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Chat



Best Allotment 2018, photograph by Julia Johnson

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We are so grateful to everyone who took the Chat survey over the last couple of months. A grand total of 520 survey responses were received, which is absolutely excellent (and to those that sent in a physical copy, yes, they were included!). The results are still being analysed in detail, but we can say that 85% of respondents always or sometimes read the Chat (which is fantastic) and 68% always, usually or sometimes use the Chat advertisements to help find a service (fantastic news). We have hundreds of suggestions to go through and I'll report back on those in due course. I'll also soon be drawing the winner of the M and S voucher!

One less well-used area of the Chat is the website, with 84% of respondents not using this resource. This is a region of the Chat we really want to develop, so we are looking for someone to take over the role of Webmaster and really turn www.chinehamchat.com into a dynamic and useful resource for the people of Chineham. More details can be found on page 13. All the Chat Committee are volunteers, and we really hope that someone with expertise in this area can get on board with us and turn the website into an integral part of the Chat experience.

Jo Appleford-Cook

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Your copy can be accepted handwritten, typed, or by e-mail.

Chineham Village Club

The Premier League season is now well underway and I would like to remind readers that the club has full subscription to both Sky and BT Sports. Televised fixtures are shown on the big screen in our Sports Bar. During November we will also be showing the key games from the rugby union autumn internationals.

September events:

Mon 3: bingo in the lounge bar at 8pm

Sun 30: members' monthly draw, 3-4pm

Finally, we will no longer be running the monthly senior citizens' bingo and lunch. We just do not have the number of attendees to support continuing with it.

John Prince, Chairman

Chineham Village Hall

As the school holidays come to an end we welcome back our regular children's activities to the halls. There is also a great choice of activities for adults, ranging from Zumba, pilates, yoga and aerobics, to ballroom dancing, the Craft Circle, Slimming World and Weight Watchers. Details of children's and adult activities are listed below and on the Calendar of Events on our website.

Main Hall:

Monday: Gym Minis, 9.30–11.30 am, Shelley 07769 916299; Pilates, 12-1pm, Pam pamsteele@idnet.com; David Smith Dance, see www.davidsmithdance.com for further details/timings, David 07791 749163; 3rd Chineham Brownies, 5.30–6.55pm; 1st Chineham Guides, 7–9pm.

Tuesday: Caterpillar Music, 9.40–11.40am, Jasmin 07952 935021; Aerobics, 7.30-8.30pm, Tracey 07707 681070 or tcxercise2010@hotmail.co.uk

Wednesday: Tots Play, 10.15am–12.45pm; Lynden School of Dance, 3.45

–6pm, Lyndendance@aol.com; Weight Watchers, 6.30-8.00pm, 07884 240215; Zumba, 8.30-9.30pm, Rina 07971 553658.

Thursday: Slimming World, sessions at 9.30am, 11.30am, 5.30pm and 7.30pm, Faith 07966 933994.

Friday: Caterpillar Music, 9.30–1.15pm, Jasmin 07952 935021; Lynden School of Dance, 3.45 - 6pm, Lyndendance@aol.com; David Smith Dance (as above).

Sunday: Karate, 6.30-8pm, Sam 07919 338556; David Smith Dance (as above).

Community Rooms:

Monday: 1st Chineham Rainbow Guides, 5.30-6.30pm; Craft Circle, 1st and 3rd Monday each month, 7.30-10pm

Tuesday: Yoga, 7-8pm, Chris 07712 427428

Wednesday: Yoga, 9.45–11am and 7.15–8.30pm, Maria 07771 921185

Thursday: Little Pumas, 4-6pm, Kate 07887 993207

Saturday: Young Yogis, 9.30–11.30am, youngyogiswithg@gmail.com

If you are looking for a party venue, or wish to hold a regular class or meeting contact our booking line on 07935 328172, email chinehamvillagehall@gmail.com or see our website at www.chinehamvillagehall.co.uk.

Lyne Hughes

Chineham Library

Amazingly a new school year is upon us and the Summer Reading Challenge is nearly over at the library. The finish date is **Saturday 15th Sept**, so please bring all children who are yet to finish by that date. There are still medals and certificates available, and we can accept competition entries until that date. There is no Saturday craft this month, but there are the regular pre-school storytimes at

10am, with crafts resuming on the **7th Oct**. Mischief Makers has been hugely successful at Chineham, so thank you to both our local families and volunteers. We are now looking to recruit volunteers to join us throughout the year, so if this is something that may interest you please do contact us for further information. Days, hours and areas of involvement can be tailored to suit. Children's activities, crafts and IT are all examples. Our friendly team would love to welcome you alongside us.

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

Adult activities also restart after the summer break. Age Concern return on Wednesdays to provide computer tuition for the over 50s. Sessions must be booked in advance through their area office on 423874. Others include the general reading group on the **29th Sept** at 10.30am, and the Creative Writing Group on **6th Sept** at 5.30pm. The CHIPPS reading group for parents and pre-schoolers meets on the **12th Sept** at 10am. Our last two events which were the children's beach bowl and the Murder Mystery evening both sold out, so do keep your eyes open for details of future events. Library posters and social media are best for this. We hope to see you in the library soon.

Cathy Foster

Chineham WI

Our July meeting brought us all together around the tables for a games evening. On this occasion we played Yahtzee, a game I'd personally never played before. As the winners and losers from each table circulated around the room, everyone enjoyed the opportunity to chat to different members as we played. It proved to be a lively and enjoyable event. Our lunchers, Scrabblers and gardeners have all continued to meet up for their monthly gatherings throughout the summer, regardless of the heat.

This month we celebrate the 9th anniversary of the re-opening (we are the third incarnation) of Chineham WI with a cat-themed birthday party (because of the saying that cats have 9 lives). We will be welcoming invited guests from each of the other 15 local WIs to join our celebrations, play games, solve puzzles and ponder a fun cat-themed quiz. Also, another excuse to eat cake. Not that we need an excuse, as regular readers are aware!

