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Chris Wassell

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Derek Burgess

Coffee and Chat

The Coffee and Chat group celebrated with Mavis for her 95th Birthday. She was given a special cake with the numbers 95 in candles which she promptly turned round and said 'I'm only 59'



Congratulations to a lovely lady.

Margaret Burgess



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See our menus at: www.barleymowoakley.co.uk/event/christmas/



Village



Report from the Parish Council

The Parish Council is pleased to report that construction of the new BMX track at Beach Park is progressing well. The project remains on schedule with completion and an official date is expected later this month. Keep your eyes peeled, details will be posted on our Facebook page and noticeboards.



Upcoming November Events

The annual fireworks display, organised by the Oakley Community Association, will take place on Sunday 2 November. This family-friendly event brings the community together for an evening of celebration. Details will be shared from OCA themselves in regard to tickets for the event.

The Oakley Act of Remembrance will be held on Sunday 9 November at St John's Garden of Remembrance at 10:45 am. All are invited to join in honouring those who have served. Refreshments will be available after the service.

The weekly Coffee and Chat session continues to run on Thursday mornings from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm at Newfound Pavilion. All residents are welcome to drop in—whether to speak with members of the Parish Council or simply to enjoy a drink and a conversation with fellow community members.

The Parish Council would like to thank the community for its continued support and involvement in these local projects and events. Updates will be provided via the Parish Council Facebook page and noticeboards.

Kelly Green - Assistant Clerk
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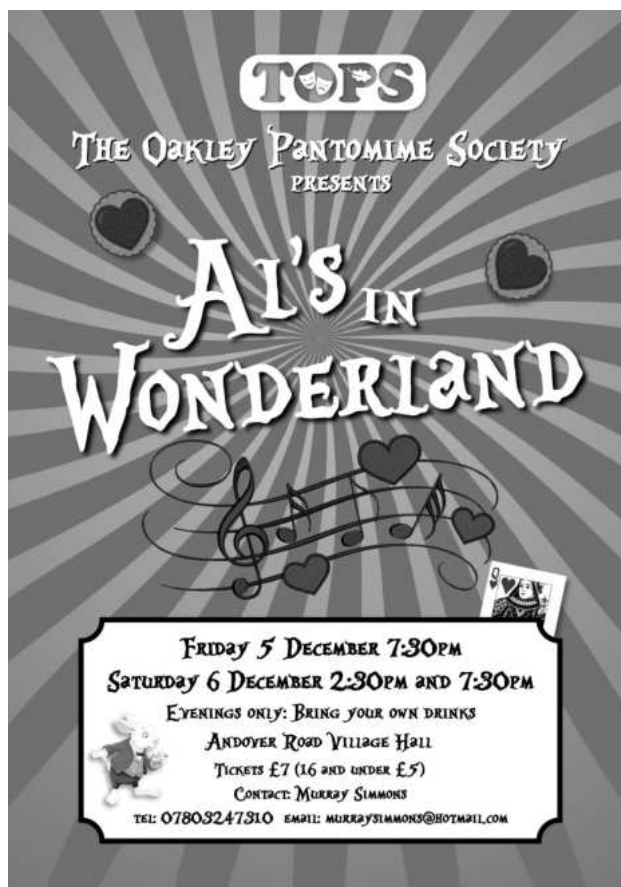
It's Panto time! Well, nearly! And what better way to start the Christmas season in Oakley than with a home-bred hot-off-the press panto from TOPS

(The Oakley Pantomime Society).

You won't get the razzmatazz of the Anvil or the big names of a full-blown professional production, but you will get a programme full of laughs, local references and (sometimes riotous) audience participation. Like all pantos it's designed to appeal to all ages with a storyline that will bear a passing resemblance to what you're expecting. The title says it all.

So, come along to *Al's in Wonderland* and enjoy an evening of fun with others from the village.

Ann Davis



Letters



Dear Editor

Marian, my partner, had measles when she was young which has badly affected her sight and, having recently had cataracts removed, hoping for a miracle, she was given a fresh set of varifocal spectacles at Specsavers, just not fit for purpose. There was a distortion she found. When making tea, the cups looked oval. But worse, when navigating any steps she found a distortion which was dangerous.

On a return visit, a technician adjusted the spectacles so that they now were high up on her face and even worse. Our latest visit to the store and another full eye test revealed that there was need for a change of lens but as there was no manager on site it would mean yet another visit. Meanwhile, these existing glasses had to suit. "But what about navigating stairs?" Marian asked. "Just take them off," she was told. Doh!

Graeme Hewitt



NHS App Notifications

We have been asked by NHS England to ask patients to switch on Notifications on their NHS App so that they receive notifications. 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.

