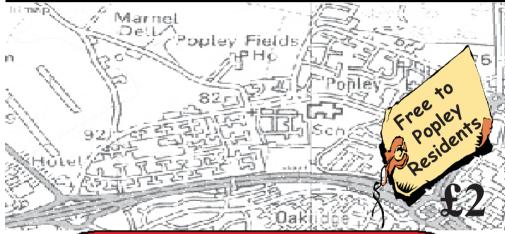
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Editor Jane Frankum

Message from the Editor: February, and it is the month of romance ,with Valentine's Day on the 14th. Will you be celebrating it? I always said to my dear late husband "Don't spend a fortune on commercial cards make me one or write a note," and for many years he did. My regret is I did not keep them so that I could read them now he is gone. I will be spending it at The Orchard from 10am till 12-30pm for a volunteers recruitment event to hopefully raise awareness and give people a chance to find out what you can do to make this a better world for our residents. Refreshments and gorgeous cakes, and a few fun games and the all-important raffle to hopefully win.

Page 1 is an appeal for volunteers for The Samaritans. This is the hardest part of the year for many and The Samaritans are always at the end of a phone to help. Another opportunity to volunteer is as a school governor, on page 7. Perhaps you want to go back to work; there are courses for Health and Social Care, on page 11 and Introduction to Child Care on page 15. There are some good fun nights coming up: on 4th March is Mayor's Charity Concert at The Anvil with some of our Popley youth taking part, details on page 9. The Basingstoke Lions have a Quiz night on 8th April but if you can't wait that long there is the Mayor Quiz Night at Basingstoke College of Technology (BCoT) on 10th February Apply on Basingstoke Council website. There is also a Race Night on 31st March at Melrose Hall-details are on page 25.

We still need people to deliver Popley Matters so if you could spare an hour a month you would be most welcomed.

Do you enjoy reading Popley Matters? What else would you like to see in your community magazine? We welcome articles from groups and clubs, also residents that might like to write about their hobbies or maybe even the history of Popley? Email the Editor at editor@popleymatters.org.uk. Contact me at either 405 Abbey Road, phone me, on 01256 819924 or email me at editor@popleymatters.org.uk.



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Councillors' Page: I am pleased to be able to tell you that because of the objections from your team of Popley Labour Councillors and many concerned residents, the application to put an electrical reclaiming plant in Basing Woods has now been withdrawn. We are of course keeping close watch to see if the Forestry Commission put in another one in the future.

Roadworks continue and, like everyone else, we will be glad when they are done. Speeding and parking is still an issue. It is a shame that it only takes a small number to be inconsiderate and it impacts on nearly everyone. Don't just think of yourselves think of how you impact on your neighbours and other road users!

There is £260k available for path improvements in Popley East and West and £365k already on the list that are needed so we will have to prioritise the work. I will be meeting with officers of the county to get the most urgent ones done and pushing for the remainder to be done as soon as possible. Cllr Jane Frankum 01256 819924 email jane.frankum@hants.gov.uk

Popley West: After complaining yet again to the gas works installers, finally some overdue "clearing up" was done.

The new route community bus is still not being used as much as it needs to for it to be sure to continue. It is the old saying use it or lose it.

The motorcyclist that keeps going on the fields in Marnel Park has been reported and it is being investigated now for level 2 crime for damage. If you have any information ring 101 and report it.

Melrose Hall, Planning application number 16/04740/FUL is now on the planning portal on the Basingstoke and Deane website. It is for the erection of a single storey front extension to the community hall to form a new hall, reception office and new, more open entrance. Also the creation of access to first floor for storage and a plant area and creation of new storage areas on first floor.

After many years of campaigning by us and residents, at long last Tintern Close playing area will be upgraded-details are on page 28. Also the extending and upgrading of Popley Community Park where every day you can see people enjoying what is already there and this will make it a lovely place for families to use.

