

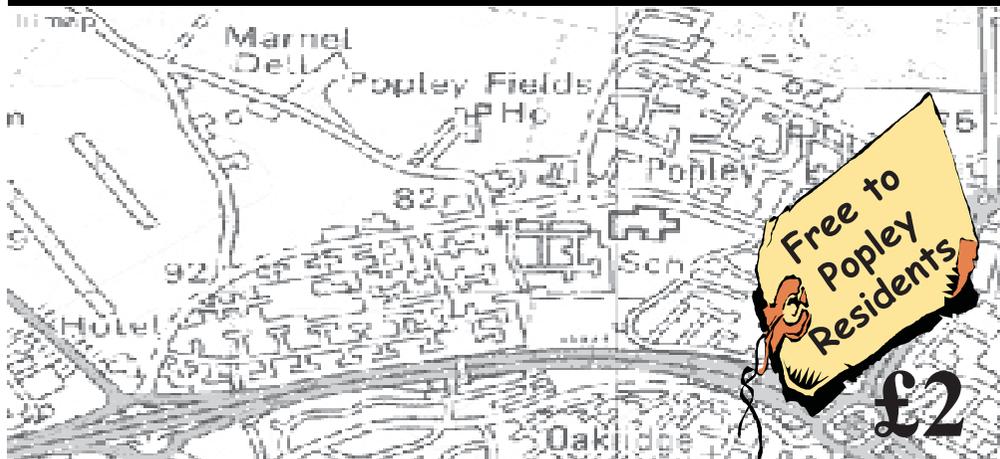
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Editor
Jane Frankum

Message from the Editor: October and already we have had enquiries and advertisements for Christmas. I suppose it does help to remind us how much organisation and thought goes into having what we all hope will be a great Christmas each year.

Today I went to turn the tap on and there was no water and no notification from the water board but that's not that surprising with all the gas works around and the numerous times they have cut through the pipes causing floods in the Abbey's end of Popley. There is a new number to report or find out about power cuts, dial 105, but I had to search the web for water related questions. However, the water was back on before I could make the call.

We get a lot more articles from charities and events more than we have ever had before in our 24 years of Popley Matters. So much more is now done by charities with all the cut backs that there is never enough money or volunteers to do all the things we would like or need to do. Basingstoke Voluntary Action on page 23 has 460 groups, charities and businesses already on their books and try to match people who want to volunteer to where they will fit together. So if you feel that you could help contact them.

Sometimes you just want to know where you can go to meet people or just be entertained. You could try the cafe at Popley Fields or a barista style coffee look on page 6 for details. You could get into shape for Christmas at the newly refurbished Everest gym, page 16 for details.

You could even sit down and write an article for Popley Matters or email us to say what sort of things you want to read about in what is your community magazine. Contact me at either 405 Abbey Road, phone me on 01256 819924 or email me at editor@popleymatters.org.uk.



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New Open Space Facilities Coming to Popley!

Residents have given their views on exciting plans to bring new play and open space facilities to Popley.

As part of Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's local improvements programme funded by developers' contributions, a new multi-use games area is proposed for the Popley Community Park as well as the redesign of Tintern Close open space.

Through an online survey residents were asked what type of activities in the games area would best serve the community as well as what they would like to see considered at Tintern Close old tennis courts.

Plans include removing the old tennis/ball courts at Tintern Close and ideas such as space for dog walking, picnics, relaxation, exercise, play and local events are just some of the suggestions.

The two schemes respond to the community needs identified in the Popley East Community Plan and Marnel and Merton Community Group Action Plan.

The two initial consultations have now closed (Sunday 2 October 2016). However there will be a second round of consultation for the redesign of Tintern Close open space from late October 2016.

For council updates on open space improvements happening in Popley or to take part in any further consultations visit:-

www.basingstoke.gov.uk/popley-play.



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Meet the Magistrates

Thursday 27th October 18:00 for Tea/Coffee/Registration.

