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Village Newsletter



HAVE YOUR SAY! YOUR VISION OF CLIDDESDEN IN THE FUTURE SATURDAY 24th NOVEMBER at the VILLAGE HALL 11AM UNTIL 3PM

DIARY DATES

October

- 4 Film Night Village Hall
- 11 Crime Prevention Evening presented by PC Reid, 7pm Herriard Royal British Legion
- 14 Will Hay Day 5 Return to Buggleskelly, 11am-4pm, VH
- 18 WI meeting

27 Bonfire & Fireworks (This year's charities are MS and Sebastians House, and we hope for good weather so we can raise as much as we did last year!!)

November

- 1 Film Night Village Hall
- 6 Parish Council meeting 7.30pm
- 24 Neighbourhood Plan Drop-in day 11-3pm, Village Hall
- 25 Christmas Fayre, Village Hall 11am-2pm
- 29 Gardening Club AGM & Quiz, Cliddesden Village Hall 7.45pm

REGULAR EVENTS AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Art Classes

Tuesdays 12pm & 7.30-9.30pm Wednesdays 10-12pm & 1-3pm

ATWAS Drama Group for 8 to 15-year-olds Fridays 4 to 5.30pm maz.pennington@gmail.com for details

Brownies Tuesdays 5 to 6.15pm

Coffee Morning 2nd Monday of each month 10.30am to 12pm

Playgroup Friday mornings – 11am to 12noon (term time)

Zumba Mondays 7.45 to 8.45pm Wednesdays - 7.30 to 8.30pm

NEWSLETTER COPY DATE

20th preceding month Please send to Editor at bootofthedailybeast@gmail.com

Planning Appeals and Inspectors

Everything you wanted to know?

Notes from the meeting of 27th September with Mr Jim Bailey of Pegasus Group

The Planning Inspectorate (for England) is based in Bristol but Planning Inspectors work from home. The country is divided East-West and those from the West of the country are appointed to Appeals in the East and *vice vera* so none have local connection.

This will be an Informal Hearing

The Inspector will open the Hearing and ask who wishes to speak:

- from the Appellants' side (Thakeham)

- from the LPA's side (BDBC - Local Planning Authority) - plus anyone else who wishes to take part in the discussion. This will be Mr Jim Bailey (Pegasus Group) on behalf of Residents, also Waterman Group on flooding issues; the Parish Council, and any residents who wish to speak on their own behalf.

A list of attendees will be circulated for all present to include their name and contact details if they wish.

The Inspector will have his own Hearing Agenda which will include

1. Reasons for BDBC's refusal – Principle of Development, Conservations Area, Landscape

- 2. Additional items he considers worthy of debate
- 3. Proposed conditions
- 4. Legal agreement
- 5. Site visit.

The Appeal Hearing remains open during the site visit, all parties attend and may continue to discuss (including the public as is reasonable). This differs from an Appeal by Written Representation where none of the process is open to discussion. Developers, he said, tend to favour Hearings where they can draw on their experts (and barristers in some cases, more usually for Inquiries). The more experienced Inspectors are assigned to Hearings or Inquiries. On average approx one third of appeals are allowed, though this tends to be higher with hearings.

The Appeal has been assigned two days – slim chance but not likely that it will be concluded in one day or need to re-convene at a later date.

The Inspector should have read all submissions and documents beforehand. Hearings open on Tuesdays to allow the Inspector to travel on Monday and also make familiarise himself with the area. It is likely he will drive around Cliddesden and visit the site on the Monday.

A decision – with written report – can be expected within four to eight weeks depending on the Inspector's workload.

During the Hearing - Planning issues

Anyone can put their hand up and request to speak, comments should be restricted to planning issues.

1. Principle of Development – this is a key issue. The BDBC 5-year land supply will feature strongly. This for BDBC to defend.

2. Conservation 3. Landscape. Again BDBC will defend their refusal. Local input/knowledge may be helpful but it is not helpful to repeat BDBC's case.

If Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council (BDBC) is unable to show an up-to-date deliverable 5-year Housing Land Supply then the Appeal will be assessed on the NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework) criteria of Substantiability: economic – social – environmental.

