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Chat



Thornhill Way. Photo by Peter Malcolm.

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The eagle-eyed among our readers may have noticed that we are lucky enough to have a brand-new website. The address remains the same, www.chinehamchat.com, but the content has changed quite a bit. In addition to our current and archived issues and information on how to advertise with us there are now new pages with information on Chineham itself (including the mythical Chineham Owl Man), the Chat team (content varies considerably in accuracy) and a directory of services. The new site is considerably more mobile- and tablet-friendly, bringing us squarely into the 20th century (not quite 21st, as it's not yet interactive—we don't want to scare people)!

There is also a new social media presence for the Chat on Twitter at www.twitter.com/ChatChineham and on Instagram at www.instagram.com/chatchineham/ - please follow us if you use those streams! These have all been set up by our fabulous but outgoing Webmaster, Holly. She leaves us in great shape—but we need someone to replace her. Are you interested in developing our social media accounts, and putting ever more creative content on our website? We would love to hear from you. Please consider joining us and helping the Chat to provide the best possible service to the people of Chineham!

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Chineham Village Hall

Further to our recent request for those using the playground to avoid any works that were taking place, we are pleased to let you know that three items of inclusive play equipment have now been installed on the grassed area next to the playground. The springies and roundabout are designed with back supports to give small children of all abilities the opportunity to use the facilities. Our thanks to Sun Life of Canada for their support with this project, and to Dick Randall Services for coming to site so quickly to deal with the installation.

The old and extremely worn fence/gate at the Warbleton Road entrance has recently been renewed and will hopefully last as long as the original!

Following February's half term, we welcome back our children's classes to the halls. Whether you are interested in pre/after school children's classes, fitness, diet, etc., you will find dates and times on the Calendar of Events of our website www.chinehamvillagehall.co.uk/.

If you are looking for a venue to hold a regular class or meeting, or wish to enquire about booking a party, please contact our booking line on 07935 328172, send an email to chinehamvillagehall@gmail.com or complete an enquiry form/check availability at www.chinehamvillagehall.co.uk. Please note: Our booking clerk is not available during the day but will return your call if you leave a message. Missed calls with no message are not followed up.

Lynne Hughes

Chineham Library

Regular activities follow their usual pattern this month, with children's rhymetimes for under ones at 10am and over ones at 11am on Tuesday mornings. From 10.30am there is also now a volunteer-led coffee morning which those attending are welcome to visit. This offers a chance to meet others with young children in the Acorn Room.

On the **7th March** and the **4th April**, we are holding the monthly drop-in craft session, commencing at 10am, and at 11am on all other Saturdays a storytime will take place. Our Cuppa and Chat group continue to meet weekly on a **Wednesday** morning at 10.30 and would very much welcome some new faces. Our reading group continue to meet monthly at 10.30am on the last Saturdays of the month. The writing group next meets on the **5th March** and the **2nd April** at 5:30pm. We now have two sources of IT tuition/guidance available, the Wednesday morning Age Concern sessions which focus on working with your own device are bookable through their office on 01256 423874. A donation is requested. In addition, Tuesday mornings we have a volunteer available to assist with using the library terminals. Sessions with her are bookable through the library.

The trio of crime talks finished last month and has been a great success. We have two more crime-related talks coming up. There is a 'Scenes of Crime' talk with former police officer Ken Wells on **26th March**, and a 'Great Train Robbery' talk with Tony Keep on **23rd April**. Both take place at 6pm and tickets can be booked through the library or the online shop. Our recent Harry Potter night was a great success with the youngsters who

attended. Other events will be offered in the near future so watch for these as tickets often sell out quickly.

Don't forget that the library is now able to offer room hire, including times outside library opening hours. Charges and further information are available from the library. We hope to see you in the library soon.

Cathy Foster

Chineham WI

Bollywood dancing is not something I expected to be doing when I joined the Women's Institute, but our January meeting saw us all joining in with Annabel Brash, our tutor for the evening. Annabel told us some of the history behind the Bollywood dance moves and we were soon making fans and birds with our hands. But that was just the beginning and soon everyone was on their feet joining in! Everyone had a smile on their face as the music and dancing lifted our spirits on a previously dreary January evening.

We usually schedule an evening dining out in February and this year we visited Tang's restaurant in Basingstoke for a Chinese banquet. The food was good but there was far too much, so many of the members brought home a doggy bag! Meanwhile the gardening club, lunch club and Scrabble players continue to meet up for their monthly events. Our regular March meeting features a visit from Jonathan Jones, a Town Crier, and we all have the opportunity to attend a joint meeting with other Basingstoke WIs at which Julie Horton will be singing jazz.

We are delighted to welcome new members to Chineham WI in 2020. Why not come along to our next monthly

meeting on **Monday 23 March** in the Shaftesbury Room at Christ Church, Reading Road, Chineham RG24 8LT (next to Chineham Doctors Surgery) at 7.30pm. We'd love to meet you! Your first visit is free and the annual subscription is £43 which includes 11 monthly meetings and six WI Life magazines, reduced rates on courses at Denman College plus the opportunity to join in with all our other social events and clubs. You're sure of a warm welcome and a fun evening!

Pam Malcolm
Treasurer, Chineham WI

Jack Nangle Moves On

One of the most diligent past Chineham Chat distribution managers was Jack Nangle. He did the job for an incredible 10 years and would be well known to some of the longer-standing deliverers. He passed away after a long and painful deterioration last November. Although a skilled driver (honed in his days driving heavy vehicles in the army), Jack was still regularly walking into the centre of town at the age of 87.

One could readily describe him as a "character" with strong views on both local and national issues, (often expressed in the Gazette letters page). We usually had a good natter when he came to collect the Chats from us and despite having quite differing views on some topics, our discussions were always friendly and good-humoured. It is always sad when a local character is no longer with us and I am sure all will wish his wife Marie and children well for the future.

Martin Biermann

Save Chineham Library

Dear Everyone concerned with closing Chineham Library.

We are the librarians at Four Lanes Infant School and we are writing to you because we are feeling sad. We are feeling sad because we have heard that Chineham Library is closing. We would like to keep the Chineham library open so more people can enjoy it.