Cllr Paul Frankum 01256 819924 cllr.paul.frankum@basingstoke.gov.uk Cllr Jane Frankum 01256 819924 cllr.jane.frankum@basingstoke.gov.uk **Popley East:** Just before Christmas, Enzygo Ltd, acting on behalf of their client, withdrew the planning application 16/02534/FUL relating to the installation of a 15 MW battery Energy Storage facility with access in Basing Forest.

On the face of it, this is good news and we want to thank all of you in supporting us, as your local Councillors in our objections to the these proposals, which we say are entirely unacceptable and will harm the natural environment. Many of you wrote to the Planning Authority, as we requested, expressing your views and this really made a difference.

However we fully expect to see a further application appear, supported by the Forestry Commission, which of course ironically, is charged with the protection and upkeep of this natural asset.

The new application we believe may relate to a site at the rear of the Community Centre and, if that is true, will also in our view be unacceptable and we will once again oppose it with public support.

We all need to be vigilant in the weeks ahead and we will try to send out updates in the form of leaflets where we can but we ask all of you who are concerned about maintaining the Forest to look out for any new signs of activity by those making these proposals and to contact us immediately.

Cllr David Potter 07941507801 cllr.david.potter@basingstoke.gov.uk Cllr Janet Westbrook 07747335200 cllr.janet.westbrook@basingstoke.gov.uk

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WELFARE: Over the Christmas period we made donations to homeless charities, the women's refuge and organizations serving the needy elderly. It'll be a couple of days until I find out what else our committee has been doing.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

04/03/2017 CHARITY SWIMATHON: We are now contacting schools, colleges, sports clubs and businesses to invite them to enter teams in this event. The **2017 SPECIAL OLYMPICS** are being held in Sheffield this year. This gives swimmers with intellectual disabilities the opportunity to compete against their peers. Members of The Basingstoke Bluefins (Disability) will be competing and we will be supporting their participation. You too can help us by getting together a team of 6 to swim in our event which also allows you to support other charities. Get on our website. Click the link on the Home Page. Click "contact us". Enter the name of your organisation, your team name, your team captain's name and an email contact address. It's that easy. Even I can do it.

08/04/2017 QUIZ NIGHT: Come along and see how many brain cells you've lost as a result overindulgence during Christmas and New Year. Contact Philip Wilson Tel: 01256 352393 or philipihwilson@btinternet.com to book your table

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The major fundraising event of the year is the Daffodil Day. There are many local collections from 24 February - 13 March: Tesco (Hook), Basingstoke Metro Tesco (Town Centre), Basingstoke Town Centre, Morrisons and Basingstoke Station. Also Chineham Shopping Centre; (hopefully at the end of February)

If you can spare an hour or more please call Sally or Wendy on 023 8026 3123 or go to https://t.campaign.mariecurie.org.uk/webApp/mcc_supporterRegistration to register for a collection near you.

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Tickets can be purchased from The Anvil Box Office 01256 844244 www.anvilarts.org.uk









Dear Friends

So, 2017, and we're off and running. The year has certainly got off to a cracking pace here at St Gabriel's and there are a number of reasons to feel really excited about all that God is doing here among us.

The first week of January and at long last the tenders for the first phases of our building project have been sent out. This part of the process takes around three months by which time we should be in aposition to appoint our contractor and the building work can start – hopefully at the beginning of April – watch this space! It's both an exciting and daunting prospect.

We're also looking forward to the launch this month (February) of ALPHA at St Gabriel's. Alpha is an opportunity to explore the Christian faith over ten sessions. It's relaxed, fun and free and you can ask anything you like. It's all based around video presentations and then small group discussion and the opportunity to ask those burning questions. The first sessions take place on Tuesday February 7th at 1pm and again on Thursday evening 9th February at 7pm at St Gabriel's. Why not come along and find our more.