I'm delighted to report that we have recently had an upsurge of new members joining us, but there's still room for more! So, if you're curious to see what you've been missing, you are very welcome to come to our birthday party in the Shaftesbury Room at Christ Church, Reading Road, Chineham from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm on **Monday 24 September**. The more, the merrier! Chineham WI regularly meet on the fourth Monday of the month at Christ Church. Future meetings include:

24 Sep: Our 9th Birthday Party

22 Oct: Enham Trust: Past, Present & Future

26 Nov: You - the jury

Pam Malcolm, Treasurer, Chineham WI

Basingstoke Ladies Choir

Basingstoke Ladies Choir present their annual concert with guests the Hampshire Police Male Voice Choir. Held at Queen Mary's College, Cliddesden Road, Basingstoke, RG21 3HF, on **Saturday 27th October**, at 7pm.

Come along to what will be a glorious evening of musical entertainment from two top quality choirs based in Hampshire. The repertoire will be varied and there will be something to suit all musical tastes and ages.

Join us and our esteemed music teams from both choirs for what will be a memorable and fun evening that will get your feet tapping, leave a song in your heart and send you home with a smile on your face and not only that, there is a licensed bar available! Tickets £10.00 (no concessions, licensed bar available). Online - please see the website at basingstokeladieschoir.bpt.me. In person - Shopmobility Basingstoke, Church Street (lower, near M&S), Basingstoke. Email or tel - maria.chung63@gmail.com or 01256 781486. (Registered charity no: 1058910.)

M Chung

Great Binfields Primary School Open Mornings

Is your child due to start school in September 2019? If so, we have arranged some Open Morning sessions on the following dates:

- **Wednesday 10th October**
- **Tuesday 6th November**
- **Thursday 29th November**

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

Debbie Robinson

Four Lanes Infant School Open Days

Open Day visits are now available for September 2019 starters. You are invited to visit the school for a tour with the Headteacher, Mrs Jacqui Mallaby, on the following dates/times:

Thu 20th September: 9:30am, 11am, 2pm & 5.00pm

Thu 18th October: 9:30am, 11am, 2pm & 5.00pm

Thu 8th November: 9:30am, 11am, 2pm & 5.00pm

Mon 26th November: 9.45am, 11am & 2pm

Fri 7th December: 9:45am, 11am & 2pm

Thu 10th January 2019: 9.30am, 11am & 2pm

If you would like to attend, please contact the school office on 01256-324256 to book an appointment.

G Hayden

Indoor Bowls Open Day

Ever thought of having a go at indoor bowls? Then why not give it a go at Loddon Vale Indoor Bowling Club which has an Open Day on **8th September** 10am-4pm at Basingstoke Leisure Park, Churchill Way West, Basingstoke, RG22 6PG, telephone: (01256) 356507 or email info@loddonvaleibc.co.uk.

This is an opportunity to enjoy some light healthy indoor exercise for all ages, and meet new friends. We have comfortable air conditioned premises with restaurant and bar, open from 10.00am to 10.30pm. We are a non-profit making club.

K Lillywhite

Befrienders Wanted

We are looking for volunteers in your community. Could you be a 'Befriender'?

What will I be doing?: As a Volunteer Befriender your role will be to provide social companionship to patients who have a chronic or life limiting illness and who are isolated or lonely. Visiting patients in their own homes, you will help them to feel more supported and help to improve their emotional well-being and confidence.

How much time do I need to commit?: Just 2 hours a week, or less, can make a real difference to a patient living in your local community.

What support will I be given?: All relevant training will be given, as well as regular and on-going support and supervision.

Interested? For further information contact Caroline Nash, Befriending Manager on: 01264 835293 or email: Caroline.Nash@hhft.nhs.uk. Interested volunteers will be invited to an informal interview and the role is subject to

references, simple health checks and DBS clearance.

Caroline Nash

Basingstoke Green Week

Now in its sixth year, the event runs from **22nd to 29th September** and the official programme is now available from Chineham Library, the Discovery Centre and Christ Church Chineham.

There are plenty of events for everyone including family fun, cycle rides, a film show as well as some stalls set up in Castle Square on the first day. The Chineham Energy Recovery Facility is open all day on the **22nd September** (book in advance please) and Christ Church has the usual book, plant and ladies' clothes swaps during the week, ending with a Fairtrade Stall on **Sunday 30th** from 9.30am until 12noon. The programme is better than ever, so take a look and come along to join in the fun.

Jean Wilde

Basingstoke Concert Band

Under the baton of Director of Music Mark Atkins, Basingstoke Concert Band will entertain you with a mix of classical and contemporary repertoire to celebrate a Proms Concert featuring guest soprano Helen Clutterbuck. Held at Sherfield Park Community Centre (RG27 0FP), on **Saturday 15 September** at 7:30pm.

There are just 100 tickets at £10 (concessions £8) available from: band members, calling 07503 881241 or at Sherfield Park Community Hall on the evening. Come and enjoy a wide range of the very best music. (Bar available at the Community Centre.)

J Howard

Nature Notes

I checked last year's notes and the weather had been very wet from mid July. This year, one group of people state that we are feeling the effects of Global Warning, whilst others say it is just unusual weather like that seen in 1976. Whatever it is, I found it unpleasant, and spent a lot of the time in the shade as the temperature reached 31 degrees in the sun on the patio.

The grass cutters were round yesterday attacking the areas that were grass in the past! I suppose they have to cut at certain times, but it always seems odd, as there isn't that much grass on the sides, unlike Tollhouse Meadow. Would it cost too much to have smaller motor machines that made a better job, especially as I have seen two of the giant sit-upon lawn mowers going over the same small patch?

It was interesting watching the different bees on a variety of flowers, as some can only visit open daisies or mallows, whilst others manage trumpet-like flowers such as salvias. I purchased more flowering plants when the earlier ones succumbed to the heat, although the self-seeded *Linaria* had another flowering. This plant has proved useful as all the bees like it and now a small blue butterfly was seen today. I shall sow as many of those seeds as I can for next year. By watering and dead-heading the twelve buddleias (also called buddlejas) in pots, I have managed to keep them in flower until it's time for the later butterflies.

Marian has seen a blue butterfly but I think it was larger than mine with brown underneath, whilst this one was turquoise. I might attempt to photograph it tomorrow.

It is horrifying to hear of yet another tree disease entering the UK. This is called *Xylella* (see https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Xylella_fastidiosa for more information) and will destroy even more trees. DEFRA have asked people not to bring back plants from abroad.

