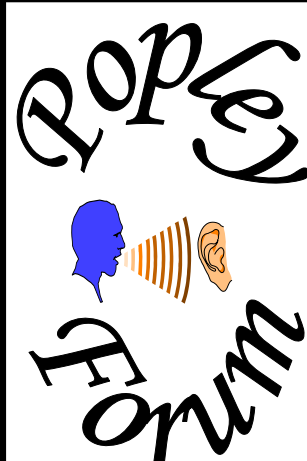


# POPLEY MATTERS

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## POPLEY COMMUNITY FORUM

At The last Popley Forum meeting I challenged Ian Foley from the highways department to walk around Popley to look at the poor state of the paths on the estate after he had commented that the paths were inspected on, at least a yearly basis. I refuted this completely. True to his word on a very wet day in June we went round the estate stepping over the puddles! Some of the paths will be repaired in the normal maintenance program. However he did agree that some areas were indeed badly in need of urgent attention, Tintern Close was a priority with others closely to follow. I have requested a report and will keep you informed of any developments. (Jane Frankum)

## The next Popley Forum Meeting

Will be held at the Popley Fields Centre, Carpenters Down, Popley, on Wednesday, 24th September 1997, at 7.30pm. This meeting is open meeting for all Popley Residents.

### Agenda

1. Welcome/Apologies.
2. Notes from previous meeting.
3. Matters arising.
4. Consultation regarding new residents.
5. Open spaces, play areas, ball games.
6. Legal aspects of item 5.
7. Neighbourhood Care Group.
8. Agenda items for further meetings.
9. Date & time of next meeting.

Apologies to be sent to Ms Iris King at Melrose Community Hall, or telephone (01256) 420676.

We hope to see you there!



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THE 19th JULY WAS A SUCCESS FOR OUR 1st ANNIVERSARY.

The President of the Chamber of Commerce - Mr A. Bennett declared the start of our activities. His

Worship the Mayor attended later in the afternoon. Our thanks to them both.

The many attractions - including the helicopter rides, fair ground and children's attractions were enjoyed by the people attending the day's celebrations, many of whom stayed over, or returned in the evening for the family disco.

We thank you all for your continued support, and hope to see you again at our future events throughout the year.

Please do not forget our next family disco on the 25th September at 7.30pm Tickets available from the Office.

Every first Sunday of the month we hold our indoor table top sale. (£5 Per Table) next date 5<sup>th</sup> October.



Over the last few weeks quite a few of the Popley young people have been working outside the centre. Under the "Art in the Community Project" it is a follow up on the landscaping of the old centre ground. After being successful in obtaining grants from three sources, Crime prevention, Youth 2000 and BDBC

parks dept. Several workshops have taken place. The age range to be catered for was 12-18 yrs, but we also had a lot of very young budding artists and we did not like to turn anyone away from enjoying art in whatever form. Charlie Carter, the artist commissioned for the project, has had his work cut out devising various different methods of work and designs so all ages could participate, and arrive at the end design which will be the centre piece of the landscaped garden. Ryan Brill has done a piece of work that could be the centre with other designs incorporated, but that is something to be decided later between Charlie and the young people involved. It is anticipated that the laying of the design will be completed in September. The garden should be done by the end of this year. I would ask everyone to help in keeping the garden areas tidy. (Iris King)

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## Melrose Walk Ball Court Review

By the entrance to Merton Junior School, next to a new play area in Tintern Close is an old ball court where netball was played many years ago. The Borough Council feels that the facility ought to be used, it is just a wasted opportunity.

Residents and potential users are being asked to come forward with ideas for using the facility, the ideas will be used to decide what to do with the site.

We would prefer to carry out your proposals in the near future but this will be largely determined by their cost.

We would like to meet young people on Wednesday 17th September at 6.30pm until 7.30pm and adults from 8pm until 9pm on the same day, refreshments will be available. Please come and see us at Melrose meeting Hall.

Once we have gathered all your views we would like to meet all age groups together on Thursday 25th September to summarise the results of the exercise and hopefully to indicate what we are able to achieve.

If you would like to know more details please contact Stephen Bryer on

☎01256 845607.

We would specially like to thank IRENE O'BRIEN for all her hard work at Melrose Community Hall from Iris King and all the committee.

## Pick It up in Popley...

Even on the best kept estates litter can be a problem and is unsightly, but did you know it could also encourage rats that bring disease and cause injury to young children?

Do you want children to play somewhere that is dirty or clean? The Popley Forum in association with Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council are organising a competition for the best ideas of how to combat the problem of litter in Popley by encouraging residents not to drop litter and even be encouraged to pick it up.

There will be a prize for the best ideas from the under 12s and 12 to 18 age groups.

