

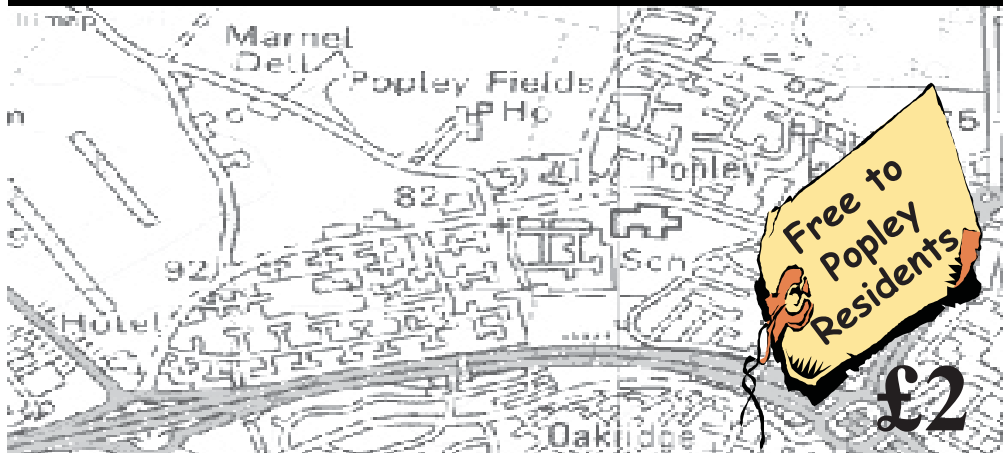
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Editor
Jane Frankum

Message from the Editor: The get together to celebrate and thank the many volunteers over its 26 year history went really well and two of the original people who were at the first meeting in 1991 were there. You can join and see some of the photos on our new Facebook Page Popley Matters 200. So many people popped in so if Paul and I did not get a chance to personally thank you please accept our thank you now. There's a short report on page 5 We would love to see more people involved in Popley Matters; either by writing about your life in Popley or about the clubs or events you go to; or by advertising especially if you are a local business; and we always need more people delivering.

There is no report from Neighbourhood Watch as two of the co ordinators have had to resign due to work pressures; if you feel you have the time and passion to volunteer I am sure Neighbourhood Watch would be pleased to hear from you. Also we have nothing from the police. I have sent reminders and hope they will start sending us an article as it is good to know what is going on, especially when we all have concerns about drugs, car crime and local issues.

Many of you will remember Old Codger and he has written a poem with his grandson on page 1 about Remembrance Day and they have illustrated it. The British Legion were also sent a copy. Christmas is close now and some Christmas events are advertised on page 6 is St Gabriel's Fair; on page 13 is the annual Christmas Dinner held in Melrose Hall; and The Basingstoke Cats Protection League Christmas Fair is on page 27.

As the cold weather closes in please keep a watchful eye on the vulnerable people in your neighbourhood Please do not use cat litter out on the paths or roads in icy conditions as it soaks up the moisture and it doesn't permanently remove the snow, it freezes and becomes very slippery,. Also the chemicals in it get onto your shoes and rots them and your carpets. Forecasters are saying we should expect a bad winter!

We hope you continue to read and support the local community magazine and, hopefully, read it! If you want to be involved, details of how to contact us is as usual below. 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. Contact me at either 405 Abbey Road, phone me, on 01256 819924 or email me at editor@popleymatters.org.uk.



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Thank you for your support.

1914- 1918 The Poppy Fields

I lay here now and look up at the dark blue sky,

Above me my nurse and friends,

a lone plane skips across the sky

Thousands of poppies flutter down where I lie,

So to all my friends in this land we will always defend,

This land of poppy fields so red and bright, no more death,

No cold, no more screams just peace and silence

A place to now sleep for this is my end,

So brothers, sisters, friends remember us all, never forget

For so many of us gave our all to save these lands,

We gave the ultimate price by giving our lives

It is one hundred years gone by, we all say never forget.

