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Petty's Brook Bridge.. Photograph by Peter Malcolm.

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This September my eldest son will start infant school. Maternal hand-wringing aside (how DO they grow up so fast?), I know how very lucky we are to have such great schools in our area. Four Lanes Infant School and Great Binfields Primary are our main catchment area schools, ranked as outstanding and good respectively by Ofsted—an embarrassment of riches indeed!

There are of course many under-appreciated professions, and I don't have room here to list and give thanks to all of them, but I am certainly feeling a lot of gratitude for our hard-working teachers (and associated professions). I am privileged to know a few teachers both via my family and as friends in the local area and the vast majority are dedicated, conscientious and caring individuals who work tirelessly for the children in their schools. Hours of overtime are far from uncommon, and yet the main joke remains their generous holiday allocation! From what I have seen, they tend to work through half of those holidays… So thank you teachers of old and young alike, and as you head back into work for the new school year I hope you have managed a restful break. You deserve it.

Jo Appleford-Cook

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Chineham Village Club

September entertainment events in the club are as follows:

Monday 4th: cash bingo in the lounge bar at 8.00pm.

Thursday 21st: Senior citizens' bingo and lunch. 1.00pm in the lounge bar.

John Prince

Chineham Village Hall

In September we welcome back our regular children's activities to the halls, as the school holidays come to an end. There is also a great choice of activities for adults in the halls, ranging from Zumba, Pilates, Yoga and Aerobics, to Ballroom Dancing, the Craft Circle, Slimming World and Weight Watchers. Details for these are listed below and on the Calendar of Events on our website, www.chinehamvillagehall.co.uk.

Main Hall

Monday: Gym Minis, 9.30–11.30am, Shelley 07769 916299; Pilates, 12-1pm, Pam pamsteele@idnet.com; David Smith Dance, check www.davidsmithdance.com for further details/timings or contact David on 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: Yoga, 10.15–11.45am, Maria 07771 921185; 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 commencing at 9.30am, 11.30am, 5.30pm and 7.30pm, Faith 07966 933994.

Friday: Caterpillar Music, 9.30–11.30am, Jasmin 07952 935021; Lynden School of Dance, 3.45-6pm, Lyndendance@aol.com; David Smith Dance, www.davidsmithdance.com, 07791 749163.

Sunday: Karate, 6.30-8pm, Sam 07919 338556; David Smith Dance, www.davidsmithdance.com, 07791 749163.

Community Rooms

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

Tuesday: Music with Mummy, 10am–12.30pm, Cathy 07766 931170; Yoga, 7-8pm, Chris 07712 427428.

Wednesday: Yoga, 7.15–8.30pm, Maria 07771 921185.

Thursday: Talking Tots, 2-3pm; 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/meeting please contact our booking line on 07935 328172, email chinehamvillagehall@gmail.com or complete an enquiry form/check availability at www.chinehamvillagehall.co.uk.

Lynne Hughes

Chineham Library

We hope that you have had an enjoyable summer, even if the weather hasn't always been kind! The library staff are hopefully ready to face the autumn with renewed enthusiasm. In September we are having another evening talk, from crime writer Angela Buckley whose topic is Reading Gaol. The talk commences at 7.30pm and tickets (£3.75) can be obtained through the library. In October we are holding two Learning in Libraries

sessions; 'Simple skills that save lives' on **9th** and 'Sewing for wellness' on **9th** and **16th**. Please contact the Library for details and to reserve places.

In addition to these extra events, our normal events all return. The CHIPPS group meets on **13th Sep** and **11th Oct** and the Crime Reading Group on **16th Sep** and **14th Oct**. Age Concern will resume their Wed morning sessions, to book please contact them on 01256 423874. For details of the Colour and Create adult colouring group please contact the library.

All the children's activities continue as usual. Tuesdays there are the Rhymetime sessions, with under ones at 10am and over ones at 11am. Storytimes will take place every Saturday in Sep from 10am and then revert to all Saturdays except the first in October when the craft sessions return. Construction Club for children to have fun with Lego continues weekly Saturdays 2–3.30pm. The Chatterbooks Club for primary school age children to enjoy books and crafts meets on **14th Sep** and **12th Oct**, from 3.30-4.30pm. There will be some further Coding Club sessions, please contact the library for details and to reserve places (for age 9–11). The Animal Agents Summer Reading Challenge has been going very well to date. Numbers have exceeded last year's totals and the Wednesday craft sessions proved very popular. The Challenge finishes on **16th Sep**, so please encourage your children to complete their reading and collect their medals and certificates.

It would be lovely to see some new faces at some of these activities, as well as the regulars. As usual, please follow us on social media for the most up-to-date info.

Cathy Foster

Chineham WI

I am delighted to report that all the craft tables are taken for our Christmas Craft Fair at Chineham Village Hall on Saturday, 18th November 2017, 11 am until 3 pm. Please put the date in your diary now if you are looking for inspirational Christmas gifts. There will be a varied selection of local crafters, some returning from last year and some new. All chosen for their quality of craftsmanship and value for money. There's something for everyone on your list, whether you are looking for a unique gift, or the hand-crafted packaging to make the gift you've already chosen even more special. And when you've crossed the last person off your list, you can celebrate by taking home some homemade cakes baked by members of Chineham WI! Entry and parking is free and you'll be supporting local businesses and charity. What's not to like?

There is a lot of planning required to organise our annual programme of events but next year will be extra busy because it is the centenary of the Hampshire Federation. There are special events around the county to celebrate, which makes it an excellent time to join the WI!

Speaking of celebrations, in September Chineham WI celebrate our 8th birthday with a demonstration of candle making and we've invited members from other WIs around Basingstoke to come and join the party. It's a great opportunity to socialise with members from local WIs. If you'd like to meet a warm and lively group of local ladies, please accept my invitation to come along and join our birthday party on **Mon 25th Sep** in The Shaftesbury Room, Christ Church, Reading Road at 7:30 pm. We look forward to meeting you.