NHS Cervical Screening Programme results

From September 2025, the NHS plans to start sending digital results from the NHS Cervical Screening Programme, utilising the NHS App. In September 2025, those who have a negative test result will be notified of this by an NHS App message. It will also appear as an NHS App notification. If the NHS App message isn't read within 72 hours, a letter will be sent as a failsafe.

Abnormal result letters will continue, for the time being, to be sent by post. This change follows the successful rollout of digital invitations and reminders in June 2025. Since the launch, nine out of every 10 invitations are being sent digitally, with the remainder being sent by post.

As the abnormal results and failsafe letters are still being sent by post it is very important that the practice be advised of a change of address as soon as possible. This includes patients who move both within and outside the practice boundary as it is vital that these letters reach you. Equally important, notice is needed for patients who move overseas for more than three months. We cannot reiterate too much how important it is for the practice to have a current address and contact details to help you better manage your health.

Flu Programme Autumn 2025

Please keep an eye on our Website (www.watershipdownhealth.com) for all Flu updates.

Know the Signs

We are supporting Wessex Cancer Alliance with their awareness campaign, "Know the Signs". The aim of this campaign is to improve people's awareness of the signs and symptoms of cancer. One in two people will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime, so it is really important to know what signs to look out for and when to seek advice from your GP Practice. Visit their website, for more information and support: cancermatterswessex.nhs.uk/know-the-signs

Heather Bronks

Coeliac UK North Hampshire Group Children's Christmas party

Saturday 29 November – save the date.

This year we are delighted to announce that we are planning to hold our children's Christmas party at a trampoline park! Details are still being finalised, but the plan is to have exclusive hire of the park for a one-hour jump followed by food. As we will be making a group booking, we will liaise with the venue to arrange payment and booking on behalf of all attendees. Prices and exact timings etc will be confirmed shortly.

When: approx. 5:15 pm – 7:15 pm, Saturday 29 November.

Where: Atmosphere, Unit B, Daneshill Industrial Estate, Rutherford Road, Basingstoke, RG24 8PD.

If you are interested in attending, please email us at northhampshire@coeliac.org.uk so that you are first to receive the details once they have been confirmed.

Christmas Dinner

4 December 2025

We have provisionally reserved 30 places at the BCoT Restaurant, Worting Road, Basingstoke RG21 8TN for the North Hampshire Coeliac Group annual Christmas Dinner on Thursday 4 December 2025. The cost for the three-course dinner will be £26.95 per person. The BCoT Restaurant Manager has assured us that they will make the evening totally gluten free for all guests to avoid any risk of cross contamination. You can see the menu at The Restaurant at BCoT

If you would like to join us, please reserve your place by contacting us on our email address northhampshire@coeliac.org.uk. Further details will then be sent out to you nearer the time. We have had previous Coeliac Christmas dinners there and been delighted with the excellent service and quality of the food.

Next meet-up

Next meet-up in the Waitrose cafe in Basingstoke is on Wednesday 15 October between 10:30 and 12:00. 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.

Join our Facebook page Coeliac UK North Hampshire Local Group, or see our events on the North Hampshire Coeliac UK website page www.coeliac.org.uk/local-groups/north-hampshire

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Feature



News From Jolly Olly's Coffee Shop

New Team

We are delighted to welcome Evie and Will to our Saturday team and we are looking forward to introducing them to you all.

Teenage Cancer Trust

Between October and December we will be pulling out all the stops in support of the Rawlings Family, Joshua Brownhill and friends in their efforts to raise £10,000 for the Teenage Cancer Trust. The Rawlings family have recently been through some terribly difficult times but have still made time to give and support others. You can find out details of their fundraising endeavours and more about their story on their Just Giving page *6 for 1z (For The Teenage Cancer Trust)*. We also have a collecting tin in the shop. From September to December, we will be donating all money raised from the sale of second-hand books to the charity.

On Friday October 17 we will be holding a quiz night. Tables will cost £20 (max four persons) and all this money will be donated to the cause. To book a

table please drop into the shop or telephone 01256 782658 (cash only please).

Our knitting club have also generously donated £50 so a big "thank you!" to the team and all who have purchased knitted goods from our community stand.

Knitting News...

Stocks are getting low! If anyone has wool they would like to donate the team would be delighted!

Sale! The knitters are offering a discount of 20% on all knitted goods through the month of October. Profits, as always, will be donated to charity. Cash only please.

Monday Opening

Our trial period is now complete. I am busy number crunching in order to consider the viability of continuing. I will keep you posted.

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Ladies Societies



Oakley and Deane WI

Oakley and Deane looked forward to the return of Jackie Dimmock at the September meeting to speak on Part Two of her life in the Police Force. She spoke amusingly of her years in the Isle of Wight and this area, all illustrated by patchwork pictures which she had made. Part Three will certainly be booked next year!

