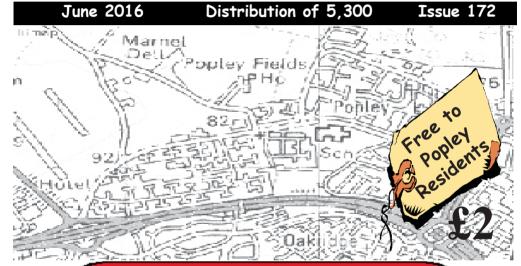
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Editor Jane Frankum

Message from the Editor: It will be an extra busy two years for my family as I have been honoured to be elected by all Councillors in Basingstoke and Deane to serve as the Mayor of Basingstoke and Deane. My youngest son Tony is my "Mayor's Escort" and son Paul was elected Deputy Mayor, and all being well will follow as Mayor next year. We have already in the first few days gone into double figures attending events in Basingstoke and Hampshire. Let me know if you would like us to write in Popley Matters about some of the places we will go to and people we meet. Just as a taster I started at Winchester Cathedral for the service for the Diamond Anniversary of The Duke of Edinburgh Awards', the next

day at The Anvil for the Trefoil Guild's AGM while Paul went to The Basingstoke Gala Art and Music Festival and Award ceremony at Queen Mary's College; and the next day we all went to our beloved Popley Festival. It was a bit surreal walking around as Mayor and even judging cake making, photography, and art competitions. Paul and I met some families from Alencon on Monday who were staying with families that use Melrose Hall. They have been swapping for nine years now. On the Tuesday Tony and I went to The Proteus Open Space to open an art exhibition. Wednesday, Paul and I went to the Mayor Making in Southampton; it really was a "posh" and prestigious affair. We were told the buffet was full of wonderful food and we were hungry but we had to get back to Basingstoke to judge an art competition that around two hundred children had entered on the subject of "don't smoke in children's play parks". That was hard as

there were so many great ones to choose from. We then had to practise the ceremony for the next day at Basingstoke's Mayor Making ceremony. On Friday 20th, Paul and I went to meet some real characters at The Memory Café in Viables Centre and had a wonderful time and we hope we can help to set one up in Popley. Last night, Tony and I went to The Haymarket to see Legally Blonde and meet the cast and crew. All this and still keep up to date with our councillor duties and of course Popley Matters. I am able to choose a Mayor's Charity-more details on page 18. Contact me either by phone on 01256 819924 or email: editor@popleymatters.org.uk.



Paul Frankum

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Firstly I'd like to say a huge thank you to all of those who came along to the Festival this year helping to it make one of the it the most successful ever!

For those who were not able to make it, you missed, a true festival style stage and 6 bands, Spotlight dance and choir, the fair and a huge range of stalls from our local community. Our new Mayor, Popley based Cllr Jane Frankum attended and judged prizes for the cake decorating, photography and art competitions.

One of the key features of the Festival is the way that the community pulls together to make the event happen. Three of the local churches (New Testament Church of God, St Gabriel's and Melrose Christian Fellowship), Spotlight, the Scouts, Air Scouts and ARC join together with Popley Fields Community Association to form the organising committee. Without this team effort the event just would not be possible.

As always our eyes are now on next year (the 25th anniversary of Popley Festival) and to make it even better so if you would like to be involved in helping to run the event, volunteering on the day, having your own stall or sponsoring the event please contact us via the website;

www.popleyfestival.org.uk

Thanks, looking forward to next year,

Phil Mean

Popley Festival Committee Chair

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Councillors' Page: The Annual General Meeting of Hampshire County Council has taken place and I was voted back on to The Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority. It will be a busy year for the Fire Authority with new ways of working and the new building of the fire station with has started. It will take about 18 months in all, and will see much better facilities for the fire crews and all the staff that work to make this an excellent service. Though I hope you never have to use them.

The roadworks seem to be never ending but at least you can see what some of the changes or improvements will look like. Very frustrating but really our roads needed upgrading.

