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### Editorial

Congratulations to everyone involved in making the **Village Show** in August such a success. See report from Ann Davis and photos from Eve Askew on pages 20 and 21.

A reminder that the **Scouts AGM** and picnic is on 12 Sept from 6:30 pm at Scout & Guide HQ.

**Community invited to share their views on golf facility relocation proposals** (see letter on page 10)

In January, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's Cabinet took a decision to progress further investigation work on plans to relocate facilities currently at Basingstoke Golf Centre to Down Grange.

The community will get an opportunity to find out more and share their views during a drop-in session between **3 pm and 8 pm on Wednesday 10 September** at St Mark's Church, Homesteads Road, Basingstoke, RG22 5LQ.

For more information, visit [basingstoke.gov.uk/golf-centre-future](http://basingstoke.gov.uk/golf-centre-future)

*Front cover photo: July 2025 harvest at Summerdown, Malshanger by Tim Beere*

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# Village



## Our Oakley – A New Way to Connect Our Community

Earlier this year, I launched Our Oakley – a simple, online way for our community to share what's going on and make it easier for people to get involved.

When you visit [ouroakley.uk](http://ouroakley.uk), you'll find a friendly welcome, a search box where you can look up events, venues, or organisers, and links to browse or view the full calendar. Upcoming events are listed clearly, and you can click any one to see full details – including where it's happening, who's running it, and how to take part.



*The Our Oakley homepage – search for events, venues, or organisers and see what's happening in our village*

Current organisers include OCA, Parish Council, Oakley with Wootton, Oakley Neighbourhood Watch, Oakley Stitchers CIC, local schools, sports clubs, The



*The Our Oakley calendar – your one-stop place for upcoming village events.*

Barley Mow, and Craft Kits N Bits – with more joining all the time. The calendar also shows our third Our Oakley Community Market coming up on Saturday 27 September at 12 pm – an example of how the site can help promote village events.

If you run a group, club, venue, or local business, you can sign up to list your events at [ouroakley.uk/admin/signup](http://ouroakley.uk/admin/signup). It's free to use, and you'll be able to update your own listings whenever you like.

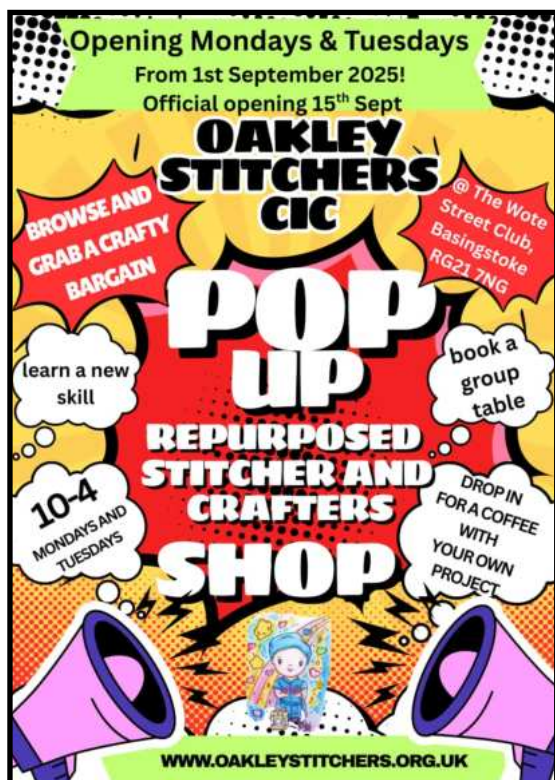
Our Oakley is part of my wider Our Area idea – a way to bring communities together and give them the tools to share, connect, and thrive.

A huge thank you to Oakley Community Association, Oakley and Deane Parish Council, Oakley with Wootton, and the early test organisers who helped shape the site with their feedback.

*Alex Rowley*

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## Report from the Parish Council

The Parish Council is pleased to provide residents with an update on recent developments and projects across Oakley.

At Beach Park, we've completed upgrades to improve safety and enjoyment for local families. A new roundabout has been installed, and new bark surfacing now surrounds the play equipment, creating a softer and safer environment for children. Construction of the long-awaited BMX pump track is progressing well. Once complete, it will offer an exciting, purpose-built space for riders of all ages and abilities. We look forward to announcing a grand opening date soon!

Elsewhere, the football pitches have been prepared for the upcoming season. Our grounds team are working hard to ensure the facilities are in excellent condition as we welcome new and existing teams back for training and matches in the coming weeks.

We're pleased to announce that local councillors will be holding monthly drop-in sessions for residents to share their views, ask questions, or raise any local concerns. These informal sessions will take place at the Barley Mow Pub, dates to be confirmed soon. It's a great opportunity to engage directly with your councillors in a relaxed, friendly setting. No appointment needed—just drop in!

As part of our ongoing commitment to accessibility and communication, the Parish Council hosts regular drop-in sessions at the Newfound Pavilion every Thursday from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm for Coffee & Chat—a relaxed and informal session where you can meet fellow residents, raise questions, or simply enjoy a friendly catch-up.

The Council remains committed to enhancing life in Oakley, maintaining our open spaces, and



supporting community wellbeing. We thank residents for their ongoing engagement and look forward to sharing further updates as our projects progress. Our next Parish Council meeting is 11 September at 7:30 pm in the Newfound Pavilion, residents are welcome to join us.

