



# Basingstoke Breast Cancer Self Help Group



## Meetings in 2024

Our face to face meetings will continue to take place on the following dates:

**20th February**  
Tony Bambergh President of The Lions - Basingstoke

**26th March**  
General Meeting

**23rd April**  
Geoff Sharp -Secretary RSPB Basingstoke

**The ARK**  
6pm-8pm



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### Editor's Bit



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### Hello Ladies.

#### FEBRUARY

February is upon us already and the volume of water around the town shows just what a wet January it has been!

I know it has been a trifle cold and wet of late, but let's look forward to the spring, summer and autumn to come. I am hoping that with a little help from Maggie and with Jane doing a little admiin we can organize some good outings and events for this year too.

If there is anything in particular that anyone wants to do, please email, text, WhatsApp or phone one of the three of us with your thoughts. We will do our best to get things organized. Alternatively if anyone would like to run an organized trip or event, just let us know so that we can support you.

Personally I am looking forward to the canal trip in the summer and the skittles evening at Loddon Vale Indoor Bowls Club in the autumn.

At our AGM Renee organized a marvelous event including a fun quiz and some hilarious karaoke! I think we all enjoyed it very much and it wasn't what the new ladies were expecting at all!! I'm sure most of you wouldn't mind doing a "Quiz & Karaoke" night at another of our Group General Meetings later this year.

#### REGULAR MEETINGS

**24th February** Gabardine's are prepared for us to have our usual cuppa and catchup meetings on the **last Saturday** of each month to coincide with the **5k walks (Which meet at Simply Tennis by 8:30am)**. The snug area will be set up for us when we arrive at 10:30am.

**On 20th February** We look forward to welcoming Tony Bamberg, President of the Lions Club to tell us all about his organization. Please arrive by **5:45 for a prompt 6PM start**,

#### IN OTHER NEWS

Would any of you ladies who live in or around the Tadley area be willing to make contact with someone who lives in Reading area on behalf of the group please? She has been unable to find any groups like ours in her area and feels that coming to Basingstoke is a bit of a stretch. Perhaps all she needs is for someone in our group to reach out to her. Please ring me for more details and if you would like to help.

#### OTHER MEETINGS AND ANNUAL EVENTS

Our meeting speakers for 2024 have now been organized. A full list can be found at the bottom of the second page of this newsletter. This will give you plenty of time to get these into your diary for the year.

**23rd April** Geoff Sharp Secretary of the Royal Society of Birds - Basingstoke local group

**25th June.** Lavinia Walsh - Ambassador for Yes Yes Yes. Intimate products.

**19th July 7pm from Odiham**

Annual Canal Trip

**27th August 7pm Loddon Vale IBC**

Annual Skittles Evening

These speakers along with our regular attendees, Mr Harris, Dr Remer, DTC nurses, and Mrs Stanton means we have all our speakers for next year and some of our regular events lined up.

The sign up boards for the canal trip and skittles will be available at group meeting from this month. Please be sure to put the dates in your diary straight away if you sign up to these events. If there are any unforeseen circumstance yo ca always cancel at a later date.

#### AND FINALLY:

I am forwarding an email from Hampshire and IoW Integrated Care Board regarding funding for health services in Hampshire, which I think you will find of interest to you. I also hope I will give you an opportunity to have your say on the matters.



### Essential Contacts Breast Care Nurses

Clare Clayden-Lewis Alison Terry Sam Taylor Lianne Hankins	01256 313126
Tracy Gosden Tracy Murphy Zahra Talebian Cancer Support Workers	01256 313123
Carley Donovan - Senior Breast CNS Claire Lethaby Yolanda Kennedy - Secondary Breast	07827 896883 (Yolanda)
Winchester CNS Team	01962 824592



## Information and support



### Breast Cancer Now

Breast Cancer Care's vision is that everyone affected by breast cancer will receive the highest standards of treatment, support and care.

