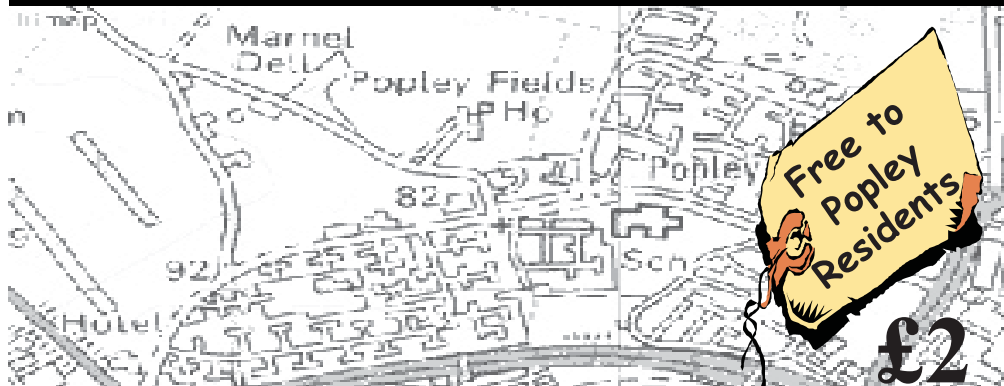


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Editor  
Jane Frankum

**Message from the Editor:** Next month in the October issue of Popley Matters will be a very special one, it will be the 200th edition of your community magazine. Firstly can I thank all of the hundreds of people over the 26plus years that the magazine has been coming through your doors. It takes hours each month to get together, lay out, proofed, printed, get paid for and then distributed. How many hours I would not like to guess, but myself and the team hope that you enjoy it and that the effort is worth it. Please get in touch with me if you have ever written, advertised or delivered the Popley Matters over its long history. We have a closed page Popleymatters200 on Facebook where those who have been involved can swap stories and memories of our involvement. Get in touch and I can invite you into the page. We welcome any new advertisers especially local ones, as that's how we pay for "The Matters" to be printed. Everyone else is a volunteer, indeed our printer helps to deliver as well. A really huge thank you to everyone. I am not going to put names as there have been so many that it would take up the whole space and then I would probably forgotten a few names. There are a handful still left that have been involved for most of those years and you know who you are and how much I admire you for your community spirit. Paul and I often talk of the wonderful people who we have come to know in the years that we have been involved. We have never missed an issue in all those years and that is quite remarkable.

Please do contact us as we would like to mark it in a special way by meeting together at St Gabriel's Church Hall on 6th October from 2 till 4pm with a bring and share refreshments and stories. It is also helpful to know that all the hours and work by all the team has been worth it? Contact details are at the bottom of my message.

We welcome articles from groups and clubs, also residents who might like to write about their hobbies or maybe the history of Popley? Email the Editor at [editor@popleymatters.org.uk](mailto:editor@popleymatters.org.uk). Contact me at either 405 Abbey Road, phone me, on 01256 819924 or email me at [editor@popleymatters.org.uk](mailto:editor@popleymatters.org.uk).



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**Councillors County:** The hospital path that we have been campaigning to get tarmacked to make it safe will finally be done but not until next year's budget. It has, however, given us the chance to have new drainage looked at to stop the flooding to the park and hospital path.

Grants have been given to Melrose Hall from Hampshire County Council and Basingstoke and Deane that will at last enable Melrose Hall to have the capacity to serve the whole community better. It will enable the hall to expand and have a better kitchen and of course more rooms. Building should commence soon. It is now up to planning to give the go ahead.

The hedges along Don Allen Drive and the ownership of what part is the responsibility of whom carries on! It is in at least three parts possibly four and we are trying to finally unravel the mystery so that it goes on a proper and regular maintenance rota.