We like to use the library to find out more information about the things we have been learning at school. We go to the library to find more books to read. We like to get chapter books from the library. I can share these books with my grown-ups. We also like to do the summer reading challenge. We are able to still read books when we are not at school. We take these books out of the Chineham Library.

When we take out books from the library, it helps us to learn even more than we do at school. It helps to grow our imagination.

We also use the library in the school holidays to complete fun activities that the librarians create for us. We love the art and craft activities.

We think the library must stay open. Please, please, please, please, please, please, please, please, please, please keep the library open for us and our younger brothers and sisters!

Lots of Love From

Corben, Isla, Harry, Ariana, Arthur, Kaia, Hazel, Eve, Melis, Phoebe, Ellie and Emilia
(Year 1 and Year 2 Librarians)

Editor's note:

What can we do to save the Library?

1. Have your say by completing the library consultation
2. Use the library! Every person who attends is counted, every book taken out and every log in adds to the overall picture of how well used the library is
3. Sign the petition <https://tinyurl.com/wsvfww4>
4. Share our page and tell people neighbours, groups you attend, your family and friends how they can have their say
5. Watch the Library sites for regular updates and events

Basingstoke Choral Society

Basingstoke Choral Society's next concert:

The music: Orff Carmina Burana - Lively and ever popular, Gershwin Rhapsody in Blue - Classic orchestral jazz, Lambert The Rio Grande - Symphonic jazz cantata.

The performance: Basingstoke Choral Society, Croydon Philharmonic Choir, Choir of St Mary's C of E Primary School, Oxted - 250 voices, Docklands Sinfonia, David Gibson conducts.

The venue: The Phoenix Concert Hall, Fairfield Halls, Croydon - newly reopened. **Saturday 28th March**, 7.30pm.

Tickets: 020 3292 0002 or www.fairfield.co.uk from £15. We put the sing in BaSingstoke!

- Join us at rehearsals on Wednesday nights - 7.30 at The Vyne School
- Our June concert is in Winchester Cathedral
- www.baschoral.wixsite.com

Rachel Holland

NWR

This month we took a trip down memory lane discussing food and games from our childhood with shared memories of sherbet dabs and liquorice pipes, shrimps, flying saucers, chocolate bananas and many more. On the food front not so happy memories of school dinners and tapioca pudding with mixed responses to spam fritters. We also talked of those playground games of fives, hop scotch, cats cradle as well as skipping, handstands and cartwheels. Happy days indeed and all without the aid of technology.

Mixed reviews for "After you" by Jo Jo Moyes, our book of the month so higher hopes for "The Girl in the Blue Dress" by Gaynor Arnold our book for February.

We are a small friendly group, so if you would like to come along and, enjoy some lively conversation with a variety of activities to choose from then check us out with no obligation to join. We usually meet in the afternoon in each others' homes on the first Monday of the month. We also have a Lunch Club which meets at various venues on different days of the week and our book lovers meet 8pm every 4th Thursday. For more information about NWR do look at the website: nwr.org.uk or to find out more about our group do get in touch. Contact: Sandie by email on: sandra.tapping@gmail.com or telephone Karen Dann on 01256 328488.

Diane Hope

Basingstoke Blues Club

Basingstoke Blues Club (in association with the Basingstoke Railway Social Club, RG21 5NB) presents The Cadillac Kings on **Saturday 21st March**.

Red hot Rhythm 'n' Blues delivered by five of the UK's top roots musicians. Big on the blues, R&B, rock & roll & swing dance scenes and picking up awards worldwide since their formation in 2000, in the words of Lionel Ross, British Blues Magazine - "Do not miss these guys!" and Ian Ross, director of Darlington Music Festival, "This band with a well-earned reputation for their unfailing ability to put on a great performance, with warmth and humour exuding from every pore. In short, they are an absolute delight". All welcome - 8pm till late. £8 on the door. Licensed bar and low prices. Profits to Brain Tumour Research.

Christine Nield

Anvil Arts

March events:

Wed 4, 7.30pm, The Haymarket

Round the Horne: From 1965 to 1968 the ground-breaking Round the Horne entertained listeners for half-an-hour every Sunday afternoon as people gathered around the wireless to listen to Kenneth Horne and his merry crew get up to all sorts of mischief. Fifty years on, experience this comedy show live on stage, with original scripts by Barry Took and Marty Feldman. Tickets: £23.

Thu 12, 7.30pm. The Anvil

Francis Rossi - I Talk Too Much: Status Quo lead singer Francis Rossi shares the extraordinary secrets of his 50-plus years in rock 'n' roll when he takes to the stage for an evening of chat and music. He will talk about his mishaps and adventures of

life on the road with one of the biggest and most loved bands ever. Expect laughter, revelations, tales involving some of the giants of music, exclusive video clips, snatches of hit tunes, and a great night out. Tickets: £30; VIP: £40; Super VIP: £75.

Thu 12, 7:45pm, The Forge

Alex Edelman - Just For Us: The stand-up comedian makes his debut in Basingstoke. His show has cemented his reputation as a writer-performer of impressive ambition and technical skill. In its premiere run at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival, it was nominated for a Barry Award for Best Show. In Edinburgh, it earned a Herald Angel Award, a nomination for Best Show, and superlative praise that made it the best reviewed comedy show of the Festival. Suitable for ages 14+. Tickets: £18. under 25s and f/t students £16.

Sat 14, 11:00am, The Anvil

Beethoven Day: Enjoy a programme of chamber music, talks and screenings, curated and presented by Professor John Deathridge (King's College London), taking place around The Anvil building from 11.00am. Tickets: £10.

Sat 14, 3:00pm, The Anvil

Philharmonia Orchestra - Beethoven 250: The Philharmonia Orchestra marks the 250th anniversary of Beethoven's birth with a special recreation of a mammoth concert that the composer gave in Vienna in December 1808, at which all the pieces in this afternoon's programme were first performed, plus parts of his Mass in C. Esa-Pekka Salonen conducts, with pianist Andreas Haefliger, and the Rodolfus Choir. Tickets: £42, £38, £31, £24, £16, under 25s £11.

Sun 15, 7:00pm, The Anvil

Fire Dance with Karen Hauer and Gorka Marquez: The Strictly favourites ignite the dance floor with their Argentine tango, flamenco, paso doble, samba, salsa, and contemporary dance moves, all accompanied by Latin musicians and a dynamic dance ensemble. Tickets: £44.50, £37.50.

