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The world is increasingly digital. Social media, smart phones and a million other little technologies have entered our lives. The Chineham Chat is old school in this new world, as we still (gasp) print and hand deliver to people's doors. Sometimes we get feedback that indicates how much people still value us, and other times we get exhortations to drop the print and go online only. Sometimes we get feedback about content—usually things people are *not* keen on!

So perhaps it is time to have a good look at the Chat. What do you like? What do you find useful? What changes would you like to see? To this end we have created a survey, and we would be grateful if as many people as possible could complete it. It is available online at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/N3JFFYD>, by scanning the QR code on the front cover and it is also included at the back of the Chat as a print version—if you post to me at the address at the bottom of this page I will get those included. As an incentive, we are offering a £20 M&S voucher to one lucky random entrant. It will be open through July. This is YOUR opportunity to feedback on your community magazine—don't miss out!

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Chineham Village Club

The football world cup is now in full swing and we are showing all games on our big screen. There are reduced-price drinks on offer for all England games as well as some competitions and raffles.

Other entertainment events for July are as follows:-

Mon 2: Bingo in the lounge bar at 8pm

Thu 19: Senior citizens' bingo and lunch in the lounge bar at 1.30pm

On **Thursday 26th July** we are having club outing to Sandown races at a cost of £5 per head. This trip is currently fully booked but any members wishing to add their names to the wait list can do so at the bar.

John Prince, Club Chairman

Chineham Village Hall

The school holidays will soon be here and many children's classes will be taking a summer break. During term time there is a new ballet class being held on Wednesday afternoons, 2 – 3pm in the Community Rooms. Other children's classes that might interest you include Tots Play, Caterpillar Music, Little Pumas, Young Yogis, Gym Minis and Lyndon School of Dance. Details of times can be found on the Calendar of Events on our website and on the noticeboard outside the main hall. Please check with event organisers to see if they are planning any classes during school holidays.

Throughout the summer, when more of us are using the patio and playground, it is important that rubbish is not left on the ground as it attracts vermin to the area; please use the bins provided or take it home with you.

People using the car park, and leaving their rubbish strewn around after eating and drinking in their vehicles, should be aware that it is not a public car park. It is for users of the Halls, Club and playground. When you leave the car park please ensure you take any rubbish with you, or place it in a rubbish bin. Your help is very much appreciated.

If you are looking for a venue for a party or to hold a regular class, please contact our booking line on 07935 328172, send an email to chinehamvillagehall@gmail.com or complete an enquiry form and check out the FAQs on our website www.chinehamvillagehall.co.uk.

Lynne Hughes

Chineham Library

It's amazing that we are already fast approaching our busiest time of year, with the annual summer Reading Challenge commencing on **14th July**. This year's theme is 'Mischief Makers' which is linked in with the Beano magazine. All children aged from 4–12 years are welcome to take part, so do bring them along. Another highlight in July is the 'Summer Beach Bowl' on 25th, when children aged 2–10 years have the opportunity to create food treats with Katie from Cookery Doodle Doo. Places can be booked through the library at £6 a head for sessions at 10am and 11am. Sounds like fun!

All our regular children's groups will be meeting this month. For children we have the popular rhymetimes on Tuesday mornings; with under ones at 10am and over ones at 11am. Saturday storytimes take place every Saturday at 10am, except for the 7th

when we have Under the Sea crafts from 10–12. The Chatterbooks children's reading group meets on **12th July** from 3.45–4.45pm. There will be extra craft sessions during the summer on Wednesday mornings from 10am. Further detail will follow.

For adults, the CHIPPS group meets on **11th July** at 10am, and the Crime Reading group on the **21st July** at 10.30am. The general reading group are meeting on the **28th July** at 10.30am and the Writing Group on **12th July** at 5.30pm. Both of these would welcome new members. The Age Concern computer sessions for the over 50s finish for the summer on the 18th July. Session can be booked through their area office on: 01256 423874. For the most up-to-date information check our social media. We hope to see you in the library soon.

Cathy Foster

Chineham WI

Chineham WI entered two teams in the annual Hampshire Federation General Knowledge Quiz again this year. Chineham A team came 4th and Chineham B team came 10th out of a total of 14 teams entered. This year's winners were Overton WI who will go forward to the final held later in the year.

Our President for the last three years, Julie Leaming, stood down this year and our new President, Myrna Lyon, was voted in at the AGM in May. Many thanks to Julie for all she has done to represent Chineham WI and support its members over the past three years. We welcome Myrna to her new role. Myrna has previous experience as

president when she was a member of another WI, which I'm sure Chineham WI members will benefit from.

Did you know it's possible to be a member of more than one Women's Institute at the same time? Members of two or more WIs are known as 'dual members' and their subsequent membership fee is only £20 per annum per WI. Dual members benefit from the extra meetings, a wider variety of organised events and additional social events. Of course, you are also very welcome to join us if you've never been a member before! We hold our regular monthly meetings at Christ Church, Reading Road, Chineham from 7:30 to 9:30pm. The dates and topics for upcoming meetings are listed below. We look forward to welcoming you.

23 Jul: Games Evening

21 Aug: Crazy Golf & social evening (not at Christ Church)

24 Sep: Our 9th Birthday Party

Pam Malcolm

Treasurer, Chineham WI

Shh! Silent Auction

For youngsters aged 5-16 years. Bring your items for sale to Breach Lane Chapel, Sherfield, on **Friday 27th July** from 4-6pm for **Saturday 28th July** 11am-1pm.

Free entry and refreshments. Successful sellers to make their choice of donation to: Naomi House Hospice. We thank "The Shop" for their generosity.

Enquiries: telephone 01256 881608.

Mrs C M Taplin

St Michael's Hospice Volunteers Needed

Due to the increasing amount of generous donations we receive for our stores and the limited space we have in our stores to deal with them, we have set up a Sorting and Distribution Centre which is in Wade Road, Chineham. Our Sorting and Distribution Centre has been open for a few weeks now and is proving to be a real success. Volunteers and staff are enjoying working there and the stores are delighted with how much it helps them, giving them more time to make the shop look great and to talk to and help our customers.