I will be meeting with Hampshire County Council in September with the ladies that have been putting the signs up on the bridges to send messages of hope and to deter people from jumping off them. You may have read about them in The Gazette or on Facebook. Sadly far too many people mostly young adults, do this and leave broken hearted families and friends. Two people have so far contacted them to say the messages prevented them from. **Cllr Jane Frankum 01256 819924 email jane.frankum@hants.gov.uk**

**Popley West:** The street signs in Popley West are quite old and there are several bent ones in Melrose Walk and Abbey Road. We have asked that the ones we have already identified get replaced and they have been put on order. If there are signs that need repairing or replacing please email us. We have a meeting with the officer in a few days.

There were several complaints about burning of rubbish especially from Abbey Road Allotments. We did a site visit with an allotment officers and letters have been sent to all allotment holders to remind them of their conditions. The hedges around there have been cut back so you can use the path safely. Two plots looked, and were confirmed as being, abandoned and notice has been served. This is good news to at least two people on the 500 strong waiting list for allotments.

The police have launched "Operation 5" and are doing extra patrols and putting extra staff on patrolling in the early hours, some in uniform and some plain clothes and these have already been some arrests.

After three months of complaints about the exceedingly poor service collecting rubbish, recycling and garden waste from us and many of the residents, the council finally told Veolia to catch up. The new company takes over in October and lets hope we get a better service.

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**Popley East:** We are increasingly concerned at the growth of Management Companies taking over the responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of properties often involving grounds maintenance, roads and footpaths. Previously the majority of developers would pass over this responsibility to the Local Authorities who would adopt the development and the Council Tax paid by residents would reflect the services provided. We now have situations where there are few controls on the increasing charges made by these companies, coupled with a poor service, whilst Council tax remains payable. We know that residents are in a very vulnerable position and we are seeking to give advice and support where possible.

Ground works are due to start soon at the pub/restaurant site off Carpenters Down. The appeal by Marston's against the planning decision at the Council to refuse to support this development was successful and regrettably won. This means there are limitations to the controls that can be enforced on the development itself. Despite widespread opposition in the local community the pub/restaurant will be built and we are trying to make sure that local residents are inconvenienced as little as possible as the work proceeds. Inevitably there will be some inconvenience as this work is added to all the other road works taking place in that area.

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Wow! Exciting times, we are finally getting close to starting work on our building extension! Watch this space and our notice boards for more information!

Looking for a venue for your party or group? Ring Vicki on 01256 420676 or e-mail us [melrosehall2@gmail.com](mailto:melrosehall2@gmail.com) for hire information or to arrange a tour or find us at [www.Melrosecommunityassociation.co.uk](http://www.Melrosecommunityassociation.co.uk) or on facebook.

### WHATS ON IN AUGUST:

<b>MONDAY:</b>	10.00-11.00am	4 Fits Sake Pound Fit
	12.30-2.30pm	Bingo!!
	7.30-10.00pm	Peregrinus Healing and Holistic
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	9.30-11.30am	Popley Little People
	5.00-7.00pm	Sama Karate
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	9.00am and 11.00am	Slimming World with Jo
	11.45am-1.30pm	Oasis Lunch Club
	5.30pm and 7.30pm	Slimming World with Julia
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	9.30-11.30am	Community Caf�
	7.00-9.00pm	4 Fits Sake
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	10.00am-1.30pm	Melrose Tots
	6.15-9.15pm	Friday Youth Club
<b>SATURDAY:</b>	9.15am-4.00pm	7 <sup>TH</sup> Day Adventist Church
	10am	Sabbath School - Bible Study
	11.30am	Divine Worship
	1pm	Free Community Lunch
	Contact Emanuel Ampofo on 07456068812	
<b>SUNDAY:</b>	Melrose Christian Fellowship - Contact Pastor Phillip Keeble on 462351 for times of services.	

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- Do you run a not-for-profit organisation/charity?
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e-mail: [alan.g.fowler@gmail.com](mailto:alan.g.fowler@gmail.com)

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# The Over 55s Forum

The Over 55s Forum is still growing with many people wanting to join, their names go onto our waiting list, this must be good for Basingstoke. Our next "Open" Forum meeting will be held on 10th October 2018 at the Carnival Hall, Council Road 10.15am to 1.30pm.