Fri 20, 7:45pm, The Forge

Mike Farris: Tennessee's Mike Farris mixes gospel, rock, soul, blues and more; a true powerhouse performer. A reformed addict (sober now for several years), he has faced down his demons and embraced his personal angels in equal measure. These experiences inform and underpin his sincere and heartfelt voice and musical message to inimitable effect. Tickets: £16, under 25s and f/t students £14.

Thu 26, 8:00pm, The Haymarket

Andy Parsons - Healing the Nation: The award-winning comedian began his career writing for Weekending and went on to become one of the main writers on the ground-breaking Spitting Image satirical puppet show. He has gone on to perform on numerous radio and television shows including Mock the Week and QI, and performed his stand-up shows all over the world. Suitable for ages 14+. Tickets: £18.

Fri 27, 7:45pm, The Forge

Jackie Oates and John Spears: Multi award-winning contemporary folk duo Jackie Oates and John Spiers met through the vibrant folk scene of Oxford and its surrounding villages. Already admiring of each other's work, they began playing music together and are looking forward to introducing their new music to audiences. Tickets: £17, under 25's and f/t students £15.

Andrea Bath

Nature Notes

I participated in the Big Bird Count at the end of January and was very surprised to find that there were not as many birds as in previous years. Was this because there were now two young cats roaming in the garden? I give the birds time to eat by keeping the cats inside at certain times. During my allotted count I was astonished to spot a strange black and white bird. I was puzzled as it wasn't either a great tit or a long tailed tit, which have visited the hanging feeders in the past. A pied wagtail is usually on the ground when visiting and the magpies are too large. I spent a day searching my books and came up with a pied flycatcher! I added it to my list so I hope it returns another time. I have not received a message saying I was incorrect.

Talking of magpies reminded me that the nest in the large tree escaped the storms of Brendon and Ciara. There have been extra twigs added on a number of occasions last month. It has been four years since this pair began nesting and the size is huge. Each time there is a strong wind, I wonder if it will disappear.

Did you see the patch of snowdrops on the A33 just past the church? Each year that also increases in size, but the ones in my garden are later and appear smaller despite being in a more sheltered place. Also on that road, look out for the teasels, which have now turned black with all the pollution. I was surprised to read that Brora still utilise teasel heads in the production of their cashmere products.

The catkins are showing well on the trees. Those are the male flowers. If you are lucky to see any branches low down, search for the female flowers, which are like small crimson pompoms.

We must be prepared to check trees in our neighbourhood from now on, because of the diseases to ash, beech and oak.

I spotted hedgehog droppings in my garden today, so I shall continue with the feeding, hoping that they begin to breed early. Please inform me if you have any in your area.

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Bowling Club Open Day

Marnell Bowling Club, based in Carpenters Down, Popley are holding an open day on **Saturday April 18th** from 11am to 4pm. We are looking for new members and bowlers of all ages and abilities from 12 years upwards.

Coaching is available for new players and you will be able to make new friends. Have a go (no obligation) and equipment can be provided to give it a try. Just a pair of flat shoes needed for the green. We have a clubhouse, so a visit would give you a chance to see if it appeals to you.

Visit our website at www.marnellbowlingclub.co.uk, or visit our Facebook page to see our open day advert.

Bob Harrison

National Garden Scheme

Hopefully by now you have managed to obtain a copy of our 2020 Yellow National Garden Scheme Booklet. If you are part of a group and would like to receive our monthly Hampshire Newsletter, plus a supply of our booklets, please contact me. Or maybe you know someone who has an amazing garden, which really should be shared with others, and at the same time raise much needed funds for our nursing, caring and health charities. Now a couple of gardens you might like to visit, both within 15 miles of Chineham:-

Bere Mill, Whitchurch, RG28 7NH

Open **Sunday 22nd March**, 1.30pm to 5pm, admission £7, children free, home-made teas. On the Upper Test with water meadows and wooded valleys, this garden offers herbaceous borders, bog and Mediterranean plants, as well as a replanted orchard and two small arboretums. Features including early bulbs, species tulips, Japanese prunus, peonies, wisteria, irises, roses, and semi-tropical planting. <https://ngs.org.uk/view-garden/19432/>.

Beechenwood Farm, Odiham, RG29 1JA

Open **Sunday 29th March**, 2pm to 5pm, admission £4, children free, home-made teas. (Also open May and by arrangement). A 2 acre garden in many parts. Lawn meandering through woodland with drifts of spring bulbs. Rose pergola with steps, pots with spring bulbs and later aeoniums. Fritillary and cowslip meadow. Walled herb garden with pool and exuberant planting. Orchard including white garden and hot border. Greenhouse and vegetable garden. Rock garden extending to grasses, ferns and bamboos. Shady walk to belvedere. 8 acre copse of native species with grassed

rides. <https://ngs.org.uk/view-garden/8569/>.

Pat Beagley

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Rotary Club

Thanks from the Rotary Club of Basingstoke – you made it possible. The Basingstoke Rotary would like to thank the generous people of Basingstoke for their donations made when we toured the estates with our Santa float.

This was a real community helping the community event. The sleigh was built with materials kindly donated by Travis Perkins and TLC. With vehicles loaned by Snows and Think Ford. A launch ceremony was held hosted by Berry Bros. & Rudd, at which the Mayor of Basingstoke and Maria Miller attended to support the initiative. School children from Fairfields Primary School together with Head Kelly Dillon provided carol singing.

To involve local children a ‘design a sleigh banner’ competition was held. Nine local primary schools took part and there were over 200 entries judged by local artist Lin Osborn. The project, aimed at cheering the community, bringing a smile to children and raising monies for local charities.

Already Rotary is in the progress of supplying and fitting new racking for the Spotlight charity shop at the top of town which also runs a food bank. Spotlight were in dire need of assistance and this is happening because of the public’s generosity. Other local projects to help the community are being progressed. Many thanks Basingstoke.

Alan Poole

Basingstoke Discovery Centre

Adult Talk/Events:

Below 2020: Mon 2nd–28th Mar. A photography and Art Exhibition by members of 'Losing My Sight UK', highlighting what visually impaired people can achieve.

