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Village Hall Field. Photograph by Phil Slater.

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This Editorial was very nearly a tub-thumping call to arms, as the Chat Committee implored the people of Chineham to consider volunteering to become a Distribution Coordinator—with the risk of closure if no one stepped forward! Luckily the need for this has been averted, and instead I have the much more pleasant task of welcoming some new Committee members. Our new Administrator is Kimberley Marsh, and we look forward very much to having her on board. Our new Distribution Coordinators—for there are several!—are just as welcome. Fran Skinner kindly volunteered but is actually resident in Lychpit. And just recently Chineham residents Mike and Kathryn Price have also stepped forward to offer their help, to our delight. So initially Fran, Mike and Kathryn will share the role, and then we will see how things work out going forward.

On October 31st it will of course be Halloween. I have found the youngsters of Chineham to be extremely well behaved in past years when it comes to trick-or-treating and long may that continue. One thing I learned only relatively recently—if you decorate your house you indicate that you are happy to be visited, and leaving it bare shows the converse. A useful tip if you wish to avoid monstrous nocturnal callers?

Jo Appleford-Cook

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## Chineham Village Club

October entertainment events in the club are as follows:

**Monday 2nd:** bingo in the lounge bar at 8pm.

**Thursday 19th:** Senior citizens' bingo and lunch. 1.00pm in the lounge bar.

**Saturday 29th:** children's Halloween party. This will start at 18.00 and is for members' children only. Places must be booked in advance with a member of the bar team.

Finally, we are putting together our entertainment programme for the festive season so keep an eye on the club notice boards and digital signage.

John Prince (07767 643317)

## Chineham Village Hall

During the summer holidays, the kitchen in the main hall underwent a much-needed refurbishment, with new units being fitted. Our thanks to Mark Chapple, the carpenter, who was great at fitting in the work around the classes/events that take place every week during the school holidays and did a great job.

Patio Area and smoking: Following our recent request to keep the patio area clean and tidy, a large number of cigarette ends are still being simply dropped on the floor. The Village club provides ashtrays on the patio tables and we would appreciate if those smoking on the patio made use of them.

Our thanks to those of you who took the time to properly dispose of your rubbish when using the playground,

hopefully any vermin in the area went somewhere else for a free lunch!

It seems the children have only just gone back to school and are now looking forward to half term at the end of the month. Please check with event organisers to find out what classes will be taking a break during this time. Adult diet, fitness and dance classes usually continue as normal throughout the school holidays.

Lynne Hughes

## Chineham Library

It's amazing to think we are already well into autumn and the children have half term to look forward to. All our regular activities are taking place as usual throughout the autumn, and in addition we have a number of exciting events taking place this term. 28th September is the 'Murder at Reading Gaol' talk, at 7.30 pm. 26th October is the children's 'Bones and Beasties' event, from 1.30 - 2.30pm. Then looking ahead there is the 'Trials and Tribulations of the Pickwick Club', at 7.30pm on the 7th December. Tickets and further information about all these events can be obtained from Chineham Library. It would be great to see you at some of these.

Age Concern are continuing to provide weekly computer learning sessions for those aged 55+, which take place on Wednesday mornings from 10am-1pm. To book slots please contact their office on 01256 423874. Our reading groups also meet as usual this month, with CHIPPS on 11th October and the Crime Reading Group on the 14th. For further information about these, and the Colour and Create adult

colouring group, please ask the staff.

Children's regular activities also continue as usual, with Saturdays having craft sessions on the 7th October and 4th November between 10am – 12pm. All other Saturdays we hold the pre-school storytime session from 10 – 10.30am. Every Tuesday there are the rhymetime sessions, with the under ones at 10am and the over ones at 11am. Construction Club takes place every Saturday for children of all ages to have the opportunity to play with Lego and Duplo. The Chatterbooks reading group for the junior school age meets on 12th October and the 9th November, at 3.45-4.45pm. Code club has already resumed, so if you are interested in future courses for your child please contact us.

Our most up-to-date information can be found on social media. Do enjoy any bonfire night celebrations you are taking part in and stay safe.

Cathy Foster

## **Chineham WI**

The Apollo Hotel in Popley offers a good quality afternoon tea at a reasonable price. I can say this because we have tested a number of local venues for afternoon tea. It's a tough job, but someone had to do it! The Apollo hosted 18 of us in their conservatory for afternoon tea in August where we enjoyed a delightful afternoon of good food and good company.

But now summer is over and Christmas is hurtling towards us. Chineham WI Christmas Craft Fair at

Chineham Village Hall offers heaps of inspiration for Christmas presents; something to wear, something to read, something they want or something they need. We've got it all covered and more besides, all under one roof. Baby clothes, bags, books, children's hair bows, Christmas decorations and cards, coasters, collars and cowls, framed pictures, gift bags, gift boxes, glass dishes and ornaments, jewellery, knitted scarves, silk scarves, stocking fillers, tea cosies, wood-turned items and much more. There's even something for Secret Santa! All our crafters have been chosen for their quality craftsmanship and value for money. Avoid the potential disappointment of buying online where you can't hold the item in your hand before you buy and you have to wait for delivery and check out our crafters' selections of inspiring gifts you won't find on the High Street. Don't miss this opportunity to solve your Christmas present dilemmas and support local business on Saturday, 18th November 2017. The doors are open from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm and parking is free.

We are anticipating a crowd at our 8th birthday meeting in September when we will be joined by invited members from other local WIs for a demonstration of candle making. Our meeting on Monday, 23rd October at Christ Church, Reading Road, Chineham features Lynne Bardel. Lynne will be offering tips on make-up. The meeting begins at 7:30 pm in The Shaftesbury Room. You are very welcome to join us and discover Lynne's make-up skills for yourself. We look forward to meeting you.

Pam Malcolm

## World Sight Day

-45 million people in the world are blind  
-90% live in areas with little or no access to treatment

-80% of blindness is curable and preventable

-66% of the blind are women or girls

An annual event in Festival Place for the past 5 years, World Sight Day sees the Basingstoke Lions Club again inviting people to bring their redundant spectacles to the Club's stand in Queen Anne's Square on **Thursday, 12 October from 9am-3pm.**

Visitors to the stand can also find information leaflets, receive advice on help available locally and see small items of equipment that assist those with impaired vision. Various local organisations are supporting the day through the supply of literature and equipment, and opticians in the town are also promoting the event.