Pam Malcolm

Scottish Country Dancing

Why not try Scottish Country Dancing as a means of getting fitter, reducing your stress levels and boosting your social life? It's so easy to get started with your local club: Hook Scottish Country Dance Club. For beginners and experienced dancers, Thursdays 7:30pm to 9:30 pm - September to June, Newnham Club Room, Newnham Road, Newnham, RG27 9AE.

We are a small enthusiastic group of dancers who want to pass on our love of Scottish Country Dancing. So if you have ever been to a ceilidh, danced the Gay Gordons, the Canadian Barn Dance or the Dashing White Sergeant, or are just looking for something to get you away from the TV for an evening, this is your chance to try Scottish Country Dancing.

Thursday 7th September is the first evening of the new season of Scottish Dancing at the Newnham Club Room. We invite beginners to come along for a free introductory session of Scottish Dancing. There will be experienced dancers to help you with the steps and formations; and to explain some of the terms that we routinely use. Experienced dancers are also included in the invitation. All are welcome.

Contact us through our website to book your place. Dress is informal; you don't need to bring a partner, just some flexible soled, flat shoes for dancing.

Valerie Gardner
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Distributor Still Needed

At the current time, the Chat is still in need of a Distribution Coordinator to replace our outgoing committee member. We have had several people contact us as potentially interested, but be unable to take on the role as some lifting of the boxes of copies of the Chat is involved.

We are now facing a difficult situation. Without a Coordinator, the Chat may close. It really may come to that! We are a team of volunteers, and we cannot cover the role with our existing team. So if you are interested but have been holding back, now is the time to step forward.

Your Chineham Chat Needs YOU.

Jo Appleford-Cook

Local Boy Incidents

Did your child go to Fort Hill Community School (which I understand has now closed apart from year 11)? I recently saw a young teenage boy wearing that school's uniform making obscene gestures at passing cars close to the skate park. When I stopped to talk to him he denied his behaviour. I have since seen the same boy riding his bike in the middle on the road towards oncoming traffic near to the shops at Guinea Court. His behaviour is inappropriate and also I am concerned for his safety. If you are one of his parents perhaps you could have a word with him? I have reported him to his school; if I see him misbehaving again I will report this to the police.

Name supplied

All Saints Church

If you leave the Top of Town from Market Place, go up the side of McDonalds and across the car parks, you will walk past a large rather special building – All Saints' Church. Special, because this church was built, during World War 1. By September 1917, the large stones, hauled up from the station, would be in place. The last tiles might have been going onto the roof. Much of the work would now be inside the new, imposing building as the stone church built to replace the iron church, came close to being finished. Many people have some family memories of this church, dedicated on September 27th 1917. People have been baptised, married and been to a funeral there over the last century. Two years ago, we held an open day of memories of those years and to welcome visitors who told their own stories of coming to the church. Some remembered Sunday Schools and children being bussed in from Black Dam; others told of coming with St John's school for Christmas and Easter services; still others talked about the lunch club or being part of a Carnival float.

This September we shall be celebrating the centenary of the dedication of the church, and focusing particularly on the journey of faith of the church, those who have been part of it and those who have come to the church for special occasions, both sad and happy. As we give thanks for what has been, we shall also look to the next hundred years.

The church was dedicated at a time of huge anxiety and uncertainty in our country's history, and so was always a sign of hope and faith in the future, particularly God's future. We hope to be able to keep the church open for much of the weeks before and after the 24th September, but on **Saturday 23rd** there will be an exhibition of flowers, memories and inspiration based on the faith journey of the church and what has inspired us. Do you remember your child's christening? Or your wedding? Is music what helps you to feel you are in God's presence, or is it art, or the stillness of a quiet church? Bells will be ringing most of that day so you will be reminded! Check details of our centenary open times and events on our website www.allsaintsbasingstoke.org.uk.

Philippa Jones

Local Author Published

Sue Parkinson is a first time children's author. Writing under her maiden name of Sue Lawrence, she has created "Harry, A Cat's Tale". The book is aimed at younger children and follows Harry on his adventures as he drifts into sleep; he meets some interesting new friends and ends up in some funny situations. The mother-of-one from Sherfield on Loddon was inspired by her 16 year old cat Harry, and aims to teach children about socialisation and interacting in new situations. Sue has a few more stories written featuring other animals that she hopes to release sometime in the future, but her first book is currently selling on Amazon and Waterstones and via Austin Macauley Publishers. There is also a Facebook page for fans to follow at www.facebook.com HarryACatsTaleOfficalpage.

Sue Parkinson

Nature Notes

Oh dear, it looks as if the country lore about St. Swithin's Day (15th July) could be correct after all. "St. Swithin's Day, if thou dost rain, For forty days it will remain." There was a sprinkling of rain in the morning, followed by two fine days before the heavens opened and continued ever since. The farmers must be very worried. Usually I can do a butterfly count in July, but so far, all I have managed were the odd meadow brown, gatekeeper (also known as hedge brown) and the comma. These were spotted on the numerous buddleia bushes in my garden, in between the showers. I have been dead-heading furiously and to allow the butterflies more of a chance, I included those bushes at the top of Mattock Way.

There is a wild flower called Linaria you may have seen growing around Chineham. This pretty plant with small pale purple or pink flowers, rather like snapdragons on stems reaching several feet in height, has invaded my garden. I am not bothered because it has provided food for lots of long-tongued bees. Bees die if unable to leave the hives in the rain, but may collect enough pollen from these on a short flight between showers. I shall collect seed to plant on the bund in Reading Road, where it is hoped a wild flower meadow will form. Malcolm Bottrill called it purple toadflax in his book, but I have always known it by the Latin name. Anyway, I shall plant it along with toadflax, which is yellow.

The rain has luckily kept the wasps at bay, but I hope that children will not be frightened by the hover flies that look similar to them, although smaller and less noisy. There was even a hover fly that looked like a bumble bee (Volucella bombylans) that had me puzzled. Evidently there are about 250 different species, so apart from that one, I shall call them hover flies. They, like wasps, have that yellow and black camouflage to prevent birds from eating them.