I, along with many others, continue to fight against the closure of the Children's Centres in Basingstoke and I was there when Kath Ovenden presented her over 10,000 signature petition from all of Hampshire. Kath's speech to all in the chamber was really moving and I led many Councillors to stand up and applaud her. Cllr Paul Harvey handed in the 1,650+ signatures from Basingstoke to the Cabinet member responsible. Cllr Jane Frankum 01256 819924 email jane.frankum@hants.gov.uk

Popley West: Thank you for voting me back to represent Popley West I am proud and humbled and look forward to carrying on representing you all.

The replacement gas pipes are progressing but it will take months yet before they have finished!!

I am pleased to see that the work has begun around the Abbey Road shopping area. There was many reports of anti social behaviour and damage to walls, satellite dishes, cars from football and Kerbbies being played by the houses. The railings will also let more light into the properties. We had a site visit with officers of Sentinel Housing to once again show them our concerns around the walls in the garage area in the high numbers of Fountains close and the large crack in the concrete parking area, we have been promised a report later this month and of course will report back. Now that most of the play facilities have been completed in Popley East we will be working with officers to improve some of the play areas in Popley West.

Cllr Paul Frankum 01256 819924 cllr.paul.frankum@basingstoke.gov.uk Cllr Jane Frankum 01256 819924 cllr.jane.frankum@basingstoke.gov.uk **Popley East:** Being my first time of writing in Popley Matters I would like to start by offering my thanks to the residents of Popley East for putting their trust in me by electing me as one of your Councillors. I will be working closely with Councillor David Potter and, of course, with Councillors Jane and Paul Frankum who will have a busy year in their new roles as Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Basingstoke. Congratulations to both of them!

We have had a busy couple of months in Popley East, working on issues such as the removal of fly-tipping and abandoned vehicles, pavements that require attention and the list goes on. I look forward to working on your behalf

Now we are experiencing better weather we are looking forward to the new wet area at Chineham Park coming into use. We believe it will be a popular feature and more likely to be used by a range of children and have fewer maintenance issues throughout its use.

We were both at Popley Festival and would want to join with others in congratulating the organisers and providers for the excellent way in which the Festival is run. Every year its popularity grows which is a compliment to those involved in its planning and operation. It was good to see everyone having a good time.

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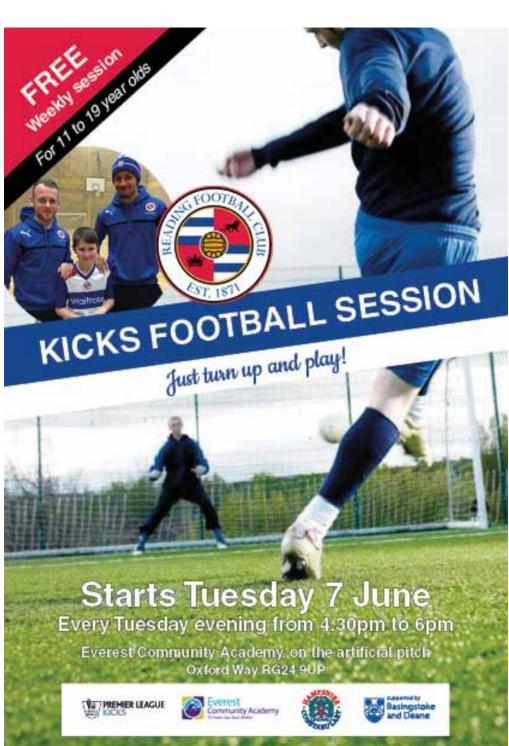
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Dear Friends

As I write this I'm still recovering from Popley Festival but what a great event it turned out to be and weren't we blessed with good weather for the day? It was also great to be visited by our new Mayor, our own Councillor Jane Frankum. We send her our heartiest congratulations on her appointment and wish her all success in her new role. We were also pleased to see our other Councillors Janet, David and our deputy Mayor, Paul.

It's also been a privilege for me to visit and spend some time with the Year 10 groups at Everest Community Academy as they've been studying the issues of peace and conflict. I talked about my own experiences in the RAF and then as a Christian minister. The students then had the opportunity to ask me questions - and what profound questions they were!

To help put things in context I quoted from an article in "The Huffington Post". Academic studies consistently challenge the link between religion and war. Research published in October from the New York and Sydney-based Institute for Economics and Peace looked at all of the wars that took place in 2013. It found no 'general causal relationship' between religion and conflict.