The support for our coach trips is very, very good: in June we visited the Morgan Car Factory which was very interesting, because the cars are hand built; in July a visit to Cheddar Gorge - August Blenheim Palace for Countryfile Live (it was very hot) and Lunch and Tina Turner Concert in London future trips are: 11th September 'Sandhurst Trust', 5th October and 17th December Postal Museum in London; 26th November and 3rd December Cockney Christmas Special in the docks East End London. All trips are full, because some places we are visiting will only take one coach at a time. Our Cockney Christmas Special has exceeded all expectations with 5 coaches over the 2 dates.

Our main event for 2018 will be our "International Day for Older People" show at Queen Mary's College on 29th September, 2pm to 5pm. The acts are: Steve Apelt Compere/Comedian; Elvis Presley tribute act; and the Old Basing Royal British Legion Corps of Drums. FREE refreshments will be served during the interval. All this for just £6.00 per ticket. Tickets can be purchased from BDBC (Parklands), Newbury Building Society (Festival Place), Shopmobility and Oakridge Hall 4 All or contact Gerald on 07792535116 or e-mail gerald.merritt@ntlworld.com. Tickets are selling quite well at the moment, so put this date in diary and purchase you ticket(s) to avoid disappointment.



## Basingstoke Lions

Sadly this month I have to report the death of Dalton Hopkins. He and his wife, Dianne, joined us in 2012. They were not new to Lionism as they had previously been Lions in South Africa. But it took them three visits to our business meetings to make up their minds that we were not quite as "off the wall" as our behaviour suggested. Once they got the message, they really got stuck in. Dalton took on the job of Chairman of Fundraising and subsequently Zone Chairman whilst Dianne became Secretary and then President.

Unfortunately, as is so often the case, you learn more about people when they've gone than you did when they were here. We did not know that Dalton was a practicing Christian, that he used to ride a Harley Davison, or that he was once a Kenny Rogers lookalike and impersonator. What we had seen were beautiful examples of his work as a glass sculptor (done before his illness made the work too dangerous for him to continue), and his performance as Santa Claus which was very realistic - all in all, a talent gone too soon at the age of sixty-six. He will be sorely missed. Fortunately Dianne has family and friends to help her through this difficult time.

For the Club, it's back to the arduous business of fundraising to enable us to serve the needs of the community. Our first offering is **Motown Music** with Lou Taylor on 22 September at the British Legion in Old Basing. Thereafter things have gone slightly pear shaped in the sense that our resident impresario has only just realized that he had mixed up our upcoming concert dates. The correct dates are, **The Hampshire Police Band** playing for us at QMC on **13<sup>th</sup> October** and **The Caerphilly Male Voice Choir** on **17<sup>th</sup> November** - Veritably old age does not come on its own!

**Quiz Night** at the Cliddesden Millenium Hall is still on **3rd November**. If any of these appeal, please get in touch with us via the website [www.basingstokelions.org.uk/](http://www.basingstokelions.org.uk/) or by contacting one of the organisers - tony.bamberger@hotmail.co.uk - mauricehockley@hotmail.com - jomolincoln@btinternet.com - philiphjwilson@btinternet.com .

Thank you for your support. We look forward to seeing you.



# Widening Your Horizons...

Travelling is my favourite hobby! Exploring our beautiful world at the touch of our finger tips. So many glorious places to see! I have been so lucky this summer to have visited one of the wonders of the world - Niagara Falls! Wow what an experience I shall treasure forever! A field day for all of my senses. The glimmering blue ice fountains falling with pride. The sheer scale of the waterfall is unimaginable! Truly gigantic! The maid in the mist boat gliding towards the roaring waterfall. Each droplet battering the timid boat as she sails towards the beauty. This of course is a far-fetched extreme adventure that I am so grateful to have experienced! However in the realms of our surroundings there are wonders too! The Vyne Woods is a great show of nature in every season! Wellington Country Park is another beauty! Walking is a brilliant way to experience the wonders of the world at the touch of our finger tips. Exploring can also be turned into a social family day! One for everyone to discover and enjoy!

