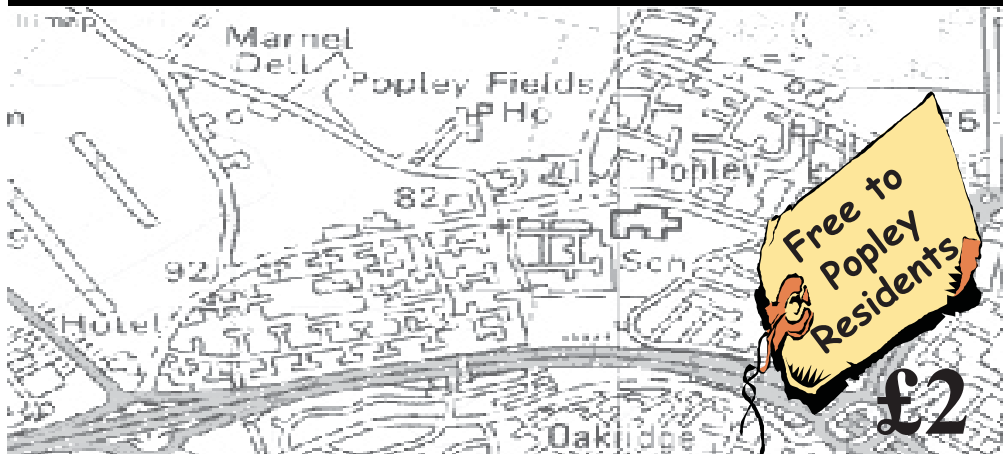


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Editor  
Jane Frankum

**Message from the Editor:** September already and the children will be back to school with another summer break over. I remember my mother saying the time goes quicker the older you are and now I am beginning to realise how right she was. It makes me think about how we live our lives and how much difference we could make by just little acts of kindness like a smile. I am meeting so many wonderful people as Mayor and I am amazed at what people do when they volunteer or work to help others. For instance, walking 300 miles to raise funds to help support victims of domestic abuse to raise awareness so hopefully less and less people are affected as it can carry with you for the rest of your life. On page 27 there is an appeal for charity shoeboxes for Christmas and it made me realise how lucky I am; I have all I need but so many people have do without or make do. At a meeting of my Mayor's Community Chest charity at Basingstoke Voluntary Centre at the Orchard I was again reminded about people who have very little and BVA will be accepting food donations soon to make up Christmas hampers. I was amazed to hear that they filled 500 boxes last year, and found homes for all of them. Enough about Christmas, we have not had Halloween or Bonfire Night yet! I would like to see more articles from you our readers, as this is your community magazine and we are a great community that has over the years, looked out for and helped each other whenever the need arises. If you have time to spare or feel you would like to help in the community then please get in touch with me or Basingstoke Voluntary centre [vc@bvaction.org.uk](mailto:vc@bvaction.org.uk) or phone 423850. You can also go to the BVA website or Basingstoke and Deane website and go to the Mayor's page. Please tell them that I, as Mayor or Editor, asked you to call them and they will match up your talents and skills with a group or charity that would be grateful of any time you can spare.



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# Basingstoke Green Week

Saturday 17 September to Monday 26 September 2016

Basingstoke Green Week is an annual event organised by local community groups, residents and supported by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.

The aim and vision for the week is to showcase all the good work going on in the borough, including local organic and environmentally friendly products and services. The activities during the week aim at finding new, fun and innovative ways to interest people in everything 'green'.

Green Week 2016 will be bigger and better than ever with more community groups taking part and contributing to a 10 day celebration of the natural environment and sustainability around the borough from 17 to 26 September 2016.

View the [Green Week 2016 programme](#) for details of fun and interesting activities taking place during the week.

We would love to hear from you if you would like to be part of future Green Week activities. There are many ways to get involved:

- volunteering to help at events, such as the Green Market in the Town Centre
- organising your own green event (with support if needed)
- distributing programmes for the week's events
- giving us your ideas and suggestions for activities
- providing a free venue for events.

We would also love to hear from Basingstoke businesses who:

- would like to promote their green and sustainable products
- would like to sponsor an event
- would like to be involved as part of Corporate and Social Responsibility projects.