In fact, religious elements played no role at all in 14 (40%) of the 35 armed conflicts in the research, and only five (14%) had religious elements as their main cause, the report showed. All of the wars had multiple causes, and the much more common motivation was opposition to a government, or to the economic, ideological, political or social systems of a state, which was named as a main factor in nearly two thirds of the cases studied.

The Encyclopedia of Wars, an extensive study published in 2008, chronicles 1,763 wars throughout human history. It names just 123 as 'religious in nature' – a little under 7%."

Jesus said that all authority in heaven and earth has been given to him and St Paul wrote that we should always pray for our leaders. It isn't religion that causes conflict but how power is exercised by and over other others. That why leaders need our prayers and it's certainly something we do on a very regular basis at St Gabriel's.

We too have the opportunity to exercise our authority this coming month in the referendum on staying or leaving the European Union. I hope and pray we will all do so after careful consideration of all the issues and with the ability to see through the political rhetoric to what lie beneath.

These are exciting times for all of us. We wish Jane as Mayor and Paul as Deputy Mayor well and the assurance of God's love for them and all in the council chamber in the coming year.

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After the Section 8 Ofsted Inspection which took place on 1 February 2016: These are some of the quotes the report said about our school.

"Senior leaders and governors are taking effective action to tackle the areas requiring improvement identified at the recent section 5 inspection in order to become a good school."

"There is a palpable sense of urgency in the attitude of staff and pupils to bring about the necessary improvements."

"You (Mr Price) are very visible around the Academy and you have excellent working relationships with pupils, who value your presence in the classrooms and corridors."

"The Academy is a calm and orderly place where pupils listen well in their lessons. Pupils feel safe and well-cared-for and appreciate the range of support that is available from the pastoral team and other staff. Pupils report that poor behaviour is no longer tolerated and that the new systems to manage disruption work well."

We have already made considerable progress and continue to work with great determination to make this a top quality school for your children.

Popley Neighbourhood Partnership - Update

The Neighbourhood Partnership began in September 2015 and brings together a range of local community and agency representatives with local councillors. They work together to support and develop initiatives that are part of the Popley East and Marnel and Merton community plans.

Some of the achievements so far include:

Setting up a cycle group between Melrose Hall and Popley Fields Community centres which provide bike loans, local family and women only rides supported by volunteer leaders and one-to-one tuition.

Hosting Beat the Street walking and cycling 6 week event resulting in over 2,300 people taking part and local schools and groups sharing £2,000 in prize money. Funding gained to support the delivery of a 6 week long cooking initiative for young people which will now progress as a monthly venture.

Funding to support the continuity of provision for the over 50s through the Forever Young group and the provision of outreach sessions to Abbey Court.

A walking /cycling audit carried out in partnership with Living Streets which will support the development of walking and cycling signposted routes and will also involve the local Everest Community Academy supporting some of the areas for action. Improvements made to both the landscaping and new installation of the splash pad / paddling area in Chineham Park.

Delivery of joint events including Popley Christmas Extravaganza and Popley Festival.

Improvement and refurbishment of community facilities- Local infrastructure funding has and will be supporting improvements to the following local facilities: Popley Fields Community Centre, Melrose Hall Community Centre, Bermuda Hall Community Centre and St Gabriel's Church community facilities.

Funding gained to support the purchase and siting of community notice boards and their siting in the Marnel and Merton areas of Popley.

The Neighbourhood Partnership also held a 'Your Community , Your Choice' Voting Event in which anyone who lived, worked or volunteered in Popley could vote for projects put forward. This was local people, local groups, local votes in action. As a result two local youth groups for those aged 8-11 and 11-16 received funding for activities and one community centre received partial funding to provide defibrillator and first aid training.

Overall the community plans and the coming together of local groups, agencies and councillors is already making a difference to the lives of Popley residents.

However there is always an opportunity for more groups and local people to take part and support the community plans and be part of the Neighbourhood Partnership. Whether you have an hour a day, a week or a month to spare to contribute your participation will be equally valued. So for more information please do not hesitate to contact your local community development officer Denise Gilholme on 07500987638 or email denise.gilholme@basingstoke.gov.uk.



