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The Viables Community Centre Magazine



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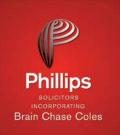
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Hub Community Church

In our church we run Discovery Groups where we help people discover what the Bible says about God. We start each session by asking what we are thankful for. As I write this, the restrictions have just eased and we are now permitted to meet up to six family and friends, or two households, indoors and a larger number outdoors. With the weather having been so bad recently, most of the people in one Discovery Group I run commented on how they are thankful to be able to meet with loved ones again. In fact, it seems there has been no shortage of things to be thankful for these past 15 months, which may seem strange given all we have lived through. I have realised the many things I take for granted and have found joy in the small things again; the simple act of going inside a close family member's home (while the rain battered down outside!) brought such a sense of freedom and I found myself feeling quite emotional after a long and restrictive winter at home.

As we continue to enjoy society opening up again, let's remember the things that Covid has taught us this last year or so. We have all endured different experiences through this storm and have had to adapt in various ways. Covid has forced many to change the way they work, has plunged far too many people into grief, caused significant financial worries and has affected the mental health of many people young and old, but one real positive for me has been a mindset change that has helped me see the good in the bad and the hope in the despair. A friend recently reminded me that we only see a vague outline, a fraction of the big picture of which our lives are a part. I'm trying to be less focussed on the tiny piece on the edge that I'm living through in any moment and realise that there sis o much more of the artwork to discover.

Living with gratitude helps to open our eyes to so much more and allows us to appreciate the bigger picture. What are you thankful for today? If you would like to try a Discovery Group or want to chat to someone, we would love to hear from you. You can reach us via our website or on email.

God bless,

Andy Wright

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Andy Wright, Senior Leader, Hub Community Church

Message from the Manager

Hello Everyone!

Once again, we have successfully and effectively reopened. We would like to thank you all for sticking with us throughout and for returning to us in the knowledge that we are doing all we can do to keep you safe.

We have been really busy since April 12th with children's activities and support groups. Tiny Town, Messy/Sensory Play, Barn Tots, Baby Steps, Arts and Crafts and Barn Tots SEND have all been well attended and thoroughly enjoyed and we have managed to meet lots of lovely families along the way.

On May 17th we welcomed back the majority of our regular hirers, with just a few more to join us again in June. From September, we will have some new hirers joining us and one of those is advertised on the front cover, so if you are interested in art classes, please get in touch with Carrie directly.

We sadly say goodbye to our Trustee Pam who was our Secretary to the committee. We wish her well for her future and thank her for the hard work and commitment she gave us during her time her. We will inform you of our new appointment in our next edition.

We look forward to seeing you all over the coming months and advertising an increasing number of activities and events.



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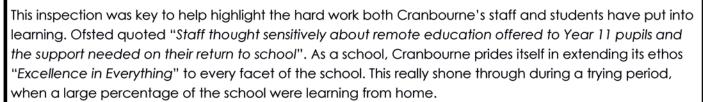
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Community News

Update from Cranbourne

Cranbourne's Ofsted Success

Cranbourne School is incredibly pleased with its latest Remote Ofsted Inspection. Inspectors, at the end of March have praised the school for its support of students during a difficult learning period and their transition back into in-school learning.



Following this observation, different departments were commended for the consideration and effort put into maintaining an excellence in the teaching and support of the students. From the Science department planning and conducting practical experiments, the library's 'click-and-collect' service to help ensure pupils continue to read books that engage them, to the wonderful work from the SEND team with Ofsted quoting "Relationships between school staff and families of pupils with SEND are strong. This was reflected in responses to Ofsted's Parent View. These parents were unanimous in agreeing that the school gives their child the support they need to succeed."

Mrs Aplin, Headteacher of Cranbourne commented: "I'm absolutely delighted with this report from Ofsted. My staff have worked jolly hard to meet the needs of our children and families since March 2020. This deep commitment and high quality of education has been recognised by inspectors. I'm hugely proud of our school. Our motto "Excellence in Everything" applies to all aspects of what we achieve as a school – even in a pandemic!"

