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Chat



Tarzan Ring Beam, Village Hall Playground. Photograph by Phil Slater.

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I'm not exactly the prudish type. I have a ripe turn of phrase when the situation calls for it—when a horse treads on your foot “oh darn” doesn't quite cover it. However, I had strict parents who frowned on bad language and so I came to the odd bleep late in life and have always had an excellent Parent Filter which prevented me using anything even mildly fruity in front of the folks. That filter has now extended to my own children. I am well aware that they will eventually learn unpleasant words in the school grounds but I don't want them to be the kids from whom others learn... So I was surprised and somewhat shocked the other day to hear some very rich language floating at top volume across Chineham Shopping Centre from a couple of ladies. I fled with my children before they started to repeat it, or worse, ask what it meant.

This seems to be an increasing phenomenon. I regularly hear curses sprinkled into everyday conversation and audible from conversations overheard in the street or other public areas. I confess, I do not like it. I suspect I am the old fashioned one and just behind the times, but really, can we find no words better to emphasise a point? I dread the first time I hear it in the mouths of my little ones...

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Chineham Village Club

Our AGM will be held on **Wednesday 13th June** at 19.30. Agenda items include: election of new committee members; nomination of designated charities for 2018/2019 and financial review. The AGM is open to all members.

Annual members had until the end of May to renew their memberships. Those that have failed to do so will find that their cards are no longer accepted behind the bar and they will have to apply for membership again. The football world cup starts on Thursday 14th June and we will be showing all the games on our big screen and on the TV in the lounge bar. We will be running competitions and raffles throughout the tournament and will be offering reduced-price drinks when showing England's three games.

June dates for the diary:-

Mon 4: Bingo in the lounge bar at 8pm

Wed 13: AGM in the lounge bar at 7.30pm

Thu 14: World Cup starts with Russia vs. Saudi Arabia at 4pm

Sat 16: Live music in the lounge bar with the band Bovered

Mon 18: World Cup, England vs. Tunisia, 7pm

Thu 21: Senior citizens' bingo and lunch. 1pm in the lounge bar

Sun 24: World Cup, England vs. Panama, 1pm

Thu 28: World Cup, England vs. Belgium, 7pm

John Prince, Club Chairman

Chineham Village Hall

Hopefully, we will now all be taking advantage of warmer weather and children will have more opportunity to use the playground. To keep children

safe and to discourage vermin, if you are using the playground, field and patio, please ensure that all rubbish is placed in the bins provided and that you return all glasses and bottles from the Village Club back to the Club bar.

Our regular children's activities in the halls will shortly return to the halls following the half term break. The timetable for these, together with all other activities, is available via www.chinehamvillagehall.co.uk/calendar-of-events/4544264244.

We do have some availability in the halls so if you are looking for a party venue, or wish to hold a regular class or meeting, please contact our booking line on 07935 328172, send an email to chinehamvillagehall@gmail.com or complete an enquiry form/check availability on the website at www.chinehamvillagehall.co.uk.

Lynne Hughes

Chineham Library

If you haven't done so already, there is still time to volunteer to assist us with this year's Summer Reading Challenge, called **Mischief Makers**, which runs from **14th July** for two months. The local youngsters derive enormous pleasure from participating, but we cannot run it successfully without the help of our lovely volunteers. If you are aged 14 plus and could consider helping, please do get in touch with us. Thanks. Your children will probably be enjoying library visits to their assemblies in preparation for the challenge.

We have two more evening events come up, following the success of the author talk from Jean Fullerton in April.

On **14th June** is 'C.S. Lewis: Beyond Narnia': an evening of readings from his works for adults. On **25th July** we have 'Bannocks and Blood': a murder mystery evening based on Anne Cleaves' Cold Earth. Some refreshments are included at the latter, and you are welcome to bring a bottle and perhaps form a team! Both events cost £5 per head with tickets bookable in advance. Do consider giving one or both events a try.

All our regular activities take place this month. Thus we have rhymetimes on Tuesdays at 10am for under ones and 11am for over ones. There is craft on **2nd June** available to drop in between 10am and midday, and storytimes for pre-schoolers on the other Saturdays at 10am. Construction Club for children to play with Lego takes place from 2 - 3.30pm. Chatterbooks meets on the **14th** from 3.45 - 4.45pm, for details of Coding Club please contact the Library.

The new reading group meets on the **30th June** at 10.30am, and the Creative Writing Group on **31st May** at 5.30pm, both would welcome new members. CHIPPS meets on the **13th June** at 10am and the Crime Reading Group on **9th June** at 10.30am. Age Concern will be her on Wednesdays between 10am and 1pm, sessions can be booked via their office on 01256 423874. For the latest information please check social media.

Cathy Foster

Chineham WI

We were very lucky with the weather for our annual Plant and Cake Sale in Chineham Centre this year. We packed

away our stalls at 2pm, having had a very successful event, and by 3pm it was raining steadily! Thank you so much to all the Chineham residents who supported our stalls so generously. The money we raised will help us support local charities and help us to reduce loneliness in our community.

A few members are visiting residents at Marnel Lodge Care Home this week. We will be chatting to residents and taking along some small stuffed animals. These are kept in the residents' memory boxes to encourage conversation. Later this month we have two teams entered in the annual Hampshire Federation general knowledge quiz. The teams compete to go forward to the final held later in the year. We also have a fused glass workshop coming soon, as well as the regular gardening group, lunch club and Scrabble players. In August we traditionally organise an annual outing for our members. This year we thought we might do something a little different and have planned an evening of crazy golf followed by a drink at a local pub.

If you'd like to join Chineham WI, you will be very welcome. We hold our monthly meetings at Christ Church, Reading Road from 7:30pm to 9:30pm. The dates and topics for upcoming meetings are listed below. We look forward to welcoming you.