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As is their custom, the Beavers have been busy!



The fundraising for Guide Dogs for the Blind has continued through the year and the Colony held its fundraising effort in April. The prize of a book token for the Beaver raising the most money will soon be announced. Excitement grows at every meeting!

During the past three months, the Colony has explored Global issues and learnt about other countries and the difficulties children around the world face every day with poor living conditions, little to eat, unsanitary water to drink and little if any education. Christian Aid Week reminds us all of some countries' desperate needs.



As always we have lots of lively games and some of the Colony joined with other Beaver Scouts from Basingstoke East District for a fun packed afternoon in the main hall at The Vyne School to celebrate the 30th birthday of the section. They particularly liked building a Beaver dam from newspaper. Some had more success than others and I'm not sure just how many would have stood the test of rushing water!

Lots of badges are being earned and several Beavers have almost completed all the requirements to receive the prestigious Chief Scout Bronze Award.

As the better weather approaches we will be out and about more and Blue Beaver is arranging an ever-popular 'sleepover' in July with lots of fun, traditional board games and laughter (and teddy gets the chance to come too!).



Beavers from the Air Scout group attended St. George's Day celebrations at the end of April. Over a thousand young people, all members of Scouting, paraded through Festival



Centre and thence to the water language of Eastrop Park for songs and celebrations and a release of balloons to celebrate the section's 30th Birthday.

Five Beavers have moved on to the Cub section and more new recruits will soon be joining though we have once again had to start a waiting list. We wish them lots of fun and challenges with the Cub Scout section.

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Wash Your Hands!

This is one of the often-repeated instructions we've all heard from our parents from a very early age – and there are good reasons why this basic function is pushed home so hard by every generation.

NICE (National Institute for Health and Care Excellent) says that one in 16 people in hospital pick up a nasty disease such as MRSA because someone hasn't washed their hands. These diseases can be fatal.

Hand washing is a very simple task that, when carried out correctly, is one of the most effective ways of preventing the spread of infection.

Why do we need to wash our hands?

Each day germs collect on our hands. These germs are so small that we cannot see them with the naked eye – even hands which appear clean can be carrying germs – but some of them can cause infection. Washing your hands removes the germs that have collected on them, and so reduces the risk of you and others being affected by harmful germs.

When to wash your hands

You should always wash your hands:

- After using the toilet/urinal/commode/bedpan.
- Before eating or handling food.
- If your hands are visibly dirty.

Experts have determined that washing your hands with hot water and soap for the time it takes to sing a verse of "Happy Birthday" should ensure any germs on your hands are destroyed. So sing while you wash!

How to wash your hands

- Wet your hands thoroughly before applying soap.
- Vigorously massage all surfaces of both your hands with lather. Remember to pay special attention to the finger
 tips, thumbs and the area between the fingers as these are all frequently missed. Right handed people have a
 tendency to wash the left hand more thoroughly, and vice versa.
- If you wear a ring, remember to wash the area underneath it.
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This article is based on a report by the Royal Brompton & Harefield NHS Foundation Trust.



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Tuesday night is BINGO NIGHT! Doors open at 7pm, eyes down at 8pm. New members are always welcome. Come along, meet and make new friends. Refreshments are also available and it finishes around about 10pm.

Wednesday evening is Dance to the Beat, 6pm until 7pm. For details ring Miss Lackey on 321160.

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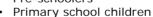
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My Mayor's Speech on Choosing My Charity

My Charity, this looked like a difficult decision at the beginning as there are so many really worthwhile causes and charities. "Choose three, they said". OK Camrose Centre, Blue Lamp Trust, Bluebells, no what about St Michaels Hospice who looked after my late husband so well. Charlies Day Centre on the children's ward where I worked for years, oh and then after a visit to The Pink Place another great cause Basingstoke based more appeals came to me. Oh dear, then as I talked to some of them they mentioned Basingstoke Voluntary Action formally BVS and my prays were answered. I could actually help more people, groups and charities that way. Big organized charities often have professional fundraisers ,and some groups just know how to get their publicity out so what about small groups that get lost in the bigger scheme of things? BVA have more than 460 on their books of many different sizes. After many meetings and emails with BVA .we decided to create a 'Mavor's Community Chest' with the money raised for the charity appeal being distributed to organisations via a grants scheme which will accept applications three times during my Mayoral Year and will be administered by BVA. In that way all the charities I mentioned will benefit