[www.breastcancercare.org.uk](http://www.breastcancercare.org.uk)

### Lavender Trust

The Lavender Trust at Breast Cancer Care raises money specifically to fund information and support for younger women with breast cancer

[www.lavendertrust.org.uk](http://www.lavendertrust.org.uk)

### Macmillan Cancer Support

Call our free support line – 0808 808 00 00 open 7 days a week 8am to 8pm  
Improves the lives of people affected by cancer. Practical, medical, emotional and financial support and campaign for better cancer care.

[www.macmillan.org.uk](http://www.macmillan.org.uk)

### Health Information Point, Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital

Open Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm, for help and information on all aspects of cancer, as well as other conditions, treatments, support groups and healthy lifestyles. Leaflet stock available 24/7.

Telephone: [01256 313969](tel:01256313969);

email: [health.info@hhft.nhs.uk](mailto:health.info@hhft.nhs.uk)

[www.hampshirehospitals.nhs.uk](http://www.hampshirehospitals.nhs.uk)

### Penny Brohn Cancer Care (formerly Bristol Cancer Centre)

We support and empower people affected by cancer through a client centred and integrated approach. As the UK's leading charity in complementary cancer care, the vision of Penny Brohn Cancer Care formerly Bristol Cancer Help Centre) is to enable world-wide access to complementary care and support through the Bristol Approach.

[www.pennybrohn.org.uk](http://www.pennybrohn.org.uk)

### Against Breast Cancer

Against Breast Cancer is a registered charity which funds unique research into breast cancer. Our aim is to find vital information to increase survival after diagnosis and ultimately to discover a vaccine against breast cancer.

[www.againstbreastcancer.org.uk](http://www.againstbreastcancer.org.uk)

### Hypnotherapy Directory

An online directory of UK Hypnotherapists with information listed on the areas of Hypnotherapy covered fees, training and qualifications. The service is free, confidential and easy to use.

[www.hypnotherapy-directory.org.uk](http://www.hypnotherapy-directory.org.uk)

### Counselling Directory

Provides the UK with a huge counselling support network, enabling those in distress to find a counsellor close to them and ap-

propriate for their needs. This is a free, confidential service that will hopefully encourage those in distress to seek help.  
[www.counselling-directory.org.uk](http://www.counselling-directory.org.uk)

### Therapy Directory

Promotes the benefits of complementary therapy and aims to give visitors all the information they need to help them make an informed decision about whether therapy would be right for them. All the therapists listed are registered with a recognised professional body.

[www.therapy-directory.org.uk](http://www.therapy-directory.org.uk)

### Headcovers Unlimited

An American company specialising in hats, turbans and other headwear for hair loss and cancer patients. They ship to the UK.

[www.headcovers.com](http://www.headcovers.com)

### Look Good Feel Better

Pamper evenings for ladies who have/had a cancer diagnosis. A group of volunteers come along to teach people a 12 step skincare and make-up regime. To book you must call [01256315050](tel:01256315050), in advance.—no booking—no place

[www.lgfb.co.uk](http://www.lgfb.co.uk)

### North and Mid-Hants BSU

Breast Screening Unit. Telephone Number [01962 824841](tel:01962824841)

[Hhft.breastscreening@nhs.net](mailto:Hhft.breastscreening@nhs.net)

### Dates and Speakers for 2024

23rd January	AGM	Group Members
20th February	Tony Bamberg -President Basingstoke Lions	Group Members
26th March	General Meeting	Group Members
23rd April	Geoff Sharp -Secretary RSPB Basingstoke	Group Members
21st May	Kevin Harris—Consultant Breast Surgeon	Group Members
25th June	Lavinia Winch—Ambassador Yes, Yes, Yes! Intimate Products	Group Members
23rd July	General meeting	Group Members
27th August	Skittles Social Evening	Members & Guests
24th September	Dr Remer – Oncologist—to be confirmed	Group Members
22nd October	DTC Nurses	Group Members
19th November	Mrs Rosie Stanton—Consultant Breast Surgeon	Group Members
17th December	Christmas Party	Group Members