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The community newsletter for Mapledurwell
Up Nately, Nately Scures and Newnham



LOCAL PLAN UPDATE THE HOUSING NUMBERS CHALLENGE

The starting point – BDBC's Local Plan is local only insofar as interpreting policies and accommodating housing numbers set by national Government.

Frustration – with the high level of imposed housing numbers – is from across the borough and cross party. BDBC's Economic Planning and Housing Committee (EPH) and Full Council have unanimously rejected the c18K new houses up to 2039 (c8K more than presently allocated).

The Draft Local Plan Spatial Strategy (site selection) document – prepared by officers for public consultation – was presented to EPH of 9th June for discussion and potential approval.

Councillors, again unanimously, rejected this Draft (Reg 18) document on the grounds that they don't have a sound evidence base to accept it.

In presenting the document, planning officers are seeking to continue the legal process required for the Local Plan Update, until such time as they have something to – officially and legally – replace it with.

EPH Councillors' argument is that, once started, proposals and processes are legitimised and take on weight and momentum of their own. There will be no 'going back'. And Councillors can't be in the position of endorsing a Strategy document based on figures they have rejected.

But where to go from here?

There is much talk of 'exceptional circumstances' to argue a case to Government for reducing BDBC's housing numbers. But in this context 'exceptional circumstances' have to have a basis in Planning law.

The new Leader of the Council, Simon Bound, has said he is working to compile an exceptional circumstances case – by all legal means. Maria Miller MP has noted there is nothing in the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill that changes housing numbers.

Many are advocating – and it seems the Council Leader is in agreement – a challenge to the Government's standard methodology by which the housing number is calculated. The current NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework) para 61 provides for this.

The first Census data was released 28th June, but key information will not be available until Sept/Oct. Public consultation planned for late summer may well now be winter onwards. Delay compounds existing problems, the time scale in any event is a long one. Adoption of the new Plan is presently scheduled for Spring 2024.

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QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS



Mapledurwell & Up Nately Village Hall



Newnham Green

LODGE FARM

Hart application 22/01347/EIA
Land At Lodge Farm, North Warnborough. Request for Scoping Opinion in relation to redevelopment proposals of approx 32 hectares.

This application is for Hart to determine whether a full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) will be needed to accompany a planning application for redevelopment of Land at Lodge Farm.

The EIA application report says that – '1.2 ... Outline permission is proposed to be sought for circa 105,000 m2 of employment floorspace across five warehouse units, together with an electric vehicle charging facility. Vehicular access, servicing, circulation and parking will also be provided, alongside landscaping works.'



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HOUSING LAND SUPPLY

It's well known that Basingstoke & Deane doesn't have a five year supply of planned and deliverable housing at the prescribed annual build-rate.

This doesn't mean that the borough isn't building houses – or over its quota of houses. But because allocated sites, in its legally Adopted Plan, aren't deliverable in the required timescales, its housing policies are deemed out of date and subject to the NPPF tilted balance in favour of 'sustainable development'.

A failure to deliver houses according to the Local Plan can lead to large scale unplanned development, with rural parishes and green fields easier targets for developers. Although, says Maria Miller 'there are lot of people in Parliament who think this needs to change – and Gove knows this' – change is likely to take a long time. BDBC realistically can only regain its five-year land supply will the adoption of its Updated Local Plan.

So delays in this process, whatever the outcome, risk prolonging the period with no five-year land supply.

WATER AND WASTE WATER

BDBC's much anticipated Water Cycle Study (WCS), compiled by consultants AECOM, was published at the end of May and also submitted to Economic Planning and Housing Committee of 9th June for their review and approval.

EPH Councillors agreed unanimously not to accept the WCS at this stage they needed to understand its implications and AECOM's brief; they need, they said, a document which will help them make informed decisions about the Spatial Strategy.

Much discussion, and guest speakers at the meeting, focussed on waste water management issues. From east to west across the borough, Ward Councillors describe how their local sewage systems are unable to cope.

The Loddon, a globally rare chalk stream and precious habitat, takes most of the Borough's waste water. Looking further west, the case to protect the Test is strongly put and looks to further increase pressure on the Loddon.

But these are not Planning issues. Water companies have a statutory duty to provide water – and waste water disposal – for planned or unplanned development. The issues for them are engineering and financial. There is no legal basis here for a challenge to Government against high levels of new housing because, legally, provision must be made. A case for 'exceptional circumstances' must look elsewhere for support.