Start at 6:30pm prompt. at Red Lion Hotel Red Lion Lane Basingstoke Town Centre

Program:

- (1) Magistrates presentation on their work - 45 minutes with Q&A
- (2) Comfort Break
- (3) Chief Inspector Matt Reeves presentation on 101 service upgrades 45 mins with

Q&A.

This invite is still open to all Neighbourhood Watch persons and anyone interested.

If you have previously responded, then we look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

May I ask any NEW guests to please reply to my police email address at brian.adams@hampshire.pnn.police.uk as soon as possible so that you can be added to our list of those attending.

BDNWA Committee will be on hand to chat about NW related issues.

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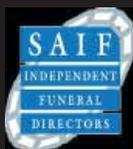


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Councillors' Page: At last the new boundaries for the Hampshire County Council have been sent out. They have cut my division substantially and there will be quite a difference in the Oakridge part of my present division. However Popley will remain the same with from Don Allen Drive staying in Basingstoke West, and the Rooksdown part going into another division. Large parts of Norden will go into Basingstoke Central. The precise boundary can be viewed on the Electoral Commission website and also on Hampshire County Council's website. Next year the borough boundaries are being reviewed and I will expect more changes there too.

The consultation is now finished on how you the stakeholders and residents want the County Council to look like and represent you. The proposal to make a mega council does not make sense and I feel will erode any local feeling of belonging as decisions would be made miles away by people who may not know our area or make up at all. I think it will be very confusing in most of the new areas they (in London) have decided to carve us up into. At this point I nor anyone else knows what the people of Hampshire have said in the consultation that was conducted mostly online. They don't seem to understand that not everyone has a computer or know how to use one. Perhaps it is part of the plan! Cllr Jane Frankum 01256 819924 email jane.frankum@hants.gov.uk

Popley West: You should have received a leaflet with information on the proposal to build a massive new energy storage facility in Basing Woods/Carpenters Down. It would store electricity to use later. The surprise for me is that the application appears to have come from the Forestry Commission itself who manage the forest. The planning reference number is 16/02534/FUL. It will be large to say the least. Yet more of our beautiful area gone and it is bound to affect the wildlife and lose more of our countryside. If you, like us, disagree then please look at the plan and take the opportunity to make your comments online, or on the leaflet. There must be more suitable sites than in the heart of our forest. We are losing far too much of our countryside.

The gas works continue to cause disruption and will go on for months yet. There is a phone number you can call if you have issues: 0800 912 1700.

There is a short number you can now call if you get a power cut. It is 105 they will advise you and put you through to your local supplier. The calls will be free.

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Popley East: We have distributed a leaflet recently outlining plans submitted to the Council for a new energy storage facility in Basing Woods. The facility will store electricity and the application made to the Council appears to be on behalf of the Forestry Commission who manage the woods. We say this will have a detrimental impact on this community facility and create an industrial site in this natural wooded area. There is widespread opposition to the proposal and in our leaflet we have encouraged the community to write to the Planning Department of Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council setting out objections to the proposal under reference 16/02534/FUL. We take this opportunity in Popley Matters to once again encourage as many people as possible to object to the proposal.

The Chineham Park Splash Pad will close at the end of September and overall has proven to be a great success. We believe our efforts to get this facility installed in this location has been worthwhile. We know there have been issues for some people and, where we can, we want to improve the splash pad facility for next season. You will have thoughts about the splash pad relating to parking, opening hours and other matters and we want to hear from you about these so that we can talk to the Council about improvements. Please contact us when you can.

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September saw the start of the new Peter Houseman Youth League for our teams. It has been a slow start for one of our U11 teams as they are yet to play a match due to various reasons but they are looking forward to their first match.

Our 4 other teams have settled into the new season well and taken on the challenges, which for our U11s include the offside rule. We have seen some brilliant displays of not only football but sportsmanship as always.

We have received a few enquiries regarding an U10 team and have a few boys and girls interested but we need a few more players to be able to form a team and enter them into the league. If your son or daughter is in Year 5 and would like to play for a team, please contact our Chairman or bring them along to training on Saturdays at Marnel.