BUT that said I it is not just about money most people want to give, but money is tight I want to include volunteers of all types and abilities so they can donate, volunteer hours, from one a month to as many as possible. I want people to know where they can volunteer, what they can do and maybe even start up a group or charity of their own. "We can help you with that", say Steve Morgan and Alan Tulley from BVA. So here we are find out more about it on the BVA website or facebook page on on the Mayor's charity appeal page on the council website. Just a suggestion for many years I collected any small change and put it

in a jar or container then when it was full I donated it to the charity of my choice. My latest jar of course will go to my Mayor's Charity Appeal, It was £11.48. You can donate volunteer hours, you can cut the grass for someone who is unable to, do shopping, just pop into a neighbour who may be feeling lonely and just talk to them for a while as sadly loneliness can kill.

"Everyone Can". Here I am I left school at 15 with no qualifications, now disabled, and hearing impaired. I was a part-time cleaner at Basingstoke hospital for 28 years, mum of two sons and happily living in my beloved Popley and today, here I stand the Mayor of Basingstoke and Deane, and if I can achieve so can you. I'm ready and willing to help anyone where I can.

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Chineham Tigers Fun Day

Chineham Tigers has youth football teams from Under 5s to Under 15s for any children who live in or around Chineham.



Everyone is welcome to join us for our Annual Presentation and Fun Day to be held on **Saturday 18^{th} June 2016**, **11am-5pm**,at Chineham Village Hall.



Lots to do for all ages, including Beat The Goalie, Bouncy Castle, Barbeque, Speed Penalties, Ice-Cream Van plus lots more. Please come along and support us, or come along and find out









Chineham Library

At the library we are now starting to look towards summer. July 16th sees the start of this year's Summer Reading Challenge, which to celebrate the centenary of Roald Dahl's birth is called 'The Big Friendly Read.' This will run until 18th September, and as usual the children can earn a medal and certificate by reading six books. If any adults are interested in helping us with the scheme, please talk to any of the staff, or look out for publicity material in the library and on social media in the near future. We would be very pleased to hear from you.

A very successful craft session took place on 7th May, when the children enjoyed creating beautiful rainbow streamers to play with in the great outdoors. The dates for the next Saturday craft session are 4th June and 2nd July. These sessions take place between 10.00am and 12noon, and are aimed at primary school age children. The other Saturdays of the month the Saturday storytimes are held from 10–10.30am, which are aimed at preschool children.

Regular adult groups meeting this month are the Crime reading Group, the CHIPPS reading group for parents and young children, and the Colour and Create Colouring Club. The Crime Reading Group meets on 4th June from 10.30-11.30am, and the CHIPPS group on 8th June between 10-11am. The next dates for Colour and Create are 25th May, 8th and 22nd June, and 6th July. (Please note some of these have been amended from those previously given). You are very welcome to attend any of these meetings, and to obtain further information from staff.

Age Concern are still holding their weekly computer sessions for the over 50s on Wednesday mornings, between 10am and 1pm. For initial appointments it is best to contact their area office on 01256 423874, who will advise about availability. The card-making group will meet fortnightly on 2nd, 16th and 30th June, and new faces are very welcome to join them. Tips about card-making and refreshments are offered during these meetings.

We hope that will see you at some of our activities, and using the general services in the near future. Please also follow us on social media to be kept up-to-date with the latest details about us. *Cathy Foster*

Outgoing Cllr Ann Court Mayoral Awards 2016

Thursday 19th May saw the announcement and ceremony for Mayor's Awards for Basingstoke. We are delighted to announce that St. Michael's Home Care received The Mayor's Award to Business which is awarded to a local business that, in the opinion of the outgoing Mayor, Cllr Anne Court, has contributed to the well-being of the borough.