As part of SPECKTREK, a programme for recycling spectacles developed by Lions Clubs International, over 300,000 pairs were collected last year across Great Britain and Ireland and sent to eye camps in Africa, India and Eastern Europe in partnership with Medico Lions Clubs de France. It is hoped that, as in each of the past 5 years, the people of Basingstoke will again heed the call and bring in their old glasses to the Lions' stand (near Lush/Iceland) so new homes can be found for them; such a simple act can change the lives of the recipients beyond measure.

Ann Vicars

## Ladies' Football

Want to play football for your local ladies team? Basingstoke Town Ladies FC are looking for new players to join the club for the new season. Our first team play in the Women's Premier League South West Division One and our reserve team play in the Hampshire Women's Football Division Two. We train **every Wednesday** at the War Memorial Park in Basingstoke from **7pm to 8.30pm.** Both the firsts and reserves play their games on a Sunday afternoon. Please contact Annaliese Watson on 07725720938 or [basingstokeladiesfc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:basingstokeladiesfc@hotmail.co.uk) if you are interested in joining the club. Find out more on our website [www.basingstoketownladies.co.uk](http://www.basingstoketownladies.co.uk)

Charlotte May

## Molly's Market

Molly's Market is an exciting event that will be held on Saturday 7th October 2017 from 10am-12noon at Christ Church Chineham. It has been arranged by local mummies and everyone is invited to attend! There will be stalls offering jewellery and artwork, button and sewn crafts, skincare and cosmetics, cupcakes, cards, gifts and books. Christ Church's baby and children's clothes/toys swap shop will also be there as well as an Eco-Church stall. This is a great opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping or just to browse with no pressure to buy but with insistence that you have a great time! There will be refreshments for all! Please do come, bring your loved ones and friends and spread the word.

Shirah Blackwood

## Speedwatch

So we started the month on a new high (57mph) and finished it on a newer high – 65mph, yes that's right 65mph! This was on our last session of the month outside Busy Bees nursery at the bottom of Hanmore Road. And where were the police, I hear you ask, well that is a very good question. Sadly I don't have the answer to that, the police have been very conspicuous by their absence, despite PSCO Nadvornik saying that we have his complete support.

One of my fellow team mates reminded me of the article in the July edition by Chris Moore, so I decided to re-read it, and I would like to say that Chris Moore is correct, speeding traffic by the zebra crossing is or can be dangerous, but what about speeding traffic along Hanmore, is that not equally dangerous? Especially when you stop to think that there is a primary school as well as two nurseries. As for the zebra crossing itself, there is no compulsion in law for traffic to stop unless you have one foot on the crossing; you simply have to wait for some kindly driver to stop. If he or she feels that strongly about speeding traffic then I have one thing to say – join us!

Now that Laura Romney has upped camp and moved to darkest Derbyshire it now leaves a huge hole in my volunteer list (as well as the 101 other organisations she helped out). Laura could be relied upon to collect the equipment and act as team leader, and I could relax safe in the knowledge that all was in good hands. She will be sorely missed but I wish her well. She is hoping to join a local scheme, or if there isn't one then she will try to set one up. So if you are ever in Derbyshire then look out - Laura may well be watching your speed!

If you would like to join the Speedwatch team then please contact the parish clerk at [clerk@chineham.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@chineham.gov.uk). Follow us on Twitter @c\_speedwatch.

Bob Ricket

## Old Basing Tennis Club

This year we were blessed with wonderful weather at the OBTC Finals' Day! The day was a great success and after the matches and presentations members enjoyed a BBQ. The winners this year were: Ladies' Singles - Penny Luke, Men's Singles - James Chamberlin, Ladies' Doubles - Bev Cleaver & Sandie Benham, Men's Doubles - James Chamberlin & Harvey Loake, Mixed Doubles—Bev Cleaver & Alex Wood, Ladies's Handicapped Doubles - Jemma Godleman & Cas Lomax, Men's Handicapped Doubles - Charles Robertson & Mike Chamberlain. We also awarded the Betty Holmes Trophy to Clive Mountford for all the work he has done for the club over the last year. We welcome new members at any time - please contact Lynne Thomas on 01256 477004 or email [lynne.thomas8@btinternet.com](mailto:lynne.thomas8@btinternet.com).

OBTC Annual Quiz - you are invited to join us for our Annual Quiz! Date: **Saturday, 11th November**. Time: 7.00pm for **7.30pm**. Venue: Old Basing Village Hall. Cost: £6 a head. Teams: of 6 people. Please bring your own food and drink. A raffle will be held during the evening. Please contact: Carol Torselli on 01256 818149 or email: [torsellis@tesco.net](mailto:torsellis@tesco.net). We hope to see you there!

Lynne Thomas

## Nature Notes

The unusual length of time over which it has rained meant that the grass was uncut and wild flowers such as yarrow, wild carrot and fleabane had a chance to flower. Although this made the usual pristine verges untidy, it has given the bees extra food. Evidently some dogs disappeared (temporarily) from view in Tollhouse Meadow! It has given me a chance to find more flowers. There were patches of red clover on the edges around the Tesco roundabout not seen in previous years. The thistles on the A 33 were in profusion and although these are the favourite food of goldfinches, there were none on the occasions I passed.

The small birds went away for a few weeks, but are now back. A cuckoo was heard until 19th of August. Was it one of the original pair or a new-born? Probably the latter (if you know, please tell me). Approximately a dozen long-tailed tits visited the bird feeders and although these were not empty, I went to refill them. This was a mistake as the birds flew away and have not returned.

I noticed that the bushes were full of hazelnuts and haws. This used to be a sign foretelling a bad winter, but scientists have deduced it only meant there had been a good spring. The horse chestnut, however, does not now produce large conkers in this area. It's just as well that schools no longer allow conker competitions.

Last week, whilst I was eating my breakfast, I spotted a wood mouse munching on the bird seed. Although, I have not seen it since, I think it still visits the garden as I hear rustling and

my cat watches intently. The other name for this golden mammal is long-tailed mouse. Remember that house mice are grey, not brown.

A green grasshopper (yes, that's its name) arrived in my bathroom and after looking at it in a glass jar, I released it. It had enormous eyes and I wondered if it was frightened by my eyes looking at it, especially if it saw me in multiple images.

There have been six red kites seen over Chineham which is great news, as they may be here to stay.

At least two hedgehogs are now eating biscuits at both my dishes. Sometimes, I disturb one and it hides under the flower tower, muttering to itself. Don't forget that as the weather becomes cooler, you may see some around. I always have food for them, so call me, especially if they look small. I also keep small boxes in which to transport them to the vet. If they are covered in large pale blue blobs, those are ticks.