The poppies still grow as the years go by

we will still be here all brothers and sisters

standing side by side looking at all the poppies

As they flutter down from the plane in the deep blue sky.

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Councillors County: I am still waiting for an answer from the Rights of Way Senior Officer I met. I showed him all the photos and videos that I had been sent by residents and he has arranged for a site visit on the rights of way routes between Popley and Sherborne St John. I have asked that notices of the routes are posted so people can see the right route and that there should be some pruning of the hedgerows that are overgrowing. The officer will be talking to the farmer about the style and access. I will report back to you in the next Popley Matters.

I met with Hampshire County Council's Suicides Prevention Officer and the group "Out of the Darkness" they have been supporting people via social media (Facebook) for four years and been recognised in many other countries too. When they read about another area putting hand written notes on bridges to help to deter suicide (sadly one of the amazing ladies lost her daughter to suicide a few years ago.), we had the assurance from the officer that they would not remove the notices while research is done to other schemes where permanent notices have been put. He will keep in touch and thanked them for the information he was able to talk to them about. **Cllr Jane Frankum 01256 819924 email jane.frankum@hants.gov.uk**

Popley West: At last the rusty old damaged and often unreadable street signs and numbering are being replaced all the roads in the older part of Popley West should be upgraded. However it looks like because of budget cuts it may take some time to complete so it's the worst ones first.

After complaints from residents about bonfires at the Abbey Road allotments we met with a resident and an allotment officer and explained the problem of the smoke and smell. As a result a new notice has now been erected at the entrance and an internal monitor of one of the allotment holders was appointed. The responsible holders were thanked for their cooperation and we had the assurance that the plots that clearly were not being tended to will be returned and two people on the top of the 500 on the waiting list will be offered the plots. The hedgerows surrounding the allotments were in need of cutting back as they were making it impossible to walk past without getting caught by brambles, and that has now been done too.

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Popley East: We have told you previously about the proposed works planned for Shakespeare Road including traffic calming measures, additional parking places, a bus stop and shelter and other works. All these works were due to start in the summer but some problems had to be overcome and, as things stand, work is now planned to start at the end of January 2019. We will keep you up to date on the progress of this scheme.

Again after some delay the legal agreement between the parties relating to Chineham House has been completed and the planning approval has been confirmed for the conversion of the building into living accommodation. The proposed conversion also includes the creation of a small community room together with access for those with disabilities.

The Splash Pad enjoyed another successful operation over the summer months following its delayed opening. Generally speaking the problems with parking were overcome by the use of the overflow car park and this will continue for 2019.

We are pleased to report that the Council has responded to the problems experienced, reported to us by residents, involving a homeless person living under the skateboard ramp in Chineham Park. All those involved will seek to continue to work with the individual concerned to achieve positive outcomes so there is no need for the homeless person to sleep outside in the conditions experienced under the skateboard ramp in the park.

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Fearless Fears

With Halloween and late winter nights upon us, it is easy to feel scared. But everyone feels worried at times, it's totally normal. Darkness in our lives can leave us feeling like we are alone. Sometimes we don't know where we are going or what is round the corner. Sometimes something unexpected happens that leaves us feeling lost. It happens to everyone, that's what you must always remember. At certain points in our life, it can feel like we are trapped in a dark place where you feel nervous or have low mood but it always gets better. Try to look on the positive side of life. I understand this is easier said than done but at least try! Focus on the little small things, moments of happiness, a simple smile, a glimpse of laughter - write these positivities down on a notepad and then take a moment to reflect on the end of the day. Things will brighten up easily. Find something to help switch that light back on again. For me, my family and my friends are the most important part of feeling happy. Everyone has suffered or felt sad but that's what makes us all able to empathise and help one another. Love and be kind. Laugh and smile. You can lighten someone's day. We can each play a small part in turning people's lights back on. We are responsible for making others happy as well as you are responsible for helping yourself. If we are in it together, then we can all make it together.