If you are interested in any of the above or want to have a chat about what your neighbourhood or group can do, please contact either:

The Basingstoke Transition Network [info@basingstoketransition.org](mailto:info@basingstoketransition.org) or

Sarah Muskett, Assistant Climate Change Officer by emailing [climatechange@basingstoke.gov.uk](mailto:climatechange@basingstoke.gov.uk) or phoning 01256 845620

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**Councillors' Page:** Hampshire County Council are consulting on scrapping all of the Borough Councils in the county and creating a mega-council based in Winchester. Fill in the form to let them know what you think; <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/servinghampshire>. I have huge concerns about this, as it would take away local knowledge and democracy. Who knows Basingstoke and Deane better the people who live and work here, or people who are living miles away in the New Forest or by the coastline?

Look what the county has done so far; cut our local Children's Centres from eleven to one, and the one they are keeping isn't even on a bus route; cut the hours for residents to go to the tip, plus they now want to charge you for a whole range of waste!; Spraying weeds by HCC is due to be reduced to once a year leaving Basingstoke and Deane to pick up the areas around our highways; youth workers have been reduced; adult social care workers cut; care for elderly cut; buses cut; and libraries cut, but your Council Tax has actually gone up this year by £50 on average.

We deserve better and that's why we are #STANDINGUP4BASINGSTOKE. We want Basingstoke and Deane to run local services as a Unitary Authority local services that are run from a Council accountable to you. Cllr Jane Frankum 01256 819924 email [jane.frankum@hants.gov.uk](mailto:jane.frankum@hants.gov.uk)

**Popley West:** There have been a lot of complaints about the gas replacement works and looks like they will be here for months. The utilities can seem to do what they please and sometimes without a thought for the disruption. I had the water cut off with no notice when they again went through the pipes. Records of where the pipes and other utilities were placed were not recorded at all, or quite often wrongly done. Holes have been left for weeks for no apparent reason. I know sometimes they have to work late as they have to get the gas supply back on as soon as possible after having to cut it off to install the new supply to each household, but it is annoying when it can be up to 10:30 at night. There is no immediate news as yet on the next phase for Popley Community Park. I am hoping that we should soon have more news and then a public consultation where residents will have a say in what is put there in the way of equipment and landscape.

The underpass by Don Allen Drive will not be filled in as it will become a major pedestrian route to the new shops later in phase six and a safe crossing to the school and town centre.

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**Popley East:** Over the last few weeks we have been trying to find a solution to the problems that residents have been experiencing regarding ownership and hence responsibility for various areas on the Everest Park development. Some areas within the site are either not being maintained or are not being carried out to a standard we would expect.

As there are actually six different agencies involved, not including the developers, we arranged for a site meeting with all parties which proved to be very helpful. Areas were identified that have no maintenance schedule in place so this will now be rectified and other areas will be brought up to standard. We will keep you updated.

We are pleased to report that the Chineham Park Splash Pad continues to attract many visitors, in fact numbers are exceeding expectations. This has highlighted some issues regarding parking availability, and we have been working closely with the Borough Council to alleviate the problems that residents from nearby properties have been experiencing due to the extra volume of cars. We are pleased to advise that following requests we have also managed to arrange for a portable toilet to be installed there during the period of the year when the facility is in use.

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## Basingstoke Mayor Cllr Jane Frankum to Open Everest Gym Refurbishment.

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm Mayor Jane Frankum will open the new gym refurbishment project at Everest Health & Leisure Club. The Mayor who is a staunch supporter of Everest and the local Popley community, will be joined by the Principal, Nick Price, recently appointed Fitness Manager, Kane Armstrong and representatives from Pulse Fitness, the awarded contractors.

An extensive refurbishment has taken place with new up to date machinery (some with Freeview), a bespoke free weights area, new flooring and wall art to compliment the recently opened stretch area.

Membership inquiries are welcome ;tel 01256 337573, email [healthclub@everestcommunityacademy.org](mailto:healthclub@everestcommunityacademy.org) or better still pop in and see us weekdays 8am-10pm and weekends 8am-4pm.

We look forward to seeing you soon.



NEW KITCHEN! Funded by the Local Infrastructure Fund in conjunction with Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, our kitchen has been fully refurbished with two ovens, two hobs, a dishwasher, washer dryer, and instant hot water boiler. It has been fully redecorated including new flooring. It is amazing! We have loads of room for functions and parties-come along and have a look.