Important to demonstrate that this site and 40 houses is NOT sustainable for Cliddesden. This will be the focus of residents' (consultants) contribution. Sustainability includes public transport provision (bus service three times a week and likely to be further cuts post April 2019). It is not considered sustainable to develop a site where car is the only means of transport; fuel finite resource, emissions, contrary to direction of Government thinking.

Residents can raise the matters of most concern to them (providing relevant to planning) whether BDBC has refused on these issues or not. So flooding (expert witness from Waterman Group), Traffic and Highways safety all relevant even though BDBC withdrew its Highways objection.

The withdrawal of the Highways objection, he said may be due to HCC unwillingness to spend time defending a BDBC planning decision. In order to warrant refusal, the NPPF requires the impact of a development on Highways to be severe (ie be dangerous) and statistics are rarely available prove this. The Inspector may however form his own view that the impact would be severe and dangerous. So the community should absolutely press forward with evidence for arguments they believe strongly in.

Q & A

Question: Would allowing this development open up greater possibility for further development? A. Debatable issue. LPA and Inspector will always say that each case is judged in isolation, on its own merits. On the other hand it may be (human nature) that if landowners / potential developers see one site allowed they will be emboldened to push for nearby sites. And if one site allowed, it may well change the character of the area and so change thinking regarding the impact of further sites.

Question: So 'setting a precedent' can't be used as an argument against a development?

A. The Inspector would say each case is judged on its merits. In planning terms no two sites are the same.



Cliddesden Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN PROCESS = CONSULTATION

There will be some new development in the Parish in the near future, the Local Plan requires 10+ houses made of one or two developments of at least five houses.

It's given that the Neighbourhood Plan Process should have started a year ago to be in a position influence development now. This isn't a process that can be fast forwarded – it needs a mandate from the community based on consultation in order to carry weight.

To help this process in the right direction please drop in to the Village Hall, enjoy coffee, cake or a glass of wine – and give your views.

There will be six or so 'stations' to walk around – each presenting different themes of the Plan, for your comment and to rank according to importance. Much of the initial work is based on the Village Design Statement as a reference document.

Based on your feedback, a multiple choice questionnaire will be compiled and land on your doorstep with FREEPOST for return.





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Planning Appeals cont

Question: If the Appeal is dismissed is there opportunity for the appellant to Appeal further? A. They could go to Judicial Review but only on a Point of Law. This may be if the Inspector can be shown to have missed, or not taken account of, a key issue. But a very expensive process via High Court, Court of Appeal. Developer action on this may depend on their contract with the landowner. All parties can challenge a decision via a Judicial Review, the appellant, LPA or residents.

This is why in his report, the Inspector makes a point of considering and deliberating on each issue in term.

There is nothing to prevent the applicant putting in further – albeit slightly different – planning applications to the LPA.

Question: When might the Secretary of State be involved?

A. Particularly large or controversial applications may be called in by the Secretary of State. In these cases the Planning Inspector will go through the same process but will make a Recommendation for the Minister to endorse or otherwise.

Five-year land supply and sustainability

Question of a 5-year land supply should seem black and white? There is or there isn't? But this is a shifting scenario. The LPA has to be able to show a constantly deliverability supply of dwellings with planning permission of 5 x the annual housing target. This will change on a daily basis due to completions, new permissions, delays and decisions about the number of houses a site can deliver. BDBC have the figures, it is up to them to prove...

If there is no proven deliverable 5-year supply, Local Plan housing polices give way to the NPPF criteria for Sustainable Development. A site may still be refused if the Inspector judges it not to be a sustainable location. This is why it is so important to prepare all reasons for refusal on unsustainability grounds stacked up as second line of defence.

So a 5-year-land supply isn't always a be-all and end-all. Cases can be cited where Appeals have been dismissed with a 4.5-year land supply and allowed with a 7-year supply. Inspectors make their own decision based on all the circumstances.

Neighbourhood Plan

Question: With BDBC and Pegasus both presenting the case against the Appeal, is there room between them for the Parish Council to speak? A. Valuable for the Parish Council to speak and present the case for the Neighbourhood Plan (NP). That the NP has been started and is looking to allocate sites appropriate to the Village will definitely tick boxes for the Inspector. If he felt there was no appetite in the community to supply housing that would be negative. It is positive that the community is producing a NP and is proposing development – and also that the Parish has delivered small scale housing provision over the past three or four years.