Hazel spotted a pair of marsh tits in her garden which then appeared in mine, but after a brief meal, they flew away. I saw them last year so we hope they will return. Despite the name, they live in deciduous woods and visit gardens. Bob informed me three or four red kites appear to be frequently flying over his house, so it looks as if they are settling in this area. It's peaceful in the garden as the magpies have gone (for good, I hope).

Mary Ann told me that whilst the family were in their garden, a large hedgehog wandered in, climbed up the steps and went through the hedge. It happened too quickly for them to photograph it! I have asked her if she will leave food and watch out for any droppings. Unfortunately, I saw a squashed hedgehog on Mattock Way near Woodville Lane on 6th August.

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Linguatastic

In many ways, the world today is becoming smaller. Cheaper flights, the internet, mobile phones to name but a few technologies, have contributed to giving us more opportunities than ever to learn about other cultures and languages. Naively though, some people do not see the point in learning another language. They think that speaking English is enough. Putting aside the wider cultural benefits of learning other languages, English

alone is, however, no longer enough to, for example, tap into the global market. A survey of 1,000 UK graduates conducted by Telefonica Digital, a communications provider, a few years ago, revealed that 14% of applicants lost out on a job in the digital sector because they did not speak another language.

So, as it's September and the 26th of this month is European Day of Languages, let's take a moment to recognise how rich Europe is in languages. There are over 200 European languages and many more spoken by citizens whose family origin is from other continents. This is an important resource to be recognised, used and cherished.

Fiona Biermann

Chineham Conservation Group

Not only has this been a great summer weatherwise but a fantastic wild flower seed year. Each year a team of volunteers from across the nature conservation groups of Basingstoke (including Chineham) collect the seed of up to 76 species of wild flower for use in reseeding and enriching the biodiversity of parks and nature reserves in Basingstoke. The seed is collected and dried from July to September from particularly rich wildflower sites and is then used in reseeding projects in October and November.

In Tollhouse Meadow we are at the beginning of an enrichment programme which will continue for several years with changes to mowing regimes in association with the borough Parks Department and selective reseeding. Unfortunately, nature conservation is not like gardening – there are few quick fixes and nature likes to take its time. It can take several years for some species to germinate, grow, set seed themselves and thus start spreading.

In Chineham we are planning our 2017–18 work programme which starts in October. Details of our meeting dates – always Sunday mornings - will be posted on Chineham noticeboards in September and on our Facebook page, giving details of which site we will be working in on which date.

Again, we invite residents with wood burning stoves to join the group if they are interested in accumulating their own wood stock for future use. You can find us via our email address chinehamcg@gmail.com or find our facebook page Chineham Conservation Group.

Marion Wolstencroft, CCG

Poppy Appeal

November's Remembrance time is fast approaching and we need extra volunteers who can spare a few hours as a Poppy Collector at either Tesco's Chineham or Tesco's Hook. Also, if you wish to commemorate a relative with a Poppy wreath there are over 3,000 emblems available including the new 'W.R.N.S 100' centenary wreath.

Please feel free to contact me on hampshire.committee3@rbl.community. All money collected goes to the Poppy Appeal.

Tim Russell, Poppy Appeal Organiser

Chineham Parish Council

Virgin Media: Work has been started by Virgin Media to install cables and cabinets around the parish. If you would like to speak to them about the works, please call them on 0870 888 3116 (choose option 3) or email expansionworks@virginmedia.co.uk.

A33 roundabout works: Hampshire County Council has started works on a package of highway improvements to increase capacity and help reduce congestion on the A33 in Basingstoke. The improvements to and between the Ringway, Crockford and Great Binfields roundabouts include: widening the existing approach roads, widening the roundabouts, installing traffic signals on the roundabouts, upgrading the existing pedestrian/cycle facilities and upgrading and increasing the capacity of the local drainage system. Additional delays should be expected during the course of the works and residents and visitors should allow more time to complete their journeys. Every effort will be made to minimise the impact of the works and the following measures are being introduced to better inform travel and help reduce delay: the existing number of traffic lanes will remain open during weekday peak times, full road closures will only be allowed on selected weekends or weekday night-times (advance notice will be given to residents and businesses), use of variable message signs to warn of congestion hot-spots and use of CCTV cameras to better manage traffic. Strategic Transport at Hampshire County Council can be contacted via major.schemes@hants.gov.uk or by phoning 0300 555 1388.

The next Chineham Parish Council meeting is to be held on 11 September 2017. The Meeting starts at 7.45pm and will take place in the Community Rooms at the Chineham Village Hall. 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 01256 474500 or email clerk@chineham.gov.uk or the Assistant Clerk, Julia Johnston on 01256 324345 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

Family Fun Day

Come to a Family Fun Day on **Sat 23rd September**, 11am-4pm at Sherfield School (Sherfield-on-Loddon, Hook, Hampshire RG27 0HU). Entry is free!

Attractions include a roller disco, Total Wipeout, Gladiator Duel, tug of war, running races, entertainers, rides and inflatables. There is plenty of choice for refreshments, with a beer tent, ice cream, a bbq, pizza, candyfloss, slushies and tea and coffee.

In addition there will be stage performances, a mask competition and vintage fair games. Bring the family for a great time!

Friends of Sherfield School

NWR

Our topic this month was Mindfulness. Although rather a buzzword at the moment this does stem from Hindu and Buddhist teachings. We learned that Mindfulness is a thought process that allows us to pay attention to, and see more clearly, what is happening in our lives. Whilst it cannot eliminate life's pressures it can be a good way to help us deal with them in a calmer manner that is beneficial to our well being. It is about living in, and appreciating the present, rather than regretting the past or seeing it through rose tinted glasses (life was so much better when...) or projecting into an unknown future. How many times do you hear people say "When I move house... When I finish my course... When I do this or that...? In effect this is putting lives on hold and not enjoying and appreciating the moment and the good things we often take for granted.