Our computer hub is proving very popular. We have three work stations that are available for free use every day from 9.00am until noon with full access to the internet and even free access to Ancestry.com. Printing is also available at 10p per A4 sheet (black and white). We also offer instruction in the use of computers and the internet. For use of the computers just turn up, first come first served. For computer instruction please ring the office to book an appointment.

We now have three Baby and Toddler groups running at the hall; on a Tuesday (9.30-11.30am) is Popley Little People run by our volunteers (closed for the summer holidays, re-opening September); on a Thursday we have two different groups that run fortnightly opposite each other, the first is Messy Muffins run by Muffins Dream Foundation (10.00am-12.00pm) and the second is Finley and Friends (10.00-11.30am) and run by Michelle Teague a local resident and Mum. Please see dates listed below

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7.30-10.00pm Peregrinus Healing and Holistic

9.30am-12.00noon Popley Little People

9.30am Free group bike ride (open group)

5.15-7.30pm Suma Karate

**AFTERNOON AND EVENING AVAILABLE FOR HIRE**

**TUESDAY:**

**WEDNESDAY:**

9.00am Slimming World

11.00am Slimming World

12-2pm Oasis Lunch club

5.30 and 7.30pm Slimming World

9.30-11.30am Community Cafe

**THURSDAY:**

**DAYTIME AND EVENING HIRE AVAILABLE**

**FRIDAY:**

**DAYTIME HIRE AVAILABLE**

10.00am Free group bike ride (Ladies only)

9.00am-4.00 pm 7<sup>TH</sup> Day Adventist Church

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11.30am Divine Worship

1pm Free Community Lunch

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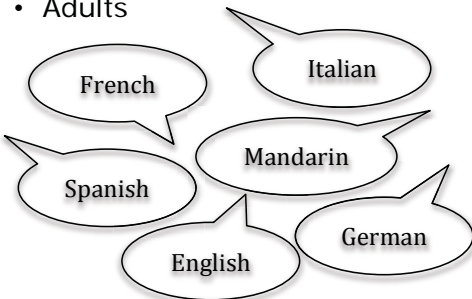


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Come along to have a look around, we are attached to **Merton Infant School**. Come anytime between 9am-11.30am or make an appointment.



Dear Friends,

Welcome back! Is it me or is time really passing quickly? It feels like only yesterday that we were enjoying the Mediterranean temperatures of August and here we are in September, though as I write we are still experiencing good weather with the first real autumn temperatures perhaps only just around the corner!

Time often feels like a piece of elastic - it can seem to stretch and go on for ever or it can shrink and pass really quickly depending on what we're doing, who we're with or where we are – this becomes more obvious as you get older (so I'm told). But we can also be the ones responsible for speeding things along. Already in some shops we're seeing a combination of Halloween, fireworks and Christmas goods on sale and we're buying into them. Perhaps we could combine them and call it something like 'Hallo Christ'!

Seriously, these days there hardly seems to be time to enjoy the moment, relive the experience or reflect on the journey! WHAT'S THE RUSH!!! I sometimes think we need to impose speed limits on our lives so that we don't miss the best moments. How often do you take time out to be still and quiet, more importantly do you take time out to be still and quiet? In the midst of all the daily activity of our busy lives it becomes increasingly important to seek out those quiet moments, to find time just to chill out and be ourselves. King David the author of many of the Psalms in the Bible wrote "Be still and know that I am God!"

As we return to the more normal routine of life after summer the daily focus tends to be on meeting our physical and emotional needs but it's more important that we do not neglect our spiritual needs too. So when those quiet moments occur take the opportunity to follow King David's example and be still before the one who created all things.

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# Everest Community Academy

During the Summer Term our Year 10 students do a week of work experience. Many schools are no longer organising this activity for students but we think it gives an excellent opportunity for our students to experience the wider world of work and that it is a vital part of their education. It was so good to receive so much positive feedback from all the companies that kindly allow our students to join them for the week. I was particularly pleased with this one:

"We are really impressed with the qualities of the students we have had from Everest. Their maturity, enthusiasm and interaction with both adults and the children have shown a real commitment to their placement beyond their years. They have been a pleasure to have in our setting."

To me, although exam results are very important, it is the quality of person leaving the school that really matters.