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## Four Lanes Infant School

At Four Lanes Infant School we have only been back at school for a few days but we have already been very busy and hard at work! We are excited to meet and make friends with the children in Year R who start school full time on 12th September. We are helping them to know where everything is, like where their classroom is, where the toilets are and where to go for lunch.

Year 1 have been getting to know each other and have started learning about British Values. They have learnt about the rule of law and why we have rules at home and school. Year 1 know that rules are used to keep us safe and happy. They talked about what might happen if we don't keep to rules. Year 1 have also been thinking about what makes us special and how to respect each other.

In Year 2 we have been learning about our new learning mascots and listening to the story about them. There is Aggie the Ambitious Alligator, Rosie the Resilient Rabbit, Connie the Confident Cat, Iris the Independent Iguana, Tod the Tolerant Tiger and Raanah the Respectful Rhino. They will help us with our learning. We have been learning about democracy ready to vote for our school councillor and eco councillor. We have been designing posters and writing our manifestoes (learning tricky words) to persuade people to vote for us. We have made a polling station in school, we borrowed equipment from the council and have been voting in booths, put a cross on the slip and posted it in the box. It was announced who had won for each class and this was shared in assembly.

This is our first Chineham Chat group with Year 2 writers and Mrs Docherty so look out for more in future.

Emily Kent, Hollie Fuller, Elliot Oliver

## **Four Lanes Junior School**

We have had a busy start to the new school year here at Four Lanes Junior School, welcoming new children throughout the school, catching up with

old friends and getting used to our new classes and teachers. Our exciting learning started straight away: the whole school have been learning about the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, thinking about why children have rights, what they are and how they relate to our life in school.

The children in Year 6 have been learning about place value and the decimal system in maths and have developed their Class Charters by thinking about their rights and responsibilities as learners. Year 5 have also been learning about place value in maths and have started their topic work, learning about the Ancient Greeks. They visited Tesco at the Chineham Shopping Centre this week to find out more about food.

There are 'two weeks of diversity' in Year 4 where the children are finding out the differences between some of the places in the world. They will soon be starting their topic work on the Vikings. Finally, our new Year 3 children are doing a fabulous job of settling into school and finding out who people are and where things are in school. At the same time they are learning about their rights and what it means to be unique and special whilst being part of a community.

All in all it has been a fabulous and positive start to the new academic year and everyone is enthusiastic about being in school. Tristan in 6TH said 'it is exciting being back at school and I have really enjoyed learning about my rights in PSHE', whilst Joseph in 5SM said that he had been excited about 'coming back to see my friends again and start learning'.

Alison Sutton, Tristan Sutton

## Chineham Parish Council

**Councillor vacancy:** Councillors would like to thank Laura Romney for all her hard work over the last few years and wish her and her family every happiness for the future. As a by-election has not been called following this casual vacancy, the Parish Council will now co-opt a new Parish Councillor. If you are interested in becoming a Councillor, please contact the Clerk or go to the Parish Council website where you can find out more. Anyone interested in being considered for the role of Parish Councillor should send their application in writing to the Clerk by 31 October 2017 outlining the reasons why they wish to be considered, the competencies they can offer and confirmation of their eligibility for holding office.

**Virgin Media:** Works continue 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](mailto:expansionworks@virginmedia.co.uk).

The next Chineham Parish Council meeting is to be held on **9 October 2017**. The Meeting starts at **7.45pm** and will take place 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](mailto:clerk@chineham.gov.uk) or the Assistant Clerk, Julia Johnston, on 01256 3 2 4 3 4 5 or email [assistantclerk@chineham.gov.uk](mailto:assistantclerk@chineham.gov.uk) during office hours only please. The Parish Council website can be found at [www.chineham.gov.uk](http://www.chineham.gov.uk).

Sally Jackson

## Basingstoke's Got Talent

Every year the Basingstoke Music and Arts Festival takes place over 3 consecutive weekends in March. Hundreds of performers from beginners to highly experienced, young and adult come along to share their enthusiasm for their instrument, speech, drama and creative writing. Bands, choirs and ensembles, strings, piano, singing, woodwind, brass and recorders, creative writing and speech and drama all bring variety and entertainment for fellow participants, parents, friends and others who have joined the audiences. I helped with the piano section in 2017 and it was great to see the confidence of beginners and the mastery of some very talented individuals which reflected a tremendous amount of practice and dedication by them and their teachers. Very helpful encouragement was provided by guest adjudicators who themselves are very accomplished performers often involved in assessing performance skills internationally. The festival season concludes with a Gala concert at which the top performers are invited to perform. This is attended by the mayor amongst others.

So if you are a performer who would like to participate in the next festival, a music teacher seeking a good opportunity to provide a student with an opening for performance or if you are interested in helping in some way, please visit [www.basingstokemusicandarts.org.uk](http://www.basingstokemusicandarts.org.uk). (The next festival may seem a way off yet but the closing date for entries is around the end of 2017 so it will soon be time to think about what pieces you may wish to enter). Basingstoke most definitely has Got Talent!

Steve Menear

## News from the Beat

For this edition of the Chineham Chat I must again address the matter of staffing and officer distribution within our Neighbourhood Policing Team. Due to new developments and policing needs, PC Sokhi, who has been a fairly recent addition to our team has been moved to another position within the organisation. As such he will no longer be covering the area of Chineham or be involved in neighbourhood policing. However, both myself and PCSO Green are still designated officers for the area and between us we will be more than capable to tackle any issues which may arise.

I must also draw resident's attention to the increased number of thefts from vehicles which we have been experiencing in the past few weeks. In the past week there have been 6 such incidents, 5 of which have occurred in a single night on the 1st September. In response to this I would like to remind all residents to ensure their vehicles are properly secured overnight and that no valuables are left within the vehicles themselves. If possible the police also asks any residents of Chineham who may have relevant information regarding this particular number of incidents to step forward and contact us on the non-emergency 101 police number. This may include any information such as noticing any suspicious behaviour on or in the few days prior to the evening or any unreported incidents. I would also like to remind our residents to report any suspicious or uncharacteristic behaviour you may see in the future as It will potentially help us prevent similar incidents from reoccurring.

PCSO 16299 Krystof Nadvornik

## Four Lanes Community Centre

**Happy Hands and Dancing Feet** (for mums, dads, babies and pre-school children). Wednesdays: 9.30am-11.00am on going. £12.00 for 6 weeks or £2.50 per week on a drop-in basis.

