazed to see the photo of the Kingfisher on the cover of last month's Chineham Chat. I did not know that Mr and Mrs Hargraves had sent the photos to the editor as well. Congratulations on making the front. So he reads my article before publishing it!

The long hot Summer produced bumper crops of fruit, so thank you to everyone for their contributions. I must now try to collect some Blackberries before it is too late.

In late September I drove round to find some conkers (there is still a bit of the child in me ) at the only place I know in Chineham. I found medium sized ones, so, perhaps other children had beaten me to the monsters. I must drive round to Bartons Mill Restaurant as the tree was larger than these. The Horse Chestnut tree was introduced into Britain from 17th century onwards, meaning these were probably planted when that area was a farm to provide shade round the pond with horses and cows eating the green leaves. I shall return there when it is not raining so heavily, because there was part of a Sweet Chestnut case amongst the conkers. There wasn't a Sweet Chestnut tree in the vicinity but it may have been dropped by a squirrel or a jay, so ,watch this space. The Romans brought this tree with them and, although it can live for a long time, the nuts don't usually grow large in our climate. Maybe this year is the exception.

Travelling along the A33 towards Tesco's store I was interested to see

that where the grass verge had not been mown so close to the road this year, there was a lovely and unusual ribbon of red (Broad-leaved Dock) and yellow (Ragwort). However, this was not the dreaded Oxford Ragwort which was flowering earlier.

Anyone passing along the Petty's Brook path nearest to the pub may have noticed the large clump of Common Burdock. The burs may even have attached themselves to your clothes or your dog's coat. I see that Malcolm Bottrill has shown the Lesser Burdock in his book.

Some of the mornings are quite autumnal, so we shall have to start covering the plants. I see that there will be a massive number of flowers on the Ivy, so must watch for insects.

Now I am going to plant bulbs. Look around you and let me know of anything interesting, whilst I hunt the trees in the meantime.

Please send your sightings to me on [ginny.wright2@btinternet.com](mailto:ginny.wright2@btinternet.com) or 479562.

Ginny Wright

## Winter Lectures at the Museum of Army Flying

The series will open with a talk on The Victoria Cross by Colonel Mike Martin on 13 November. The Victoria Cross, established in 1856 during the Crimean War, has remained to this day the highest British award for valour on the battlefield and is perhaps the most prestigious medal in the world. The story and the institution of the Victoria

Cross, along with the myths and anecdotes, are unfolded in the expert hands of Col Mike Martin (Retired), of The Royal Hampshire Regiment.

The second lecture will look at the history of the Hampshire country house 'Bramshill'. This was home to the Red Cross during World War II and the talk will explain the vital role they played from this historic residence. This lecture will be held on the 11 December and has been kindly organised by Homefront History, who will bring the lecture to life with their costumed characters.

On 15 January Col. Derek Armitage recounts the famous battle of Rorke's Drift.

All lectures start at 7:30pm and have an interval for refreshments. Tickets are £5 per person and booking through the museum is recommended as numbers are limited. If you would like to join the Museum of Army Flying's Society of Friends please visit <http://www.armyflying.com/about-the-museum/join-the-society-of-friends/>

Rebecca Clay

## **Four Lanes Community Centre**

**Family Fun Day: Saturday 9 November, 11.00am to 3.00pm.** A chance to try new activities and have fun together for parents/carers and children. Bring a packed lunch and stay all day. Please phone to register your interest.

**Coach Trip: Gunwharf Quays: Saturday 9 November.** The coach will leave Four

Lanes at 9:00am and departs Gunwharf Quay at 4.30pm. 90 designer outlets, 30 cosmopolitan bars and restaurants, a 14-screen cinema, 26-lane bowling complex, contemporary art gallery, comedy club, casino and nightclub. Cost £12.00 pp.

**Coach Trip: Bath Christmas Market. Saturday 30 November.** The coach will leave Four Lanes at 8:30am and depart Bath at 4.30pm. 129 traditional wooden chalets adorn the streets; each one offering unique, handmade and unusual gifts, decorations and food items. Cost £15.00 per person.

**Family Photo Day: Saturday 11 January.** £25 for a 20 minute session to include an A4 collage print and CD. Contact [www.tarranpatterson.co.uk](http://www.tarranpatterson.co.uk) or e-mail [info@tarranpatterson.co.uk](mailto:info@tarranpatterson.co.uk). £5 deposit required upon booking.