Basingstoke Astronomical Society:

Tues 10th Mar, 6.00-8.00pm. Talk with viewing of the night sky. Telescopes and binoculars will be available for viewing the sky from the terrace. Please note the viewing is dependent on the weather. Tickets: £5.

Forecasting the British weather: Sat 14th Mar, 2pm. Ever wondered how the UK's weather is predicted? Come and listen to the MET Office's Colin McAllister talk about how the British weather is forecasted. A fascinating insight into the techniques used to give us our daily fix on the British fascination: the weather. Tickets: £5.

The Wreck of the Titanic: Tues 31 Mar, 2pm. When the RMS Titanic went down on the night of 15 April 1912 more than 1,500 people lost their lives. The terrible disaster rocked the shipping world, was the subject of an intensive inquiry and has subsequently been featured in numerous books and films. This talk looks at the building of the ship, and its intended role in maritime trade of the period. Most of the talk, however, concentrates on the ships final voyage and the wreck. It explains what happened on that fateful night, and why. It also seeks to debunk the myths and correct misconceptions – including the famous “moving deckchairs on the Titanic”. Tickets: £5.

Scott Hyde

Old Basing Tennis Club

Come and join us as we start our new season of playing tennis at our lovely venue. Get fit and enjoy some fresh air and sunshine in a beautiful setting on Riley Lane, Old Basing, next to the Cricket Club. Have fun with your children or friends and family or join in with other members at club-nights, on Tuesday and Friday evenings from 6pm. Coaching sessions are run for adults or children, beginners or improvers with coaches from JB Tennis Academy on various days of the week.

Great value membership of £100 for the whole year for an adult. Other prices for children, students and families. For more information about how to play tennis with us, visit clubspark.lta.org.uk/oldbasingtennisclub or email obtc.information@gmail.com. Our first club night is **Tuesday 31st March** at 6pm.

Penny Luke

Basingstoke Concert Band

Basingstoke Concert Band is delighted to present A Spring Concert. **Saturday 28 March** at 7.00 pm, St Michael's Church Basingstoke RG21 7QW.

The programme of music consists of a wide range of musical styles including music from the big screen and superb solo items. Tickets £10 (U16 free) and available from: on-line: <https://ticketlab.co.uk/event/id/4501>, band mobile: 07503 881241 (Tim), group members or on the door. Website: www.bcband.org.uk.

Janet Howard

County and Borough Councillor Elaine Still

A30 Speed Limits: Many Chineham residents use the A30. Following a higher than average number of road accidents the speed limits are due to be reduced to 60mph from 405 metres south-west of its junction with Water End Lane to 460 metres west of its junction with The Baredown. From that point to 137 metres east of The Baredown junction the limit will become 50mph. The 50mph limit past the Country Hotel will remain.

Hampshire County Council budgets: The 2020/21 budget is due to be approved before you read this article. Careful financial stewardship has minimised the impact of necessary savings on services. However, we plan to spend more on tackling climate change, road maintenance and social care, particularly of the elderly.

A 3.99% increase in Hampshire County Council's council tax precept for the financial year beginning 1 April 2020 is proposed. 2% is specifically for adults' social care, in line with Government policy. This equates to an annual charge of £1,286.28 for a Band D property – an increase of just over £49 per year. The Borough Council and others may add to this increase to meet their needs.

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Borough Councillor Laura Edwards

A huge thank you to everyone who was able to attend the drop in at Chineham Library last month. There was a great turn out and at one stage there was a one in one out policy. Please, please respond to the consultation if you haven't had the chance to do so. Every response makes a difference and the total number of responses are looked at rather than the number of household responses – everyone in your household should have their say. To take part in the consultation online go to: www.hants.gov.uk/library-consultation Or you can fill in a hard copy at the library. The consultation closes on the 18 March. The Friends of Chineham Library have run a fantastic campaign and I would like to personally thank them for their hard work.

Thames Water have confirmed the recent odour is due to storage issues with processed and dried out waste (cake). They are working hard to resolve the issue and are sorry to all residents affected. If you would like to contact Thames Water with an enquiry or to report an odour issue please email them at: customer.feedback@thameswater.co.uk or call them on 0800 316 9800 their lines are always open.

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Sheffield Park Councillor

Borough Councillor Paul Miller

The hot topic affecting Chineham Residents is the proposal by Hampshire County Council to include the Chineham Library in the list of potential closures across the County. The Ward Councillors oppose the closure of our Library but if the only way to keep it open is to reduce its opening hours then we could support that as a last resort. I understand that the opening hours could be extended in that case if suitable volunteers would be available. I would urge everyone who has yet to complete the HCC Consultation to do so before the deadline on March 18th on <https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/library-consultation>.

In recent days at the time of writing our local roads and low lying areas have been affected by flooding following the heavy rains. The ground water is breaching the surface in many places and the drainage systems are once again being overwhelmed. I have been reported some of the obvious road floods to HCC on their reporting webpage but if any resident spots any dramatic flooding please contact me. I was out last Monday and reported the flooding of Petty's Brook (again) hopefully to get the water authorities to initiate some action. If any resident requires advice on any matters concerning BDBC or our Chineham environment, please contact me.

Paul Miller

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Mayor's Charity Events

Three March events are scheduled with proceeds going to the Mayor's Charity Appeal, supporting HeartSmart, Real Change not Loose Change and Besom in Basingstoke.

Mayor's Spring Charity Concert. Sat 7 Mar, The Anvil, 7.30pm. Adults £16, over 65s, under 16s and f/t students £12 (box.office@anvilarts.org.uk or 01256 844244). Programme includes: Hallelujah Chorus, The Anvil Chorus, Fantasia on British Sea Songs, Wagner's Mastersingers' Overture, Rule Britannia, Old 100th and Jerusalem.

An evening with James Ketchell 'Local Adventurer'. Fri 13 Mar, The Apollo Hotel, RG24 9NU, 7pm. Tickets £12.50 (excludes booking fee), from www.ticketsource.co.uk/BasingstokeMayor. On 1 February 2014, Basingstoke-born James, a former pupil of the Costello School, became the first and only person to have rowed across the Atlantic Ocean, successfully summited Mount Everest and cycled 18,000 miles around the world, in what the media dubbed, "The Ultimate Triathlon". A night of fun and adventure as James shares his story, and lessons learned with breathtaking footage, and imagery from around the world.