You can read the full report from Ofsted here:

http://www.cranbourne.hants.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Ofsted-Report.pdf

<u>Year 6 Intake</u>

Since March 2021 we have been getting to know the students and families who will be joining us in September 2021. We are very proud of our transition process; it is very important that our new Year 7 students feel excited and happy about coming to Cranbourne. We have already held two online Welcome meetings and are delighted to have launched our 6 week programme of online lessons. We are offering two lessons per week in a range of subjects. This is an excellent opportunity for our new Year 7 students to meet other students that will be joining Cranbourne and get to



know each other and members of our staff. Ms Corrigan, our Transition Co-ordinator has already started her visits to the primary schools and is really enjoying meeting the children who will be joining us and their teachers. Our two Induction Days will be held on 1st and 2nd July 2021 and it will be fantastic to finally have the children in school so that they can really experience what it is like to attend Cranbourne.

The summer term is usually very busy and we are hoping that our "normal" events will return this year (depending on Government guidance). Watch this space for further news on what is happening at Cranbourne in the summer!

SUMMER BECKONS AND ACTIVITIES COME TO LIFE

www.basingstokeu3a.org

facebook.com/Basingstokeu3a



We've Organised New Outdoor Activities - Come and Join Us!

Keen to get out of lockdown as soon we can, we've been looking for new ways of getting together outdoors. In the next few weeks, men and women from our membership are coming together to play walking football at Everest Community Centre, with walking netball and rounders at Popley Fields following on behind. Do let us know if you're interested. For those of you who aren't members, there's a reduced membership fee of £7.50 for just the summer, for which you can take on as many activities as you want. If you want to keep fit, join us for other exercise too. We're already walking, cycling, playing croquet, and walking 'with our cameras'.



And we're still 'Getting Together' Indoors safely too

Keep an eye on Facebook or our website as well; we'll gradually be opening up some of our active indoor activities when regulations allow. And our excursions & holidays group has plans well under way. Beyond a pandemic - there's no stopping them!

But for those of us who enjoy less energetic pastimes, technology still keeps us chatting to each other. Groups are busy 'touring' museums and galleries together, quizzing, and practising their calligraphy. Others are discussing books, poetry, science, technology, or even learning a new language (we have four to choose from!) Some members are sharing their art work, writing, sewing, knitting and patchwork. Others are researching their family history or playing bridge. *All* these activities come with your membership fee too.

If you're not on-line

Hopefully one of these outdoor activities might interest you, and we're still trying to expand them. As the weather warms, lunching, arts and music groups may well re-emerge into gardens too. Please phone if you'd like more details of what might be available. We can keep in touch with you if you wish, to make sure you're up-to-date as more activities come to life in the summer sun. A warm welcome awaits!

email: basingstokeu3aenquiries@gmail.com phone: 07787 520 281

PLAY CROQUET!

Croquet: six hoops, four balls, a mallet and a patch of grass. Sounds easy enough?

However croquet is a game of skill and strategy, angles, tactics and guile. A bit like snooker on grass. It is enjoyable at all levels and you don't need to be an athlete to play it.

There is an excellent facility in Basingstoke with a top class lawn and a cosy clubhouse.

If you would like to give it a try we will be having an open day on Saturday 26th June. Just turn up any time between 10am and 2pm. Equipment will be provided, just wear casual comfortable clothes and flat shoes. There is no charge for an initial try-out. While you are waiting we have some excellent training videos on the website well worth a look.

If you can't make it that day please use the contact form on the website and we can arrange a convenient time for you to come for a try-out.