25 June: Gilbert White - The Gardener

23 July: Games Evening

21 August: Crazy Golf & social evening

Pam Malcolm
Treasurer, Chineham WI

St Michael's Hospice Sunflower Service

St. Michael's Hospice invites you to their annual Sunflower Service on **Sunday 10th June** held within the Hospice gardens. Starting at 2pm, there will be a blessing for all of the sunflowers which have been dedicated to loved ones. The blessing will be conducted by the Hospice Chaplain, Tom Honey, and will take place within the Hospice Labyrinth Garden where all the flowers will be displayed.

After the service, we welcome you to join us for afternoon tea. You may, if you wish, take your sunflower home with you or collect it anytime during the month of June where they will stay displayed in the beautiful gardens. You can make your sunflower dedication in memory of a loved one at stmichaelshospice.org.uk/meadow.html. You can also make a dedication on the day.

For more information on the Sunflower Service please visit the website stmichaelshospice.org.uk, email events@stmichaelshospice.org.uk or call the Fundraising Hotline on 01256 848848.

Sue O'Flinn

Sherfield Village Fete

The Sherfield on Loddon Village Fete will be held on **9th June** from 12.30–5pm at Sherfield on Loddon Village Green. There is a Wild West Theme, and there is free entry and parking, although donations are welcome.

Join us for a wonderful family day out. Enjoy our Wild West themed attractions: Santa Fe Gunfighters

Show Team, Ray Prior Falconry display, live music, a line dance hoedown, Quirk's Animal Roadshow, alpacas, land train rides, a rodeo bull, giant slide, children's races, face painting, dog show and classic cars. Eat and drink at The Rusty Bar Saloon, Chuck Wagon BBQ, a variety of food outlets and The Texas Tea Tent. Your chance to purchase plants, crafts, and gifts and to try your luck at the Cowboy Boot Fling, Crush the Critter, Horseshoe Toss, Smash a Plate, Cactus Hoopla, Gold Rush and so much more. Maybe even come dressed the part in check shirt, jeans and boots!

We hope to have fun and raise money for the amazing Ellen MacArthur Cancer Trust as well as our village. See www.sherfieldfete.org.uk.

Louise de la Riviere

Brittle Bone Fundraising

We are Steve and Leanne Edney and our 5 year old son Max Edney has a rare condition called Osteogenesis Imperfecta (OI) more commonly known as brittle bones. Max has broken 14 bones in the four years since his diagnosis and also has severe bone pain and fatigue. There is no cure.

In July 2017, Steve set a challenge of completing 12 events in 12 months (to celebrate my 50th birthday) to raise awareness and funds to help others via the Brittle Bone Society. The response by the community has been outstanding. I've been so moved as people have wanted to understand more about the condition, to get involved in the events, to share and like posts on social media and to either donate items for raffles or money via the just giving page. The

community spirit, love, care and involvement has been utterly brilliant.

So far we have raised £28,000 across our 11 of the 12 events in 12 months for the Brittle Bone Society charity. With just 1 month left, our final event is the national 3 Peaks Challenge. When Steve will be joined by 20 friends to walk up and down Ben Nevis, Scarfell Pike and Snowden which are the three highest mountains in Scotland, England and Wales over one weekend.

To donate, please visit the just giving site www.justgiving.com/fundraising/steven-edney.

Steve Edney

Disability Connexions

Monthly get-togethers for anyone affected by any type of disability. All welcome, no need to book. Call in for a chat and enjoy a free cuppa. Meet new people and talk about the issues that are important to you.

Sessions: First Tuesday monthly from 12.30pm to 2.30pm, Discovery Centre (public library in Festival Place).

Guest speaker topics:

5th June: Healthwatch representing your views on health and social care, and Citizens Advice service information

3rd July: Mindfulness for wellbeing workshop

For more information, please contact us: telephone: 01256 423869, email: info@bddf.org.uk, web: www.bddf.org.uk

Amanda Knowles, Facilitator

Basingstoke Blues Club

The Basingstoke Blues Club (BBC3) in association with the Basingstoke Railway Social Club (Station Approach, Basingstoke RG21 5NB) presents The Producers on **Saturday 16th June**.

Well and truly back after retiring in 2002, 'Blues Band of the Year' four times, praised by Paul Jones, Jonnie Walker and Bob Harris, headlining at many festivals across Europe and having been a support band to Fleetwood Mac, don't miss your chance to see them!

All welcome - 8pm till late. £8 on the door. Licensed bar and low prices. Profits to Brain Tumour Research (charity number 1153487).

For further details please contact Rex on 01256 321837/mobile 07979 422590.

Christine Nield

Aldworth Badminton Club

We are a friendly and sociable club, and we play every Thursday at Aldworth Community College from 7pm till 8.30pm. We are looking for new members, particularly ladies and youngsters over 18 years. Some experience is necessary as we are unable to give coaching, for legal reasons.

Come and join us for a session, first time is free, then £3.50. We meet in the Aldworth Bar afterwards, and also have occasional social functions. Contact John Green on 07972 270053 or 01256 350065.

Lynda Clarke

Nature Notes

I always think we are lucky to live in an area with so many trees, especially at this time of the year. One might think that it would become dull after the daffodils had finished flowering, but driving down Thornhill Way I was amazed at the combination of copper beeches together with oaks and the massed blossoms of cherry and hawthorns (pink and white).

Each spring I await the contest between the oak and ash to see which one comes into leaf first, because I grew up with the old saying: "If the oak before the ash we shall only have a splash, but if the ash before the oak, there will be a good long soak" referring to the weather in the months ahead. Most of the time, these old farmers were correct, but I am now told that global warming will change everything. (The oak was first this year.)