This month we are combining our lunch with a walk, weather permitting, and our Reading Group will be discussing The Magician of Lasa by David Mitchie. Our September meeting will be an exploration of Italy; it's history, culture, food, drink and music - with samples of the last three.

We usually meet at 2pm on the first Monday of the month in each other's houses. If you would like to know more do check out the website: nwr.org.uk or come along to any of our meetings (we are a very friendly and social group, so come and check us out - there is no obligation to join) please contact Avril Keable, avrilkeable@hotmail.co.uk tel: 01256 322832 or Evelyn Jones, evelyncjjones@hotmail.co.uk tel: 01256 816636.

Diane Hope

Abusive Cyclist Incident

Having crossed the road at Elvetham Rise close to Binfield Woods with my 2 dogs I was confronted by 2 cyclists, a male and female of a mature age. They stopped dead centre on the pavement and waited for me to move over. I pointed out that this was a path for pedestrians not for cyclists. The male was only slightly belligerent in his response saying that having cycled through woods they could not cycle on to the road as a car was coming and that they were heading for the cycle path that leads from Elvetham Rise to the Thornhill crossroads. I pointed out that the path through Binfields wood is a pedestrian path as well (although I stand to be corrected as I do believe it is a shared path?) and that if anything they should have waited for the car to pass. At this point the female became abusive and started to quite unnecessarily shout and swear at me. This rant included calling me a busy body which is not the case as it was my dogs and my safety that was being compromised because the only way I could move out of the way was to go on to the road.

I believe this was not a one-off for them based on the fact I see many cyclists on my daily walks going through the woods and then going on to the pathway between woods and the proper cycle path further down. Perhaps it could be pointed out to readers that if caught cycling on a path they could be subjected to a fine. See The Highway Code – Rules for Cyclists 59–82 (Rule 59 covers the wearing of a regulation helmet which they weren't) and Rule 64 says quite simply 'You must not cycle on a path' this will also guide them to the law of the Highway Act 1835 section 72.

Polly Mahoney, British Transport Police

County and Borough Councillor Elaine Still

Fly Tipping: If it's your rubbish, you're responsible. That's the message from Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council as it launches a campaign to crack down on those who illegally dump waste. If residents aren't careful about who they choose, they can be held responsible if it gets fly-tipped. There are plenty of legitimate businesses which will take away waste. People are encouraged to ask questions about how and where waste will be disposed of and ensure they have a waste carrier's licence. Visit a website such as https://environment.data.gov.uk/public-register/view/search-waste-carriers-brokers or simply search waste carrier licence check. The enforcement team investigates all reported incidents of fly-tipping and won't hesitate to take action against anyone found to be responsible. To make a report visit www.basingstoke.gov.uk/report.

On a personal note I have been elected Vice Chairman of Hampshire County Council for 2017 and then to become the Chairman in 2018. This is indeed a great honour for me, promoting the interest and reputation of the County Council and Hampshire. One of my first events as Vice chairman, deputising for the Chairman, was The Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award Holders Reception. This was attended by 148 young people four of whom were from Old Basing and Chineham.

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Basingstoke Green Week

A Big Green Science night, flower planting and a soup fest are among the environmentally-friendly events which will be held during this year's Basingstoke Green Week. There's a packed programme of events during the week, which runs from **Saturday 16 September to Monday 25 September**. Most of the activities are free and there's something for everyone, including a green market, furniture restoration workshop, children's craft sessions and a screening of award-winning documentary Tomorrow.

Organised by local volunteers and supported by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, the week is aimed at highlighting environmental issues and initiatives in the borough. Basingstoke Green Week kicks off on Saturday 16 September with a Green Market in Castle Square, The Malls, where visitors will have the chance to meet local community groups, buy a variety of products and pick up some freebies.

On **Wednesday 20 September** a Big Green Science night is being held in Basingstoke Discovery Centre. Visitors can attend a variety of talks and workshops before a family-friendly TV gameshow style interactive talk The Burger Apocalypse.

To find out more about Green Week and to view the online events calendar, please visit https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/green-week.

Helen Morton

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 a 4 day walking break to Paignton, a coach trip to Burton on the Water and a summer picnic held at Longparish, unfortunately the weather was not great for this but undeterred 38 hardy ramblers had a walk in the rain and the picnic was held indoors in Longparish village hall where a lovely spread awaited us.

The group walk on both Tuesday and Saturday and cover areas in and around Basingstoke as well as sometimes going further afield. We have had some lovely spring and early summer walks over the last few months and are now looking forward to the blackberries and sloes in autumn. Also, autumn is a wonderful time to walk due to all the changing colours in the countryside.

Our Tuesday morning walks, which are typically 6- 7 miles, continue to attract quite a number of walkers. We have recently walked around Hannington, Old Basing and Selborne to name but a few. 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 we have enjoyed walks from Alton to Basingstoke, our ever popular Mudeford Quay walk (via Hengisbury Head) and a lovely walk from Horsebridge to Stockbridge and back.

As well as the walks, the group also enjoys social activities, this includes an Annual Summer Picnic, Boys' lunches, Ladies' walks and lunches and the group occasionally organise weekends and days away. In May there was a coach trip to Burton on the Water, about 50 people had a lovely day with a coach to Burton, a led walk and then some free time at the end. We also had a few days walking in Paignton with four led walks over four days. The walks were quite varied and involved both country and bits of the South West Coastal path. A good time was had by all.

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 tasks were clearing a Footpath at Kingsclere and installing some stiles. If you are interested in finding out more about the North Hampshire Downs group, there is more information on our Website. www.northhampshiredownsramblers.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!

Marion Sharp

Minister's Message

Yesterday, I had the pleasure of attending a celebration of the life of Jane Austen. It was held in the Steventon Church which her father pastored and where she attended for the majority of her short life. On this occasion, many of the present villagers were in creative period costume which added variety, colour and drama to the occasion. This helped inspire the imagination in wondering how Jane must have lived many of her days, in this very quiet and rural Hampshire setting.