Go outside and love the outdoors!  
Don't party too hard! In this case enjoy some nature!

**Ruby J xoxo**  
**Youth writer.**

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## Sighted Guides Needed to Change Lives

You could be the person to change someone else's life. Volunteer with us and we will match you with someone living with sight loss.

Together you'll work towards their personal aims, build their confidence and support them to reconnect with their community, interests and hobbies. We have people waiting for a volunteer to be matched with them.

Anne, a My Guide volunteer, says: "I had never realised how important the My Guide role was until I volunteered with Guide Dogs. As a My Guide you are matched wherever possible with a client with very similar interests and my first match was a success immediately. The client and I worked together for 14 months usually meeting once a week. Their confidence grew week by week which was really great and satisfying to experience. The client had been trained to use a cane and had me to support them getting a on a bus into town one of their goals. We would work together to orientate around bus stations, find the lifts in department stores plus various other key places they might need."

My Guide is a service provided by Guide Dogs to support people who are living with sight loss to get out and about, to do the things they want to do. The role involves providing sighted guide assistance around the local community.

This exciting and fulfilling volunteering opportunity would suit someone who likes to get out and about and could spare two to three hours a week. Full My Guide training and ongoing support and supervision are provided. Volunteers must be 18+ and would require a DBS check.

If you would like to volunteer but don't have much time to spare, please consider joining one of our local Guide Dogs groups. A couple of hours spent volunteering at an event is greatly appreciated and welcomed.

To find out more about how you could help towards a person living with sight loss getting more out life, contact Hazel Kelly, Volunteering Consultant on 0118 983 8892 or at [hazel.kelly@guidedogs.org.uk](mailto:hazel.kelly@guidedogs.org.uk)



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### What support will I be given?

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For further information contact Caroline Nash, Befriending Manager on: 01264 835293  
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## 6<sup>th</sup> Basingstoke Boys' Brigade Newsletter

The last week in August is the week we've all been waiting for, our annual camping trip. This year we are heading to Swanage to a brand new site. We have got lots planned for the young people: swimming, trips to the beach, kayaking, cycling, sports and more. We've got a couple of new members coming along to their first week-long camp but we have a few tried-and-tested members that have suffered....I mean *enjoyed* several camp trips with the 6th Basingstoke Boys' Brigade. Fellowship and fun are what we strive for on our camping trips so we hope they really enjoy themselves.

The last 3 years have been a testing time for two of our younger officers who have been working hard at university. Through some tough times and difficult obstacles, Angelo and Joseph have both passed their courses with flying colours so congratulations to both of them. It's wonderful to see these two excel as they have been part of our group for a long time.

### We're recruiting?

We are looking for new members to join both our age groups, 5-10 and 10-18yo. If you'd like to see what we are about come for a taster session on a Monday evening, 6:15 - 7:15pm (5-10yo) and 7:00-9:00pm (10-18yo).

Give us a ring: **07775 535434** or drop us an email: **6thbasingstokebb@gmail.com**.

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## Pride of Popley

A new Facebook based group has been created for residents of Popley to meet, share experiences and keep up to date on local events

'Pride of Popley' is a group that will be shaped by residents. We are lucky to live in a predominately clean and safe area, this is something we should be proud of. So it is time to work together with agencies to ensure it stays this way.

Whilst freedom of speech within the group is encouraged, trolling isn't and all views should be respected. Other than that rules are minimal and the future of the groups will rely on the members.

Community Spirit has already begun with the creation of 'Community Book Exchange Points'. These are crates placed on the border of residents properties with an invitation to take/ read and exchange books. The scheme being led by the group and is an experiment we would love to progress. To find out more and if you too are proud to live in Popley search and request to join the group. **Martin**



## Down Grange Football Club

### New Ladies Football Team in Basingstoke

This upcoming season Down Grange will have a new Ladies team playing in the Hampshire County Football League Division One. We also have an under 18s girls team playing in the Hampshire County Youth League.