Bookings were made for *Bats Come from away* in November, a visit to the Christmas lights at Kew in December and the Christmas dinner at Test Valley Golf Club on December 7. Remember the next jumble sale on 25 October. Coffee at the Barley Mow was enjoyed in August and will be repeated in September on the fourth Tuesday. Next month's talk is about tinnitus by Peter Humphreys at 7:30 pm on October 14.

*Oakleydeanewi.weebly.com
Jean Freeman*

Oakley & Deane WI coffee morning

In August Oakley & Deane WI had their first coffee morning at the Barley Mow pub. The landlord, David, opened the pub early so we could start at 11 am. David and Iona were so welcoming and efficient. 17 members and friends came along and we enjoyed the hospitality and each other's company. We will be having our coffee mornings there for the next few months at least. All are welcome to join us on the fourth Tuesday of each month (excluding December) from 11 am.

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World Sight Day, now in its 13th consecutive year, comes once again to a stand in Central Square, Basingstoke – between Primark and Costa - on Thursday, 9 October, courtesy of The Basingstoke Lions Club and featuring a collection point for redundant spectacles of any description, together with a display of information regarding sight loss and small items of equipment to help the visually impaired with some of the practical aspects of daily living.

The unwanted spectacles find new life in some form, e.g. “gold” rims melted down and vintage/ designer pairs sold on. The remainder are then sent to Medico France in Le Havre where they are cleaned and graded, ready for use in eye camps in Africa, India and Eastern Europe.

In addition, a spectacle collection point will be available in Morrisons Supermarket from Monday 6 to Sunday 12 October, for those who might find that more convenient.

WORLD SIGHT DAY



**1.2 billion people
need YOUR glasses!**

**Take your old specs to the
Basingstoke Lions**

Thursday 9 October

Central Square, Basingstoke --- 9 am – 3 pm

or to **Morrisons 6 - 12 October**

We can find a home for them!

Spectacles are the most common and least expensive method of correcting refractive errors, the largest cause of vision loss. But globally more than half of those requiring, for example, near-vision spectacles, cannot access them due to factors such as poverty, isolation, poor availability, poor access to eye health facilities and lack of awareness.

On a global scale, the aim of this day, on which Lions Clubs around the world conduct various sight-related projects, is to focus attention on the universal issue of avoidable blindness and visual impairment and so raise awareness of the importance of eye health and the need for quality eye care services for all.

Basingstoke Lions Club is delighted to be able to offer this service once more to the community. Your spectacles need not languish in a drawer – please, bring them to us! Contact: av@mypostoffice.co.uk
Ordinary people – amazing things!

Ann Vicars

Pause For Thought



This summer, the UK has had some great weather, with numerous heatwaves and long dry spells. Of course, that's not ideal in terms of environmental impact—but that, as they say, is a whole different box of frogs.

We have a static caravan in the New Forest and, over the years, it has become something of a second home—we go there a lot. One of our “go-to” places when we're there is Hengistbury Head near Christchurch. It's a beautiful spot to walk, enjoy the beach and nature, and take in sweeping views over the harbour. We often bring a flask and just sit, sipping a cuppa while bathing in the view. Time slows down, relaxation arrives naturally, and even our dog seems more chilled!

A few weeks ago, on a gorgeous cloudless day, we decided to head that way again. As I soaked up the view, something caught my eye. Around 10 or 15 people were sitting nearby, and I reckon about two-thirds of them were staring at their phones. I had the

urge to walk up to each of them and say, “*Can't it wait?*” But, as so often happens, what I wanted to do and what I actually did were at opposite ends of the spectrum.

Remember lockdown? Who could forget? I was in regular contact with friends and family via phone, Zoom, social media, and other online platforms. But what I missed more than anything was physical, in-person connection—like an impulsive coffee with a mate. Simple things like that. At the time, I vowed never to forget that the simplest things are often the most precious - but you don't realise it until they're taken away.

These days, I'd much rather live in the real world of people and nature than be separated from them by an electronic screen. In fact, I think I'll quickly update my Facebook status with that profound sentence... or maybe I'll take the dog for a walk in the woods first!

Steve Rebbettes

Feature



Fitness, Family and Fun

Now, more than ever, we find ourselves sat staring at screens for hours on end. Whether in our place of work or at home on the sofa doom-scrolling through social media, these habits get picked up by our children. So how do we break away from our screens?

Exercising for many people is the answer. Exercise doesn't have to mean strict routines or competitive fitness — it can be about having fun as a family and finding activities you all enjoy. A game of Pickleball or Tennis, Swimming, or perhaps even a family spin class, there are endless opportunities to be active together.

Exercising as a family is an opportunity to get children off their screens and to spend some quality time together. The habits we form early are the ones that stick. If children grow up seeing activity as enjoyable, they are far more likely to carry those positive attitudes into adulthood. By building active lifestyles together, you are investing not just in

physical health, but also in long-term well-being.