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Mapledurwell & Up Nately

The Queen's Jubilee at the village hall was supported by over 200 people from the Parish. A hog roast, ice cream van, Pimms and beer tents all helped the party go with a swing... from welly-wanging, tin-can alley, splat the rat to tug-o-war (won 2-0 by Up Nately!). If that wasn't enough a close-up magician entertained us with amazing skill!

Our Town Crier addressed the crowds in full regalia calling all to celebrate the blessing, by Rev Matt Bianchi, of the London Plane tree planted as part of the Queen's Green Canopy, followed by singing around the tree.



Our beacon was lit at 9.45pm by Alison Poole to much cheer and the *Song for The Commonwealth* sung beautifully by the Newnham Notes.

Special thanks must go to the Andwell Brewery Company for their support, to The Friends of St Mary's for their contributions and to the many members of our lovely community who worked tirelessly to ensure the Queen's Jubilee Celebration was a total success.





Platinum Jubilee



Jubilee celebrations in Up Nately started with our Town Crier outside St Stephen's, and continued later in the playing field where a big crowd of residents gathered from both Up Nately and Mapledurwell. There were lots of games, drinks, and how lovely to meet up again with people we had not seen since lockdown! It was a super celebration, huge thanks to the organisers!



Many thanks to the to the Village Hall Committee, and to the Jubilee Committee in organising such a great day

NOTES CONTINUED FROM PARISH ASSEMBLY OF 18TH MAY GREENING CAMPAIGN

The Greening Campaign offers a strategy for communities to achieve many small changes which can add up to a significant whole. It is about everyone coming together, about what each person, friends and family, can do together. Community-led action adds up. Please have a look at the website <http://www.greening-campaign.org/>

The first Phase is about engagement. Everyone receives a Green Card with eight challenges for changing little things of everyday life. If you're prepared to sign up to five of these challenges, put the card in your window – or gatepost – or on Whatsapp or on Facebook – to show your commitment.

HCC support by funding expertise, including on rewilding and nature recovery network (Hants and IofW Wildlife Trust), also on 'retrofit' and 'wellbeing' to support further individual and community projects.

The Parish Assembly agreed that the Greening Campaign is a great idea and something the Community should support. But it needs members of the Community to lead. Please contact any member of the Parish Council if you are interested or email clerk.mapledurwellupnately@parish.hants.gov.uk



PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

22/01257/RET (Validated 20 June)
2 Canalside Cottages, Heather Lane, Up Nately. Conversion of garage to living accommodation (Retrospective).

22/01545/ROC (Validated 14 June)
Blaegrove Barn, Up Nately. Variation of Con 1 of 19/01711/FUL to allow for enlargement of dwelling, alterations to fenestration and addition of first floor.

22/01433/HSE (Validated 20 May)
Hungry Lodge, Down Lane. Erection of part two-storey part first-floor extension; demolition and replacement of entrance porch; new solar panels on existing roof.

22/01267/HSE and 22/01268/LBC (Validated 03 May) Blaegrove House, Blaegrove Lane Up Nately. Installation of replacement windows and external doors

22/01088/PIP (Granted 7 June) Land to North of Parrotts, Greywell Road, Mapledurwell. Permission in principle for the erection of one dwelling.

APP/H1705/W/21/3289616 (Appeal dismissed 13 June) 20/01723/FUL Brockwell (Paddock and Stable) Andwell Lane. Eight dwellings with new service road and improved access from highway.

22/00676/FUL (Pending 03 Mar) High Field View, Frog Lane. Bungalow replacing garage at north of the land.

22/00635/ADV (Pending 25 Feb) The Hatch, London Road. Signage – illuminated and non illuminated.

22/00630/FUL & 22/00678/LBC (Pending 25 Feb) The Hatch. Minor internal and external alterations, redecoration and repairs; new signage; two pergolas including fixed seating and external fire; external bar servery; partial resurfacing of car park plus new gates; replace existing bridge; repaving, new bollard lights and arbors; demolition of sheds / structures and new shed; new island patios with festoon lighting to garden; new fencing, associated works.

22/00212/TDC (Validated 17 Feb) Nunnery House, Tunworth Rd. Technical Details Consent for conversion of barn to one dwelling as per 20/00009/PIP. New vehicular access from south.

21/01739/LBC (Pending 14 July) Arlings, Tunworth Rd. Replace windows and exterior doors with new like-for-like.

21/01777/RET (Pending 24 May 2021) Gamekeepers. Hardstanding plus seven downlights (retrospective).