## Top 20 Win for Miss Basingstoke and the Trip of a Lifetime to Mauritius!

Recently our Miss Basingstoke, Nicola, from Popley, competed in the prestigious Miss England Beauty Pageant. With the organisation receiving 22,000 applications this year, Nicola says she is extremely proud to have finished in the Top 20 girls!

The competition as a whole consisted of many rounds: Eco Wear, Intelligence Test, Fitness round, Talent round (where Nicola also placed in top 20 for her figure skating talent), and of course Charity! In Nicola's year and a half of holding her title, she has raised over £11,000 for charity, volunteered at Naomi House, raised awareness for many charities, and spent her Easter visiting homeless shelters and roaming the streets, providing those who sleep rough with hot drinks, food and of course Easter eggs! These are just some of the many things our Basingstoke beauty has done to help the community.

But the competition is not over, and now she has the chance to win a trip of a lifetime to Mauritius with the new Miss England, Elisabeth Grant, and Beach Beauty winner, Lucy Physick! To win this, she has to organise her own Mauritius themed party/event. The Miss England finalist who has organised the best Mauritius themed event, and got the most positive promotion and publicity for Mauritius will then go on the trip!

'Fever & Boutique' – Basingstoke's new nightclub is kindly supporting Nicola by hosting her Mauritius event on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September. The night will consist of many Mauritian attributes including UV colour painting in honour of the HOLI Festival of Colour – an annual event in Mauritius.

Nicola will also be posting reviews and experiences of Mauritius from family, friends and clients on her 'Miss Basingstoke' Facebook page; giving you all an insight of the beautiful island! If you have experienced Mauritius and would to help Nicola, please email her a small paragraph about what you loved most about your trip, heading the email with 'EXPERIENCE MAURITIUS' to [nicola\\_ascroft@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nicola_ascroft@hotmail.co.uk) .



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## Popley Fields Youth Club!

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Thursday - 7.00 to 9.30pm - 12 to 15s

In October Popley Fields Youth Club will be running a football coaching course, giving a nationally recognised qualification offering both leadership and life skills for those that take part.

This is a great opportunity to pick up new skills and gain a qualification with your friends. It's free to attend and for boys and girls, so come along and be in it to win it!

For more information and a starting date please contact us

[office@popleyfields.org](mailto:office@popleyfields.org)

Popley Fields Community Centre has seen some big changes lately with the renovation work just over half way through. In the coming months we are having a new entrance installed so keep your eyes out for the changes and the builders! We are open as usual, so drop into the Cafe, weekdays 10am – 2pm or pop in to look at / book our excellent refurbished facilities.



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The summer season is here and the Scout Section is off camping again.

The destination this time is Solent Scout Training Centre (more familiarly known as Lyons Copse) in Shedfield in the wilds of Hampshire.

The campsite offers a wide range of activities from wall climbing and abseiling, to pond dipping and nature trails. Lyons Copse is 'strictly for Scouting' campsite and is not open to the general public. It has two campfire circles and several sites suited for larger or smaller camps..



Most Scouts enjoy the assault course best – with the option of a muddy landing if they literally lose their touch or simply run out of steam! Lot of other activities – archery, rifle shooting, abseiling, orienteering and a climbing tower.

Lyons Copse features two campfire circles in a secluded area in a wooded copse and indoor accommodation in Pine Lodge for the younger sections in Scouting.



Most importantly – it has a well-stocked tuck shop enough to keep any Scout happy.

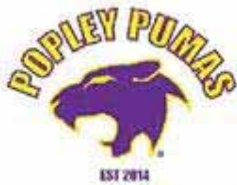
Weekly meetings re-start in the Air Scout Group Headquarters at Carpenters Down in September.

Enquiries to Group Scout Leader Colin Karslake - 01256 410559 / 07796 772 500 or [colink@base2000.co.uk](mailto:colink@base2000.co.uk)

facebook <https://www.facebook.com/BasingstokeAirScouts>

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Since our last article we have held our successful presentation evening hosted by The Apollo hotel along with our AGM.

The presentation was well attended by the boys and their families and as well as the usual presentations for Player's Player, Manager's Player and Parent's player for each age category there was a fundraising element including football cards and the ubiquitous raffle. All proceeds from the event has been ploughed back into the club and funded the purchase of new equipment.

At the club AGM, all posts were up for re-election and saw John Hewson being re-elected as Chairman and John Hayter re-elected as Welfare Officer. Other posts voted on resulted with MLE Accounting being elected Treasurer and Sharon Little as Club Secretary.