Her astute observation of people's lives and her humorous interpretation of their antics, enabled her to weave together the perceptive stories which millions have loved and appreciated. It seems that her humility, which is so often commented on, would never have dreamt of the far reaching effect of those writings, penned as they were with the main audience being the surrounding pasture land and the billowing trees.

Her detailed historical recording, her imaginative turn of phrase and her intriguing story telling have impacted so many of us. Perhaps it is not so well known that she had a deep faith and a great desire to see the importance of the outworking of the Christian life in every day and every hour in the context of God's goodness. She was immensely grateful for all the blessings that God had poured into her life and prayed that others would also know God's truth. She asked God to be compassionate to those who were in need and to comfort the broken hearted.

Jane would have been amazed to see the church in Steventon adorned with flowers in honour of her memory! I often think that we should take every opportunity to make our thankfulness and gratitude known to those who are presently around us. May we find the words to say, both to thank God for these special people and to express to them the love and appreciation that we so deeply feel.

Hazel Marchment
(East Basingstoke Community Church).

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+. In September we begin a sermon series entitled "Caring for God's creation" as we look at how the Bible relates to a range of environmental issues.

Daytime Holy Communion: Tuesday 26 September, 11am. All welcome. You can also stay on afterwards for Luncheon Club (see below).

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. We will be open every Monday in term time for delicious coffee and cake, good company and toys for the children. All welcome!

Luncheon Club: Tuesday 26 September, 12noon. Lunch costs just £5 per person (£2.50 for children) for a tasty two course meal. You will find a warm welcome and good company. No need to book, but please let us know in advance if you have any special dietary needs.

123 Matinee Group: 12 September, 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 and there will be refreshments and a range of activities. This month Alex Soto will be coming to talk to us about the local charity "Helping Hands for the Blind". If you are interested in coming along and/or helping you would be most welcome.

CCBBies: Thursdays, 9.45am to 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. There is no charge although we do ask for a contribution towards the cost of the refreshments.

Messy Church: 11 September, 3.45pm. 3.45pm games/refreshments (so you can come straight from school), 4.15pm activities, 5.15pm supper, 5.45pm time to go home! Families are invited to join us as we learn about Jesus and the Bible together in a creative way. There is no charge although we gratefully receive donations towards the cost of the food. If you have any special dietary needs we would appreciate knowing in advance, but otherwise please just turn up on the day!

Kids' Club: 16 September, 5-6.30pm. £1 entrance fee (first visit free), bring your friends and some change for tuck and a hot snack. Crafts, music, fun and games for children at primary school. All welcome!

C3Y: Fridays in September from 8 September, 8-9.30pm. A youth club for young people in year 6 and upwards with games, activities and a tuck shop. Entrance fee £1 (first visit free) – remember to bring some extra cash for tuck and bring a friend too!

Christmas Shoebox Appeal: we are grateful for all your year round donations – please keep them coming! – of empty shoeboxes, hats, gloves, scarves, wool, soft toys, small toys (e.g. yoyo, toy cars, marbles), stationery items, wrapped sweets and so on to go in boxes which will be sent to children in Eastern Europe in time for Christmas. We will be filling shoeboxes on Monday 2 October in the afternoon and need lots of help – if you are interested in joining us, even just for half a hour, we would love to hear from you! If you would like to sponsor a box (transport cost of £4 per box) we would also love to hear from you. Thank you.

Greening Week: week beginning 17 September. We are planning a number of "green" events so please contact us for details and look out on our website and Facebook page.

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. Unfortunately we are no longer able to collect bedding as there has been a change of management at the local homeless shelter, however, we can find a home for most things so if you have anything you would like to pass on do contact us! Thank you everyone for your continued support.

Room hire: rooms are available to hire either on a one-off or regular basis. Contact us for details or look on our website at www.christchurchchineham.org.uk. Prices start at £8.25 per hour (Community Rate) which includes use of the kitchen/snack bar where tea, coffee, sugar and squash are provided. Groups that regularly hire the church include Bridge, Mitosu Crafts and Guides along with a range of University of the Third Age groups including Thomas Hardy and Environmental Studies.

Ruth Randall

Probus Club

The Probus Club of Basingstoke has partaken in their summer pub lunch which has been a fixture on their social calendar for many years. This is one of several occasions in the year when the wives and partners of the members enjoy a range of experiences with their men who had been in the professions or business managers before they retired.

The venue this year was the Phoenix Inn at Phoenix Green on the A30 near Hartley Wintney. Originally a coaching inn of yesteryear it has morphed into a high quality dining establishment that proudly displays a Les Routiers sign at the door. The extensive and sophisticated menu, which changes daily, had their main courses extending from simple roast Mediterranean vegetables across the spectrum to Chateaubriand although being pensioners none was tempted with this latter offering.

Retired GP Dr Nick Waring made this hostelry his choice in the months prior to ascending to high office of being President of the club. He commented, "On a very grey day a total of thirty four members and partners gathered for our annual summer ladies' pub lunch at the Phoenix. The conviviality of the event was an excellent antidote to the weather and the volume of the conversation a sure sign of an enjoyable gathering."

The Probus Club of Basingstoke is now in its 39th year of continuous operation and as well as their social programme it meets on the second Tuesday of most months for lunch at the Test Valley Golf Club near Overton. Prior to the lunch and any business matters there is always a guest speaker. See their web site for more information www.probusbasingstoke.wordpress.com or phone their secretary Paul Flint on 07770 886521 for an informal chat.

Paul Flint

Basingstoke Lions Club

Mentally and physically we seem to have gone walkabout this month. After the effort and excitement of the preceding three months, our get up and go definitely got up and went. One can only hope that during the lull,

ideas for fresh new projects have been stewing in our members fertile imaginations. I'm not holding my breath.

