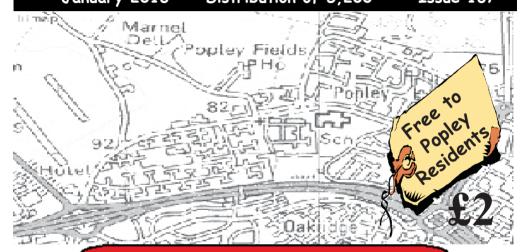
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Editor Jane Frankum

Message from the Editor: All the Popley Matters team wish you, our readers, a very Happy New Year.

Popley grows bigger week by week and we welcome you to the community of Popley. I can't tell you how many times I hear people say how much they love living in Popley and how special it is. I think the latest evidence of this is the ongoing appeal for library books so we can start a community library in Everest Community Academy. Thank you. I visited the school and was shown four tables and a floor full of books for all ages. They are still collecting and there are drop off places in St Gabriel's Church, Merton Junior School and Marnel Junior School. You

can also call John on 337573 who can arrange to pick up books from you. During this next year we hope to have a good sized lending service, access to computers, a photocopying service and a place to sit and have a coffee.

The results of the postcard survey are on page 5. The Popley Neighbourhood Partnership will meet on 20th January so if you have ideas or comments on what you would like to see or happen in Popley, you can contact myself 819924, or the council community officer Denise Gilmore 844844, or Everest Community Academy 337573 or email editor@popleymatters.org.uk. There are already some ideas that we are looking at and hope, with a

group made up of many different agencies, that we can have some positive outcomes.

If you are thinking this year of volunteering there are details for Basingstoke Voluntary Action group on page 14. I was amazed to find that they help 487 different groups, so there is certain to be an opportunity to fit in with your time and skills. Of course Popley Matters too is always glad to welcome new volunteers to deliver your community magazine to your door. We would really welcome a volunteer who could get the boxes of magazines to our fantastic volunteers. I can't thank the whole team enough for their help over the year. Contact me either by phone on 01256 819924 or email: editor@popleymatters.org.uk.



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Funding Boost Available for Community Projects in Popley

Community groups, projects and initiatives in Popley have until Sunday 31 January 2016 to apply for a funding boost, following the release of 'Your Community, Your Choice' grants in the area.

The small scale grants of up to £1,000, provided by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council as part of The Neighbourhood Partnership for the area, aim to assist voluntary and community organisations to deliver sustainable projects in Popley.

For projects to be eligible to apply for funding they will need to demonstrate they meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Provide a service or activity where there is a proven need
- Aim to strengthen the community by bringing people together
- Enhance the local environment
- Improve the health and wellbeing of the community

Local residents will have an opportunity to get more information on the eligible projects when they cast their votes for the projects they would like to support to get funding. This will take place between 3pm and 7pm on Monday 14 March 2016 at both Popley Fields Community Centre and Melrose Hall Community Centre.

Chineham Library

We hope that you and your families have had an enjoyable holiday, and some rest from your regular routines. The staff here have all enjoyed having a break.

Our Saturday children's craft sessions will continue on the first Saturday of each month, with the first ones being the 2nd January and 6th February, between 10am and 12pm. We are also trying a new venture for Saturdays in the New Year, with an under 5's storytime on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Saturdays of each month. These will commence on the 9th January, and take place from 10am - 10.30am. These will replace the existing Friday storytimes, and we will be interested to receive your feedback about this change.

Regular groups meeting this month will be the Crime Reading group on 8th January, and the CHIPPS reading group for parents and preschool children on 20th January. As always, new members are welcome to join.

Age Concern are still holding their computer session for the over 50s on Wednesdays between 10am and 12pm. These will commence again from 6th January, and you can always check availability with the local office on 01256 423874. The card making group will meet on 14th and 28th January, and new members are always welcome.

If you have not already done so, please can I remind you to complete a questionnaire for the Library Service Transformation exercise. Copies can be obtained from any library, and online at www.hants.gov.uk/library. The deadline for this is 16th January, and a good response will help to support the Library Service.

The team at Chineham Library wish you all a Happy New Year, and hope to see you in the Library soon. *Cathy Foster*

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Councillors' Page: I hope you all have a very happy and prosperous new year, During this year there will be talks and a decision on new boundary districts for the next County Council election in 2017. Basingstoke North has too many voters in the area as there is a required amount; it will mean changes in our division, mostly I expect in the Norden area. Also the borough wards will be looked at for the elections after 2018. There will be the opportunity to give your comments to the Boundary Commission.

