

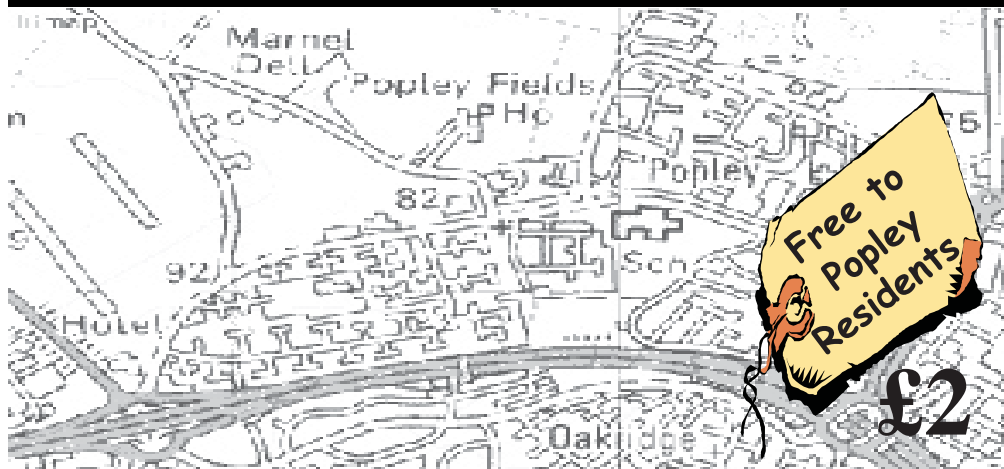
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Editor
Jane Frankum

Message from the Editor:-May, “Ne’er cast a clout till May be out” is a very old saying I remember my Granny saying, but as I look out the window the sun is shining and it is beginning to feel quite warm. However, I think I will still keep my jacket with me because our parents and grandparents were usually right with their advice. May also brings Popley Festival and it is an event I really look forward to. It is a lovely opportunity to meet up with so many friends. I remember one year it was so hot I got sunburnt and had to have a day off work, unpaid as my supervisor said it was “self-inflicted”; what an old misery she was! That year there were an estimated 15 thousand

visitors. Let’s hope it is a warm and clear day this year. There are so many voluntary hours that go into running the festival. On page 13 there is a new charity called “Parability”, St Michael’s Hospice have their now well established Sunflower and Fete on page 21. Also on that page is how our Popley resident did in the Miss Hampshire competition that can lead up to Miss England and finally Miss World. Basingstoke Cubs Scouts, Guides and Explorers are auditioning for the next “Gang Show”; read about it on page 24. Finally, on page 28 is an appeal for volunteers for Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen’s Families Association (SSAFA). This is close to my heart as I spent a school summer holiday in one of their homes many years ago and I have fond memories of that time there.

We are desperate for some more residents to deliver Popley Matters especially in Oxford Way, Marston, Shrivenham, Banbury, Charlebury, Farringdon, Kiddlington, Risinghurst and Enysham, also Madeira and part of Abbey Road. We also need a delivery manager for the Popley Islands area in a couple of months’ time; if you can help I can assure you of a warm welcome. Call me on 819924 or email me at editor@popleymatters.org.uk



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Paul Frankum

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Councillors' Page: There will be more road works around the A340 hospital entrances and the Aldermaston roundabout I will let you know the timescale in Popley Matters once I know.

I am still waiting for the options to go to the portfolio holder for her to decide on the proposals for double yellow lines in Marnel Park. The options are to do nothing; to double yellow line where the drawings were published; or to restrict it to on corners and T junctions on the bus route with the option to review again in about six months to see what the impact has been.

When I spoke to staff and governors of the Marnel Schools they were looking forward to the expansions and extra facilities that the children will have. There has been a lot of consultation with parents, staff, governors and Popley councillors to get the best for the school, children and nearby residents

There will be a boundary review on the boundaries of the Hampshire County Council. I expect there will be some changes as Popley has grown so large in numbers. The changes will be consulted on with you and come into practice in 2017, at the next County Council elections. *Cllr Jane Frankum 01256 819924*

Popley West: We have contacted the tree department at the council to ask when the tree cutting will be finished in Abbey Road. We were assured that the trunks and stumps that are still left will be attended to. It will take specialist equipment to remove them safely and to ensure there is no damage to the surrounding area especially along the bund by the A339 Ringway North. Work is due to start by the end of April.

