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Chat



The view of Chineham Centre library before the building of more shops to the south - Domino Pizza to Blockbuster Video. The shops now housing Matalan to Boots had still to be built. Picture supplied by Mrs Muriel Galley.

September 2012

Reading the news I often feel how fortunate I am to live in a “stable” and relatively prosperous country. Reading this month’s Chat I also realise how lucky we all are to live in Chineham. Yes, it’s a good place to live, but it could be better.

Apart from major problems like fending off overdevelopment that threatens our environment, it is often the small things that cause greatest concern locally. The perpetual problems of litter and dog fouling crop up at regular intervals. How do we stop the minor number of “offenders” ruining the environment for the responsible majority? A combination of carrot, stick and regular clearing comes to mind. Educating people not to litter or leave dog excrement in the middle of a footpath is perhaps longer term. Enforcement can be effective but we need to catch the offenders first. Regular clearing is a proven way of improving the situation—people are less likely to litter if the general environment is clean. Or perhaps we should aim to reduce packaging which is then discarded without thought.

On a happier note, how about joining in the Chineham Village Show and helping build our community spirit.

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Chineham Village Club

We've got a very busy couple of months coming up at the Club with some 'old favourites' as well as some new events.

October:

Monday 1: Cash bingo, 'eyes down for a full house' at 20:30 in the Lounge Bar.

Sunday 7: Golf Tournament at Weybrook Park Golf Club commencing at 12:00. £30 with a £10 non-refundable deposit required. It's all about the taking part so don't worry if you're not Tiger Woods! This is a members only event and anyone requiring more information should speak to Julian or Mark Collins.

Saturday 13: Quiz Night 20:00 in the Lounge Bar. Just £1 per person (maximum of six per team) with lots of prizes to be won.

Thursday 18: Senior Citizen Bingo & Lunch 13:00 in the Lounge Bar.

Saturday 20: Andwell Brewery Tour – a private tour of the brewery to include sampling en route and a commemorative glass to keep. £17.50 per person including return travel. Coach departs the club at 12:30. Members only.

Saturday 27: Fireworks, our annual extravaganza! Keep an eye on the club's website for more details.

Sunday 28: Kids' Halloween Party featuring entertainment from Count Von Tall as well as fun, games and a party tea. £5 per child (members only)

November :

Saturday 3: Quiz Night 20:00 in the Lounge Bar. Just £1 per person (maximum of six per team) with lots of prizes to be won.

Monday 5: Cash Bingo 20:30 in the Lounge Bar.

Saturday 10: Instant Wit – professional comedy performers Instant Wit is *the* quick fire comedy improv show. Featuring sketches, songs and gags all inspired by audience suggestions. 20:00 in the Village Hall (See article below).

Thursday 15: Senior Citizen Bingo & Lunch 13:00 in the Lounge Bar.

Saturday 24: Family Night from 19:00 we have a disco, entertainment, fun and games for all the family and as it's family night everyone can stay until closing time!

We're pleased to announce the return of **Friday Night Kids Club**. Starting at 19:00 every Friday during the winter months we put on a variety of activities to keep the kids amused. Wii competitions, movie nights, kids bingo there's something for everyone to enjoy.

As always, it's Poker on **Sunday nights**. First session at 19:00 and second one at 21:00 in the Lounge Bar.

If you want more details on any of these events please see the Club Entertainment Noticeboard, visit the website or speak to Lorraine Simper, Entertainment Secretary.

Don't forget that the Club has full Sky Sports and ESPN coverage of all the important sporting events as well as some of the cheapest drinks around!

Chineham Club & Hall, Hog The Limelight

The Chineham Club and Chineham Village Hall are thrilled to announce

that we have been able to secure funding from 'Hog The Limelight' for our Chineham community.

Hog the Limelight is Hampshire County Council's rural touring arts scheme which provides and supports a programme of professional arts events and activities for rural and urban edge community venues across the County.

In addition to a grant from Hog The Limelight we have been further supported financially by Councillor Elaine Still.

The funding we have secured has enabled us to book our first event 'Instant Wit' the quick fire comedy improv show. Every performance is unique, featuring songs, sketches, live music and gags all made up on the spot from audience suggestions. Instant Wit is a pick-me-up tonic with unexpected twists and a dash of sauce.

The show is on Saturday 10 November starting at 20:00 in the Chineham Village Hall. With the benefit of our funding we have been able to keep ticket prices at an extremely reasonable £10 for adults and £7.50 for concessions. Spaces are limited and this will be a popular event so please book early to avoid disappointment. More details are at www.chinehamartsiw.eventbrite.co.uk and you can also book tickets here. Alternatively please contact me on 01256 352744 or email me at lorraine.simper@googlemail.com for more information.

We have a second show booked on Saturday 23rd March 2013 called

'Wolf Tales' which is for kids and we'll get more details out on that nearer the time.

John Prince, Club Chairman

Chineham Village Hall

It would seem that, despite our requests that dogs are kept off the site, somebody is using the property as a dog toilet. To protect everybody coming along to enjoy the facilities on offer this has now been referred to the Borough Council dog warden who will be monitoring the situation in future. If you are caught letting your animal foul our property you will be liable for a hefty fine – please also note that we have CCTV in use 24 hours a day.

I now have more details of the new dance classes:- the Lynden School of dancing started at the beginning of September on a Friday afternoon from 3.45 to 6 p.m. These are dance classes for children from 2½ years to 10 years and will teach ballet, tap and modern jazz including exams, medals tests, shows and most importantly fun. Full contact details are on the notice board outside the main hall or contact by e-mail at lyndendance@aol.com or call 07717 803080.

MAD Academy are now on Tuesdays from 9.30 to 10.15 obviously for pre-school children, for more information call Sarah Maskell on 07737 416657.

To my knowledge all other groups are back as usual, check the notice board or chinehamvillagehall.co.uk or via the Parish Council web site.