LIVE, LAUGH, LOVE

Ruby J xoxo

Popley Matters 200 Celebration Party

What a wonderful occasion when we celebrated the 200th issue of the community magazine Popley Matters on 6th October. The story started in 1991 when Popley residents met at the old John Hunt School and came up with the idea of a newsletter and the name Popley Matters was chosen. There were only 4 issues between then and 1997. When a report in the Basingstoke Gazette and a TV program gave a really negative view of Popley in 1997 residents got together and said they were happy and loved living in Popley and it was not a fair reflection of Popley as we know it. "Why not revive Popley Matters?" they suggested. Paul Frankum said "I will do one just to show how it can be done", famous last words as Paul still lays out Popley Matters. The next change was when residents were saying they enjoyed reading it but it needed to be monthly. So in June 2005 it became the monthly magazine it is today. Jane and Paul Frankum still edit it and have edited it since 1997.

We wanted to say thank you to the wonderful people who have helped in so many ways, impossible to name them all and we don't want to miss anyone out. We set about tracing and found people living in Hong Kong, Scotland, and all over the country. We didn't realise just how many hundreds of people had been involved. Invitations went out and in true community spirit St Gabriel's newly extended church hall and kitchen were offered. Bring a Plate and Share turned out to be more of a banquet. 70 plus people came. Stories of people's involvement and memories meant the two hour drop in party went too fast. I think Popley can be very proud of its community and the 27 year history of Popley Matters.

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Over 55s Forum

Our variety show to celebrate the “International Day for Older People” was held at Queen Mary’s College, on 29th September 2018. It was another great success with a packed hall and record takings for our Grand Draw. All those who attended were treated to an afternoon of fun and entertainment, good compere, Elvis and the Old Basing British Legion Corps of Drums who were all excellent, as were the other two acts. Tea, coffee and cakes were provided, and everyone left the hall smiling for just £6.00.

Our trip to the Cockney Christmas Special with meal, dessert and tea/coffee and coach travel on the 26th November 2018, there are a few more seats left, so please book early. Members £54.00 - Non members £56.00.

Trips for 2019 are being arranged and this is a short selection;

8th-10th March A cabaret weekend at the Queen Hotel, Eastbourne a free drink with your evening meal, Sunday lunch and entertainment - £99.00.

12th and 13th a April trip to Sandringham staying overnight in Norwich, next day a Paddle boat trip on the Norfolk broads £119.

17th to 20th May four day break to York, which includes a visit to Scarborough, then onto Whitby for a train ride to Pickering, a guided tour of York and free time to look round York £281. Other Events are still being arranged are Teapot Island and Leeds Castle - Malvern Flower Show - Startford River Festival - Kew Gardens - Brighton and Rosebourne Garden Centre at Thruxton with afternoon tea £119.

Our Forum is still growing and people cannot wait to join, this is encouraging for our committee of nine.

Hampshire Fire and Rescue-Our top 10 tips to stay well this winter

1. Don’t get caught out – keep up to date with the weather forecast;
2. Heat your home to at least 18°C (65°F) – You might want your main living room to be slightly warmer;
3. Hot drinks and food – Have plenty of hot drinks and a hot meal every day;
4. Remember to layer up – by wearing layers of thin clothing rather than one thick layer, you will trap heat better to keep warmer;
5. Wrap up on the sofa – when sitting for long periods of time wrap a blanket around you;
6. Keep active when indoors – try not to sit still for more than an hour at a time. Even whilst sitting you can move your arms and legs or wiggle your fingers and toes;
7. Keep your bedroom window closed on winter nights – breathing in cold air can be bad for your health as it increases the risk of chest infections;
8. Protect yourself from flu – if you’re entitled to a flu jab make sure you have it;
9. Make sure you’re receiving all the help that you’re entitled to – learn how to make your home more energy efficient, improve your heating and keep up with your energy bills at www.gov.uk/phe/keep-warm; and
10. Check your heating and cooking appliances are safe – contact a Gas Safe registered engineer to make sure they’re operating properly. Visit www.gassaferegister.co.uk