At the end of January we launched our all-new "One Church – Families Worshipping Together" initiative. On the last Sunday of each month we come together at 10.00am and enjoy coffee, fruit juice and bacon rolls before moving into a time of informal worship, teaching and prayer. It's for all ages and again it's fun, relaxed and free. We'd love to see you and so why not give it a try - you might be surprised!

There are two verses from the Bible that have recently really encouraged me as I prayed and prepared for 2017; from Jeremiah "I know the plans I have for you; plans to prosper and not to harm you, to give you a future with hope!" (Jeremiah chapter. 19 verse 17) and "Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain. Unless the Lord guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain!" (Psalm 127 verse 1).

The first is about knowing I can trust God for all that lies ahead, whatever that might be and the second is about knowing He is sovereign and over all and every situation.

There has been a lot of anxiety about this coming year in the world not least because of the shift in politics across Europe and the USA. God longs to bless us; whoever we are; wherever we are, whatever we're doing. ALPHA and our new Families Together are opportunities for us locally to receive those blessing and to get know this sovereign God.

If you'd prefer, please do come along and have an informal chat any Saturday morning in St Gabriel's ;you'll find me in the office or pottering around in the church. May God richly bless the coming year for you and your family. Hope to see you.

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How will it work? - Books are of course free to take both to those utilising our facilities or to those who specifically want to borrow a book. We would like this to be self policing so there will be no check in or out of books but we would hope that if you take one you might leave one to keep the stock fresh.

Where will it be? - So all may access any time, we will locating our bookcases in the Community Centre at the school (gym/sports hall entrance), in the corridor to the right of the sports hall doors, leading to the changing rooms - we are open weekdays 8am-10pm and weekends 8am-4pm.

What books will be available? - We will initially have the following categories available - children's, autobiography/biography, novels and reference.

What other services will be on offer? - We can also offer free visitor wifi, access to coffee, snack and cold drinks machine and an A4 black and white and colour photocopy service (charges apply - black & white 5p, colour 20p).

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If you like to dance we offer street dance and ballet classes that are available for everyone from 2 ½ years old to adults, 4.30-6.30pm. For full details contact Samantha on 07811299484. There is also Kickboxing from 7-8.30pm.

Friday -

Friday Night Club from 6.00-7.15pm.

Sunday -

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For information contact Janet on 01256 363156



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Beaver Scout section:

The Beaver section in the Air Scout group was very sorry to say 'goodbye' to 'Yellow Beaver' (Eve Alexander) at the end of the autumn term. Eve had led the section for over fourteen years having been recruited when her daughter was barely six years old. In that time she has seen many changes and given much fun and laughter to the youngest section in the Group. With a very firm but kindly style she has set many youngsters on a road to achieve their best, accept a challenge to do better and make friends through Scouting. The Colony has consistently had Beaver Scouts receive the Chief Scout's Bronze Award which is the most prestigious award available to a Beaver Scout and represents high achievement in community and personal relations, creativity, outdoor activities, global issues, participation and learning. Some of her first Beavers are now young adult themselves pursuing their own careers and showing other young people how much fun and adventure is on offer in Scouting for the youngest age Group and beyond. She will be much missed and the Group hopes she will not sever her ties completely but will continue her Scouting service albeit in a different role. Thank you Eve for everything you have done over the years.

For the time being the Beaver section will be led by two Assistant Beaver Scout Leaders, Katie and Sarah, overseen by the Group Scout Leader. They have a hard act to follow if the



Colony is to continue to offer good Scouting with plenty activity, creativity, games and fun.

Eighteen plus boys and girls aged between 6 and 8 is alively group to handle. Anyone who is interested in taking up a leadership role in Beaver Scouting is urged to contact the Group Scout Leader to find out what is involved. All Scout leaders are volunteers who are committed to providing challenge and opportunity to both boys and girls of all abilities. Prospective leaders are subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service confidential clearance and complete mandatory training in first aid, safeguarding and personal safety.