Preparations are in full swing for the various fundraising events held over the season. As with last year, Popley Pumas are proud to be a part of the Santa's sleigh and are well on their way with arrangements and routes for the Popley and Oakridge areas. Watch this space for further information.

We would like to say welcome back to all our players and their families and a huge warm welcome to all the new players and assistants. Saturday saw the start of training in preparation for the forthcoming season and we are looking forward to another fantastic one. We are still on the lookout for new players for all age groups so if your son or daughter is interested, either pop along to training or contact the club via the details below.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our team sponsors who have continued their sponsorship for the 2016-2017 season;

U11s – Chris Ryan Decorating

U9s - The Paint and Bodywork Specialists

U8s - M&M Academy of Dance

We are on the lookout for local businesses who would like to sponsor our Popley Cubs and the U7's. In return you will have your company details on the shirts as well as other benefits. If you or someone you know may be able to help, please get in touch with our Club Secretary.

Saturday training times at Marnel Junior School;

Cubs – 9 – 9.45am

U7, U8 & U9 – 10-11am

U11 – 10-11.30am

Shinpads, boots and a water bottle (as well as any medication ie inhalers) are a must.

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](http://www.clubwebsite.co.uk/popleypumas) or email the Club Secretary at [popleypumas@gmail.com](mailto:popleypumas@gmail.com)

# September 2016 Events at the Basingstoke Discovery Centre

To book a place, you can order online from <https://www.hants.gov.uk/shop/home.php>, or visit Basingstoke Discovery Centre in Festival Place, or call 01256 478670. Advance booking is strongly recommended.

To find out more about Basingstoke Discovery Centre and Hampshire Libraries visit [www.hants.gov.uk/bsdc](http://www.hants.gov.uk/bsdc)

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## **Miniprofessors – taster session**

Monday 19 September 9.40am (Ages 3-4) and 10.40am (Ages 2-3) FREE

A taster session: These 40 minute-classes are especially tailored for young scientists aged 2-4 years old.

Experiments – Singing – Stories – Interactive – Come along and nurture a lifelong passion for science!

## **Skeletons in the Family Cupboard**

Tuesday 20 September 2pm £5

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Ever wondered how cryptics work? Want to improve your memory? Join Ben Summers from Crossword Tutors to unlock your creative talent and begin to solve those tricky crossword clues.

(Please bring a crossword with cryptic clues with you)

## **Miniprofessors – taster session**

Monday 29 September 9.40am (Ages 3-4) and 10.40am (Ages 2-3) FREE

A taster session: These 40 minute-classes are especially tailored for young scientists aged 2-4 years old.

Experiments – Singing – Stories – Interactive – Come along and nurture a lifelong passion for science!

**Kind regards,  
Phil Jarvis**



# Our Move to Popley

This month, a year ago, my wife and our two small children left Durban, South Africa to arrive at Gatwick airport some 20 hours later with two screaming children. We moved here so I could take up the position of parish assistant at Sherborne and Pamber churches.

We love our new home, Popley is a wonderful place to live, with all its parks and children's play areas. Living here we have the best of both worlds, rural and urban. However, the reason why we packed up everything and said goodbye to almost everyone we ever knew to travel 9,000 miles, was not just to come to this lovely town, it is because we want people to know about Jesus, not the Jesus people think they know but the real Jesus, the Jesus of the Bible. That is why we are running a course called Life Explored (LE) from our home starting on Wednesday 14th September from 8-9pm.

Life Explored is an informal and relaxed seven-week course. It's for anyone who wants to find contentment and happiness in life. It's completely free. You don't need to know anything about the Bible, and you won't be asked to pray or sing. You can ask any question you like, or you can just sit and listen. Whoever you are, whatever you're thinking, LE is a place for you to discover the greatest gift in the universe.

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## North Hampshire Photographic Society

North Hampshire Photographic Society meet on most Fridays between September and the following May at the St Leonard's Centre, Rectory Road, Oakley. We are a small, friendly group of photography enthusiasts ranging from complete beginners to semi-professional.

Our program is extensive and includes an interesting mix of events. This coming Season we have some interesting talks by respected photographers, practical evenings and image processing tutorials. We also hold competitions both internally and with other local clubs. See our website for more information [www.nhps.weebly.com](http://www.nhps.weebly.com)

Friday 16th September is our Open Evening where you can find out more about us. We also welcome non-members to any of our other meetings (a small charge may be made on the door).