Whilst waiting at the traffic lights, I spotted the tiny white Danish scurvy grass, which arrives after gritting. I haven't seen it away from motorways before. On another occasion, I noticed the black teasels. These are the plants from last summer that have absorbed car fumes over the months. Perhaps we should plant more to clear the air. I wandered into Guinea Copse to look at the bluebells and found garlic mustard, goosegrass, hairy bittercress and yellow archangel (looks like white dead nettle) as well. In the damp section of my garden I grow the archangel along with celandines, primroses, woodruff, bluebells, arum lilies and snowdrops (all purchased from garden centres!).

The verges round here were a ribbon

of gold dandelions until they were cut off in their prime by the grass cutters. The same machines wreaked havoc on the patches of lady's smock/cuckoo flower growing behind the daffodils along Hanmore Lane. This is upsetting because it is the food plant for the orange-tip butterfly.

Thankfully I heard a buzzing and was able to move a queen wasp from the bathroom before she started a nest. Last year there weren't many in the garden but I haven't forgotten how bad they can be.

A squirrel hopped from bush to bush until it reached the bird feeder. I am not sure if it is the culprit who knocks it down. It might be the magpies or the pair of pigeons, but I don't think rats eat seeds, although they may go for suet pellets.

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Old Basing Tennis Club

June sees the start of the OBTC Annual Summer Tournament with Finals' Day and a BBQ being held on Saturday, 1st September. Throughout the summer Club Nights continue on Tuesday and Friday evenings, starting at 6.00pm. We welcome new members at any time, so please do get in touch with our secretary: OBTC.Information@gmail.com for more information - we would love to see you!

A date for your diary! We shall be holding our Annual Quiz on Saturday, 10th November in the Old Basing Village Hall.

Lynne Thomas, Chair.

Four Lanes Infant School

Year 2 have been learning about the Great Fire of London. We had 'the great fire of London' on the playground and had to work as a team to put the fierce fire out. We passed buckets over objects, across the playground in a long curly line until the fire went out (huge trolley filled with water). We had great fun and it was really exciting.

We have written senses poems about the Great Fire of London, what people could touch, smell, see and hear. The fire started at the Bakery in Pudding Lane and spread quickly because the houses were too close together and made of wood and straw. The maid for Thomas Fariner died first, only six people died even though most of London was destroyed including St Paul's Cathedral. Brave people used leather buckets of water, metal water squirts and fire hooks to try to stop the fire. We have also been learning about capacity and temperature. We learnt that the temperature can be hot or cold and used to measure the weather also to see if you are ill. We have used jugs and cylinders and been reading the scales.

Florence Nightingale was the topic in Year 1 and they have found out all about her and why she is still remembered today. She was a nurse who changed hospitals for the good. She made it cleaner and tidier and was kind, looking after the soldiers. She was known as the Lady with the lamp. They have also found out about spring and what the differences are from winter, looking at the changes in trees and flowers. They have improved their ball skills, learning to throw, catch, kick and bounce. Using Monet for inspiration, they have been

learning to colour mix using water colours.

There have been dinosaurs in Year R! The children were sent a letter from a palaeontologist who found dinosaur bones in an excavation site. The children have been finding dinosaur bones and dinosaurs around the Year R garden and mini digs in the sandpit and tuff trays. The children have been problem solving to transport water from the river to the dinosaur watering hole and have used tubes, funnels, buckets and anything else they thought would be useful. Tomorrow they are holding school council and eco council elections. Children can say they want to do the role and can talk to their class about why they would be good to be chosen. The children chose using ballot papers and post them in a box to be counted. The children have planted seeds in the new planters made on Ground Force Day and are waiting to see what they grow into.

Lucas Bewlay, Sienna Conlin, Archie Walters

Newnham Open Gardens

Come and see some of our lovely village gardens in Newnham on **Sunday 17th June** between 1:30pm and 5pm. In addition to a wide range of gardens to view, we will have our ever-popular plant stall. Homemade cakes and teas will be available at the beautiful Manor Farm barn to complete the afternoon!

Tickets will be available from our information tent on the village green (RG27 9AH) and parking is clearly marked from here. Entrance is £5, under 16s free.

Jackie O'Regan

Basingstoke Racketeers

After more than 25 years of playing at Aldworth School as the Aldworth 8:30 Badminton Club, and after much discussion, the club has decided to move location to the Everest Community Academy which has a more modern sports hall facility and provided the opportunity to play for a longer 2 hour session. The move obviously required a change in club name.

From April 2018 the club became the Basingstoke Racketeers Badminton Club, playing at Everest Health and Leisure Club, Everest Community Academy, Oxford Way, RG24 9UP, playing Thursday evenings 20:00 – 22:00.

We are a friendly, sociable non-league badminton club with a wide range of age, abilities and styles, playing for fitness and pleasure and partake in the occasional competition. We have players of all levels, who enjoy challenging fun games. As long as you are 18+, have played badminton before, even if it was when you were younger, you'll fit right in.

Mark Chilton, Club Chairman explains: "The essence of the club is to play badminton in a friendly environment for exercise, and pleasure. We invariably play doubles, both mixed and same sex and whilst we all play to win and enjoy 'being'/'trying to be' competitive we do not take ourselves too seriously. Exercise and fun is what it is about"

If you would like to find out more and join the club please visit our website: www.basingstokeracketeers.co.uk.

Ed Smith

Basingstoke Horticultural Society

In 2017 we enjoyed talks ranging from climate change in the garden to growing herbs. We would now like to give others in the Basingstoke area the opportunity to benefit from the speakers we have booked for 2018.

Monday 18 June: Woodland Crafts & Industries (Tim Winter)

Monday 20 August: Tufton small holding (Jane Huxton)

Our meetings are held at Kempshott Village Hall, Stratton Park, Pack Lane, Basingstoke RG22 5HN. Meetings commence at 7.30pm. For further details or enquiries tel. 01256 466281 or 01256 324185.