And when families exercise together, children get to see first-hand that being active is fun and worthwhile. At the same time, their parents become role models, showing that movement isn't a chore, but an enjoyable part of everyday life. And drinking water rather than sugary drinks becomes the norm.

'Fitness' as an industry appreciates that sometimes it's easier said than done to exercise as a family. Which is why it's always handy to have alternative means of keeping kids active and entertained.

Environments with soft play facilities, or onsite childcare, give children the means of burning off their endless supply of energy whilst giving parents some much needed time to catch up on their own lives.

Family health clubs which provide facilities for both parents and children are a great way of keeping exercise fun and building communities.

Ian Minors, The Beechdown Club

Feature



Halloween – trick or treat?

Halloween is nearly here, and with it comes the knock on the door of excited trick or treaters. For many families – and big kids too – it's a fun evening to dress up, share sweets, and enjoy the atmosphere. But it's also important to remember that not everyone wants to take part.

Every year, Hampshire & Isle of Wight

Constabulary remind us that, while trick or treating might seem like harmless fun, it can sometimes be frightening for older or more vulnerable neighbours.

To help, I've put together this year's Halloween poster for Oakley

Neighbourhood Watch, which you'll find opposite. It's designed so you can simply fold and display the side that suits you:

- If you don't want trick or treaters – show the "No trick or treat" side. You may also want to keep a phone nearby, only open the door if you feel comfortable and use a chain if you do answer.
- If you'd like to welcome visitors – display the welcoming side of the poster, or simply place a lit pumpkin in your window or doorway. Both are clear signs that children and families are welcome to call.



To keep it fun for everyone, visit homes with a lit pumpkin or the welcoming poster – that way you'll know you're welcome.

Whichever option you choose, the key is respect. By being clear and thoughtful, we can make sure Halloween remains a safe, fun and community-minded evening for everyone.

Alex Rowley

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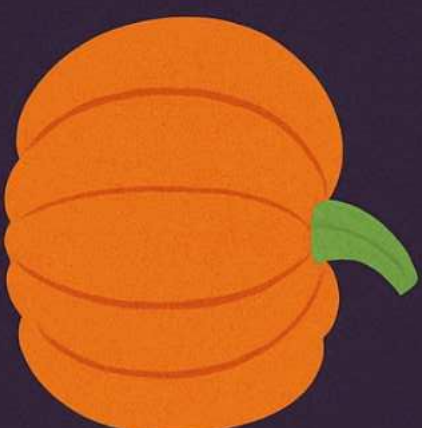
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enjoy some spooky
fun!



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Thank you and stay safe.



Church News



Oakley Methodist Church

All welcome at the Methodist Church coffee morning on Tuesday 14 October and Tuesday 28 October from 10 am to 12 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 is Dementia UK. We look forward to welcoming the woodland well-being walkers at the end of their walk.

Trish Kinchington

Conservation



Oakley Woodlands Group

October is the time of year when the leaves start to fall, which allows the evergreen species in the woods to really stand out. One that can be contentious is ivy (*Hedera helix*).

There is a thought that this climber

is harmful to trees, but this is not really correct. Ivy is not a parasite, and does not draw any nutrient from the trees. It has its own root system, and the hairy stem allows it to grip onto surfaces, allowing it to climb. It is not, however, totally without problems. During winter storms the ivy leaves can catch the wind and this combined with the extra weight can bring down a tree branch or even the whole tree.

Ivy is beneficial to the ecosystem of the woods as it supports wildlife providing both shelter and food. It is one of the latest flowering species which is especially important to insects as a late nectar source. This is important for bees as they stock up for winter. The berries are high in fat and are attractive to many species of birds including thrushes, blackcaps, woodpigeons and blackbirds. Overall then, ivy is good, it just needs to be managed. The ancient Greeks and Romans believed that wearing a wreath of ivy around on the head would prevent drunkenness. Perhaps not something to recommend!

Our winter work parties are now in full swing. If you would like to join us, or just come along for a chat and to see if we really do wear crowns of ivy, the dates are shown below.

October work party dates: Saturday 4 and 18, Wednesday 8 and 22, 10:00 to 13:00, in Cowdown Copse on Pack Lane.

Email: oakleywoodlands@gmail.com
Alan Merry

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Methodist Church



Services at 10:30 am

October 5	local arrangements
October 14	Symon Turner
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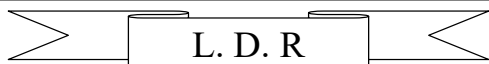
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Cuckoo Meadow Pre-School



Our children are back to pre-school after a lovely summer break. We've said goodbye to some familiar faces and have welcomed new faces to join the fun. There was a moving leavers' ceremony and we wish them all the best at big school.