As we said last month, we are well into our fundraising for the team and our first event is our 'Phantom Party' on 30th October. This is our annual Fancy Dress Halloween party and will be a fun evening of food, a disco and games. Tickets are available from the tuck shop at Saturday morning training sessions.

Our next event is our Family Festive fundraiser. This will be held on Sunday 27th November. Further details will follow as we are releasing any unpurchased tickets to non players. So watch this space

Speaking of our tuck shop, we ran a competition amongst our players to name our new tuck shop. We had a variety of interesting names and suggestions but eventually a winner was picked and the tuck shop will now be known as 'SWEET SKILLS'. The shop will be open on training days as well as home matches and provides drinks, sweets and crisps and all profits go to the club.

We are still on the lookout for a local company that would like to sponsor one of our teams. In return for your financial support, you will have your name printed on the team shirts as well as other perks.

Saturday training times at Marnel Junior School

Cubs – 9 – 9.45am

U7, U8 & U9 – 10-11am

U11 – 10-11.30am

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For further information please contact John Hewson, Club Chairman on 07477 804898 or see our Facebook page or club website www.clubwebsite.co.uk/popleypumas or email the Club Secretary at popleypumas@gmail.com



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Try Something New this Autumn

This autumn why not sign up for a daytime class in Tadley? Classes are held on Friday from 9.45 to 11.45am in the Ambrose Allen Centre. Parking is free, coffee is available and you will learn about a new subject in the company of other friendly students. No previous knowledge is assumed and there are no tests or homework to do! The cost of a 7 week course is £57.40.

In October, in the company of an experienced lecturer and London Guide ,we study the Paddington Basin area of London and will find out about its geography, history and social development. This is the latest in a series of similar courses all of them providing fascinating details about London.

In January 2017 we will be studying the history and the art of photography from 1840 to the present day. The course will look at how the technical aspects of photography developed as well as the work of famous photographers across a range of genres. If interested please go to enrolonline.wea.org.uk for details.

Accrington Pals by Peter Whelan

Set in the Lancashire town of Accrington between 1914 and 1916, this moving, absorbing play tells the story of the local volunteer battalion unit, 'The Accrington Pals'. The men optimistically marched off to the Great War and their experiences in the trenches are contrasted poignantly with those of the women left behind, who lived on hope and official misinformation.

In this, the centenary year of the Battle of The Somme, The Accrington Pals reminds us powerfully of the strength, humour, resilience and societal change found amid the shattering loss of one town's sacrifice.

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Dear Parents,

I hope that many of you were able to join us for our Open Evening and Open Mornings in September.

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I am so proud of Everest Community Academy and would love to be able to show you around the school. I am sure that if you come along you will be impressed not just by the building but by the way the students work and behave, as well as the high quality of the teaching.

Please contact Mrs Daly on 01256 465547 or by email using kdaly@everestcommunityacademy.org to arrange a tour.

**Best wishes,
Nick Price
Principal**

Dear Friends,

I'm writing this as the end of a long and busy month approaches. September really seems to have whizzed by but has left some indelible memories. It was amazing to see how many children are now filling our schools and I'm sure the new school year has begun with many a shedding of tears! We commemorated the Battle of Britain on the 18th with special guests from RAF Odiham, The RAFA, 443 Sqn ATC and our Mayor and Deputy Mayor. In a few weeks the clocks will have gone back and it will be getting dark around 5pm in the afternoon.

I'm really not a great fan of the English winter, a series of seemingly endless grey, damp and cold days. I remember my days in the RAF stationed in Berlin where the temperature could drop to -20 degrees and everything was covered in snow. It was cold, but it was a crisp, sharp cold that you could wrap up against, rather than the cold, damp air of the English winter that seems to penetrate through to the marrow. Do I sound depressing? In a perverse kind of way I also enjoy the winter – the anticipation of things like Bonfire Night, Remembrance Sunday and the run up to Christmas and New Year.