We are looking for some more lovely volunteers to join us to help us to sort items such as clothing, jewellery, books and bric-a-brac etc. ready to be sent on to our stores to help raise funds for St. Michael's Hospice. We also have a few vacancies for drivers and drivers mates to help us deliver the items to our shops across North Hampshire. More details about the volunteer roles available are on our website or by calling Laura Williams on 01256 848882.

We are very excited about the centre and are looking forward to getting some more volunteers who share that excitement and who want to help us to make it a continued success.

Ann Schuster

Sea Cadets

TS Mary Rose Basingstoke & Deane Sea Cadets is encouraging young people (12-17 years) to bring a friend

and come aboard to enjoy fun activities both ashore and on the water. The Sea Cadets, who meet at Sycamore Halls, Winklebury on Monday and Friday evenings, are welcoming new recruits. For young people and their friends who want to have a go at sailing, power boating, kayaking, rowing and windsurfing, these are on offer with the Sea Cadets. For those who want a challenge, adventure training is also very popular and includes learning how to pitch a tent, cook and survive outdoors.

Darren Rust, Commanding Officer, said: "Sea Cadets offers so many opportunities. It's a great place to make new friends, have fun and learn new skills. In Basingstoke we are one of the few organisations which can get young people out onto the water to enjoy a range of activities. Also we are linked to the Mary Rose Trust at Portsmouth, meaning we are invited to support their events from time to time."

Juniors aged between 10-12 years old are welcome too – there are lots of activities they can join in with, including swimming and sailing. All activities are led by well qualified instructors and everyone gets a chance to learn other useful skills such as First Aid, catering, seamanship and communication.

To find out more, please email: tsmaryrosescc@btconnect.com, call 01256 335893 or visit our website at www.sea-cadets.org/basingstoke.

Kerri Picton-Robinson

What's On at The Vyne

Normal admission applies to all events except outdoor theatre. You can pick up a range of fun family trail sheets from Visitor Reception.

Den building (Daily): Head out into the woods and see who can make the best den from materials from the woodland floor.

Orienteering (Daily): Find your bearings and test your map reading skills with orienteering. You can collect the materials you'll need at Visitor Reception.

Get to know a tree (Daily): Bring paper and a crayon and get ready to capture a tree rubbing. All you have to do is look out for a tree with an orange label, place the paper up against the tree trunk and start colouring it in with the crayon. The pattern of the bark will appear on the paper. Free event normal admission applies.

Go on a scavenger hunt (Daily): Collect your trail sheet from Visitor Reception and see what natural objects have fallen to the ground in the woods and gardens at The Vyne. Free event normal admission applies.

Geocaching challenge (Daily until 21 September): Intrepid explorers can download the Geocaching® app from geocaching.com/play before hunting for themed geocaches in Morgaston Woods.

The lost tapestries trail (Daily until 30 Sep): On this family trail, help recover and fit together jigsaw pieces of oriental tapestries hidden across the grounds. Pick up your trail sheet at visitor reception. Suggested donation £1 per trail sheet

Behind-the-scenes house tours (3, 19 Jul, 10.30-11.30, 01256 883858): Working with centuries-old objects, the team must meticulously plan each stage of the installation of the new layout in the house in order to safely rearrange the collection for visitors to enjoy. Find out the conservation challenges involved when changing the layout of a historic house.

Gardens seasonal walk (19 Jul, 16 Aug, 13 Sep, 25 Oct and 6 Dec 2-3pm): Conducted by a member of the gardens team, gain a deeper insight into the gardens at The Vyne. Seize the opportunity to ask our gardener questions and gain tips on all things horticultural. No booking required; limited tickets given on first-come-first served basis on the day.

Shifting landscapes photography trail and competition (1 Jun-9 Sep (closing date 13 Aug)): Witness how much the landscape at The Vyne changes as the seasons come and go and submit your own snaps in a photography competition. Stand at the exact spot where photographs have been taken and displayed in the grounds and compare these with the view you see on your visit. You can capture the next chapter in The Vyne's shifting landscapes by taking your own photos and emailing these to theyvne@nationaltrust.org.uk by the closing date of **13 August**. A shortlist of ten photos will be selected and announced on 20 August. You can then vote for the winner when you spend £10 or more in the shop or the Brewhouse tea-room up until 24 September. The winning photo will be announced and exhibited in the Brewhouse tea-room on 1 October.

Karen Legg

Nature Notes

I had been unable to find the berries of herb paris (the emblem of Chineham) last autumn, so I was pleased to be shown a patch of the flowers. It is classed as rare, so the site will remain secret. I was lucky enough to spot several early purple orchids. These are not the same as the later pyramidal orchids, which appeared on the Tesco roundabout last year and will hopefully survive the disruptions. In addition to those, I was lucky enough to find a member of the buttercup family that I had not seen before, called goldilocks. To round off my happiness, I discovered a herb known from earliest times called sanicle, that belongs to the cow parsley family. Despite the road works, it was pleasing to see the long line of dog/moon daisies on the A33 from one roundabout to the next. Whilst waiting in the slow moving line of cars from the traffic lights to Tesco, I was able to count at least a dozen different wild flowers on the central reservation where the dandelions had flourished only a short time ago.

Mary Ann of Cibbons Road discovered a hornet in their wood burner, which was released alive by Peter. Brave man. Late at night a few days ago, I found a dying one in my hall, and shuddered as I squashed it in the garden. It was a mystery how it arrived in that state, but I was glad it wasn't living and in my bedroom.