I have been assured that the grit bins will be filled and checked, however I have pointed out that the newly adopted areas may not have sufficient bins in key areas, and have requested extra bins.

The repair roadworks due at both ends of Popley Way will be coordinated to reduce disruption. I hope that we don't get massive delays and knock on affects like the Black Dam roundabout works that have caused disruption and massive long delays affecting all the areas around the town borough. Cllr Jane Frankum 01256 819924 email jane. frankum@hants.gov.uk

Popley West: There will be more changes in this new year with more houses completed and road works done at each end of Popley Way. The Abbey Road shop area will have the improvement plan drawn up in January with the expectation of implementing them in March/April. The funding has already been found after a lot of pressure from both of your Popley West Councillors.

We have also secured a condition that the last phases of the new homes will have fibre optic cables laid by the developers. It has been a battle royal to get the last of the cabinets connected in Popley East and West but at long last they are enabled. Thank you to Basingstoke Broadband Campaign for they invaluable help.

You will see on page 5 the results of the survey as promised. On page 2 there are details of some funding that is now available for Popley and how to apply.

We met with the planning officer on 9th December to talk about the plans for Phase 6. We have negotiated better parking facilities more green space and enhanced play/leisure facilities. We also secured that visitor parking would be clearly marked and better street lighting.

Cllr Jane Frankum 01256 819924 cllr.jane.framkum@basingstoke.gov.uk Cllr Paul Frankum 01256 819924 cllr.paul.frankum@popleymatters.org.uk Popley East: We have talked about the Neighbourhood Partnership for Popley previously but it is important to remind readers of how important it may be in the community development of Popley. The NPP will bring together community representatives with those who provide services so that local people can influence the quality of life for their community.

A limited number of local people have put in great effort on behalf of Popley people and continue to do so but new volunteers are always welcome to take part in the new Partnership.

The NPP will have its own budget and a management board made up primarily of lay representatives

If you feel you can make a contribution please contact us directly or alternatively get in touch with Denise Gilholme. Tel 01256 844844 – ask for community development. Email denise.gilholme@basingstoke.gov.uk

We are moving into a critical time regarding the future of the Bermuda and Marlowe Practices, Shakespeare Road.

The service is in effect out to tender and in the new year decisions will be taken to decide how, and by who, the GP services from that Practice will be organised and managed for the next 5 years or more.

We are seeking to make sure we are involved in the assessment process but the system of allocating NHS contracts is difficult to break into. We will keep you all informed in the New Year.

Cllr David Potter 07941507801 cllr.david.potter@basingstoke.gov.uk Cllr Viv Washbourne 07900890088 cllr.vivien.washbourne@basingstoke.gov.uk

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Basingstoke
You may recall receiving a postcard survey in your September edition of Popley Matters? Well the results are now in. Overall 35% (147 people) on the Popley West and East wards completed the

survey. This was comparable to the rest of the Borough.

Of the four questions asked the responses were as follows:

Q1. How strongly do you feel you belong to your area?

Over 70% of respondents felt fairly or very strongly that they belonged to the area.

Q2. Do you agree or disagree that you can influence decisions affecting your local area? 32% of those who responded felt they could influence decisions.

This is a key role of the newly formed Popley Neighbourhood Partnership – it is intended to provide a platform to listen to views and help local people get involved in shaping things that happen in Popley. The next meeting will be taking place on 20th January 2016. There will also be a grant funding scheme which will be open to all Popley community and voluntary groups that meet the criteria. Local people get to vote for local projects. Watch out for further details/flyers or check out www.basingstoke.gov.uk/popleynpgrant. Deadline is 31st January 2016.

Q3. Which of the following do you feel is the most effective way of raising issues that concern your area? Is it by contacting:

A resounding 56% of the overall respondents felt that their local councillors were the most effective way of raising local issues. Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council was seen as the second most effective way by 25% of respondents.

Q4. Overall, how well informed do you feel about services in your area?

Over 54% of respondents felt that they were well informed about services in their area.

If you require further details on the survey results please contact your local councillor.

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Dear Friends

Welcome to 2016! How were your Christmas and New Year celebrations? Is it now just a bunch of memories and a figure on the bank statement perhaps? What was your favourite Christmas gift? Did you receive any books? I love to read and tend to be fairly prolific in the amount and eclectic in type and genre.

