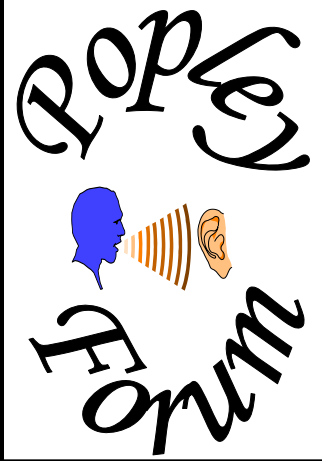


# POPLEY MATTERS



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## POPLEY COMMUNITY FORUM

Come along to the Popley Forum meeting at Melrose Hall, Abbey Rd. on February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. You can have your say on how we can make Popley even better. We have invited four guest speakers.

First to speak will be Blanche Miles on recycling. The following speaker is from Comtel (formally Telecentral). We then have our local beat Bobbies, followed by the Crime Reduction Officer Bob Young.

You can ask the speakers' question and bring up the issues that are affecting you. Together we can and are already making a difference in the Popley area but we can achieve even more with your continued support.

## POPLEY MATTERS

It is nearly a year ago that we started the POPLEY MATTERS up again it has been a year of learning for the team that puts this publication together, for you to read. We started after the first meeting of The Popley Forum with the aim to keep the residents of Popley informed of events in our estate and improve the profile of Popley. We would like to hear from you about clubs or events that interest you. You can call me Jane Frankum, the Editor on 819924 or maybe you would like us to

## ADVANCE WARNING POPLEY FESTIVAL

SUNDAY MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>.

Please contact on 465303 if you or your organisation wish to be part of this truly great day.



Melrose 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary (new hall)  
March 14<sup>th</sup>

To celebrate this event we are holding a disco for juniors from 2-6pm Big Jim will be the disc jockey and I am told he does "other" things as well?? There will be light refreshments and a tuck shop provided. All for only 50p for members £1 for non members.

The evening celebration is a dinner dance with a three course meal cooked and served by Pierre Victoire. There will also be entertainment from Jetsound Disco's. All this for members £10 non-members £12. There will be a bar provided, or bring your own tittle. Obviously the numbers are limited so book early. ☎413722/411113/420676.

WATCH OUT for further details on our Easter event on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Keep your eye on the centre you never know



The New Years Eve family disco was a tremendous success with nearly 300 people seeing the New Year in at the party. The food was

excellent and the DJ was great, as he is a regular booking of ours. The ages of our party were from babies to grandparents and every one had a great time and have said they will come to our Family Discos. Watch out on our notice board. The next one is on Valentines Day February 14<sup>th</sup>. Tickets available at the centre. There is a bar provided or you can bring your own.

## CAR BOOT SALES

The Car Boot sales are continuing on each first Sunday of every month from 9:00am - 1:00pm

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All Sections Meet at John Hunt School

## INDOOR BOOT SALES

With effect from Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February Melrose Community Hall will be holding sales every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month 1-30pm start, £4 per car/table (tables provided) To book a space ring 413722 or 420676. Why not help your local centre by buying and

## SAND BAGS!

If you are one of the unlucky people that is affected when we have heavy rain sand bags are available by phoning Basingstoke and Deane Council offices ☎ 844844. If it is out of normal office hours you will be put through to an emergency number and they will bring the sand bags to you.



## REPORT OF GAZETTE MEETING

At the end of last year, three members of the Forum committee (Editor Jane Frankum; Liaison Officer Kate Lomas; Secretary Mike Birch) met with Bill Brown of the Basingstoke Gazette to discuss raising the profile of Popley in the newspaper which it was felt has hitherto concentrated too heavily upon the few negative aspects which can haunt any estate.

The meeting lasted for nearly one and a half hours during which time many matters were raised and discussed with particular emphasis upon the positive role of the youth groups in the area with many young people keen to take an active part in building a better society for the future.

The Forum told Bill of how the majority of residents want to live in a friendly, go-ahead area where conversation is always preferred to confrontation. Basingstoke is trying to gain a reputation as an innovative town and Popley could help lead the way for this to happen.

Bill said he was impressed with the discussion and with the work of the Forum and said how he would do his best for the Gazette to help in projecting the positive side of life in Popley, which represents the majority of residents.

This is where we need YOUR help by coming to our Open Meetings and sending us information about your group or club to Popley Matters so that we can print it and let others know just how good Popley really is. All editions of Popley Matters are also read by the Gazette and, space permitting, it could be your news, which appears for all of Basingstoke to read.