It's surprising how a variety of wildlife can be seen in our area, thanks to the woods around which date back to medieval times or earlier and this is noticeable in some places where the soil is so deep, it can feel as if one is at sea. Therefore the trees are old and can

harbour up to two hundred creatures, with the greater spotted woodpecker being one of the noisiest, tapping away to obtain larvae. A privet hawk-moth paid a visit, sitting all day, ignoring the flash of my camera. The hawk-moths are large with a wingspan of up to 5 inches. I have seen the pink elephant hawk-moth on my honeysuckle and Hazel has had the hummingbird hawk-moth in her garden, but this was the first for my garden which is not large. I occasionally see dragonflies, but this was the first occasion I have seen a pair of damselflies beginning the mating process, with them in tandem in mid air, but, they then flew out of sight before the next part of the procedure, which is the female twisting underneath.

June is now classed as the Bee Count month so I shall read the details and enter. The bees are busy here especially on the wild *Linaria*, which has seeded itself all over the front and back gardens. David told me that his bird box has been utilised by white-tailed bees. This has happened in the past to at least two other bird-boxes in Chineham. On hearing a commotion at the bird feeders, I looked out and saw three balls of yellow fluff sitting there, trying to eat the seeds, whilst chirping for the parents. These, who were blue tits, arrived and stuffed food down their throats. I imagine it was the chicks' first flight, because the whole family then flew away.

Thank you to John and Karen of Lovegroves for telling me they had a grey partridge in their garden at the end of May. Evidently that is the native form that was nearly wiped out in 1960s

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Four Lanes Infant School

At Four Lanes Infant school we want families to walk, cycle or scoot to school. This will help us to be more healthy. If it is too far to walk or parents have to work they can use the 'park & stride'. This means parking at the Chineham Arms or Village Hall and walking the rest of the way to school. If you can't walk please think about where you park as people live near to the school and they don't want people parking on their garden or blocking their drive as it will make them sad or cross.

We are exploring exciting topics in Year 2. We are designing potions because witches and wizards need help with their magic. The potions can make you invisible, have x-ray eyes, make you fly, make you small and make you be a clever clogs. We will make them with different coloured ingredients such as beetle blood, toad slime and goblin bogies. We need to plan how many millilitres of each ingredient we need and how to mix it together to make the magic work.

We are also learning about food and healthy eating because we want to keep our bodies healthy. We can eat all types of food we just need to be careful how much. Too much sugar or salt is bad for us, we should have 5 fruit or vegetables a day. In book club we have read the story 'Eat Your Peas', which is about encouraging children to eat green vegetables.

We have been writing amazing adventure stories including lots of detail. We designed our own character, thought about a place and

what the weather was like and then created a story from the beginning making sure it was exciting for the reader.

Year 1's topic is all about Paddington. In Geography Paddington has been travelling to different places in the UK; England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. They have tested different material to see if water goes through to see which is best for Paddington's umbrella. They have been writing about an exciting day in London for Paddington. They have also been practising for Sports Day.

In Year R they have been learning about Minibeasts like the names of their classes (Caterpillars, Butterflies, Ladybirds and Bumblebees) They have listened to and explored the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and have got some caterpillars in the classrooms that have built a cocoon and will soon grow and come out as very beautiful butterflies that will fly off into Chineham. I wonder if you will spot one? They are preparing for a school trip to Wellington Country Park soon. Year R are also busy practising for Sports Day by running, having a go at the egg and spoon race, slalom and jumping.

Ebony Hughes, Mia Knight, Harry Morgan

Did you know? Chineham Chat issue number 1 was published in October 1984. It has been going for over 33 years!

Tapestry Appeal

Six of the most important tapestries in the National Trust's collection are leaving their home at The Wyne in Hampshire for a 'bath' in Belgium. The eighteenth-century 'chinoiserie' tapestries urgently need extensive conservation work. Historic repairs have begun to fail and the tapestries' backings have warped, putting strain on the fragile fabric.

The work will cost the charity in the region of £382,000, and The Wyne has launched an urgent appeal to help fund the project, and ensure the magnificent tapestries can continue to be enjoyed by visitors to The Wyne. In June the textiles are travelling to the Royal Manufacturers De Wit in Belgium – the world's leading restorer of tapestries. There, they will undergo a process known as 'wet cleaning', before returning to the UK for major conservation treatment, estimated to take three years. Wet cleaning will see the tapestries laid out on a 'suction table' whilst a mist of mild detergent is gently drawn through the historic fabric to remove any dirt. After cleaning, the tapestries will be laid out and covered with cloth to absorb the moisture. Once dried, they will be carefully rolled up and transported back to the UK.

Before the textiles are sent abroad, the team must ensure the tapestries won't become damaged during this process. For that reason some of the historic repairs made using different materials and dyes are being taken off. This is to make sure the colours won't run and that the patch repairs won't shrink and put additional stress on the fragile fabric. The backings and edges - called galloons - are also being removed,

while rips and tears are being reinforced with extra stitches. By the time the tapestries take the plunge, they'll have spent three months under the expert gaze of a textile conservator.

Fundraising: Depicting the East through the romanticised, exaggerated lens of the European explorer, The Wyne's Soho tapestries are important markers in inter-cultural history. The tapestries have become even more significant in the context of today's globalised world.

The conservation project has received some financial support from the National Trust. However with a total of 250,000 hectares of countryside, 778 miles of coastline and hundreds of special places across England, Wales and Northern Ireland to look after, the Trust must look to the generosity of its supporters to meet the shortfall.

To enable the conservation project to go ahead, The Wyne has launched an urgent appeal to raise the remaining £35,000. Visitor Experience and Fundraising Manager Hollie Ryan explains: "It's really easy to support conservation efforts like The Wyne's Tapestry Project. You can donate remotely by phoning 01256 883858 or you can make a contribution during your visit."

Raffle tickets are currently on sale at The Wyne with a top prize of £10,000. Young families can also lend a helping hand and have fun at the same time by tackling the Lost Tapestries trail on their visit for a suggested donation of £1 plus normal admission. UK taxpayers can make their donation go even further by adding Gift Aid.