Across the country there is the potential for 9000 Neighbourhood Plans – and only c100 have so far been adopted. Neighbourhood Plans are mini Local Plans. Adopted via referendum, they are part of the democratic process they are part of the Local Development Plan. (S38A&B Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.)

There are different levels of documents, NPPF (national), Local Plan (LPA), then Neighbourhood Plan (Parish). The Local Plan has various Supplementary Planning and Guidance Documents which carry limited weight. The previous Village Design Statement is adopted as a Supplementary Guidance Document. This will be a valuable document upon which to base a Neighbourhood Plan.

New housing can be determined by policies within the Neighbourhood Plan It enables the community to shape its development over the next 5 - 10 - 15 years, and if it can allocate two or three schemes in compliance with the Local Plan it should be able to head off speculative development in future.

Further Q & A

Question: Can the application be altered at Appeal – to say fewer houses – in order to be allowed? A. No that wouldn't happen. But further planning applications can be submitted where the applicant may amend, or withdraw and amend, proposals.

Question: Will the Inspector's reasons for refusal give applicants direction on whether a further application worthwhile, say if he only refused on one aspect? A. Yes this can be the case.

And all Planning Policies are moving targets, particularly in relation to Government Housing targets. The Local Plan is subject to 5-year review; the first 2012 NPPF has just been revised (July 2018).

The best outcome would be for the Inspector to conclude that this isn't a suitable site to develop. Once the Neighbourhood Plan is adopted this will give an element of control against speculative development. Also once the NP is made, only a 3-year supply is required for Housing Polices to be considered relevant.

Meeting closed with thanks to Jim Bailey for his advice and for taking on the case at short notice. Ross Palmer made the case for supporting the fundraising effort.

The Hearing opens in the BDBC Civic Offices, at 10am Tuesday 9th October

SOCIAL AND ENTERTAINMENT CLUB CLIDDESDEN MILLENNIUM VILLAGE HALL





Thursday 4th October '12 Angry Men' 1957, 96 mins (Cert U)

A classic drama set in a jury room where 11 jurors consider the accused to be guilty and one lone juror stands out against the majority. A great insight into human nature; opinions sway back and forth as different arguments take centre-stage. The ebb and flow of the plot is fascinating. The film is set entirely in a single room during a New York heat wave adding to the claustrophobia and tension. The 96 minutes go by very quickly.

Directed by Sidney Lumet, produced by Henry Fonda and Reginald Rose. The films stars Henry Fonda, Lee J Cobb, Ed Begley, E G Marshall, Jack Warden. The film was nominated for Academy Awards in the categories of Best Director, Best Picture, and Best Writing of Adapted Screenplay; it lost to The Bridge on the River Kwai in all three categories.

Thursday 1st November 'The Anderson Tapes' 1971, 95 mins (Cert 15)

An American crime caper directed by Sidney Lumet, starring Sean Connery and featuring Dyan Cannon, The screenplay was written by Frank Pierson, scored by Quincy Jones and marks the feature film debut of Christopher Walken. The film has comic aspects which work without reducing the suspense of a crime thriller.

You'll be sure of a warm welcome and a great evening at the cinema....

Screenings take place in Cliddesden Millennium Village Hall. The bar opens at 7:30pm (please don't arrive too early as we need time to set up the equipment), we start at 8pm. There is an intermission half-way through during which ice creams are available and the bar is open.

Subscription is only £2 per person per evening, with no membership fee. Please remember to pay at the bar. *All our films are suggested by members; please suggest your own favourites or films that you missed and would still like to see.* Ted Dowson

Christmas Fayre

REFRESHMENTS CHRISTMAS RAFFLE SANTA'S GROTTO ATTRACTIONS FOR ALL THE FAMILY

Sunday 25th November 2018 11am-2pm Cliddesden Millennium Hall

FREE ENTRY

PROCEEDS TO BE SPLIT BETWEEN CLIDDESDEN MILLENNIUM HALL & LORDSFIELD SWIMMING CLUB

To book a stall, please call Alison Hood on 07919 4185 **S**I

Crime Prevention Evening Herriard Royal British Legion THURSDAY 11TH OCTOBER AT 7 PM

Constable Andrew Reid – Hants Constabulary Julie Gallagher – Hampshire Trading Standards

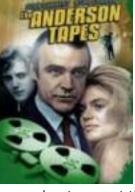
The agenda will include practical advice and literature on home security, security for outbuildings, sheds / garages, locks, alarms, lighting, foliage etc.