*Kelly Green - Assistant Clerk*  
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## Oak Lodge Recognition

Congratulations to Oak Lodge and Oak Lodge volunteer Karen Pearn who are both finalists in the categories 'Residential Home of the Year' and 'Care Volunteer Hero' at the Hampshire Care Awards. The awards celebrate compassion, professionalism, and the power of great care in Hampshire, and will take place on Thursday 18 September at the Hilton Hotel in Southampton. Good luck and fingers crossed!

Oak Lodge is an 'Outstanding' (rating since 2016) care home on a beautiful 300-acre Hampshire estate, providing exceptional hospitality, person-centred care and a unique 'all-inclusive' offering including massage therapies - spinal flow and reflexology. Manager Grace inspires her devoted team of long-serving employees, always prioritising residents' wellbeing.

"I truly witnessed (visiting most days) in a totally transparent way, the devotion and love of the carers towards him...all the lovely staff were so friendly and caring to me, providing invaluable practical and emotional help."



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Creating a supportive environment which nurtures individual hobbies and social connections through community engagement (‘Arts in Care Homes’) and intergenerational activities (Memory Box Project). No birthdays and special announcements go unnoticed with thoughtful gifts and special touches – we even held our first wedding this year!

“Every time we see her, she tells us how lucky she is to be in such a lovely home and looked after by such caring people...the care is exceptional.”

*Emma Zovich*

## Ladies Societies



### Oakley Afternoon WI

#### July Meeting

At our meeting this month the speaker was Mr Neil Francis. Neil works for the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. The title of his talk was *They Make Good Sandwiches*, and he discussed the role that women played. There were approximately three million women involved in the last war and they worked in factories, on the land and in the armed forces. Many were in the WRENS, WAAFS and ATS. It is interesting to note that Queen Elizabeth II was member of the ATS. The biggest voluntary organisation in WWII was the WVS.

Many women also joined civilian services and were involved in driving buses, working in the Fire Services and on the land. Women were involved in WWII in so many ways. There was an interesting question and answer session after the talk, and the vote of thanks was given by Janet.

This was followed by tea and cakes.

Forthcoming events include the Oakley Show and the annual Afternoon Tea Party.

There was a reminder that coffee mornings at the Barley Mow are on the last Monday of the month, and our monthly meetings are held at the Green Hut on Hill Road on the third Monday of the month (except August) at 1:30 pm and visitors

are always welcome to come along.

*Janie Vickers*

### Oakley Ladies

Oakley Ladies are a friendly, relaxed group who meet on the third Tuesday of the month at St Leonard’s Centre, 7:30 – 9 pm.

If you think you might like to join us please ring Celia on 01256780039 or Marie on 07903368996 for more information and come along for a taster meeting.

#### Our programme for this season, is as follows.....

September: A social evening with a quiz

October: A talk ‘Preparing to meet Mr Hitler’

November: A talk ‘From German schoolboy to British Commando’

December: A Christmas meal at BCoT restaurant

January: ‘Who dun it?’ – 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of

Agatha Christie’s death

February: A Wellbeing talk

March: An Easter craft evening

April: To be confirmed

June: An afternoon outing to be confirmed

July: Our AGM and supper at St Leonard’s Centre

*Addie Keenan*



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# Feature



## News From Jolly Olly's Coffee Shop Farewell

We are very sorry to be saying farewell to both Hannah and Maddison who have been such huge assets to the Jolly Olly's Team. They will be sorely missed but we wish them every success and happiness in the new and exciting next steps in their lives as they head off to University.

### Back to School Special – Wednesday, 3 September

Why not join us after school for a much needed re-fuel? We will be open for an extra half an hour and giving away a FREE kid's mini bake with every adult drink purchased.

### Thank You!

Thank you to Elena Durrant, who completed her work experience with us last month. It has been lovely to have her on the Team. We wish her luck in completing the Duke of Edinburgh Award that she has been working towards.

### Bread

As well as continuing with our Friday sourdough



bread deliveries, we now order a selection of breads to sell on Saturdays from The Street Bake House.

### Book Club

Our book is *In Order to Live* by Yeonmi Park which is a true story about a young girl who risked her life when she and her family fled North Korea. I have a copy of the book, if anyone would like to borrow it. Comments will be invited on our Facebook page from Monday, 8 September.

### Monday Opening

We will be opening on Mondays from 11 August to 15 September after which time I will consider the viability of training and employing a new staff member to allow this to continue.

Please look out for updates on our Facebook and Instagram pages.

*Best wishes from The Team at Jolly Olly's Coffee Shop*

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# Letters



## Dear Editor

### Save Down Grange

Basingstoke Borough Council are planning to build a golf course, a crazy golf and a driving range facility on Down Grange – this will be the end of the park as we know it.

The council have decided they want to stop the public, sports clubs, and nature, from using significant areas of Down Grange in the safe and harmonious way they do today. All in favour of golfers.

The area of Down Grange earmarked for the golf course is used by thousands of people annually – from the elderly enjoying a stroll to young BMX track riders. It is used freely, safely, and in complete co-operation.

This space is also used as a training ground for hundreds of members of the Basingstoke and Mid Hants Athletics Club, a Disc Golf club, cyclists, footballers, picnickers, and walkers, to name a few. Plus, it hosts endless wildlife and bears the uninterrupted beauty of the original 19<sup>th</sup> century gardens.

The council's plans to build a car park, a crazy golf and driving range facility will not just significantly destroy nature, but could impact the safety and wellbeing of the existing Down Grange sports clubs and residents.