The hedgehog population that I have seen on one night was two at the back with three at the front when I opened the door, although I think more may be arriving later in the night, as all the food has disappeared by morning. I don't think foxes are eating it. The "poo" is small!

Ginny Wright
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Did you know? This July saw the hottest July temperature on record recorded, at 36.7C (98F), recorded in Heathrow. The hottest temperature ever recorded in the UK was at Faversham in Kent in August 2003, at a scorching 38.5C (101.3F). This August has been a lot cooler, obviously...

Could you manage the Chat website?

We are looking for a volunteer to manage the Chineham Chat website at chinehamchat.com and develop it. Phil Slater has been our webmaster for ten years and the website now holds information about Chineham and the magazine, an archive of magazine issues, and all our current advertisements. Phil is now looking to hand it on to someone who can take it forward from the static "computer-screen" website to a dynamic layout to improve accessibility from phones, tablets and other devices.

The Chat team are also keen to consider other ways in which our webspace could be developed and exploited for the benefit of the people of Chineham. The role currently involves about an hour each month to upload the latest magazine and refresh the advertisements; it also involves managing the team's chinehamchat.com email addresses. If this is something you could take on and develop, please contact us at editor@chinehamchat.com.

Jo Appleford-Cook

Home from Hospital Service

We are looking to start taking referrals from Andover War Memorial Hospital not just Basingstoke so we are looking for volunteers in the Test Valley area to give up some of their time to support our clients. Returning home from hospital can be a little daunting and having someone to lend a hand can help them regain their confidence and re-establish their routines. Supported by the Hospital Trust and funded by Royal Voluntary Service, Home from Hospital is a free service available to patients which offers support to help readjust at home.

As a volunteer you will visit at home and assist with such things as:

- Helping with shopping
- Picking up prescriptions
- Accompanying to social activities
- Providing information about other services
- Or even just having a cup of tea and a chat if that is what they need

The support lasts for 6-8 weeks and the emphasis is on regaining independence at home and in the community. If you would like to join our friendly team please contact: Tessa.Notman-Watt@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk or Colin.Eglin@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk, or 07919 880629/07500 811180.

Tessa Notman-Watt

Old Basing Tennis Club

There is nothing better than playing tennis outside when it is warm and sunny and this summer the weather has certainly played ball! Club nights are well attended and league matches are being played. We ran an American Tournament on the 8th July and managed to play all afternoon in the heat - the tea and cake afterwards were well deserved and enjoyed!

If you would like to join our club please get in touch with our Secretary Jan by emailing OBTC.Information@gmail.com - we would love to hear from you! On the 1st September we are holding our Summer Tournament Finals' Day followed by a BBQ; we welcome spectators, so please come and watch some great tennis. A date for your diary: the OBTC Annual Quiz will be held on **Saturday 10th November** in the Village Hall - full details next month.

Lynne Thomas, Chair.

BMAF 2019

A Flabby Tabby, a Sat Nav with a mind of its own, Dementia, a letter to Donald Trump, the excitement of Christmas Eve, 'I Hate Vegetables' and a short story called 'The Generation Game' all have one thing in common. They were category winners in the 2018 Basingstoke Music and Art Festival's (BMAF) Creative Writing Competition.

The 57th running of the annual writing competition launches in September with an entry closing date of **Monday 10th December**. Cups and trophies will be awarded to the winners at the Awards Ceremony on Sunday 17th March 2019 at Queen Mary's College. The competition is open to children (School Years 1 to 13) and adults alike. As well as the usual creative writing categories of Letters, Articles, Short Stories, Script Writing, Poetry and Sonnets, the 2019 syllabus sees the introduction of a new 'Flash Fiction' 500 words category. Flash Fiction is a relatively new form of writing and is perhaps best personified by the highly successful, Chris Evans inspired, BBC Radio Two 500 word writing challenge for children.

Launched in collaboration with Destination Basingstoke, the new category is open to adults as well as children. Entrants will need to produce an original 500 word fictional story. The added challenge, unique to the BMAF event, is that it should have a Basingstoke (or North Hampshire) setting. However, the real challenge in a work of such extreme brevity will be to ensure completeness in respect of both character and plot development and within the 500 words, to hint at a much larger back story.

Entries for all categories are welcomed

from writers and budding authors irrespective of where they live within the United Kingdom. The Creative Writing competition is no exception and unique in that ALL entrants receive adjudicator feedback as well as a personally signed certificate.

Full details can be viewed on the 2019 BMAF website (launches **1st Sep** www.basingstokemusicandarts.org.uk/). Alternatively, please contact the competition's Section Secretary, Tony Corbin, via email at: BMAFCW@kempshott.plus.com or leave a message on 07801 166223 to obtain a downloadable or printed copy of the Creative Writing Syllabus.

Tony Corbin

Basingstoke Lions Club

Sadly this month I have to report the death of Dalton Hopkins. He and his wife, Dianne, joined us in 2012. They were not new to Lionism as they had previously been Lions in South Africa. But it took them three visits to our business meetings to make up their minds that we were not quite as "off the wall" as our behaviour suggested. Once they got the message, they really got stuck in. Dalton took on the job of Chairman of Fundraising and subsequently Zone Chairman whilst Dianne became Secretary and then President.

Unfortunately, as is so often the case, you learn more about people when they've gone than you did when they were here. We did not know that Dalton was a practising Christian, that he used to ride a Harley Davidson, or that he was once a Kenny Rogers lookalike and impersonator. What we had seen were beautiful examples of his work as a glass sculptor (done before his illness made

the work too dangerous for him to continue), and his performance as Santa Claus which was very realistic - all in all, a talent gone too soon at the age of sixty-six. He will be sorely missed. Fortunately Dianne has family and friends to help her through this difficult time.

For the Club, it's back to the arduous business of fundraising to enable us to serve the needs of the community. Our first offering is Motown Music with Lou Taylor on **22 September** at the British Legion in Old Basing. Thereafter things have gone slightly pear shaped in the sense that our resident impresario has only just realized that he had mixed up our upcoming concert dates. The correct dates are, The Hampshire Police Band playing for us at QMC on **13th October** and The Caerphilly Male Voice Choir on **17th November**. Quiz Night at the Cliddesden Millennium Hall is still on **3rd November**. If any of these appeal, please get in touch with us via the website www.basingstokelions.org.uk or by contacting one of the organisers: tony.bamberger@hotmail.co.uk, mauricehockley@hotmail.com, jomolincoln@btinternet.com or philipjwilson@btinternet.com.