All things you can do to make life difficult for intruders and criminals.

Hampshire Trading Standards will also be attending providing advice and literature on protection against scams, nuisance calls, cold callers to your home, protection from door-step criminals and measures to protect the vulnerable within our communities. To also include your rights after purchasing goods, and registered tradesmen that have been vetted and can be trusted to do your work.

Please do come and learn more on how to help protect your home and property.

Free tea and coffee available courtesy of the Chair of Herriard Parish Council; use of the hall is by courtesy of the Committee of the Royal British Legion.



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Have you noticed nature's bounty in the hedgerows?



Whether your pleasure is Blackberry jam, Bramble jelly, or a delicious wine, there are berries aplenty this year. And the recent rain has suddenly swelled them with juice. The best time to pick blackberries is on a dry day, they go over so quickly if they're wet. Choose the plump, shiny ones; dull black and they're on the turn.

Happy picking... To ensure you collect the fruits of your labours in the correct manner, I found this passage in

Gardener's Magic and Other Old Wives' Lore by Bridget Boland:

'For Picking... Before picking or digging up, the plant should always be 'saluted' and told for what purpose it is needed, and if possible for whom, thus pacifying it and ensuring its co-operation. 'Modern investigators who claim that the reactions of plants to being manhandled, or even spoken to harshly, can be scientifically registered, would probably agree that this is a wise precaution.

'You should spit three times on the piece you pick, and it must never be allowed to touch the ground... a piece picked off the ground is like carrion, unholy, with the virtue gone out of it. You should never face into the wind as you pick, or look back over your shoulder at the plant after you have done so.'

THE LAST LECTURE OF THE YEAR ... of September 26th in Ellisfield Memorial Hall: 'Traverse of the Alps – 450 mile hike from Lake Geneva to Nice' by Carol Watson. *Full report available next month.*



Next Parish Council meeting Tuesday 6th November

NOTES OF MEETING 4TH SEPTEMBER

Prior to the usual meeting the Parish Council held a public meeting on the Southlea Meadow Appeal. Les Smith discussed his instruction to the Pegasus Group (planning consultants) to represent residents at the Appeal (see pages 2 and 4). Fundraising is ongoing and contributions invited. The Parish Council agreed to contribute \pounds 1,000.

The Parish Council submission to the Inspectorate considered Sustainability, Conservation, Landscape, Flooding and the Neighbourhood Plan.

The pond silt traps have been cleared again (temporary measure) and minor works to the pond trees will be scheduled for end of November.

The Parish Council will respond to the Boundary Commission review to request keeping Upton Grey & the Candovers as a single ward. The consultation on the changed boundaries – and the proposed new Ward name Basing & Upton Grey – is open until 15th October.



AGM – SOCIAL EVENING & QUIZ

NOVEMBER 29TH – Cliddesden Village Hall – 7.45pm

The AGM is for members only. New members are welcome to come along and join on the night. Membership is £8 per household, per year.

Bring your best gardening brains with you to the AGM this year! As well as the usual reports, messages, food, and wine, we're going to get you to think.

One of our committee members is stepping down, so there is a vacancy opening up.

If you would like to be more involved in the organisation of the Horticultural Society let one of the committee know.

Apart from the lectures and shows your commitment is to attend committee meetings approx every two months.

For more information please contact Marilyn (01256 462584) or Steve (01256 324707)

No entry charge for the AGM. Wine/soft drinks and food available – donations please.

Please let your local committee member know if you are attending by 14th November for catering purposes.

HCC and BDBC are now unable to supply a handrail to steps along Southlea. The Parish Council agreed the Lengthsman will rebuild one set of step with handrails as a matter of urgency.

The Parish Council is in discussion with the Will Hay Appreciation Society regarding the Memorial Bench. Suggested sites for the bench with connections to the old line and station are most relevant but raise concerns for maintenance and security. Agreed by majority the bench with its memorial plaque should be housed in the Village Hall.