There is no statutory requirement for the council to relocate the golf centre due to the Great Wolf Resort,

and there are other pay-as-you play golf facilities in the area for beginners. The council have not provided a justification for the facility or for choosing Down Grange. And the cost will be over £1 million of our money.




*Lucy Wain*

To show your support please sign the petition by using the QR code above.  
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### The Lumberjills - Britain's forgotten Army

Joanna Foat is the UK expert on the Women's Timber Corps, and brings the experiences of these forgotten heroines of World War Two to life.



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## What happens if I need to update my email or mobile telephone number on the NHS App/Login?

There has to be an exact match with the email/mobile that is used for NHS login and that which we have on your medical record. Without an exact match, the NHS App/login to your GP Practice will not work.

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It is very important that the Practice has your up-to-date address, email address and telephone number(s) for you. Not updating these details, may mean that you will miss out on screening invitations or notifications from Primary Care Support England about your registration. If you are not sure whether a new address is still within the boundary area, there is a postcode checker on our website at:

[watershipdownhealth.com/services/new-patients/](http://watershipdownhealth.com/services/new-patients/)

Also the NHS have a very helpful *Find a GP* service, for a search by your postcode to find your nearest GP Practice. [nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-gp](http://nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-gp)

Please note that, due to high patient numbers and the volume of building that is on-going and planned within the Practice boundary, we are not able to keep patients on when they move outside the boundary.

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To enable notifications in the NHS App, open the app, navigate to "More," then "Account and settings," and finally "Manage notifications." Toggle on the option to "Send me notifications about new messages." Ensure notifications are also enabled in your device's settings.

## The Patient Participation Group for Watership Down Health will hold their AGM on 8 October at St Mary's Church Rooms at 5 pm.

The PPG is a group of volunteers who are patients of the practice and who meet once every two months with the following points as our guiding aims:

- To develop the relationship between the Practice and its patients and to assist the Practice in continuing to improve its provision of healthcare whilst ensuring that patients are at the heart of decision making.
- To work collaboratively and positively with the practice to improve services and facilities for patients and to act as a sounding board for practice staff on issues affecting patients.

- To build two-way communication and cooperation between the practice and patients, other individuals and organisations in healthcare, and the wider community to the mutual benefit of all.

- To act as a representative group to support the practice and influence local provision of health and social care.

The AGM is open to all patients of the practice who would like to help us meet these objectives so your attendance and questions are welcome. Please e-mail Heather Bronks on [hmann204@hotmail.com](mailto:hmann204@hotmail.com) if you would like to attend the AGM.

## Coeliac UK North Hampshire Group Good News for Coeliacs

Currently the only way to be diagnosed with coeliac disease is to continue to eat the very thing that could be making you ill, gluten. This puts many people off getting a medical diagnosis for coeliac disease. Finding a less invasive diagnostic test is one of our top ten research priorities. A recent breakthrough is now bringing us a step closer.

A team of researchers in Australia have developed a blood test that can spot coeliac disease without gluten having to be in the diet. The research shows that immune cells from people with coeliac disease react to gluten in a controlled laboratory setting. This means it can identify people with coeliac disease, even those on a gluten free diet.

## Looking for somebody to talk to?

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## Next meeting

Next group meeting in the Waitrose cafe in Basingstoke on Saturday 20 September between 10:30 and 12. If you haven't joined us before, look out for at least one member of our committee wearing a bright orange Coeliac UK top.

## Contacts:

To contact the Local North Hants Group, please email [northhampshire@coeliac.org.uk](mailto:northhampshire@coeliac.org.uk)

Join our Facebook page Coeliac UK North Hampshire Local Group, or see our events on the North Hampshire Coeliac UK website page [coeliac.org.uk/local-groups/north-hampshire](http://coeliac.org.uk/local-groups/north-hampshire)



# Health Matters



## New Defibrillators for Oakley Venues

Earlier this year, Oakley Gardening Club suggested that they would like to see a defibrillator at one of our local community venues. I agreed that it was a great idea – and one that could make a real difference in an emergency – so I began looking into what might be involved.

Working with Oakley and Deane Parish Council and Oakley Community Association, we looked at how to fund and maintain new units. I then spoke with the teams at the St Leonard's Centre and Oakley Village Hall to see if they would be interested in hosting them. Both venues agreed that it was something they wanted to do.

I'm pleased to share that this has now been approved by the Parish Council and installation will be completed shortly – possibly before you read this. The new defibrillators will be installed outside the venues, making them publicly accessible 24/7, just like others across the village maintained by Oakley Community Association. You can find a map and more information about all defibrillators in Oakley – including training videos showing how to use them (and even how to keep in time with the song Staying Alive 🎵 “ah, ah, ah, ah...” when giving CPR) – by visiting [ocaoakley.org.uk/defibs](http://ocaoakley.org.uk/defibs).

Funding for the project has come from the Parish Council's Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds – money from development in Oakley. CIL grants are available to groups and organisations to support local infrastructure. If you have an idea for a project, you can contact the Parish Clerk at [clerk@oakleydeane-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@oakleydeane-pc.gov.uk) or email me at [alex@alexrowley.uk](mailto:alex@alexrowley.uk) for support.

I'm especially grateful to the group who first suggested this idea, to the St Leonard's Centre and Oakley Village Hall for so willingly agreeing to host the defibrillators, to Nicola Beere (Parish Clerk) and Eve Askew (OCA Secretary) for their help in making it happen, and to Paul Williams, whose expertise as the electrician will ensure they are installed and ready to use.