There is a strip of land in Abbey Road that was just a jungle of brambles and overgrowing across the path. We complained and just the grass was cut. About eighteen months ago some residents cut down the eyesore and cleared it. It is now planted as a lovely garden area where they have put plants, a bird table and archway that will be covered by honeysuckle to attract bees and butterflies. However after a complaint by a resident they have been asked to remove the statues, bird table and feeder and the arch. Have you seen the garden and what do you think? Contact us details are below.

Cllr Paul Frankum 01256 819924

Cllr Jane Frankum 01256 819924

Popley East: The contract for the Shakespeare Road Doctors surgery is up for renewal.

Under Government's rules the practice must be put out to competitive tender with the risk that a private healthcare company, if they bid, could be chosen over the existing local GP team. The current GP Practice has made a real difference to health outcomes in our community, employing new 'Practitioners' who are already adding to the quality service the surgery offers. There is no certainty as to what shape a bid might take. Bidders will need to meet strict budgetary and clinical rules, which could mean changes to services. The Patient Group, and your Labour team, have raised serious concerns about this process, and will continue to work with local GPs to save our NHS surgery from privatisation.

The General election on 7th May due to access problems, the polling station has been moved from the Spotlight centre to St Gabriel's church in Tewkesbury Close. There is no change to the polling station at Popley Fields Community Centre.

Cllr David Potter 07941507801.

Cllr Viv Washbourne 07900890088



Great News for Local Hospital Radio in Basingstoke Gold for Best Multi Presenter Programme.

Yet again HRB have scooped a top award at the annual National Hospital Radio Awards last weekend in Newcastle.

Praised for the content of the show, including subjects that patients can take part in (ward surveys), their clear voices and choices of content, both Dave Warren and Christine Rowley were surprised when their names were called for the top prize.

Hospital Radio Basingstoke has entertained the patients and staff at the Aldermaston Road hospital for over 40 years and each year are short listed in a number of categories for the National Hospital Awards, including in previous years Station of the Year, Best Male Presenter and Best Newcomer.

When you put Dave Warren, previous Silver Award winner for Best Male Presenter of the Year and Christine Rowley, who won Gold for Best Newcomer in her first year with HRB, you get a perfect match and fun on air.

Both presenters are confident and love going up onto the wards to visit and chat to the patients, with lots to share with those on the wards. Dave with his cool, young and fresh face, the ladies are definitely drawn to him. Christine with her bubbly personality and sense of humour, still living in the 60s music wise. They both complement each other making the patients laugh and join in. One patient said to Christine "Are you going to get that bird's nest out of Dave's hair with your Red Devils Stick?" carried around with her during Halloween, which is what gave them the idea to enter the National Awards.

HRB is run entirely by volunteers who give up their time to come into the studio and go up and around the wards to cheer patients up. Patients request their favourite songs and make dedications to their loved ones.

Dave Warren, Chair of Hospital Radio Basingstoke, said he was "absolutely delighted that the station had been recognised at the awards and so pleased to be part of a presenting team, with Christine who brings so much to the shows".

Hospital Radio Basingstoke Programme controller, Neil Ogden, commented "With so many different shows going out on air 24/7 the patients and staff have such a choice and this is why the monthly statics taken from Hospida are showing HRB as one of the top radio stations listened to by patients."

He added "We are always looking for new members at the station as it takes a lot to put together, run and deliver radio entertainment, as well as fundraising and setting policy".

If you would like to learn more about HRB take a look at their website on <http://www.hrbasingstoke.co.uk/>
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Popley Islands Community Group

Good things continue to come out of the Popley East Community Plan which the Popley Islands Community Group worked on with the other community groups in the area. One of the latest achievements is the installation of outside gym equipment at Chineham Park and Tewkesbury Close Open Space. Improved access for ways to get fit was on the wish list of those who took part in community group surveys. Money is available to deliver projects like this which meet the needs of local residents and fulfil the intentions of the community plan.