Thank you for your support. We look forward to seeing you.

Philip Wilson

Broken Relationship Support

Have you or someone you care about suffered a broken relationship? New Beginnings is a 6 week course aimed to help people come to terms with the past and find hope in the future, as they make a fresh start. Join us for a meal, confidential discussion and practical advice and let us help you in your journey forward. (£3 contribution towards food.)

When: October 3rd for 7–8 weeks, 7.30 –9.30pm

Where: The Sarum Hill Centre, Sarum Hill, RG21 8SR

To book onto this course email: jenny.shepperd@fastlegs.co.uk or text: 07766 397085

Jenny Shepperd

Dining in the Dark

Helping hands for the blind is hosting another dinner in the dark event on **Thursday 11th October**. Join us for a fundraising evening at the Holiday Inn hotel, Basingstoke. A unique sensory awareness experience that gives guests a first-hand glimpse into the lives of those who are completely blind, taking them on an unforgettable journey in the dark. Dining in the Dark is a one-of-a-kind concept that has been enjoyed by many people. It's a culinary encounter of heightened senses that has been experienced by many wanting a peek into an unfamiliar world.

Helping hands for the blind hosts Dining in the Dark event to raise awareness about the impact of retinal degenerative diseases and to generate funds for the charity. By challenging guests to navigate a meal without sight, the eye-opening experience shines light on the charity and the services that it offers to the local community.

Tickets are limited and include a two course meal and evening entertainment, Priced at £20.00 per person. If you would like to take part in this event with us then please contact us on: 01256 463966 or visit our website at www.helpinghandsfortheblind.org.uk/world-sight-day2018-dinner-dark.

David Chatten-Smith

County and Borough Councillor Elaine Still

I was invited by the Church wardens and the Parochial Church Council of Christ Church Chineham, to the Licensing Service of Rev'd Jonathan Clark and the dedication of Rev'd Michael Banfield on 31 July. This was a wonderful service attended by The Bishop of Basingstoke. It gave me great pleasure to attend and witness this amazing and uplifting service and I wish Jonathan all the very best in his new role here in Chineham.

On 8 July I attended Great Binfields Primary school celebration of their New Build. The new extension has provided new classrooms consisting of a music and drama room, offices, and support spaces, doubling the number of pupil places from 210 to 420. I was very impressed by the quality of the space provided and how well it has blended with the existing building. I thoroughly enjoyed my afternoon meeting the children and teachers.

The new County Council Assisted Living Scheme on Great Binfields Road is nearing completion. Only the landscaping of the grounds are left to finish. Hopefully we will soon get rain and cooler weather so the plants can be properly established without wilting in this extreme heat. The scheme will be known as Jellicoe Court and provides self contained 1 bedroom flats and supporting communal areas for adults 19-65 years of age with a learning disability. It is hoped the service users will start to move in gradually at the end of August.

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Borough Councillor Paul Miller

Our weather thus far has prompted a different growing pattern for our grasses and hedgerows and I have noticed that our usual problem in Chineham of overgrowing of footpaths in particular is evident. Your Parish Council and Borough Councillors will, as always, contact the BDBC Landscape team when we either observe or are alerted to excessive overgrowth. However, if any residents live with a boundary adjacent to these affected footpaths and are able to trim the worst or the growth back, it would assist the most vulnerable to these obstructions, and I am thinking of the more elderly and those with pushchairs especially, who have difficulty passing some hedgerows.

Those of us that were affected by the illegal invasion of travellers on to the Pettys Brook area some months ago, may be heartened by the following: 'Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council and Hampshire County Council have been granted an interim injunction from the High Court banning the setting up of unauthorised encampments in a large section of the borough. Basingstoke and Deane has become the first in the county and one of few nationally to be granted the interim injunction preventing unauthorised encampments being set up or items fly-tipped within an allocated boundary covering the urbanised area of Basingstoke town, as well as the outlying areas of Bramley and Silchester and a small parcel of land at Stratfield Turgis.'

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Linguatastic

International Translation Day is celebrated on 30th September and so in recognition of this day, we would like to share with you a few interesting translation-related anecdotes. As some readers may have read in The Independent, there was reason for embarrassment a few weeks ago when the British government “botched an attempt to translate its Brexit white paper into other languages”. Native speakers of these languages reported basic errors including the misspelling of Estonia and Finland in the Estonian and Finnish versions, unusual French inflections which presented Brexit as a moral good and the German version being branded “unreadable” because of the “archaic and needlessly complex” language used. One can read more on this cringe-worthy episode on The Independent’s website or listen to quite an amusing Radio 4 snippet which Linguatastic has published on its Facebook page, but in the meantime, here are some other examples of where translation has gone awry:

- On the door of a Moscow hotel room: If this is your first visit to the USSR, you are welcome to it.
- In a Copenhagen airline ticket office: We take your bags and send them in all directions.
- In a Budapest zoo: Please do not feed the animals. If you have any suitable food, give it to the guard on duty.
- In a Japanese information booklet about using the hotel air conditioner: If you want just condition of warm in your room, please control yourself.
- In an East African newspaper: A new swimming pool is rapidly taking shape since the contractors have thrown in the bulk of their workers.

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

Fiona Biermann

Chineham Conservation Group

2018-19 Woodland Working Season: help preserve your unique local nature reserves — as well as getting fresh air, exercise, new skills and firewood for free... We meet up 10.00-12.00 on the 2nd and 3rd Sunday mornings each month from September to March to manage these ancient woodlands for you and wildlife. For latest news and updates on where we are working, see our Facebook page and join us at a Copse and date that suits you.

9 Sept - Long Copse

16 Sept - Long Copse

14 Oct - Great Sorrells Copse

21 Oct - Great Sorrells Copse

11 Nov - Guinea Copse

18 Nov - Guinea Copse

9 Dec - TBA

16 Dec - TBA

(For Long Copse find us at the end of Great Oaks Chase, for Great Sorrells Copse find us at the Whitewood entrance), for Guinea Copse find us at Mongers Piece). All tools and thornproof gloves are provided. For more details about our woodland working or the many other ways you can help preserve our local wildlife do please get in touch with us—drop us an email to chinehamcg@gmail.com or check out our facebook page.