Karen Legg

Basingstoke Lions Club

We have implemented the new Data Protection in accordance with the requirements of the Act. If you have not responded to any of our emails on the subject, you are no longer on our database and will no longer receive personal invitations to our events.

We have just waved farewell to our friends from our French twin Club, the Lions Club of Alençon Cité, after a most enjoyable weekend. We met them on Friday at the Wheatsheaf whence we took them to afternoon tea. It's not much of an English tradition any more, but the French love it, particularly when it is well presented. In the evening we visited the Red Lion, Overton for a game of skittles and supper. Fortunately our ladies were on form at skittles and saved us from humiliation – our men were rubbish. On Saturday we took them to visit the Museum of Army Flying at Middle Wallop. That was made very interesting by a guide who knew his subject and made the contribution that the troop carrying gliders made to the D-Day landings really come alive. After that it was off to get toggged up for our annual Charter Night celebration at Basingstoke Golf Club. If you get one decent speaker on these occasions, you're lucky (or you've paid a fortune). To get three is miraculous! The first was our District Governor Elect who was witty, chatty and informative. Then the Mayor of Basingstoke and Deane Councillor Sean Keating who has definitely kissed the blarney stone and lastly Lion President Loic Alloy who gave a very good account of the fundraising and charity support achieved by the Alençon Club during his tenure

(translated by Ann Vicars). We donated £200 from the proceeds of our raffle to Different Strokes, a charity designed to assist young people who have experienced such an event.

The next day was D Day for us. Defeat at petanque during our Sunday afternoon BBQ! So, at the final full English breakfast at Test Valley Golf Club on Monday morning we had the pleasure of handing over the Jean le Noac'h Trophy. I say pleasure because it weighs a ton! Now, back to normal.

Currently in the programme we have Motown Music with Lou Taylor on **22 September**; The Caerphilly Male Voice Choir on **13 October**; Quiz Night on **3 November** and The Hampshire Police Band on **17 November**. If any of these appeal, please get in touch with us via www.basingstokelions.org.uk or one of the usual suspects: mauricehockley@hotmail.com, jomolincoln@btinternet.com or philipjhwilson@btinternet.com.

Philip Wilson

Popley Social Group

Are you retired? Do you have a few hours to spare on Thursday mornings between 9:30am to noon? We are looking for willing and friendly volunteers, who enjoy supporting older people and can help out at our Popley Social Group.

Whether you make a lovely cuppa or enjoy calling a game of bingo or enjoy chatting to people, we would love to hear from you. Please call Age Concern Hampshire on 01256 423872 and ask to speak to Kirsty. We'd love to hear from you.

Kirsty Bruton

County and Borough Councillor Elaine Still

Last month I was formally elected as Chairman of Hampshire County Council. This is a great honour. In my role as Chairman I will represent the County on Royal Visits and ceremonial occasions in Hampshire as well as carrying out other civic activities and duties. I will be busier than ever, though just for 1 year! Even so, I will still look after the interests of Chineham residents at both Borough and County.

As many readers will know from my toad exploits, I am very keen on nature. My theme as Chairman is "All Things Healthy and Green; All Creatures Great and Small." By looking after nature we are actually benefitting ourselves. There is increasing evidence to illustrate the influence that connecting with nature has on our physical and mental health. HCC is responsible for looking after over 3,000 hectares of land, and Hampshire has 3,000 miles of Rights of Way that anyone can use to enjoy the fantastic countryside. HCC country parks attract nearly 3 million visits a year and provide a huge number of opportunities to get active. Recent investments will ensure that the country parks are able to become operationally self-financing and will be secured for future generations to enjoy. Over 25,000 educational visits take place in HCC countryside sites and parks and the Outdoor Service hosts 140,000 activity sessions involving over 55,000 participants (mainly young people) across its 4 Outdoor Centres every year. As Chairman of the Council this is the year that I would like us to focus on looking after nature so nature can look after us.

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Borough Councillor Paul Miller

I have been asked by several residents whether the signalled crossing installed on the northern A33 exit from the Binfields roundabout was to be reinstated after its removal during the current road works. After liaising with BDBC and HCC, they indicate that the crossing will be reinstated and will be integrated into the traffic signalization system planned for the Binfields roundabout. I attach the link to HCC that is the latest PowerPoint presentation on the improvements being undertaken on the A33: www.hants.gov.uk/transport/transport_schemes/a33crockfordandbinfieldsroundabouts. I trust this will provide residents with the most recent update and I will publish further updates as they are published by HCC. If there are any other queries on the road works, please contact me.

We are entering the fast-growing season for our hedgerows and we all know that the overgrowth starts to cause obstructions on our footpaths. The street scene department at the Borough is naturally in high demand currently and have to cover the whole of the District of Basingstoke and Dean. That said, if you find a particular area of dense overgrowth, especially of the thorny variety, please contact any of the Ward Councillors or the Parish Clerks and we will alert the appropriate team to address the problem.

Paul Miller

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Old Basing Infants School

As we hurtle towards the end of the academic year the pupils at Old Basing Infant School have more than just the summer holidays to get excited about. We are also eagerly anticipating the prospect of our first honey harvest from our bees!

This time last year, we took delivery of our first bee hive and in doing so became the first primary school in Hampshire to keep bees. Since that time the bees have become an integral part of our school life. Pupils are involved in the bee-keeping (with their own infant-sized bee suits); monitoring the hive, checking for the queen and ensuring the bees are healthy. Our Year 2 classes this year have built a whole topic around bees and their importance to us. We are members of the Basingstoke Bee Association who provide us with local support and advice in maintaining our hives. Children love being part of the Bee Club. The bees are a positive addition to our school, the local environment and to the children's education.

If you would like your child to have the opportunity to be a beekeeper in the future you can apply for a school place at Old Basing Infant School (Milkingpen Lane, Old Basing, RG24 7DL). Currently there are spaces in Year R for 2018-2019. Visits to the school for the 2019-2020 intake will begin in September. Please call the school for details.