Mayor's Charity Lunch. Thu 19 Mar, The Restaurant, BCOT, RG21 8TN, 12noon for 12.30pm. Tickets £25 (excludes booking fee) from www.ticketsource.co.uk/BasingstokeMayor. The Mayor will sharing a few of her travel experiences, there will be Indian clothing demonstrations along with background music from a sitar player. A tasty three-course Indian buffet menu designed, prepared, cooked and served by BCoT Hospitality and Catering students.

Zoe McLaren

Probus Club

Do many people realise the connection between birds and planes? Stephen Thair, an Old Basing resident, outlined to Probus Club members by combining his dual interests of bird watching and aviation he easily makes the connection between these two flying objects—one ornithological and the other aeronautical. Many sea birds have aircraft named after them. Gannets dive into the sea at great speed. In the 1950s the Fairey Aviation Company built a high powered plane used for anti submarine and a version for airborne early warning surveillance called the Gannet.

Gulls abound throughout the world and appreciating their flight capabilities the Percival Aircraft Company made their Gull series of high performance light aircraft in the 1930s. The Mew Gull version raced from UK to South Africa and back in 4 1/2 days, a record that stood for seventy years. Some gliders have gull shaped wings. Famously, although with an inverted gull wing, was the WW2 German Stuka Dive Bomber. A US Navy fighter, the Corsair, had the same wing configuration.

The Lockheed Company made the Blackbird SR 71A spy plane, painted black, which could fly at Mach 3 at 85,000 feet. This was reconnaissance prior to the advent of satellites. It was targeted by 1,000 missiles without being hit.

Britain has one type of Kingfisher although throughout the world there are 86 species. The Museum of the Revolution in Cuba houses a Vought Kingfisher aircraft captured by Fidel Castro's revolutionaries in 1958 and then used against government forces. The RAF Red Arrows display team use a training aircraft, the BAE Hawk, to great acclaim.

Paul Flint

Minister's Message

I love a good quiz. I sometimes watch quiz shows on the TV, and I like the speed of the Chase, the fresh and relaxed approach of House of Games, and the weird lateral thinking of Only Connect. I'm pretty good myself at science, technology and religion, reasonable at geography and history, poor at music or literature, and absolutely hopeless at sport. And there always seem to be questions about who won which FA Cup in which year, or the Gold Medal winners or locations of the Olympics. So I never win at quizzes, thanks to the Olympics.

So I surprised myself by showing a clip from the Olympics at our services a few Sundays back. It was from the 1924 Olympics (quick: where were they held? Pass? Paris!) and the 400m men's final. Some Americans were favourites, but the surprise winner was 'The Flying Scot' Eric Liddell. He quickly became the most famous man in Scotland, and the toast of the UK. The drama behind the race, and why Eric refused to compete in the 100m men's final which was his better event, are captured in the classic film 'Chariots of Fire'. It also hints at the Liddell's strong Christian faith, noting his belief that "God made me fast" and so racing was part of his way of worshipping God. Soon after his Gold he moved as a Missionary to China, where he died only 20 years later.

I'm delighted that we're going to be hosting a much more recent British Olympic medal-winning sprinter to Christ Church in March. Tony Jarrett was part of the 4x100m GB relay team that won Silver alongside Linford Christie, John Regis and Colin Jackson. But in spite of Tony's many success on the track, he often felt that something was missing in his life. When he later came to

understand what Jesus Christ had done for him, he realised that he'd found the greatest prize of all. Tony now enjoys sharing his story of racing and faith "from Silver to Gold". It's open to all, so please join us on **Saturday 7th March** at 8:30am for one of our legendary breakfasts, followed by his story at 9:30am, with a chance for Q+A. This is a free event, but please call us on 01256 474280 or email hello@christchurchchineham.org.uk to reserve a place.

Jonathan Clark, Lead Minister

Christ Church Activities

Sunday services: We welcome all at our 9 and 10.30am services. The 9am service is smaller and more reflective, using traditional hymns. At 10.30am we have a music band and groups for children and young people from 0-16. We also have regular All Age Services where our young people are more involved in organising and running the services. Our next All-Age Worship service is on **5th April**, Palm Sunday. Our sermons are recorded and are available at www.christchurchchineham.org.uk.

Prayer: Is there something you would like prayer for? Do let us know, contact details below. If you would like to come and pray at the Church you would be most welcome. Our Prayer Room is open whenever the building is open - you are welcome to drop in to sit and pray in silence, or if you would like someone to pray with or for you we can arrange that. We meet weekly to pray on alternate Sunday and Monday evenings; you would be most welcome to join us (please contact the office for details). We also have a regular Prayer Morning each Wednesday from 9.30-10am.

Further information: if you would like to know more about the life and activities of

Christ Church please drop in to see Gill in the office: Mon: 8-4, Tue: 9-12, Wed: 9-12, Thu: 8-2.30, Fri: 8-4. See: www.christchurchchineham.org.uk, email: hello@christchurchchineham.org.uk, phone: 01256 474280, facebook / instagram: christchurchchineham, twitter: @ccChineham.

Weekly Groups:

Sparklers: Tues and Thurs, 10am to 11.30am, in term-time, for pre-school children and 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. We ask for £1.50 per child as a contribution towards the cost of refreshments. All enquiries to Katy Lowe at the church office. We encourage adults attending to help with setting up and clearing away if they are able to. No sessions on 18th and 20th as this is half-term. All enquiries to Katy Lowe at the church office.

Coffee & Co: Mon 9.30-11.30am, term time. Enjoy mouth-watering home-made cakes, fresh coffee from our friendly team, plus lots of toys for babies and pre-schoolers.

This Month:

Coffee, Chat & Craft Group: The group will continue to meet on the first and third Tuesday afternoons from 1-3.30pm, to knit, sew, crochet or simply sit and chat. In March the dates are **3rd** and **17th** - why not come and join us? For further information contact the Church Office.

