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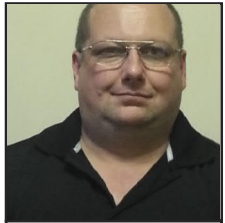


Editor
Jane Frankum

Message from the Editor: This will be a year of great changes for many of us and that includes this household, like everyone else, some will be good and some a challenge; I hope we all end up the New Year with more good than bad. The Abbey Road Post Office will open after quite a long battle and we, along with Dev and Nayna, thank all the people who signed the petition a whopping 1,500 of you from all over including people from miles away who use the shops. It was an eye-opener as to how far people come to Popley to use it along with the newsagents and that will save a lot of people's inconvenient long journeys. There is also a new independent pharmacy opening on the old site by the Bermuda doctor's surgery; details on page 2. Some time in the New Year the shops on Marnel Park will be completed and start to open. There is an application for an alcohol licence from Co-Op so at least we know for certain what one of the shops is. There have been lots of reports of burglaries, thefts from cars and anti-social behaviour. This is borough wide but certain roads seem to have had more than others. The police have given some advice on page 11. It is sad that there is the need to have to do this but if you do see anything that looks suspicious, please report it to 101 or on the police website. Every piece of information may help to the police to apprehend the criminals.

We are still looking for volunteers to deliver Popley Matters as each month seems to get harder to get delivered. Chris has moved and he delivered to all the homes on the old John Hunt School site so we are desperately looking for there and some other roads in the Poets and Abbeys too. We also need more advertising to be able to pay for the printing and is an ideal way for people starting up small businesses to let people know. For a mere £30 for a quarter page you can reach potentially thousands of customers as we have a print run of 5,400. Contact details as below.

We welcome articles from groups and clubs, especially residents who might like to write about their hobbies or their history of living in Popley. Email the Editor at editor@popleymatters.org.uk. Deliverers are always needed and welcomed too - it can be half an hour a month or more if you can? Please contact me at either 405 Abbey Road, phone me on 01256 819924, or e-mail



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Probust Looks to the Future

It's been another successful calendar year for the Probust Club of Basingstoke. You know the one, just for retired male managers; but it's not all male domination as their social events involve the ladies. Just like their black tie Christmas dinner held at the Test Valley golf club where fifty people had an enjoyable night accompanied by 60s and 70s music and dancing.

President Richard Wood is confident that the future looks rosy with several trips in the pipe line which wives and friends can attend. The world famous Morgan car factory in Malvern will be an attraction not just for car buffs but maybe a spot of shopping and taking in the local medicinal waters will add something to the day. And what about a visit to Highgrove House where their Royal Highnesses The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall allow garden tours with expert guides. Or a visit to Bletchley Park that played such an important role in WW2 with the cracking of the German Enigma code and was the birthplace of modern information technology.

Richard waxed lyrical about the monthly business style meetings where guest speakers entertain members with a diverse range of subjects. January has retired radio reporter Alan Jones, who will give examples of weird and wonderful and downright crazy stories, from nudists to royalty, dangerous animals and nervous bishops, giving truth to what can happen and go wrong when there is a live microphone.

February has member Stephen Thair, who had a private pilot's licence, discussing Birds and Planes with shared names and features and some exotic species from his time working in the tropics.

March has author Mel Rees with amusing observations about his family and the national scene all in a very non politically correct style which guarantees laughter throughout his presentation.

Richard continued "We welcome new members, irrespective of how many years they have been retired. Contact our secretary Jonathan Ratcliff on 07501 271547 if you would like to come along for a taster meeting."

See www.probusbasingstoke.club for more information.