We are based in St Andrews Road in South Ham, please see our website for more information: www.basingstokecroquet.co.uk

Community News

Chalk Ridge Primary School

www.chalkridgepri.hants.sch.uk



It's been lovely to have all our children back in school. They have each settled happily back into their routines, and are enjoying their learning and playing with their friends. There's lots of catching up for them to do of course, but they've set to work and, as always, we're very proud of them.





Children from our Yr 6 classes are looking forward to their outward bound residential trip at the end of May, and we're very grateful to the teachers who are giving up some of their half term to be with them. At the other end of the school, Early Years pupils are realising that term time doesn't normally come with lots of extra holidays in between, but they're happily learning what school life should be all about and remaking their friendships.

While they've been away, tucked into Brighton Hill our Woodland School has continued to develop. Our two large playgrounds, surrounded by a bog garden, two woodland areas, and two large fields, have been waiting to welcome the children back too. The bird hide and bug hotels now have curious children around them, disturbing the peace but enthusiastically exploring their world in the safe school environment.



And sometimes, our younger children come to school in their own outdoor clothes, wellington boots and waterproofs and have a lesson outside, whatever the weather! It all builds their confidence and resilience.

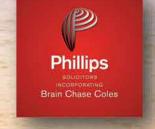
The school is getting ready to welcome the children who will join us in the autumn as well. We still have some pupil places left, so do ask for a visit if you're interested in our happy school for your child.

Chalk Ridge Governors

Planning for the future

When it comes to thinking about the future of your loved ones it is important to have plans in place to cover all eventualities should anything happen to you.

Many people put off planning for the future because it is something they would rather not think about, or choose to worry about it at a later date – after all few people like to face up to the eventuality of their passing.



If this sounds like you, your loved ones could be left with some very complicated issues to resolve at a difficult and emotional time.

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Our team can also arrange and administer trusts to ensure your assets are protected and your family is looked after.

To find out how we can help you plan for the future, please contact Lucy Watson, who is the head of our Wills and Probate team, by emailing lucy.watson@phillips-law.co.uk or by calling 01256 854646.

Alternatively, for more information about our wide range of legal services please visit www.phillips-law.co.uk

When contacting Phillips, please mention The Harrow Way.





Viables Community Centre



Call for Volunteers



Can you help our community?

- Mondays at 9am, setting up the hall for a toddler group.
- Mondays 2.45pm putting away toys and equipment after a play session.
- 12.15pm Mondays helping set up Messy Play.
- 1.45pm Monday helping clean up after Messy Play
- Thursdays helping with a mum and baby group 1pm - 3pm

All of these volunteering roles require some lifting and cleaning.



Contact us:
01256473634
or email
Office@viables.org.uk

Our Purpase

To enable community involvement through enjoyable and valuable activities, that are both accessible and affordable.

We are currently looking for someone who would like to run our workshops to enable people to get online. If you think you have the following skills and would be able to help, please get in touch:

- Friendly
- Patient
- IT confident (can use a tablet to navigate websites and do online shopping, set up email accounts etc.)
- Able to volunteer your time on a weekday

A HUGE thank you as always to all our wonderful volunteers who have supported, and continue to support, the centre. We appreciate each and every one of you.

THANK YOU!

Chineham & Sherfield Park Scarecrow Trail 24th- 25th July

Come and join Basingstoke and District Disability Forum (BDDF) on $24^{th}-25^{th}$ July for this fantastic annual community event. 'The Rolls Royce of Scarecrow Trails' returns, local residents are busily constructing their entries which follow this years' theme 'Heroes and Villains'. Last year, we surpassed all expectations and the hundreds of families that



attended enjoyed the 96 amazing entries over 2 trails which covered a total of 6 miles. This year all scarecrows will remain on display until 30th July, so everyone has a chance to complete the trail.

Saturday's family activities will be based at Chineham Christ Church, then moving to Sherfield Park Community Centre on Sunday. These will include local craft stalls, refreshments, raffle and the fantastic team from 'Pop Up and Play' will be providing entertainment for the kids. For those coming from further afield, parking will be available at Four Lanes Community School.