Fundraising: The Heritage Light Orchestra played for us for the fifth time at QMC on the 8th. It was a magnificent display of the talent that abounds in Basingstoke. The 40 strong orchestra, 6 singers and a church choir of 20 came together under the direction of Neil Streeter who had composed a "sea" themed programme of music containing well known pieces from musicals, radio and TV. "The Sailor's Hornpipe", "Fare well and Adieu" and "Home Sweet Home" were a few of the tunes which were enjoyed before the church choir joined the orchestra to sing "The Sailors' Hymn" and multiple choruses of "Rule Brittania" which had the whole audience standing, stamping their feet and singing at the tops of their voices. They loved it.

Upcoming Events:

16th Sep: The Sussex Jazz Kings at QMC: One of our most popular events. You can buy tickets direct from our website www.basingstokelions.org.uk, from mauricehockley@hotmail.com or tel: 01256 421867, or Toucan Travel at the Chineham shopping Centre.

Welfare:

a) The Dove House Project: Phase I of our joint project with Loddon Valley Lions and Team Rubicon to refurbish and update the interior is complete. We are now looking at the exterior where the gutters are in urgent need of attention. Any financial or physical support would be very welcome. "Contact Us" through our website.

b) Disport Games: We have pledged financial and physical assistance. If anyone else is able to help in any way, please contact the Treasurer, Pauline Lentell, on 07721473465. Without further support it will be cancelled.

Lions Club Membership: Put your contact details on the "Contact Us" page of our website and someone will get in touch.

Philip Wilson

Chineham Speedwatch

I wasn't going to submit an article this month but in light of what we saw on our first outing I changed my mind. Our first session of the month outside Busy Bees on the 5th saw our first speeder going past at 40mph just as we had finished setting up, then to cap it all we saw a car doing 57mph, yes that's right, 57mph! When you think about it that is almost twice the speed limit and outside a nursery school, and just because it is a Saturday is no excuse. Who is to say that the driver doesn't do this speed during the week?

I heard a lovely story recently about a police speedwatch operation outside a primary school (NOT in Chineham or Basingstoke) where speeders were given the option of a speed awareness course or facing a panel of school children, simple you may think, except that those who opted for the panel came out shaken and wishing that they had opted for the course!

If you would like to join the Speedwatch team then please contact the parish clerk at clerk@chineham.gov.uk. Follow us on Twitter @c_speedwatch.

Bob Ricket

Civil Service Retirement Fellowship

At the meeting on 2nd August the speaker was Rosy Hardy of Hardy's Cottage Garden Plants at Freefolk near Whitchurch who have been exhibiting at Chelsea for 25 years and won 25 RHS Gold Medals. Rosy gave an interesting and informative talk starting by giving a history of her nursery from its beginnings in Camberley and describing some of her exhibits at Chelsea with this year's Circle of Colour being 120 square metres in size. She then went on to explain how important it was to put plants together that enjoy the same soil conditions and having brought with her a variety of plants was able to suggest and demonstrate how to combine different plants for certain areas of the garden. Heuchera for instance come from the North American forest so prefer wet rich soil in semi-shade while grasses like clay soil with sun and plenty of space and hardy geraniums will grow almost anywhere. She also explained how and when cutting down and dividing should be done for the different species she had with her. After a number of questions people had the opportunity to buy some of the plants and obtain a signed copy of Rosy's new book "25 Years of Chelsea".

The next outings are a Thames Cruise to Greenwich on **Thurs 21st September** followed by a Mystery Trip on **Wed 25th October** and then a visit to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard and Christmas Victorian Market on **Fri 1st December**. The next meeting is **6th September** when the speaker will be Tony King on Vanished London. 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. The year's programme and further details about meetings and outings can be obtained from the Secretary Tony Brazier on 01256 418770 or at bjmapbr@ntlworld.com and if you would like to join us on any of our trips please contact Kate Lambeth on 01256 328791.

David Cowling

Volunteering Opportunity

Home-Start North West Hampshire believes that children need a happy and secure childhood and that parents play the key role in giving their children a good start in life and helping them achieve their full potential. To Home-Start, every family is special and we respond to each family's needs through a combination of home-visiting support, group work and specialised parenting courses.

The one-to-one relationship which develops between a volunteer and a parent means our support can be exactly tailored to the needs of each family we visit. Home-visiting volunteers support families for a couple of hours each week. We need volunteers to: visit local families, who for many reasons, are struggling to cope with the demands on them. Out of pocket expenses will be reimbursed. This voluntary work is unpaid but is highly rewarding. YOU can make a difference to someone's life.

Volunteers will undergo a 40 hour preparation course spread over 8 weeks which will start October 2017, dates TBC. Interested, want to know more? Tel: 01256 405988, email: info@homestart-nwhampshire.org.uk, Website: www.homestart-nwhampshire.org.uk

Anna Chiappetta

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Although Christmas seems a long time away, now is the time of year our thoughts turn again to the gift of Christmas Shoe Boxes. Over the last few years readers have given very generous support to this Appeal and have donated hundreds of boxes to this caring, humanitarian cause. Last year over 20,000 boxes were collected by the Rotary movement in Hampshire alone and distributed by members of Rotary. This Christmas Rotary will again be collecting and transporting Christmas shoe boxes for children who live in the mountains and very poor regions of Montenegro, Albania, Romania and Moldova. You are invited to make up and donate shoeboxes, which will bring joy and delight to these children who have virtually nothing.

If you would like to make up a box here are some helpful suggestions:

-Choose the sex and age range for the child you would like to receive your box. The age ranges for boxes are: 1-3, 4-7, 8-11 and 12-15 years.

-Please ensure that all items included are new or 'as new'. Last year there was a great shortage of boxes for children in the older age groups.

-Suggested items you might include: learning toys, mosaics, Lego, games, balls, jigsaws, modelling clay, sticky tape, coloured paper, skipping ropes, playing cards, dominoes, chess sets and clothing such as socks, gloves, pants, tights, hats, scarves.