Philip Wraight

Basingstoke Lions Club

The last business meeting was an unusually turgid affair due in no small measure to discussion of how we will comply with the new Data Protection Act. Like most government legislation these days it is designed to appease a whingeing minority, will cause a lot of effort by organisations across the spectrum, and offer little or no "protection" whatsoever. Nevertheless as a law abiding group we must comply. You'll be hearing from us.

I've just been given a poke with a sharp stick over my total failure to report our Annual Swimathon which took place on Saturday 3rd March. I've no idea where I was. But by all accounts it was its usual rollicking success and sponsorship money continues to roll in. Yippee!

Next I'd like to thank all the pubs, their licensees and customers for the wonderful way they've supported both us

and their own favoured charities by buying tickets for our Easter Egg raffle. By adopting the shared approach we've also become aware of the work of a specialist baby unit to which we have now made an additional donation.

However, into each life a little rain must fall! For the first time in over 20 years we had to cancel a show. We had engaged a stage hypnotist, Grant Saunders. Some members had seen his show and found it both innocuous and hilarious. But it clearly lacked appeal and ticket sales were vanishingly small. We had to pull the plug. Fortunately Grant fully understood and did not ask for his fee. But it was a great pity both for him and for the dancers of the Basingstoke Academy of Dance who had been looking forward to performing for us as a support act. We'll try to get them along to a future event.

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**, The Hampshire Police Band on **17 November**. If any of these ring your bell or toot your flute get in touch with us via the website at www.basingstokelions.org.uk/ or one of the usual suspects at: mauricehockley@hotmail.com, jomolincoln@btinternet.com or philipjhwilson@btinternet.com.

We spent £940 supporting small charities in need of a little extra cash. Fortunately there were no requests for white goods this month as, having cornered the market, we've now exhausted it. I'm not going to say anything else about membership this month. There's a relief!

Philip Wilson

Governors Wanted

Would you like more involvement in your community? We are looking to appoint two enthusiastic new governors to join our team of 10 committed volunteers. The role of the governing board is to ensure high standards of achievement for all children in the school by:

- Setting the school's vision, ethos and strategic direction
- Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school

You will do this through contributing to strategic discussions at meetings, joining one of the committees and monitoring the school's performance. Governing board meetings take place on Wednesday evenings (6.30–8.30pm) at the Infant School and you should expect to attend approximately 12 per year.

We are looking for someone who is committed, pro-active and part of the local community. We welcome applications from people with different skills and experience but we are particularly looking to strengthen our expertise in strategic financial planning. We celebrate diversity and are keen to engage with potential governors of all ages, genders and ethnicity.

Full details of this role and an application form can be found on the school's website, www.fourlanesinfants.co.uk, or contact the school for more information. You may also contact Helen Whiting, chair of governors, at ChairOfGovernors@fourlanes-inf.hants.sch.uk to request an informal chat about the role.

Helen Whiting

County and Borough Councillor Elaine Still

As part of Hampshire's drive to increase recycling and reduce the amount of waste thrown away each year, a study will be carried out by councils in Hampshire's waste partnership, Project Integra, later this year to find out more about what people are putting in their bins.

Increasing recycling and reducing the amount of waste produced in Hampshire is very important, as it would bring both financial and environmental benefits. Collectively in Hampshire, councils spend around £100million each year dealing with household waste. By analysing the sort of material people are throwing away and what they are recycling, we can look at where we might make changes to our services and invest in our facilities to help keep the amount of waste to a minimum.

The survey will involve taking samples from both recycling and general waste collected across Hampshire to see what materials are being thrown away and what is being put in recycling bins. Labelling on packaging can sometimes be confusing. People in Hampshire are very good at recycling plastic bottles, for example, but other materials, such as food packaging trays or disposable coffee cups which look like they're made of card, can't be recycled in the processing plants that we have currently, because they consist of layers of different materials. It's important we have up-to-date information on what people are putting in their bins, so we can ensure our services are fit for purpose in the long term.

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Borough Councillor Paul Miller

The elections are over and I have been given the support to have been re-elected for a further term as one of your Ward Councillors for one year. Next year will see all the seats in the BDBC up for an 'all out' election for the reduced total number of Borough Councillors of 54 with redrawn Ward boundaries. Once again, I will serve this year as the Chairman of the BDBC Development Control Committee and, with several major applications in the pipeline, will have a busy time ahead.

The Borough Council is undertaking the task of collating evidence from Councillors and Parish Councils in the District on the disruption experienced by the illegal encampments that have appeared over the last couple of years. This information, that includes inputs received from local residents that will be rendered anonymous, will be used to build up a trend of the incursions and quantify the scale of the issues. We report these occurrences as quickly as possible however, the legal process does take time.

The weather seems to have adopted a late spring feel, the early Bank Holiday fooled us with a mini heat wave, so hopefully a real summer is just around the corner.

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Big Wheel 26

St. Michael's Hospice (North Hampshire) has opened registration for their 26th Big Wheel event taking place on **Sunday 22nd July** at 9.00am at Down Grange Sports Complex, Basingstoke, RG22 5SN. Riders will spend a glorious summer's day riding through the beautiful Hampshire countryside to raise funds for North Hampshire's only adult Hospice.

Last year over 1,000 cyclists enjoyed a variety of routes and we are hoping for a record turnout this year. The very popular Advanced Level 65 miles is back for a third year and, after a successful introduction last year, the Intermediate 25 mile route will return. With options for a Challenger 39, a Beginner 15 and the Family 5 mile route, there is something for everyone. For youngsters not yet ready to take on 5 miles, there is our Little Wheel which takes place entirely on site. All the rides will start and finish at Down Grange Sports Complex where everyone can also enjoy a range of refreshments. All finishers, from our Little Wheel to 65 milers, will receive a lovely medal to commemorate their efforts.