**Fitsteps:** (Junior Hall) All the moves from ballroom and latin dances set in a fitness class. If you have never danced before, no problem, you are taught the moves and everyone dances at their own level. Contact Helena on 0118 988 9744 or [Helena.housego@btinternet.com](mailto:Helena.housego@btinternet.com) for more information. Thursdays, 7.45pm to 8.45pm. Cost £6.00 per class or £20.00 per month.

**Childcare Course:** Level 1 – Working with children – 10 week free course. Starting Thursday 7 November, 9.30–11.30am. For more information or to book a place please contact us.

**Messy Play:** 5 week course starting 8 November, 9.30–11.30am. Free. Messy Play is inexpensive and open

ended—joint programme for both parents/carers of pre-school children.

**Make Take and Bake:** 5 week course. The aim of this course is to promote an awareness of healthy eating whilst fostering an enjoyment of cooking together. Each session is hands on as parent/carers and their child work together to create a dish which can be taken home and eaten together. All resources supplied! For more information or to book a place on the course please contact Four Lanes Community Centre. Starts 10 January, 9.30-11.30. Free.

**Zumba:** Mondays, 8.00pm to 9.00pm. Ring Community Office for more details. Cost £40.00 for 10 weeks.

**Get My Digital SLR on to Manual:** 5 week course. An introduction to Digital SLR/Bridge Camera photography. Starts Monday 11 November, 7.00pm to 9.00pm. Cost £45.00.

**Creative Digital Imaging:** 5 week course. Starts Tuesday 12 November, 7pm to 9.00pm. Cost £45.00.

**Intermediate Digital SLR:** 5 week course. Starts Wednesday 13 November, 7.00pm to 9.00pm. Cost £45.00.

**Hot Yoga:** The class is held in a heated environment and focus is on correct breathing, traditional standing and lying postures. Quickest result in strength and flexibility and a great detox. Classes will run Tuesday 6.15pm – 7pm and Wednesday 7.30pm – 8.30pm. It is essential to book as places limited. Please telephone Suzy on 07837719716.

**Fitness Freestyle Yoga:** (Infant Hall) Freestyle Fitness Yoga is a yoga based fitness class without the spirituality. Mondays 8.10pm to 9.10pm. Costs £5.00 per week on a pay as you go basis. See [www.taylorred-fitness-training.co.uk](http://www.taylorred-fitness-training.co.uk) or contact Louise on 07590 714078 if you have any questions.

**Pilates:** (Community Room at Junior School). All abilities welcome. Tuesdays 7.00pm to 8.00pm. Cost £5.00 per week pay as you go. Contact as Hot Yoga.

Virginia Wyatt Tel: 810499  
[www.fourlanescentre.com](http://www.fourlanescentre.com)

## The Sound of Music

The Sound of Music has to be the best -loved musical of all time. Now you can enjoy The Sound of Music performed live on stage at The Haymarket by BATS - Basingstoke Amateur Theatrical Society - from 12 to 23 November.

Discounted family tickets for Saturday and Sunday matinées. The usual range of other discounts for seniors, students and groups are also available. Full price tickets: £15, £17 or £19 (£12 or £14 for 16 and under).

12 performances of The Sound of Music run from Wed 13 – Sat 23 November at The Haymarket, including two Saturday matinées and two Sunday matinées on 17 November.

More information at [www.bats.net](http://www.bats.net) or call The Haymarket or Anvil box office on 01256 844244.

Laura Balment

## **Basingstoke Discovery Centre**

To book a place visit Basingstoke Discovery Centre in Festival Place, or call 01256 478670. Advance booking is strongly recommended. To find out more about Basingstoke Discovery Centre and Hampshire Libraries visit [www.hants.gov.uk/bsdc](http://www.hants.gov.uk/bsdc).

**Postcard Printmaking:** A creative workshop giving an introduction to collagraph printing using collaged materials. Sat 2 November, 1.30pm to 3.30pm, £4.

**Massage for Women:** Discover how massage can assist women's health and wellbeing by learning simple massage strokes involving the back and neck. Sun 3 November, 12noon to 2pm, £6.