Last term, we learned all about people who help us – we even met some firefighters in their fire engine! We stayed cool in the heat with some ice cream – both real and pretend! Zoolab visited us and the children were very brave around the creepy crawlies. We also had a visit from Pippin the pony, who enjoyed the brushing and walks. We rounded off the year with Sports Day, which was good fun for everyone – parents included!

Georgia Hawken, Cuckoo Meadow Pre-School Secretary

About Cuckoo Meadow Pre-School: We are a small and friendly pre-school located in the Rathbone Pavilion of North Waltham. The children who attend come from many areas including Oakley, Dummer, Hatch Warren, Kempshott and Beggarwood. They all agree that the location and wonderful, caring staff mean it is more than worth the short journey. **To find out more, please contact Jo or Fiona on 01256 398 172.**

Hello from St Leonard's Pre-School

POP! We are rehearsing songs for our harvest celebration in October at St Leonard's Church. The children will be singing songs including *Five fat peas*, *Jumping up and down on a big blue tractor*, *The leaves on the trees are orange and brown* and *One, two, three, four, five, once I caught a fish alive*. They will also be acting out *The enormous turnip*, as well as giving thanks for a variety of fruit and vegetables. Thank you to the Men's Shed, who repaired our mud kitchen area in the summer holidays. The children will be digging in the new topsoil to find hidden root vegetables – carrots, potatoes, parsnips and turnips. If you would like to know more about the preschool, please contact us on 07772 378265, or email preschool@oww.church or look at our website stleonards-preschool.co.uk.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Caroline Edwards, St Leonard's Pre-School Manager



Squirrel Scouts



We're thrilled to introduce the Squirrel Scouts, our newest and youngest section at Oakley Scout Group, welcoming children aged 4–5 years old. Since

launching in May with 12 enthusiastic young people, our Squirrels have been busy exploring the world around them through nature crafts, bug hunts, fruit kebab making and plenty more hands-on fun. This term, the Squirrels will be venturing outdoors to take part in litter picking and learning about their local environment - building curiosity, care and community spirit from the start.

Squirrels meet on Thursdays, 5:30 – 6:30 pm (during term time). The group is currently full, but spaces will open as children move up to Beavers. To join the

waiting list, please get in touch
at oakley@bwds.org.uk

Oakley Scout Group is also on the lookout for a group lead volunteer - a vital management role that helps steer the group behind the scenes. It's perfect for someone who wants to make a big impact without needing to attend weekly meetings. Interested in shaping the future of Scouting in Oakley? Contact: lucinda.seward@hampshirescouts.org.uk

If you have any questions about Oakley Scout Group or want to join, please email oakley@bwds.org.uk

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John Oakley

Fund Raising

Oakley Methodist Church Christmas Fayre, Saturday 15 November, 10 am - 12 noon

I'm sorry to mention Christmas so early, but I'm sure you will have already seen lots of Christmas adverts, especially if you have a mobile phone! I wanted to let the people of Oakley know about our Christmas Fayre because, once again, it will not only be raising funds for the Chapel, but also for several Charities.

As last year, there will be stalls for St Michael's Hospice, Bluebells (Sebastian Action Trust) and Leukaemia and Myeloma Research. For the first time we are including Caroline's Hedgehog Rehabilitation to help with her fundraising! I'm sure that many of you are aware of the time and effort that Caroline and her husband give to rehabilitating poorly or injured hedgehogs, not to mention the expense involved in their care.

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Eldwyth Stacey



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Walking



Oakley Ramblers

On 13 August, nine Oakley ramblers set off from Oakley on a hot and humid morning for a circular walk to Overton and back. We soon found that the cloud cover kept the temperature a little lower than recently and with plenty of water stops enjoyed the great views in our local area as we walked through Deane and Ashe.

We arrived in Overton at 12:30 for a well-deserved, delicious and relaxing lunch at the Overton gallery. After lunch, some of the group chose to take a bus back to Oakley and the rest



walked back via Berrydown farm. We had a cooling rain shower on our return journey; a little rain was very welcome.



We had the perfect weather for our 5½ mile walk from Faccombe to Ashmansworth and back on 24 August. Four people and one dog set off from The Jack Russell pub to enjoy a section of the Wayfarer's Way and quite a few hill climbs across beautiful open countryside, wildflower meadows and wooded paths.



Of course, what goes up leads to the best views and we had a super clear day from the top of Pilot Hill, the highest point in Hampshire, for a wonderful panoramic scene across North Hampshire and Berkshire. We finished with a drink back at the pub.

Oakley Ramblers is a friendly and sociable group and always welcome visitors, who can try us out before joining. Our planned walk dates for October are Wednesday 8 and Sunday 26. Find us on Facebook or visit our website for more information. www.oakleyramblers.org.