Big Wheel is a true family event and a great way to spend time together outdoors raising money for St. Michael's Hospice, who provide specialist care and support to patients suffering from life-limiting illnesses. Prices start from £5 for children and £10 for adults and full details are available on our website. To save time, avoid long queues and get the discounted entry price, we advise you to register beforehand. However, you can also register on the day.

St. Michael's Hospice is a charity which provides its palliative and end-of-life care to patients and their families free of

charge. It relies upon community support to generate over £3.1 million ever year. To sign up and for more information please visit cyclebigwheel.co.uk.

Sue O'Flinn

Show Not Tell

The children of Year 6 were asked to create a story which incorporated 'show not tell'. Here is an extract from one such tale. Enjoy!

Mrs. Becousse.

He took a sip of his drink. The words tumbled out like a stack of building blocks knocked over by a petulant child. What followed was a stunned silence but now the truth was out. His eyes fell to the ground. After a few seconds, he speedily ran off to his hiding place, free of the glares that were burning into him. He drew his knees up and hugged them...

Minutes went by - a few hours passed. No-one came, not even his sister. It was then he heard footsteps approaching - slow, light ones. He hid in the shadows. His sister appeared, but instead of coming into the dark, she tried to stay in the dappled light coming from the small holes in the roof. "The village needs you", her fragile voice quivered.

He sighed quietly and got to his feet. He heard a deep rumbling and decided to stay on his feet and stay in the shadows of the old ruin. Two eyes appeared, both fiery red and capable of giving a person nightmares for a whole week, in the middle of the only room that was still intact out of the whole ruin of the castle.

This place WAS haunted.

By Niyati, (Year 6)

Minister's Letter

Do you have a faith in something that you might call 'God' but if asked you'd probably say 'I'm not particularly religious'? I think sometimes we imagine that our faith is about becoming more religious. Someone once said, 'We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience.' With that in mind and as a Church of England Minister I believe we are created in the image and likeness of God, as we grow as humans we have the potential to grow and become more and more the way God always intended us to be.

I also read recently, 'by virtue of Creation, and still more the Incarnation, nothing here below is profane for those who know how to see.' Basically, what this is trying to say is our humanity in all its shapes and sizes is God's way of fleshing out and showing His beauty. 'Nothing is profane for those who know how to see': Heaven isn't very far away, and faith isn't about religious stuff. Indeed, common humanity is the home of God: for example, this is what Christmas is all about, when God in Jesus made his home amongst us.

So...we should tread the earth lightly: We are already walking on holy ground. Perhaps that is why Jesus gives us such an earthly prayer as the Lord's Prayer: we pray that God's kingdom will come here on earth as in heaven; we ask God to give us our daily bread, just enough for today. In the Bible Jesus shows us God by the way he looks, listens, speaks and touches.

Last month (Sun, 20th May) Christians celebrated something called the feast of Pentecost: this celebrates when the

Church is born, very much here on earth, to try and live the life of Jesus, very much here on earth.

Pentecost which occurred about 2,000 years ago is the moment when the penny drops for the apostles (Jesus' disciples and others) and they begin to see clearly what Christmas, Good Friday and Easter Day mean. Pentecost completes the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus as the birthday of Christianity. Far from taking us out of this world, the Spirit, which brooded over creation from the very beginning, empowers us to see everything in a new light: the whole world is charged with the greatness of God.

So, let's not become too religious: our faith is world-facing and life-affirming. A chap called St Paul who wrote several parts of the Bible even makes the great claim that our bodies are 'temples of the Holy Spirit': this is who we really are, spiritual beings having a human experience. The Church is being truly faithful when we live out Jesus' message to love God, neighbour and self, seeking to encounter him not just in worship but in the faces and concerns of the people we meet day by day. That's why at the end of each service we hold at Christ Church I like to say these words 'Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.' Go where He may be found!

If you want to find out more do come along to Christ Church, we try to be friendly and welcoming. We don't always get things right because we are only human. And actually, we're not that religious, we're just trying to live out what we believe. Have a great summer!

Revd. Gordon Randall, Christ Church, Chineham

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 26 Jun, 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.

Swap Shop: Monday 4 Jun, 9.30-11.30am. Children's toys, books and clothes – we welcome good quality items. Bring one, take one home! No charge but donations welcome for Sebastian's Action Trust.

Luncheon Club: Tues 26 Jun, 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 12 June, 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 are having a visit from the Methodist Homes Association to talk about their “Live at Home” scheme

CCBBies: Thursdays, 9.30am to 11.15am. This group is for pre-school children and their parents/grandparents/carers for free play, refreshments, games, stories from the Bible and songs. Each week there is a craft for the children to take home. There is no charge although we do ask for a contribution towards the cost of the refreshments.

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 June this will be on 10th and 24th. Everyone welcome! For more information contact Ruth Hutchings on 07526 048037 or email youth@christchurchchineham.org.uk.

Messy Church: Mon 11 Jun. 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: Sat 16 Jun, 4:30-5.45pm. £1 entrance fee (first visit free), bring your friends and some change for tuck and a hot snack.

C3Y: Fri 29 Jun, 8-9.30.

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

“Learn a trade, son” was the advice Probus Club member, and Chineham resident, David Wickens received from his father. Like many about to leave school in the Swinging Sixties, he had no clear idea of what to do with the rest of his life.

An uncle showed him how with the right instruments it was possible to test simultaneously fifty points of a jet engine fan blade. The idea of an apprenticeship in engineering formed. A company in the Cambridge Instrument group was the benefactor of the speaker’s ambitions. There followed five years of day release and night school.