-Depending on the age you select you may like to include items for use at school, e.g. ball point pens, pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers, paper, colouring pencils, solar powered calculators, geometry sets.

-Soap, combs, face cloths, hand cream, talc, football memorabilia of famous teams, sports magazines, books, especially paper-back English Classics.

Please do not include: Food, drinks, liquids, items for the bath, sweets, large soft toys, swimwear, toilet rolls, large items of clothing, toy soldiers, toy guns and other military-type toys, penknives, anything breakable or anything which needs a battery.

While you are making up your box think of the delight on the face of 'your child' when they open their box that you have sent to them. Please cover your box and lid separately with decorative paper and secure the lid with strong elastic bands (the boxes need to be opened easily as they may be inspected by Customs). Put a sticky label on the outside of your box and indicate the sex and age range you have chosen. Please donate £1 per box to help to cover the cost of transportation and attach the coin to the outside of the lid. The maximum size for the shoeboxes is 13" x 8" x 6". Boxes should be delivered by **14 October** latest please to the Rotary collection points at Eden Fiat, A30, Old Basing, Basingstoke or The Bear Factory, Festival Place or Oakley Carpets and Furniture, Oakley Railway Station, Andover Road, Oakley.

If you would like to contribute to this cause but you are unable to fill a complete box, donations of any of the items above would be very welcome because they can be used to make up extra boxes. These donations can be taken direct to the collection points listed above.

Kevin Vickers

Four Lanes Community Centre

Four Lanes Community Junior School are looking to appoint a Lunchtime Supervisor to join our dedicated and friendly team. We can offer you:
-An experienced and enthusiastic team
-Support and training in all aspects of the role
-A school full of delightful children

We are looking for someone to work for an hour and 25 minutes over the lunchtime period. Your role will include: supervising and helping children as they eat their lunch; encouraging 'active play' on the playground by organising games or leading small group activities and supervising individuals that need more focussed support. **Closing date: 5th September.** For further information, please contact the school office Tel: 01256 816326, or contact Tracy Neilson: t.neilson@fourlanes-jun.hants.sch.uk.

Happy Hands and Dancing Feet: Wed 9.30-11.00am, £12.00 for 6 weeks or £2.50 per week on a drop-in basis. For mums/dads, babies and pre-school children. There will be a range of activities including indoor and outdoor toys, arts and crafts, stories and rhymes, drinks and biscuits. Please contact us to register your interest.

ZUMBA: Mondays 7.30pm to 8.30pm, Tuesdays 7.00pm to 8.00pm. Cost: £5.25 Mondays, £6.00 Tuesdays, pay as you go. Contact Lisa (Mondays) 07884 267722 or Candice (Tuesdays) 07843 979340.

Clubbercise: dance fitness routines using glowsticks. Thursdays 8.00pm to 8.45pm, classes to be booked in advance on bookwhen.com/clubbercisewithaimee or www.facebook.com/clubbercisewithaimee/.

Hatha Yoga: No previous experience required, suitable for all levels. Payable in blocks of 6 weeks cost £30.00 or drop ins welcome at £6.00 per class. Tuesdays 6.15—7.15pm at the Infant School. For further information and to book the course please contact Kati on 07450 226719 or email pumpkinyoga@gmail.com.

Linguatastic: Languages include French and Spanish before school clubs; Italian, Spanish and French for adults; and French for secondary school pupils. For further information please email info@linguatastic.com or phone 471474.

Good Companions—over 55s Group: Come and enjoy tea and homemade cake with a variety of speakers and activities. Events available on request. Four Lanes Community Centre, 3rd Tuesday of every month.

Holiday Play Scheme: Open to school children aged from 4 to 11 years. The Holiday Play Scheme provides a fabulous day of activities supervised by our friendly and professional team to keep the children amused with arts and crafts, sports, games and fun food. The Holiday Play Scheme runs through every school holiday and inset days and is lots of fun. We have 2 options for session times:
Session A: 8.30am-4.00pm, price £14.75
Session B: 8.30am-5.30pm, price £18.00
The above clubs are available to Infant and Junior children who attend school full time.

Virginia Wyatt

Probus Club History

The Probus Club of Deane celebrated their 25 years of existence at the Annual President's Dinner in May this year. Formed under the sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Basingstoke Deane the inaugural meeting was held at the White Hart in Overton where both evening and lunchtime meetings were held. For 1998 the venue was changed to the Red Lion and the following year lunchtime meetings were held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at the Basingstoke Golf Club where they continue to this day. Along with the monthly meetings, some of which are attended by wives and partners, there is the Presidents Dinner, Christmas Dinner and Quiz which take place in the evening and one or two day visits to places of interest.

Originally starting with 26 members the number has fluctuated throughout the years to again be 26 this year. At the 2017 President's Dinner the current President, Brian Slater, congratulated the club on this milestone and paid tribute to previous Presidents and those members who were no longer with us. He then cut a cake specially made to commemorate the occasion which was then enjoyed by everyone present.

The first Probus Clubs were started over 50 years ago and now exist both nationally and internationally to provide fellowship for professional and businessmen who have reached or are approaching retirement. The name "Probus" was adopted after being suggested by a member who took the first three letters from 'PROfessional and BUSiness' and was thought particularly apt as it was a Latin word from which 'probity' is derived. If you would be interested in joining please contact the Secretary, Peter Searle, on 0118 9815354 or email him at peter.searle15@btopenworld.com.

David Cowling

Chineham Allotments

The Chineham Allotment team hosted its annual barbecue at the end of July giving the allotmenteers a chance to come together, swap notes, share woes and vote for the best plot. This year's winner was Norman on plot 37 with Carol, plot 23 and George, plot 27 worthy runners up. Members of the Parish Council joined in the fun and presented the cup to Norman. Grateful thanks go to the several local businesses who very kindly donated prizes for the raffle: Willowdene Nursery School, Chineham Village Club, Wyevale, Mole Country Store, Chineham Opticians, the Chineham Arms, Tesco and Homebase. A promising start to the summer saw all the plots flourishing and although we'd all agree that we've now had enough rain thank you, it was a welcome sight and has helped to keep the vegetables coming. However, if we don't see some sun again soon we will all be sourcing recipes to use up green tomatoes! We have welcomed several new plot holders to the site over the last few months and although there is still a waiting list if you think you'd like to take on an allotment, or you'd like to find out more before committing, send your details to assistantclerk@chineham.gov.uk.