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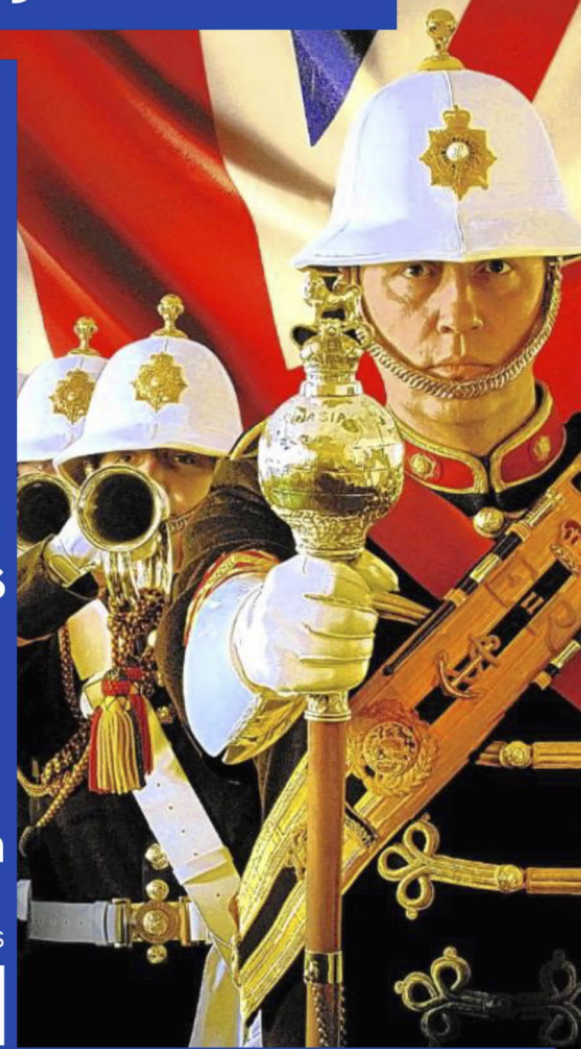
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Upcoming Dates

Start of Term—Monday 6th January
Year 9 Parents Evening—Thursday 30th January



OAPs Christmas Lunch

We hope all the over 65s who came to visit us for lunch had a lovely time and we were very lucky to have the Mayor and her consort join us. There were performances by some of the students with dance routines and singing from a few of the children from Merton School. The students put on an amazing buffet under the supervision of Ms Newman and the event finished with a great raffle.



Everest's Christmas Showcase

We were entertained by a range of dances, drama pieces and singing. It was an excellent evening in which the students truly shone and should be incredibly proud! Thanks to Mrs Razzell and Miss Dickie who guided the students with their performances.

Bermuda Community Hall

Tiny steps pre-school starting soon, for further details ring Helen or Connie on 07907815270

There are lots of activities going on at Bermuda hall, come along and join in!

Monday from 6:30pm to 8pm we have kick boxing.



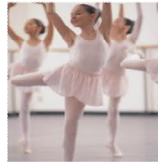
Tuesday night is bingo night New members are welcome! Doors open at 7pm, eyes down at 8pm and finishes around 10pm. Refreshments are available.



Wednesday is yoga night with Lou Bedford. It starts at 6:15pm and finishes at 7:15pm, for more details ring Lou Bedford on 07753109222 or at www.loubefordyoga.co.uk



Come along on a Thursday night for street dance and ballet 4:30pm to 6:30pm for details ring Samantha pike on 07811299484



Friday club is available to infants/juniors Yr R to Yr 6 at 6pm to 7:15pm. There are many activities for the children to get involved in: singing, super book animated bible stories, games, tuck shop and more. Friday club is now free.



The hall is also available to hire for parties at reasonable rates. Ring 01256 363156 for details

We hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Notice from Old Basing Royal British Legion

I am pleased to announce that so far this year we have collected £20,833 for the Poppy Appeal, thank you everyone for your generous donations.

It's spring cleaning time and Old Basing Royal British Legion can convert your old clothes, shoes, foreign or pre-decimal coins into Poppy Appeal donations. I have collection bags for clothes and coin collection buckets at Legion Hall in Crown Lane and would welcome your donations. When you have some to donate please contact either Tracey or Kyle Merritt after 5pm at the club or myself and we will be happy to see you. All proceeds go to the Poppy Appeal, if you have any questions please contact me, Hon Poppy Appeal Organiser Tim Russell on either 0777 288 3964 or Hampshire.chairman@rbl.community

County Councillor Report: Happy New year to you all.

The proposed parking /yellow lines has moved a stage nearer and is in the Democratic Services department ready to go to the portfolio holder and then cabinet for approval. It should be starting in February if approved. At County Council Popley East Councillors and I are seeing what can be done to stop some drivers doing illegal U turns into Shakespeare Road. This is dangerous and in fact takes longer than if they simply followed the rules and used the roundabout. There have been some interesting proposals to consider.

