

# Sainsbury's

**Our Values Make us Different**

## Café Closure

Work has now started to include a new Starbucks located where the old café was. We look forward to welcoming the team from Starbucks with a provisional opening set for the end of June.

## Neighbourly Food Donations

Since launching our partnership with Neighbourly six months ago, over a tonne of food has been donated across the Borough, equating to over 1000 meals.

We still have an option for charities to apply for collections and any interest, in the first instance should be made to Neighbourly.

## Nectar Donate

You can now choose to donate Nectar Points to any registered charity in the UK. Registration is straightforward and there are no fees.

You can find out more details for registering for the scheme via this link. <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/nectar-donate/for-charities>

## Smart Shop & Self-Serve Tills

Thank you for your patience and feedback during our recent trials at our checkouts. The way our customers shop with us is ever changing and the trial looked at ways in which we can continue to learn from our customers. Using Smart Shop and the Nectar App can make a significant saving in time for our customers and in the prices you pay. With the launch of Nectar Prices you can make significant savings to your weekly in store shop. Later in the year we'll be including Nectar Prices for our online customers so keep an eye out for any announcements.

## Car Park

Thank you for your continued help in keeping our re-cycling area clear from fly-tipping. Our In-Store team provide a tremendous job in trying to keep the area clean from rubbish and pests.

You will have also noticed a significant investment in the car park to tackle dangerous driving.

Our primary concern is for the safety of our customer and colleagues who use the car park at almost all hours of the day.



## BASINGSTOKE GANG SHOW IS BACK!

### AUDITION NOW!

If you like to laugh, sing, dance and entertain then come along to the auditions for Basingstoke Gang Show - the longest running and 'bestselling amateur show in Basingstoke'.

We're looking for a cast of 70 Basingstoke Guiding and Scouting members to join

our 28th Show taking to the stage across 11 performances in February 2023 at The Haymarket Theatre.

The members of the Production team have been busy creating an array of numbers with wonderful choreography, sensational songs and hilarious sketches that make Basingstoke Gang Show, fresh, relevant, edgy and fun, ready for the rehearsals that start in September 2022.

Auditions are open to all members of Scouting and Guiding who will be 10½ or over on 1st February 2023 and all Cubs who will be 8 or over on 1st February 2023.

Auditions for Basingstoke Gang Show 2020 will take place at: Everest Community Academy, 10am - 4pm, on the following dates:

Surnames A-L: Sunday 15th May 2022

Surnames M-Z: Sunday 22nd May 2022

To register to audition visit [www.basingstokegangshow.com](http://www.basingstokegangshow.com). You can also look at Basingstoke Gang Show Facebook page [www.facebook.com/BasingstokeGangshow](http://www.facebook.com/BasingstokeGangshow) for more information or ask a question.

We look forward to welcoming you to the auditions!



## CUCKOO MEADOW PRE-SCHOOL

Hello from Cuckoo Meadow Pre-School!

Spring has arrived on the meadow and it has been fantastic to see the children point out the snowdrops... and the daffodils...and the muddy puddles... lots of fun to be had by all!

When not outside relishing the spring sunshine the children have been enjoying learning all about our weekly themes. Recently we have had much fun creating pirate hats, pirate parrots and not forgetting trying to talk like a pirate. We have also loved reading The Gruffalo together and recreating scenes from the popular book on our Pre School wall.

**About Cuckoo Meadow Pre-School:** We are a small, friendly, Ofsted Outstanding ranked pre-school located in the Rathbone Pavillion, North Waltham. The children who attend come from within the village and the surrounding areas including Oakley, Dummer, Hatch Warren, Kempshott and Beggarwood and all agree the location and wonderful caring staff mean it is more than worth the short journey. To find out more please contact Jo or Fiona on 01256 398172.

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## COUNCILLOR PUTTY

April is a Stress Awareness month. It is very important to manage stress whether you are at work or with your families and friends. It is also important to support anyone who is suffering with stress and encourage them to take one step at a time and seek professional help.

Best regards

**Cllr Dan PUTTY JP**

## LOOKING FOR SOMETHING DIFFERENT?



Singing is one of the oldest enjoyments known, going back at least 4,000 years.

The Basingstoke Male Voice Choir hasn't been around quite that long! Founded in 1964 it has performed at hundreds of venues, toured overseas, and raised many thousands of pounds for charities. We sing in accompanied four-part harmony, and perform a range of music – traditional, musical theatre, modern and even pop.

Now we want to reach out to you - the Pandemic has depleted our numbers and we need new singers.

Have you thought you would like to sing with others? Well, if you would like to, we will shortly be having an "open" evening on May 24th for you to come and hear

us. This will be at our rehearsal hall, St Michael's Church Cottage, (St Michael's Church, Church Cottage, Church Square, Basingstoke, RG21 7QW) at 7:30 PM.

We'll be putting on a mini-performance, absolutely free, so you can see what we do and how much pleasure we get from it. There will be opportunities for you to ask questions and talk to choristers to better understand the world of male voice singing.

Let us know if getting there or finding us is a problem for the "open evening." We will try to arrange transport with one of our members for you. For those of you who may be apprehensive about your ability to sing in harmony, the Choir will hold free, basic singing and music lessons for new members with our Musical Director.

Coming along to our "open evening" places no commitment on you whatsoever. Of course, we do hope you will like what you hear and decide to join us! The evening should last about an hour.

Contact us at [BasingstokeMVC@outlook.com](mailto:BasingstokeMVC@outlook.com) or visit [www.basingstokemvc.org.uk](http://www.basingstokemvc.org.uk)

**Basingstoke Male Voice Choir**

**Open Evening**

**May 24th, 2022, 7:30 PM**

## PLANNING SUMMER FUN OVER TEA AND CAKE

[www.basingstokeu3a.org](http://www.basingstokeu3a.org)

[facebook.com/Basingstokeu3a](https://facebook.com/Basingstokeu3a)

together like this. Keep an eye out for us or get in touch for details.

### Coming Together to Make Sure We're not Missing Out!

There are over 60 groups in our U3A, all meeting regularly to enjoy different things together, and all coming together monthly (all for just one annual membership fee of course - currently £25 until September!).

We all came together in Lychpit recently to have a good chat about our future and make sure that we continue to run the activities people want. It was great to hear everyone exchanging ideas with friends they don't see quite so often. Some



members brought a friend with them to see what's on offer before joining, and we're planning several other get-

### Some of Us Prefer A Good Discussion Best!

Many of us come together to enjoy sports such as football, cycling and badminton; some dance, sing or play games from bridge to quizzing to skittles; others write, paint, photograph, sew or knit.

Many of our members want to learn a new language (French, German, Spanish or Latin). Others enjoy a good discussion in the Science & Technology, Environment, Philosophy, Biography and History groups. If you have a different special interest, we can try to help you set up a new discussion group of your own. Come and enjoy summer with us!

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If you would like a paper copy of all our current activities phone: 07787 520 281