Alex Rowley

For any questions or ideas: ☎ 01256 592443 |

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## Love to Move

Love to Move is a friendly, seated exercise programme which helps older people to move and function better. It integrates easy movements with cognitive stimulation and social interaction activities. It helps the left and right sides of the brain to process information independently, which improves function, co-ordination and the ability to carry out activities of

daily living more independently.

It is designed to be a fun session and uses popular music and song of our own era.

Love to Move is not a regular exercise class. Each element of the programme has a purpose and is carefully choreographed with appropriate music. Each exercise is selected to work on different parts of the body but, most importantly, on different parts of the brain.

Love to Move was developed by the British Gymnastics Foundation, the charity arm of British Gymnastics, to bring real improvements to the lives of people and communities most in need, and to provide a programme of movement to help older people to engage in a fun and meaningful activity which has a positive effect on their lives.

Research carried out by Age UK found that improvements were noted in individuals when the session was repeated weekly. Benefits could sometimes be seen after one or two sessions, however most impact was found after participants had taken part for three or four months.

Love to Move begins in Oakley on Tuesday mornings 10:30 – 11:30 am on 9 September at The Green Hut in Hill Road. Please contact Sue Hill on 07768324869 for more details.

Sue Hill

## Forever Singing Memory Choir

Forever Singing Memory Choir is a new group here in Basingstoke. The choir has been developed because a small group of people who all sing in local choirs have done some volunteering in a community service for people living with dementia and have seen firsthand the remarkable impact of singing! Happy smiling faces, people singing along – some of whom no longer have great capacity to chat due to the progression of their condition.

This experience led to a lot of research about the power of singing for people with dementia and discovered that there is a great deal of research available to provide evidence of the positive impact of singing on mood, communication and memory, reduced anxiety and isolation and that these impacts can be felt both for the person living with the condition and their family and friends around them.



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Forever Singing is setting up a choir in Basingstoke which is open to people living with health challenges and people who may find the demands of other choirs too great – and the choir is open to carers, family and friends too. The choir will

be fun, relaxing and rewarding, a chance to meet other people and hopefully will also have opportunities to perform. No-one needs to be able to read music but if you do, that's great too.

The first choir session will be on Tuesday 9 September, 2 pm to 3:30 pm, although please arrive from 1:45 pm to give yourself plenty of time to get your bearings and settle in! The choir will be held at Rucstall Community Centre, Holbein Close, Basingstoke, RG21 3QN.

Tea/coffee and biscuits will be provided. There is no charge although if you wish to make a small donation to running costs then that will be much appreciated so that we can keep this going for a long time to come.

You can find out more by looking at our developing website [foreversinginguk.weebly.com/memory-choir.html](http://foreversinginguk.weebly.com/memory-choir.html) or you can just email us at: [foreversinginguk@gmail.com](mailto:foreversinginguk@gmail.com) and ask questions or to let us know you are coming!

*David Woods*

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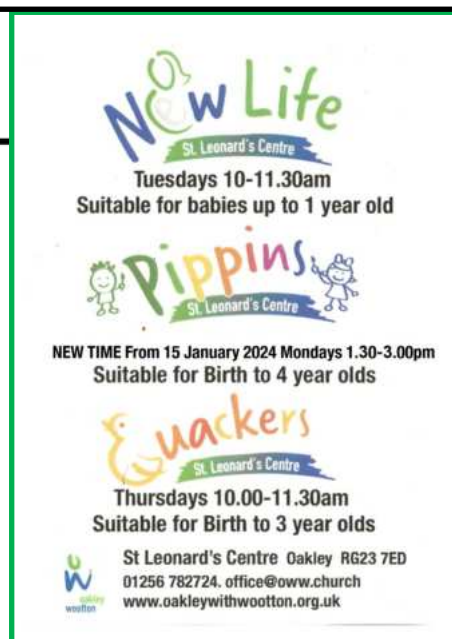
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## Oakley Scout Group



### Scout Camp

On Friday 11 July the Oakley Scouts headed out for an action-packed camping weekend in the scenic New Forest. The Scouts arrived on a

very warm Friday evening and began to pitch tents and set up camp. We then set off on a trek across the fields, just in time for sunset, to then return to hot dogs and hot chocolate, before heading off to bed.

After an early wake-up, due to some unwanted noise (not mentioning any names), the Scouts set about making a nice, cooked breakfast as we would need this for the busy day ahead. Once the chaotic washing up was complete, the group set off to the first activity, the obstacle course.

The course included high walls to climb over, low tunnels and lots more. After some tiring time-trials and challenges, we headed back to refuel with a crucial biscuit break, before the archery range. We took a few practice shots before the competitive tournament began. The winner was declared and it was then time for wraps and snacks back at the campsite.

After lunch the Scouts headed off to tackle their last activity of the day - Aero Ball - basketball on a trampoline! A little free time and wide games followed before we headed back for a campfire with the all-important s'mores.

The next day we had one more activity to face - the kayaks. Once we were all geared up with helmets and buoyancy aids, we were tipped into the pond and began to play some games and all got wet. It was now time to pack the site away. The camp was finished with lunch and the Scouts headed home, exhausted.