I have asked for a meeting with officers in regard to some paths needed from Tintern Close to the bus stop and a small path with dropped kerb from Abbey Road to the Apollo, also a path from Abbey Court and St Bede's up to the shops. I will report back when I have more news. There have been some long awaited repairs to some of the paths in Abbey Road and others where tree roots have severely damaged the footways. I have now been informed the manhole covers in the Abbey Road shopping area are the responsibility of SSE.

If you have any County Council issues please contact me Cllr Jane Frankum 01256 819924 email jane.frankum@hants.gov.uk.

Popley West: By now you will hopefully have seen that the Post Office and newsagents is opening on 7th January Thank you to the 1,500 people who signed the petition.

The closing date has now passed for the consultation on Popley Community Park and we thank everyone who sent in their suggestions. There were some really wonderful ideas and the officers, Paul and I will go through them. It is expected that the works and improvements to the park will start in the spring.

Despite claims that the bin collections are much better residents tell us differently. Though most bins are collected the day after if they have been missed we still have residents contacting us to say their bins are being missed and then told they will have to wait till the following collection date.

We are working on getting improvements to the dropped kerbs as some are so steep they are difficult to manage in a disability buggy. If you are disabled and have any issues about access or parking please contact us details below.

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Popley East: The official opening of the newly converted Chineham House took place on 17th December.

As ward councillors we had long argued for the conversion of the empty property to provide both affordable homes for rent available to local people, but also to include a room for use by the wider community.

The property now comprises of 10 apartments, and has 11 allocated parking spaces. Once the community room is equipped and available for bookings we will provide an update through our regular newsletters as to how this can be arranged.

We are aware that some drivers are still undertaking the dangerous U-turn manoeuvres in Popley Way despite the measures that have been put in place by HCC following our representations. These drivers are now using the entrance to Shakespeare Road to turn around despite the installation of the new island and this is resulting in them driving over the grass verges immediately adjacent to the tactile paving area of the new footpath. It's dangerous. We have arranged to meet with Officers from Hampshire County Council Highways to discuss a solution and will let you know the outcome once agreed.

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OUR CLUB IN ACTION IN DECEMBER

Overton Christmas Market A dozen of our "elves" had a lovely time giving a helping hand to Father Christmas.

Michael's Hospice Light up a Life. We provided a team of car parking marshals for this important event.

We support the work of **Camrose Centre** throughout the year and we were again able to provide, cook and serve a Festive lunch on the 12th December for the Homeless and vulnerably housed who attend the Camrose centre and their volunteers.

We are again pleased to be supporting the work of the **Night Light Shelter** for the homeless in Basingstoke this winter.

Children in Need. For a number of years some of our members have joined a team of 400 Rotarians from all over the south east for a bucket collection at Heathrow on Children in Need day. This year saw our Rotarians having fun working with Pudsey at Terminal 5. The generous travellers donated a fantastic total of **£26,500!**

Basingstoke Deane Rotary is a group of 35 men and women from a wide variety of backgrounds. All live locally in the borough but some commute to work outside Basingstoke. Most joined Rotary to help others less fortunate, and they find Basingstoke Deane Rotary adds another extremely enjoyable dimension to their lives.

If you would like to find out more about how we enjoy ourselves, just tune in to www.rcbd.org.uk to see what we have coming up, or contact Helen or Paul above to find out more. We think you'll be pleasantly surprised.

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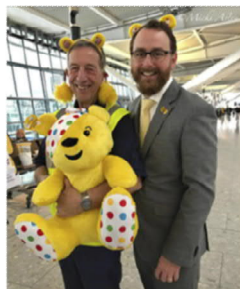
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WHAT IS ROTARY?

Rotary started in Chicago in 1905, by four friends who wanted to meet regularly for friendship and to further their businesses by what we would now call networking. Today we have over 1.2 million Rotarians in 200 countries. 2020 year marks the 75th anniversary of the creation of the United Nations. Rotary was influential in the formation of the UN, & today holds a non-voting, permanent seat on the UN.