The Mayor said she believed that St. Michael's Home Care was well deserving of this award because she was very impressed with the aims and ethos of the company towards providing quality care within the community on a commercial basis. She added that the innovative idea of forming this company to reinvest profits into the parent charity to ensure its future success is a very creative strategy which can greatly benefit the community as a whole.

Dave Monkman, Chief Executive of St. Michael's Hospice, and Dariusz Motyka, Registered Manager of St. Michael's Home Care, were both on hand to receive the Mayor's Award to Business. Dariusz said afterwards that he was absolutely delighted to receive the award "on behalf of all the dedicated staff who are passionate about improving the quality of home care in this area." Dariusz, who has worked in the care industry for 13 years, also added, "when I was first approached by the Hospice with the idea of setting up a Home Care business which wasn't to be guided by a desire for private profit, I was very excited and it thrills me every day to be doing a job which is making such a difference to so many lives."

The Mayor makes an award at the end of his or her year, presented at Annual Council, to up to three people who he or she feels have made a contribution to life in Basingstoke but who would not necessarily otherwise be recognised for example by a Queen's award.

Past awards have gone to people who have worked in areas such as organising sport for young people, theatre and arts activities, contributing to village life. The award is a badge supplied by Thomas Fattorini of Birmingham and can be worn on a ribbon at Civic occasions.

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Long-Term Sick Leave? Know Your Rights

By Karen Bristow, Employment Law Specialist

Millions of employees in the UK each year go on long-term sick leave whether through accident, injury, disease or work-related stress. For employees or employers dealing with sick leave of longer than a few months it is important they understand the rights and possible consequences of the absence.

Here are my top five 'must know' long-term sickness legal points:

- Dismissal if the employee has two years' service or more the employer must follow a fair process before terminating employment on the grounds of long-term sick leave (i.e. capability). A fair process usually involves consultation, thorough medical investigation and consideration of whether they can reasonably wait longer if a return is likely or, if not, consideration of other options e.g. alternative employment that can be offered. If an employer reaches the point where dismissal is contemplated they should invite the employee to attend a formal capability or 'disciplinary' meeting, informing the employee of their right to be accompanied and warning that dismissal is a possible outcome. Any subsequent dismissal would usually be with paid notice.
- Constructive dismissal some employees will find themselves on long-term sick leave because of the conduct
 of their employer. Such conduct may amount to a fundamental breach of contract and give rise to a constructive
 dismissal claim. However, if an employee waits too long to resign whilst off sick they may be taken as having
 affirmed their contract and waived their rights to such a claim.
- 3. Disability discrimination if the employee's mental or physical condition amounts to a legal disability under the Equality Act 2010 (i.e. lasts 12 months or more or is a deemed disability such as cancer and it has a substantial adverse effect on their ability to carry out day-to-day activities) an employer has a duty to make reasonable adjustments to an employee's role if it will prevent them from being placed at a substantial disadvantage.
- 4. Holiday pay employees (or workers) who are on long-term sick leave continue to accrue and carry over their basic statutory holiday entitlement (20 days per annum for full-time employees) whilst they are on long-term sick leave and are entitled to pay in lieu of this on termination. Present case law suggests that an employee is entitled to be paid for accrued basic entitlement for an 18 month period.
- 5. **Permanent Health Insurance** if an employee has the benefit of Permanent Health Insurance which (although policies vary) usually pays out 50-75% of their salary after 26 weeks, the employer would be acting in breach of contract if by terminating the employment this benefit would be lost.

Claims arising out of long-term sick leave are usually complex and potentially high value. If you are on long-term sick leave and feel that you have been treated unfairly or if you are concerned about a member of your staff on long term sick leave you can contact Karen Bristow on 01256 854670 karen.bristow@phillips-law.co.uk or Gill Brown on 01256 854605 gill.brown@phillips-law.co.uk

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The committee are pleased and proud to announce that MFC Popley Youth has been named as the 2016 FA Charter Standard Development Club of the Year for Hampshire.

This is a very prestigious award and we would like to thank all the players, parents, grandparents and everyone who gives up their time to make this club such a success, for your continued support.