To show how the instruments manufactured by his company were used visits were arranged to some customers. David Brown in Newport Pagnell, manufactured Aston Martin and Lagonda supercars. The Royal Small Arms factory in London made the Lea Enfield rifle. The

first large scale plant David visited was to the Dungeness “A” Nuclear Power station.

Stewarts & Lloyds steel works at Corby was almost self sufficient from open cast mining of iron ore for ingot production and thence steel tube manufacture. BOAC at Heathrow allowed him to see aircraft being serviced using the instruments David was training to make.

David Wickens was good at his job, being made apprentice of the year. To demonstrate some of his skills he brought along some of the hand tools made in the early years of his apprenticeship. Further experiences were developed in Work Study and Production Engineering, then in the Drawing Office and eventually into Sales and Marketing. This latter area held him for the rest of his career as he progressed to become Export Manager visiting many manufacturing plants throughout the World. And it all started the day he saw a fan blade being tested. See www.probusbasingstoke.wordpress.com for more information about this social club for retired professionals and business managers.

Paul Flint

Basingstoke Concert Band

Tickets are now available for an evening of outstanding music. Basingstoke Concert Band will perform their Summer Concert ‘Around the World in 80 minutes-ish!’ at Sherfield-on-Loddon Village Hall (RG27 0EZ) on **Sat 7 July** at 6pm.

Tickets cost £12 (£10 concessions) and can be purchased direct from: band members; calling 07503 881241 or at Sherfield-on-Loddon Village Hall on the evening. Join in with a BBQ during the interval which is included in the price.

Back from a successful tour to Guernsey, the Basingstoke Concert Band will entertain you with music from around the world – from Canada with Maple Leaf Rag to Africa with ‘Out of Africa’ and Brazil with ‘Copacabana’ to name but a few.

Janet Howard

Four Lanes Community Centre

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

Hatha 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 and to book please contact Kati on 07450 226719 or email pumpkinyoga@gmail.com.

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

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

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

Summit Judo: Fridays 3.40pm–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.

Virginia Wyatt

Linguatastic

June is always a fun and action-packed month for us... On **Saturday 16th**, we will be participating in the Old Basing Carnival. Have a look out for us, parading through the village (we might even have some goodies to share!) and shortly after the awarding of prizes, we'll be in the arena, encouraging anyone and everyone to join us for some international dancing and singing (no prior knowledge required). It's all a lot of fun, so we do hope that whether you join us in the parade or not, whether you attend Linguatastic or not, you do come into the arena when invited to do so.

Two weeks after the carnival, on **Saturday 30th June**, we'll be performing at World Party at Eastrop Park. Again, we'll be bringing some energetic and internationally-flavoured partying to the stage and would love to see some familiar faces supporting us either from the side lines or actually joining in with the action! This event is free to attend and offers a wide variety of entertainment, food and drink.

Oh and before we go, “Bonne fête”, “Feliz día”, “Buona festa” and so on and so forth to all the dads out there for Sunday 17th June!

Fiona Biermann

Civil Service Retirement Fellowship

At the meeting on 2nd May members were able to buy plants that had been donated by other members in order to raise funds towards the purchase of a new sound system. Chairman David Cowling welcomed everyone and gave a reminder that all forms relating to the new Data Protection Act should be completed and returned by the end of May. Welfare Officer Christine Broadbent, gave her report and then Secretary Tony Brazier mentioned the enjoyable trip taken by members to Chartwell where Winston Churchill lived from 1922 until just before his death in 1965.

He then gave details of the forthcoming trip on **Wednesday 11th July** to Painshill Park near Cobham, Surrey which is an 18th century landscape garden created by the Hon. Charles Hamilton. His vision was to create a new style of magical garden inspired by Renaissance art and his Grand Tours. The landscapes form living works of art in which are placed follies for dramatic effect.

This month's talk was from Alan Grace titled "Amazing Berlin 1914-1989" which he illustrated with many photographs, recordings and artefacts from the period. He covered the rampant inflation after WW1, the rise of Adolf Hitler and the Olympics of 1936 before moving on to WW2 followed by the death of Hitler. He gave details of the blockade by the Russians from June 1948 to May 1949 and the airlift which ended it and also the difference in life between East and the West of the wall and what it meant when it was eventually dismantled in November 1989.

The next meeting is on **6th June** which is our Open Meeting when there will be a

buffet and anyone is welcome to come and join us. The speaker will be Paul Whittle on Traveller's Tales. 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

Beavers Signing Success

I was invited to attend two Beaver evenings at the local 1st Scout Group in Chineham, to give assistance with the theme of types of communication. The regular leaders explained about Chinese whispers, metaphor, semaphore and BSL, the British Sign Language with which I am familiar having been raised by deaf parents. It was a delight to see the children take an interest in how deaf people communicate through signs using the hands and letters of the alphabet spelt out with the fingers on the palm of the hand. After demonstrating the signs of the letters of the alphabet the Beavers were eager to see how their own names were spelt followed by requests to show the signs for certain animals.

A brief lesson followed with teaching the children a small sentence in sign language of the following:- 'We have fun at Monday/Wednesday Beavers'. It was apparent that the children did indeed have fun in picking up a hint of the sign language and it was just as much fun for myself in having the privilege of demonstrating. Thank you Beavers and well done!

Robert Dines

Basingstoke Discovery Centre

June events:

It Started with Jason Donavan: Thu 7, 7.30pm, £5. In this hilarious one-woman show Sarah Blanc recounts her past dating life through the songs of her first love – Jason Donovan.

The Green Bicycle Murder: Tue 12, 2pm, £4. On the evening of Saturday 5 July 1919, 21 year old Bella Wright went for a cycle ride and would shortly be found shot dead a short distance from her home. A man on a green bicycle became the focus of attention and a year later he was arrested. Follow the extraordinary trail of events with retired detective, Paul Stickler and decide for yourself whether the man was responsible for her death or whether she had been murdered at all.