December 21st is the shortest day of the year, after that it starts to get lighter again (Hooray!), even if only by one or two minutes a day. There is a natural rhythm to it all. Summer gives way to autumn, autumn to winter, winter to spring, and so on. The writer of the Book of Ecclesiastes in the Bible wrote about 'a time for everything, and a season for activity under the heaven; a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant, a time to uproot, a time to weep, a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance.' (Ecclesiastes ch.3). It's a bit like the Lion King's 'Circle of Life'.

As this season of summer gives way to autumn and the anticipation of winter, perhaps you can find time to enjoy the beauty of God's creation that surrounds us and take pleasure in its many changing faces. Take time too, to consider the season of your life that you're in or perhaps going through. Wherever we are, whatever we are, wherever we've come from or going to, whatever we've done in life God knows and cares – if you want to know how much try reading Psalm 139 in the Old Testament.

Please do join us for one of our many services at 10-30am on a Sunday morning and especially for our **Service and Act of Remembrance on 13th November** to commemorate those who gave their lives in the cause of justice, freedom and peace.

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The Cub Scout section looks back at the activities of the summer and gives a taste of what the future holds

As the Summer Term drew to an end, our Tuesday evening meetings included shelter building in the woods and code breaking. There was also a craft evening with the help of one of the parents. Each Cub painted a ceramic "plate" with the Cubs version of the Cub 100 Badge. They have since been glazed to provide a permanent memento of a very special Cub Scout year.



At the beginning of July, eight Cub Scouts attended the District Cub Skills Day at Pinsent Scout Activity Centre.



Lots of activity such as fire lighting, backwoods cooking and 'axe' (!) throwing which was a new activity for all including the Leaders who also tried their hand.

On 17th September, as part of the 100 years of Cubs Celebrations, Cubs participated in Basingstoke East District's 'It's a Knockout Competition' and a 'thankyou' campfire which was a chance to say thank you to everyone that has helped locally with Cubs over the years.

In the coming weeks we shall be working towards the Global Issues and Pioneer Activity Badges, and having a couple of Viking themed evenings including making mini Viking Catapults. Other activities include a Halloween and Remembrance themed evening as well as a Christmas Party with the Beaver Scouts.

Another highlight will be a presentation from another Leader in Basingstoke East District who was part of a group of Leaders and Explorer Scouts visiting Uganda in 2015. They spent time helping to paint a school and raised funds for clean water wells in the area. This will kick off the "Smarties Tube" fund raising activity the Pack will undertake with all monies raised being split between the "Ugandan Water Wells Project" and - "Scouts Against Malaria" which raises funds to buy protective nets to stop the spread of Malaria. Hopefully this will lead to the completion of the Global Issues Activity Badge and Our World Challenge Badge.

Basingstoke East District's final BIG event for Cubs Centenary Year is on 16th December at the Jump Factory. EVERY Cub Scout in the country will be asked to renew their Cub Promise at precisely 19:16, the exact time in 1916 that Wolf Cubs (as they were then known) officially became part of the Scout Association.

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Basingstoke Samaritans Charity Football Match

On Saturday 17th September a group of ex-Basingstoke league players from the past 25 years came together to help raise money and awareness of the work of Basingstoke Samaritans. The Mayor of Basingstoke attended the event, and it was deemed a great success by all involved and raised over £720 on the day.

Over 150 people attended the game and actually saw a very evenly matched contest ending with the blue team beating the red team 4-3. There was good flowing football with plenty of attacking and resolute defending, with no major injuries to report (just some aching bones, sore muscles, stiff joints and a few sore heads the following morning!).

During the half-time interval children were all invited onto the pitch to take penalty kicks and play some games.

Matt Holman who organised the game on behalf of Basingstoke Samaritans said “Today has been an amazing opportunity to not only play a game of football with my old team mates and friends, but to also raise an unbelievable amount of money, and awareness of the work of the Samaritans. I am very humbled by the generosity of all who attended, played, supported and my Samaritan colleagues who gave up their afternoons to help out. It has been fantastic and the players are already talking about next year’s game”.