Marion Hitchin, Clerk

Greening Campaign

In terms of recycling rates, Basingstoke and Deane has traditionally been *one of* the worst nationally, and *the* worst in Hampshire. This of course means that there is still a great deal of waste which could be recycled rather than being incinerated or ending up in landfill sites, which is harmful to the environment.

Recycling is an excellent way of saving energy and conserving the environment. Did you know that:

- * 1 recycled tin can would save enough energy to power a television for 3 hours.
- * 1 recycled plastic bottle would save enough energy to power a 60-watt light bulb for 3 hours.
- * 70% less energy is required to recycle paper compared with making it from raw materials.

(Source: www.recycling-guide.org.uk)

Of course, recycling is only what we should be doing instead of disposing of waste. The real emphasis needs to be on waste prevention (reducing the amount of waste produced in the first place) and re-use (using products again, without modifying them for the same or different purposes).

Reducing, Reusing and Recycling is the theme of the next Greening Chineham Campaign's information event. There will be various presentations, stalls and activities in line with this theme. It is to be held in Chineham Village Hall on 17 November and the committee would be keen to hear from anybody who

would like to help out at the event and anybody who uses old items to make new ones and would be interested in showcasing their craftwork. Please contact us via e-mail to greeningchineham@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 354840.



On a final note, Greening Chineham is again working with Insulate Hampshire to give away free DIY loft and cavity wall insulation. Register for free rolls by 30 September and collect on Saturday 27 October. We are giving away thousands of rolls, so do take up this offer

and save money every year on fuel bills! What's more, until the end of September anyone who successfully recommends a friend or neighbour to take up the free insulation offer can earn a £20 gift voucher. There are no restrictions on this scheme and you can recommend as many people as you like, 5 successful recommendations earns £100! To register contact Greening Chineham via the means detailed above.

Fiona Biermann

Did You Know?

On average, 16% of the money you spend on products pays for the packaging, which ultimately ends up as rubbish.

What a waste of money! A national problem but we do need to reduce packaging which could reduce costs when shopping and also the amount of litter. Ed

News From The Beat

Crime Update: by PC Jim Charlton

The end of August and beginning of September saw a number of burglaries occur on the beat.

Two occurred in Minden Close. One address was entered when the offenders entered the rear garden and forced the lock on the back door. This occurred either in the afternoon or evening. Fortunately they did not get away with much, suggesting they may have been disturbed. The second property was broken into by kicking in the wooden panel of the back door but it is not known what time this occurred.

Both these burglaries were possible because the offenders were able to get access to the rear ground floor of the properties; the most common point of entry for burglaries in the area. As I said last month, it is vital that you protect your property by securing your rear garden by i) padlocking your gate and ii) trellising the tops of fences. If they can't get into your garden, they can't get to your doors and windows to break in. Please act on my advice!

A 'letterbox' burglary occurred to an address in Petersfield Close overnight. The UPVC front door had not been double-locked with the key, and so the offender/s were able to manipulate the internal handle via the letterbox to gain entry. Once inside they took the keys to a blue Renault Clio and stole it from the driveway. Although the number of 'letterbox' burglaries has decreased in Chineham over the last few years, it is vital that residents do

not grow complacent. Ensure that you always double-lock your front doors and do not leave the keys in sight of the letterbox so that they cannot be 'fished' out.

On a positive note, 3 males were arrested and charged for breaking into the containers on the Sherfield Park building site. Two of these males were the same two that I arrested in March for going equipped to steal from the same building site, and are some of our local persistent prolific offenders; i.e. they are responsible for a disproportionately large volume of crime. I am due to attend court in the next month with regards to my case against them and hopefully the fact that they were charged with this recent burglary to the site will persuade the court that they were lying through their teeth when they denied they intended to burgle it when I caught them.

We have had some drug dealing occurring in the wooded area at the end of Lillymill Chine. We know who is involved and have been targeting them in various ways and arrests have been made. This was identified thanks to the residents reporting activity that they thought was suspicious. This is a good example of why it is so important that you trust your instincts and report activity that is not normal, rather than giving people the benefit of the doubt. You know what is 'normal' in your area, and so inversely you know what is not.

Anti-social Behaviour Update: PCSO Richard Strauss:

Once again it has been a quiet month for the residents of Chineham with no

major incidents to report. PC Charlton and myself have conducted a large number of patrols this month and have not seen anything suspicious or anti-social.

As I am sure you are all aware the start of the new school year has begun. PC Charlton and myself will be conducting regular patrols at the start of the school and at the end of the day to try to solve or combat the poor parking and advise people on how to park more considerately. Please be mindful and considerate of other roads users and residents.

We have set aside more dates this month for speed enforcement. Our aim is not to give out penalties but to get residents to slow down and pay more attention to other road users and pedestrians. It is easy to break the speed limit on the main roads in Chineham but you are not going to lose much time sticking to 30mph rather than 35mph.

Halloween and Bonfire Night:

Halloween is just round the corner (already?) and I would urge all parents to ensure their children are not leaving the house with any eggs, flour or other items that could be used as missiles to throw at people or property. Halloween is a time when elderly and/or vulnerable people can be targeted by youths with eggs and flour etc. This can be very distressing and we will not tolerate anyone engaging in this type of anti-social behaviour. In fact, egging a person is an assault, and egging property is criminal damage.

If you intend to go Trick or Treating, please respect the wishes of residents

who display a sign requesting that you do not call at this address

We are also moving into that time of year where we will start to see fireworks being sold in shops. I would urge people to be considerate to others and think about the laws surrounding fireworks. Fireworks can be extremely dangerous when misused and can cause serious injury and even death.

It is an offence to set off fireworks after Midnight on 5 November and after 1100pm on any other night excluding New Years Eve, Chinese New Year and Diwali night. Any person found setting off fireworks at unsocial hours can expect to receive an £80 fixed penalty notice. And anyone under the age of 18 caught possessing adult fireworks in a public place or throwing fireworks in the street will also be issued with an £80 penalty notice.

There will be extra patrols during the Halloween and Bonfire periods to deal with any one who involved in ASB.