H Davies

Minister's Letter

Watch out: there's a new Vicar about...let me introduce myself. My name is Jonathan Clark, and I've just moved into Chineham with my wife Martha, to be the Lead Minister at Christ Church. Already in the few weeks we've been here, we've felt very welcomed, and are beginning to get involved in all that Chineham has to offer.

We recently re-watched the film Spectre, seeing what trouble James Bond could get into and out of this time. I won't spoil the plot, but in common with his other performances as Bond, Daniel Craig hardly ever looks like he's enjoying himself. Which is a shame, as surely saving the world should be at least a wee bit of fun? Perhaps after 24 filmed escapades over 50 years, Bond needs a new role?

I've been fortunate in having a change of career. For nearly 20 years I was happily working as a programmer and later systems engineer in the intelligence community. I expected to be doing that the rest of my working days, but God had other ideas. He called me away from that and into this new vocation to be a shepherd to God's people and to spread His good news in this generation. Starting a new role or job is something we look forward to, and we bring fresh energy to it. This helps as there is always much to learn, not least who everyone is, who's friends and relations of whom. Like most roles, though, it will have difficult and demanding periods as well as joyous days. What are those demands for you? Minding toddlers through temper tantrums? Tedious commuting? Dealing with upset customers? Caring for relatives with dementia? Escaping from Spectre's Blofeld yet again?

For the Christian person these demands

come just the same. But our attitude can be different. Christians are by nature worshippers: honouring and giving worth to the God who Himself suffered rejection and death. As we worship our focus shifts away from ourselves and our troubles to God and to others. This worship isn't confined to holy places or religious buildings. The good news is that God is just as available in the car, the nursery and amongst the supermarket shelves. There's more good news too: part of our worship can be offering our work, whatever it is, to God. And as we do so, our work takes on a divine purpose. "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." (1 Corinthians 10:31).

What if in the next Bond movie, 007 could be consciously honouring God as he defeats terrorism? Perhaps then he would smile a little, or even have some job satisfaction? Fanciful perhaps, but I for one would enjoy it more.

We both look forward to getting to know lots of you in the village, and sharing in the highs and lows of life together. We live at 1 Hartswood, and you'll sooner or later see us out and about jogging or walking dogs.

Jonathan Clark

Christ Church Activities

Sunday services: 9am and 10.30am—no charge, all welcome! The 9am service tends to be quieter and more reflective; we have a music band with drums and guitars at the 10.30am services when we also have groups for children and young people of all ages from babies to 18+. Our sermons are recorded and are available along with the sermon text at www.christchurchchineham.org.uk.

Daytime Holy Communion: Tues 25 at

11.00am.

Luncheon Club: Tuesday 25 at 12.00pm. The cost is £3; tickets are available by contacting Jan Markey on 01256 356829. If you have any special dietary requirements please let us know. Call if you would like a lift as we may be able to arrange this. You are welcome to come to either or both of the above.

Prayer: is there something you would like prayer for? Do let us know—contact details below. If you would like to come and pray you are most welcome: our Prayer Room is open whenever the building is open. Drop in to sit and pray in silence, or we can arrange for someone to pray with you. We meet weekly to pray on alternate Sunday and Monday evenings; you would be welcome to join us (please contact the office for details).

Coffee and Co: Mondays, 9.30-11.30am. Term time only, first one Mon 3 Sept. Home-made cakes, freshly brewed coffee, plus lots of toys for babies and tots.

Swap Shop: Mon 3 Sept and generally the first Monday of every month. We have a wide range of pre-loved children's items, including clothing, books and toys. No charge but any donations made go to Sebastian's Action Trust.

123 Matinee Group: Tues 11 Sept, 1-3pm. This social/support group is aimed at "older friends" although everyone is welcome; no charge. You will find a warm welcome, plenty of people to chat with, refreshments and a range of activities. If you are interested in coming along and/or helping you would be most welcome.

Women's Breakfast: Sat 15 Sept, 8:45am. Our speaker will be Mary Boys who will be presenting an information session for Dementia Friends. Mary will give an insight into what dementia is and how it affects

everyone differently. Mary will give examples of how carers and family can help to make a difference to their loved one, and will draw on her own experiences of caring for her mother and her uncle. A delicious continental breakfast is provided. No charge but donations welcome for Dementia Friends. Contact the office on 01256 474280 if you would like to attend.

CCBBies: Thursdays, 9.30–11.15am. This group is for pre-school children and their parents/grandparents/carers for free play, refreshments, games, stories from the Bible and songs. Each week there is a craft for the children to take home. No charge although we do ask for a contribution towards the cost of refreshments. All enquiries to Katy Lowe c/o the church office.

Messy Church: Mon 10 Sept. A time of creativity, worship and food! We enjoy fun activities and share a meal. 3.45–5.45pm, carers must stay with their children.

Kids' Club: no firm details at time of going to press, please contact church for details.

C3Y: no firm details at time of going to press, please contact church for details.

Shoebbox Filling: Mon 1st Oct. This is a fun afternoon as we prepare 300 boxes for our annual Christmas appeal – they are sent to Eastern European countries for children who may not otherwise receive any presents. If you would like to join us for an hour or two from 12.15pm, please contact the church on 01256 474280 to let us know. Tea and cake is provided.

Charity collections: we continue to collect stamps (new and used), postcards, spectacles, socks, tools, tins and packets of food, and tops from supermarket milk bottles for various charities. We also collect most items of men's clothing for the Camrose Centre for the homeless.

Room hire: rooms are available to hire either on a one-off or regular basis. Contact us for details or look on www.christchurchchineham.org.uk. Prices start at £8.50/h (Community Rate) which includes use of the kitchen/snack bar where tea, coffee, sugar and squash are provided.

Further information: if you would like to know anything about Christ Church please contact Gill on 01256 474280/ office@christchurchchineham.org.uk or drop in to the office (open Mon to Fri 9.30am–2.30pm). Information available at www.christchurchchineham.org.uk, Facebook (www.facebook.com/christchurchchineham) and follow us on Twitter @ccChineham.