*By Jake*

To find out about joining the Oakley Scout Group, please email [oakley@bwds.org.uk](mailto:oakley@bwds.org.uk)

## Basingstoke West Girlguides

Basingstoke West Girlguides, rangers, young leaders and leaders joined Winklebury guides at the start of the summer holidays for our annual camp. The theme of the camp was traditional guide camp which saw the girls building their own washing up stands (that stayed up the whole camp!) and cooking their lunches on fires.

On the campsite they also practiced using semaphore and Morse code to send messages and use compass bearings to create a string and peg picture. This year we had animal themed patrols and the girls competed for points for whoever was most helpful and enthusiastic about camp chores, they embraced this

wholeheartedly and also enjoyed patrol tasks to get extra points including a traditional campfire skit.

Our campsite at PACCAR Scout site was conveniently placed for a trip on the train to London Zoo!



We had a fantastic day out, highlights being a see-through butterfly, baby gorillas and an up-close encounter with a sleepy sloth; many of us also braved the spider enclosure and, at the end of the long day, we had a delicious (and very non-traditional) takeaway pizza followed by a huge campfire! The site also offered some great activities and our girls



participated in the crate challenge and zipwire, which was great fun, as well as a nature walk, where we found centipedes and a frog.

All the girls and leaders had such a great time, new friendships were made, and we spent the last evening planning for our further adventures over the next year which we can't wait to get stuck into.

Oakley Brownies are pleased to announce that we have a few spaces for new brownies (aged 7) to join us from September. If you are interested please go to [girlguiding.org.uk](http://girlguiding.org.uk) and click "register a child". Make sure to select Oakley brownies when prompted. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. If

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*Lucy Poulter*

## Hello from St Leonard's Pre-School

In September 2025 St Leonard's Pre-School turns fifty! The Rev John Litton asked Janet Barnett and Liz Emery to set up a playgroup in St Leonard's Centre. Following an article in Link to gauge the demand, the playgroup opened in September 1975. Parents were charged 35p for a morning session and the staff were paid £1 a day. After Janet Barnett, Gillian Eves was manager for thirty years until December 2020.

We are celebrating at St Leonard's Centre on Saturday, 27 September from 2 to 4 pm. If you have been involved with preschool at all you are warmly



invited to join us. If you would like to know more about St Leonard's Pre-School you are also very welcome. We will have toys and activities for children and there will be

face painting, cake and refreshments, as well as photos to look at.

We look forward to seeing you!

If you would like to know more about the preschool, please contact us on 07772 378265, or email [preschool@oww.church](mailto:preschool@oww.church) or look at our website [stleonards-pre-school.co.uk](http://stleonards-pre-school.co.uk).

We look forward to hearing from you.

*Caroline Edwards, St Leonard's Pre-School Manager*



## Oakley Scout Group Jumble Sale

**Saturday 11th October**

**East Oakley Village Hall (Green Hut)  
Hill Road RG23 7JJ**

**Doors open 1:45pm**

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# Village Show



## Oakley Village Show 2025

They say, "The show must go on" and it certainly did! 9 August saw Oakley Infant School teeming with people and activity.



In the hall there were some amazing exhibits, ranging from mechanical Lego, depicting the multi-user path and railway line to the tiniest of flower arrangements. In between, there were delicious looking cakes, strange looking vegetables, stunning artwork and so much more. For years people, mostly from the village, show just how creative and talented they are, and this year was no exception. (The list of trophy winners is on the OCA website.)

Outside, in the arena, there was so much to see, with demonstrations from Basingstoke Tae Kwondo, Workout2Music, as well as Bubbles Man, who kept us all entertained with... very large bubbles! The John Glasscock Jazz Band gave the occasion its traditional flavour, along with some impressive vintage cars. And, if that weren't enough there were stalls to suit everyone, from snuggly cats to crazy golf, honey to WI cakes.

The afternoon ended with the draw for the lucky programme\* (see below) the presentation of prizes and tug of war. It has to be said that the children were more keen on this than the adults, but it was still good fun.

Of course, the show doesn't just happen, and we want to thank all those who put in so much time especially on the day, transporting everything, putting it up, and taking it all down again. We also want to thank Niamh Hutchings and her staff for making the school available to us. Finally, we want to thank all of you who turned up and queued patiently to support this village event.

*Ann Davis on behalf of the show committee*

\*At the time of writing, the draw prizes have not been collected. The lucky programme numbers are 489 and 429. Please email me if you still have one of these programmes. ([annDavis48@hotmail.com](mailto:annDavis48@hotmail.com))



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This year we shall build on our reputation, and we have been invited to be part of the Over 55's Forum Variety Show 27 September at Queen Mary's College. We shall be giving our own early Christmas concert on November 29 and the Mayor has asked us to sing at his Carol Concert on December 6. Next year should bring another Festival appearance and summer concert as well as other events.

Although we have charitable status ourselves, we support other charities too. This year, we are working to raise funds for local cancer charity, The Pink Place. Donations can be made via our web page.

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*Margaret Allen*

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For further event details, including how to buy tickets, please see our advert on page 35 of this issue.

*Clive Fortune*

## Basingstoke Amateur Theatre Society (BATS)

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# Local News



## Mencap's Green Fingers Receives Masonic Donation

The Easter holiday break-in of the woodworking shed at Mencap's Green Fingers extensive site at the Elizabeth Road allotments in South Ham, when thieves got away with £5,000 worth of wood working tools and equipment, was well publicised. Tim Knight, CEO of Green Fingers, explained, "Inflation has pushed equipment replacement costs above the insured value, but generous public donations of equipment and funds have provided strong support".