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Beginners' classes take place on Tuesday evenings (7.15 to 10.00 pm). The course runs from September to July with various breaks for holidays. The cost is £60.00 for each of the three terms of ten lessons. The first of these evenings is entirely free. You will find yourself playing a mini version of bridge on the very first night. Each lesson comprises about 20-30 minutes teaching followed by lots of practice hands to play. You will receive notes and copies of the hands with commentary every week, together with some homework to keep you up to speed. The course is run by Chris and Helen Kinloch who can be contacted by e-mail: [kinloch@btinternet.com](mailto:kinloch@btinternet.com) or telephone 01264 333175.

Basingstoke Bridge Club is a very friendly club with about 180 members. Visitors are always welcome. We have bridge every day from Monday to Friday. Our main evenings are Mondays and Fridays, and there is also bridge on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Table money for visitors is £3.00 on these occasions. Thursday evenings ("Starters' Nights") are for less experienced players who do not feel ready to join the other sessions. The first Thursday you play you will not be charged. Thereafter sessions cost £2.00 for visitors. (For more information about Thursdays, telephone George Collins on 01256 780940 or Arthur Whittaker on 01256 334496.)

The club address is Maydene, Sherborne Road, Basingstoke RG21 5TG.

For more information see our web site: [www.basingstokebridgeclub.co.uk](http://www.basingstokebridgeclub.co.uk) or telephone Helen on 01264 333175.



## Divorce Recovery Workshop

Are you in the process of a divorce or separation from your partner? Feeling a little lost, angry, alone? The Divorce Recovery Workshop may be able to help you! We believe you can "go through it or grow through it" and our next workshop starts 13th September running for 6 weeks. Workshops are run by volunteers who have been through the experience themselves. These workshops look at many of the issues related to a divorce or separation including family matters, being independent again and building a support network. Friendships are often formed in the groups and the social activities afterwards. For more information please visit our website [www.drw.org.uk](http://www.drw.org.uk) and search for Basingstoke group or contact Frank on 07799141891 for more details. *Erica*

## Volunteering Opportunity

Home-Start North West Hampshire has worked in Basingstoke & Deane for 12 years and offers support to families who have at least one child under five years of age

Home-Start believes that children need a happy and secure childhood and that parents play the key role in giving their children a good start in life and helping them achieve their full potential. To Home-Start, every family is special and we respond to each family's needs through a combination of home-visiting support, group work and specialised parenting courses. The one-to-one relationship which develops between a volunteer and a parent means our support can be exactly tailored to the needs of each family we visit.

Home-visiting volunteers support families for a couple of hours each week. **We need volunteers to:** Visit local families, who for many reasons, are struggling to cope with the demands on them. Volunteers will undergo a 40 hour preparation course spread over 8 weeks which will start on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

### **INTERESTED - WANT TO KNOW MORE?**

We are holding an informal drop in session between 12.30 - 2.30pm on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at Dame Mary Fagan House, Chineham, RG24 8AG.

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## **Time to plan for Christmas visits**

*By Hayley Eachus, Solicitor and Family Law Specialist*

As the summer draws to an end and the kids are back at school, it won't be long before Christmas beckons.

Although it's only September and it may seem too early to even think about Christmas, from a family law perspective in relation of children of separated parents, it is very important to ensure contact and visiting arrangements are in place well in advanced of the festive period.

Christmas can be a hectic and challenging time for parents, even for those with a strong family relationship. As any parent will know, the demands of the season can put considerable pressure not only on your time and wallets, but your emotions too. It can be even more stressful when there is a difference of opinion as to who should have the children over the festivities.

No doubt mums and dads will always try their best to make sure their children have as enjoyable and fulfilling a time as possible, whilst ensuring that their own needs as parents and their wish to spend time with their children are satisfied.

It can be very frustrating when one parent will not allow contact or access over the holiday and it can be a distressing and tense situation when a parent is not able to watch their children open their presents on Christmas Day. But it is possible to come to an agreement.

Ideally, it is best to start discussing the situation with your children's other parent as early as possible, to give yourself plenty of time to come to an arrangement about times and days to see the children.

Think about how to divide your children's time over the period. Is having the children over on Christmas Day every other year a good idea or would it be better for your children to have two Christmases, one with each parent?