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I am a former pupil at Everest Community Academy where one of the subjects I studied was BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Sports. I then went to Basingstoke College of Technology to study my Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport and Exercise Sciences where I qualified to Level 3 Personal Trainer.

I like to see people enjoying their fitness as well as improving from it and I am always happy to give advice where possible. Feel free to pop in and have a look around or email myself at karmstrong@everestcommunityacademy.org.

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Visitors this Summer 2016

This summer I had three teachers of English from Minsk stay with me!

In early July Julia and Katya, who teach at the Minsk Linguistic University, arrived by coach from Belarus via Poland, Germany and Holland. Julia is, unfortunately, scared of flying, which is why they travel by coach. Still being only 25 and 24 respectively, it's all part of the adventure!

The girls like to help me deliver the Popley Matters to part of Abbey Road. They're fascinated by the houses all being the same but different!

Most of the accommodation in Minsk is rows and rows of high-rise flats, therefore the way people in Abbey Road 'customise' their houses is of great interest to them. They took many photographs of the flowers, hedges, fences, windows and doors.

Again, because they don't have them in Belarus, the girls are great fans of our pubs! With Jane and Paul Frankum I took them to The Swan at Sherborne St John for a meal. Katya had a sea food dish while Julia and I had lamb shank. Julia had never eaten lamb before, due to the price in Belarus, as most of the meat consumed there is either chicken or pork.

One of the many places we visited was Highclere Castle as Downtown Abbey is a big hit in Belarus. After two exhausting weeks the girls left for the mountains in Poland.

After a short respite I collected Ira from Gatwick Airport on the 8th August.

Again, she insisted on helping me deliver Popley Matters, which was why they were later than normal that month!

In addition to being a great fan of our pubs, Ira particularly likes their names. The 'Slug and Lettuce' is her favourite to date!

Being a dedicated Anglophile, visiting a theatre in London is a must for Ira! She had tickets for The Mouse Trap, which Ira thoroughly enjoyed and I thought was OK. At least it was better than the visit to Chelsea's football ground which Ira had dragged me to on a previous visit!

As we'd been to Oxford during an earlier visit, I rashly offered to take Ira to Cambridge!

As she teaches English at the Belarusian State University, she's fascinated by our universities! After a tedious drive to Cambridge we took a bus tour of the universities which was of great interest to Ira.

I see much more of England when the girls are here!

Ira hopes to come again in January, for one week, as her visa lasts for six months and she intends to stock up on clothes which are much cheaper here during the sales!

I should have recovered by then! *Terry Jones*

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Disputed Wills and Inheritance Act claims

By Alastair Yapp, Solicitor

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An example of this is when we are sometimes asked if there is anything that can be done if a will fails to make adequate provision for someone who was financially dependant on the deceased.

Whilst we are generally free to dispose of our assets as we see fit, the law, through the *Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) Act 1975*, does provide protection for people who have been financially dependant on the deceased. The aim of the Act is to provide legal protection for spouses, children and other dependants, where a person has died without leaving sufficient money for their continued wellbeing.

If a will fails to make reasonable financial provision, then you may be able to make an Inheritance Act claim. In this situation the court will take into account the applicant's needs and resources and consider these against what would be reasonable for their maintenance.

Alternatively, there may be various ways in which to challenge a will, for instance when a will has not been executed properly, where the testator did not have capacity to enter into a will or where undue pressure has been put on the testator from a third party.

If you are considering making a claim disputing the validity of a will or making a claim under the Inheritance Act, it is important that you seek specialist advice at the earliest opportunity. It is worth bearing in mind that to bring a claim under the Act, you must start your case in court within six months of the Grant of Probate being obtained. Permission of the court is required if a claim is made too late.

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If you have any concerns about the validity of a will or if you are considering making an Inheritance Act claim, please do not hesitate to contact Alastair Yapp in our Litigation team by calling 01256 854649 or email him at Alastair.Yapp@phillips-law.co.uk.