We are holding beat surgeries on the 1st Wednesday of every month in Costa Coffee in Chineham at 16:30-17:30 so feel free to pop in and have a chat with myself PCSO Strauss and PC Charlton if you have any issues or anything concerning you.

PC Jim Charlton 21015 and PCSO Richard Strauss 14735

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Chineham Parish Council

Following one of the wettest springs and summers on record, Hampshire County Council is urging residents to help ensure that plans to prepare the county against future flooding are up to date and accurate. Under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010, the County Council has a new role as a Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA), which means managing the flood risk related to groundwater, surface water and ordinary watercourse flooding. The Environment Agency remains responsible for coastal and main river flooding. As part of their new role they have to develop a Local Flood Risk Management Strategy – and that’s why they’re asking you to help them by letting them know about any flooding ‘hotspots’ in our local area, or if their information about previous flooding is correct. From the end of September they’ll be holding a six week online consultation on the draft strategy. The information from this will help them assess current and future flood risk so they can plan and prepare for the future. The consultation pages include maps showing different types of flooding, flood risk and consequence across Hampshire. They need your help to check if information shown on the maps is accurate and if there are any significant errors, including flooding incidents you’re aware of that haven’t been included or flooding/flood risk shown where there hasn’t been any. A series of sessions are being held to provide more information on the Strategy. Anyone who would like to find out more, ask questions, talk through concerns or share experiences of flooding can go along and County Council staff will be on

hand to help. All the events will be the same and people will be welcome to drop in at any time. For more information or if you’d like to get involved in the consultation, please visit www.hants.gov.uk/flooding/floodriskstrategy.

STOP PRESS – Razor’s Farm planning application

The Parish Council is exploring the possibility of facilitating a public meeting to allow interested residents of the Ward to discuss the expected planning application. Please watch the noticeboards and web site for a possible date in October.

The next Chineham Parish Council meeting is to be held on Monday 8 October at 7.45 pm in the Community Rooms at Chineham Village Hall (the public session will start at 7.50 pm).

The Parish Council is here to help the residents of Chineham, so if there is a Chineham issue you are concerned about, please feel free to contact the Clerk, Sally Jackson on 01256 4 7 4 5 0 0 or email clerk@chineham.gov.uk or the Assistant Clerk, Julia Johnston on 01256 3 2 4 3 4 5 or email assistantclerk@chineham.gov.uk during office hours only please.

Litter

I wholeheartedly agree with the correspondent last month about litter in the woods. It is such a shame that the beautiful woods are spoilt by litter and general debris - large cardboard boxes from beer cans, Tesco trolleys, plastic cones etc apart from the usual

beer cans, food wrappers and so on. It is particularly bad on a Saturday morning possibly after Friday night drinking? This morning going on one of the paths from Reading Road to Tesco I encountered all of the above plus an abandoned tee shirt under a seat, polystyrene bits from packing that have been under a bench for the last week, a load of dog poo on the bridge as well as a branch half broken across the path. The last 2 are a great hazard to young children or to anyone with disabilities-say with poor sight or in a wheelchair.

The recent 'hacking' back of the vegetation by machine has not helped either as bits of broken litter are scattered by the machine as well vegetation debris left lying around. Maybe whoever does the cutting could set an example by picking up the litter they find and sweeping up after themselves? I am not sure which council has the responsibility for the woods.

At one time someone used to clear the litter once a week but maybe that has been lost with the cuts.

It would be a good community project for a group of people who are unemployed at the moment to take on. It would be very rewarding to see the woods looking cared for. Also maybe they might find a way of getting the message out to those people who cannot be bothered to take their rubbish home with them or put it in the many bins provided to take more care of their woods.

Margot Rowdon

Chineham Village Show

Which classes will you enter? The Chineham Village Show will take place on Saturday 13 October providing a fantastic opportunity for you to showcase your hidden talents! Perhaps you are a budding artist, photographer or cake-maker, or you grow your own vegetables. There is a range of classes for children and adults – pick up a copy of the show schedule from one of the following outlets (Make Me It Said, Country Florist, ZigZags Hairdressing, Bottlenecks Wine Merchants, Lloyds Pharmacy, One Stop) or at Christ Church. It is also available online at www.christchurchchineham.org.uk.

Exhibits can be taken to Christ Church in the Reading Road on the morning, will be judged over the lunch break and the Show will be open from 3pm for everyone to view the exhibits during the afternoon, when tea and cake will also be available. Certificates will be awarded to the winners and any unwanted items will be auctioned off at approximately 4.30pm. So, come along and enjoy the community spirit that this event always inspires! Please note that all entries must be received by 10 October.

Ruth Randall

Did You Know

Plastic production uses 8% of the world's oil production, 4% as feedstock and 4% during manufacture.

Incinerating 10,000 tons of waste creates 1 job, while recycling the same amount would create 36 jobs.

Children's Chat

By Mikhal Suajani, Erin Quinlan, Harriet Fennell,
Emily Bompfrey and Niamh Vaughan

Jokes! We hope they make you laugh a lot!

Why was 6 scared of 7? Because 789!

How do you fit five donkeys in an ambulance?

2 in the front, 2 in the back and 1 on top going "ee-or' ee-or'!

What do you call a woodpecker without a beak?

A head banger!

What is black and white but red all over?

A sunburnt penguin!

What do penguins wear on the beach? Beak-inis!

Can you find all of the words listed below in the wordsearches?

School

M I H A P O R C D N
D B S S P U M G O C
N G I S F J P S O P
B L L E D F S I L O
U P G M J E K A L P
R B N B L W Y Y W I
D G E L N T K S G P
H Z V Y I M A T H S
C K C M M I K F X A
Q T E R E H C A E T

ASSEMBLY
ENGLISH
LESSON
MATHS
PLAYTIME
PUPIL
TEACHER

Animals

N D O F L H Y L N O
T A T U M E E G F U
S I C C Y G K C U D
C N W I Y S N B R T
D U C K L U O H V X
R B L R M E D W S E
B C A V O I P F S D
C T F R N E Y U Y O
Q A I A G O O M E G
A K T K D M D K W U

CAT
DOG
DONKEY
DUCK
MOUSE
PELICAN
RAT

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Borough Councillor Martin Biermann

One of the most important issues facing Chineham in the weeks ahead is how likely planning applications are determined.