New chums (boys and girls) welcome in all sections - Beaver Scouts (from 6 – 8 years ; Cub Scouts - 8- 10 $\frac{1}{2}$.; Scout section for those over 10/ $\frac{1}{2}$ to 14 $\frac{1}{2}$. Explorer Scouts (run on a District basis) for those over 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ years.

Contact Group Scout Leader Colin Karslake - $01256\ 410559\ /\ 07796\ 772\ 500$ or colink@base2000.co.uk for more information.

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If an employee makes up or exaggerates an illness or injury in order to pull a sickie, they can be dismissed by their employer for misconduct. This is because it breaches an implied term of their employment contract called mutual trust and confidence. An employer will usually be able to fairly dismiss an employee if there were reasonable grounds for belief in the misconduct, following a reasonable investigation, and the misconduct in question was sufficiently serious to merit dismissal.

Employees may take a sick day for a genuine reason and in some cases there is added employment protection for such employees. For example, where their mental and or physical condition amounts to a legal disability, relates to a pregnancy, an accident at work or is due to the unreasonable conduct of their employer. Employees should note that there are very short time limits that apply to employment claims, in most cases three months, so they should not delay in seeking advice.

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MFC Popley Youth U14s, sponsored by Vohkus, won the Eldon Celtic 7-a-side tournament at the Madjeski Dome, Reading over the Christmas break. Huge congratulations to the players and coaches!

As part of The FA's role in aiming to do everything it can to support a safe and enjoyable framework for football, a new film has been made outlining the four key steps to safeguarding.

The film, featuring Wayne Rooney, Steph Houghton, Jack Rutter and Nathaniel Chalobah, explains how both parents and children can raise concerns they have about adults working in football and centred around how the 8,500 safeguarding officers working across England football take the following four steps:

Trained – from coaches to referees, all are given suitable safeguarding training

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Hear – concerns from both children and adults will be listened to

Report – the importance of raising concerns about a child's welfare

Link to Film https://thefa.sharefile.com/d-sf9b8ae03a0541469

Following these simple but crucial steps means that there is a framework in place to ensure that, if standards ever fall short with poor practice or unacceptable behaviour, they can be addressed.

Anyone who has a concern about the welfare of a child or the behaviour of an adult towards a child or young person under 18 years of age in football, is required to refer it to The FA Safeguarding team. The team is staffed by professionals who are experienced in dealing with these concerns.

Referring a concern can be done via your club – (cwo@mfcpopleyyouth.co.uk), league or County FA – all will have a designated safeguarding officer (DSO).

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.

In the 2016-2017 season, MFC Popley will have 18 teams competing in the Peter Houseman Youth League on Sundays, the East Berkshire Youth League, the Berkshire County Girls League, and North East Hants Youth League on a Saturday.

For further information on the Peter Houseman League, please visit the website: www.phyl.co.uk/

For further information on the East Berkshire Youth League, please visit the website: www.ebvfl.co.uk

For further information on the North East Hants Youth League, please visit the website: www.nehyl.org.uk

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.

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** (as well as individual team pages), 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/

Each age group has gratefully secured team sponsorship from the following companies -

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Contact the club -

Main website: www.mfcpopleyyouth.co.uk Club Welfare Officer: cwo@mfcpopleyyouth.co.uk Club Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer: committee@

mfcpopleyyouth.co.uk

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

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Have Fun on Mad Hair Day!

St. Michael's Hospice is delighted to announce the return of their fun campaign Mad Hair Day which will take place on Friday 10th February to raise much needed funds for the Hospice. The local community are encouraged to wear crazy wigs and style their hair in weird and wacky ways.

'Mad Hair Day' is the perfect excuse to go wild and have fun with your hair', says Lynne Grimshaw, Community Campaigns Co-ordinator at the Hospice. 'Maybe you have always wondered what your hair would look like pink, permed or in a beehive, or perhaps ladies, you have always wanted to be brave enough to have your head shaved, or gentlemen your legs or chest waxed. Well Friday 10th February is the day to give it a try. You can have great fun and really help your local Hospice at the same time by getting sponsored too.' In the past, the Hospice has had wonderful support from schools and hairdressers but individuals and businesses are always welcome to join in too.