Gill Godfrey

Probus Club

As usual at this time of year the annual Summer Pub Lunch of the Probus Club of Basingstoke took place. On this occasion it was at The Poacher Inn in South Warnborough situated on the Alton road south of Odiham. The incoming president, recently appointed Chris Perkins MVO, of Kempshott, selected the hostelry trying not to replicate past venues.

This is an attractive and welcoming pub with a good menu of pub food on offer and the party of thirty six consisting of members and their spouses/partners enjoyed their time together. The Poachers, being close to RAF Odiham meant that Chris, who had served there for twenty two years, was familiar with this establishment and confident that the licensee would be able to cope with such numbers arriving on their doorstep. He was not wrong. It was a splendid choice and the range of food and drinks on offer were of high quality and competitively

priced.

Now in its fortieth year, the Probus Club of Basingstoke has a full programme of activities with monthly speaker lunches for members, who are all retired professional and business managers, together with a variety of social outings that always involve the ladies. Prospective members can find more information on the club's web site at www.probusbasingstoke.wordpress.com or phone their secretary, Paul Flint, on 07770 886521 for an informal chat.

Paul Flint

NWR

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

We will be having our usual lunch and this month our reading group will be discussing *The Keeper of Lost Things* by Ruth Hogan. We welcome new members, so if you are looking to make new friends and to enjoy some lively conversation do come along to meet us. We are very social and meet in the afternoon in each others'

homes on the first Monday of the month as well as cinema and theatre trips and any other activity that has enough support. We also have a regular Lunch Club and a Reading Group who meet in the evening every fourth Thursday. For more information about NWR do look at the website: nwr.org.uk, or to find out about our group come along to any of our meetings (to check us out with no obligation to join). Please contact E v e l y n J o n e s o n evelyncjjones@hotmail.co.uk or 01256 816636.

Diane Hope

Down Grange Football Club

This upcoming season Down Grange will have a new Ladies team playing in the Hampshire County Football League Division One. We also have an under 18s girls team playing in the Hampshire County Youth League. We are looking to expand both our squads. Would you like to get back into playing football or looking for a new team? Are you a young player who is looking to develop? Down Grange Football Club also has a variety of younger teams for any girls under the age of 16 who would like to play.

If you are interested please come along to one of our training sessions, which are held on Wednesday evenings at Down Grange, Pack Lane, Basingstoke RG22 5SN (by the hockey field) from 7-8.30pm. Please contact Ben (Ladies Manager) on 07519 845292 or Garry (U18s Manager) on 07776 366602 to find out more. Alternatively you can email downgrangeladiesfc@gmail.com.

C May

Chineham Parish Council

Chineham Allotments: The Parish Council's Recreation Committee judged the "2018 Best Allotment" category at the beginning of July. We would like to congratulate the Hannington family who were this year's winners. They were presented with the trophy at the Chineham Allotment Team BBQ by the Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr. David Thornton.

Defibrillator: Some residents may have heard about a new initiative by the British Heart Foundation and the NHS to create a National Defibrillator Network. This is a co-ordinated strategy to ensure that these life-saving devices are readily available. Back in 2014, the Parish Council arranged for the installation of a publicly accessible defibrillator on an external wall at the Village Hall close to the Community Rooms. In the event that the equipment is required, the Operator will inform the 999 caller of the location of the equipment and the access code. The next time you're passing or using the Village Hall please take a look so that you are aware of its location just in case you're ever directed to use it by the emergency services.

The next Chineham Parish Council meeting is to be held on **10 September** at 7.45pm in the Community Rooms at the Chineham Village Hall. If there is a Chineham issue you are concerned about, please feel free to contact the Clerk, Sally Jackson on 01256 474500 or email clerk@chineham.gov.uk or the Assistant Clerk, Julia Johnston on 01256 3 2 4 3 4 5 or email assistantclerk@chineham.gov.uk during office hours only please. The Parish Council website can be found at www.chineham.gov.uk.

Sally Jackson

Civil Service Retirement Fellowship

There were 50 members at the meeting held on 1st August who after enjoying the usual tea, coffee and biscuits were welcomed by David Cowling, the Chairman. Tony Brazier, the Secretary, asked that everyone return to him their form with preferences for the trips to be arranged next year and he then gave a reminder of the Mystery Trip on Thursday 18th October for which there were only a few seats left. Besides a tour of the beautiful English countryside the cost of £38 includes morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea.

The speaker this month was Mel Rees whose talk was titled "My Family and Other Meerkats" in which he gave an amusing history of his family from the 1930s when his parents owned a newsagents in Battersea. The Meerkats part of the title came from the attitude his mother would adopt when either disapproving of something (usually that Mel had done) or boasting about someone else in the family (usually not Mel). His anecdotes also strayed into his personal observations on modern life, linked with the absurd, the over-stated and the self-delusions of those who control our everyday lives and the fortunes of Aldershot Football Club. These thoughts and more are also contained in his books written in the pen name Anthony Mann and published by his own company the Trouser Press with the latest, *In Bed with A Mann*, available now.

At our AGM this year Claire Eastick, a Consultant Nurse in Frailty from Southern Health, gave a presentation

on Frailty Awareness and gave us information about the new "RED BAG" initiative in the area whereby when a care home resident is admitted to hospital all their details, medication and belongings are kept together in the bag. We said that we would fund one of these which has now been delivered and issued to a local home.

The next meeting is on **5th September** when the speaker will be Eric Marsh on Victorian Sports. The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at Brookvale Village Hall from 10am to 12 noon and all retired Civil Servants and their partners are welcome. Details can be obtained from Tony Brazier on 07715 640171 and for information about our trips please contact Kate Lambeth on 01256 328791.

David Cowling

Old Basing Tennis Club

As a Londoner, now residing in Chineham, who used to commute 24 miles a day on the capital's roads, I am staggered at the number of adults that cycle on the pavements in Chineham. Not only is it illegal (unless you're 4 years old), it is dangerous and disrespectful to pedestrians who the pavement is meant for.