Local and Family History Day, Sat 23, 10am – 3pm, free. Would you like to start some family history, research, learn more about the local area or meet local organisations who can help you take your interest further? Then join us at Basingstoke Discovery Centre for our free open day. There is no need to book for any of these events – just drop in! A range of organisations will be on hand all day to advise, support and answer any queries and questions you may have about your own research. There will also be two talks:

11am: First Steps in Family History Research

1pm: Basingstoke Workhouse

Austen Sisters: Tues 26, 2pm, £4. A diverting forty-minute dramatic and entertaining recital of readings from Jane and Cassandra Austen's letters, prose and poetry about sisters,

performed by local actress and speaker Rowan Suart.

Library-supported courses:

Kickstart your Creative Writing: Sat 9, 1pm – 4pm, free. Looking to improve your creative writing? This course will help generate new ideas and get your creativity flowing. For people who write or wish to write in any genre or for any age.

Computing, Internet and Email: Wed 20, 27 June & 4, 11 July, 9.30am–12.30pm, free. This course will introduce complete beginners to the basic uses of a computer, the internet and will be a guide to setting up and using an email account. It will also cover basic Word processing and using Windows and Internet Explorer software.

Children's events:

Children's Crafts: Sat 23, from 10am, ages 3+, free. Join us for a Teddy bear's Picnic themed craft for National Picnic Week.

Scott Hyde

Four Lanes School Summer Festival

The Friends of Four Lanes School present the annual Summer Festival. On 23rd June from 1pm to 4pm, at Four Lanes School, Hanmore Road, Chineham. Admission is free, come and see a selection of stalls, delicious food and wonderful activities for children. (Registered Chairy 1045099).

Claire Wright

Events at Anvil Arts

Tue 5 June, 7.45pm, The Anvil

Würth Philharmonic Orchestra: The Anvil welcomes back the amazing Maxim Vengerov as both violinist and conductor in a programme which includes Strauss II's Overture: Die Fledermaus, Bruch's Violin Concerto no. 1, Saint-Saëns' Introduction and rondo capriccioso, and Shostakovich's Symphony no.10. Tickets: £42, £38, £31, £24, £14.

Thu 7 June, 7.30pm, The Anvil

The Voice of Wet, Wet, Wet, Marti Pellow: The Private Collection Tour 2018. Having achieved the highest accolades with Wet Wet Wet, one of the most successful bands in UK pop history, Marti is now achieving that rare position of a highly successful career as both a solo artist and as a leading musical theatre star. Tickets: £46.

Fri 8 June, 7.30pm, The Anvil

Danny Baker: Good Time Charlie's Back! Following the success of his Cradle to Grave tour, he is back with a new show that his high kicking, fresh, eruptive and often under three hours long! Suitable for ages 14 and over Tickets: £24.50; under 16s & f/t students £22.

Sun 10 June, 7pm Doors, The Anvil

The Shires: Accidentally On Purpose. The biggest selling UK country act of all time, trailblazing duo The Shires hit the road ahead of their highly anticipated new album, Accidentally on Purpose. Tickets: £35.50, £30.50. £27.

Sat 16 June, 7.30pm, The Haymarket

Ballet Cymru presents Cinderella. With a specially commissioned music score and circus elements combined with the finest classical ballet, this timeless story is brought to life using Ballet Cymru's

exquisite blend of classical technique and storytelling. Tickets: £20; under 16s, over 65s and f/t students £18.

Thu 21 June, 6.30pm Doors, The Anvil

Rufus Wainwright: One of the great male vocalists, composers and songwriters of his generation, don't miss award-winning Rufus Wainwright in Basingstoke. Tickets: £57, £47.

Fri 22 June, 10.30am & 1.30pm & Sat 23 June, 3.30pm, The Haymarket

Little Baby Bum: An online and digital TV sensation with over 13 million subscribers and 15 billion views, Little Baby Bum is the world's largest educational YouTube channel. Join Mia, Jacus, Twinkle and their nursery rhyme friends at the world premiere of this brand new live show. Tickets: £14.

Sat 23 June, 7.30pm, The Anvil

BATS 60th Anniversary Concert: With the Heritage Light Orchestra. This very special full-scale concert celebrates 60 years of the award-winning Basingstoke Amateur Theatrical Society - which has been entertaining audiences since 1958. Performed by the very best in local talent, accompanied by the glorious sound of a 40-piece orchestra. Tickets: £20; under 16s and f/t students £17.

Tue 26 June, 7.30pm, The Anvil

The Rhythm Kings, Featuring Beverley Skeete. With special guest Otis Redding III. The Rhythm Kings are a highly respected band in their own right and with the help of new member Greg Harewood on bass, they wow audiences with their bluesy, soulful take on songs and modern day numbers with some rock and roll crowd pleasers thrown in. Tickets: £28.50.

Andrea Bath

NWR

What is on your bucket list? That was our latest topic for discussion. Some of us were scratching our heads finding managing day to day more than sufficient challenge. Others were more venturesome. Travel featured highly with destinations like Antarctica, Fiji and the Seychelles. Also trips to see The Northern Lights, climb the Inca trail in Peru, tour Australia in a camper van, take a helicopter ride through the Grand Canyon, climb Sydney Bridge, go into space, ride a horse at full pelt plus find a sugar daddy to pay for it all! Another member must wait until she is 107 to beat the record of the oldest person to go down a zip wire but in the meantime will celebrate 50 years at the wheel by driving over all the bridges spanning the Thames.

Instead of a lunch this month we will be having afternoon tea at the coffee shop in Sherfield Post Office on 17th May and our reading group will be discussing "Do Not Say We Have Nothing" by Madeleine Thein.