Since it was founded Rotary has expanded to 33,000 active Rotary clubs in over 200 countries. The members of these autonomous clubs are called Rotarians, and they form a global network of business and professional leaders, all volunteering their time and talents to serve their communities and the world.

Our Club has been serving our community since 1985 and in that time raised over £600,000 which has been donated to mainly local good causes and a few national and international causes to help make the world a better place.



Basingstoke Deane Rotary's Paul Temple with Paul Fisher, Rotarian Children in Need National Coordinator at Heathrow Terminal 5

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The British Lung Foundation Support Group : Breathe Easy run meetings, where you can pick up and share vital information.

Guest speakers give accurate facts about lung health, medication, wellbeing and safety. You'll be made very welcome, so come along on the last Tuesday each month, to Christ Church Chineham, Reading Road, RG24 8LT at 2.00pm-4.00pm.

Friends, family and carers are welcome too.

We have outings and social events too.

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The Dragonfly Project Seeks To Raise Domestic Violence and Abuse Awareness Across Hampshire.

Domestic Violence and Abuse is an issue which affects all communities. One in four women and one in six men are affected by domestic abuse at some point in their lifetime. Currently, the UK government 'Domestic Violence Bill 2017-2019' is being reviewed by the Public Bill Committee, and if successful, will bring about significant change in support for those affected and prosecution of offenders nationwide. This bill will introduce the first statutory definition of domestic violence and abuse, including economic abuse, and controlling and coercive non-physical abuse.

The YOU Trust started The Dragonfly Project in 2016 in Dorset, with the aim of raising awareness of Domestic Violence and Abuse (DVA) and the services available with a specific focus on targeting isolated people and communities. Since the start of the project in Dorset, the team has successfully trained over 900 members of the community to become champions for the Dragonfly Project, increasing referrals for support by 25%.

This year, the project is expanding to Hampshire, covering Basingstoke, Winchester, Andover, Eastleigh, New Forest, and the Isle of Wight. Across Hampshire you will start to see the Dragonfly Project emblem appearing in shop windows, pubs, community support services, salons, and more, providing you with the key contact details of who to call if you are in need of support. Additionally, if you see the Dragonfly sticker or badge, this indicates that the person wearing this is a Champion for the Dragonfly Project, and has received the necessary training to provide you with advice and guidance to access specialist DVA support.

If you are interested in getting involved and can attend training to become a Champion for the Dragonfly Project, please contact the team. Training is run in group sessions of 6-20 people and can be organised at the group's preferred location.

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| Tuesday | 10.30 to 11.30 - Messy Monkey Makers | 12.50 to 2.35 - Bloom Basingstoke 1.45 to 4.00 - Parkinson's Group (1st Tuesday of the month) | 5.45 to 9.00 - Poppies School of Dance 6.00 to 8.00 - BDDF chronic pain group (1st Tuesday of the month) | 5.45 to 6.45 - ECCJ prayer meeting |
| Wednesday | 10.00 to 11.00 - Tai Chi 11.15 to 12.15 - Breathe easy exercise class | 11.15 to 12.15 - Parkinsons mindfulness (1 st wed of month) 11.15 to 12.15 - Parkinsons loud and clear (2 nd wed of month) | 2.00 to 4.00 - T42, over 50's club | 6.00 to 7.00 - Funk n Twist fitness 7.30 to 9.30 - Sing Now choir 7.30 to 9.00 - NITCOG prayer meeting |
| Thursday | 9.30 to 11.00 - Thursday Tots | | 5.45 to 7.15 - Youth club 8 to 10's | 7.30 to 9.00 - Youth Club 11 to 14's |
| Friday | 10.30 to 11.30 - Messy Monkey Makers | | | |
| Saturday | 10.00 to 12.00 - Poppies School of Dance | Available for private functions from 12.30 | | |
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The Rotary Club of Basingstoke have built a Santa sleigh with materials kindly donated by Travis Perkins and TLC. With vehicles loaned by Snows and Think Ford they have been touring the streets between 6.00pm and 8.00 pm every weekday evening and will continue until Friday 20th.

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 Fairfield's 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 aims to cheer the community, bring a smile to children and raise monies for local charities.