Corrine Thomas

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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]

Barbara Robson



Local News



Probus Club hears about the 1961 Portland Russian spy ring

The 1961 Russian spy ring in England involved several individuals who passed sensitive information to the Soviet Union during the Cold War, leading to a significant MI5 operation and trial. The spies operated undercover identities, using sophisticated methods such as microdots hidden in antique books and advanced radio transmissions to communicate classified data.



Andrew Barton on 07814 937202.

Paul Flint

*Above:
Southwell Business Park_
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*Left: HMS
Dreadnought
Launch*

The spies included American communists Lona and Morris Cohen posing as Helen and Peter Kroger, and Konon Molody as Gordon Lonsdale, with Harry Houghton recruited due to financial pressures and personal relationship with Ethel Gee, all operating amid Cold War tensions and nuclear research at the Admiralty Underwater Weapons Establishment in Portland, Dorset.

MI5 coordinated the arrests in January 1961, followed by a secret trial at the Old Bailey in March, while maintaining much of the case's details confidential.

Ethel Gee provided plans for Harry Houghton to pass to Gordon Lonsdale who reduced them to microdots. They were hidden in antique books sent by Peter Kroger to addresses in the Eastern Bloc. Helen Kroger operated a radio transmitter that enabled quick communication, which MI5 tracked to a bungalow in Ruislip, possibly using a secret aircraft prepared by speaker and Probus member, David Stiles.

Gordon Lonsdale, Helen and Peter Kroger, Harry Houghton, and Ethel Gee received prison sentences ranging from 25 to 15 years, with some later exchanged in spy swaps and honoured as heroes of the Soviet Union in Russia.

For more information about the Probus Club see www.probusbasingstoke.club or phone Secretary

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Helping Older People in Hampshire Live and Age Well

Age Concern Hampshire offer a varied range of options to support older people in the county to live and age well. The charity's Care and Wellbeing Centres make a significant difference to the lives of older individuals by providing vital services that promote health, wellbeing, social connection and independence.

Maintaining physical activity, mental engagement and social connections becomes increasingly important as we age, playing a key role in supporting overall health and wellbeing. Age Concern Hampshire's wellbeing groups and Care and Wellbeing Centres offer a variety of stimulating activities and a welcoming environment designed to nurture both mind and body.

Loneliness and social isolation remain significant challenges for many older people, particularly those living alone. The charity addresses this through its Care and Wellbeing Centres, which offer safe, friendly spaces where individuals can build friendships, share meals, and take part in meaningful activities.

In addition, the Help at Home service offers practical in-home support with everyday tasks such as cleaning, shopping, and companionship. This enables older people to maintain their independence, remain in the comfort of their own homes and reduce feelings of isolation.

Family carers also benefit from tailored day care services at the Care & Wellbeing Centres, including specialist support for those caring for loved ones



living with dementia. These services offer much-needed respite and peace of mind.

Each centre also offers a professional foot care service, which provides professional toenail cutting and basic foot health checks. Delivered by fully qualified foot health practitioners, the service is available at various locations across Hampshire as well as at our centres, supporting mobility, comfort and overall independence for older people.

"Our mission is to support older people across Hampshire to live well and age well," said Una Davey, Head of Commercial at Age Concern Hampshire. "Through a wide range of services including Care and Wellbeing Centres, Foot Care, Help at Home and Wellbeing Services, we aim to promote independence, reduce isolation and improve quality of life for individuals and their families."

For more information, please contact Age Concern Hampshire at 01965 868545 or visit ageconcernhampshire.org.uk

Founded in 1985, Age Concern Hampshire provide services to the older community of Hampshire. The charity currently deliver support at their Care & Wellbeing centres throughout the county, as well as Foot Care clinics, Help at Home, Information via their Information Hub, Hospital to Home Services, Community Information Volunteer Services and a variety of other activities. Its mission is to help people 'Age well and Live well'.

Sarah Jacobs

More autistic adults in Basingstoke to benefit from social groups thanks to council grant

Thanks to a new grant awarded to Autism Hampshire, more autistic adults in Basingstoke will be able to access vital social support. The leading local autism charity has received a grant of nearly £14,000 from Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's Strengthening Communities Grant Scheme. This will go towards expanding its Serendipity Community Groups - creating new spaces where autistic adults can connect, build friendships, and feel part of their community. The Strengthening Communities Grant Scheme supports local community and voluntary sector organisations to build capacity and sustainability.

Autism Hampshire's social groups offer a safe, welcoming space for autistic adults to build connections, and combat social isolation. The existing Basingstoke group currently supports 18 members and has a waiting list of 25. On average, 10 – 12 people attend each meeting, with demand continuing to rise.

Thanks to this new funding, Autism Hampshire will also be able to provide training and mentoring to help autistic individuals become peer leaders.