What's on at Popley Fields Community Centre

	9am-12pm	12-3pm	3-6pm	6-11pm
Monday	11.00am to 12.00pm-Over 50's exercise class		3.00 to 4.00pm-Breathe easy exercise class	7.00 to 8.00pm-Funk n Twist fitness 7.00 to 8.30pm-Youth Club 8 to 11's
Tuesday	10.30am to 12.00pm-Messy Monkey Makers	1.45 to 4.00pm-Parkinson's group (1st Tuesday of the month)	5.30 to 7.00pm-MG Dance	7.30 to 10.00pm-Knights Circle
Wednesday	10.00 to 11.00am-Tai Chi 10.00 to 11.30am-Baby Clinic 11.15am to 12.15pm-Breathe easy exercise class	2.00 to 4.00pm-Forever Young over 50's group		7.30 to 9.00pm-NTCOG prayer meeting
Thursday	9.30 to 11.00am-Thursday Tots 10.30 to 11.30am-Tots play 10.00am to 1.00pm-Embroiderers Guild sewing	1.00 to 4.00pm-Embroiderers Guild (monthly)		6.30 to 8.30pm-Youth Club 11 to 13's 7.00 to 8.00pm-Funk n Twist fitness
Friday	9.00am to 12.00pm-Messy Monkey Makers			
Saturday	10.00 to 11.30am-MG Dance	Available for private functions from 11.30am		
Sunday	10.30am to 12.00pm-New Testament Church 10.00 to 11.00am-Messy Monkey makers (2nd Sunday of the month)	1.00 to 4.30pm-TRC Church	Available for private functions all day	
Mon-Fri	Treasure Island Playschool 9.15am-3.15pm	Community Cafe 10.00am-2.00pm		

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- 14 November—GCSE Awards Evening
- 22 November—Year 7 Parents Evening



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The Man Who Made Meccano, Hornby Trains and Dinky Toys)

Everyone in the room put their hands up to the question - who had played with some of the brand names in this heading?

The man behind such world famous products, Frank Hornby, was the subject of a talk given by John Hollands to the Probus Club of Basingstoke. Born in 1863, Frank Hornby was the 7th child of 8 children. Liverpool was his lifelong home ending up as Conservative MP for Everton. He started as a cashier and ,having realised that perseverance was the key to success, founded a branch of the Band of Hope around 1900. This was a temperance organisation with several million members throughout the country.

He wanted boys to take up useful trades and started to develop a construction kit which he patented in 1901. Initially called Mechanics Made Easy the name changed to Meccano in 1907 and by around this time it was exported to over 40 countries. It had initially been plain metal then painted red and green then blue and yellow. Instructional monthly Meccano magazines became required reading.

The famous Binns Road factory in Liverpool was opened in 1914 employing up to 2000, mainly women. After WW1 Hornby introduced model trains to compete against resurgent German toy manufacturers. The engines were driven by clockwork motors and then by 1925 mains electricity. Export markets had decals on the trucks and passenger coaches pertinent to their own countries.

The factory started to make model figures and equipment to complement the train sets. They were called Dinky Toys. Road vehicles were added to add authenticity to the layouts and thus began the third string of this toy manufacturer which continued up to the closure of the company in 1978.

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Firstly, the committee would like to thank everyone who came along to our MFC Popley Youth Quiz Night, at Mays Bounty, back in September. The evening was a great success raising £175 for the club. Please keep an eye out for details of our next Quiz Night, which will be held in January 2019.

The new season is now well underway with a some of our teams competing in new leagues and divisions. We wish every player, coach and parent involved with the club a very successful season.