Photo – Ian Smoker team leader of the Rotary Santa project, the Mayor of Basingstoke Councillor Diane Taylor, foreground right Emily winner of the Primary School banner competition. Below the winning banner.



You can still help support local charities by texting – Text / SMS donations

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 To donate £5, text BASSANTA to 70970
 To donate £10, text BASSANTA to 70191

For example, we are going to use some of this money to supply and fit in January, racking for the Spotlight charity shop at the top of town which also runs a food bank.



We have lots going on at the hall with many new groups starting in January (highlighted in bold). Please see our website for group contact details.

WHATS ON IN JANUARY:

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| MONDAY: | 12.30-2.30pm | Bingo!! |
| | 6.30-8.30pm | 4 Fits Sake |
| | 8.00-10.00pm | Peregrinus Healing and Holistic |
| TUESDAY: | 9.30-11.30am | Popley Little People |
| | 7.00-8.00pm | Boxercise with Lynsey |
| | 8.00-9.00pm | Fight Klub with Dawn |
| | 8.00-9.00pm | Diamond Fitness with Kinga |
| WEDNESDAY: | 9.30am-4.00pm | Pamelas Memory Club |
| | 5.00 and 7.00pm | Slimming World with Diane |
| | 7.00-8.00pm | Dog Training |
| THURSDAY: | 9.30-11.30am | Community Café |
| | 7.00-9.00pm | 4 Fits Sake |
| | 7.00-9.00pm | Yoga with Tory |
| FRI DAY: | 11.45-1.30pm | Oasis Lunch club |
| | 6.00-7.00pm | Yoga with Ben |
| SATURDAY: | 9.15am-4.00pm | 7 TH Day Adventist Church |
| | 10am | Sabath School – Bible Study |
| | 11.30am | Divine Worship |
| | 1pm | Free Community Lunch |
| | | Contact Emanuel Ampofo on 07456068812 |
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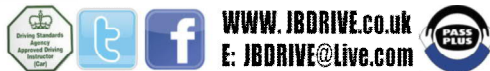
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| Tuesday | 18.30-19.00 | ABS-TASTIC | Summit | FREE | £4 |
| Tuesday | 19.00-20.00 | BARRE with Jo | Summit | FREE | £7 |
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| Wednesday | 18:00-19:00 | RAVE TONE with Jo | Summit | FREE | £7 |
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I hope you all had a good Christmas and New Year. We have been busy working hard making sure all our members had a lovely build up to the festive period. January brings the forever popular lunch clubs which are held at United Reform Church London Road and Old Basing church. Both these lunch clubs bring so much joy to our members with good hearty sing songs and bingo. If you have a family member or neighbour who would benefit from our various activities please get in touch with myself. My contact details are at the end of my article.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with our very popular Befriending Service so our more isolated members get to have a meaningful conversation and maybe play one of their favourite board games. If you have an hour a week spare please get in touch with myself and I can give you further information. Together we can stomp out isolation and loneliness within our community across Basingstoke. Please contact me at or on my work mobile 07720680403.

Hope to speak to many of you in 2020 and Happy New Year everyone.
Francesca Wildash

Chineham Library

We hope that you had an enjoyable Christmas and will find something to tempt you at the library in the New Year. There are two events to look forward to, both costing £5 to attend, with tickets obtainable from the library and the online shop. On 26th March we have former Police Officer Ken Wells sharing insights into 'Scenes of Crime' investigations. Then on 23rd April we have Tony Keep talking about the Great Train Robbery. Both talks commence at 6pm. Tickets for our talks sell out quickly, so early booking is advised.

Our regular activities for adults continue as usual into the New Year. The general reading group meets on 25th January at the usual time of 10.30am. Our social drop-in group Cuppa and Chat meet weekly on Wednesdays at 10.30am in the Acorn Room, and both would welcome you. Or if you would like to improve your IT skills in the New Year, Age Concern continue to offer individual tuition for a £5 donation. Sessions can be booked through their office on: 01256 423874 and take place on Wednesday mornings.