Angela Simmons

Ladies Night Success

£5750 was the fantastic sum raised at the Ladies Night of the Elvetham Masonic Lodge held at the Apollo hotel. Warren Snook, of Warbleton Road in Chineham, is the current Worshipful Master of this Basingstoke Lodge and together with his wife Lisa hosted a black tie event which traditionally marks the end of his year of office. Supported by their sons Oscar and Reuben, 160 people enjoyed the occasion with a splendid three course dinner being followed by several toasts including one to the ladies present, to which Lisa responded in good form.

The raffle and the auction which followed had some impressive offerings most of which were not possible to buy on the open market. These included a rare 1960s Dimple Haig whisky, the use of a house near to Disney World, Florida, tickets to CarFest South, dinner, bed and breakfast at Oakley Hall, a day sailing in the Solent and three day paddock entry to any European Grand Prix for two people which included the grid walk prior to the race.

The proceeds of the evening will be divided between Diabetes UK and the Ark Centre Cancer Charity.

Paul Flint

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Minister's Letter

Let me introduce myself as the recently-appointed Baptist Minister for Christ Church, Chineham, where my wife and I are church members. I retired from my work as Senior Chaplain of London Luton Airport in late 2013. I was there for eighteen years. Before that I was minister of three Baptist Churches over twenty years. The airport chaplain role was a joy to fulfil with both airport passengers, airport and airline staff and aircrew—both flight crew and cabin attendants. And I fulfilled that on behalf of six contributing major church denominations. Aviation had been in my blood since boyhood, and I grew up with three homes—my proper parental home, the church (as my father was also a Baptist Minister) and also the local airport. There I cleaned aero club aircraft and got free flights for it, and worked for the local airline from age 18, so the call to this specific Christian ministry was in itself both a daily challenge and a daily privilege.

With this background, you'll see that travel has been a large part of my life and interests from age 11, although I only first left the UK on honeymoon to Switzerland aged 22 (yes, on a cheap airline staff ticket!). I wonder when your first excursion from the UK was. Maybe when you were a child, or maybe you were born abroad, or maybe you had a family package holiday in your early years. All I know is that travel and flying has been a fascination all my life, and I have been so fortunate to be able to do quite a lot of it, early on, once our children were older, and over the last twenty years through my ministry work in aviation chaplaincy. Now, with much less flying, I act as an occasional cruise ship Chaplain—and that is just as rewarding.

Travel was something not unknown in the Bible. In what we call the Old Testament, telling ancient Jewish history, people travelled: perhaps several times a year to Jerusalem for worship at the Temple. Then, following the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ, the early Christian apostles (messengers) travelled widely through the Middle East and even to Turkey and Rome, telling the wonderful news about Jesus that had changed their lives for ever. The success of this work spread the Good News and built church fellowships wherever they preached.

Yet, Jesus himself never left the country of his birth—the Lake Galilee, Jerusalem, and Judaea areas were the limit of his three year ministry. He relied on his followers to do the rest after his Crucifixion, Resurrection and Ascension. Still, that one solitary life has changed humankind for ever (potentially) without ever travelling. He taught Jews, Romans, Greeks and many other nations who came to him. (See the poem “One Solitary Life”.)

That one man—both human and divine, son of Man and Son of God—offers us all the chance to get right with God. And that is good news that needs to travel the world in every new generation, so that they might hear and respond.

Wishing you God's blessing.

Michael Banfield (Revd)

Christ Church Activities

Sunday services: 9am and 10.30am—no charge, all welcome! The 9am service tends to be quieter and more reflective; we have a music band with drums and guitars at the 10.30am services when we also have groups for children and young

people of all ages from babies to 18+. Our sermons are recorded and are available along with the sermon text at www.christchurchchineham.org.uk.

Daytime Holy Communion: Tues 31 Jul, 11am.

Prayer: is there something you would like prayer for? Do let us know—contact details below. If you would like to come and pray you are most welcome: our Prayer Room is open whenever the building is open. Drop in to sit and pray in silence, or we can arrange for someone to pray with you. We meet weekly to pray on alternate Sunday and Monday evenings; you would be welcome to join us (please contact the office for details).

Coffee and Co: Mondays 9.30-11.30am. We will be open every Monday in term time for delicious coffee and cake, good company and toys for the children. Everyone is welcome.

Luncheon Club: Tues 31 Jul, 12 noon. The cost is £5 – no need to book, but it would be helpful to know if you have any special dietary requirements so please give us a call. Also call if you would like a lift as we may be able to arrange this.

123 Matinee Group: Tuesday 10 Jul, 1-3pm. This social/support group is aimed at “older friends” although everyone is welcome; no charge. You will find a warm welcome, plenty of people to chat with, refreshments and a range of activities. If you are interested in coming along and/or helping you would be most welcome. This month we have a visit from the Methodist Homes Association who will be talking about their ‘Live at Home’ scheme.

CCBBies: Thursdays, 9.30-11.15am. This group is for pre-school children and their parents/grandparents/carers for free

play, refreshments, games, stories from the Bible and songs. Each week there is a craft for the children to take home. There is no charge although we do ask for a contribution towards the cost of the refreshments.

NEW!! 16+ Group: Come and ‘do’ church with us. Open to anyone in college/sixth form and above, including anyone on a gap year, back from uni etc. We share a meal, pray, chat about what's going on in our own world and where God is in that. We will be meeting up every other Sunday from 7:30-9.00pm – in July the 8th and 22nd. For more information contact Ruth Hutchings on 07526 048037 or email youth@christchurchchineham.org.uk.

Messy Church: Mon 9 Jul. A time of creativity, worship and food! Come and enjoy fun activities and share a meal with us! 3.45-5.45pm, carers must stay with their children.

Kids’ Club: No Youth Club till autumn term.

C3Y: No Youth Club till autumn term.