The first week in June is National Volunteer Week and there will be a session attended by various local groups recruiting volunteers at Popley Fields Centre on 4th June further details will be publicised nearer the time. Popley Islands Community Group will be attending so please do come along and discuss any ideas for local projects you have and ways in which you can get involved with your community.

Don't forget we also have a Facebook page where you can find out what is happening and post ideas. *Suzanne Denness*

Over 55s Forum Trips

- 12th June 2015; Bourton on the Water, £14.60 - members, non members - £16.60
- 30th June; day trip to De-Panne, Belgium, £37.50 - member, non member - £39.50
- 16th July; Adam Henson Cotswold Farm, £22.30 - members, non members - £24.30.
- 30th July; Sherborne Castle and Shaftesbury, £22.75 - member, non members - £24.75.

We are continually working for all the Over 55s in the borough, this is proof because of our membership total. We can not find another big venue than the Carnival Hall in Basingstoke. More news next time.

Thanks.

Gerald (Secretary and Tour Manager) 01256 412119

Dolly's Vintage Traditional Summer Fair

Dolly's Vintage is hosting a traditional Summer Fair at Old Basing Village Hall on Sunday 28th June from 10am till 3pm.

We have lots of lovely things planned for the day; beautiful vintage, handmade, craft and artisan stalls; live music from The Stylettes; Vintage beauty parlour where you can get the vintage look; and Imogen's Tearooms will be providing teas, coffees and of course yummy homemade cakes.

Entry is £1 and children go free.

Dear Friends

As I write, St Gabriel's is preparing for its very first Annual General Meeting, or to be perfectly correct, Annual Parochial Church Meeting, since we were formed as the new "Parish of Popley with Limes Park and Rooksdown, St Gabriel's" on 1st July last year.

It has been such a momentous year for us; not only have we become a parish in our own right – and this is an acknowledgement by the Diocese of Winchester of the growth in our community and our church – but we also stand on the threshold of an £800,000 extension to our buildings and facilities. Phase One will be the extension of the church hall that will enable us to accommodate the ever-expanding community groups that use the hall facilities. We are also working hard to apply for grants that will allow us to move forward with extending our kitchen and toilet facilities and perhaps add a community meeting room or two. These are very exciting times in the life of St Gabriel's and if you would like to know more please do pop into the foyer and take a look at the plans we have. We hope that you'll be excited too!

In the Bible I read this "Unless the Lord build the house they labour in vain who build it!" We do feel blessed by God at St Gabriel's but we are also proceeding with a certain amount of caution. We are keen that what we build is for the right reasons and we can afford it. Our strapline for the building project is "Building for our community and glory of God!" So lots of prayer and lots of consultation is taking place as we move forward, and we would love to hear from you and to garner your support for all that is taking place within the life of St Gabriel's and our community.

We believe this is a marathon and not a sprint so we are planning for a three to five year project. It's not just the community side of our buildings that are beginning to struggle to cope with the growth, our congregation is also flourishing and it's wonderful to see the attendance on Sundays so lively and to see lives being transformed in so many ways.

As we look forward to beginning our first full year as a new parish we offer back to God our church, our community and all who share in its life and growth. May I offer you an invitation to join us on Sunday and experience the power of His transforming love in your life.

We are at Popley Festival this year so please do join us in the big marquee for a coffee or to take part in some of the activities taking place there.

Every blessing
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Welcome to Marnell Bowling Club

We are looking for new members and we welcome all standards. Beginners or experienced, male or female, young or old catered for. Help and support is available for all. For beginners we can loan equipment and give practical help and guidance to learn the game of bowls.

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For questions or information contact Ray Wheatley 410404
Check out our website www.marnellbowlingclub.co.uk



“Do Your Bit”

“Do Your Bit” week is coming up again on 1 to 7 June!! In a similar style to last year we will be hosting events around the borough to promote volunteering opportunities. The event will be taking place in Popley on Thursday 4 June, 5 to 8pm, so please save this date and keep an eye out for more details which will be coming out very soon!