Messy Church: We have two Messy Church days in March - **2nd** and **30th**, from 3.45-5.45pm. Come and join us for fun activities, praise, craft, and share a meal together. Parents must stay with their children. Free, but donations

welcome.

123 Matinee Group: Tues 10 Mar 1-3pm. This social/support group is aimed at "older friends" although everyone is welcome. No charge but a £1 voluntary donation is welcomed. You will find a warm welcome, plenty of people to chat to, along with lovely refreshments and our usual quiz and seated exercises. Honor Watts, Village agent for Age Concern in Chineham will be our guest speaker and will welcome questions about the service she represents. If you are interested in coming along and/or helping you will be made most welcome. We may be able to arrange a lift - just let us know in plenty of time.

Daytime Holy Communion Service: Tue 31 Mar, 11.00am. A small friendly group of worshippers meets monthly to receive Holy Communion - all are welcome. And why not stay on afterwards for the Lunch club that follows Communion.

Luncheon Club: At the time of writing it is unclear if we can hold the lunch club this month due to a kitchen refurbishment at the Church. If it does run the date is **Tue 31 March** at 12 noon, but please ring the office to check it's still on. Come along and meet friends for a delicious home cooked 2 course meal. £5 adults, £3 children. No need to book, but we do need to know in advance if you have any special dietary requirements. Also call us if you would like a lift as we may be able to arrange it. Contact Jan Markey on 01256 356829 or call the office on 474280.

Breakfast: Sat 7 Mar, 8.30am. Our first breakfast of the 2020 features special guest speaker Tony Jarrett. Tony is a former Olympic hurdler who obtained many medals during his long career, including the 4x100 relay silver medal

with fellow athletes Linford Christie, John Regis and Colin Jackson, and a Gold medal at the 1998 Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur. In spite of Tony's success on the track he often felt that something was missing in his life. When he accepted Christ this void was filled. The breakfast is open to all, but you need to book as places are limited. To book your place at the breakfast please email/call Gill in the office 01256 4 7 4 2 8 0 or email: office@christchurchineham.org.uk; If you just want to come to the talk without breakfast, this starts at about 9:30am and there is no need to book.

Charity collections: we continue to collect stamps (new and used), old biro and marker pens, postcards, spectacles, tins and packets of food, and tops from supermarket milk bottles for charity. Please note we no longer collect batteries - most supermarkets have collecting facilities for them nowadays. We do collect most items of men's clothing and socks for the Camrose Centre for the homeless, and garden and hand tools which we pass on to a charity helping developing countries.

Room hire: rooms are available to hire either on a one-off or regular basis, for children's parties, meetings, and other events. Contact us for details or look on our website. Prices start at £8.00 per hour; this includes use of kitchen, where tea, coffee, and squash are included in the hire. Groups that regularly use the church include Brownie and Guide groups, Basingstoke Symphony Orchestra, Basingstoke Amateur Theatrical Society and various crafting groups. We also provide rooms for a range of U3A groups including Scrabble,

Computing, Film Club, Photography and Sewing.

Gill Godfrey

Chineham Parish Council

Hampshire Library Service - public consultation: There's still time to submit a response. Hampshire County Council is asking residents to have their say on proposed changes to libraries. The Consultation is open until **18 March**. Full details of all proposals can be found at www.hants.gov.uk/library-consultation.

Annual Parish Assembly: All residents are invited to attend the Annual Parish Assembly which is scheduled for **Thursday 14th May** at 7pm in the Community Rooms at the Chineham Village Hall. Please refer to the Parish Council website and noticeboards for further details.

Moat: The Parish Council has an opportunity to apply for a Local Infrastructure Fund grant from Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council to cover the cost of replacing the two worn out bridges into the area behind the ancient moat between Thornhill Way and Farm View Drive. This area behind the moat is a peaceful shady green space which we are lucky to have and we are considering adding some new seating and planting some fruit trees. In order to gauge the level of support for the grant application and whether Chineham residents would use this green space, we have compiled a short online survey and would be grateful if you could spare a few moments to complete it. This can be accessed via the 'News' section on the home page of our website.

The next Chineham Parish Council meeting is to be held on **9 March**. 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

Linguatastic

Do you listen to BBC Radio 2 on a Saturday morning? If so, you may have heard Linguatastic children introducing Dermot O'Leary's show in their mother tongues. So far we've had Italian, Spanish and Japanese broadcast. And by the time residents receive their copies of the March Chat, there may well have been a few more local children with their voices being broadcast nationwide. In any case, these multi-lingual "jingles" are going to be played throughout the year, so do keep an ear out for them!

And from radio to books...It's World Book Day on **Thu 5th Mar** and we will be celebrating the day, as most schools in the UK and Ireland will be. With our French preschoolers, we've been looking at the book "Brown Bear, What Do You See?" (Ours brun, dis-moi ce que tu vois?) and with our Spanish preschoolers, another animal-themed book "¿Las ranas

vuelan?" (Do Frogs Fly?), but on Thursday 5th, the children can dress up as any book character they'd like to.

And on **20th March**, it's International Day of Happiness and this year's theme is close to Linguatastic's heart since it's "Happier Together", which focuses on what we have in common, rather than what divides us. Of course, we'd argue that learning a language helps us to have more in common with more people. So, if you'd like to give language learning a go, you might be interested to know that we are looking to start a new Italian for beginners class in due course. E-mail: info@linguatastic.com or telephone 471474 for further information on this or other classes.

Fiona Biermann

Chineham Homeless

I have just returned from a shopping trip into Chineham centre. I noticed workmen cementing in strips of stones in the archway linking the car park to the shops. I have to assume that this is being done in order to prevent the homeless from pitching their meagre covers and take advantage of the very small amount of shelter which this archway affords.

I can only hope that the officials responsible for this work are also making a sizeable financial contribution to one of the charities which are working tirelessly to help alleviate the plight of the homeless in a very positive way.

Paul Snape

BATS: “All Shook Up”

It's 1955 and into a square little town in a square little county rides a guitar-playing young man, who changes everything and everyone he meets. Loosely based on Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" this hip-swivelling, lip-curling musical fantasy will have you jumpin' out of your blue suede shoes with such classics as "Heartbreak Hotel", "Hound Dog", "Jailhouse Rock" and "Don't be cruel". Directed by Fiona Morgans and Elain Burchell. Musical Director Tori Eglin. Choreography by Hollie Parks.