Charity Concert: Sat 7 Jul, 3.00pm. In aid of Evangelical Action, Brazil. Tickets £5, Children £2. Tickets on sale from Jean North tel: 07717 777529, email: medcraftnorth@sky.com.

Charity collections: we continue to collect stamps (new and used), postcards, spectacles, socks, tools, tins and packets of food, and tops from supermarket milk bottles for various charities.

Room hire: rooms are available to hire either on a one-off or regular basis. Contact us for details or look on www.christchurchchineham.org.uk. Prices start at £8.50/h (Community Rate) which includes use of the kitchen/snack bar where tea, coffee, sugar and squash are provided.

Further information: if you would like to know anything about Christ Church please contact Gill on 01256 474280/office@christchurchchineham.org.uk or drop in to the office (open Mon to Fri 9.30am–2.30pm). Information available at www.christchurchchineham.org.uk, Facebook (www.facebook.com/christchurchchineham) and follow us on Twitter @ccChineham.

Gill Godfrey

Probus Club

Thursday 7 June saw 31 souls consisting of members, wives, lady friends and some from the Ladies Probus Club of Basingstoke having a splendid trip by coach to Exbury Gardens organised by Chineham resident Tony Achison.

Situated at the southern end of the New Forest and adjacent to the Beaulieu River the property was bought by the de Rothschild family in 1918. During WW2 the house was used by General Eisenhower, Churchill and General Montgomery to plan the D-Day landings. It has been a lifetime's work for several generations of the de Rothschild family in creating one of the finest woodland gardens in the country extending to of over 250 acres. Described as, "bankers by hobby, and gardeners by profession" the gardens also include a narrow gauge steam railway conceived in 2000 and taking over two years to bring to fulfilment. It was the dream of Leopald de Rothschild, who had been denied a model railway as a boy.

It had been hoped that the rhododendrons would still be in bloom but this year's spring weather put paid

to that although there a few late varieties still in flower. The group had the benefit of a guided tour while some less mobile used the services of a golf buggy complete with informative driver. The afternoon encouraged a ride on the steam train which took in parts of the garden not accessible on foot.

More information about the Probus Club of Basingstoke, a social club for retired professional and business managers, can be seen on their website at www.probusbasingstoke.wordpress.com

Paul Flint

Photography Exhibition

A new exhibition of photographs will open on **Saturday 1st September** at the Basingstoke Discovery Centre, Festival Place Basingstoke. The Basingstoke Camera Club Annual Exhibition comprises a collection of photographs from the UK and abroad. Images range from wildlife through to landscapes. The exhibition entitled "Rich Local Colour" is open during normal Discovery Centre opening hours. Running until Saturday 15th September, this free exhibition is a must see for everyone in Basingstoke interested in photography.

Basingstoke Camera Club welcomes photographers whether novices or advanced. The club meets every Thursday at Oakridge West Community Centre. For further information on Basingstoke Camera Club please visit the website at: www.basingstokecameraclub.co.uk.

Robin White

Four Lanes Community Centre

Good Companions over 55s group:

Four Lanes Community Centre, 3rd Tuesday of every month.

Yoga: Tuesdays 6.15pm to 6.45pm at the Junior School. Payable in blocks of 6 weeks cost £30.00 or drops in welcome £6.00 per class. For further information please contact Four Lanes Centre on 01256 810499.

Happy Hands and Dancing Feet: for mums, dads, babies and pre-school children. Weds: 9.30am–11.00am ongoing. £12.00 for 6 weeks or £2.50 per week on a drop-in basis. Please contact us to register your interest.

Sama Karate: In the Junior Hall, Wednesdays 5.15-6.15pm. For more information contact Regional Administrator on 07759 615876.

Pegasus Karate Club: Traditional Wado Ryu Karate for beginners and advanced students. Wednesdays 7.00–9.00pm at Four Lanes Junior School. Contact: 07733 410370.

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

Clubbercise: Tuesdays 8.00pm–8.45pm. Classes to be booked in advance on <https://bookwhen.com/clubbercisewithaimee> or www.facebook.com/clubbercisewithaimee/.

Summit Judo: Fridays 3.40–4.40pm. Contact Paul Hamilton by email info@summitjudo.co.uk or call 07917 005862.

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

Holiday Play Scheme: Keep your children entertained during the school holidays. Open to school children aged 4–11 years. Fabulous 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. We have 2 options for sessions times:

Session A 8.30am-4.00pm (£16.75)

Session B 8.30am-5.30pm (£20.00)

Clubs are available to Infant and Junior children who attend school full time.

Virginia Wyatt

Buddhism Friendship Event

We warmly invite you to a free introductory talk on Buddhism of Nichiren Daishonin Philosophy and Friendship Event. An essential message of Buddhism is that anyone anywhere, no matter how troubled the times, can transform their circumstances, achieve total victory and attain a state of absolute happiness in which life itself is a joy. We were not born into this world to suffer and be miserable. Whether you are seeking a joyful philosophy to live by or are just curious about the basics of Buddhism, this afternoon's dynamic talk will give you great food for thought.

Interested? Book your space without delay! **Sunday 22nd July** at the Sheffield Park Community Centre, RG27 OFF. Admission free, 2-4pm. Free refreshments served and children welcome. Book your space or ask for more information by contacting: Lynda Schoeman, email: lyndaschoeman@gmail.com, tel: 07852 776891. Website: www.sgi-uk.org/Buddhism.

Linda Schoeman

Civil Service Retirement Fellowship

There were 48 members at the open meeting held on 6th June and they were joined by 6 visitors including June Harris from Andover who used to be the Branch Treasurer. Everyone was welcomed by the Chairman, David Cowling, who also introduced John Howson who had come with a variety of greeting cards he had produced. The Secretary, Tony Brazier, commented on the enjoyable trip to Windsor the week after the Royal Wedding had taken place and then gave details of the forthcoming trips to Painshill Park on Wednesday 11th July and then West Dean Gardens and the Weald & Downland Museum on Thursday 9th August.