Our U14s, being newly promoted in the North East Hants Premier League, began their campaign with two opening draws against tough opposition in Beacon Hill (1-1) and Petersfield (1-1). Battling back from 3-0 down to be 3-3 only to be undone by a last minute winner for Yateley Utd (4-3). A well contested game versus last years Champions, Fleet Town followed the Yateley game. At 2-0 we pushed hard and got a goal back, as it was looking like we would get another draw out of the game we were hit with another last minute goal to end up 3-1 down, great spirit shown by the players.

You can get regular updates on Twitter, @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 - www.clubwebshop.com/a-z/clubs/mfcpopley/.

For more information, or if you have any queries, please contact the club through our main website: <http://mfcpopleyyouth-co-uk.bisongrid.com>.

Zak Collingwood



Marie Curie Daffodil Day

Thank you very much for your generosity at Chineham Shopping Centre in the very cold weather back in February this year; we raised an amazing £495.41.

Marie Curie Care provides nursing for seriously ill people in their home; unfortunately they are unable to provide nurses in the Basingstoke area at this time but they do have nurses in other parts of Hampshire. They also use the money to pay for research into Palliative Care.

Tesco at the Chineham Shopping Centre have kindly invited Marie Curie Care to collect on Wednesday 5 December 2018 so if you have an hour or more you could spare please call Sally or Sophie on 023 8026 3123 or go to https://t.campaign.mariecurie.org.uk/webApp/mcc_supporterRegistration to register for a collection near you.

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September saw the Scout section spending a weekend with the 1st Hungerford Scout Group at their headquarters doing water based activities. After arriving at Hungerford the Scouts spent Friday evening getting to know their hosts for the weekend over a meal and some games. After having a quick talk on water safety the rest of Saturday morning was spent building rafts of various shapes and sizes ready to test out on the Kennet and Avon canal in the afternoon. Most were very successful, although one or two didn't survive the test of having a few Scouts on

them. Saturday evening was spent around a campfire warming up after all the dunkings earlier in the day, chatting with their new friends.

Sunday morning was spent doing some drier activities before packing up after lunch and heading back to Basingstoke.

The Scouts have also just had a Halloween weekend at Alton Towers 'Scarefest' along with other Scouts from across the District. Very scary riding all those rides in the dark!

To continue providing all these and more activities for all three of our sections we are in need of more adults to help out or even maybe to become Leaders. Full training is available for new Leaders, much of it can be done online. The only qualification needed, you must like working with kids and like having a bit of fun. If you are interested please contact the Group Scout Leader, Colin Karslake on 07796 772500 or contact us through the group website, www.base2000.co.uk or via Facebook.



Dear Friends,

October was a tough month in the news media. As I write, I reflect on the natural disasters that have occurred in various parts of the world. The earthquake and tsunami in Sulawesi, Indonesia; the flash floods in Majorca; Storm Michael across the lower eastern seaboard of the US; and the battering of Wales and the West Country through Storm Callum. All these have brought loss of life, livelihood or community, in some cases all three. Some of the scenes we have witnessed on our screens have been heart rending. They were, however, tempered with the stories of rescue, of life, of hope for the future to rebuild, and scenes of rescued families reunited with joy and happiness.

Words like hope, rescue, save, reunited, restored, joy and happiness are very familiar to the Christian and they are particularly poignant at this time of the year for St Gabriel's as we prepare for our Service and Act of Remembrance for Remembrance Sunday in the church on Sunday 11th November at 10:30am This year will be special remembrance as we commemorate the 100th anniversary of the 'war to end all wars'. Please do come along to this important occasion.

More importantly words like hope, rescue, reunite and save take on even greater meaning as Christmas approaches. It is at this time of the year that we begin to prepare again to celebrate the birth of our Saviour Lord Jesus Christ who came to this earth, born as a human baby, to rescue and save each one of us that we might not be lost but reunited and restored to God.

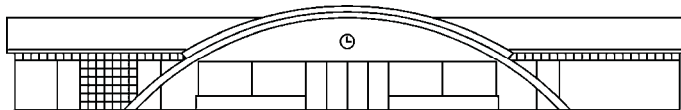
We may sometimes feel in our lives that we are trapped by circumstances: families, relationships, finance, health or just the hectic pace of life. If this is you then the good news is that the Rescuer is here and waiting to hear from you. He is waiting to rescue, restore and save you and all you need do is call out to Him.