Founded in 2005, MFC Popley Youth FA Charter Standard Development Club & Nike Partner Club is a Not For Profit (NFP) organisation dedicated to coaching boys and girls of all age groups to play football. We provide the children with encouragement and a fun and friendly environment with the opportunity to play in matches.

MFC Popley Youth promotes "Respect" within the club to ensure everyone involved with the teams creates a fair, safe and enjoyable environment in which football can be played.

If you would like to join our team of committed volunteers, either as a coach (experience not necessary as full training will be arranged by the club) or as a parent/guardian volunteer, please contact the Club by email at volunteer@mfcpopleyyouth.co.uk for more details.

As of September 2016, MFC Popley Youth will be moving home grounds to Mays Bounty, Fairfields Road, Basingstoke.

This will mean that all of our home fixtures across the age groups will be played here.

Although this is a fantastic move for the Club, we are still very much a part of Popley and will strive to keep links with our spiritual home.

Dates for your diary:

This year's Open Days will be held on Saturday 25th June and Saturday 9th July at Everest Community Academy on the 3G. These days are used to drive not only new players to the club, but also to help obtain new volunteers.

Sunday 3rd July at 6pm will see the club hold our Annual General Meeting (AGM). We are looking for new members to join the committee, and would like to see at least one person from each age group join. If you are a parent or guardian of a player at the club, and would like more information on becoming a committee member, or getting more 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, please speak to the manager of your child's age group.

You can get regular updates from the club by following our Twitter account, @MFC_PopleyYouth & by using the hashtags #MFCPY #REDandBLACKARMY.

MFC Popley Youth has a dedicated club page on Facebook, and you can also find us on Instagram.

MFC Popley Youth FA Charter Standard Development Club & Nike Partner Club has a dedicated club shop website where you can purchase kit and accessories.

Please visit the MFC Popley club shop website - www.clubwebshop.com/a-z/clubs/mfcpopley/

Contact the club -

Main website: www.mfcpopleyyouth.co.uk

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

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

Zak Collingwood

Merton Junior School Reaching for the Stars!

As always we are very busy at Merton Junior School and the children and staff have been engaged in a range of activities from space travel to art, gardening to music, as

well as all of the other curriculum areas that need to be covered

We are very pleased to announce that our Gardening Club has been selected to grow seeds that have originated from the

International Space Station and the Club are, as we speak, carefully monitoring the growth of the rocket plants, and will be feeding back important information to The Royal Horticultural Society. Along with the growing of rocket seeds, the children are also growing a range of other

vegetables at a local allotment during the club. The children are looking at producing produce to sell in order to fund the seeds for next season. looking at developing entrepreneurial skills!

next season...looking at developing entrepreneurial skills!

As a school we have recently held an art exhibition in



which the children all completed a fantastic piece of art, which was framed and placed in a gallery setting. They were all, quite rightly, very proud of the



amazing work that they completed and, in many cases, this art now appears in homes across Popley.

We are happy to announce that one of our Year Four children, Eleanor, has successfully auditioned to appear in a variety performance at the Anvil in October this year. Well done Eleanor!



Merton Junior School would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Councellor Jane Frankum on being elected to the role of Mayor for the Basingstoke area, and we as a school are

looking forward to singing for her at the Civic Service at St Michael's Church in June.

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Silly Seeds

Little seeds I will drop you in waiting for your life to begin Sun and water will help you grow in to a beautiful flower Taller and taller you will grow Into a purple flower Help by the rainy showers

> into a beautiful flower. **Bv Jessica**

Beautiful Flowers

A petal fell down Crack! I caught it !gooW I put water on it



Drin! **Bv Alexandra**

Gigantic Flower

Gigantic flowers yellow and brown Please may you grow After I get to work I will put a seed in the ground I will water you and get the sun Then I will wait and wait I will talk to my flower And I will say "please may you grow soon" And I hope you will grow

By Jodie

My Tree

My tree is older than my oldest doll, It stands like a plant. It's wider than the Sun. It makes noise like a ghost. It's taller than a flower. It's rough like a tiger, It smells like a fire.