I was quite fascinated last year by how many folk were willing to queue up for hours to meet a celebrity author in Festival Place. Attenborough and DiCampo have both been there and the queues wound around the shopping mall as people waited patiently to have a book signed and a perhaps to have a quick word from the author.

Does meeting with the author change the way we read or understand their books or writings? It should, I suppose, as we catch a glimpse of the real personality behind the stories. In fact wouldn't it change our whole attitude after we had met with the author of a famous book or piece of writing? Imagine what it might be like to share an hour or two with Tom Clancy, Enid Blyton, Mary Berry, Agatha Christie or whosoever your favourite author may be! Perhaps a thing or two we would never have guessed about that person may come out in the conversation. Food for thought?

I love the Christmas period because it means I get to meet so many of you out there in our community. Through school nativities and Christingles, Christmas Fairs and Concerts or just out and about; it means also that I get to have so many and so varied conversations about the festive season. "It's for the kids. isn't it!" is quite common. "I don't believe all that stuff but I love the party atmosphere!" "I like singing the carols." "I would come to church but" These are just a few of the comments I hear in conversation.

Here's the rub! Most people I have these conversations with have either never read the book, or have read the book but never met the author. If they had it would change their whole understanding of Him and of what He is about. Sadly most folk have picked up their understanding of Christianity through dim memories of church as a child or at Sunday School and can only recall how they'd rather be somewhere else! Others only pick up what it's about through the media whether that's social media, tv, radio or otherwise; all are incomplete and only hold either a biased or uninformed opinion. And for so many others He is the 5th emergency service after the police, fire brigade, ambulance and AA – pray! I only know this because its exactly as I used to be as I grew up.

It was only after I met the author that I actually began to read the book and boy was it a revelation!!! And it has only got better and better, through the rough and the good He's been there! So what would you give to meet the author of your dreams?

May I invite you this year to come and meet the author. you won't need to queue up and you may be surprised about how He knows about you and the surprising things you'll find out about Him.

Happy New Year folks and may 2016 bring the richest of blessings for you and your family and this wonderful community of ours.

Your friend and vicar Revd. Arthur 01256 324734 St Gabriel's Church.





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Volunteer Ride Leaders

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the service provides within our county.

It currently costs the charity £125,000 each month to keep the Air Ambulance flying and they could not do it without the constant support they receive from donations. The staff, parents and children from Merton



Junior School are currently collecting money to support them too.

Jo, from the Service, provided the children with an amazing insight into this charity, which remains in the air due to public donations,



and supported the understanding of the work that they do with many photographs, diagrams and a little role play, which the

children were very happy to help with.

Jo worked with the children to complete a scenario where the Air Ambulance Service could be called. They all behaved as 'superheroes' in order to reenact what needs to happen.





At the end of the assembly Jo introduced the children to Teddy Medic, who popped along to show his support and a 'selfie' was completely necessary as you can see!

Thank you Hampshire and IOW Air

Ambulance Service for visiting us.



Headquarters:

Base 2000 Carpenters Down, Popley RG24 9AE

Group Scout Leader:Colin Karslake01256 410559Scout section:Kevin Pocock07867 946 759Cub Scout section:Douglas Gowan01256 412326Beaver Scout section:Eve Alexander07790 018 171

A snippet from the Troop -The Scout Troop keeps the 'OUT' in Scouting as much as possible even during the winter evenings. They made a night hike to Old Basing, built and enjoyed a campfire and then hiked back to Base 2000. It was the early hours of the morning by the time they got back and it was getting on for 9 a.m. before some started to stir for breakfast!



Beaver Scouts are aged between 6 and 8 years and meet from 5.30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Base 2000. The Colony is led by Eve Alexander an experienced fully trained leader with 12 years service.



Cub Scouts are aged between 8 and 10½ years. The Pack is led by Douglas Gowan. Douglas has given almost 15 years service to Scouting in addition to a number of years as both a cub scout and a leader in New Zealand.



Scouts are aged between 10½ - 14 years. They are led by Kevin Pocock.. Kevin has been involved in Scouting in Basingstoke as a leader since 1999 but has only recently joined the Air Scouts.