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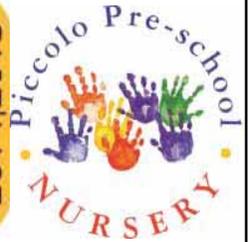
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MFC Popley Youth promotes “Respect” within the club to ensure everyone involved with the teams creates a fair, safe and enjoyable environment in which football can be played.

The Club is pleased to announce the inclusion of a new u14s Boys and, for the first time in the clubs history, an u12s Girls team for the 2016/17 season.

This means that MFC Popley Youth now has approximately 200 players at the club.

Each age group has gratefully secured team sponsorship from the following companies -

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MFC Popley Youth is currently looking for team sponsors for the below age groups:

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As the new 2016/17 season kicks off in September, MFC Popley Youth will be playing all of our home fixtures, across all age groups, at Mays Bounty, Fairfields Road, Basingstoke.

Although this is a fantastic move for the club, we are still very much a part of the Popley community, with the vast majority of our players living in the area, and with all our training in winter and summer held either on Popley Fields or on the 3G pitches at Everest Community College.

We are extremely blessed to have gained a group that has so much potential for our All Stars team. The team will certainly flourish in our fun filled sessions and will exceed all our expectations come the end of the season. Exciting times ahead for these future MFC Stars.

Our U11s opening game of the season was a 2-0 loss but this didn't stop the team performing a 'Dab' in their wicked new kits. A 2-2 draw for their 2nd game with Josh scoring our first ever goal for MFC Popley.

MFC Popley U12s went into their first competitive league games with our Predators and Venom teams competing in a double header v Hartley Wintney U12s. Predators were up first recording a 4-1 win against a spirited Hartley team to take all 3 pts. Our Venom team were up second and were unlucky not to record a similar type of result, but did come away with a 0-0 draw and taking 1 point, much down to an inspired Hartley Goalkeeper. Very proud of both teams on Match Day 1. A big thank you to Southern Communications Ltd for their sponsorship, the players looked great in their new kit!!

MFC Popley U15s had their first game of the season, vs Headley (Bordon), on Sunday. Unfortunately the score didn't reflect how well the team played as they lost 5-1. The team were definitely better than the result.

You can get regular updates from the club by following our Twitter account, @MFC_PopleyYouth and by using the hashtags #MFCPY #REDandBLACKARMY.

MFC Popley Youth has a dedicated club page on Facebook (as well as individual team pages), and you can also find us on Instagram.

MFC Popley Youth FA Charter Standard Development Club and Nike Partner Club has a dedicated club shop website where you can purchase kit and accessories.

Please visit the MFC Popley club shop website - www.clubwebshop.com/a-z/clubs/mfcpopley/

Contact the club -

Main website: www.mfcpopleyyouth.co.uk

Club Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer & Club Welfare Officer: committee@mfcpopleyyouth.co.uk

Volunteer enquiries: volunteer@mfcpopleyyouth.co.uk

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Zak Collingwood

News from Basingstoke Volunteer Centre

Don't get cross – we're going to mention Christmas! If your community group runs Christmas parties, fundraising events or any other short-term, one-off activities at Christmas time – we can help

you to find volunteers! And if you are looking for a way to help just at Christmas time, we can put you in touch with local community organisations that need extra volunteers over the Christmas period. Perhaps you don't have time to give regularly, but you'd like to make a meaningful contribution over Christmas – we can help!

The important thing, both for volunteers and for community groups, is to prepare early. If you contact us on Christmas Eve (and people do!) asking where you can help on Christmas day – there won't be anyone in the office! Equally, if your group is looking for help – it's much better to have the information out there early so that you know you have enough people to help.

The Volunteer Centre sends out a brochure of short-term/one-off volunteer opportunities that take place just over the Christmas period (i.e. 1st December to 6th January). We highlight the ones that take place on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day, but there are lots of other chances to help, from wrapping presents, handing round collection buckets at a pantomime, helping at Christmas parties for the elderly or children, being a Santa's helper or elf, or helping at a hostel for homeless people. You can also team up with your friends or work colleagues to put together a hamper of food for a vulnerable person or family that could make a huge difference at Christmas.