As your local disability charity, it is important to us that the route is completely accessible and has been carefully considered to include drop curbs to be inclusive to all mobility levels.

If you want to get involved there are loads of ways that you can support us, as well as taking part in the event to follow the trail. We are a small charity and rely on the help of our volunteers. You could support disabled people taking part with a guided walk, assist at the main sites with maps and refreshments, or help the organization of the event. If you would like to get involved, please contact info@bddf.org.uk

Last year we raised £5077, these are vital funds for the charity to continue our work – all services are free to access, from seated yoga to IT courses and our signposting services, and will support our mission to facilitate increased awareness, active involvement, and healthy promotion of disability and those who live it. For more information, please visit our website www.bddf.org.uk, telephone 01256 423869 or follow us on social media to keep up to date with our services.

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Monday Monday	GU V
Messy/Sensory Play—booking through Trybooking only	1 - 1.45
Ukulele Classes Booking is essential - contact: office@viables.org.uk	From 17:15
Phoenix Martial Arts - Kickboxing Email Tom Hayward pma_kickboxing@hotmail.com	19:45 - 21:15
Art classes starting in September—contact Carrie on 07780 714656 for information or booking	Am and PM sessions
Tuesday	
Gardening Club March - Nov 01256 473634	9:00 - 12:00
Barn Tots - friendly, informal play for under 5's 01256 473634	9.45 - 11.30
Dress Making classes Contact Sewfistication on 07880 716593	10:00 - 12:00
Move it or Lose it - Change the way you age, for over 60's Amanda 07399 618947	12:30 - 13:30
Cookstars with Natasha Children's cooking classes E: natasha@cookstars.co.uk T: 07570 690 758	16.00 - 17.15
Boxercise with Ali	18.00 - 19.00
Krav Maga Self Defence Sonny 07851 433456	19.15 - 20.45
Wednesday	
Pilates Elaine 07808 895279	10:00 - 11:00
Hatha Yoga Elaine 07808 895279	11:15 - 12:15
Dress Making classes Contact Sewfistication on 07880 716593	10:00 - 12:00
The Harrow Way over 55's group - fortnightly friendly meetings for mature members. 01256 324012	13:30 -15:30
Slimming World Jo 07515 719190 times may vary during COVID	17:30 & 19:30
The Bastion - The Gaming Club Times may change after June 21st Jason 07763 521027	17:00 - 22:00
Thursday	
Baby Ballet for under 5s—BabyBallet Alton	9.00 - 11.30
Barn Tots SEND - friendly, informal play for under 5's with special educational needs and/or disabilities 01256 473634	10:00 - 11:30
Postural Stability Class with Debs	12.00 - 13.00
Hampton Trust support group	17:00 - 21.00
Pilates Janice 07789 711294	18:55 - 20:00
MEOWS - Wellbeing Choir for all Jeanette 07885 596380—returning later in the year	19:30 - 21:00
Friday	
Weight Watchers Vanda 07771 884553 Please check times with your group leader	9.30am
Memory Club - Activities for those with dementia Emma Cameron 01256 473634 emma@viables.org.uk	10:30 - 12:30 13:00 - 15:00
Real Aquifer with Damien—Martial Arts classes— SPRINGBOARD TO MARTIAL ARTS (SPRINGS) AGES 4, 5 & 6 - 5:15 PM JUNIORS (AGES 7+) - 6:00PM R.A.W - 7PM	5.15 onwards
Saturday	
Baby Ballet contact Babyballet Alton for details	9.00 - 12.00
Sunday	
Healing Springs Church Ben 07984 544982	10:00 - 13:00



Save the date for Basingstoke Festival!

Friday 25 June to Sunday 11 July 2021

Discover art in unusual places in unusual times!

