



# Christmas Special POPLEY MATTERS



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## The Popley Forum

The committee of the Popley Forum wishes each and every resident a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It promises to be a fully packed year for the Popley Forum and the team who produce the Popley Matters.

Firstly the Forum, we are hoping to hold public meetings on a quarterly basis with some interesting speakers starting on February the 12<sup>th</sup>. We have invited an old friend to the Forum in Banche Miles, who is in charge of litter and the removal of refuse. She will talk on how we can help with recycling (I for one am not too sure on what I can recycle).

We hope at least one of our local beat Bobbies will come to talk about what he does and what he is responsible for. We have also invited a speaker on crime prevention.

A representative of Telecental, now Comtel, has also accepted our invitation, that should prove an interesting debate.

As for Popley Matters it is going from strength to strength and now in conjunction with the Forum committee we have been able to intercede on some residents behalf and get some problems and repairs dealt with.

We are planning to go even bigger and go to a booklet form in the spring of next year. We will then be able to get much more information to you. The cost of Popley Matters is met by our advertisers, so if you know of anyone who would be interested in advertising with us, we will be happy to talk to them, so ring our Liaison Officer Kate Lomas on 412016.

Lastly, but by no means least, the most important factor is you the residents, if you have any comments, problems, ideas, clubs, groups or community activity that occurs in the Popley area let us know call the Melrose Community Hall or myself the editor Jane Frankum on 819924.

*Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year  
from  
The Popley  
Matters  
Team*



*Basingstoke  
and Deane*

A Merry  
Christmas from  
Basingstoke and  
Deane Borough Council

We will be closed from Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 4-00 p.m. and we re-open at 9-00 a.m. Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1998.

In case of emergency during this period Please contact us on 01256 844844.



A Merry Christmas  
from

**Oakfern Housing Association**

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**Tuesday Closed**

**Rubbish**

After a phone call from a resident of Popley Islands, Iris King (Chairperson) and myself Jane Frankum (Editor) went to look at an abandoned van and car in Faeroe Close, there we also saw a three piece suite, household rubbish and bricks in the area. We phoned Blanche Miles (Litter Warden) who has arranged for the items of rubbish to be removed. The police have been informed about the two vehicles.

If you do want to write or phone we will respect your wish not to have your name published, however we need to be able to get in touch, so would have to have a contact number or address.



**The Boys Brigade**  
6<sup>th</sup> Basingstoke (Popley) coy.

**Anchor Boys Aged 5½yrs-8yrs**  
Monday Night 6-15pm to 7-15pm

**ROOM R12 Rosla Block**

**Junior Section Aged 8yrs-10½yrs**  
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

**Popley Fields**

December 13th Table Top  
Christmas Bazaar Saturday  
2pm - 6pm



December 19th Senior Citizen Disco Friday 7pm - 10:30pm  
New Year Disco Wednesday £5 Family, £2.50 Single.

**Saturday 6th December  
Treasure Island Playgroup  
Christmas Bazaar**  
from  
10:00am - 4:00pm



**Christmas  
Party**

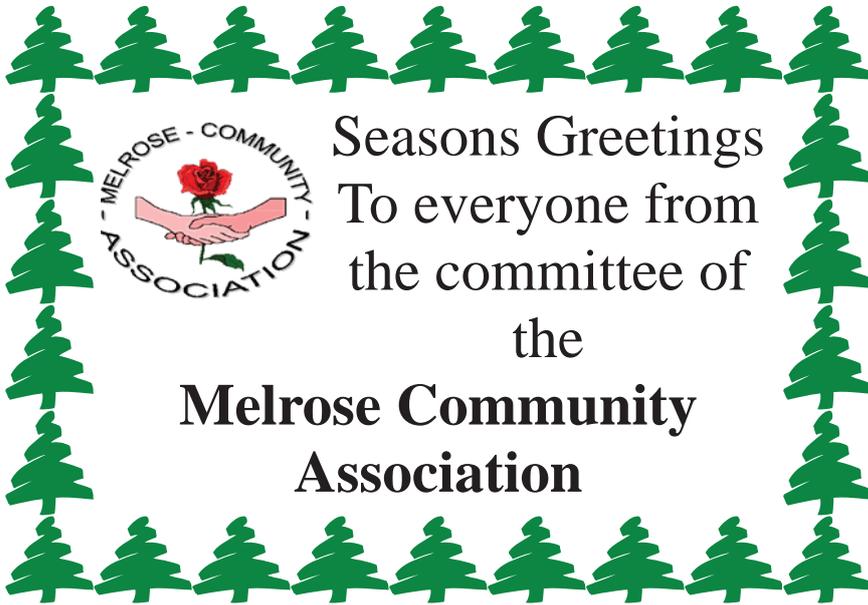
Saturday December 13th  
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Children's Party 6pm-7pm  
Come and meet Santa, play party games and wear fancy dress and win a prizes for the best costumes.  
Adults 7pm-11pm Buffet provided but bring your own drink  
Collect your ticket in advance and return the stub to Melrose Hall, Abbey Rd by 10th December to have a chance to win a prize in the free Christmas draw. Ring Melrose Hall on ☎01256 420676 for further details.