There are some shared pedestrian/cycling paths, but even on those many adults refuse to slow down as they fly past people on foot who may be walking dogs or pushing prams and/or escorting children. Our roads are not busy, and there is no reason why cyclists shouldn't use them. If you can't hack it, then I suggest you walk or get the bus.

M Thompson

Basingstoke Discovery Centre

September events:

Basingstoke Camera Club Exhibition, 1st-15th, free. A diverse range of photographs will be displayed, all taken by members of the Basingstoke Camera Club. Make sure you drop by to see some exciting images.

Hidden Basingstoke Walk, Tues 25th, 10.30am, £5. Back by popular demand, Phil Howe and John Hopkins from Hidden Britain Tours will lead you on a walk through the town to explore parts that are often overlooked. Meet at the Discovery Centre Information Desk (dress for the weather).

Green Week, 22nd–29th, free Love Food, Hate Waste: pick up some useful freebies to help reduce your waste at home. Upcycled Clothes Display– students at BCoT have created some fashionable pieces made from unloved old clothing. Come and admire their handiwork and pick up ideas.

Before the Flood – Educational Film, Wed 26th, 2-4pm, free. The film, presented by National Geographic, presents a riveting account of the dramatic changes now occurring around the world due to climate change, as well as the actions we as individuals and as a society can take to prevent the disruption of life on our planet.

Clothes Upcycling, Sat 29th, 10am–12pm, £5. Don't throw away your old clothing – upcycle it into something more stylish and wearable. Join Sarah Pinnell to learn techniques and get ideas for your upcycling clothes projects.

Recycled Plastic Art, Sat 29th, 10am–12pm, free. Drop-in session. This activity for all the family will involve making a bunch of flowers completely out of recycled material, yours to take home!

Biodiversity Gameshow, Sat 29th, 2–3pm, free. Biodiversity is critical to human

wellbeing. Come along to this informative, fun and interactive talk and play 'Biodiversity Blockbusters' to learn about biodiversity loss, the threats species face and what can be done to protect nature. With Tony Curran – no need to book, get here early to ensure a place.

Miniprofessors, Mon 10th Sept–Mon 10th Dec (not Mon 22nd Oct), 9.40am (ages 2-3), 10.40am (ages 3-4), 11.40am (ages 3-4), 13-week course, £84.50. Thur 13th Sep–Thur 13th Dec (not Thur 25th Oct), 9.40am (ages 3-4), 10.40am (ages 2-3), 13-week course, £84.50. These 40-minute classes are especially tailored for young scientists aged 2–4 years old. Experiments, singing, stories, interactive – come along and nurture a lifelong passion for science

Children's Craft: Sat 15, 10am-12pm, free, ages 3+. Celebrate the last day of the Summer Reading Challenge with crafts and activities!

Scott Hyde

Family Fun Day

A Family Fun Day will be held on **Sunday, 23 September** 11am - 4pm, at Sherfield School, Sherfield on Loddon, RG27 0HU. With free entry for all, this will be a celebration of school talent and community spirit! Attractions include: live music, beer tent, stage performances, fair rides, tug of war, shopping stalls, ice cream, fudge, donkey rides, reptile ranch, traditional fete stalls, BBQ, cake stall, candyfloss and inflatables.

This academic year we are supporting Charlie Waller Memorial Trust, a charity that focuses on depression and helping to identify it and manage it for both adults and children,

M Baker

Dummer Fair

The Dummer Fair is back and better than ever and this year it's all in aid of Treloar's! The Dummer Fair has been a firm favourite in many diaries for nearly a quarter of a century, being one of the most successful charity fairs in Hampshire, and is again being held in aid of Treloar School and College.

This year's Fair will be on **Wednesday 10th** and **Thursday 11th October** at Dummer Cricket Centre. The preview evening on the 10th will start slightly early than previously at 5:30pm and run until 9pm, and guests will receive complimentary wine upon arrival. The Fair will then be open from 9:30-3.30pm on the Thursday, with the café open for light lunches and coffees.

There are 96 stalls confirmed, with 58 of them new to the Fair this year. The stalls range from crafts and food to clothing and gifts so there are sure to be plenty of items to tempt you as early Christmas gifts or just to treat yourself! A full list of all the confirmed stalls is available on our website (www.dummerfair.org.uk), and we are very proud to be supporting so many local and independent business at this year's Fair.

Every purchase made at the Fair will go to directly helping Treloar's. Treloar's is a charity based in Alton for children and young people with complex physical disabilities aged between two and 25 years old from all across the UK. The School and College provide education, care, therapy and vital independence training to enable the students to have a brighter, more independent future. Entrance to the

Fair is £10 per person on Wednesday (includes complimentary wine) and £8 per person on Thursday. Parking on site is free and plentiful.

For more information about the Fair, location or stalls please visit www.dummerfair.org.uk. You can also follow us on Facebook (/dummerfair), Twitter (@dummer_fair) and Instagram (dummerfair) for all the latest news and pictures.

C Kercher

The Addams Family

BAOS Limelight are delighted to have been awarded the license to perform The Addams Family at Everest Community Academy in October half term 2018. Among the group, aged between 12 and 18, are Jess Hamilton and Charlotte Schooling who are both from Chineham. BAOS Limelight welcomes back experienced young Director, Nick Brannam and with Simon Eastwood retaining the baton as Musical Director, this is guaranteed to be an energetic and entertaining production.

The Addams Family will be on stage at Everest Community Academy, Basingstoke from **Thursday 25th to Saturday 27th October**. Tickets are priced at £15 for adults and £12 for concessions including college students. Family tickets cost £50 and are available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/baos. For more information and group bookings please contact baoslimelight@yahoo.co.uk.

W Blackall

Ramblers Association

The North Hampshire Downs Ramblers group is part of the Ramblers Association. We walk mostly in Hampshire and the surrounding countryside. In the last few months our group has enjoyed both walks and social activities, including our regular away trip and summer picnic.

The group walk on both Tuesday, Saturday and have just recently started a Thursday walk which is sometimes a bit shorter for those who do not want to walk the longer distances. In the summer this can take the form of a short evening walk and pub stop. The walks cover areas in and around Basingstoke as well as sometimes going further afield. We have had some lovely spring and summer walks, enjoying the changing landscapes and of course trying to avoid the worst of the hot weather.