We are looking to expand both our squads. Would you like to get back into playing football or looking for a new team? Are you a young player who is looking to develop?

Down Grange Football Club also has a variety of younger teams for any girls under the age of 16 who would like to play.

If you are interested please come along to one of our training sessions, which are held on Wednesday evenings at Down Grange, Pack Lane, Basingstoke RG22 5SN (by the hockey field) from 7-8.30pm. Please contact Ben (Ladies Manager) on 07519845292 or Garry (U18s Manager) on 07776366602 to find out more. Alternatively you can email [downgrangeladiesfc@gmail.com](mailto:downgrangeladiesfc@gmail.com).



### Down Grange Ladies Squad

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## The Scout Quintet:

### Sponsored Walk for the World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia

Five intrepid Explorers from Denali Scouts were delighted to be selected as Representatives for Basingstoke in the UK contingency going to the World Scout Jamboree in 2019.

The local teenagers: Alex, Charlotte, Haydn, Katie and Oceiah have clubbed together to work on joint enterprises that will help fund their 'once-in-a-lifetime trip' to West Virginia.

On this three-week overseas adventure, they will join 45,000 Scouts from around the world for adventure training - as well as several days volunteering on environmental, schools or other community projects. There will, of course, be campfire and singing with their new found friends from across the world - many of whom will be travelling from far-flung places.

Accepting the place to travel to North America required a commitment to raising funds that will, in part, cover the travel costs for Scouts from Developing World countries. Oceiah (15) who attends one of the Popley catchment area schools says: 'I'm glad to help raise money so that other Scouts can join us for this amazing journey.'

To sponsor these energetic young people for their 'Twenty Bridge Walk' in London, please go to their group fundraising page:

When: September 2018

Where: London towpaths and routes along the River Thames crossing twenty bridges in the City of London

Website for The Denali Explorers and Basingstoke Scouts Association: <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/denali>.

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### Upcoming Dates

Monday 3 September—8.30am Autumn Term starts Thursday  
27 September—6.00pm-8.30pm Open Evening Tuesday 2 &  
Friday 5 October 9.15am-10.45am Open Morning

### Duke of Edinburgh Award

Registration for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Bronze and Silver levels will open on Monday 3rd September and close for Silver on Friday 7th September and Bronze, Friday 14th September. The cost to participate, including expedition fees, is £90 at both levels. Letters will be available from Monday 3rd September; places are limited and will be given on a first come, first served basis.

### German Trip 2018

Mrs Berte and Mrs Cummins took a group of year 8 pupils to Cologne in Germany to enhance pupils' German language and cultural knowledge. They took a river boat ride on the Rhine, visited the Lindt chocolate factory and Burg-Rheinfels Castle. The trip was a huge success and further trips are planned for 2019.



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If you are considering setting up a charity then basing yourself at The Orchard even for a short period of time would provide you with direct access to BVA who can give practical help and advice on the process that you need to follow. [www.bvaction.org.uk](http://www.bvaction.org.uk)

This year in addition to our Cedar Room (a large meeting/training room with smartboard) and Maple Room (suitable for 6 people), the Willow Suite is now available for hire. Formerly The Orchard Coffee shop, the Willow Suite is a self-contained suite of rooms with its own entrance and direct access to War Memorial Park. The suite comprises of a main room, cafe area with kitchenette, and a toilet. Ideal if you want to run a coffee morning or afternoon teas, training or general meetings.