The 105 years old Elvetham Masonic Lodge, that operates out of the Basingstoke Masonic Centre in Victoria Street at the Top of Town, has donated £500 to Green Fingers as part of its annual giving to local charities and good causes.

Green Fingers, which supports 40 adults each week with learning disabilities through horticultural and woodworking activities, has long relied on community goodwill. The woodworking activities include the manufacture of bird tables, stools, troughs and garden ornaments which are sold, producing an income of around £4,000 each year.

The Green Fingers site is part of Mencap's overall activities around Basingstoke that includes gardening in the community, one to one support and some leisure services. Tim Knight says that, with these activities, Mencap reaches around 500 people each week but is concerned that this is a small percentage of an estimated 4,000 people in Basingstoke, many of whom could benefit from their support services.

*Paul Flint*

## Overton Choral Society

A reminder that we resume on Monday, 8 September, St Mary's Hall, Overton, 7:45

*Lyn, Overton Choral Chairperson,  
[overtonchoralsoc@gmail.com](mailto:overtonchoralsoc@gmail.com)*

## Celebrating Craft, Heritage, and Community at Whitchurch Silk Mill Workshops That Inspire

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### 210 Years of History

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relaunched loom 10 after extensive conservation. It's now weaving a limited-edition silk called A Final Strike, designed by Lucina Carlos of London Metropolitan University. Join the celebration on 8 October, 5 – 7 pm. Tickets (£25) include a welcome drink, Mill exploration, chats with weavers and conservation experts.

### Daily Guided Tours

Daily tours at 11 am and 2 pm are part of the admission price (or free with annual ticket). Led by knowledgeable Stewards and Guides, these tours offer insights into the Mill's workings and history.

### Art Exhibition: From Where I'm Standing

From 13 September to 30 November, the Mill hosts an exhibition by photographer Daniel Norwood. His work captures the quiet revelations of nature through daily observations along Hampshire rivers. Entry is free with Mill admission.

### Behind-the-Scenes Silk Production Tour

On 16 September, 11 am – 12 noon, visitors can enjoy a special guided tour of silk production in the Mill's authentic Victorian setting. Watch the looms in action, and hear stories of past and present weavers. Tickets are £25 and must be booked in advance. For tickets and details, visit [www.whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk](http://www.whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk), call 01256 892065, or email [info@whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk](mailto:info@whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk)





# Gardening

## Oakley Gardening Club

Our monthly meeting for August was welcoming Geoff Hawkins back to talk to us on Herbaceous plants. Geoff opened his talk by explaining what an herbaceous plant is and how to care for it. Geoff went on to show us slides of beautiful famous gardens and illustrated the right plant in the right place to give good effect with colours, shapes, and sizes. It was a very informative and interesting talk. We learned much that can be used to make the most of our gardens.

Our next meeting is



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*Diane Green*



# Church News

## Methodist Church coffee morning

All welcome at the Methodist Church coffee morning on Tuesday 9 September and Tuesday 23 September from 10:30 am to noon. £1.50 for a bottomless cup of tea or coffee and biscuits. Come and meet old friends and new. The charity for the year from September 2025 is Dementia UK. We look forward to welcoming the Woodland Well-being


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*Patricia Kinchington*

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# Feature



## Basingstoke and Villages Unite – Take a Stand Against Youth Homelessness

**O**n Friday, 10 October 2025, you can take a stand against youth homelessness by joining Step by Step's annual Sleep Out at Farnborough Business Park.

Here in Basingstoke and the surrounding villages of Oakley, Deane, Malshanger and Wootton St Lawrence, too many young people aged 11–25 are facing homelessness or housing crisis. This includes care leavers with nowhere to turn after leaving the care system, as well as those affected by family breakdowns, abuse, sofa surfing or even sleeping rough. Many are navigating these challenges alone, without the stability or support that most of us take for granted.

Step by Step works to change that. From the Orchard community hub in Basingstoke, young people can access our Launch service in person, receiving vital support, advice and guidance. We also provide safe homes through Supported Accommodation in South Ham, as well as Supported Lodgings and Fostering with amazing individuals and families who, with our full support, welcome young people into their own homes. These options offer stability and the opportunity to build a brighter future.

The Sleep Out is your chance to be part of that change. Participants swap their bed for a sleeping bag for one night, raising funds and awareness to ensure these services remain available. The event will feature live music, inspiring stories from young people who have been supported by Step by Step, and a warm sense of community.

Lydia, who became homeless at 16 after losing

both parents, says, "Without Step by Step, I can imagine my life going completely differently. The stability and support they gave me changed everything." Sarah, a previous Sleep Out attendee, adds, "I would absolutely encourage others to get involved. Taking part and seeing the difference it makes to young people is truly rewarding."

By taking part, you will raise sponsorship for your heroic action, have fun, and send a powerful message that no young person should have to face homelessness alone.

Register now at  
[www.stepbystep.org.uk/sleepout](http://www.stepbystep.org.uk/sleepout)  
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### Stop Press

*Toddle About LIVE!* - a one-day, feel-good celebration of local parenting life, jam-packed with things to do, try, and discover.

**Event:** Toddle About LIVE!

**Date/Time:** Saturday 13 September 2025,  
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**Tickets:** The event is expected to draw hundreds of families from across the region - and it won't break the bank for you to join in the fun: entry is **free** when families register online at [toddle.fun/live](http://toddle.fun/live), or just £2 per family on the door.