**Zumba:** Mondays: 7.30pm to 8.30pm, Tuesdays: 7.00pm to 8.00pm. £5.25 on Mondays 7.30pm to 8.30pm and £6.00 on Tuesdays 7.00pm to 8.00pm or pay as you go. Contact: Lisa 07884 267722.

**Clubbercise:** brings a night out to your work out. Thursdays 8.00pm-8.45pm. Classes to be booked in advance on <https://bookwhen.com/clubbercisewithaimee> or <https://www.facebook.com/clubbercisewithaimee/>.

**Hatha Yoga:** Payable in blocks of 6 weeks cost £30.00 or drops in welcome £6.00 per class. Thursdays 6.15pm to 7.15pm at the Junior School. For further information and to book the course please contact Kati on 07450 226719 or email [pumpkinyoga@gmail.com](mailto:pumpkinyoga@gmail.com)

**Linguatastic:** Languages include: French and Spanish before school clubs, Italian, Spanish and French for adults, French for Secondary School pupils. For further information please email [info@linguatastic.com](mailto:info@linguatastic.com) or phone 471474.

**Good Companions over 55s group:** Four Lanes Community Centre, 3rd Tuesday of every month.

**Holiday Play Scheme:** Open to school children aged from 4-11 years. Runs through every school holiday and inset days. We 2 options for sessions times:  
Session A 8.30am-4.00pm - £14.75  
Session B 8.30am-5.30pm - £18.00  
Available to Infant and Junior children who attend school full time.

Virginia Wyatt

## Linguatastic

On the morning of Sunday 29th October, the clocks go back. This change of time is modest, but it does affect us all in some way. Did you know though, that bilingual speakers experience time differently from people who only speak one language? Earlier this year, researchers at Lancaster University and Stockholm University published a study which shows that bilingual speakers change the way in which they perceive time depending on the language in which they are hearing/thinking.

As the researchers pointed out, the words we use to talk about time shape our view of its passage. For example, Swedish – and incidentally English – speakers refer to physical distances, e.g. “Taking a short break”, whereas Spanish speakers refer to physical quantities and volume “Taking a small break”. In the study, however, bilingual Swedish-Spanish speakers were tested and when prompted in one language tended to think about time in one way, but when prompts changed into the other language, they moved fluidly to a different concept of time. The researchers found that the two views of time were not mutually exclusive, but existed simultaneously.

Once again, a study has shown just how easily language can creep into our most basic senses and how speaking other languages encourages much more flexible thinking. If you would like to “flex your cognitive muscles”, do get in touch with us to find out about our classes. We offer a variety of languages at a variety of levels. [info@linguatastic.com](mailto:info@linguatastic.com), 01256 471474.

Fiona Biermann

## Borough Councillor Paul Miller

The expected work on the A33 roundabouts has now commenced and a worthwhile meeting took place in early August with Hampshire County Council and the newly appointed contractor on the planned works and diversions. You will find greater detail and links on the CPC website and we will update residents through that portal as we receive it from HCC.

Virgin Media has also started work in Chineham and is planning to complete the cabling infrastructure by 18 December. I had a long conversation with the project manager at the public meeting on 12 August and he informed me that the mistakes and contractual issues that impacted the Virgin works in Old Basing and Lychpit will not be repeated in Chineham. As mentioned elsewhere in the Chat by the Parish Clerk and repeated for emphasis here, residents are welcome to contact Virgin Media about the works in their road or property on 0870 888 3116 or email [expansionworks@virginmedia.co.uk](mailto:expansionworks@virginmedia.co.uk). Virgin Media are aiming to make this work in Chineham an exemplar for the future and they are focussed on effective communication with the community together with minimal disruption and we can all assist in this with cooperation that should ultimately have benefits for all.

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## Hospice 25th Anniversary

St. Michael's Hospice is celebrating its 25th Anniversary this year and invites everyone to come and mark the occasion at Winchester Cathedral on **Friday 6th October**. Guests are invited to arrive for 19:00; the service will start at 19:30. The Basingstoke Hospital Male Voice Choir and Ooh Mama Ladies will be performing accompanied by the Basingstoke Heritage Light Orchestra. Tickets aren't being issued but the Hospice asks you to register your interest at [stmichaelshospice.org.uk](http://stmichaelshospice.org.uk).

It is hard now to imagine a time when there was no adult hospice in North Hampshire but thanks to the vision and drive of local residents in the late 1980s, the story of St. Michael's Hospice began when a committee led by former borough Mayor, Cllr Margaret Weston, began its work. 25 years later the Hospice has seen over 5,000 patients on its in-patient unit, 2,000 more have been cared for in their own homes, and countless more have been into the Hospice during the day for therapy. In addition, the Hospice now works supporting local care homes to improve their end-of-life care and has a partnership with Odiham Cottage Hospital to befriend local residents.

St. Michael's doesn't just care for people during their final days but can be there for patients for years; from the time of their diagnosis of a terminal illness through supporting their loved ones with bereavement counselling for as long as they need. To mark all of this, and to thank the thousands of volunteers and supporters who have made this remarkable journey possible, you can join in the celebrations in glorious Winchester Cathedral.

Chris Griffiths

## Loddon Valley Lions Club

**The Lions "Message in a Bottle" scheme:** Loddon Valley Lions have now distributed the 7000th bottle in our catchment area. The bottles are available free-of-charge at local surgeries, pharmacies and various community support groups, and are intended to contain info such as medical details, next-of-kin and other contacts such that it is readily available in the event of an emergency.

**Charity Golf Tournament:** The Club held their 23rd annual Golf Tournament at Bishopswood Golf Course, Tadley, on 4th Sept. 18 pairs competed and the event raised £1500 of which the beneficiary was St. Michaels Hospice. Lion President Peter Haggith presented the cheque to the Hospice representative who gave a very informative talk on the running of the organization.

**Firework Fiesta:** Our next major fund-raising event will be our 35th annual Firework Fiesta to be staged on Sat 4th Nov at Barlows Park, Silchester Road, Tadley, complete with funfair and refreshments. There will be 2 displays with an earlier one for the younger audience. The Best Guy competition will give free entry to each child who brings a guy.

The Club's latest charity donations also include a combined initiative with Basingstoke Lions to fund work for Dove House School at their Privet Centre near Petersfield with each Club contributing £1250 to fund the work which was carried out by a charity group Team Rubicon (ex-service personnel who are on call to assist at disaster sites around the world).

Ken Williamson

## Minister's Message

John Keats in his 'Ode to Autumn' describes it famously as the "Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness". One of the other great effects of autumn is the amazing colours as the leaves on the trees turn from green through red and yellow to brown. One of the great sights of nature is surely the autumn colours so much so that people will travel over the pond to see New England in the fall. The reds, greens, yellows and browns standing out against a bright blue sky.