Apart from the revamping of the Chineham Shopping Centre, the one – as previously suggested – likely to have the most impact on Chineham is the Croudace bid to develop on Razor’s Farm.

After holding a second exhibition of their proposals (not showing very radical changes compared with their earlier ones), Croudace have now clearly stated that they intend to submit a formal application to Basingstoke and Deane during this month (October). Chineham Parish Council has agreed to a request for a public meeting, but the date of that has not been decided at the time of writing this item, because of uncertainty over exact timing of the application. It will be important for anybody wishing to take part in the public meeting to keep an eye on the parish notice boards for further details.

Irrespective of any local meetings, all details of the application should appear on the borough council website and you are encouraged to write to the planning department to express your views in order that as wide as possible a debate can be held on the matter. If e-mailing, copies to the 3 ward councillors – and even all the rest of the councillors – would also be helpful.

If this application succeeds, I predict several more around Chineham popping up in a very short period of time.

Martin Biermann
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County & Borough Councillor Elaine Still

Calling all future Chineham Olympians

The success of London 2012 can only have encouraged more people to take part in sport and heightened our local athletes’ desire to achieve gold medal success and it’s important we offer them the support to help them achieve this.

Early research indicates that the number of people visiting and joining our local sports clubs and leisure centres is increasing. We make the most of these opportunities to encourage people to take part in sport and physical activity on an on-going basis.

We can also support those potential future Olympians. The Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council’s scholarship scheme, supported by Basingstoke Voluntary Sports Council, not only celebrates the wonderful achievements of the borough’s sporting stars but gives them a fantastic opportunity to achieve their full potential.

Building on the success of Great Britain’s athletes at London 2012, the borough’s sports stars are being given the opportunity to apply for financial assistance in their plight to achieve national and international honours. Funding can help with everything from travelling and coaching expenses to qualification, equipment and clothing requirements. Among those to have received funding are Myles and Owen Richardson from Lychpit who look well on their way to following in the footsteps of Rob Tobin of Old Basing to compete at International Level.

Deadline for grant applications is **Saturday 1 December**. For more information about the Sports Grant Aid scheme and Sports Awards or to download nomination or application forms, please visit www.basingstoke.gov.uk/go/sportsawards or www.basingstoke.gov.uk/go/sportsfunding or contact Amy Sambell on 01256 845752 or email amy.sambell@basingstoke.gov.uk.

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Learning in Libraries

If you are interested in computer courses or arts and crafts then pop into your local library and pick up a course information leaflet.

Those who are over 60 on 1 August 2012 are entitled to 25% discount on the course fees!

We are running a 'Pastels for Beginners' course at Chineham library, starting on Wednesday, 7 November, from 10.00 till 12 noon for 6 weeks, for just £48.

You can book and pay for your place at Chineham Library. Be sure to book early to guarantee your place.

For more information go to www.hants.gov.uk/library or for general library enquiries contact 0845 6035631.

Wendy Castle

Open Day at Four Lanes

Four Lanes Infant School and Four Lanes Community Junior School are holding an Open Day on Tuesday 9 October.

Is your child due to start infant school or to transfer to junior school in September 2013? The national application deadline is midnight on Tuesday 15 January 2013. The online application system will close at this time. Forms handed to schools must be handed in at the end of the school day on Tuesday 15 January 2013.

The 'Open Day' is an opportunity for prospective parents to see both

schools in action and to meet the headteachers and staff. This meeting is intended for parents and we request that children do not attend. There will be opportunities for children to visit the schools during the summer term 2013.

* Talk by the headteachers: 1.45pm in the infant school.

* Guided tours of the infant and junior schools: 2.15 – 3.15pm

* Talk by the headteachers: 7.00pm in the infant school.

* Guided tour of the infant and junior schools: 7.30 – 8.00pm

Four Lanes Infant School (Tel: 01256 324256)

Four Lanes Community Junior School (Tel: 01256 816326)

Hanmore Road, Basingstoke, RG24 8PQ

Feeding My Cat?

We live in Maybrook and have a delightful, year old tabby. He is tagged but not collared.

He is not eating especially at weekends and this morning he did not return for breakfast or his usual treat.

We think he may be being fed, particularly at weekends by others. Please, if it is you feeding him, do not, or if you see him do not feed him.

Thank you

Janette Mckillop

Basingstoke Variety Show

You may not have heard of, or even previously been interested in, the Basingstoke Variety Show. So what makes it so special?

It is now an annual event at the Anvil in aid of the Mayor's charity appeal*. This year promises to be a real bumper event. Some of Basingstoke's most talented groups and soloists will appear in this one night only show. And what is more, children from Four Lanes School feature in the show. Even local councillor, Martin Biermann, who is currently the Mayor, will be putting in a brief comic appearance.

Tickets are Adults £12 and Concessions £8. Box Office: 844244. Web: www.anvilarts.org.uk. Saturday 6 October at 7.30pm.

* This year's charities are: Radcan (radiotherapy unit in Basingstoke), Basingstoke Consortium (skills tree for young people), Camrose Centre (drop in centre for the homeless) and last but not least Age Concern Basingstoke (advice and support).

Chansopha Biermann

Chineham WI

Ever the sporty types, our members enjoyed a skittle evening at the Fox at Newfound for their August meeting. Pins were knocked about and lots of laughter was heard. The winners of the evening were Carolyn Guppy and Julie Ingoe who stormed into the lead.