There's fun for all the family at this year's Basingstoke Festival. The annual arts festival, in its ninth year, will showcase the best of the arts locally, nationally and internationally - from music to dance, visual art to theatre, you will 'discover art in unusual places in unusual times'.



Across Basingstoke and the surrounding areas you will find acts such as Urban Astronaut from Highly Sprung Theatre Company that combines storytelling with stunning design and an aerial performance, using a unique travelling flying machine that suspends the performer 20 feet in the air. Mimbre Acrobats will return to the festival with their quirky show Lifted, a breathtaking and highly-skilled acrobatic piece of performance art, and children and their families will also be invited to look through the windows and doors of My House, a circus theatre experience from Apocalyptic Circus.

Local artists and organisations including Proteus, Scratchbuilt Productions, Pumpkin Pantos and Junk Jodie Arts and Crafts will be featured in the programme highlighting the best of arts and culture Basingstoke has to offer.

The packed programme also features a series of outdoor cinema screenings showing popular movies in a brand-new picturesque location. Film titles will include Frozen 2, Back to the Future and The Greatest Showman plus many more!

Keep an eye on the website for up to date information www.basingstokefestival.co.uk.

To ensure Basingstoke Festival is COVID-secure and to keep audiences and performers safe, events may be ticketed. These will be available via the website.

Notes: Basingstoke Festival is a partner in Without Walls, working with

festivals and artists and bringing fantastic outdoor arts to people in towns and cities across the UK. More here: www.withoutwalls.org.uk Basingstoke Festival is subsidised by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.



Greetings from everyone at All Saints Church

I'm sure most of us look forward to the summer – especially after the rather cold and wet Spring we've had this year. It should be a time for long sunny days, stretching into balmy evenings; for barbecues and picnics, summer fetes and festivals, holidays and happy times. There's no guarantee that the weather will allow all this of course, but while we might not be quite 'back to normal' this summer it is such a relief to be out and about again and able to meet up with family and friends.

All Saints, your church at the Top of Town, re-opened its doors at Easter and we've been carefully resuming our Sunday at 10.00am worship since then. We've enjoyed being together, albeit socially distanced and without singing, and are grateful to all those who have made that possible. In fact, in order to keep the church Covid safe and well-aired, we've literally kept the doors open, in spite of a chilly breeze around our knees, so if you walk by you might hear the magnificent sound of our organist and choir, or even catch a few lines of a sermon!

....Or why not come and join us? You will find up to date information, our latest services and links to other resources on the All Saints Facebook page and the church website. If you would like to speak to one of the clergy, our Associate Priest is Revd. Pat Palmer on 01256 412986.

We continue to pray for everyone who lives, works and studies in our district and ask God's blessing upon you all.

Revd. Jane Leese

Assistant Priest at All Saints Church

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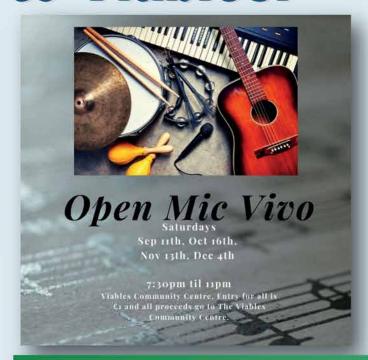


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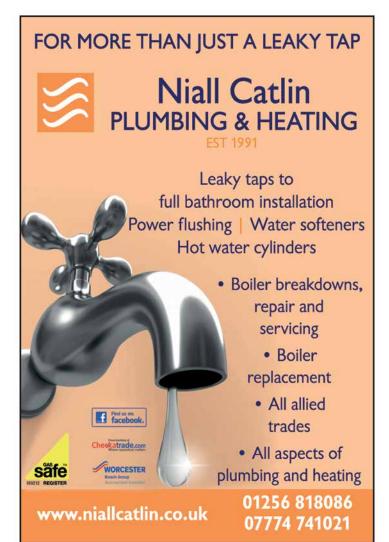
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