Our numerous children's activities also resume after the Christmas break, with the rhymetimes on Tuesday mornings for under ones at 10am and over ones at 11am. Storytimes take place every Saturday of the month except the first one, at 11am. The first Saturday of every month we have our drop-in craft sessions between 10am – 12pm. All ages are welcome to attend these. Our Chatterbooks group for junior school age children meets monthly after school on Thursdays; please ask the staff for details.

We are also now offering room hire, with slots available during library opening hours. The Acorn Room is competitively priced from £7 an hour. Further details are available on request. Cathy Foster



Basingstoke NeighbourCare Needs You!

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We need people who have time and patience and like talking to elderly people. You need to have good listening skills and be able to show empathy. We will provide you with training and support and match you with one of our clients. Our befriending co-ordinator will take you to your first meeting with our client and support you as necessary.

If you are interested in either or both of the above opportunities please contact us by phone on 01256 423855 or email info@neighbourcare.com. See also our website www.neighbourcare.com for further information about our service.



Bank of Mum and Dad

Are you thinking of helping your child get onto the property ladder? If you are, you are not alone.

According to a recent survey by Just Group, over the last five years, parents and grandparents have helped three in every five first-time buyers purchase their property.

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Any confusion on where the money comes from can delay the conveyancing process and in a worse case-scenario lead to the mortgage offer being retracted.

Many people think that giving their children money should be straight forward, but the Anti-Money Laundering (AML) laws, mortgage restrictions and the legal rights of all parties involved need to be addressed.

Parents should not think that they can simply agree with their child that the money is a gift. This is because your child will be asked for proof of funds by their lawyer.

They will require a letter from you confirming that the money you are providing is a gifted deposit and that you will have no rights over the property. Normally a signed letter to your child should be sufficient, with a copy being passed to their lawyer.

Their lawyer will also need to receive photo identification from you, such as a passport or driving licence. They also need a document showing proof of your address, like a bank statement and utility bill.

Furthermore, they will also need to know where the funds came from. For example, was it from a pension draw, the sale of shares or the sale of a house?

If it is money coming from savings, you will have to provide bank statements showing how the money has been accruing over the last two to six months.

For more details and information call Zoë Baxter, head of the Residential Property team at Phillips Solicitors on 01256 854623 or email zoe.baxter@phillips-law.co.uk.

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6th Basingstoke Boys' Brigade Newsletter



Even though we are starting a new year we have to mention our “**Merry Quizmas**” quiz that happened in December. We had an unprecedented number of people sign up (55 in total) and took part in it. Thanks to everyone’s generosity we made an astonishing £202 so we’d like to thank everyone who came and joined in with the quiz and raffle. Special thanks to all our staff/officers/helpers, family members and young people who did a fantastic job in the kitchen, sorting tables and chairs and helped clean up. It was great to see everyone come together for the evening and enjoy themselves.

With the presents all opened, the Christmas tree stored away and we’ve finished the leftover turkey sandwiches, we start 2020 with a mission! 6th Basingstoke Boys’ Brigade needs you - we are looking for new members, young people who want to meet others, gain friendships, learn new skills you don’t get in school and most importantly, have fun! Think you or you know someone who fits that description? Then come along on a Monday evening and join in! Contact details below:

We’re recruiting?

We are looking for new members to join both our age groups, 5-10 and 10-18yo. If you’d like to see what we are about come for a taster session on a Monday evening, 6:15 - 7:15pm (5-10yo) and 7:00-9:00pm (10-18yo).

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-Be suspicious! If it seems 'too good to be true', it usually is. There are no guaranteed get rich-quick schemes.

-Take time to consider offers or deals, do not be pressured into accepting things before you have time to think. Insist on time to obtain independent/ legal advice before making a decision.

-Do not hand over money or sign anything until you have checked the credentials of the company or individual.

-Never send money to anyone you do not know or trust, whether in the UK or abroad, or use methods of payment that you are not comfortable with.

-Never give banking or personal details to anyone you do not know or trust. This information is valuable so make sure you protect it.

-Always log on to a website directly rather than clicking on links provided by an email.

-Do not rely solely on glowing testimonials: find solid independent evidence of a company's success.

-Always get independent/ legal advice if an offer involves money, time or commitment.