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6th Basingstoke Boys' Brigade Newsletter

Over the last few months we have been very busy, exploring the culinary skills of our younger section with healthy eating classes and chocolate fudge making (for balance of course). The Company Section has been researching websites and are working on a Company branded web-page in the hope to publish it soon so keep an eye out for it.

As we've had lots of new joiners recently we have also been learning about the structure of the Boys Brigade outside our Companies and the numbers involved so they can see the involvement of the BB across the world.

During Christmas we ventured to the Jump Factory in Basingstoke to try out their trampolines and experience bouncing dodge ball that all members of the Company enjoyed. We also successfully hosted a quiz and Christmas meal for the families and friends of the Company that saw a huge turn out.

The Company also took part in the St Gabriel's Church Christmas Fayre where we ran a game stall along with cooking the traditional Christmas Sausage for the church that sold out by the end of the night!

We have already started our plans for our annual camping trips and summer activities with plenty more in between. Most of the above is only £1 a week so if you would like to see what we're all about please pop along on a Monday at St. Gabriel's Church, Popley or give me a call on 07775 535434.

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With the New Year underway, maybe you're thinking of starting something new or looking for new facilities for your club, group or organisation? Why not come down and visit Popley Fields Community Centre, see our great facilities and talk about what we can do for you.



We may only be in February but the Popley Festival will be with us in no time, so please get ready to come along to one of the biggest events in Basingstoke. This year is also a special one, with Popley festival celebrating its 25th anniversary!

As normal we love to get people involved in the festival, so if you'd like to take part let us know! One opportunity to take part are the community competitions sponsored by NTCOG Basingstoke. Why not have a look at our website for more details. www.popleyfestival.org.uk

Keep your eyes out for our next event, Easter family farm day, Saturday 8th
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Upgraded Popley Play Areas

Popley is set to benefit from the redevelopment of both Popley Community Park and the open space at Tintern Close.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council asked for residents' views on how the spaces could best be used and that feedback has helped to shape exciting plans for the future of both sites.

Popley Community Park will boast a new multi-use games area, designed to provide the community with better and more adaptable facilities and increased opportunities for sport and leisure.

The games area will be divided into two fenced playing zones. The larger, measuring 25m by 16m, will be equipped for a number of different sports, with football goals, basketball hoops and cricket panels all available for use, while the smaller, measuring 10m by 8m, will have mini football goals at either end.

Over the coming months, the open space at Tintern Close will also be transformed. The old tennis court and ball play area are to be removed and replaced with a new multi-use games area.

A children's area will be created on the opposite side of the space, complete with equipment and games suitable for very young children. Ornamental shrubs and trees will surround the area, which has been designed as a pleasant space for all to enjoy.

It is hoped that both schemes will be completed by July 2017.

The council's Cabinet member for Communities and Community Safety Cllr Simon Bound said: "Popley residents have told us that there is a real desire for improved open space facilities, and we have taken all comments on board when shaping these plans.

"The multi-use games area in the park at Popley will benefit all residents who use it and I have no doubt that it will be a very well-used facility in years to come.

"The plans for Tintern Close open space are also very exciting. The area will be welcoming environment for all the community to enjoy."

Community needs in the redevelopment of the Popley play area were initially set out in the Popley East Community Plan and Marnel and Merton Community Group Action Plan which have recently been adopted to action by the Popley Neighborhood Partnership along with a long campaign from local councillors and residents for many years.

The redevelopment is being carried out as part of the council's local improvements programme, funded by developers' contributions.

To find out more, and to view the plans for both sites in detail, please visit www.basingstoke.gov. uk/popley-play.



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