The flower is as beautiful as a garden The tree is as big as the clouds My friends then come By Ritika

Sprinkley Flowers

I will put you properly in the ground I'm going to give you some water Grow please



I will leave you for a moment I will come back and talk to You. The sun is coming up. Soon you will grow. Later it is night time. Night night see you in the morning.

Bv Marina

Little Brown Seed

Little brown seed grow grow grow Please stay healthy As you grow Out pops the shoots You are a flower now!



By Ryan

Mv Tree My tree is older than a house

My tree stands like a pig My tree is wider than a door My tree makes a noise like horse My tree is taller than a flower My tree is rough like my Mum My tree smells like a fire

By Sophie

My Garden

The flowers are as beautiful as a rainbow A giant garden as big as an ocean the vegetables are sweet as sugar

Bv Sidnev

Planting Pretty Plants

Plonk plonk plonk! Put the sunflower seed in the ground The sunflower seed will probably grow in nine nights and eight mornings It will grow in months like March

Tweet tweet tweet! Buzz buzz buzz!

Bees take the nectar from the sunflowers and other flowers

Birds go into the gorgeous garden Make sure you do not give it too much water

By Poppy





National Neighbourhood Watch Week 18-26 June, 2016



We are delighted to announce that this year's **National Neighbourhood Watch Week** will run from Saturday, June 18th to Sunday, June 26th, 2016.

We traditionally choose this week to celebrate the Neighbourhood Watch movement as it covers the two weekends before and after the summer solstice – the year's longest day – on June 21. This time of year, with its long days and light evenings, gives our members the best opportunity to engage their local community in events to celebrate Neighbourhood Watch Week.

As in previous years we will be doing everything we can to promote the good work Neighbourhood Watch does across our area as widely as possible.

We would like co-ordinators to let us know what their members are doing to celebrate **National Neighbourhood Watch Week** so please contact the Basingstoke team at jdick040@gmail.com.

We'll make sure we update our website with all your good news.



What is the Camrose Centre?

We provide short-term relief in the form of food, shelter, and washing facilities, a safe place for them to receive support, food, friendship and an opportunity to make positive changes to their lives. Our aim is to promote fulfilling lifestyles, emotional wellbeing and support long-term changes for those experiencing the effects of homelessness, rough sleeping or sofa surfing, substance misuse, mental ill-health, poverty, domestic violence, unemployment and social isolation. We support those in need to identify and take positive steps towards change through our drop-in centre. We want to provide basic washing facilities as well as clothes and shoes. Our aim is to promote fulfilling lifestyles, emotional wellbeing and support long-term changes for our clients.

We are open currently on a Tuesday and Thursday between 10am and 2pm offering breakfast and a hot lunch and currently catering for 35/40 users a day. There are also drop-in services from a number of agencies including those offering support with benefits, housing advice and referrals and problems with addiction. The Centre can give out tents and sleeping bags, when available, to rough sleepers which is lifesaving in cold weather.

The Centre is funded by donations and fund raising and is supported by both Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council and Housing Associations such as Sovereign, as well as support from Basingstoke Voluntary Action. We are always looking for donations of men's clothes and shoes/boots, non-perishable food (for example, pot noodles, cuppa soups, pasta, rice, cereals, cereal bars and tins with ring pulls), sleeping bags and tents.

Camrose has one part time Manager and one other part-time member of staff ('bank' absence cover) and some 25 volunteers, without whom the centre could not operate.

We have set ambitious targets for the current year including finding and funding a building which is fit for purpose. Furthermore, Camrose believes it should extend its service provision to our clients by providing the vehicle for personal development and acquisition of any necessary life skills, by opening a further day providing training opportunities. We will be seeking to establish improved partnership working with other organisations or groups alongside whom we already work, the May Place House homeless hostel, Outreach Workers and the Basingstoke Foodbank.

We are not just after cash although we are in real need of cash so we can build reserves. We also seek expert advice in terms of different and innovative ways of fundraising which has shared benefits with our supporters.

The current needs are for a better cooker. Regular supplies of sleeping bags and tents, shoes and waterproof clothing are always needed. One friend brings dog food as some of our clients keep dogs. We make regular use of broadband and telephone calls which is an additional expense, and we are always seeking consumables for our clients. All the above are where help would be appreciated.



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