

**OLD BASSETT  
RESIDENTS  
ASSOCIATION**  
It's nothing without YOU!

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**CHRISTMAS  
IN THE  
COMMUNITY**

**A TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS  
PARTY FOR EVERYONE**

Jointly hosted by Old Bassett Residents Association and the All Saints' Committee

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 4-6 pm**  
**All Saints' Hall, Winchester Road**

- \* Christmas crafts for the children
- \* Songs \* Carols\* Raffle \* Quiz
- \* Mulled wine, soft drinks, tea/coffee will be provided
- \* Bring and Share Food, please!  
(finger foods: rolls, dips, nibbles, etc)

**FREE!**

(But we will be collecting for the Rose Road Association)

# OBRA Social Events

## 1) Christmas in the Community

### Calling all singers! Bassett Christmas Scratch Choir?

We know that lots of you enjoy singing and are in choirs or even run choirs! We were recently asked about organising a Bassett Choir and we thought this was a great idea! Our thought was to put together a one-off ("scratch") choir for "Christmas in the Community" and sing a few numbers at that. The Revd. Sheena Williams has kindly said we may use All Saints' for rehearsals. If you are interested, do let us know (details overleaf or below).



## 2) Burns Night Ceilidh - Saturday 27/01/18



Following the success of the Midsummer BBQ and quiz night, we are planning a Burns Night, together with a ceilidh band, caller and dancing. The evening will run from 7-10 pm at All Saints' and include a traditional meal of "Haggis, Neeps and Taties" (there will also be a veggie option and sausages for those who are not fond of haggis!) Drinks: BYO, but teas and coffees will be provided. Tickets cost £10 and will be limited in number due to the size of the hall, so to book yours, do drop us a line.



## 3) Pancake Party - Tuesday 13/02/18

A freebie and open to everyone - but please bring an edible contribution (batter, a filling or a drink) if you can. We usually run the Pancake Party over tea time from 5-7 pm at All Saints' hall and there is always a LOAD of food, with both savoury and sweet fillings, so don't eat first!

# Enhancing our area?

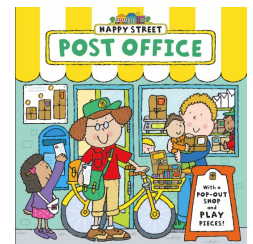
With amenities such as our shops, the Common and the Sports Centre right on our doorstep, most of us probably agree that Bassett is a pleasant place to live. At a recent committee meeting we asked ourselves the question - how might we enhance our area? Various suggestions were made:

- 1) general tidy up of our roads - litter pick, clear hedgerow and gutters
  - 2) Flowers in bed at Thornhill Road and in baskets down at the shops
  - 3) Silver birches planted at roundabout to combat pollution
  - 4) Survey on overhanging vegetation
- We are very interested in how YOU think we could enhance our area. If you have thoughts and suggestions, please let us have them.



## Post Office News

The latest is that both the Post Office and One Stop are likely to close when the current lease expires in February 2018. Under the "Join Us" section of its website, the Post Office has a lot of information about running a Post Office but so far, it does not appear that anyone has come forward to take it on. Everyone we have spoken to does not want to see the Post Office go, so we will be setting up a working party to look into ways we can keep it open. Do contact us if you would like to be involved.



## OBRA Watch

Here is a summary from our Neighbourhood Policing Team's recent newsletter: Sadly there has been a spate of burglaries in our area. Make sure your doors and windows are secure/locked. If going out at night leave a light on or use timer switches and don't leave personal items on show - e.g. laptop computer or handbag/purse/wallet. During the run up to Christmas try not to leave parcels in your vehicle. Doorstep crime is on the increase - often 2 people working together. If you aren't expecting anyone, don't let them in, say NO and tell them to leave. Tell the Police and let OBRA Watch know so that other residents can be aware. It's easy to fall prey to scams so be aware and don't give out any personal details. OBRA Watch also say: In 2018 we will try to get more information to help you. It's not just about policing but also about helping vulnerable neighbours. So this winter make sure your neighbours are OK especially those who live alone. If you haven't joined OBRA Watch yet, do consider doing so!

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## OLD BASSETT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

I/we would like to join the Old Bassett Residents Association and receive further news and information.

I/We consent to Old Bassett Residents Association using my/our e-mail address  Y  N *Please circle as necessary.*

I/We enclose the annual membership fee of £3.00 per person/£5.00 per household.

Name ..... Address ..... Tel/e-mail .....

Comments/suggestions: .....

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*Please post completed form/monies through letter box of 412 Winchester Road. Thank you!*