So if you represent a community organisation, and need extra volunteers at Christmas time, contact the Volunteer Centre (details below) with a brief description of the opportunity, the relevant dates and the name and contact details of the person who can coordinate the volunteers, and we'll add the opportunity to our brochure.

If you'd like to hear about what's going on over Christmas and how you can get involved, contact the Volunteer Centre and we'll send you an updated brochure every week or so from October so you can decide what you'd like to do and then contact the group yourself.

So can we be the first to wish you a Happy Christmas! And we'd love to help you to help others to have one too!

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Sunday –

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The 41st Basingstoke Disabled Games

The 41st Basingstoke Disabled Games took place at Cranbourne Business and Enterprise College on Saturday 10th September. We had six teams from all over the south of England from Gosport, Aylesbury, Basingstoke, Rushmoor and more. Unfortunately it wasn't a great day weatherwise as it rained all day so all we could do were the indoor events. There were only seven events ranging from table tennis, skittles, table skittles and two knock out events, dominoes and poker dice. The Mayor, Jane Frankum, and the president of Rotary came along and presented the medals and trophies, and we all had a group photo at the end. We had volunteers from Rotary who helped do the food, Basingstoke Lions and Loddon Valley Lions and individual people as well, Without these we wouldn't have been able to put this event on at all. A big thank you to them, also a big thank you to Pauline and Jenny who also helped a lot and without them it wouldn't have been possible to do the games. We have been organising this event together for the last sixteen years and we enjoy doing it and if it wasn't for the teams coming up to us saying thank you and they all enjoy coming, then I wouldn't keep doing this annual event.



Over 55s Forum

On 11th October 2016 we have a trip to the Brick Lane Music Hall in London who are staging a "Best of British " show. This is a celebration of British talent from television to stage and screen. Also included is afternoon tea. Price per ticket is £49.25 includes coach, show and tea.

On Sunday 6th November 2016 the Forum is staging an afternoon of music and a sing-along for people living with Dementia; Alzheimer's and Mental Health at the Carnival Hall, Council Road, Basingstoke with refreshments. 2pm to 4.30/5pm. The Hospital is being involved and is going to bring along music boxes. This is open to the person living with Dementia/Alzheimer or Mental Health, their carers and family members. Those people interested in attending must book their places with myself by 31st October 2016 on the following! gerald.merritt@ntlworld.com or 07792535116.

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Chineham Library

The Summer Reading Challenge finished on 17th September, and we are pleased to report improved figures compared with last year. Details of the prize-winners will be covered next month.

We are excited to have several new events to report for the autumn. One is the Chatterbooks Group for primary school aged children, which focuses on books and crafts. The second meeting will take place on 13th October from 3.45 – 4.45pm. Also starting is the Coding Club for 9 – 11 year olds; publicity will follow shortly.

We are also hosting an evening event for adults, called ‘How do you take yours?’ which will take place on 13th October at 7.15pm. This is an evening celebrating tea, its history and conventions, and most importantly showing you how to make a perfect cuppa! Pre-booking through the library is essential, with a fee of £6.50 to include refreshments. If this event is successful there will be more to follow.

All our regular groups have now resumed, generally following the same pattern as before. The exception to this is the Tuesday Rhyme Time, which has been reduced to two sessions. The under ones session is now at 10 – 10.30am and over ones at 11 – 11.30am.

Regular children’s activities this month include Saturday Crafts on 1st October from 10am – 12pm with an autumn theme, and storytimes at 10 – 10.30am on all other Saturdays. Adult activities this month include the two reading groups, with CHIPPS on 12th October from 10-11am, and the Crime Group on the 15th from 10.30-11.30am. Age Concern Computer sessions are still weekly on Wednesday mornings between 10.00 -1.00pm, with a £5.00 fee. Colour and Create will take place on 12th and 26th October, from 2pm – 4pm.

For the latest information pick-up a library newsletter and check social media.

Cathy Foster

Mexican Day of the Dead Friday 28 October - 12 noon till 8pm Top of the Town, Basingstoke

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