21/00827/FUL (Pending 20 April 2021) Land opposite Hillside, Heather Lane. Change of use to secure dog walking area and off road parking; gate, fence & shed.

21/00427/FUL (Granted 10th June, ref DC 8th June) Land to north of Nunnery House, Tunworth Road. One x four-bedroomed dwelling, garage, access etc.

PARISH TREE APPLICATION

T/00223/22/TCA (Validated: Wed 15 Jun 2022) Crosswater Cottage, Frog Lane. T1 Oak - To reduce x2 large boughs by 4m overhanging garden T2 Pine - Fell hung up dead tree. T3 Ash - Fell.

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PAST HOUSING DELIVERY

High levels of housing delivery in the past is cited by many, incl Borough Councillors and Maria Millar MP, as evidence that can support an argument to change the housing calculation for Basingstoke & Deane.

This borough, says our MP, is one of the biggest house builders in the country with, for example, double the housing allocation of Woking, a similar neighbouring authority. And a third of Basingstoke & Deane's land is AONB where development is restricted.

The High Court recently ruled that past over-supply of housing land 'is a matter for planning judgment' so it seems the argument can go either way:

'A High Court judge has in a guideline case dismissed a Gloucestershire council's argument that an inspector was wrong in not taking account of its past over-supply of housing land when assessing whether it had the required five-year pipeline of deliverable sites, ruling that this is a matter of planning judgment.'

Looking at www.basingstoke.gov.uk/history-of-the-borough... 'In 1961 Basingstoke was designated a London over-spill town' - localhistories.org/a-history-of-basingstoke says 'the plan called for 37,000 people to be moved from London to Basingstoke'. The town's population rose from 16,000 in 1961 to 75,000 by 1981.

From 2006, Basingstoke was part of the South East Diamonds for Investment & Growth (SEDIG) Partnership which sought to provide the majority of economic and housing growth within the south-east.

On top of all this, census data just published shows a borough increase in 'households with at least one usual resident' from 69,315 in 2011 to 76,600 in 2021. An increase of 10.5%.

Cllr Simon Bound as Council Leader has said he wishes to see Basingstoke re-emerge as a market town rather than the 'capital of the south' as advocated by his predecessor. However, his starting point is that the Local Plan is 'process driven and the function driving all is the housing number, the standard method'.

Newnham & Nately Scures



Newnham's Platinum Jubilee Beacon: Thanks to everyone who made this a success, particularly here the bonfire builders and - top picture, the band, Cove Brass, and all those who supplied and manned the Jubilee cake tent

NEWNHAM VILLAGE IN THE 'OPEN COUNTRYSIDE'

LOCAL PLAN UPDATE



The report on the Local Plan Update's Rural Settlement Study - on behalf Cabinet Member for Planning & Infrastructure, Cllr Jay Ganesh - has confirmed that Newnham will NOT be considered a Category 4 Settlement for the purposes of the Local Plan Update, as was for a time proposed.

The Parish Council met twice last Autumn with Planning Policy officers and spoke at the January 2022 EPH (Economic, Planning & Housing) committee meeting in opposition to this proposal for Newnham which would categorise the village as 'sustainable' for growth with a settlement policy boundary and potential future housing allocation.

The Report includes

Policy SS1: Scale and Distribution of Development: 4. Draft Spatial Policies *

'4.4 The policy outlines the role of Settlement Policy Boundaries (SPB) in terms of delineating between built up areas and the countryside... in line with the recommendations of the Settlement Study.

'Following discussion at this Committee in January 2022, an SPB has not been taken forward for Newnham given the settlement's small size and the difficulties identifying a suitable area given heritage concerns about including the open space around the Green.'

* Noting that this Draft (Reg 18) Spatial Strategy document has not been accepted for consultation, but this part has been agreed and is unlikely to be revisited.

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NEXT NEWNHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 13 July in Newnham Clubroom. Everyone warmly invited

Queen's Platinum Jubilee



Newnham's Platinum Jubilee celebrations complete with brass band, Pimms and Jubilee cakes, bouncy castle, tractors, fire engine – the ice cream van had just left. Next, supper at the Old House at Home, and the beacon and silent disco to follow. Thanks to the Jubilee Committee and all who made this a joyful and memorable day



CLUBROOM CLASSES

Come and join our exercise class at Newnham Clubroom held on Mondays, 6pm - 7pm.

We do a combination of cardiovascular, strength, balance, flexibility and stretch. For more information please contact Anne on 01252 844 109.