Performances on **Thur 16th–Sat 18th April** at Central Studio, Cliddesden Lane, Basingstoke, RG21 3HF. Curtain up at 7.30pm and matinee on Saturday 18th at 2.30pm. Tickets prices at £13 adult and £11.50 concessions. Available from ticketsource.com/bats-next-gen or via the links at batsnextgen.co.uk or facebook.com/BATSNG. For group bookings and specialist seat requirements please contact registrations@batsnextgen.co.uk. Seating is unallocated.

BATS Next Gen is now in its 18th year and aims to provide affordable musical theatre experience for all young people in and around Basingstoke. Volunteers give up their time to pass on their experience to the next generation of performers, or people who just like to perform on stage. All profits go back to the society – BATS Next Gen receive no financial support. 2019 NODA South East (West) winners of Best Youth Musical Production and regional Accolade of Musical Excellence winners for Les Miserables (school edition) performed in 2018.

Kristi Hibbard Jenkins

British Lung Foundation

It's an exciting start to the year 2020 for those of us living with lung disease. Asthma UK and the British Lung Foundation have now joined forces. Once all the reorganising involved is done, I'm sure their combined efforts will help bring about some much needed advances for all of us.

Our guest speaker for January, Robert Taylor, gave an inspirational introduction to Sebastian's: www.sebastiansactiontrust.org. An uplifting account of the support they give to children, with life limiting illness, and their families was followed by hearty applause. Our usual break for a cuppa and a biscuit seemed to fly by as we all caught up with our friend's news. Plans for social outings are underway, suggestions for these and guest speakers, from members are always welcomed.

A warm welcome awaits at our next meeting. on **Tuesday 31st March**, The Shaftesbury Room, Christ Church, Chineham, RG24 8LT at 2pm. Anyone with lung problems, their carer, family or a close friend will be made welcome. The guest speaker will be Brenda Pullen from Connect to Support, signposting us to the best places to get help we need.

Glenys West

Did you know: The tradition of Mother's Day goes back to the era of Ancient Greece. The Greeks would have spring celebrations to honour Rhea, the Titan goddess of motherhood and fertility.

Don't forget Mother's Day is coming up on **Sun 22nd Mar.**

Patient Participation Group

Do you ever need health care in a hurry? Even though the emergency department at the hospital might seem the easiest choice, opting for a more appropriate service can often be more convenient and save you time. For example, you can get help and advice virtually from your GP. Simply submit an E-consult via <https://chinehamsurgery.webgp.com/> and a GP will respond with advice, prescription or when necessary make an appointment. This can often avoid delays and having to wait for an answer. The practice can also help you access medication reviews and health check reviews such as for high blood pressure through this service – just make sure you answer the questions as fully as possible.

Pharmacies and minor injury units can also help, whilst A&E is the best choice in a life-threatening emergency. Find out more about how to ensure you always use the right service for you (https://northhampshireccg.nhs.uk/Downloads/Your%20local%20services/ROP50560_A_SIZED_AD_A3_N_Hants_01.pdf), or you can download and read our new Urgent Care Guide (<https://northhampshireccg.nhs.uk/Downloads/Your%20local%20services/NH%20ucg%20download.pdf>), which has all the information about where to go and what to do when you need help in North and Mid Hampshire if you've had an accident or illness. Call the NHS on 111 if you're unsure of the best place to go and a fully-trained adviser can help you make the right decision. More information and a handy guide for when you need help in a hurry can be found at <https://northhampshireccg.nhs.uk/need-nhs-help-in-a-hurry.htm>.

If you would like to find out more

information about the Patient Participation Group please contact Karen Nicholls tel: 01256 479244.

Karen Ashton

Civil Service Retirement Fellowship

The speaker this month was Allen Purkiss who was a police officer with Hampshire Constabulary for 30 years from 1966 and spent the majority of his time in the traffic department. He explained how policing was in his family as his great grandfather had joined the Metropolitan Police force in 1839 and after retiring received an annual pension of £33. His grandfather also served and then his father was a reserve constable during the second world war. He himself was stationed at Aldershot and Totton before moving to Basingstoke traffic in 1973 and twice received the Queen's Commendation for Bravery Award. He went on to highlight some of the amusing, sad, dangerous, avoidable and often bizarre incidents that he was called on to deal with during his career.

The group's next outing is on Wednesday **25th March** to Dorney Court where we will have an exclusive guided tour of this Tudor Manor House which is rarely open to the public. The next meeting is on **4th March** which will be the Group's AGM followed by a talk from Barbara Pullen from Connect to Support Hampshire. After the meeting we will be having lunch at the Conservative Club. The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at Brookvale Village Hall from 10am to 12 noon and all retired Civil Servants, their relatives and friends are welcome. Further details about the group and information about our trips can be obtained by contacting csrfbasingstoke@gmail.com.

David Cowling

St. Michael's Hospice Woodland Walk

With spring on its way, it's the perfect time to plan a wonderful day out at the St. Michael's Hospice Woodland Walk taking place around the beautiful grounds of the prestigious Farleigh Wallop Estate on **Sun 5th Apr**. With stunning views across the rolling Hampshire countryside, blooming bluebells and the opportunity to walk your dog whilst spending quality time with friends and family, there is no better way to start the new season.

Starting from 9.30am, there are two routes, 5 or 10 miles which both guarantee to give you a superb day out, followed by a delicious cream tea in the impressive setting of Home Barn. For further information about the Woodland Walk and all Hospice events, please visit: www.stmichaelshospice.org.uk/events. You can also contact the Events team at events@stmichaelshospice.org.uk. or call 01256 848848. Follow St. Michael's Hospice on Instagram and Twitter @smhbasingstoke and look out for #WoodlandWalk.

Jill Livermore

Royal British Legion

Who doesn't love a cream tea, always goes down well with a lovely cup or cups of tea whatever the case, therefore we cordially invite you to join us in the RBL Hall, Old Basing from 2-4pm on **Sat 7th Mar**. This event is held jointly with the Branch and the Women's Section to raise funds for the Poppy Appeal.