In September we celebrate our 3rd Birthday with a wine tasting event - spittoons and all. We started from an advert placed in the Chineham Chat by our previous president Pam Malcolm, who rounded up like minded ladies and we have gone from strength to strength. We enjoy a varied programme of activities and talks from Zumba to the History of Hackwood House. Meeting on the 4th Monday of each month at 7.30pm at Christ Church in Chineham, we look forward to meeting new members.

On 20 October we are hosting a Craft Fair between 10.30am and 1.30pm. Stalls include Stained Glassware, Candles, Woodcrafts and Cards with lots of ideas for Christmas presents.

Gill Dixon, Secretary

Calendar Girls

Hook Players are presenting 'Calendar Girls' at the Elizabeth Hall, Hook on November 29 and 30 and 1 December at 7.45 p.m. All profits are going to Leukaemia and Lymphoma research. Tickets at £12 are available from the box office on 07709214679, at Trees Newsagents in Hook or the website at www.hookplayers.co.uk. The Spectator critic said 'dazzlingly funny, shamelessly sentimental & guaranteed to make you come out singing "Jerusalem.'

Wilma Jordan

Did You Know: In 1 hour we produce enough waste in the UK to fill the Albert Hall.

In Praise of Chineham

Born and raised in Chineham, I've lived there 24 years. For some of you reading this that might seem like an eternity, for others, a mere hiccough. Now, having at last reached graduate status, and being on the verge of marital status also, the flowing of the sands of time is moving me forwards and northwards to the landlocked shores of Derby. And as I leave my family, church, and community behind, I wanted to write this little eulogy to Chineham to say "Thank you and Goodbye".

From my earliest childhood memories right through to the present day my life has been embedded here. Growing up I attended Gym-minis, followed by Four Lanes Infants and Juniors. I was part of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. My weekends were spent at the Ball Court, my summers at the Village Hall and Trailblazers (for those of you who remember that!). As well as attending East Community Church at Four Lanes Juniors every Sunday, I also enjoyed the Friday night youth club and Sunday Night Youth Congregation (The Edge) at Christ Church, and have the inspiration of the leaders there to thank for my shiny new Youth Work Qualification and subsequent job in Derby! All in all, I have many people here to thank for supporting, nurturing and moulding me into who I am.

The old African proverb "it takes a village to raise a child" has characterised my experience here and that is something well worth comment and commending. The Bible tells of a God who is deeply passionate about community. I have a deep conviction

that anywhere a child is able to feel safe enough to walk around, confident enough to be themselves, accepted enough (irrespective of attainment or even behaviour) to feel at home, and nurtured enough to move away from that home; that place and the people who make it so are not just special, but representative of the very dream of God.

My lasting reflection of Chineham then as I move is this: that although most people who like where they live would consider their home "God's Country", and although the term itself is thrown about quite a bit; considering what I've seen and experienced in Chineham during my time there, I believe you, as a part of this fantastic community have a special entitlement to that claim and a very special responsibility to make sure that continues.

So thank you all, God bless... and I'll see you at Christmas.

Michael Wadsworth, Community Church

Christ & Community Church Activities

We have two services each Sunday morning – why not come along and join us? We would be delighted to welcome you! Our 9am service tends to be quiet and reflective and more traditional in style – it lasts for one hour. We then have a second service at 10.30am during which we have guitars and drums in our worship band, with separate groups for children and young people of all ages from 0 to 18+. There is no

charge. After completing our sermon series on prayer, we will be embarking on a new sermon series called "Living in the real world" this month – we will look at how we live as Christians in the world today – at the positives, such as growing in faith, but also with the negatives, such as coping with depression and materialism. For details of each week's readings do take a look at our website www.christchurchchinheham.org.uk.

Each Sunday evening during term time **the edge**; Chineham youth congregation meets at Christ Church. This is aimed at young people from year 7 upwards – different age groups meet at different times from 6pm onwards.

Our Prayer Room is open while the building is open. Everyone is welcome to come and sit quietly in prayer and reflection. On the subject of prayer, if you have any prayer requests please let us know and we will pray for you. Our next prayer meeting will be on Monday 22 October from 8-9pm - all are welcome as we pray for our community and our world.

Everyone is invited to join us at **Fellowship Group** on Wednesday 10 October for our monthly service of hymns, prayers and readings. This month our speaker will be Ian Bentley, the minister of Christ Church. Coffee will be served from 9.45am, and the service will begin at 10.15am, lasting for one hour.

Kids' Club: children at primary school are invited to join us for fun and games from 5-6.30pm on Saturday 6 October. The entrance fee is £1; bring some extra cash for a hot snack and

tuck. We have pool, Wii, table tennis, crafts, a tuck shop, friends and fun. All welcome – bring a friend!

TGIF Youth Club: young people from year 6 upwards are invited every Friday during term time from 8-9.30pm for our usual youth activities plus an extra activity each month e.g. chocolate fountain, pool competition. The entrance fee is £1 each – do bring some extra cash for tuck and bring a friend too! Special activities this month include sweet pizza making and a pool competition.

Coffee and Co, our morning cafe, opens every Monday from 9.30-11.30am for coffee/tea and delicious cakes during term time. Everyone welcome! There are toys for the children and opportunities to meet new people.

CCBBies: every Thursday during term time from 10-11.30am pre-school children and their parents/carers are invited to join us as we learn about Jesus with stories, songs and crafts. There are toys and refreshments; no charge!

Our next **Messy Church** will be on Monday 8 October. Refreshments and games from 3.45pm, activities from 4.15pm, supper from 5.15pm, bedtime 5.45pm. Families are invited to join us for Messy crafts and activities - this month our focus is "love" and, in particular, "loving God". Please note that parents/carers are required to stay with their children. No charge, although donations towards the cost of the food are always welcome! If you have any special dietary needs please let us know in advance.

As every year, we will be sending shoeboxes filled with small gifts to needy children in Eastern Europe – we will be having two shoebox filling sessions on 1 October (2-5pm) and 2 October (7-9pm) – everyone is welcome to come and help with our “production line”. We continue to collect items to go in boxes so if you have any toiletries, small toys, wrapped sweets, stationery items, hats, gloves and scarves that you would be willing to donate we would be delighted to receive them. We also need lots of empty shoeboxes (ideally wrapped with Christmas wrapping paper, lid separately wrapped!).