Seasons Greetings  
To everyone from  
the committee of

**Melrose Community  
Association**



**Treasure Island Play  
Group**

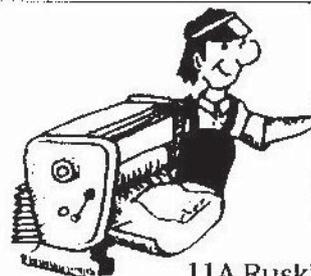
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**NEWS FROM JOHN HUNT...**



Call in or telephone on 465303 for details of the spring 1998 Adult Education Classes, both daytime and evening. We have everything from astrology to yoga. Saturday workshops are also available.

The Christmas Concert is on the 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30pm in the school hall it will be a Festival of nine traditional lessons read from the Bible each accompanied by a Christmas Carol. Please contact the school on 465547 for details.

The Friends of John Hunt (formerly the PTA) are holding a committee meeting on Thursday December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. All members of the community who would like to help fundraise on behalf of John Hunt of Everest Community School are most welcome.... Telephone Caroline Griffiths on 354918 for information

The next jumble sale at John Hunt of Everest School will be held at on Saturday February 4<sup>th</sup> 1998 at 1pm. All of the proceeds will be going to the school. Come along and give us your support.

**Bob Douglass**

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Hot meals available at John Hunt on Thursday lunch times. A two course meal for only £1-15p the price of a school meal. Why not come along for a game of bingo and a chat as well. Transport is available if required... Telephone Maggie on 465303 for details.

Among the facilities available at John Hunt of Everest Community School is a well-equipped fitness studio which is available for use by all members of the community. Regular multigym coaching courses are organised and when successfully completed users have complete flexibility where charges

and use of the studio are concerned – this can be either on a sessional or monthly basis. You only pay for when you train and there is no joining fee! The John Hunt Fitness Studio is centrally and conveniently situated with both day and evening opening times, mixed as well as ladies only sessions, a selection of aerobic and stamina building equipment as well as a separate sun bed room. If you require more information please telephone 01256 465303..

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# SPEAK UP

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**Issues concerning you and the community you live in,  
come and express your views**

Thursday Evenings 7pm - 10pm

Popley Fields Community Centre - Carpenters Down  
for further information contact Colin area youth worker on  
(01256 812474)

## Popley District Guide Association

Are you between the ages of 5 and 65 female and want to have some FUN?

Have you thought about joining the Guide Association. Popley currently has 2 Rainbow units for Girls between the ages of 5 - 7, 3 Brownie packs for the 7 - 10 year olds and a Guide company for girls of 10 plus. If you are 16 plus and would like to have FUN have you thought of becoming a leader? Each unit gives the girls opportunities to learn new skills try new activities, make new friends and most of all have FUN.

This year so far the Rainbows have celebrated their tenth anniversary and have held a huge Birthday party to the theme of Noah's Ark. The Brownies have been on Pack Holiday, passed their Deaf Awareness badge and tried their hands at new crafts. Not to be left out the Guides have been on two camps, canoed with the Brownies, cooked out on open fires and started their survival badge.

As Christmas is nearly upon us the whole District are now preparing for our annual Christmas Carol service to the residents of Abbey Court.

If you would like more information on What we do, Where we meet please contact Tess Puddle District Commissioner on 351777.



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