As well as Serendipity Community Groups, Autism Hampshire also provides autism-focused training, supported living services, a Local Autism Directory, an alert card for emergency services and an Information, Advice and Guidance Team. For more information about Serendipity and Autism Hampshire's services, please visit:

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Workshops & Creative Experiences

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Darning Workshop (11 Oct, 11 am – 1 pm): Learn to mend holes and extend the life of your favourite clothes. All materials provided. £35 per person.

Weave a Wall Hanging (25 Oct & 6 Nov, 10 am & 2 pm): Create your own woven artwork using tabletop looms. Small group tuition. £60 per person.

Special Events

Loom 10 Relaunch – A Final Strike (8 Oct, 5 – 7 pm): Celebrate the return of one of the Mill's historic looms after 18 months of conservation. The loom's first project is a limited-edition silk designed by Lucina Carlos, inspired by military medal stripes and the Mill's Waterloo clock. Tickets (£25) include a drink, Mill tour, talks by experts and early access to the new silk scarves.

Talk: The Gems of the Mills Archive Trust (15 Oct, 7 – 8:30 pm): Discover the fascinating history of milling through stories and artefacts shared by the Mills Archive Trust. £15 per person. Doors open at 6:30 pm.

Halloween Trail (29 Oct, 10:30 am – 12 pm or 1:30 – 3 pm): A spooky adventure for families with ten themed activities and treat bags. £6 per child. Please book in advance and share dietary requirements.

Silk Production Tour (4 Nov, 11 am – 12 pm): Go behind the scenes of silk weaving in a Victorian setting. Watch the looms in action and hear stories of past and present weavers. £25 per person. Sensible footwear required.

Talk: Dark Satanic Mills or Grim Reality? (11 Nov, 7 – 8:30 pm): Historian Dr Richard Marks explores Victorian factory life and the rise of trade unions. £15 per person. Doors open at 6:30 pm.

Exhibition

From Where I'm Standing by D J Norwood (13 Sept – 30 Nov): A photographic journey along Hampshire rivers, capturing nature through daily observations and reflections. Free with Mill admission.

Stay Connected

Tickets are available via the Mill Shop or online at www.whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk. Follow the Mill on social media or subscribe to the newsletter for updates. For enquiries or to arrange alternative workshop dates, contact:

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Sue Tapliss

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As a thank you, you'll have the opportunity to enter our free Autumn Prize Draw to win one of three £25 One4All gift cards – perfect for a little treat.

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Local government reorganisation

Following public and stakeholder engagement held this summer, the full County Council will meet on 24 September to consider final proposals for Local Government Reorganisation (LGR). The Cabinet is expected to confirm the final proposal on 26 September, before it is submitted to Government.

The Government has asked councils across England to replace the current two-tier system, where county and district councils deliver separate council services and, instead, create unitary councils that deliver all local services. For Hampshire and the Solent area, this would see the County Council, 11 district councils, and the unitary councils of Southampton, Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight replaced with fewer local authorities.

Hampshire's current proposal, developed in partnership with East Hampshire District Council, recommends creating four new unitary councils: three on the Hampshire and Solent mainland and one for the Isle of Wight. This model is designed to be simpler, stronger and more secure, with local identity and community voice at its heart.

Councillor Nick Adams-King, Leader of Hampshire County Council, said, "We're approaching a key moment in shaping a better future for local government in Hampshire and the Solent.

"I want to thank everyone who took part in our summer engagement. Your feedback is helping to shape a proposal that County Councillors will be considering very soon, before our final choice is submitted to Government later this month. It will then be for Government to decide on which options they formally consult the public - anticipated to be before the end of the year.

"In the meantime, our aim is clear: to protect and improve the vital services people rely on, ensure councils are financially strong for the future, and responsive to local needs. By creating councils that are large enough to be efficient, but local enough to stay connected to communities, we can give people a stronger voice in how their area is run. This is about securing a better future for Hampshire and the Solent."

The LGR proposal is backed by independent analysis and Hampshire's longstanding track record of delivering high-quality services - from Ofsted-rated 'Outstanding' Children's Services to nationally recognised infrastructure and adult care programmes. Over the years, Hampshire has also supported other councils to help them keep their essential services running - most recently helping Isle of Wight Council with the provision of their Children's Services and

Public Health. This solid experience and commitment to public service are guiding the County Council's approach to reform.

Findings from this summer's engagement show strong public understanding of the issues around LGR. A total of around 5,000 people and organisations fed back to the County Council via its survey as well as wider engagement activity, with many recognising the potential benefits of reducing 15 councils to four, alongside the potential for better access to services, cost savings, and stronger local identity and representation.

Hampshire County Council already delivers 85% of all council services to 1.4 million residents, including children's and adults' social care, highways, and education. The current proposed model builds on this foundation, aiming to:

- Deliver better value for money

- Strengthen local leadership

- Bring services closer to communities

- Save around £50 million each year, helping protect frontline services to those most in need and ensure long-term financial sustainability

- Unlock the area's potential to innovate and grow the local economy

Once the County Council's preferred option for LGR across Hampshire and the Solent area is submitted on 26 September, the Government is expected to consult the public later this year, with a final decision due in spring 2026.