Colours are such an important part of our everyday lives we even use colours to explain our moods. One young singer songwriter once wrote: "yellow sunshine, silver skyline, golden streets pass by but I'm still blue." I wonder what your favourite colour is and what it might say about you?

As we go through autumn and see the world around us change and the colours change from greens of summer with its golden days through the various colours to the brown of the ploughed earth and the grey days leading into winter we are aware that autumn perhaps like no other season has this wide and rich variety of colours almost the whole spectrum of colours in one season. But that should not surprise us for this is what God has promised and given.

Way back in the Old Testament we read how God used the sign of the rainbow to promise to Noah that "as long as the earth endures seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease" (Genesis 8:22). The sign of this promise was the rainbow, a reminder to humanity and God of the promise of the seasons and of the harvest. Colours at the heart of our world, our lives and our relationship with God.

I hope our feelings as we head towards winter will not be blue or grey. I hope instead that the autumn colours will be an encouragement to us and the yellow and golds, the reds and oranges will warm our hearts and minds and remind us of a good and faithful God who cares and provides for his people.

Gordon Randall

Assistant Minister at Christ 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+. On 1 October we will be celebrating Harvest and taking a collection of food (tins and packets only please) in aid of the Camrose Resource Centre, a local day centre supporting the homeless and socially vulnerable.

**Daytime Holy Communion:** Tuesday 31 October, 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 31 October, 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:** 10 October, 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 we will be learning about the Alexander Technique. 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:** 9 October, 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:** 7 October, 5-6.30pm. £1 entrance fee (first visit free), bring your friends and some change for tuck and a

hot snack. This month we will be making pizza! Crafts, music, fun and games for children at primary school. All welcome!

**C3Y:** 6 and 20 October. C3Y is now meeting every other week, 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.

**Molly's Market:** 7 October, 10am to 12noon. By mums, for everyone, there will be a range of craft stalls and refreshments will be on sale too. Free entry. All welcome!

**Light Parties:** 31 October. Plans are still in progress at the time of writing, but children and young people of all ages are invited to join us for fun, games and food as an alternative to the usual Halloween events. Please contact the Church Office for further details.

**Swap Shop:** 2 October. On the first Monday of each month we hold a “swap shop” for children’s clothes, toys and books. Donations welcomed – come and find something “new to you”. No charge

but donations welcome for charity.

**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 [www.christchurchchineham.org.uk](http://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, Tiny Talk and Brownies, along with a range of University of the Third Age groups including Family History and Rummikub.

Ruth Randall

## **Probus Club**

The Probus Club of Basingstoke enjoyed a presentation by Alan Grace about the life of a programme maker living with our armed forces whose broadcasts allowed them to maintain morale by keeping contact with families in UK and also provided them with much needed entertainment. Many people of mature age will remember Two Way Family Favourites on Sunday mornings, on the wireless BBC Light Programme. The German end was run by BFBS (British Forces Broadcasting Service) with Jean Metcalf there and Cliff Michelmore in

London.

These broadcast services saw life begin in a former harem in Algiers 1943. It was established by the British War Office and run by the Army Welfare Service. In the following years over 100 radio stations were set up from Aden to Zeltweg. Some were based in extreme locations from the magnificent Musikhalle in Hamburg down to an old cow shed in Cyprus, tents in the Canal Zone and shipping containers at Camp Bastion in Afghanistan.

In 1957 Alan Grace started working with what then was BFN in Cologne as an announcer and sports producer while a national serviceman in the RAF. Over the next four decades he experienced life throughout the world's trouble spots where British forces were involved. Such places of conflict had radio and then television services provided for service personnel and their dependents worldwide. Places of interest included Palestine, Cyprus during EOKA, Kenya in Mau Mau times, Aden with terrorist troubles, Cyprus, again, during the Turkish invasion, The Balkans, The Falklands, Gulf Wars 1 and 2 and Afghanistan. Editorial control remains independent of the Ministry of Defence and the armed forces themselves.

For more information about the programmes enjoyed by the Probus Club of Basingstoke, the social club for retired professional and business managers, see [www.probusbasingstoke.wordpress.com](http://www.probusbasingstoke.wordpress.com) or phone their secretary Paul Flint on 07770 886521 for an informal chat.

Paul Flint

## **Basingstoke Lions Club**

You'll no doubt recall that in March we raised funds to help the Basingstoke Bluefins (Disability) swimming team

represent the South Region at the 2017 Special Olympics in Sheffield. The team performed superbly. Their overall medal haul was 5 golds, 4 silvers and 2 bronze with 19 personal bests out of 23 swims. That is a truly fantastic achievement. Well done the Bluefins!

Not to be outdone, our immediate past President abseiled off the Spinnaker Tower in aid of the ABS Charity and raised £1470. The Club optimistically nicknamed the event "The Spinnaker Splat", and when she asked how she might cushion her fall, cynically offered her a whoopee cushion. We're all heart!

**The Basingstoke Breast Cancer Self Help Group** ran a super fundraising skittles evening at the Conservative Club which a group of us attended. We weren't much cop at the bowling, but we did win a bar of chocolate in the raffle.

**MacMillan's Coffee Morning** is coming up soon. We'll be supporting – will you?

**World Sight Day** is on Thursday 12th October: We will have our usual stall in Festival Place. So please remember to bring your redundant spectacles to us and we will ensure that they have a second life helping some of the poorest people on earth to achieve a better life. There will also be people on hand to advise on sight related matters.

**Quiz Night** at Cliddesden Millenium Hall on 18 November: Contact Philip Wilson philipjhwilson@btinternet.com to reserve your table for 4 at this mental masochists' marathon. Remember we can only accommodate 22 teams and several teams have already booked.

**Disport Games:** I'm sorry to report that they had to be cancelled. It is hoped to reinstate them next year.

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

Philip Wilson

## Great Binfields Primary School Open Mornings

Is your child due to start school in September 2018? If so, we have arranged some Open Sessions on the following dates:

- Tuesday 12 October (sessions at 9.15am and 10.30am)
- Tuesday 7 November (sessions at 9.15am and 10.30am)
- Wednesday 29 November (sessions at 1.15pm and 2.15pm)

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.

Helen Worgan

## Zumba with Gisella

Have lots of fun dancing while burning calories and getting into shape! £5 pay as you go + loyalty card .