-Your bank or the police will never ask you for your 4-digit PIN or online banking password, ask you to withdraw money for them, ask you to transfer money to a new account, send someone to your home to collect cash or banking details, or ask you to purchase goods for them.

-Do not be embarrassed to report a scam. Because the scammers are cunning there is no shame in being deceived. By reporting you will make it more difficult for them to deceive others.

-In Hampshire all fraud should be reported to Action Fraud, via www.actionfraud.police.uk, or by phoning on 0300 123 2040. In addition, you may wish to report to the police direct by calling 101.

-You can find more information on the types of fraud and scams commonly used and how you may better protect yourself from them on the Action Fraud website and the Hampshire Constabulary website under the 'Advice and Information' section.

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| Cub Leader | Charlotte Bell | 07919148376 |
| Scout Leader | Kevin Pocock | 07717108560 |

cubs

Since the last Cub report back in, the Cub Pack have been extremely busy, below is just some of the highlights of the fun activities and the new skills for life the Cubs have been doing.

At the end of July the Cubs had a visit from the Bat Conservation Trust and special guest in the form of a Pipistrelle Bat. After finding out about the bat, the Cubs headed out in the woods on a Bat Hunt, rather than a Bear Hunt, armed with bat detectors. Off they headed and after a short period we were able to hear and also see the bats flying past overhead in search of insects. A couple of weeks later the Cubs made bat boxes, which we will place in the woods in spring, as part of their DIY Badge.



We had an amazing Halloween Party with the Beavers just before midterm break where we had a Room of Doom which had potions to drink, Trick or Treat Lucky dip and collect the blood veins with only your teeth. While still on the Halloween theme on 20th October the Pack joined the Cubs from across the District and travelled down to Ferry Croft, Hampshire Scout Counties Campsite, in the New Forest to attend the annual Fright Night experience. They got to take part in a wide range of activities including zorbing and a magic show.

The evening ended up with a "spooky" woodland walk.

After the midterm break the Cubs have had evenings covering science, environmental awareness and communication.

The next Cub article will include a report about the Cub Visit to WES Ltd to find out what they do and to try their hand at some assembly work, so watch this space.

The year ended with a Christmas Party and awards ceremony where the Cubs were presented with all the badges, they have earned over the last couple of months.

Group News

We currently have spaces for new members in all sections, so if any of above takes your fancy, please get in touch. More details can be found on our website at www.base2000.co.uk.

To continue providing all these and more activities for all three of our sections we are in need of more adults to help out or even maybe to become Leaders. Full training is available for new Leaders, much of which can be done online in your own time. The only qualification needed, you must like working with kids and like having a bit of fun. To find out more please contact:

Colin, on 07796 772500, email colink@base2000.co.uk
 Douglas, on 07733 325498, email nikau@thescoutingpages.org.uk



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The Basingstoke and District Disability Forum (BDDF) was set up in 2008 with a mission to support the local disabled community to reach its potential in Basingstoke. With 1 in 5 people identifying as having a disability, and no clear organisation representing them, there was a gap in the accessibility of services available, as well as a lack of inclusion opportunities for less-abled people. The BDDF was founded by a group of residents living with disabilities with the aim of supporting the community, giving them a voice and addressing the stigma.

Our vision: To create a community that sees the person, values the difference and embraces awareness.

Our mission: To facilitate increased awareness, active involvement and healthy promotion of disability and those who live it.

Our core

With 36,000 people in Basingstoke and Deane living with a disability we're committed to offering a programme of core services that are relevant, impactful and empowering. Our 'ConneXions' programme has been running for a year and has complimented our existing range of services.

- **Signposting:** an information service for people with a disability, their family and friends;
- **Talk:** a monthly networking programme promoting inclusion and alleviating social isolation;
- **Learning:** a bite-sized training and development programme focused on education, personal skills, confidence and employability;
- **Disability Awareness Days:** partnering with local organisations, an event highlighting disability services in the community; and
- **Health and well-being:** opportunities to take part in free activities promoting health and well-being of people with a disability.

Want to be part of it?

In return for just 5 hours per month, a unique opportunity has arisen to join the Board of Directors as a voluntary Trustee. You can help shape the future of a local charity and be part of the future for disabled people in our community.

To know more:

Contact Tony (Chair):
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