This month's speaker was Paul Whittle who gave a very comprehensive and interesting account of a cruise on the Fred Olsen's line Black Watch which traced the history of the Venetian Empire from when it was founded in 421 AD. That was when people from mainland Italy first started to arrive and inhabit the group of 118 small islands that are separated by canals and linked by over 400 bridges. He illustrated his talk with a number of photographs and facts about the turbulent times Venice has gone through, including 2 outbreaks of the plague, so bringing about in the 14th Century the practice of quarantine where ships arriving from infected ports were required to sit at anchor for 40 days before landing. He also spoke about its influence in other Mediterranean countries, the setting up of a ghetto for the Jews, the invasion by Napoleon, the impact of

WW2 and finally brought us right up to date with modern day rules of the canal, the restriction on cruise liners and the new flood defences which are all measures being introduced to try and protect the city from flooding.

The next meeting is on **4th July** when the speaker will be Cmdr Mike Hill on "Life Aboard Britannia". The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at Brookvale Village Hall from 10am to 12noon and all retired Civil Servants and their partners are welcome. Further details about meetings and outings can be obtained from the Secretary Tony Brazier on 01256 418770 (answerphone).

David Cowling

Treacle Fair Success

Loddon Valley Lions Club held their 37th annual Treacle Fair in Saunders Field, Tadley, on Sunday 3rd June. A large crowd enjoyed the many varied attractions and the brilliant weather all day helped to raise approximately £10,000 - all of which will be used for charitable purposes.

The main beneficiaries this year will be Living Paintings, Step by Step and the Pelican Cancer Foundation. Our thanks go to our many sponsors, our friends and helpers and all those who attended on the day. Our next fund raising event will be our Charity Golf Day to be held at Bishopswood Golf Course, Tadley, on **Monday 3rd September**.

Contact us on 0845 833 7494 or visit our website www.loddonvalleylions.org.

Ken Williamson

Basingstoke Discovery Centre

July events:

To Free the Romanovs: Royal Kinship and Betrayal in Europe: Thu 12, 2pm, £5. To mark the centenary of the murder of Tsar Nicholas II and his family at Ekaterinburg in July 1918, Romanov expert Coryne Hall talks about her new book *To Free the Romanovs. Royal Kinship and Betrayal in Europe, 1917-1919.*

Beatrix Potter: The Tale of the Tales: Tue 24, 2pm, £5. Beatrix Potter wrote and illustrated some of the best loved children's books of all time. Most of us are familiar with *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*, but how many of us know the story of how it came to be written? This talk focuses on the creation of Beatrix Potter's 'Little Books' and offers a fascinating insight into the life, art and writing of this talented Victorian woman.

Children's events:

Mischief Makers – Summer Reading Challenge: from Sat 14th, free. The Summer Reading Challenge is a national scheme produced by The Reading Agency and delivered by libraries to support children's reading across the summer holidays. Aimed at 4–11 year olds, the challenge is for children to read any six books over the summer. Children can read whatever they like – fiction, fact, joke, picture or audiobooks – just as long as they are borrowed from the library. This year's theme is *Mischief Makers* and is inspired by the much-loved iconic children's title *The Beano*, which celebrates its 80th anniversary. Visit the Discovery Centre from July 14th to sign up – it's free.

Children's Crafts: Sat 21, from 10am, ages 3+, free. The summer holidays are nearly here! Come along for some beachy crafts.

Scott Hyde

Linguatastic

So, exams are over for most of our older students and many are now thinking about the summer holidays... Teenagers can of course keep themselves entertained, but for some parents of younger children, there might be a concern of just how to keep them entertained over such a long summer break. Interestingly though, we in England have some of the shortest summer holidays in Europe. According to a Czech linguist, mathematician and cartographer, Jakub Marian, most countries have more than 9 weeks' holiday in primary education! Indeed, much of Italy started their summer holidays last month and will be on break for 14 weeks. Do visit Linguatastic's Facebook page to see the map Mr Marian has produced showing the variation in holidays across Europe.

And as for "dealing with" the summer holidays themselves, although we don't have much going on for the older generations over the summer, we hope to be running some groups for pre-schoolers in French, German and Spanish. Watch this space for further information.

And finally, may we take this opportunity to say goodbye to those pre-schoolers who will be having their last few *L'école Maternelle/El Círculo/ Kinder Singen* sessions with us this month as they'll be starting school in September. We hope to see many of them in our after school sessions, but it'll certainly be different for them and for us coming in the afternoon instead of the morning!

Fiona Biermann

Disability Connexions

The Disability Forum for Basingstoke and District present these monthly get-togethers for anyone affected by any type of disability. Come for a chat and to enjoy free tea, coffee and biscuits. Meet new people and talk about issues that are important to you.

Sessions: First Tuesday monthly from 12.30–2.30pm at the Basingstoke Discovery Centre (Festival Place).

Guest speaker topics:

3 Jul: Mindfulness for wellbeing workshop

7 Aug: Seated Tai Chi for all, followed by Universal Credits information

4 Sep: instructions on how to use a defibrillator

All welcome, no booking needed. For more information please contact us on telephone 01256 423869, email info@bddf.org.uk, web www.bddf.org.uk.

Amanda Knowles

Litter Pick Concerns

It was encouraging to know the recent litter pick reported in the last Chineham Chat was so successful. If, in future, everyone volunteered to do the work that they pay the council to do, more money could be spent on essential services such as the council's salaries and pension pot.

Looking forward to further schemes:

- The street lights nearest to your property could be connected to your electricity meter.

- Putting anything in your wheelie bin may be made illegal thus making once-yearly bin collections viable.

- All police officers could be removed from the beat and assigned to revenue-generating duties such as speed traps and parking enforcement. The extra £170 tax charged for the Hampshire

Police Commissioner could be redirected to further essential services.

- Potholes should be allowed to get so large that they can swallow entire vehicles and thus fill themselves.