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Note: More from Juliet on page 37

Juliet Henderson

Oakley Tennis Club

Sunday 7 September saw the club host its annual tennis tournament. There were 14 players taking part and several spectators came along too, which made for a lovely social afternoon. The weather behaved itself and everyone involved seemed to really enjoy the afternoon. Congratulations to our winner (the defending champion!) and runners up, and also a big thank you to everyone who took part.



The total raised has not yet been finalised but hopefully there will be a decent amount to donate to our chosen charity, which is Sebastian's Action Trust in North Waltham sebastiansactiontrust.org, a very worthwhile charity.

If you would like to be involved in the club please get in touch through our facebook page or on our website oakleytennisclub.org.uk

Fran Martin

Whitchurch and District Over 60s Singles and, with Bob Goodyear, the Basingstoke and District Over 60s Pairs. We have not shone in leagues. Our "A" teams finished runners up in the Basingstoke Triples league and third in the Fours league whilst, in Division 1 of the Whitchurch League, the Buzzards team, produced a Houdini like escape, to avoid relegation.

At Club finals, Sean Lassman narrowly missed out on a treble, last achieved in 2001. He began with a 21-16 win over Ric Newson in the Open Singles, whilst in the Men's event Steve Devonish won 21-14 against Bob Goodyear.

The Ladies' Final was so close. Sue Dixon established a large early lead only for Janie Vickers to move ahead at 20-19. However,

singles on the next two ends enabled Sue to lift the title. In the Two Bowl final, between Sean and Martin Vickers, the score was 11-10 after 15 ends, Sean, however, hit a purple patch scoring seven on the next four ends to achieve victory.

The final match saw Sean and Janie play the Open Pairs Final against Angie Rowe and Rolf Denny. The latter pair led 7-0, but when three times previous



Oakley Bowling Club News

External competition results have been mixed. Sue Dixon and Mary Varndell played in the Hampshire team that finished runners up in the inter County Over 60s team event. Alice Lovett was our only finalist in County events, being runner up in the Junior Singles and winner of the Junior Pairs. Ric Newson won the



BH Over 60s National Runners up



Oakley winners 2025

winners, Janie and Sean, took the lead at 9-8 it looked as if they might make it four titles. It was not to be. A five on the 10th end put Angie and Rolf in the driving seat and they went on to win 21-14.

Socially we have been active. The annual BBQ again proved a huge success. Attended by around 80 members and friends it was good to have so many newer members joining us. The weather was kind. We enjoyed thoroughly our popular guest singer, Kate Aherne, and the food provided by Graham and Amanda was excellent.

The tour saw 40 members stay at the York Hotel in Weston-Super-Mare. We won at Ashcombe Park, but Wednesday, at Clarence, was a wash out. Thursday saw us having a free day at Wells, but it was overshadowed by the sad news that Club stalwart Martin Smith, had passed away. Friday saw us at Ilminster, arguably the strongest Club in Somerset.

We tried to improve our chances by bringing in, as a guest, World and Commonwealth Games Gold medallist Louis Ridout. Louis skipped the highest winning rink, but we still lost. Leaving Ilminster for home, Ric announced that the Black Mark trophy for the most misdemeanours had been won by Wendy Aherne and that the Trophy for the best score had been won by Sally Day, with a little help from Louis!!

Spencer Kerley



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Hampshire Faces Major Funding Cuts Under Government's 'Fair' Funding Review

I mentioned previously the risk to Hampshire from the Government's review of local government funding. Essentially this takes money from rural areas in the South and passes it to urban councils, particularly those in the North and Midlands. Hampshire County Council has now responded to the Government's Fair Funding Review 2.0—and we're sounding the alarm. The proposed changes to how councils are funded could leave Hampshire significantly worse off, with many councils across the county facing real-terms cuts.

What's happening? The new formula underestimates Hampshire's needs and overestimates how much we can raise through council tax. It risks deepening our financial deficit and reducing vital services. Why it matters: without urgent changes, Hampshire's councils could struggle to deliver essential services—especially for vulnerable residents.

Winter Fuel Payments – No Need to Apply!

I've seen reports from Hampshire Police about scammers posing as officials trying to "help" people access their Winter Fuel Payment. Let's set the record straight: if you're eligible, the payment is AUTOMATIC. No one needs to contact you, and you don't need to give out any info. Check the official details here: gov.uk/winter-fuel-payment

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Need support? Victim Care Hub – free, confidential help: hampshireiowvictimcare.co.uk/ 0808 178 1641

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Even if this doesn't affect you — please share to protect someone who might be vulnerable.

Cllr Juliet Henderson

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