As the Christmas preparations gather pace this year I pray that you may be able to celebrate the true joy of a Saviour. If you want to know more, please do come along to St Gabriel's on a Sunday morning at 10.30am, you will always find a welcoming hand.

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So if you are interested please contact **Penny Mayo, SSJ Parish Clerk, on** clerk@sherbornestjohn-pc.gov.uk



Bramley Church of England Primary School Year R Open Mornings

Is your child turning 4 before 1st September 2019? If so, you have reached that time of looking at schools which can be both exciting and daunting!

To help you make the all-important decision as to where to send your child, schools host open mornings. This will allow you to make an informed choice.

At Bramley C of E Primary School, our open mornings are:

Thursday 11th October

Thursday 18th October

Thursday 1st November

Thursday 15th November

All of these sessions start at 9am and finish approximately at 10am.

This is an opportunity for you to see the school in action, meet the staff, talk to some of our Year 6 pupils, pick up a prospectus and ask as many questions as you like to the Headteacher and Early Years Leader.

We appreciate that this is a huge decision for you so, if you would prefer, you can make an individual appointment to view the school and have a tour with the Head.

Please phone the school on 01256 881339 to book your place on one of our open days or book an individual viewing.

The application deadline is 15th January 2019.





Lions Club of Basingstoke

Our MacMillan Nurses Coffee Morning was its usual resounding success. I think we raised about £250 which is a great result for two hours gluttony and coffee slurping. Motown, which raised just under £700, at the Royal British Legion was a stonking success too. Not quite as good as my fag packet accounting calculated for my original report, but still an acceptable result for an evening of super music and a lot of exuberant dancing, none of which would have made the grade on “Strictly”. On the down side, we had to cancel the concert which The Band of the Hampshire Constabulary were due to perform for us. We apologise to all who were looking forward to the concert and thank the Band and Queen Mary’s College for their understanding of our predicament.

Welfare: One of our more intelligent and perspicacious members (an unusual combination in our Club) asked me a question. He/she does that a lot, but this one was actually worth answering. “How have we spent the money we raised over the past year?” As each case is dealt with on its own particular merits, and we have to ensure that individuals are not identified, it was a bit of a poser. So the assistance was extracted under the following loose categories:-

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Normally we would, during this period, have contributed to disaster relief efforts around the world funded through our International Fund. But, austerity has hit the most vulnerable hardest. We hope normal service will be resumed as soon as possible.

Fundraising: The Caerphilly Male Voice Choir sing for us on 17th November and ticket sales are looking good. Please get in touch with - mauricehockley@hotmail.com – or jomolincoln@btinternet.com/ before we sell out.

Quiz Night at the Cliddesden Millenium Hall is on 3rd November. Invitations have already been issued to our regulars. So if you want to join in the fun, apply direct to – philiphjwilson@btinternet.com . 5 tables are still available.

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Age Discrimination

The talents of more than a million over 50s are being wasted because of age discrimination!

That is according to MPs who sit on the Women and Equalities Committee, chaired by Basingstoke MP Maria Miller.

The select committee found that discrimination, bias and outdated practices are prevalent across the business world even though they have been explicitly outlawed under regulations introduced in 2006.

It heard evidence from older workers that they were regularly discriminated against in the job market and were disproportionately likely to be selected for redundancy.

Following the committee's recently published report, called Older People and Employment, Maria Miller said: "Despite age discrimination being unlawful for more than a decade, the scale and lack of enforcement uncovered by our inquiry is both alarming and totally unacceptable."

The report was critical of both the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) and the Government for failing to enforce the law on age discrimination.

It called for it to be made clearer that prejudice, unconscious bias and casual ageism in the workplace were all unlawful under the Equality Act 2010, which replaced the Employment Equality (Age) Regulations 2006.