Put your name, address and age with your idea and return it to Melrose Hall, Abbey Road or Popley Fields, Carpenters Down.

## Tree Planting

As a result of the last Popley Forum meeting the councils proposed planting of 53 trees will take into account the concerns of the residents with suitability of the trees.

Jane Brewer (Tree Officer) of the council has said that she will provide maps of the sightings to all residents who live near them, As long as you have a valid reason that the tree should not be placed there she will endeavour to move it. However if you wait until it is already planted it will be too late.

It only goes to show your voice

We would love to hear from residents ideas, complaints, moans, letters or happy news on anything that affects the people of Popley. Why not write to us c/o Popley Matters Melrose Community Hall, Abbey Rd.

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### FIRE Risk from Rubbish

If you live in a flat or maisonette you should take care not to leave rubbish lying around in porches or on staircases. Unfortunately rubbish is an easy target for arsonists.

Some flats in Melrose Walk were gutted by fire last year because rubbish left out overnight by residents was set alight. Since then Oakfern Housing, which owns the blocks of flats in Melrose Walk, has installed smoke and heat detectors and lined the porches to all the blocks with fire resistant board. This work stopped a potentially serious fire at another block in January.

The Association reminds residents to dispose of rubbish using the proper collection method and to

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Why not come along and have a glass of wine and see what is on offer on Wednesday 10th to September 11am-1pm or 6:30pm-9pm or telephone the above number for more details.

Monday	Dressmaking*
	Safe Driving and Car Maintenance for Women*
Tuesday	Preparing for the Future*
	Yoga*
Wednesday	Ballroom Dancing*
	Knitting and Needlecraft*
	Fitness for the Over 50 s*
	Confidence building for Employment and Life
	First Aid - St John s Certificate
Thursday	The joy of Ceramics
Friday	Belly Dancing for Beginners
Saturday	5 a side Football for Women*

\* Denotes a Daytime class.

Leisure learning is an opportunity to get away from the house and the television, to share experiences, take on new skills and widen horizons all within a warm and friendly atmosphere.

## Popley Praised

My Russian friends, Ella & Slava, stayed with me for 2 weeks on Popley. They were most impressed with the estate and repeatedly remarked on how "bright and green" it looked. As they can speak reasonable English they went for walks and to the shops on their own. They also made friends with the children who play in our square and gave them some Russian chocolate. I am now continually asked when Ella and Slava will be coming to stay again, or, how far is Russia, as the children would like some more Russian chocolate. (Terry

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# Youth Really Clean Up

On behalf of Melrose Assoc. and the residents of Popley Abbeys we would like to say a big thank you to the following young children who for the last several weeks have been acting as Melrose litter pickers by keeping the front of the centre clean and clearing the recycled papers from the front of the shops. Melrose is issuing certificates for each of these people plus a roll of names on centres notice board. Simon, Billy, Aden, Grant, Ashley, Alex, Philip, and Adam. Once again thank you very



Saturday morning opposite the Soldier's Return Pub.

Matches will be played on Sunday afternoons when the new season starts in September.

For more information contact the club secretary on 479894.

# POPLEY FC

Popley Football Club is a brand new club formed in June. The club comprises of two teams Popley Wanderers for boys aged 10 and under and Popley Eagles for boys aged 12 and under.

We play in the Peter Houseman League and are affiliated to the Hampshire Youth FA. The under 10s train on a Monday night at John Hunt School. The under 12s train on a

# SAIL TRAINING

When asked to get knotted, along with two others from Popley I wondered what we were letting ourselves in for, but having learned various knots, the parts of a yacht that matter and some of the bits that don't we have almost mastered the skill required to complete our Royal Yachting Association Competent Crew Award. Thanks to the patience and skill of the instructors from the Youth



## MY HOME AT CHRISTMAS

ART COMPETITION FOR CHILDREN

Oakfern Housing are running a competition for the children of its tenants to design their Christmas cards this year. You just have to paint or draw a picture on the theme of "My home at Christmas".

There are two age groups for entry, 5-7 years and 8-11 years. The winners of both groups will win a gift token for £20 from WH Smith.

Please send your entry to Kathy Davis, Oakfern Housing, Oakfern House 56 Kingsclere Road Basingstoke RG21 6XG by Friday 19th September.

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members of staff who are all First Aid trained and have the Diploma in Playgroup Practice and Learning through play.

Our Parent and Toddler group opens each Wednesday afternoon from 1:00 to 2:30 and is for parents and pre playgroup children from birth to four. We have always welcomed parent's occasional involvement at playgroup by way of our parents rota.

Please call in and look around at any time and meet the staff and see for yourself what a lively morning is like at Treasure Island. If you want to speak to us first please ring on 414014 or leave a message on our answer phone and we will call you back as soon as possible.

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