Sally Dodd

Events At Anvil Arts

Thu 5 Oct, 7.30pm, The Haymarket
Kathakali: Direct from Kerala, Kathakali is a masterpiece of theatre that erupts on stage with striking visual images, revealing the magical world of South India. Tickets: £14, over 16s and f/t students £12 (incs £2 booking fee).

Thu 5 Oct, 8pm, The Forge
The Good Lovelies: female folk trio. Tickets: £15, over 65s, under 16s and f/t students £13 (incs £2 booking fee).

Sat 7 Oct, 8pm, The Anvil
Paul Zerdin: All Mouth: Join ventriloquist Paul Zerdin along with Sam, Albert and Baby plus two crazy brand new characters. Tickets: £19.50 (incs £2 booking fee). Suitable for ages 15+ (children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult)

Sun 8 Oct, 2pm, The Haymarket
Animalphabet: Treble Clef Island is a wonderful land of music, song and dance. With colourful characters, great puppets and catchy songs. Tickets: £10 (incs £2 booking fee). Suitable for ages 2+.

Thu 12 Oct, 7.45pm, The Anvil
Music Theatre Wales presents The Golden Dragon. Tickets: £27, over 65s £24 and f/t students £14 (incs £2 booking fee). Suitable for ages 16+

Fri 13 to Sat 15 Oct, Fri 1.30pm & 4.30pm, Sat & Sun 10.30am & 1.30pm, The Haymarket
The Gruffalo: Based on the picture book by Julia Donaldson and Alex Scheffler. Tickets: £14.50 (incs £2 booking fee). Suitable for ages 3+

Fri 13 Oct, 7.45pm, The Anvil
St Petersburg Symphony Orchestra: Vladimir Altschuler conducts. Tickets: £40, £36, £29, £22, £14; under 16s & f/t students £10 (incs £2 booking fee).

Thu 19 Oct, 8pm, The Anvil
Katherine Ryan's 'Glitter Room. Tickets: £19.50 (incs £2 booking fee). Suitable for ages 14+

Fri 20 Oct, 8pm, The Forge
Blair Dunlop with special guest Brooke Sharkey. Tickets: £15, over 65s, under 16s and f/t students £13 (incs £2 booking fee).

Sun 22 Oct, 7.30pm, The Haymarket
Only Fools and Boycie: An intimate evening with Only Fools and Horses actor John Challis. Tickets: £18, (incs £2 booking fee).

Wed 25 Oct, 2pm, The Haymarket
The Three Musketeers: Join CBeebies' favourites in a riotous new slapstick adventure of chivalry, swordplay and suddenly falling over! Tickets: £12, (incs £2 booking fee). Suitable for ages 5+

Fri 27 Oct, 7.30pm, The Anvil
Richard Thompson: One of the country's greatest songwriters and most distinctive guitar virtuosos. Tickets: £37, £32, £27 (incs £2 booking fee).

Fri 27 Oct, 8pm, The Haymarket
Austentatious - The Improvised Jane Austen Novel on Tour: improvised comedy play. Tickets: £16; over 65s, under 16s and f/t students £14 (incs £2 booking fee). Suitable for ages 12+

Sat 28 Oct, 7.45pm, The Anvil
Midge Ure, The Christians and Altered Images. Tickets: £34, £31.50 (incs £2 booking fee).

Sat 28 Oct, 8pm, The Forge
Eugene Hideaway Bridges. Tickets: £15; Over 65s, under 16s and f/t students £13 (incs £2 booking fee).

Andrea Bath

Chineham Board Gamers

Chineham Board Gamers would like to invite you to our open day on **Saturday 30th September.** If you yearn for a challenge beyond Monopoly or Scrabble or wish to try something new then pay us a visit.

The open day will run from 12:00 to 23:00 and is a FREE event for new people. We are running a 2 hour session for small children from 12:00 to 14:00 and will run appropriate games. Most of our board games are aimed at 10 year olds and upwards. We also ask that if children are attending they are accompanied by an adult. Please find us at Chineham Christ Church, Reading Road, Chineham Basingstoke, RG24 8LT.

Rob Stokes

Comedy Night

A Comedy Night will be held on Saturday 2nd September, 7pm - 9pm at White Hart, London Road, Basingstoke RG21 4AE.

We will be hosting comedy acts from in and around Basingstoke, Hampshire. Acts can include sketch group, clown, fool, improv ensemble, or stand-up... or other form that doesn't fit any of the aforementioned... you can sign up to a slot.

For more information or to sign up please email basingstoke@nathanimprov.com.

Nathan Keates

Barn Dance

A barn dance will be held on **Saturday 30th September**, 7pm to 11.30pm at Home Farm Barn, Cliddesden, RG25 2HX (by kind permission of Viscount Lymington). The event is hosted by Home-Start North West Hampshire (Registered Charity No.1112233). A BBQ will be served at 7:30pm.

For ticket reservations please contact the email address info@homestartnwhampshire.org.uk, or call 01256 405988. £20 per ticket which includes the BBQ. (Over 16's only). Wine & beer will be available to purchase

Anna Chiappetta

Summer Concert Success

What a splendid evening, the venue St. Mary's Church Old Basing was packed for our Summer Concert in conjunction with Oh MaMa, which resulted in the amount of £618.00 being raised and split between Mindful Music and St. Mary's Church.

Thank you for your support and watch this space for details of the Christmas Concert.

Sue Wilson

Did you know?: *The average school pencil can draw a line 35 miles long.*