At Phillips our Employment Law team, headed by Gill Brown, can advise you on all aspects of age discrimination which Gill reminds us can be directed at young employees as well as the over 50s.

The age discrimination laws under the Equality Act 2010 are in place to prevent you from being discriminated against by reason of your age, whatever that might be, which could hinder or even prevent you from getting a job, accessing relevant training, being promoted or having your employment terminated.

If you think you may have been discriminated against, or are worried about potential age discrimination or if you have any concerns about age discrimination or any other form of discrimination in the future, contact Gill by emailing gill.brown@phillips-law.co.uk or call her directly on 01256 854605.

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We hope you're all gearing up nicely for Christmas! I know it was summer only a few weeks ago but time flies when you're having fun, right!?

Keep a close eye on our Facebook page for changes to meeting dates- rumour is by the time you read this we may have

moved to the first weekend, rather than the last each month!

Great things have been happening at the ponds - we've had 2 corporate work parties and plenty of helping hands on site!

A team from Argo Wiggins recently cleared the area parallel to Tesco's in Popley, thanks everyone!

At the time of writing I'm in the middle of an accounting year end and it's super hectic so sincerest apologies for not shouting out the other group by name!

We also had a lovely lady join us for the first time at site in September, welcome Pooja! Hard work was done that day clearing paths and we were so happy to meet an enthusiastic new volunteer, please contact us if you want to join in.

6th Basingstoke Boys' Brigade Newsletter



On 15th October we held a badge presentation night, a night where we award the young people badges for completing classes and activities that they achieve throughout the year.

We invited family and friends of the young people to join us on the night. We had the whole BB family getting involved in some classic Boys' Brigade games which everyone seemed to enjoy, even the parents considering some of the more energetic games we played.

Although there were so many awards handed out that night, the one we'd like to highlight is the long service award which was proudly awarded to Dave Phillips, or Mr P to us, for his many, many years of service to the company. Even after retiring from captaincy he still finds time to come along on a Monday night and see everyone.

As mentioned before, the young people take classes during the year to gain credits for their badges; one of these classes was focused around Halloween and Fireworks night. Hopefully you all kept safe if you decided to go out trick or treating. Remember to take care during fireworks demonstrations or if you are doing your own display in your garden.

Now that Halloween has been and gone what's next?...something....what is it.....oh yes, CHRISTMAS!!!! Please keep an eye out for posters and advertising for our annual Christmas Quiz, Merry Quizmas! A date and time will be announced soon.

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Chineham Library

If you haven't yet booked your tickets for this month's Lest We Forget event, there is still time. Tickets costing £5 can be obtained from the library or via the website. Don't miss this opportunity to hear Jonathan Jones reading war poetry and similar to commemorate the First World War centenary. Then on 6th December we are hosting an evening with Longdog Brewery which should be very enjoyable – further details are to follow.

All our regular activities take place this month. Our 3rd November craft session at 10am will have a fireworks/bonfire night theme, and there will be preschool storytimes at 10am on the other weeks. Saturday afternoon we hold our Construction Club, from 2 – 3.30pm, for children to play with Lego. The Chatterbox children's reading group meets on 15th November, from 3.45 – 4.45pm. Rhymetimes also follow the regular pattern, with the under ones session at 10am and the over ones at 11am.

For those aged over 50 who need assistance with any IT, remember we have tuition available from Age Concern. Sessions take place on Wednesday mornings from 10am, and places can be booked through their office on 01256 423874. There is good availability of places at present. The general reading group meet on 24th November and the Crime Reading Group on 10th November, both at 10.30am. The CHIPPS reading group for mothers and preschool children meets on 14th November at 10am. For details of the November meeting of the Writing Group please contact the Library; we would love to see there.

We are now fortunate to have two regular volunteers at Chineham Library, but we would love to have more. If this is something that might interest you, please don't hesitate to contact us for further information.

Cathy Foster

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