What will be very different this year compared to last year is that last year, unfortunately, we had a delay in the information about the events getting out early enough, so the double page spread in The Gazette was the day after the Popley event. This had a big impact on the numbers of public coming to the event and we have been assured that all the information about these events will be widely publicised much earlier this year.

I know that despite the issue with the publicity, last year’s event in Popley was a great opportunity for networking because there were 14 organisations from Popley there promoting their work in the community, and the feedback about this was extremely positive. Hopefully with much better publicity this year, the event will be even more fruitful for everyone involved.

Please let me know if you want to have a free table at this event to promote the work of your organisation and the volunteering opportunities you have to offer. There will be resource packs available so you can clearly define the roles you have available, and to help you to demonstrate the benefits of volunteering to members of the public. And, of course, there will be a great opportunity for you to network with all the other community based organisations in Popley which can be extremely valuable.

Basingstoke Symphony Orchestra Spanish Concert with Wine Sampling **Saturday 20th June 2015. 7:45pm**

Our Spanish themed evening begins with a chance to sample some Spanish wines. There are 2 tasting sessions, at 6:30pm and 6:50pm although places are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

The concert itself is bursting with well known Spanish themed music, beginning with Chabrier’s *España* and including the much loved guitar concerto by Rodrigo. Also in the programme are extracts from *Carmen* by Bizet, *The Ritual Fire Dance* by De Falla and Rimsky Korsakov’s *Capriccio Espagnol*. This promises to be a fantastic concert suitable for all ages. Please visit our website for more information www.bso.org.uk.

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Towards the end of 2011 with the help of local businessman Paul Midgley, Chris started setting up Parability with these core aims:

- 1) To help build a society where no one need be exposed to any barrier or discrimination of any kind.
- 2) To help everyone find ways to help each other.
- 3) To encourage everyone to become as fit, active and as independent as possible.

These core aims are based around the belief that whilst we all should find ways to help each other within society, we also all have the responsibility to do our best to lessen the impact we have on society.

Since its official launch on 5 May 2012, Parability has launched a number of social media platforms including www.facebook.com/parability (which is our main Facebook account providing a number of news feeds from UK Government, Team GB, British Athletics and NHS Choices). We can also be found at www.twitter.com/parability2.

In 2014 we launched a Facebook page for our Basingstoke area (RG21, RG22, RG23, RG24, RG25, RG26, RG27, RG28) which provides local community news, local Parability news, community events, local sports news, local issues and more available at www.facebook.com/Parability.Basingstoke. Together with this page Parability launched a Facebook group for all events run by community groups, clubs, educational establishments, not-for-profit businesses to be posted into; this group is known as Parability Basingstoke Events. We encourage all those who are eligible to post in this group to request to join the group and post their events in themselves.

Parability also runs a monthly Activity and Social Group from Saint Andrew's Church in South Ham (next to the Camrose Medical Centre) on every 3rd Saturday of the month 10 am – 12 noon. The group is run FREE of charge and is open to everyone of any ability, both disabled and non-disabled for people to stay for as long or as little as they wish. There is both FREE light exercise with a qualified coach and craft making on offer. We encourage everybody to socialise and mix with each other to help remove barriers and discrimination. A number of healthy refreshments are available at reasonable prices. So whether you want to get involved with exercise, craft making or simply want to make new friends, we would love to see you there.

For more information on any of our services, please contact Chris Hall on:

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Sections have been closed for most of April due to school holidays. Meetings restarted week commencing 20st April with fun-filled programmes planned to see out the summer months including camping, expeditions and lots of outdoor fun.



The Air Scout Group joined nine other Scout Groups from Basingstoke East District for the Annual St. George's Day Celebrations, service and renewal of promises in St. Mary's Eastrop on Sunday 25th April.



New recruits (both boys and girls) welcome in all sections.

Beavers aged 6-8; Cubs 8-10½ ; Scouts 10½ to 14 years. – contact the leaders listed above or www.facebook.com/BasingstokeAirScouts



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It can affect more than one joint and the dog will display signs of pain, stiffness, reduced mobility, lameness and swelling of the joints.