With a little planning well before the holiday season starts, a lot of distress and arguments could be avoided.

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These two days culminated in the signings of a host of new and existing players to the club.

This being said, we still have spaces in our under 7s squad for children going into Year 2 in September. Please email [mfcpopleyyouth@live.co.uk](mailto:mfcpopleyyouth@live.co.uk) for more information.

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 Popley and will strive to keep links with our spiritual home.

In case you missed it, the committee is pleased and proud to announce that MFC Popley Youth has been named as the 2016 FA Charter Standard Development Club of the Year for Hampshire.

This is a very prestigious award and we would like to thank all the players, parents, grandparents and everyone who gives up their time to make this club such a success, for your continued support.

Founded in 2005, MFC Popley Youth FA Charter Standard Development Club and Nike Partner Club is a Not For Profit (NFP) organisation dedicated to coaching boys and girls of all age groups to play football. We provide the children with encouragement and a fun and friendly environment with the opportunity to play in matches.

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.

If you would like to join our team of committed volunteers, either as a coach (experience not necessary as full training will be arranged by the club) or as a parent/guardian volunteer, please contact the club by email at [volunteer@mfcpopleyyouth.co.uk](mailto:volunteer@mfcpopleyyouth.co.uk) for more details.

If you are a parent or guardian of a player at the club, and would like more information on becoming a committee member, or getting more actively involved with MFC Popley Youth, especially on match days with refereeing (in particular our under 7s), running the line (under 11s upward) and the set up of the pitches and Respect lines, please speak to the manager of your child's age group.

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, 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/](http://www.clubwebshop.com/a-z/clubs/mfcpopley/)

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**Tuesday** night is BINGO NIGHT! Doors open at 7pm, eyes down at 8pm. New members are always welcome. Come along, meet and make new friends. Refreshments are also available and it finishes around about 10pm.

**Wednesday** evening is Dance to the Beat, 6pm until 7pm. For details ring Miss Lackey on 321160.

If you like to dance we have Street Dance and ballet classes on **Thursdays**, for ages from two and a half year to adults, 4.30pm until 6.30pm. For full details contact Samantha on 07811299484. Also kick boxing from 7pm until 8.30pm.

**Friday** night is Friday Night Club from 5pm until 6.30pm

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## **Basingtoke Lions Club**

Website [www.basingstokelions.org.uk](http://www.basingstokelions.org.uk)

Last month we appointed our first woman President, Ann Vicars. Since then she has set a number of other precedents: first to be stranded in Switzerland by a delayed flight on the day of the monthly business meeting – first to buy a ticket on another flight (also delayed) in an attempt to get to the meeting on time – first to take a taxi from the station to the meeting – first to arrive an hour and twenty minutes late – first to re-open a closed meeting to deliver her report. And all this while keeping the Club members fully informed of progress. If that's not devotion to duty, I don't know what is!

### **Fundraising:**

Our final outing of the year with the Lions' Den was to Four Lanes Junior School in Chineham. The school put on a super, entertaining event, (in spite of the weather) and we were delighted to donate our takings of £99.50.

### **Welfare:**

In addition to delivering articles of clothing and bedding to the Joshua Tree and May place, and a redundant television to a Popley family, we donated a total of £600 to two other charities involved with looking after carers, and pensioners with mental health problems.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**24/09/2016 Motown at the Royal British Legion Old Basing:** The inimitable aficionado **Lou Taylor** is performing for us in aid of replacement of the Maple Ridge School for disabled children's minibus.

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## Christmas Shoe Box Appeal 2016

Although Christmas still seems a long time away, now is the time of year our thoughts turn again to the gift of Christmas shoe boxes. Over the last few years readers of Popley Matters have given very generous support to this Appeal and have donated hundreds of boxes to this caring, humanitarian cause. Last year over 20,000 boxes were collected by the Rotary movement in Hampshire alone and distributed by members of Rotary.

This Christmas Rotary will again be collecting and transporting Christmas shoe boxes for children who live in the mountains and very poor regions of Montenegro, Albania, Romania and in the cold foothills of Mt Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. You are invited to make up and donate shoe boxes, which will bring joy and delight to these children who have virtually nothing.

### **If you would like to make up a box here are some helpful suggestions:**

Choose the sex and age range for the child you would like to receive your box.