**Mondays:** 8:00-9:00pm Popley Spotlight Centre

**Tuesdays:** 8:05-9:05pm Sherfield Park Community Centre

Contact: zumbagisella1@gmail.com/07704918050, Facebook: Gisella Soulsby-Zumba.

Gisella Soulsby

## **Civil Service Retirement Fellowship**

The speaker this month was Tony King who spoke about "Vanished London". He illustrated his talk with many photographs of places around London that were mainly photographed in the 1800s but that sadly no longer stood today either because of ill thought out reconstruction or through bombing during the war. Many of the photographs were taken by Henry Fox Talbot (1800-1877), a British scientist, inventor and photography pioneer who had the foresight to use his newly found technique to record many of the landmarks of London. Some of the streets have completely disappeared or been drastically changed as was Regent Street whose wonderful colonnades were removed in 1925, many buildings, hotels and bridges have been demolished and rebuilt or as in the case of London Bridge shipped to America as a tourist attraction. The coming of the railways was a considerable cause of disruption with 76,000 people being displaced, houses demolished and great new architectural structures being built such as railway stations, which themselves have undergone changes throughout the years. One place which has, however, survived all of this is The George Inn, Southwark, now owned by the National Trust, where both William Shakespeare and Charles Dickens reputedly drank and wrote.

The next meeting is on 4th October when the speaker will be Iain Kennedy on "Cuba Libre". The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at Brookvale Village Hall from 10am to 12noon and all retired Civil Servants and their partners are welcome. Further details about meetings can be obtained from the Secretary, Tony Brazier, on

01256 418770 or at [bjmapbr@ntlworld.com](mailto: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

## **Basingstoke Symphony Orchestra**

Classical Treasures Concert, Saturday 11th November 7:45pm at The Anvil, Basingstoke.

This concert is a true treasure chest of some of the most cherished classical music ever written. Beethoven's powerful Egmont Overture, written as part of his incidental music for a revival of Goethe's tragedy, gets the evening off to a stirring start. Dynamic, award-winning Russian pianist Yulia Chaplina returns to the Anvil stage to perform Tchaikovsky's ever popular first Piano Concerto. Stephen Schotchmer's beautiful and poignant Valse Tragique, a movement from his Second Symphony, is a tribute to the victims of the Bataclan attack in Nov 2015, in particular to Antoine Leirio who lost his wife Helene in the atrocity but whose words, humanity and incredible mental strength following the tragedy were truly inspirational - a moving and fitting piece to mark Remembrance Day. An especially genial warmth pervades the whole of Brahms' Third Symphony, rising in the first and fourth movements to some climaxes of real passion.

Ticket prices range from £2 for U16's to £24. Group and early booking discounts available, please see Anvil website for details [www.anvilarts.org.uk](http://www.anvilarts.org.uk) or visit the Orchestra's website [www.bso.org.uk](http://www.bso.org.uk).

Sandra Ball

## **County and Borough Councillor Elaine Still**

I hope you find my article this month of interest regarding Responsibilities and Power of Utility Companies. Below is a statement from Stuart Jarvis, Corporate Director of Economy at Hampshire County Council (HCC) setting out the responsibilities and Powers of the Highway Authority with regard to utility company road works in response to an email from me. "You asked me to advise you on the responsibilities and powers of the Highway Authority, HCC, with regard to utility company road works.

All utility companies, are governed by the New Roads & Street Works Act 1991 when working on the public highway. The legislation provides powers for such organisations to excavate and lay cables/pipes in the highway and maintain existing equipment. No permission from HCC is needed. However, such works must comply with National specifications regarding safety and the reinstatement of the trench. Utility companies are required to inform HCC of their work to allow HCC to coordinate the various works being undertaken in the area to minimise traffic congestion. There is no legal requirement for utility companies to notify residents of the work, though we encourage them to do so out of courtesy to local residents.

Reinstatements must be structurally sound and should use similar materials as used in the existing surface. The utility company is also required to guarantee the quality of the reinstatement for two years. If any failure of the trench can be attributed to not reinstating according to the National specification then the utility company is liable for any repairs throughout the entire life of the trench. There is no provision for the aesthetics of

the reinstatement in legislation, and regrettably trenches can have a negative visual impact, and still be fully in compliance with the national reinstatement standards. Where a utility company actually damages a road or footway they are legally required to compensate HCC for any repairs that are necessary. A sound reinstatement that complies with the National specification, even if it reduces the visual appearance of the road or footway, is not considered to be damage under these regulations.

Utility companies are permitted to store materials on the public highway on the proviso that they are stored safely and they are signed and guarded in accordance with a National safety specification. No permissions are needed except where the materials are stored on private land. Approximately 30,000 utility works are undertaken on roads in Hampshire each year. Utility companies are entirely responsible for their works and for ensuring that they comply with National specifications and legislation. HCC undertakes approximately 10,000 inspections on utility sites each year to ensure that specifications are complied with. Where defects are noted, the utility company is required to undertake remedial works at their own cost and reimburse HCC for their costs in undertaking the inspections."

Please be assured that, along with the Parish Council, I will act on any issues that arise in relation to any utility company that comes into the community which residents may have concerns with.

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## **Basingstoke Discovery Centre**

To book a place, order online from [www.hants.gov.uk/shop/home.php](http://www.hants.gov.uk/shop/home.php), visit Basingstoke Discovery Centre in Festival Place, or call 01256 478670. Advance booking is strongly recommended.

### **October events:**

**Get Online Week:** 2 – 8 October. Join us this week for the annual Get Online campaign. Let us offer help and support as we show you how we can bring digital skills and know-how to everyone. If it's carrying out transactions, looking at comparison sites or just getting started with getting online, we will have sessions throughout the week to help you develop your digital skills. Check our website and in the Discovery Centre for further details nearer the time.

**Disability Signpost Service:** Tues 3, 10am-12noon. Drop-in for information on topics including transport, benefits, housing and more.

**Basingstoke Disability Connections:** Tues 3, 12.30–2.30pm. Informal get-together for people affected by disability.

**Wonderful Wordsmiths:** Wed 4 and 18, 4-5pm, free. A fun creative writing club for 8-13 olds.

**Board in the Library:** Wed 4 2-6pm, and 18 from 6.30pm, free. Bring out your competitive streak with games like Splendour and Carcassonne. Or working cooperatively – try a game of Pandemic to help save humanity!

**Painting for Fun:** Thu 5 and 19, 2.30–4.30pm, free. Informal group of painters who share tips and

conversation in the coffee shop area.