# Pause For Thought



**I** volunteer at the Junior School to help at the Prayer Space which takes place every term; a team of helpers and planners do a great job preparing it and 'manning' it. For me it is a privilege and joy. A special place is created where the children can go to have space to think and to pray, to be creative and to take part in several activities.

One of those activities is to make a card suitable for the season. They are given some examples of what could be written inside, but many of the children write their own thoughts, wishes and prayers.

The cards are later delivered to homes in Oakley. I am always humbled and blessed by some of the messages... "Know you are special and loved".... "May God go with you always".... "I hope you have a lovely

summer" "God will be your friend" are some messages that I remember.

Sometimes, as adults, I think we make things too complicated. God doesn't need well worked out 'designer' prayers. Simple prayers from the heart are wholly acceptable to Him. The children who come to Prayer Space 'say it as it is' and so often that is beautiful.

As adults we are moved and pleased when children come to us and talk and share their ideas, their worries, their excitements. God loves it when we talk to Him and that is what prayer is - sharing our worries and joys with Him. It helps us and it pleases Him.

*Thelma Rich*

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I will then send further details. The money raised will go towards funding Macmillan nurses, providing cancer information, operating their support line and doing whatever it takes to help people living with cancer to live life as fully as they can.

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*Peter Humphreys*

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Tickets cost from £20. To book tickets visit: [www.hampshiremedicalfund.org/events](http://www.hampshiremedicalfund.org/events)

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We ask for a £2 donation towards transport costs, please attach £2 to your box with Sellotape. We

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Whitchurch Silk Mill, RG28 7AL

Christmas Shoeboxes go to children in Romania, Montenegro, and Moldova. Some boxes will hopefully go to Ukrainian, via Poland, for refugees/displaced children there.



# Free Ads



*All entries should be sent in writing to Maureen Dallaway, by **10 September** for inclusion in next month's Link. Entries may also be sent by e-mail to [freeads@oakleylink.org.uk](mailto:freeads@oakleylink.org.uk) Please include an address or telephone number.*

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# Conservation



## Oakley Woodlands Group

September already! That means the start of the coppicing season for Oakley Woodlands Group. As always, we will be starting in Cowdown Copse on Pack Lane and then moving on to St John's Copse in St John's Road in January. As Cowdown is the bigger of the two woods, we allocate more work parties to it. The work parties run from 10 am until 1 pm on two Wednesdays and two Saturdays each month. We have a break at half time for a chat and to refuel on biscuits.



The work consists of cutting down the hazel trees in a given area and creating a dead hedge around the perimeter with the cut material. We also recover traditional products such as pea sticks and bean poles. Any larger trees that need to be felled are dealt with by The Council Rangers Team who are able to use chainsaws. We will also be surveying the hazel to determine if it is the optimum density to support our resident dormice, which are a threatened species. The area to coppice is in the northwest corner of the wood and includes a substantial abandoned clay pit.

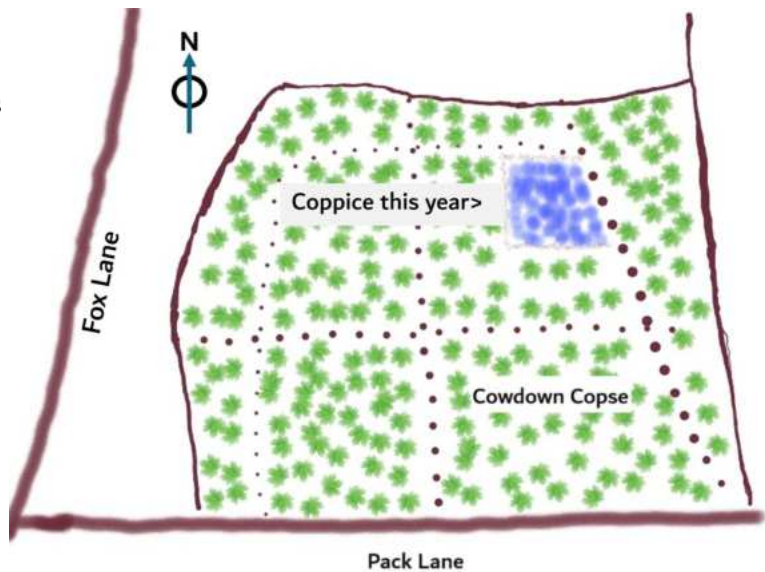
So, where is all this description of woodland toil taking us: We want your help! We need volunteers to help out to keep our

woods thriving. You do not need to come to every work party, or even to be there for the whole session. We provide tools and training, and often sunshine too. Why not come along to see us at a work party to see what we do and have a chat. Time it right and we might share our biscuits. You can then decide if becoming an OWGer is for you, or you can email at the address below if you have any questions.

Work party dates for September: Saturday 6 and 20, Wednesday 10 and 24. 10 am to 1 pm.

Email: [oakleywoodlands@gmail.com](mailto:oakleywoodlands@gmail.com)

*Alan Merry*



# Sport



## Oakley Football Club

Oakley's teams are gearing up for the new football season. Whilst we say goodbye to our U18s – best of luck in your studies and careers, lads - we welcome our newest future stars in the next edition of U7s. Any parents of a U7 player interested in coaching are very welcome to reach out to Scott Rawlings to find out more.