The age ranges for boxes are: 1-3 years, 4-7 years, 8-11 years, 12-15 years.

Please ensure that all items included are new or 'as new'.

Last year there was a great shortage of boxes for children in the older age groups.

### **Suggested items you might include:**

Learning toys, mosaics, Lego, games, balls, jigsaws, modeling clay, sticky tape, coloured paper, skipping ropes, playing cards, dominoes, chess sets and clothing such as socks, gloves, pants, tights, hats, scarves.

Depending on the age you select you may like to include items for use at school, e.g. ball point pens, pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers, paper, colouring pencils, solar powered calculators, geometry sets.

Soap, combs, face cloths, hand cream, talc, football memorabilia of famous teams, sports magazines, books, especially paper-back English Classics.

### **Please do not include:**

**Food, drinks, liquids, items for the bath, sweets, large soft toys, swimwear, toilet rolls, large items of clothing, toy soldiers, toy guns and other military-type toys, penknives, anything breakable or anything which needs a battery.**

While you are making up your box think of the delight on the face of 'your child' when they open **their** box that **you** have sent to them.

Please cover your box and lid **separately** with decorative paper and secure the lid with strong elastic bands (the boxes need to be opened easily as they may be inspected by Customs). Put a sticky label on the outside of your box and indicate **the sex and age range** you have chosen. Please donate £1 per box to help to cover the cost of transportation costs and attach the coin to the outside of the lid.

The maximum size for the shoeboxes is 13" x 8" x 6"

Boxes should be delivered by 15 October latest please to the Rotary collection points at Eden Fiat, A30, Old Basing, Basingstoke, Oakley Carpets, Andover Rd, Oakley, Basingstoke RG23 7HA or The Bear Factory, Festival Place.

If you would like to contribute to this cause but you are unable to fill a complete box, donations of any of the items above would be very welcome because they can be used to make up extra boxes. These donations can be taken direct to the collection point.

# Chineham Library

The Summer Reading Challenge has begun really well, with over 600 children registering, and over 40 attending the themed crafts each week. We have lots of exciting prizes to win, so do try to finish by 17<sup>th</sup> September.

Most of the library groups took a break for the summer, and will be resuming again this month. Colour and Create will take place on 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> September, and the 12<sup>th</sup> October from 2 – 4pm. The card making group will continue fortnightly on Thursday mornings, meeting this month on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, and would welcome new members. Age Concern are returning on Wednesday mornings from 10am – 13.00 from 7<sup>th</sup> September, offering computer tuition to over 50s for a donation of £5. The CHIPPS reading group for parents with young children restarts on 7<sup>th</sup> September, meeting from 10 – 11am. With the change of leadership we do not have a date for the September meeting of the Crime Reading Group, so please watch social media or contact the library for this.

The Saturday afternoon Construction Club will return weekly after the Summer Reading Challenge finishes, with the first session being on the 24<sup>th</sup> September. Rhymetime will return to the normal three sessions from 6<sup>th</sup> September. Storytime will continue to take place every Saturday through September, from 10am – 10.30am, with Saturday crafts resuming on 1<sup>st</sup> October at 10am. There are also a couple of new groups starting for children in the Autumn. One is the Chatterbooks Group which is aimed at primary school age children who love reading and exciting activities. This commences on 15<sup>th</sup> September from 3.45 – 4.45pm, and will meet monthly. The other group is the Coding Club, for which further information will follow.

Do follow us on social media, and we will have news of the final figures and prizes from the Summer Reading Challenge. *Cathy Foster*

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## Basingstoke and Deane Over 55s Forum

On 1st October - Celebration of the "International Day for Older People" Queen Mary College, Cliddesden Road, Basingstoke, 2pm to 5pm. We will have the BATS Next GEN a group of local talented youngsters performing Music - Dance and Songs. Afternoon tea will be provided during the interval. Price per ticket will be £6. The Mayor of Basingstoke and Deane will be attending and will open and close the show.

On 11th October 2016 we have a few tickets available for our trip to the Brick Lane Music Hall in London for the show "The Best of British", a celebration of British talent from television to stage and screen, with afternoon tea. The cost for return coach, show and tea. is members £47.25 - non members £49.25, please ring Gerald on 07792535116 to purchase ticket(s).

**Gerald (Secretary and Tour Manager.)**

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