'PLANT A TREE FOR THE JUBILEE'

<https://queensgreencanopy.org/>

Please send your suggestions if you would like to see Jubilee tree(s) planted in the Parish.

Bear in mind that landowner permission will need to be sought in every instance, and also the final size of the tree you are advocating.

Please email clerk.newnham@parish.hants.gov.uk or speak to any member of the Parish Council.

See also: <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities/>



Water End Jubilee

On Saturday June 4th 2022 the rain stayed away until late evening and the sun shone as about 60 residents gathered in the largest garden on the Park for an afternoon and evening of food and drinks and a raffle and – best of all – a chance to reminisce, with friends and neighbours, about the Coronation itself and the intervening years, while music from those decades was played to add to the nostalgia and good feeling!

What a truly wonderful and unique event and HUGE thanks to Marion and Cyril for lending their garden, assisted by Brenda. It sums up the real spirit of being a good neighbour.

PS, thanks to the Clubroom for lending us the big tables to hold all the food, drink and raffle prizes!



VICTORIA COUNTY HISTORY – NATELY SCURES & NEWNHAM

HAMPSHIRE 'NEW SERIES' VOL II - OLD BASING, STEVENTON AND ENVIRONS – WORK IN PROGRESS The rural south Parishes of the medieval Hundred of Basingstoke

Draft documents on Nately Scures & Newnham are now on the website at <https://www.history.ac.uk/>

Search for Victoria County History and then A-Z of counties. Under Hampshire you will find:

<https://www.history.ac.uk/research/victoria-county-history/county-histories-progress/hampshire/hampshire-new-series-vol-ii-old-basing-steventon-and-environs> Then scroll down to find the documents for our Parish:

Nately Scures – Introduction; Nately Scures – Land Ownership; Nately Scures – Religious History (St Swithun's) Newnham – Introduction; Newnham – Land Ownership; Newnham – Social History.

Newnham & Nately Scures

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

22/01240/LDPO (28 April) Grove Villa, Blackstocks Lane. Certificate of Lawfulness for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension.

22/01190/FUL (05 May) Land on West Side of Nately Towers, Scures Hill. Erection of a detached five-bedroomed dwelling and detached garage, repositioning of entrance onto London Road (A30) and extension to footpath.

22/00981/FUL (Granted 26 May) Land at Blackstocks Lane. Erection of one new dwelling, landscaping & parking.

22/00754/HSE (Granted 25 May) Snipes Wood House, Scures Hill. Erection of first floor extension to existing garage to create home office with shower room and sauna.

22/00132/FUL (Pending 19 Jan) Land off Ridge Lane. Farm workers' dwelling for temporary period. Creation of earth bunds (2.5m max width by 1.5m max height). Permeable surfaced farm access tracks.

21/03830/FUL (Pending 19 January) Land Adjacent to Tithe Barn, Ridge Lane. Erection of one dwellinghouse with access driveway and new access on to Ridge Lane. (Replacement for approved application 20/01798/FUL.)

21/02135/RES (Pending 25 June 2021) Land Adjacent Oakfield Farmhouse, Scures Hill. Appearance, landscaping, layout and scale, ref reserved matters condition 1 of 16/00097/OUT.

16/03282/RET (pending 15th Sep 2016) Manor Farm, Blackstocks Lane. Change of use from agricultural to mixed agricultural to include diversification of farm open days etc 100 days a year, associated parking.

TREE NOTICE

T/00207/22/DDD (Five day notice) Dead Oak tree to be felled at 1 Manor Farm Cottages, Blackstocks Lane.

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SATURDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

Please join us and Ride & Stride for Hampshire & the Islands Historic Churches Trust. As ever Ride+Stride is a wonderful way to enjoy getting out and about as well as raising much-needed funds. Enjoy a picnic and have a fun day exploring our wonderful cultural heritage! All our United Parish Churches are taking part

From the Parish Registers...

Baptism

Roxy and Rosie Lee, 26th June
St Nicholas' Newnham.

Memorial Service

Gordon Russell-Cave, 26th June
St Mary's Mapledurwell.



From the Ministry Team

Letter from an ancient Reader

The principal function of our churches is to help us to worship God. It is the people in the churches who do the worshipping. To be a member of a congregation does not simply involve passively sitting back. Worship is at its best when everybody is personally involved. And there is no rule that worship is restricted to an hour in church every Sunday.