On our Tuesday morning walks, which are typically 6-7 miles, we continue to attract many walkers. We have recently walked around Titchbourne, Hartley Wintney and our annual summer picnic was held in Brown Candover, where we did a 3-mile walk followed by a shared picnic in the Candover Valley Club afterwards. We usually end up with an end of walk pub stop, to give people time for a catch up. Our Saturday walks tend to be longer, with fewer walkers, and can sometimes take most of the day. This last quarter our walks have included walking around Christchurch and Hengistbury Head, an annual favourite, as well as around Lower Wield, a coastal walk around Southsea and a walk around Winchester. Our Thursday walks have included evening

walks around Sherborne St John, Englefield and a 4-mile day time walk around Tadley Common.

The Away trip this June was 4 days in Eastbourne where walks were arranged over the 4 days. The group had a great time and walked near Battle, Beachy Head and the Seven Sisters. As well as the walks, the group also enjoys social activities, this includes an Annual Summer Picnic, boys' lunches, and ladies' walks and lunches, and the group occasionally organise weekends and days away. The group have an active path patrol group, who report problems to the local council and also do some work on the paths, which can be as varied as checking waymarking and replacing waymarking discs, minor clearing or even repairing stiles and gates. To date this group has replaced 20 plus gates in conjunction with the local council. The latest task was installing a sleeper bridge on Hartley Wespall footpath 3.

If you are interested in finding out more about the North Hampshire Downs group, there is more information on our website: www.northhampshiredownsrabblers.org.uk. If you are new to walking and want to give us a try, or already walk, you would be given a very warm welcome by the group. We hope to see you soon! If you are interested in joining the Ramblers we suggest you come along for a couple of walks with the group first to get a taster. Membership details are available from the Ramblers' national website: www.ramblers.org.uk.

M Sharp

News from the Beat

Hello Chineham, I am glad to be writing to you again for the second time running. As discussed last time I am hoping to continue this after a recent 'dry-spell'.

I am glad to report that the low crime trend is continuing, in the last month we have had 91 reports – 28 of which were recorded crime. The other 63 were information messages, risk management reports, missing persons or anti-social behaviour (which is also low at the moment). With the summer holidays here there are more people out and about during the day, but also more people on holiday and the general mood in Chineham seems to be one of general relaxation! Please let me know though if I am wrong.

As such there isn't a great deal to report, as usual though the 'issue of the day' is vehicle crime. However since the last Chineham Chat Basingstoke Police are glad to say that a man has been arrested and remanded in custody! I love watching Police Interceptors, but they can often paint an unrealistic image of policing powers. Getting a suspect remanded is difficult, so good work to all officers involved especially PC Brindley. Please continue to be vigilant. As an extra, Hampshire Police are conducting a county-wide campaign to utilise the community to help detect and prevent domestic incidents. If you hear or see anything which you believe may be domestic related please call the Police immediately.

Other issues on the beat including the use of the Chineham 'MUGA' near Tesco's. Unfortunately most of the issues happen outside of the working hours of Neighbourhood Policing and

therefore it can be difficult to get a response. Please do continue to call 101 though no matter what time and an officer will attend if possible. We have many partners too including the council that will need to know what is happening so they can put strategies into place to help problem solve ongoing issues.

In relation to ongoing partnership working, the Community Speedwatch Volunteers will be out in force again. They do a fantastic job in helping to keep the roads safe. PCSO Green has supported this by proactively dealing with driving offenders including a male who had an unrestrained young child in the front seat of his vehicle and two young women on who were driving while using their mobile phone. It amazes us how people still fail to understand the risks of such activity! Speedwatch is one of our longest-partnership working and both PCSOs on the beat spend an equal time with all schemes across the whole beat area (which includes Old Basing and Lychpit). Both PCSOs spend much more time on their bikes in the Chineham area than most other staff and therefore consider to be in the privileged position to engage more with the community and its volunteers. If you wish to discuss anything with us or have any questions, you will likely find us around on the beat or, failing that, you can email us and we will get back to you ASAP.

We hope to see you out and about soon. As always, call 101 or email us if you have any questions or comments. Always call 999 in an emergency.

Basingstoke East Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Korfball Club

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

Looking to try something new? We are always looking for new members to join! Basingstoke Bulls Korfball Club are open to men and women over the age of 18. We train every Wednesday at Everest Community Academy (RG24 9UP) from 8-9.30pm. Korfball is a great way to keep fit in a light hearted environment. The sport is easy to pick up and we welcome players of all abilities. The first 3 sessions are free! We look forward to welcoming you at one of our sessions. For more information please get in contact via email: info@basingstokekorfball.co.uk or find us on Facebook and Instagram: @basingstokebulls.

E Percy

The Bootleg Shadows

We are 'The Bootleg Shadows', one of the UK's premiere 60s tribute bands. The Bootleg Shadows have been entertaining audiences in theatres around the UK with their celebration of the great music of The Shadows and

Cliff Richard for over 10 years. You can expect to hear all of the hits, from Apache in 1960 up to Riders in the Sky in 1980 and everything in between! We also sometimes throw in a few 'wild cards' so you may hear some Beatles or some Duane Eddy or The Tornados' Telstar or even Fleetwood Mac's Albatross.

Firstly, above all, expect a really great night out. The concert is really a show, which of course encompasses the fantastic music of The Shadows and Cliff, but also contains a lot of laughs along the way – audiences always leave with big smiles on their faces. Secondly, the attention to detail in performing the music is second to none. Period correct instruments and amplifiers are used to re-create that great sound of the 60s coupled with the 'look' of the Shadows and their trademark synchronized dance steps, to create a spectacular show for all fans of 60s music to enjoy. We do not attempt to be look-alikes per se, but we are sound-alikes and the feedback we get from our audiences is fantastic.

The band have met with the 'real' Shadows on a number of occasions, including headlining at the International Cliff and the Shadows convention in Holland in front of Bruce Welch & Brian 'Licorice' Locking!

Our website (www.bootlegshadows.co.uk) provides further information on the band, along with audio clips from our live CD and audience feedback. We also have a YouTube Channel featuring videos taken of past performances, so you can see the band in action (<http://uk.youtube.com/user/bootlegshadow>).

Keith Smith