- Kerbside grass may be burned back as is common practice in farming. It is envisaged that illegally camped travellers will facilitate this.

J Foster

Volunteering Opportunity

Home-Start North West Hampshire has worked in Basingstoke & Deane for 13 years. Home-Start believes that children need a happy and secure childhood and that parents play the key role in giving their children a good start in life and helping them achieve their full potential. To Home-Start, every family is special and we respond to each family's needs through a combination of home-visiting support and group work. The one-to-one relationship which develops between a volunteer and a parent means our support can be exactly tailored to the needs of each family we visit.

We need volunteers to support families in the Community—YOU can make a difference to someone's life. This voluntary work is unpaid but is highly rewarding and out of pocket expenses will be reimbursed. Volunteers are required to attend a 40 hour preparation course spread over 7 weeks which starts on **Thursday 27th September, 9:30am-2:30pm**.

Interested - want to know more? Tel: 01256 405988, email: info@homestart-nwhampshire.org.uk, see: www.homestart-nwhampshire.org.uk.

Anna Chiappetta

NWR

As several members were away this month we had a change to our planned wine tasting, instead discussing newspaper items that had grabbed our attention. This led to very varied discussions covering such issues as snowflake parents, political correctness, the chaos caused by Visa systems failing, the rise of depression and anxiety particularly in young people and the link or not with social media and of course the Royal Wedding. One member had brought along several pieces from The Basingstoke Gazette. The first reporting an alarming development where a gang from the midlands, equipped with vicious looking knives had descended on Basingstoke. This article was happily balanced by several other more uplifting stories reporting some wonderful achievements from local young people.

This month we will be having our usual lunch, this time followed by a walk, and our reading group will be discussing *The Awakening* by Kate Chopin. We are a very social group and our very informal meetings are usually held in the afternoon in each others' homes. We have a regular lunch club and a reading group who meet monthly in the evenings every 4th Thursday. For more information about NWR do look at the website: nwr.org.uk or to find out about our group, or to come along to any of our meetings (to check us out with no obligation to join) please contact Avril Keable on avrilkeable@hotmail.co.uk, tel: 01256 322832 or Evelyn Jones, evelyncjjones@hotmail.co.uk, tel: 01256 816636.

Diane Hope

GP Waiting Time Concerns

Does anyone else feel that the waiting times to see a local GP are unacceptable? It has gotten steadily worse over the past couple of years. Currently I am told by the online booking system that the earliest appointment is in 1 months time! Just wondered if other local residents agree that this is not a good enough service. It seems plainly obvious to me that another local surgery is an urgent requirement. Friends in other districts inform me that they are able to get to see their GP within 2 days.

I recently raised this issue with Maria Miller and was forwarded a letter from the Clinical Commissioning Group who talked about the online consultation and telephone appointments etc. They also said urgent appointments are available on the same day. I presume this is determined by a non-clinical GP secretary? This also presumes you are willing to discuss personal medical issues with someone other than a GP. These are not solutions to the problem as far as I'm concerned. Anyone agree?

If so please contact Maria Miller and let her know your thoughts. If enough of us raise this issue maybe we can get something done about it. Thanks.

Bob Wilkinson

Did you know? The Chineham Chat website (www.chinehamchat.com/download.htm) has electronic copies of the Chat going back to January 2007.

Chineham Parish Council

Grants: Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 empowers the Parish Council to spend some of its money, subject to limits, on purposes that it considers to be "in the interests of, and will bring direct benefit to, their area, or any part of it, or all or some of its inhabitants." Grants under Section 137 are only available to groups or organisations (personal applications cannot be considered) and any grant requests must be supported by a Chineham Parish Council Grant Application Form which is available to download from our website or by contacting the Clerk. The request must be from a group or organisation that supports or has a direct benefit to the residents of Chineham.

Overgrown vegetation: This is a plea as we move through the summer months to keep an eye on your boundary hedges and borders. Please keep them cut back and don't allow them to encroach on public footpaths.

Ticks/Lyme Disease: From spring through to autumn, it is best to be alert for ticks which can be found in moist areas of dense vegetation or long grass in woodland, grassland, moorland, heathland and some urban parks and gardens. More information on how to remove ticks and the signs and symptoms of Lyme Disease can be found at www.nhs.uk/conditions/Lyme-disease/Pages/Introduction.aspx.

Events: The Parish Council website has an "Events Calendar", so if you would like to provide details of any events for

Chineham residents we can include them.

The next Chineham Parish Council meeting is to be held on **9 July**. 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 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. The Parish Council website can be found at www.chineham.gov.uk.

Sally Jackson

Old Basing Tennis Club

For the first two weeks of July we shall be busy watching Wimbledon, either on TV or, if we've been very lucky, at Wimbledon itself! We shall be holding our own small tournament, an American Tournament, on **Sunday 8th July**. Our Summer Tournament will continue to be played this month, with the finals being played on the 1st September.

If you feel inspired to pick up a racket and come and play then please get in touch with our Secretary by emailing them at OBTC.Information@gmail.com. We'd love to hear from you!

Lynne Thomas, Chair.

Chineham Chat Survey

If you would like to complete the survey online, please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/N3JFFYD>. However, you can also complete the copy below and send to the Editor at 16 Guinea Court, Chineham, RG24 8XJ. It will then be entered online on your behalf.

Thank you for your feedback, and for helping to shape the future of the Chineham Chat!

Jo Appleford-Cook

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- Always
- Usually
- Sometimes
- Rarely
- Never

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- Event notifications
- School articles
- Nature and conservation pieces
- Councillor columns
- Minister's message
- Club and group updates (e.g. Probus, Lions)
- Reader letters
- Charitable updates

3) What improvements/suggestions do you have for the Chat?

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- Always
- Usually
- Sometimes
- Rarely
- Never

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- Yes
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6) If you wish to be entered into the draw for a £20 M&S voucher, please enter your email address or telephone number below.