Worship is, or should be, fun. 'Joy' is one of the great Bible words. It crops up again and again. 'Joy' appears 326 times in the *New Testament* alone. 'Rejoice in the Lord!' cried Paul, from prison (Philippians 3:1). The *Old Testament* prophets Nehemiah and Ezra both told the people, 'The joy of the Lord is your strength' (Nehemiah 8:10), it was what kept people going when times were hard, as they so often were. God's great gift of joy is felt when all is under control, when all the problems have been dealt with or are being sorted out. Joy is one of the

gifts of the Spirit (along with love, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control: Galatians 5:22). Joy needs to be expressed in our work and in our play, in our lives and in our worship.

Worship is a great communal activity. It is at its best when everybody joins in, but we can also worship on our own, and a great way of worshipping on our own is by having our noses in our Bibles. The Bible is chock full of sound common sense, breathed on joyfully by the Holy Spirit. It is as relevant today as when the books of the Bible were written long ago, for the Bible is about people, and people don't change. The language of the older Bible translations can be a bit of a barrier, but there is nothing old-fashioned or irrelevant about what the Bible says. The problems we have are the problems people have always had – over possessions, over work, and particularly over relationships, and the Bible helps with all of them, if you can find the place (a concordance can help with this). A Bible which sits on the shelf gathering dust is useless. A joyful Bible is one which is getting a bit tattered and battered, as many of us are. Enjoy it!

Peter Moore, Licensed Lay Minister (formerly Lay Reader)

CHURCH SERVICES JULY INTO AUGUST

Sunday 3 July	9am, St Mary's Mapledurwell CW Holy Communion 11am, St Mary's Greywell, Morning Service with Baptism
Sunday 10 July	9am, St Stephen's Up Nately, BCP Holy Communion (said) 9am, St Nicholas' Newnham, BCP Holy Communion (said)
Sunday 17 July	9am, St Mary's Greywell, CW Holy Communion 11am, St Mary's Mapledurwell, Informal Service 5pm, St Swithun's Nately Scures, Patronal Evensong
Sunday 24 July	11am, St Stephen's Up Nately, Patronal Morning Service
Sunday 31 July	9.30am All Saints Odiham, Benefice CW Holy Communion 11am, All Saints Odiham, Benefice Informal Service
Sunday 7 August	9am St Mary's Mapledurwell, CW Holy Communion 11am St Mary's Greywell, Morning Service



Helen Chatfield
Youth Pastor
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KIDZONE

Hi everyone!

Is it possible that God is a bird-watcher? Picture it – a dazzling kingfisher suddenly appears; you think about the little fellow’s beautiful colours. Do you remember to thank God? How does God feel when you do? Isn’t it incredible to think that this colourful creature has been made for us by God.



It is so easy for us to divide life into two different sections. On the one hand there is God and the church and on the other there is football, school, friends, making hot chocolate and watching robins and owls. Is it possible that they are connected?

A couple called Peter and Miranda Harris were both passionate bird watchers and ecologists (that means they look after nature!) In 1983 they set up a charity called A Rocha, which is a Christian conservation organisation. Over the years, A Rocha has helped many birds to nest safely and helped the environment in places such as the Aammiq wetland in Lebanon, the forests of Kenya and even a city park in Southall, London. If you’d like to find out more, or join in some of their fun activities, just go to their website at arocha.org.uk.



Some people get confused about why the environment is so important to Christians. We probably all know the story of Adam and Eve in the Bible, but do you know about the bit where God speaks to Adam and tells him that he must take care of all the creatures and plants on the Earth? This is why Christians believe it is so important to look after creation – because God gave it to us and he asked us to look after it! I wonder what you do to take care of creation?

THIS SUMMER WE WILL HAVE HOLIDAY CLUB AGAIN – BUT THIS YEAR IT IS ALL ABOUT SCIENCE!

But what does that have to do with God, I hear you say!

EVERYTHING! Not just about creation and the climate, but so much more!

Join us from 8th – 11th August in Upton Grey to find out about God and science with Experiments, games, drama and crafts.

If you want to find out more, please scan this QR code to book!



In the meantime, take some time to enjoy nature around you – and remember just how lucky we are that God gave it to us!

God Bless and see you next time!, Helen C



North Hampshire Downs Mothers’ Union

In June we celebrated the Queen’s Jubilee with a Festival Service in Winchester Cathedral. It was a lovely occasion, and an opportunity to reflect on the Queen’s life of service and also the ways in which Mothers’ Union seeks to serve its communities.