**Government Art Collection:** Curator Chantal Condon will share intriguing histories and stories of one of the largest, most dispersed collection of British art in the world. Mon 11 November, 2pm, £3.

**Writing Fiction:** Author Cas Peace will highlight the skills required to develop a believable world in your fiction writing. Tue 12 November, 2pm, free.

**Willow Christmas Decorations Workshop (adults):** Make rustic, shaker-style Christmas decorations using natural willow. Trees, stars, simple wreaths and even reindeer can be made. With local basket maker Judith Needham. Sat 16 November, 1pm to 3.30pm, £15.

**Dr Who style Greenscreen Workshop:** Children can discover the magic of

greenscreen filming techniques by making a Dr Who inspired video clip in a group. Sat 23 November, 9am ages 5-10; 11am ages 8-12; 1pm ages 10-13, £5 per child.

**Aromatherapy for Women:** Learn the principles of aromatherapy, recognise the benefits of usual essential oils and give/receive an aromatherapy hand massage. Sun 24 November, 12noon to 2pm, £6

**Zaid Meherali:** Armed Forces Photographer Zaid has worked extensively with the armed forces and NATO: see some stunning images and hear the stories behind them. Thu 28 November, 2pm, free.

**Beauty Products:** Enhance your Beauty Products with Aromatherapy Learn how to blend essential oils with ready made, unscented base products to enhance your own beauty products. Sat 30 November, 1pm to 3pm, £6.

Steven Hunt

## **Basingstoke Civil Service Retirement Fellowship**

At the October meeting we heard a talk by Ralph Kay entitled "Beating the Crooks".

Ralph introduced himself and gave a brief outline of his time working for De Le Rue where bank notes are produced for countries throughout the world and where all sorts of security features were necessary to ensure the integrity of their product. He gave a summary of the steps taken to guard against counterfeiting since the first

£5 note was produced by Isaac Newton in 1695 through to the pending introduction of a plastic version of the note. He spoke about all sorts of documents that could be forged – passports, tax discs, tickets and disabled badges, and reminded everyone how important it was to keep all our valuable documents safe.

The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at Brookvale Village Hall from 10am – 12 noon and all retired Civil Servants and their partners are welcome. At the next meeting on 6 November a talk on History Minus the Boring Bits will be given by Susan Howe. To obtain further details and a programme of the group's activities for next year please contact Tony Brazier on 01256 418770 or at [bjmapbr@ntlworld.com](mailto:bjmapbr@ntlworld.com).

David Cowling

## **Ripping Yarn at Probus Club**

The adventure of a young RAF Flying Officer was regaled to the audience of retired professional and business men of the Probus Club of Basingstoke. Retired RAF Group Captain Mel Kent, himself a member of the club, enthralled his audience about his experience in the Sudan when disaster struck when he and three other RAF servicemen were passengers on a freight plane heading south out of Khartoum in December 1951.

The Vickers Valetta twin engined plane was designed to fly on one engine, but on this occasion when the port engine stopped the starboard engine just was

not man enough to continue the flight and they had to make a forced landing with the undercarriage up. Landing in a swamp there was no real injury to anyone but the plane was damaged with bent propellers and tears to the skin of the fuselage. There were only minimal food rations on board and only a gallon of water so the situation was desperate. The radio didn't work at ground level but after some days they were eventually spotted by a search plane and supplies were dropped to them. The RAF contacted a local tribe who arrived days later at the crash site complete with long spears. The servicemen initially feared that they were Mau Mau terrorists.

Three days walking and the crew were at the tribe's village and from there eventually returned to Khartoum where a rescue and repair team was led by Flying Officer Kent back to the crash site. Several trucks carried two new engines, propellers and a host of mechanical aids. Six weeks of hard work later, in late February 1952, the plane being repaired and the swamp having dried out to a hard surface a makeshift runway saw a successful escape flight.

What caused the initial engine shutdown turned out to be that someone had forgotten to refuel the wing tank.

Potential members of the Probus Club of Basingstoke can find out more of its activities by looking on their web site [www.probusbasingstoke.webs.com](http://www.probusbasingstoke.webs.com) or can contact their secretary Gerry Anslow on 01256 325253 or email [gerry.anslow@talktalk.net](mailto:gerry.anslow@talktalk.net).

Paul Flint