The previous season wrapped up with two traditional events - our annual 6-a-side tournament and OFC's awards day. Over 150 teams from across Hants and Berkshire joined the May Bank Holiday tournament. Well done to all our teams for playing their part, and in particular our trophy winners - U14 Yellows (Cup finalists), U8 Greens (Plate winners) and U11 Hurricanes (Plate finalists). And a huge thank you to the organising committee and the dozens of parents who volunteered their time on the weekend itself to ensure things ran as well as they did - the

event got a lot of positive feedback from attendees, including Luke Murphy MP! We also raised another £1,000 for Sebastian's Action Trust, who support the families of seriously ill children.

The awards day in July gave us a chance to gather together as a whole club to recognise the achievements across every age group and to hand out individual awards to those who've had a stellar season.



Since then, coaching staff have been registering returning and new players, ensuring they are up to date with their FA badges and their safeguarding and welfare checks, and reading every training manual from Pep 'tika-taka' Guardiola to Graham 'can you not knock it?' Taylor.

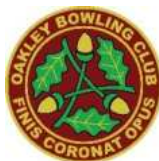
Then there's the small matter of distributing new kits for 50% of our teams, usually in size 'this will do you at least two seasons', plus hundreds of new balls, cones, portable goals and other equipment. Let's get the season underway!



Grayson Greening

## Oakley Bowling Club News

In outside competitions leading to the national finals, it has been a season where results at the latter stages have generally not gone the Club's way.



Alice Lovett qualified for the Nationals in the Junior Singles and Pairs, maintaining the Club's proud record of having a representative at Leamington for the last ten years.

However, she lost at semi-final stage in the Two Bowl Singles and, with Sue Dixon and Janie Vickers, missed out in the Triples.

We shall have other representation at Leamington as Sue and Mary Varndell are members of the

Hampshire team that will be playing Worcestershire in the semi-final of the new County Over 60s competition. Janie and Ric Newson are travelling reserves.

In other competitions, Sue and Janie missed out on regaining the County Golden Girls title losing to Ringwood at semi-final stage; defeats at this stage have been very much the story of the season. We lost to Basingstoke Town in both the men's Hants and Berks cup and the ladies' Gazette Cup and members missed out in the Whitchurch Singles and the Whitchurch Triples.

Ric did, however, break the trend by reaching

the final of the Whitchurch Over 60s Singles and we are guaranteed a finalist in the Whitchurch Open Pairs.

Our eleven league teams have had a mixed season. Oakley "A" lead the Basingstoke Premier Division. Oakley Monarchs have reached the play offs in the Stan Hardman League. In the Whitchurch League, Oakley Kites have a chance of promotion from Division 4 but Oakley Buzzards, seem destined for relegation from Division 1.

Weekend friendlies continue to attract good support. We have recently enjoyed matches against Three Mile Cross, the Royal Household and Amesbury,

Social activities have had to take a back seat this month, but we are looking forward to our annual BBQ and the club tour to Somerset.

For more information on our activities, visit our website [oakleybc.org.uk](http://oakleybc.org.uk) or call Spencer on 01256 780418 or Diane on 01256 781465.

Spencer Kerley

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# Walking



## Woodland Wellbeing Walks - September

Come and enjoy scenic walks around our local woods and fields, finishing with a sociable cuppa @ Methodist Chapel.



### Start Point for Walks:

Tuesday, 9 Sept @ 10 am - Village Pond. B

Tuesday, 16 Sept @ 10 am - St John's Rd lay-by. R

Tuesday, 23 Sept @ 10 am - East Oakley Village Hall [aka The Green Hut] B

### Other Details:

Start time: 10 am

Pace: gentle

Duration: 1 hour approx.

Routes: Varied.

B = walk led by Barbara [07722 757057]

R = walk led by Richard [07549 021174]

## Oakley Ramblers

On 9 July, a sunny afternoon, 2 walkers set off for a circular walk from Upton Grey via Weston Patrick, walking through beautiful countryside on a mix of footpaths, byways and very quiet roads. With some fantastic views across Hampshire countryside, past beautiful houses and with a few sections of forest bathing, we met no-one during our walk. The countryside was looking very dry with wheat crops nearing time for harvesting and early blackberries already ripening. Arriving back in Upton Grey after 2 hours, we enjoyed a rest stop in the excellent, well stocked, Village shop & cafe.

On Thursday, 17 July some club members braved the potentially bad weather report to take a walk in the Silchester area. Luckily the weather stayed dry for

crossed into the Beynon Enclosure, passing Kiln Pond with its many ducks. A thoroughly enjoyable walk that we completed with a refreshing drink in the Calleva Arms.

On 27 July, 7 intrepid walkers enjoyed a pleasant and gentle stroll through fields and woods in comfortable conditions. Not dwelling too much on the dormant (as in, very sadly, deceased) feline which we were able, indirectly, to reunite with its owner, the



rest of the walk passed uneventfully – more plank bridges than ever seen before on 1 walk - culminating in a very passable meal at the Kingsclere Bel & Dragon.

Oakley Ramblers is a friendly and sociable group; and always welcome visitors who can try us out before joining. Our planned walk dates for September are Wednesday 10, an evening walk on Thursday 18, and Sunday 28 September.

Find us on Facebook or visit our website for more information. [www.oakleyramblers.org](http://www.oakleyramblers.org).

*Corrine*



the entire walk which had a forest theme. We began the walk in Pamber Forest where the ground was still very dry despite the recent heavy rain. We then



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### Our Evening Set Menu

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