Spring is fast approaching and it is time to have a good clear out and donate your unwanted goods, clothes etc. to be Women's Section Jumble Sale which is being held on **Sat 28th Mar** in the Royal British Legion Hall, Old Basing from 2-4pm.

Refreshments will be available. 50p entrance charge. All donations can be left at the RBL Hall during the previous week or on the morning of the sale.

Sue Wilson

Council Golden Goodbyes

Did anyone else read the story in the Gazette (11th Feb) reporting about the severance payments made by Basingstoke and Deane Council to ex-employees? From the figures quoted in the report, it would appear the council is one of the most generous in the country when it comes to handing out taxpayers money in 'golden goodbyes'. The Gazette quotes Sarah Cragg, head of human resources and organisational development, as saying "Termination payments are made in accordance with the council's adopted procedures and the law". Well Ms Cragg, I don't believe for one moment that the council has done anything illegal, but I do think it is immoral and until the council's morals standard improve, this practice will surely continue.

Unlike those MPs whose expenses scandals undermined the now discredited Blair-Brown government, council officials are a largely anonymous, unrecognisable lot and as such are immune from being 'shamed' by the public's disapproval. We suffer their continuous drone that they have no money to provide the things we pay for - care for the elderly, police, street lighting and road repairs to name a few - but it seems they are wallowing in taxpayers cash and lavishing much of it upon themselves. It is only thanks to the Taxpayers Alliance that this episode has come to light and one is left wondering what other dubious pits the council is shovelling our money into?

J Foster

Four Lanes Infant School

It was Number Day in school on Friday 7th February. Year 2 read 'One is a snail, ten is a crab', we did lots of problem solving around the book and made collage snails in art. Year 1 read 'How many legs?'. They wrote their own books about animals coming to a party and counted the number of legs, the totals came to between 400-800 legs! Year R read 'Ten little pirates' and other counting books and thought about counting and making different numbers.

In Year 2 we are learning about habitats. We wrote down what we think about habitats and what a habitat is. We watched a video all about where animals live. We thought about animals, where they live and why. We learnt about dead, alive and never alive. We saw real live animals, guinea pigs, hamster, insects and plants. We saw dead insects and plants and pretend (plastic) plants and animals. We have been reading a book called Leaf. Leaf is a polar bear that lives in the Arctic and the ice that he was on cracked and he drifted off to a new land, where he had never been before. He felt worried that he would miss his family and he was in a different place away from everything he knew. The animals that lived there were mean to him, he went to a cave where none of the animals had been. The other animals were scared of him. The crows helped him to fly back home to be back with his family.

Year 1 have finished their topic on Jack and the Beanstalk. They have made diorama boxes from shoe boxes to show the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. They were fabulous and

show the story using props they had made; the beanstalk, Jack, Jack's house and the castle in the clouds, some had the giant. They have retold the story using interesting words and sentences.

Year R have been learning about transport, reading books 'Little Boat' and 'Train Ride', writing their own stories. They have been exploring floating and sinking using different materials.

We are also very excited to have recently received the Silver EAL Excellence Award for all our help and support for children and families whose first language is not English. We are one of the first schools to receive this award!

Beatrice Bewlay and Elliot Jones

Four Lanes Community Centre

Clerk to the Governing Body: 60 hours per year, term time only. Approximately 11 meetings per year with either 5.30pm or 6.30pm start. Each meeting approximately 2 hours long. Please contact us for more info.

Good Companions Over 55s Group: Four Lanes Community Centre, 3rd Tues of every month.

Happy Hands and Dancing Feet: for parents and pre-school children. Range of activities including indoor and outdoor toys, arts and crafts, stories and rhymes, drinks and biscuits. Wed, 9.30-11.00am. £12 for 6 weeks or £2.50 per week for drop-in. Please contact us to register your interest.

Sama Karate: Junior Hall, Weds 5.15-6.15pm. For more info contact 07759 615876.

Pegasus Karate Club: Traditional Wado Ryu Karate for beginners and advanced students. Weds 7-9pm, Junior School, contact: 07733 410370.

Zumba: Mon 7.30-8.30pm (£5.25), Tue 7-8pm (£6). Lisa 07884 267722.

Clubbercise: Thurs 8-8.45pm. Book in advance on bookwhen.com/clubbercisewithaimee or www.facebook.com/clubbercisewithaimee/.

Summit Judo: Fri 3.40-4.40pm. Email info@summitjudo.co.uk or call 07917 005862.

Holiday Play Scheme: Open to school children aged from 4 to 11 years. The Holiday Play Scheme provides a day of activities supervised by our friendly and professional team to keep the children amused with arts and crafts, sports, games and fun food. Runs through every school holiday and inset days. Session A: 8.30am-4.00pm, £16.75 or Session B: 8.30am-5.30pm, £20. Available to Infant and Junior children who attend school full time.

Virginia Wyatt

Local Dancers in Dance World Cup

5 local dancers from Lychpit and Chineham have been selected along with 30 other dancers from Basingstoke Academy of Dancing (BAD) to represent Team England at the 2020 Dance World Cup being held in Rome. Dance World Cup is the largest dance competition in the world with over 6,000 competitors from 48

countries competing in the finals. This is the greatest all-genre dance competition in the world for children and young adults. As well as training hard the girls will be involved in numerous fundraising activities to raise money to go towards all the dancers' additional costs in travelling to this competition and they would really appreciate any local support.

BAD have set up a Go Fund Me Page for anyone wishing to donate to help all these dedicated girls on their way to an opportunity of a lifetime: www.Gofundme.com and search for our page called Help B.A.D compete for Team England in Rome. You can also sign up to Easy Fundraising and fundraise whilst doing your online shopping, without costing you a penny at www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/teambad. The Dance School will be holding fundraising activities at the Studios in Joules Road, Houndmills:

1st Mar: Fundraising Carwash

29th Mar: Sponsored hair shave and/or chest wax!

2nd May: Solo Mia Spring Fashion Show.

Raffle –If anyone has any raffle prizes they could donate we would be most grateful.

If you are interested in more information please contact Debbie Robinson by email at debbierobinson29@hotmail.com or phone 07824 880808. Thank you for supporting our local girls.

Debbie Robinson

Did you know: March is the only month with three consecutive consonants in its name in English.

Spring to Colour