**Hydration and the Digestive System:** Thurs 5, 1.30pm, £3.75. With Jane Wilkinson, The Body Mentor. Water, as you already know is one of the most important elements your body needs, apart from the billion or so cellular reactions that are reliant on water. We need water for the four main pathways of getting toxins out of our body. How do we know if we are dehydrated and how do we go about changing it? Drinking plain water causes bloating, suppresses thirst and thus further drinking; a poor choice where high fluid intake is required. Join Jane to discover more about your internal health and digestion.

**Hearing Impaired Reading Group:** Fri 6, 2pm – 4pm, free. An opportunity to meet people in a similar situation round a shared interest.

**Discover Board Games:** Sat 7 and 21, 10am – 1pm, ages 3+, free.

**Libraries Week:** 9–14 October, look out for details nearer the time!

**Gemma Cairney at Basingstoke Discovery Centre:** Tuesday 10, 7.15pm, £2.50. BBC Radio presenter, TV personality, journalist and teen ambassador Gemma Cairney OPENS up to talk about how magic and messed up life can be: from mental health to families to first love, and everything in between. Gemma Cairney is an important advocate for young people and between her life experiences and her personal insight from her time as BBC Radio 1's resident agony aunt on The Surgery, she is perfectly placed to offer hope to young people questioning what life's all about or dealing with hard times.

Hear what she has to say, pose your own questions and join in the discussion.

**Memory Box Project:** Fri 13 and 27, 10.30am–12.30pm. An exciting reminiscence project open to all. Drop in and share some stories around the interesting objects on display.

**Young Embroiderer's Club:** Sat 14, 10am–12noon, ages 5-16, £5. Learn new skills and meet new friends.

**Chatterbooks:** Sat 14, 10.30–11.30am, ages 8-11, free. Are you a Bookaholic? Do you enjoy sharing ideas, making new friends and exploring new subjects? Join Chatterbooks. Sign up at the Information Desk in the library.

**StreetPass:** Sat 14, 11am–4pm, free. Experience a new level of social gaming with your gaming consoles.

**Children's Crafts:** Sat 14, from 10am, ages 3+, free.

**Poetry Group:** Wed 18, 10.30am–12.00 noon, £1. Read and share poetry with other like-minded people.

**Creative Writing:** Wed 18, 2–4pm, £1. New members are welcome at this supportive group for writers of all genres and ability.

**Let's Get Making!** Wed 18, 7pm, free. Basingstoke Makerspace Evening. Think of something YOU want to make...and make it at a Makerspace - the Basingstoke Makerspace! Makerspaces are communities for people who want to build, modify and learn about things...a robot or a drone, a 3D printer or scanner, using a laser cutter, learning to solder and build electronics, programme a Raspberry Pi, make cosplay costumes, weld

metal, communicate on the Internet of things, make an electric bike or wheelbarrow or a pair of shoes! Come and discuss with members of Basingstoke and other local Makerspaces what you want to build and at the same time see some of the equipment and projects they are working on.

**Family Chess Coaching:** Sat 21, 10am–1pm (drop-in), free. David Graham and members of the Basingstoke Junior Chess Club will be visiting to offer hints, tips and guidance for complete beginners as well as to those with some knowledge and experience.

**Crime Fiction Reading Group:** Sat 21, 2pm, free. Meet others who share your enjoyment of this genre.

**Take a Line for a Walk:** Thurs 26, 10.30am – 12noon, ages 5-12, £3.75 (Accompanying adults free). Artist and Educator PJ Preston will be on hand to lead a fun morning of mark making and drawing. Just bring your imagination!

**Make Your Own Halloween Costumes:** Fri 27, 1.30pm – 3pm, ages 8-11, £5 (Accompanying adults free). Get ready for Halloween in style with this super sewing and textiles workshop. Design and create your very own costume based on a simple tabard style tunic. Materials provided – although you are welcome to bring any embellishments of your own!

**Visually Impaired Reading Group:** Mon 30, 10.30am–12.30pm, free. An opportunity to meet people in a similar situation round a shared interest.

Phil Jarvis

## Events At Anvil Arts

### **Wed 1 Nov, 7.30pm, The Haymarket**

Arlene! The Glitz. The Glamour. The Gossip. The Queen of Dance reveals all from 40 years in showbusiness. Tickets: £27; under 18s £14

### **Wed 1 Nov, 8pm, The Forge.**

Trio Dhoore: A young band of monstrously musical brothers from Flanders, this folk trio is a force to be reckoned with. Tickets: £15.50; Over 65s, under 16s and f/t students £13.50

### **Thu 2 Nov, 7.30pm, The Haymarket.**

Tamed with Professor Alice Roberts: Alice Roberts delves into archaeology, history and genetics to reveal the amazing stories of species that became our allies. Tickets: £19.50; over 65s and f/t students £17.50

### **Sat 4 Nov, 7.45pm, The Anvil.**

Philharmonia Orchestra: Edward Gardner conducts the Philharmonia as they perform Elgar's In The South and Symphony no 1, as well as a new Clarinet Concerto by young British composer Joseph Phibbs. Tickets: £40, £36, £29, £22, £14; Under 16s and f/t students £10

### **Tue 14 Nov, 7pm doors, The Anvil.**

Imelda May: Superstar singer and songwriter. Tickets: £37, £27; VIP package £101

### **Wed 15 Nov, 8pm, The Anvil**

Soul II Soul: Soul II Soul revolutionised R'n'B and they are the height of cool. Tickets: £36.50

### **Thu 16 Nov, 8pm, The Anvil**

Russell Brand: Re: Birth. Tickets: £29.50 maximum 6 per person. Suitable for ages 16 and over.

### **Fri 17 Nov, 7.45pm, The Anvil**

John Mayall: The Godfather of British

Blues, John Mayall's band The Bluesbreakers launched the careers of Eric Clapton, Mick Fleetwood, John McVie, Peter Green and Mick Taylor. Tickets: £34, £31.50

### **Sat 18 Nov, 7.45pm, The Anvil**

Basel Chamber Orchestra: Heinz Holliger conducts a concert of Mendelssohn and Schubert. Tickets: £40, £36, £29, £22, £14; Under 16s and f/t students £10

### **Thu 23 Nov, 7.30pm, The Anvil**

Milton Jones is Out There. The award-winning stand up comedian with the scruffy hair and loud shirts comes to Basingstoke. Tickets: £28

### **Fri 24 Nov, 7.30pm, The Anvil**

Lulu: a show packed full of her hits, new songs and songs that have influenced and guided her. Tickets: £41