We are a very social group and our very informal meetings are usually held in the afternoon in each others' homes. We also have a lunch club and a reading group who meet monthly in the evenings on the 4th Thursday of the month. For more information 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, email: avrilkeable@hotmail.co.uk Tel: 01256 322832 or Evelyn Jones, email: evelyncjjones@hotmail.co.uk Tel: 01256 816636.

Diane Hope

CAB Volunteers Needed

Citizens Advice Basingstoke is an independent charity based in Basingstoke Festival Place. We need help for our small management team that supports our 80+ volunteers and so we are looking for people willing to give us anything from a few hours a month to one or two half days a week, in the office or perhaps from home.

We are looking to fill the following roles:

- Trustee, to help provide leadership and experience to the team
- Project and operations support
- Finance planning
- PA to the CEO

If you would like to volunteer your expertise please contact me at trusteechair@basingstokecab.org.uk.

More about Citizens Advice Basingstoke: Our caring team provide advice and help to people from all backgrounds and abilities to tackle a wide range of issues including benefits and tax credits, employment, housing (inc. homelessness), debt, relationships and family. Citizens Advice research and campaigns also improve legislation and policies that benefit the wider community. We provided direct help to over 14,000 people last year, giving free, confidential and impartial advice to everybody about nearly everything.

If you are interested in finding out more please visit our website (<http://www.basingstokeandtadleycab.org.uk/>) and drop me a note so that we can explore options together.

Ian Green, Chairman
Basingstoke Citizens Advice

Chineham Parish Council

AGM: The Annual General Meeting of Chineham Parish Council took place on Monday 14 May at the Village Hall. Cllr. David Thornton was elected as Chairman & Cllr. Paul Miller as Vice-Chairman. The committees were also agreed and these are listed below:

Finance Committee: Cllrs. Andy Clarke, Les Fryer and Steve Oakley.

Planning Committee: Cllrs. Sue Fuller, Kirsty Giles, Paul Miller and David Thornton.

Recreation Committee: Cllrs. Marian Adams, Andy Clarke, Sue Fuller, Kirsty Giles and Ginny Wright.

Representatives for a number of outside bodies were also agreed and these are listed below:

Basingstoke District Association of Parish & Town Councils: Cllr. Les Fryer.

Transport Forum: Cllr. Steve Oakley.

Chineham Village Hall Management Committee: Cllr. Les Fryer.

Incinerator Liaison Panel: Cllr. Ginny Wright.

Sewage Treatment Works Liaison Panel: Cllr. Steve Oakley.

Local Police Liaison: Cllrs. Sue Fuller & Ginny Wright.

Chineham Allotment Team: Cllr. Sue Fuller.

You can contact any of the Councillors via the Clerk or Assistant Clerk.

Four Lanes School Summer Fete: Parish Councillors will be attending this event on **Saturday 23 June**. Please come and see us at our stand to find out what we have done for the community in the last few years and what we have planned. We would love to hear your ideas and suggestions.

Overgrown vegetation: This is a plea as we move into 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 <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Lyme-disease/Pages/Introduction.aspx>.

Events: The Parish Council website has an "Events Calendar" and 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 **11 June**. 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 324345 or email assistantclerk@chineham.gov.uk during office hours only please. The Parish Council website can be found at www.chineham.gov.uk.

Sally Jackson

Binfields Traffic Lights

Has anyone else noticed that the traffic lights recently installed at the Binfields Road roundabout have been removed? No doubt this is due to the major roadworks there but what was the point - and more importantly the cost - of installing them only to remove them again so soon afterwards? Perhaps one of our elected representatives would like to comment....?

J Foster

Farewell to Chineham

Having lived in Chineham for over 35 years it's with mixed emotions that I am leaving the area for pastures new. We moved from Kempshott with our three young children at a time when Chineham was much smaller, Four Lanes School was nearing completion and the old wooden church of St. Joseph's was still standing with the Sunday School held in a caravan at the rear where my wife helped to teach - now replaced with Christ Church on the opposite side of the road. With the children all involved with various activities as parents we always gave our support - from the early days of the Scout Group, the PTA at the School, the Village hall and Youth Club, the Church and new Youth Club, Football at Sherfield on Loddon - I hope in some small way that we contributed to the community and thank you for the kindness shown to me when my wife Lesley passed away some 3 years ago.

There are so many memories that I shall take with me - I still keep in contact and see many old neighbours - some as far away as New Zealand on my travels. They all say how good Chineham was as a place to live and raise a family with a great 'Community Spirit' that is still true

today as it was then. So, 'Farewell to Chineham'.

David Wickens

Litter Pick Success

Buds, bluebells, birds and blossom - Chineham in spring. It is even better now, thanks to a large group of litter pickers who gathered many bags of cans and bottles, packets and polystyrene trays recently at an event organised by Mark Butler and advertised in the Chat and on the Community Noticeboard. Easy to think these items were thrown out by passing motorists but what about a bag of cement, a cot mattress and a large glass vase? Presumably hidden in the woods by local residents? Such a shame.

Thanks to the local Cub Scouts for their refreshments and to the people who spotted us and called out their thanks. It turned out to be quite a sociable event.

Jean Wilde

Drone Found

On Thursday 10 May we found a drone on our front lawn. We have asked around but no one seemed to have lost one. If you have lost a drone please contact us. Found at 7 Highmoors, contact us on julietruan@yahoo.co.uk.

Julie Truan

Chat Help Still Needed

We are delighted to have a volunteer for Binfields Close - thank you! However, we still urgently require a distributor for **Chineham Shopping Centre**. Please get in touch if you would be able to take on this area and help get the Chat to its eager readers.

Mike & Kathryn
479594, distribution@chinehamchat.com