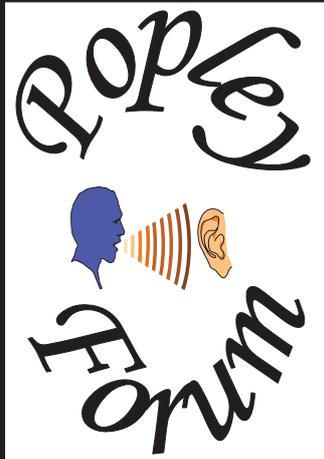


POPLEY MATTERS

Sponsored By Popley Forum



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Popley Forum

About 40 people attended the second Popley Forum. There were two guest speakers, Blanche Miles, Basingstoke Litter warden and Ian Foley, Highways. They both gave a talk for ten minutes then the audience asked questions these ranged from bins being left out days before collection and Blanche Miles said she would find out who was doing this and write to them. The residents recommended that a letter should be sent to everyone to inform them of the different ways we can dispose of our rubbish. One resident said the bins were not big enough and she was told that families of five or more were entitled to two bins. The lack of leaf clearing was brought up and it was pointed out that it caused a safety problem especially in the winter. Blanche said she would ensure that it would improve, let us know if it doesn't. Another solution suggested was that the council should be more thoughtful in their choice of trees especially with regard to self-seeding varieties.

The subject of the poor state of the pavements was discussed and Ian Foley said they were inspected yearly. This was hotly disputed by many people Jane Frankum backed the complaint of Mr. Menday and others that they had been complaining for eighteen months about a pavement that was in a bad condition Jane Frankum challenged Ian Foley to walk around the Popley area with her to see for himself the potholes and uneven surfaces this Ian agreed to do.

Other subjects suggested for further meetings were the lack of policing, increased vandalism, lack of recreational facilities for young people, housing association issues and bus routes and timetables.

Why not write to us c/o Melrose Hall, Abbey Road or phone 420676 and let us know your point of view.



Melrose Community Midsummer Madness

On sat. 14th June the weather was not so kind to us as last year. However for those attending there was plenty to do to keep warm. From smashing crockery to racing Go-karts and then go on to cool down with the sponge throwing. There were a variety of other stalls plus a very good boot sale. For those with plenty of stamina there was the stretcher obstacle race organised by Adventure Ranger Corp in which the Spice girls' team beat The Brats team. (I assure you they picked the names themselves). A little later the American line dance demonstration, with the chance to join in and warm up by the public. For the young people there was tug-of-war, and Keith (organiser) did manage not to get flattened! Our thanks for the support given by St. Johns ambulance. Air scouts (Popley), Altamise Ltd with either equipment or staff, the community volunteers and committee. Who despite the cold had a smile on their faces to Make it an enjoyable day and raise £333.48 prior to expenses. Thank you all. And we look forward to seeing you at our next event.

Popley Festival

An estimated 5000 people came to the Popley Festival. The weather was glorious and there were so many different things to do and see. The deputy mayor arrived after being stuck in traffic. A large number of car boot stalls on the main field sold every thing from Bric a Brac to plants, clothes, toys, books and cakes. In the main arena was a dog show and gymnastic display that attracted a large crowd. Fun was had by all at the sponge-throwing stall where anyone could either be behind the stall or in front throwing the sopping wet sponges. The smash the crockery echoed round the field. The loudest sounds of all were the sirens of all the emergency services that came and gave up their time. One beef burger stall sold out by about 2:30pm inside the school building were a tabletop sale, Tombolas, sweets, home-made produce raffles and crafts. Refreshments were for sale opposite the Mini Beast show. Many Popley associations and charities will benefit.

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The services offered by Neighbourcare are not age restricted in any way, whether you are a young mother or an older person, Neighbourcare is there to help you.

Neighbourcare is also looking for a volunteer local co-ordinator. This person would be the vital link between the volunteers and the people needing help.

Contact June Wilson Central Co-ordinator for Basingstoke area on ☎ 332424

St GABRIEL'S CHURCH, POPLEY WAY

Our regular Sunday Communion Service is at 10:30am and in term times we have both a crèche and Sunday school. Our services are designed to include all people of all ages. Once a month (second Sunday of the month) we have a Parade Service when local Brownies, Rainbows, Beavers, Scouts, Boys Brigade and Air Scouts take part in the service.

Important events happening soon: -

July 6th Sunday at 10:30am Creation Sunday.

July 12th Saturday afternoon Summer Fete.

For more information please contact the vicar
Rev. Jane Vaughn - Wilson

The Vicarage, 25 Tewkesbury Close, Popley
Telephone 324734

World's Largest Jumble Sale

Congratulations to all those who helped at Melrose Community Hall and took part in the worlds largest jumble sale in aid of Cancer Research. Raising a massive

£455.22p

Summer Holiday Events

During the school summer holidays a working carers scheme will run at John Hunt School from Thursday 24th July until Friday 22nd August from 8:30am-6pm The cost is £6.25 per child, per day call 01256 844847 to register.