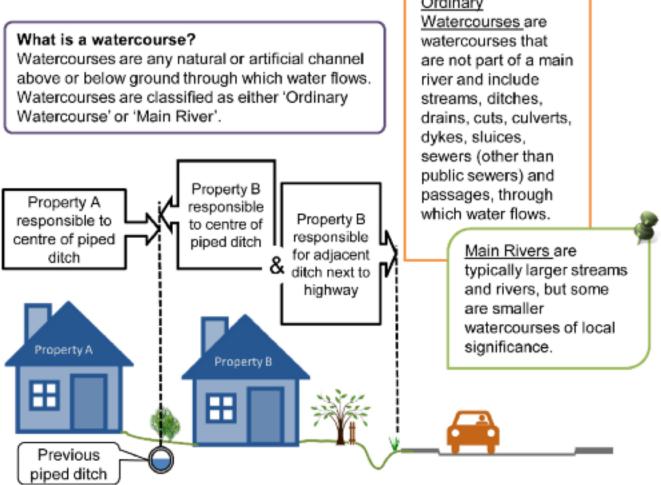
PLANNING UPDATES...

M3 J6 Moto Application Ongoing discussion with Highways England, and so extra time is allowed. If the case officer is minded to recommend refusal, it seems the discussion will help clarify grounds for refusal and therefore appeal. The present agreed expiry date is 31st October.

Inwood Copse application for Seasonal Campsite withdrawn Thurs 27th September.

Do you own land that has a watercourse or drainage ditch on or adjacent to it?

Answer: Yes –You are therefore a '<u>riparian landowner</u>' and you are responsible for maintaining those watercourses



What can land and properties owners do to reduce the risk of flooding?

- Identify your ordinary watercourses/ditches/piped watercourses check deeds if required
- Check whether they are clear from debris and vegetation and if not clear them

As a landowner you have a right to protect your property from flooding – consider how you might do this and prepare a plan.



More information: <u>https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/environment/flooding</u> National Flood Forum provides information on preparing for a flood: <u>https://nationalfloodforum.org.uk/</u>



POLICE UPDATE

Dear Residents

I am appealing for any information in relation to two house burglaries that occurred at Southlea between midnight and 06:30 am on Friday September 28th2018.

This is a very unusual occurrence in our area as we do not normally have such night time crimes, however I ask all resident to be vigilant and ask if anyone has any CCTV in Southlea or saw or heard anything unusual to please give me a call direct. All calls treated in strictest confidence.

I am also seeking any information in relation to a suspicious incident in Woods Lane at about 6pm on Tuesday September 11th 2018 when a young lady who was walking home was approached by a man described as being white with pale skin, aged between 30 and 40 years had dark receding hair line, was heavily built with really thick eyebrows. In his right ear was a spacer in his earlobe. He was wearing a light blue shirt with the top two buttons undone. He was in a five door sky blue Ford Focus (similar to the 2011 model), with a dent in the rear drivers side which had unknown car and stopped to speak to the lady, if you can help please give me a call direct - all calls treated in strictest confidence.

I also wish to inform residents that – in consequence of the recent spate of non-dwelling burglaries all across our area – on Thursday October 11th at 7pm I will be holding a 'Crime Prevention Evening' at the Herriard Royal British Legion for residents all across our area. This is the second of three such events and follows an extremely successful evening at Mapledurwell when we had 50 residents turn out to both listen but ask questions.

The agenda will include practical advice and literature on all aspects of home security, security of outbuildings, sheds / garages, locks, alarms, lighting, foliage etc. All things you can do to make life difficult for intruders and criminals. A representative from Hampshire Trading Standards will also be attending providing advice and literature on protection against scams, nuisance calls, cold callers to your home, protection from door step criminals and measures to protect the vulnerable within our communities. To also include your rights after purchasing goods, and registered tradesmen that have been vetted and can be trusted to do your work. Please do come and learn more on how to help protect your home and property.

I wish to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to the Herriard RBL for the use of the hall and to members of the Herriard Parish Council who will be supplying free tea and coffee. The RBL bar will also be open. Many thanks and hope to see as many as possible on the 11th.



Sadly now on to the reasons for holding such an event. On October 26th between half midnight and 1.30 am an all-terrain vehicle (small 4×4 'golf buggy' type vehicle), was stolen from the Hoddington area of Upton Grey.