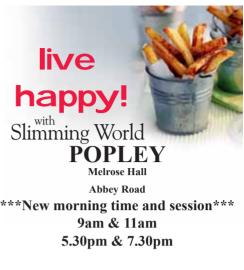
Adventure for those aged 14-18 continues through District based Explorer Units. Contact the Group Scout Scout Leader, Colin Karslake, for details -01256 410559 /07796 772 500 or colin@base2000.co.uk

The Air Scout Headquarters in Carpenters Down (behind Popley Fields Community Centre) is available for hire by other community groups either on a regular basis or for 'one-off' events (such as parties for young people at very reasopnable rates). Enquires as to cost and availability to Group Scout Leader Colin Karslake 01256 410559 or 07796 772 500 or e-mail colin@base2000.co.uk

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Every year, around eight million real Christmas trees are thrown away in the UK, this creates about 160,000 tonnes of additional waste. If the trees are recycled instead they are then transformed into ProGrow soil conditioner and wood chippings, which the council then uses for the borough's parks.

Christmas tree drop-off points from Monday 4 January to Sunday 31 January 2015:

- •Basingstoke Town Centre, War Memorial Park (Crossborough Hill car park)
- ·Basingstoke, B & Q, Winchester Road
- ·Basingstoke, Homebase, Winchester Road
- •Brighton Hill, Gershwin Road, Sports Pavilion
- •Burghclere, Harts Lane, Sports club car park
- •Eastrop, Eastrop Park (Boat House car park)
- •Hatch Warren, Community Centre, Long Cross Lane
- •Headley, Darling Buds of May, Newbury Road
- •Kingsclere, Fieldgate Centre
- •Lasham, Avenue Nurseries Garden Centre, The Avenue
- •North Waltham, Wyevale Garden Centre
- •Oakley, Oakley Lane (school lay-by)
- •Oakridge, Upper Sherborne Road playing fields
- •Overton, Overton Hill car park
- •Pamber End, Elm Park Garden Centre, Aldermaston Road
- •Popley, Carpenters Down Open Space
- •Silchester, The Pavilion car park
- •South Ham, Russell Howard car park
- •Tadley, Hangar Road (parking bays near Wigmore Road)
- •Whitchurch, Winchester Road car park
- •Winklebury, Winklebury Way playing field

Please note that Wyevale Garden Centre at Sherfield on Loddon is no longer a collection point.

If residents miss the collections at these locations, they can take their tree to the recycling centre on Wade Road. The opening hours at Wade Road are 8am to 4pm (closed 1 Jan 2016).

Cabinet member for Communities and the Environment, Cllr Hayley Eachus, said: "After all the festivities are over it can be a real pain to dispose of the tree but if residents take it to one of the locations across the borough it can then be turned into soil conditioner which will help our gardens to bloom."

For further information please contact Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council on 01256 844844 or visit www.basingstoke.gov.uk/recycle

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Piccolo Pre-school Nursery Nativity Play Sherborne-St-John

8th December 2015



At Piccolo we started the Christmas celebration preparing for our Nativity Play, which has become a favourite of the children, their parents and family. It is a joy for the Piccolo Team to prepare the children for such an occasion.

We started reading the Nativity story, so the children learn of the real meaning of Christmas, the children learned some songs and then the practice started after weeks of rehearsal.

On 7th December we invited the Senior Citizens from the Grange Nursing Home, Sherborne-St-John Bowling Club and Sherborne-St-John Parish Council to our dress rehearsal; they loved watching the children perform.

All at Piccolo worked very hard to bring this play to life; all the children took very seriously their role. It was a joy for all members of staff to watch their key children performing on the day, taking into consideration that several of the children are just recently turned 2 years old.

Parents and grandparents make comments like this "The Nativity was absolutely fab today! All the children were so well behaved and it was obvious they had practiced a lot! Well done to you and the team! Thank you all again for today, it always brings a tear to my eye seeing your little one perform!"

Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas Fayre and Community Christmas Dinner. Now the festive season is behind us a lot of us will be thinking of losing some of the Christmas weight. Why not join our cycling club? We offer group rides every Friday morning at 10.00am (arrive at 9.40am for registration) and 1-1 sessions for those less confident. We have bikes for you to loan if you don't have your own, and will shortly be expanding our fleet with two baby trailers. If

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TUESDAY: 9.30am-12.00pm Popley Little People

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WEDNESDAY: 9.00am Slimming World -**Time Change**

11.00am Slimming World - **NEW!!!**

12-2pm Oasis Lunch club 5.30 and 7.30pm Slimming World

THURSDAY: 9.30-11.30am Community Cafe

DAYTIME AND EVENING HIRE AVAILABLE

FRIDAY: DAYTIME HIRE AVAILABLE

9.40am Group Cycle Ride (weather permiting)

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SATURDAY: 9.00am-4.00pm 7TH Day Adventist Church

10am Sabath School - Bible Study

11.30am Divine Worship

1pm Free Community Lunch

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SUNDAY: Melrose Christian Fellowship - Contact Pastor Phillip

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As 2015 drew to a close, and we look back on an incredibly eventful year for the club. The committee would like to take this opportunity to wish all our players, parents and everyone involved in making MFC Popley Football Club so successful a wonderful Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Here's to you The Red & Black Family!