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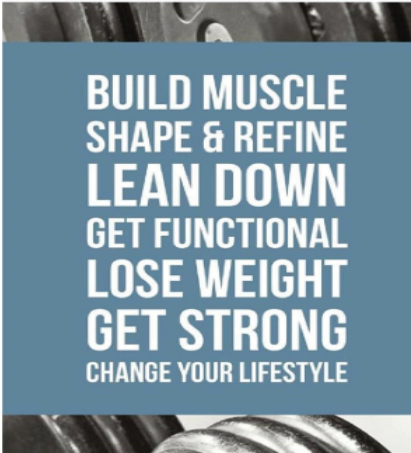
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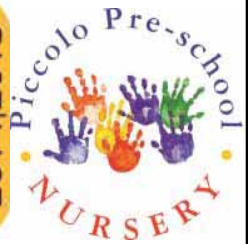
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Dear Friends,

Welcome back! Is it me or is time really passing quickly? It feels like only yesterday that we were melting in the Mediterranean temperatures of July and here we are in September, though as I write we are still enjoying 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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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 dependent 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 dependent 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.

Should a Will fail 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.

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myself!!

The ponds have been dry, the newts have been busy having babies and we've been on our holidays! Ok, Gill has been on holidays, so has Alan, wait I'm the only one who hasn't had a holiday, what happened there then!?! Next time someone please pack me!

On a brighter note at least the break has given us a chance to plan for the next season at the ponds. There's a whole load of work to be doing and now we're not so much in danger of disturbing the breeding season of umpteen different species we're about to be back in action!

So, details as follows:

**Who?**

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**What?**

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**Where?**

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**When?**

29th September 10am - 1pm, and every last Saturday of the month thereafter until the following summer.

**Why?**

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# Chineham Library

Amazingly a new school year is upon us and the Summer Reading Challenge is nearly over at the library. The finish date is Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September, so please bring all children who are yet to finish by that date. There is no Saturday craft this month, but there are the regular pre-school storytimes at 10am, and crafts resume on 7<sup>th</sup> October. Mischief Makers had been hugely successful at Chineham, so thank you to both our local families and volunteers who have made this happen.

We are now looking to recruit volunteers to join us throughout the year, so if this is something that may interest you please do contact us for further information. Days, hours and areas of involvement can be tailored to suit. Our friendly team would love to welcome you.

All the other regular children's activities resume this month. So in addition to storytimes, we have Construction Club with Lego to play with from 2 – 3.30pm on Saturdays. Rhymetimes are Tuesdays at 10am for under ones and 11am for over ones. The Chatterbooks group meets on 13<sup>th</sup> September at 3.45pm, and for details of our coding clubs please contact the library. (Places are bookable for these).

Adult activities also restart after the summer break. Age Concern returns on Wednesdays to provide computer tuition for the over 50s. Sessions must be booked in advance through their area office on: 01256 423874. Others include the general Reading group on 29<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30am and the Creative Writing Group on 6<sup>th</sup> September at 5.30pm. The CHIPPS reading group for parents and pre-schoolers meets on the 12<sup>th</sup> September at 10am. Perhaps think about taking up a new interest for the autumn, you are welcome even to try a group out!

Cathy Foster

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## Basingstoke Model Boat Club (BMBC)

Looking for a different way to relax and unwind? Then maybe the Basingstoke Model Boat Club has the answer?

Basingstoke Model Boat Club has been running for over 30 years and currently has around eighty members drawn from across Basingstoke and the wider area. Some members travel from locations such as Andover, Newbury, Reading and Farnham to sail their boats. This is because Basingstoke's Eastrop Park has the only purpose built and well maintained model boating pond in the region. It is worth mentioning that Eastrop Park has won the coveted Green Flag award, which recognises and rewards well managed parks and green spaces, for the last 19 years.

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Basingstoke Model Boat Club regularly meet at Eastrop Park on Wednesday afternoons and Sunday mornings. There are two ponds in the park, the model boat pond is the smaller of the two, at the Eastern end of the park.

New members are always welcome to join this thriving club and share in the benefits of club membership, participate in events, receive newsletters and public liability club insurance cover of £5,000,000 for your model boating activities at the pond side or wherever you take your models.

Further details can be found on our website: [www.basingstokembc.co.uk](http://www.basingstokembc.co.uk)



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**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept**

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For more information contact us at

[contact@ntcog.org.uk](mailto:contact@ntcog.org.uk)

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