As the evenings are now drawing in I again wish to remind residents to please make sure their homes look occupied when they are out in the darker evenings, please leave lights on and a radio and draw your curtains. Whilst the burglary to homes is very low across my area, I am aware that in Oakley during the month three houses in the same street were broken into all at night which again is extremely rare and all with the intention of stealing expensive cars parked on the drive way. To combat this type of theft of high powered motor car please hide or take your car keys away from where they can be found.

Meanwhile in Brown Candover we had thieves open a secure 4×4 using an electronic device that they brought with them, whilst they did not steal the vehicle they did manage to open it and rifle through the inside.

I am aware of a further visit of gravel sellers to our area during the day on September 7th and thank the resident for his call to report these.

Many thanks as always for your support

Andrew Reid Local Constable 3746 Police Office, Preston Candover Tel: 01256 389050 Mob: 07768 776844 Email: andrew.reid@hampshire.pnn.police.uk



100 CLUB

Hello members

The draw for September was called at the Coffee Morning on 10th September 2018. Here are the lucky winners:

1st	174	Emma Carmichael
2nd	119	Rhona Randall
3rd	45	Gladys Vickery

Congratulations.

Rose Beevers Tel 475 944 100club@cliddesdenhall.org.uk



CLIDDESDEN WI NEXT MEETING THURSDAY 18TH OCT

AGM & Resolutions With a Sausage Supper

Show and tell with a Ploughman's Supper. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

Diane Rampton

Tel 01256 467533 dianerampton@btinternet.com Our speaker for August, Carol Watson, took us on a fabulous journey through Ecuador in search of orchids and what a wonderful journey it turned out to be. We all were fascinated by these beautiful exotic flowers that grow wild there. The scenery is stunning with vast landscapes and volcanoes in the background. At times it very much reminded me of Peru its neighbour. Carol is always entertaining and her enthusiasm for her subjects always rubs off on you to the extent that you want to follow in her footsteps. A great evening and sorry about the tea Carol! The urn had a malfunction!

Muriel Worsfold has won the bursary of \pounds 100 this year and we look forward to hearing what she does with it.

Our craft group met at Catherine's in August and spent the day making snowflake strands and flowerpot ladies. September's meeting was held at my home where we made felt stars embellished with pretty beads for Christmas (Sorry to mention the C word so early)!

September is our birthday month and we will be celebrating 96 years of our WI here in Cliddesden. We are busy organising everything so that we have a happy evening with ladies coming from some of the other groups to share in the festivities.

More on that next month.





CHURCH SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

Sunday 7th Oct 9.45am Holy Communion (Common Worship) Sunday 14th Oct 11.15am Family Communion (Common Worship) 4.30pm Sunday 14th Oct Messy Church at Cliddesden Millennium VH Sunday 21st Oct 11.15am Family Service Saturday 27th Oct 6pm Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) Sunday 4th Nov 9.45am Holy Communion (Common Worship)

THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS



THE LIONS CLUB OF BASINGSTOKE Registered Charity No: 274337 www basingstokelions.org.uk

For immediate release

World Sight Day

Thursday, 11 October --- 9am-3pm --- Old Basing Mall

45 million people in the world are blind 90% live in areas with little or no access to treatment Top causes of blindness: cataracts, glaucoma and age-related macular degeneration 80% of blindness is curable and preventable 66% of the blind are women or girls 1.2 billion people don't have access to GLASSES

An annual event acknowledged in different ways internationally, **World Sight Day** sees the **Basingstoke Lions Club** for the 6th consecutive year inviting people to bring their redundant spectacles to the Club's stand, this year situated in Old Basing Mall (by Boots), on **Thursday, 11 October** between the hours of 9am and 3pm.

Visitors to the stand can also find information leaflets, receive advice on help available locally and see small items of equipment, all relating to those with impaired vision. Various local sight loss organisations are supporting the day through the supply of literature and equipment, and opticians in the town are also supporting the event.

Between 12-2pm "Lennie the Lion", a familiar figure at various community events, will prowl the area collecting the unwanted specs. from participating opticians – and he's always happy to be photographed doing so!

The aim of this Day, during which Lions Clubs around the world conduct various sightrelated projects, is to focus attention on the global issue of avoidable blindness and visual impairment and thus raise awareness about the importance of eye health and the need for quality eye care services for all. The projects include vision screenings, spectacle donations, restorative surgeries, eye health education programmes, and the donation of assistive devices to those with vision impairment.