Soccer school will run from Monday 28th July to Friday 1st August. Times are 9:30am to 3:30pm. The cost is £35 per week call 465303 for further details.

Stagecoach will hold an Arts and Drama summer school from Monday 18th-Friday 22nd August call June Bland on 0181 2240596.

Ladies supervised multi gym sessions every Monday 9:30am to 10:30am only £1-50 per session. Expert tuition.

Line dancing for the more mature person is being held at Magnolia Court on Thursday 19th June 7pm to 8pm only £1 for

Treasure Island Play Group

At

Popley Fields

Community Centre

Mon-Fri 9:30am - 12:00pm

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Parents & Toddler Group

Wednesday 1:00 - 2:30pm

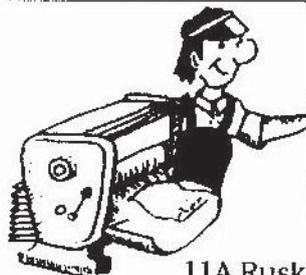
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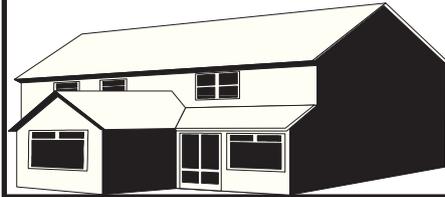
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Happy 1st Birthday Popley Fields



Popley Fields first birthday celebrations **19th July 1997**

Popley Fields Centre will be celebrating being open for one year and we are inviting everyone to come to help us to mark the occasion.

It has been a very busy and learning year we haven't got it all right but we learn more each day.

We would like to know if there are any activities that you would like to see at this your Community Centre or if here is anyone who would like to help.

We have planned a variety of things to help everyone have a great day they include :-

HELICOPTER RIDES

GIDDY WIZARD MAGIC SHOW

PUNCH AND JUDY SHOW

REPTILES (KEPT SAFELY IN CONTAINERS)

RIDES

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ROOM R12 Rosla Block
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Monday Night 6-15pm to 7-30pm
Main School Gym
Company Section Aged 10½yrs-

18yrs
Monday Night 7-30pm to 9-30pm
ROOM R12 Rosla Block

All Sections Meet at John Hunt School



Including evening Disco 60's - 90's

Starting at 8pm Tickets

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WANTED Foster Carers

Foster carers desperately needed for local children of all ages from babies to teenagers and children with special needs. The ideal situation would be for them to stay in their own area so they can still go to their school, and see their friends. All kinds of carers are needed single, married or with families. You will need time patience, sense of humour and lots of understanding. Allowances are paid carers are needed from a day, weekend or longer. It is a rewarding experience. Please think about it.

For more information contact Pat Olive, Dagmar, Edaena Jones or Pat Blackshore (Family Placement Team) on ☎ 320901



Recycling by Boys Brigade

The 6th Basingstoke Company of the Boys' Brigade is really into recycling to help funds.

The Brigade has three large skips at St. Gabriel's Church and one skip at The Soldiers Return Public House in Upper Sherbourne Road. These skips are for newspaper, magazines, glossy, old club books, telephone directories and Thomsons. The skips are emptied every two weeks and the paper goes to Kent to be turned back into newspaper. Usually this takes about two weeks so you could be reading from the same sheet of paper you read from two weeks before.

The money raised stays on Popley to help and support the Boys' Brigade on Popley with regular donations being given to St. Gabriel's Parish Church, Popley. Soon, kerbside collection will start on Popley but more of this from Basingstoke & District Council; but please continue to help us by putting your paper etc into one of our skips on a regular basis.

If you need any more information please ring the Boy's Brigade answer phone Basingstoke 323564.



SPONSORED TANK PULL

This proved a great success as far as the young people of Popley are concerned. My job was the easy one, just yelling support to the pullers until the last hundred yards, when I felt that they needed a little more than verbal help! The youngest of the team was six, with some 8,10,11,12,13,14,16,18yrs + 1 mum and 1 dad. The total bodies pulling 4 tons $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from St. Bedes to John Hunt School and back was, 16. Don't let anyone tell you that stretch of the road is flat, because I can guarantee 16 people who will say it's uphill on the way back! Sheer guts and determination allowed them to complete the course and if all sponsors pay up they will have raised nearly £200 to purchase items required by the youth of the centre which meets every Tuesday 7:30pm-9:30pm. If there is another attempt at this or any other sponsored event in the future by the young people. it would be nice to have a few more spectators on the day. (By Iris King)

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Play Area Opening

The Borough Council has just completed the refurbishment of eight play areas and is wanting to celebrate with Popley residents by publicly opening the play area at Popley Five Open Space.

The play area, which has been designed by local people with the borough council, caters for 0-4, 5-10 and 11-14 year old. It will be opened by councillor Les Carnell chairman of leisure services at 5:30pm Wednesday 2nd of July.

Fun events including face painters stilt walkers and a circus workshop are planning to take place from 4:30pm to 6:30pm refreshments and toilet available. For Further details please contact Stephen Bryer on 845607.

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