## DON'T FORGET TO COLLECT YOUR TRAVEL TOKENS AND BUS PASS RENEWALS

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From January 19<sup>th</sup> Kevin Conway of "The Bisons" is holding Inline Roller hockey classes in the sports hall at John Hunt School from 5pm-6pm every Monday. The age range is for seven year old and upwards ALL ARE WELCOME

Its Martial Arts Month at John Hunt, just turn up and have a go: -

MONDAY	7-00_9-00PM	JUI'JITSUI
TUESDAY	6-15-7-45PM	KICKBOXING
WEDNESDAY	6-30-8-00PM	KARATE
THURSDAY	6-00-8-00PM	JUI, JITSUI

## The Basingstoke Karate/Kickboxing Organisation

The Basingstoke Karate/Kickboxing organisation has been in existence for eleven years, teaching both adults and children.

The kickboxing side of B.K.K.O. dedicates itself to competition training and competes at regional, national and international level.

The club has bred champions in all of these categories. Most notable is Mel Cummings who began training as a child and is now the Ladies British Champion. Mel also gained a forth place in last years European championships. Many of our younger students are encouraged to take part in competitions as we feel that this builds character, a sense of discipline and achievement.

B.K.K.O.'s Chief instructor Ron Peplow began training in Karate in 1975 he holds a third dan in Wado Ryu karate and a second dan at Kickboxing. Ron has competed regularly in tournaments throughout his career, his last result being a silver medal in the W.A.K.O. British championships in 1997.

B.K.K.O. has now opened a new club at Melrose Hall 6-00-7-30pm on Monday nights for children aged sixteen and under. Training consists of fitness, bagwork and sparring but above all fun. If you would like to learn kickboxing then just turn up to the session where the first lesson is free. For information on the B.K.K.O. clubs Tel 327115.

## THE ADVENTURE RANGER CORP

The Adventure Ranger Corp has been at Melrose Community Hall for a year. Since then the young people who have joined us have achieved a great deal. One young member conquered her fear of heights on an assault course, and some older members have completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

During 1997 many of the Popley members participated in the following activities canoeing, swimming, A weekend in the Brecon Beacons, weekends on adventure camps, several New Forest camps and even trial dives with a local Sub-Aqua club.

This year we are currently planning more of the above activities, plus a trip to either the Lake District or the Peak District and a week in Scotland.

The aim of the group has always been to encourage young people to participate in as many different outdoor activities as possible and to promote self awareness and self confidence through their pursuits.

Any one may join us from the age of eight to eighteen. At present we are also looking for adult volunteers, to help at various units and to organise various activities.

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# Summit Judo Club

Summit Judo Club has been running for approximately 27 years, we started in the gym at John Hunt of Everest School in 1972, we built up a very successful club with most of our members coming from the Popley area.

In 1992 it was decided to move, along with other martial arts clubs around Basingstoke to a club house in Buckskin which had a permanently laid mat area, we stayed for 4 years, but our numbers dwindled and we lost our members from Popley, so in 1997 it was therefore decided to return to the John Hunt Centre, where we hope to build up our club to it's previous strength.

We are involved in the "Festival of Sports" with our German twin town of Euskirchen, and this year some of our members will travel to Germany to participate in the Sports Competition and stay with German Judo players families, it's great fun and we have made many new friends.

We have 2 fully qualified Instructors, our club is fun, it's not all hard work, if your not competition minded you don't have to go, if you are, we'll get you there! So, if you like the sound of our club why not come along and have a go, have some fun, bring your friends, the first session is FREE! !

We are in the Gym at the John Hunt Centre on Friday evenings, there are 3 sessions:

- 6.30 to 7.30pm Beginners aged 6 to 9 years
- 7.30 to 8.30pm Players of all abilities 10 years & above
- 8.30 to 9.30pm Adults of all abilities. (New class starting)

Prices after the first free session are: - £2 per session for Children  
£3 per session for Adults

## MELROSE ART IN LANDSCAPING PROJECT

By the time this copy goes to print a further two workshops will have taken place. Young people of Popley will have made the templates for the art designs to be laid in the footpath that will run through the landscaped garden on the site of the old Melrose Hall. The contractors, together with members of the community, are scheduled to start the work in the February half term holiday



### BOYS BRIGADE HIGH ACHIEVER AWARD.

Congratulations to Mark Hood who gained. The Presidents Award it is the second highest award that can be made by the Boys Brigade. There were many of dedicated hours made to gain this award.

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