As part of SPECKTREK, a programme for recycling spectacles developed by Lions Clubs International, over 300,000 pairs were collected last year across Great Britain and Ireland and sent to eye camps in Africa, India and Eastern Europe in partnership with Medico Lions Clubs de France.

It is hoped that once again the kind people of Basingstoke will reach into drawers and cupboards, retrieve any old glasses for which they have no further use, and bring them to the Lions' stand for rehoming; such a simple act can change the lives of the recipients beyond measure.

(Note: No spectacle cases, thank you)

Contact :

Ann Vicars - av@mypostoffice.co.uk

Ordinary people – amazing things

BASINGSTOKE LIONS CLUB

AUGUST 2018



This month we celebrated the lazy, hazy days of summer with a finger food dinner in a member's garden. The weather was obligingly balmy and it provided a great opportunity for us to meet and mingle. It wasn't a BBQ, but you can understand the attractions of the BBQ as a form of socialising with its casual atmosphere in which everyone can relax and interact. And the great news is that we'll be doing the same sort thing again very shortly in aid of the MacMillan Nurses Coffee Morning. I hope you are all going to join in.

WELFARE

We spent £854. This covered four cases of breakdowns of family equipment and a long winded tarradiddle about swapping beds which I couldn't follow and in any case cost us nothing. We also funded medals for disability footballers and donated £200 towards the hire of a sign language interpreter by St John's Ambulance for a candidate on a First Aid course. The largest commitment was the purchase of a mobility aid for a two-year-old Downs Syndrome child – money well spent!

FUNDRAISING

The Hampshire Police Band play for us at QMC on 13th October and The Caerphilly Male Voice Choir sing for us on 17th November. These are both exceptionally high quality performances. Our ticket prices are very low, you get free parking, you get to sit at tables with your friends enjoying a drink from our modestly priced bar – what's not to like? Give yourself a treat, get in touch with us via the website www.basingstokelions.org.uk/ or by contacting one of the organisers – tony.bamberger@hotmail.co.uk – mauricehockley@hotmail.com – or jomolincoln@btinternet.com

Quiz Night at the Cliddesden Millenium Hall is on 3rd November. Invitations have already been issued to our regulars. So if you want to join in the fun, apply direct to – philipjhwilson@btinternet.com. I'm expecting some really high scoring this time. Even I knew some of the answers!

THURSDAY 11TH OCTOBER - WORLD SIGHT DAY

This year we are celebrating this UN-sponsored day at Old Basing Mall, Basingstoke RG21 7LW. We'll be situated between Boots and Blue Inc. This is your chance for an informal chat about any sight concerns and the help available locally. And please don't forget to bring your redundant spectacles for recycling to the 3rd world.

MEMBERSHIP

We are rapidly becoming a Club of GOPs (make up your own interpretation!). Our business meetings are usually good for a laugh or two, so do send us a message via our website and you'll get an invitation to come along and see what we're like – no pressure, it's all up to you.

Thank you for your support. We look forward to seeing you.

MOTOWN MUSIC MAGIC

If you could put that in a bottle the problems of the NHS would disappear overnight. The Lions Club would like to thank Lou Taylor for giving us such a marvellous evening of real dancing music and Tracy and her team at the Royal British Legion Old Basing for hosting and supporting it so ably.

In spite of the rival attractions of "Strictly" and "The X Factor" over 80 people, including some of the Old Basing Bowlers, chose to brave the elements and come along to strut their stuff. The dance floor was well used from the outset. As usual it was the girls who led the way, but it wasn't too long before the male wallflowers were tempted onto the floor by Lou's seductive voice and their gyrating partners. Such was the enthusiasm that the show overran by about 15 minutes and even when the music stopped the joyful mood continued.

When we were clearing up the fun continued when we found that we had entertained a pseudo health and safety adviser, henceforth to be known as "Josh One Chair", unawares. Thanks a lot Josh!

To put icing on the cake (and there were several delicious ones of those around too) the evening raised nearly £800 which the Lions Club will use to help local people in need. Check us out via our website www.basingstokelions.org.uk

VILLAGE GUIDE

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