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

For details about any of our services or activities please contact Ruth in the office, Christ Church, Reading Road, Chineham, RG24 8LT, Tel 01256 4 7 4 2 8 0 , e - m a i l admin@christchurchchineham.org.uk or take a look at our website

www.christchurchchineham.org.uk. Also, you can find us on Facebook!

Community Church: You will find us at our regular home of Four Lanes Junior School. We are a relaxed group of about 80 people across the age ranges, who meet to worship God in a lively and contemporary way. You will find that we place a high value on the contribution of each person and love to make room for the variety of who each person is when we gather. We have many young people, who contribute a lot to our shared community. To find us come to Four Lanes Junior School for 10am on Sunday or check out the web site at www.bccnet.org.uk/east You are welcome to visit us anytime or to find out more online. If you have a particular prayer request then you can send us a message via the website and we will pray for your situation. Alternatively you can make contact via our office on 01256 316000 and ask for Phil Norris.

Discover Hope and Change: Come along to hear how a Christian faith inspires Kate to help victims of illegal human trafficking at a Breakfast event at the Holiday Inn, Basingstoke on Saturday 27 October from 9.30-11.30am. Tickets for breakfast (buffet and cooked) cost £10 per person and are available from Ruth in the office at Christ Church, 01256 474280, admin@christchurchchineham.org.uk. Please note that this event is aimed at adults only and tickets must be purchased in advance as numbers are limited.

Ruth Randall

SOLVE

Currently SOLVE and others are reviewing the revised Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA), version 7. Version 7 includes Manydown and a number of new sites all over the Borough. This gives a bigger choice when it comes to site selection for housing in the Borough for the next 15 years. Some new sites have been rejected as not suitable and others, such as the all important Pyotts Hill, east of Chineham, have been pushed back to 2018. As many will know, the SHLAA identifies sites which can be developed as 'suitable, achievable and available'. It does not mean that they will be developed.

SOLVE, other members of the public and Councillors identified inconsistencies and omissions in the SHLAA at the Planning Infrastructure Overview and Scrutiny Committee (P&IOSCOM) meeting on 12 September. This included the Landscape Capacity Study from 2010 which recommended that 'Area B' north of Whitmarsh Lane, part of BAS121, Pyotts Hill, should not be developed. Councillor Still, presenting separately as a Chineham Ward Councillor, requested BAS121 be a Category 2 site - 'sites not suitable for strategic allocation through the Local Plan' The P&IOSCOM meeting did not complete its agenda and will continue the SHLAA debate on 18 September. As a result the housing numbers debate has been postponed.

In considering policies for the Local Plan the Committee agreed unanimously to include The Loddon and Test Valleys as High Quality Landscapes which should be

protected under Landscape Character policy EM1 similar to Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) recommends that Councils take into account net migration. Somehow this gives Basingstoke an additional 12,000 people by 2029 over and above normal birth and death changes. SOLVE is questioning this and working with others on our own figures as part of the housing numbers debate.

The NPPF invokes, in the words of the Borough Cabinet member for planning, "a very onerous duty to cooperate with our neighbouring authorities". In the ten year period up to 2012 Basingstoke built 8,690 homes, far more than required by the local plan, whilst neighbouring authorities, now criticising us for supporting 594 homes per annum, under-performed.

A Local Government Association (LGA) report shows that, as of December last year, there were 400,000 new homes which have received planning permission but have not yet been completed, and that building had yet to start on more than half of the plots. The Chairman of the LGA said that "Even if planning departments did not receive another application, there are sufficient approved developments ready to go to last until 2016 at the current rate of construction."

More details can be found on our website www.solveloddon.org. You can register on the website for updates. Follow us on Twitter @SOLVE2010 or telephone Kate Tuck on 324043.

Peter Bloyce

Four Lanes Junior School

We welcome everybody back following the Summer, when we had some sunshine (and sometimes rain!) and all enjoyed the Olympics and Paralympics! A big 'well done' to Team GB, who has inspired us all! Welcome to all of the year 3 children who have settled quickly into Junior School life, as well as any other new children who have joined us; we know they will really enjoy our school and will quickly feel part of our community. We also welcome Mrs Martinez as our new Headteacher, who has already given the school a revamp and is getting to know all of the children well! Welcome to Miss Martin in year 5 and Mrs Rushton in year 3. They are busy already with their new classes and getting to know the members of staff.

Mr Gamble, who retired before the Summer holidays, gave us a fish tank as a gift. It is in the front entrance and already has lots of fish in it, all of which are enjoying school life! Mrs Laban gave us plants as her leaving present - look out for them by the front entrance of the school.

We have all settled into school life and have been busy working on our new topics. Year groups have already planned some of their trips, with year 3 shortly going on their Chineham walk, year 5 investigating Basingstoke and year 6 going to Marwell zoo. Year 4 will soon have their Egyptian Day! We will let you know more about these in future editions. Year 3 children have also had a local librarian come in to talk with the children, getting them excited about reading books! The children loved seeing the range of

books our local libraries have to offer.

As you can see, we have a very busy year ahead and are looking forward to all of the new challenges given to us!

By Mikhal Saujani, Erin Quinlan, Harriet Fennell, Emily Bompfrey and Niamh Vaughan

Limelight Performance

The 22 young people who make up Limelight will be singing and dancing across the generations as they present "We'll Meet Again" at Rooksdown Community Centre, on Saturday 27 October for two performances, one at 4 p.m. and one at 7 p.m. with afternoon tea included in the ticket price.

They will be performing a selection of favourites from the thirties and forties, including guaranteed audience pleasers from shows like Oklahoma, Annie Get Your Gun and South Pacific, plus a rousing singalong of wartime songs.

Limelight is the youthful off-shoot of the Basingstoke Amateur Operatic Society (BAOS).