As well as practical action to support families, Mothers’ Union campaigns on issues that impact the lives of women and girls. During July, the UK government is planning to ratify the Istanbul Convention, a treaty of the Council of Europe against gender-based violence. However, the Home Secretary says that they have reservations on a key article that would grant residence to those survivors of violence whose immigration status relies on their partners. This decision has been heavily criticised as it excludes migrant women from protection. We can help by writing to our MPs and demanding that the government ratifies this treaty without reservations.

Mothers’ Union will be running their usual stall at RAF Families day on Friday 19th August, and we would love to receive your home-made cakes for this event, your support is greatly appreciated. To find out more about Mothers’ Union or our branch, please contact Sue Murphy on sue@the-murphys.me.uk or 01252 845011.



<https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/passenger-transport>

The proposals within this consultation seek to continue to deliver effective services, within a reduced budget, by:

- **Making operational changes to supported passenger transport services (including supported bus services, Dial-a-Ride, Call & Go, Taxishare and Minibus Group hire services),**
- **removing some enhancements to the Concessionary Travel Scheme currently funded by HCC, and**
- **increasing the contributions users pay for some services.**

This consultation is open until 11:59pm on Sunday 24 July 2022.

WOMEN'S SECTION
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
OLD BASING



28th July 7.30pm in the RBL Hall,
General meeting and Summer Party (bring a plate of nibbles).
Competition 'Summer Hat'

All welcome

25th August Meeting

On 'SCAM, FRAUD', there is so much of it these days. The Banks now have dedicated personnel to come and talk to you on how you might be able to avoid the trauma.

HSBC Bank are coming to our August Meeting and their talk starts at 8.30pm.

This event OPEN TO EVERYONE, hope you will be able to join us.

Sue Wilson, Publicity, 01256 328196



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ODIHAM DISTRICT

Open Day on August 17th

All our Activity Groups will be there with stalls displaying their wares. This gives everybody – existing members and visitors – a chance to socialise or browse. With over 50 groups, there's plenty to choose from; all providing opportunities to enjoy being active with friends. For example:

- Physical exercise; Ballet, Bowls, Tennis and Walking
- Mental stimulation; Mahjong, Current Affairs, History and Philosophy
- Culture; Books, Poetry, Theatre and Painting.

In addition, we have a monthly talk covering a wide range of topics. For a full list of our activities visit our website or even better, why not come and have a look? If you are no longer working full time or are getting close to retirement and you'd like to see for yourself, please do come to;

Open Day – August 17th – 10-12 noon, Robert May's School, Odiham

There is absolutely no need to book. Just put the date in your diary and we will look forward to welcoming you! <https://u3asites.org.uk/odiham/home>



THE IVY CLUB OLD BASING

Half way through the year, where does the time go... We are so happy our membership is still growing and if you feel like an afternoon of sociability then we are the place to come – on a Wednesday afternoon from 1.30 until 4 at The Royal British Legion Hall, Old Basing.

All it costs you is £2 for which you get fed and watered, and a raffle into the bargain! (We've suspended the jigsaw and book exchange for now, thinking they're more suitable for the winter months.)

June has been busy with a visit from the Dogs Trust. Emma brought her three-legged friend called Bambi and told us all about the amazing work they do. Like most we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee raising a glass of champagne and singing 'God Save the Queen', and are finishing this month with a party in celebration of the life of one of our members, Pat Perman.

And, finally, we have a Coach Outing to Weymouth on the 19th July, the cost is £19 per person. We do have some seats available, so if you are interested please call me to book your seat - 01256 328 196.

Sue Wilson, Chairman

NORTH WARNBOROUGH AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

Next meeting 28 July at 2.10pm, North Warnborough Village Hall.

Speaker Paul Patton on 'Wonderful Healthy Herbs'. Talk begins at 2.30pm, tea and biscuits after.

Visitors welcome

<https://www.nwdgc.org.uk>

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EAST BASINGSTOKE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN CONSULTATION

BDBC is seeking input on plans to support a green infrastructure network including:

Eastrop Park, War Memorial Park, Black Dam Ponds, Crabtree Plantation, Lime Pits, Basing Common, Mill Field.

Aims to • Protect and enhance habitats including green corridors between sites • Improve accessibility and outdoor recreational opportunities • Link places of cultural importance such as Basing House and Basingstoke Canal with the centre of town.

<https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/natural-environment-consult>

Consultation to Friday 8 July. Please give your views online or via email to NaturalEnvironmentTeam@basingstoke.gov.uk