We are always looking to recruit new, enthusiastic volunteer coaches into MFC Popley Youth. Experience is not necessarily required, as full training will be arranged by the Club, but a passion for football and teaching children how to play the game at grass roots level is a must.

Please contact the Club by email at volunteer@mfcpopleyyouth.co.uk for more details.

The Club welcomes more parents getting actively involved with MFC Popley Youth, especially on match days with refereeing (in particular our under 7s), running the line (under 11s upward) and the set up of the pitches and Respect lines. If you are interested in helping out please make yourself known to the manager/coach of your particular age group.

You can get regular updates from the club by following our twitter account, @MFC_PopleyYouth & by using the hashtags #MFCPY #REDandBLACKARMY. Also, MFC Popley Youth has a dedicated club page on Facebook.

Contact the club -

Main website: www.mfcpopleyyouth.co.uk

Club Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer & Club Welfare Officer: mfcpopleyyouth@live.

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Volunteer enquiries: volunteer@mfcpopleyyouth.co.uk All-Stars Recruitment: allstars@mfcpopleyyouth.co.uk

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 Don't forget: the braking distance is twice as far on wet roads and increases 10-fold on icy roads!
- Low Sun and Glare: Now the winter is approaching, the sun is lower in the sky and wet roads will reflect glare which can temporarily blind you to potential hazards.
- Dark Mornings and Evenings: Now the clocks have gone back, evenings and mornings are drawing in. Be extra vigilant for pedestrians.
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By Hayley Eachus, Director and Family Law Specialist

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struggling with problems that had been kept undercover knowingly or unknowingly burst through during the hubbub of the festive season. That unfortunately makes January one of our busiest months of the year as people resolve to start the New Year with a clean slate.

Having supported Relate in North Hampshire as a Board Member I would be the first to recognise that relationships need help from time to time. For a lot of couples relationship counselling should be their first option but if you have pursued this as far as you can; then it may be time for one of our experienced family lawyers to help you. Our team has a wide range of expertise and experience to help and guide you.

Our objective is to help you as quickly and cost-effectively as possible with the best outcomes for you and your family. You will certainly have lots of questions about your rights and the process. Most people going through a divorce or separation would rather avoid having to go to court if possible. We understand that, so we offer a range of services including Mediation, Separation Agreements and Collaborative Law. One of these methods could be right for you.

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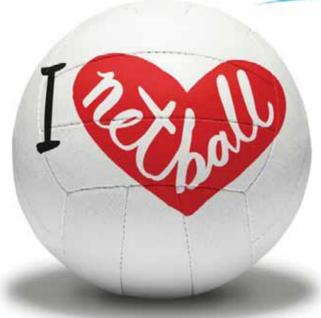
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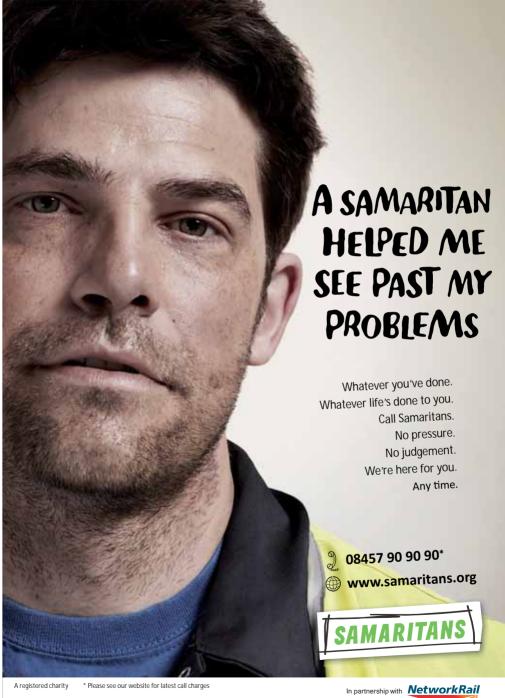
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