Tickets for "We'll Meet Again", priced at £6 are available from Karen Baldwin, Telephone 01256 763127, 0 7 9 5 2 5 5 3 5 2 0 o r karrie_baldwin@yahoo.co.uk. £1 per ticket sold will go to local charities, with the remainder helping to support the Limelight group in the future.

Wendy Blackall

Four Lanes Community Centre

Bath Coach Trip: Saturday 1 December. Leaves Four Lanes at 8.30am departing from Bath at 5.00pm. The Roman Baths are transformed into a Christmas shopper's haven "The Bath Christmas Market". In the heart of Bath's main shopping district, 129 traditional wooden chalets adorn the streets; each one offering unique, handmade and unusual gifts, decorations and food items – everything you will need for the perfect Christmas celebration. Cost £15.00 per person. Book early to avoid disappointment.

Fitness Freestyle Yoga (Infant Hall): Yoga without the spirituality. All abilities are welcome. Starts Monday 3 September 8.10pm to 9.10pm. Costs £5.00 per week on a pay as you go basis. See www.taylor-ed-fitness-training.co.uk or contact Louise on 07590 714078 if you have any questions

Beginners Pilates: (Community Room at Junior School) Starts Tuesday 18 September 6.30pm to 7.15pm for 6 weeks. Cost £25.00.

Pilates: (Community Room at Junior School) All abilities welcome. Starts Tuesday 18 September 7.15pm to 8.15pm. Cost £4.50 per week on a pay as you go basis.

Post Natal Fitness: A gentle re-introduction to basic post-natal exercise and core repair. Starts Thursday 5 November 9.45am to 11.15am for 6 weeks. Cost £30.00.

Get My Digital SLR on to Manual: An

introduction to Digital SLR/Bridge Camera photography, assuming zero knowledge. Starts Monday 12 November to 10 December 7.00pm to 9.00pm. Cost £45.00.

Intermediate Digital SLR: Starts Wednesday 14 November to 12 December 7.00pm to 9.00pm. Cost £45.00.

Pegasus Karate (Junior Hall): Karate sessions for children. Wednesdays 6.30pm to 9.00pm. Contact Mrs Dominy on 01256 475306

Toddler Groups: Tuesday and Wednesday 10.00 to 11.30am. All under 5's welcome including babies. Cost £2.50 per session per family pay as you go. Drinks and biscuits are provided.

Holiday Play Scheme (October Half Term): Open to school children aged from 4 to 11 years. The Holiday Play Scheme provides a fabulous day of activities supervised by our friendly and professional team to keep the children amused with arts and crafts, sports, games and fun food. The Holiday Play Scheme runs through every school holiday and inset days and is lots fun. We have 2 options for sessions times:

Session A 8.30am to 4.00pm – price £14.75

Session B 8.30am to 5.30pm – price £18.00

Adult Education & Family Learning Courses will be running at Four Lanes Community Centre. Courses and dates to be advised watch this space!

Virginia Wyatt, Tel: 810499
www.fourlanescentre.com

Café Project Runner

I am running the Faversham 10k & the Basingstoke Half Marathon in the space of a few weeks in aid of the Cafe Project that helps people with learning disabilities to learn new skills and go out to work with an accredited qualification.

Please sponsor me, we did really well last year and raised nearly £500 to help the charity. Lets try and beat it this year!

To sponsor me or for more information visit <http://www.charitygiving.co.uk/basingstokehalf>. Thank you.

Kelsea Griffiths

Anything Goes

Basingstoke Amateur Theatrical Society are back to The Haymarket Theatre with a brand new production of Anything Goes – one of the most dazzling musical comedies of all times.

Cole Porter's Anything Goes is a sparkling, high energy show packed with classic songs including "I Get A Kick Out Of You", "It's De-Lovely", "You're The Top", "Blow, Gabriel Blow" and of course the toe-tapping title number "Anything Goes".

There are eleven performances of Anything Goes from Wednesday 7 November through to Saturday 17 November. Performances start at 7.30pm with 2.30pm matinees on Saturday 10 and 17 November.

Tickets range from £15 to £19 (£12 or £15 for under 16s) with concessions for over-60s, groups and ft students.

Book your tickets online via www.bats.net, call 01256 844244 or visit The Haymarket or Anvil box offices.

Laura Balment

Quilts R Us Exhibition

North Hampshire Quilters are holding a 'Quilts R Us' Exhibition on Saturday 24 November 10am – 4.30pm and Sunday 25 November 10am – 4pm at Costello Technology College, Crossborough Hill, London Road, Basingstoke, RG21 4AL.

Admission is £2.00, students £1.00 and under 12's free. There will be traders, demonstrations, bag tombola refreshments, and a charity raffle of quilts for St Michaels Hospice and The Alzheimers Society.

For further details see www.north-hampshire-quilters.org.uk

Maureen Edwards

Jazz Picnic

The NE Hants Branch of the Motor Neurone Disease Association is holding a Jazz Picnic on Saturday 6 October, 8.00 – 11.00 pm, at The Roger Morris Centre, Eastrop Way, Basingstoke, RG21 4QE.

Featuring the Gambit Jazzmen, tickets cost £11.00. Tickets and details are available from 01256 763243 or coral.r.smith@btinternet.com. All profits will go to this local charity. Bring your own picnic. Licensed bar.

Sarah Jones

Cats Predating Birds

One of the biggest issues I have of late within the Chineham neighbourhood is the amount of birds being killed by domestic cats. In the past 3 weeks I have seen approx. 6 wood pigeons and 7 baby blackbirds either killed outright or mutilated by cats in gardens and drives within a 250 yard radius of where we live.

The RSPB have recently launched a National programme to get cat owners to act more responsibly and take ownership of this problem and have their cats fitted with a bell on their collar which at least gives birds a chance of escaping before an attack.

In St Gabriel's Lea and surrounding areas there are an extremely high number of cats seen roaming every day & night. It would be very beneficial for the bird wildlife if we could respond to this RSPB initiative and "make a difference" to partly address the problem rather than us all just turning a blind eye and perhaps spread the bell idea to all areas of Chineham.