### **Sat 25 Nov, 7.30pm, The Anvil**

The Nutcracker: The Russian State Ballet and Opera House. Tickets: £33, £31; over 65s, under 16s and f/t students £31, £29

### **Sat 25 Nov, 7.45pm, The Forge**

Guy Davis and Fabrizio Poggi: Rediscover the genius of blues masters Brownie McGhee and Sonny Terry, as Guy Davis and Fabrizio Poggi bring you an evening inspired by these two musical greats. Tickets: £15; Over 65s, under 16s and f/t students £13

### **Wed 29 Nov – 2 Dec, 7.30pm, Thu & Sat 2pm, The Haymarket.**

The Ghost's Touch! starring Mark Homer (EastEnders) and Terri Dwyer (Law and Order UK). Tickets: Wed-Thu £22, Fri-Sat £24, 2pm performance £19; Over 65s £2 off, under 16s and f/t students £13

Andrea Bath

## **Cycling in Chineham**

The letter from Polly Mahoney in the September edition raises some interesting issues that perhaps need clarification... Before I bought my latest bike 6 years ago I exchanged e-mails with Mr Miller at the Parish Council to find out what by laws (if any) there were regarding cycling on the many Lanes and Passageways that criss-cross Chineham.

I was assured it was OK to ride a bike on these routes but to use common sense as they are shared with pedestrians. I have never had a problem in all these years, in fact it is rare to see anyone either walking or cycling! If more people knew this then the Lanes may get greater use, and perhaps avoid driving a car on the busy roads.

Tony Luker

## **Chineham Girls' Football**

In glorious weather on Sun 9th July the girls of Chineham and surrounding areas turned out in numbers to attend the very first girl only football session to be hosted in the area. 35 girls from year 1 to year 7 amazed the Chineham Tigers coaches with their skills and positive attitude to learning. The second session on Sun 16th July saw an even larger turnout with over 50 girls attending either one or both sessions. Due to the success of these July free taster sessions we have moved ahead with the formation of a girls section of the club and will be putting together a number of teams that can play matches against other local girls teams in the area.

The details of the sessions for the new

season that began on Sat 10th September are below and these will continue on a weekly basis through to the summer holidays in 2018. We expect the details to remain the same but the day, time and venue may be subject to change depending on circumstances. All girls of any age are welcome to come along and see if they enjoy the experience!

### **Sherfield Park Community Centre:**

Saturday: 9.30 to 10:30 – year 5 and older.

Sunday: 10.00-11.00 – years R, 1 & 2.

Sunday: 11.00-12.00 – years 3 & 4.

If you have any questions then please contact me using my details below.

Andy Hoiles, Chineham Tigers FC.

Email: andy.hoiles@hotmail.com

Web: [www.chinehamtigersfc.co.uk](http://www.chinehamtigersfc.co.uk)

## **Divorce Recovery Workshop**

Are you separated or divorced? Are you asking yourself why it all happened? Struggling with the trauma? Feeling rejected or that nobody understands? Whatever stage of separation or divorce you find yourself in the Divorce Recovery Workshop could be for you. This self-help workshop helps you to make some sense of it all and move forwards. The workshop runs over six evening sessions using thought provoking DVD material and small group discussions. Our motto is you can go through it or grow through it!

Our next set of workshops will be running from the 3rd October. For further information and to book a place please contact Erica on 01256 478778/07789 717076 or Frank on 07799 141891.

Erica Lucas

# Chineham Chat Extra – August 2017

Occasionally we have too much material to fit into the printed magazine, or material arrives after we've gone to print. We've decided

that when this happens we will include the extra articles at the end of the online edition, in a *Chineham Chat Extra* section.



## Sherfield Beer Festival

Following the outstanding success of the last eight years, the village of Sherfield-on-Loddon is getting ready to host another Beer Festival on Saturday 30th September.

Serving from 11:30am until 11pm, the Beer Festival attracts beers and ciders from many parts of the country.

Ale-lovers and families will be treated to a range of delicious food and snacks, plus live music throughout the afternoon and evening from local bands including the very popular Basingstoke Concert Band. All these will be enjoyed in the lovely Village Hall garden, weather permitting, and to top it all there is a free – yes, free! - minibus shuttle service to and from the Beer Festival and Bramley train station from 6pm, courtesy of Jar's Cars and sponsored by the White Hart.

Not a beer or cider fan? We will serve wine, lagers and soft drinks from the Village Hall bar too.

Ticket prices are the same as last year - only £4 if purchased in advance from The Shop, the White Hart and the Four Horseshoes. They are £5 on the day and children under 18 years old are free of charge when accompanied by an adult. No dogs except guide and assistance dogs.

Commemorative pint beer glasses are being sponsored by the Four Horseshoes and will be given to each adult ticket holder, subject to availability. The Beer Festival is raising funds for three charities once again this year – Sherfield Village Hall, St. Michael's Hospice in Basingstoke, and Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance.

We know it's going to be busy and full of thirsty people so bring a chair and come along to enjoy another wonderful Sherfield Beer Festival.



## Tudor and Civil War Living History Weekend at Basing House

Expect loud bangs from cannons and gunfire at Basing House on **30th September** and **1st October** for a weekend of Tudor and Civil War themed living history. Dating from the Norman period, Basing House was the site of the largest private house in Tudor England. Visitors to the weekend spectacular can get an insight into the devastating realities of the English Civil War through armed skirmishes as would have taken place between 1642 and 1651 between Parliamentarians and Royalists, in this case recreated by members of the English Civil War Society. Re-enactors will also share with visitors the more everyday aspects of Tudor life.

The Mary Rose Trust will also be in attendance with activities in their tent. There will also be Tudor-costumed individuals whom you can meet around the site during the weekend. We have a lady demonstrating the art of Lucet spinning. Families can also try traditional Tudor outdoor games or you might want to have a tilt at Hobby Horse Jousting! To really experience what it would feel like living at the time there is the opportunity to dress in Tudor costumes, even take a selfie in a Tudor-style frame! In addition there will be tours of Basing House plus half-hour tours (from 3 to 5 pm) of nearby St Mary's Church, inextricably linked with Basing House as it was severely damaged by Cromwell's Parliamentary forces as they besieged Basing House.

Please note that during the skirmishes it can get quite noisy, it is advisable that young children, dogs and visitors with sensitivity to loud noises do not attend if they are likely to become frightened or distressed by these noises.

Normal admission prices apply. There is a free car park off Barton's Lane, Old Basing (RG24 8AE), with short walk along the River Loddon the visitor centre entrance. More information: 01256 463965 or see [www.hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk/basing-house](http://www.hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk/basing-house)