RSPB have reported that over 4 million garden birds a year are killed by domestic cats in the UK - this figure can be multiplied by three or four in terms of the effect this has on their potential off spring/eggs. If this figure could be reduced by just 10% - 20% in our residential area by fitting your cat with a bell on their collar it would have a significant impact on the numbers of birds that visit our gardens every day.

John Naldrett

Willowdene

Holiday Club for children aged 5 -12 yrs: These are now held at Christ Church (opposite Willowdene) meaning we have more space and better age related activities for the school aged child. We are open every school holiday and Four Lanes Inset days catering for children aged 5-12 yrs. Reception aged children can either attend the Holiday Club at the Nursery, or at Christ Church.

The "Club" is run as part of the Nursery brand, with the same ethos and approach, including the first class care, friendliness and high standards we currently provide.

Special introductory rates are £2.50 per hour. Breakfast £1.00; Lunch & Tea £2.50. All day care (7.30-18.00, including breakfast lunch and tea) is £28.00 and half day care (8.00-13.00/13.00-18.00 food provided) is £14.00.

The next holiday dates are Inset Day Friday 26 October and Half Term Holiday Monday 29 October - 2 November.

If you are interested in booking sessions for Holiday care please contact the Nursery on 324191 or email willowdene@btconnect.com for more details and to register.

Nursery School: At the start of a new school year I would like to wish all our new children and parents a very warm welcome and we hope you enjoy your new experiences at Willowdene.

Marilyn Hargraves

Four Lanes Trust Grants

The Four Lanes Trust has awarded over £1.1million for the benefit of the residents of our Borough.

Formed in 1974 by Christopher Makins, the Trust was set up to support groups and organisations in Basingstoke and Deane that bring benefit and richness to our community in the fields of education, the arts and social and community action. The Trust meets 3 times a year, normally in March, June and November to consider applications and award grants

All sections of the community have benefited from Four Lanes Trust over the years, though a glance at the award winners reveals strong support for youth and education; from mother and toddler groups, play and pre-school groups through all stages of formal education to include uniformed and other youth work. The Arts too have been strongly supported, both encouraging professional groups to work with local people and in supporting our own local music, drama and arts groups. Many awards have also gone to the voluntary and community groups who do such magnificent work in every neighbourhood and with the most vulnerable in our community.

Since 1974 over 1350 awards have been made to over 750 local groups and organisations.

Most of our awards are in the £500 - £1500 range, though we can give more. Please see our website www.fourlanestrust.org.uk for more

information about our grants and how to apply. Basically if you are a voluntary, charitable or not-for-profit organisation working to improve the lives of local residents then you can apply. Please note that we do not give grants to individuals.

There is no application form. Groups who wish to apply should contact Bob Carr on (01256) 477990 or e-mail bobcarr@fourlt.fsnet.co.uk. Briefly outline your bid and we will arrange to come and discuss the bid with you. Simple as that! We're waiting to hear from you!

Bob Carr

Basing Singers Concert

Basing Singers, together with supporting musicians, will present 'Music from Stage and Screen' at a concert in Old Basing Village Hall on Saturday 20 October starting at 7.30pm.

Come along and listen to favourites from music by Richard Rodgers; songs from Showboat, Sweet Charity, We Will Rock You; and Disney films; plus more.

Tickets cost £7 at the door or £6 (£1 children under 16) in advance from Dawson's Music, Festival Place; Linden Market, Old Basing; or phone 01256 850415.

Net proceeds will be donated to the Elizabeth Hall Oncology Unit, North Hants Hospital.

Mike Leaming

A Sparrowhawk Encounter

One morning I drew back the curtains to see a sparrowhawk on the ground about 5 foot from the house. It had just caught one of the starlings we had been feeding for the last few months. It seemed our bird food was the start of the food chain. We'd had fleeting glimpses of the sparrowhawk before but this was the first time we had a proper sighting. The sparrowhawk stayed there feeding on the starling, quite unphased by my movements indoors as I rushed for the camera. After about 10 minutes it flew off with the starling in its talons, leaving a few fluffy starling feathers behind. It was wonderful to see the beauty of the sparrowhawk at such close range, but also sad to witness the demise of the starling. But that is how things are in the natural world.

Margot Rowdon

Hedgehogs in October

Some of the larger hedgehogs may have already gone into hibernation but there will still be plenty of hedgehogs about both large and small.

The leaves will be falling from the trees now and these will provide extra bedding for the hedgehogs' winter nests, these nests are called hibernaculums. Please take care if you rake up these leaves as you may disturb a hedgehog in its hibernation. Also take great care if you decide to burn any garden debris as hedgehogs may well move into an inviting pile between you raking it up and setting fire to it. Always move the pile before putting a match to it to ensure nothing

has made a home in it.

Many people will put out extra food in the winter for their local birds. But when there are cold spells the hedgehog's natural food will be harder to find too. So why not put an extra tin or two of meat based cat or dog food or some dry cat biscuits or dry hedgehog food in your shopping basket - just in case! If all the food is gone by the morning then you know it has been well received and perhaps can put a little more out the next evening. A plastic box upturned with a hole cut in its side (4-5" square) should stop cats stealing the food and keep the hedgehog dry whilst eating its dinner. Alternatively a paving slab on some bricks with a gap as an entrance would be even more secure.

When food is put out like this people are often surprised to find they have several hedgehog visitors.

If there is a small hedgehog visiting your garden try to catch it regularly and weigh it to make sure it is putting on weight - mark it with some quick drying emulsion paint on a few of its prickles in case there is more than one. If you are in doubt give us a call and let us know its weight so we can advise on further action.

If you think there is a hedgehog in trouble call the British Hedgehog Preservation Society on 01584 890801 - out of hours (emergencies only please) you will be directed to other numbers and whatever the time you should be able to speak to a real person.

Kay Bullen