Symptoms of a dog suffering with osteoarthritis include:

- Reluctance to participate in exercise such a running, swimming and walking
- Limping
- Change in gait
- Stiffness
- Yelping/Crying
- Reluctance to jump into a car or use stairs
- Soreness when being touched
- Showing signs of aggression
- Joint swelling due to increased fluid in the joint, or new bone development and soft tissue thickening
- Licking or chewing the affected joint

Therefore it is not unusual for owners to misinterpret these symptoms as signs of old age.

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Divorce – It is more than just the Decree Absolute

by Hayley Eachus

There is more to divorce than just getting the Decree Absolute. If you are in any doubt then all you need to do is look at the situation green energy entrepreneur Dale Vince, the founder of Ecotricity, finds himself in following a Supreme Court judgement made this March (2015).

Mr Vince was in a relationship in the early 80s for a couple of years with Kathleen Wyatt. They married in late 1981, had a child in 1983 and separated in 1984 before finally divorcing in 1992. There was no financial order made in the divorce. During the period prior to their divorce Mr Vince was a traveller with no discernible income so he did not pay any maintenance to Mrs Wyatt.

Since then Mr Vince has founded Ecotricity and is now a multi-millionaire and in 2011, nearly 30 years after their relationship came to an end, Kathleen Wyatt lodged a claim for financial support. This is because there is no time limit set out in law for spouses to make these claims.

This highlights a couple of interesting things. There are many thousands of divorces in which financial orders were never finalised and these could still be open to contest; unless both parties have remarried. That means if you were divorced without a financial agreement being approved by a Judge this could be open to legal challenge. The majority of cases will have been approved by a Judge whether they were settled in court or via Collaborative Law or Mediation, any that have not been approved by a Judge could be open to challenge however long ago the divorce was finalised.

This case also serves to remind all those considering divorce, or currently going through the process, the importance of ensuring financial agreement is reached and approved as part of the process, which is the only way to be assured of how a legally binding outcome.

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 5.30 and 7.30pm Slimming World
- THURSDAY: 9.30-11.30am Community Cafe**
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- FRIDAY: DAYTIME HIRE AVAILABLE**
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 8.00- 9.15pm age 11 plus.
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Nicola Ascroft Crowned Miss Baingstoke

Basingstoke resident, Nicola Ascroft, has been crowned Miss Basingstoke 2015 after finishing as Runner Up in the Miss England Hampshire heat on 14th March 2015 at Alton House Hotel.

Nicola also won the Charity Queen award after raising nearly £2,500 for Beauty with a Purpose, the Miss World's children's charity, and goes forward to the Miss England Semi-Final in July with the chance to win a place in the Miss England final later in the year.

Nicola was crowned at the Hampshire Court Hotel on Sunday 12th April 2015. Welcomed with a drinks reception at 3.00pm and Nicola was officially awarded the Miss Basingstoke title at 3.30pm. The Mayor of Basingstoke was in attendance, along with the organiser of Miss & Mr Hampshire 2015, Paula Langley and other contestants, friends and family.

Nicola intends to use her title to continue fundraising for local charities and Beauty with a Purpose, and has already started to organise events with this aim; a Children's Disney & Marvel party on Sunday 25th May 2015, and a Ascot themed Summer Ball on Friday 19th June 2015, both to be hosted at Sherfield Park Community Centre. For more information on either of these events, please contact Nicola on 07712574089 or nicola_ascroft@hotmail.co.uk.



Photo credit: Paul Carroll.

Sunflower Appeal and Fete

Sunday 31st May 2015

St. Michael's Hospice invites to you their annual Sunflower Fete on Sunday 31st May held within the Hospice grounds.

Starting from midday, the traditional fete is a great day out for all the family with free entry. The fete will feature a wide selection of stalls with gorgeous plants and handmade craft items. To keep the kids entertained there will be a bouncy castle, face painting and plenty of games and prizes to be won. If you're feeling peckish, why not tuck into a delicious burger from the BBQ, or relax with tea and cake in the gardens.

The Hospice will also launch their Sunflower Appeal giving people the chance to remember a loved one by dedicating a sunflower in their memory. Before the Sunflower Fete begins, a special blessing will be held at 11.30am on Sunday 31st May in the Hospice grounds, when you are invited to view the dedicated sunflower memory markers. Sunflowers will be displayed in the Hospice gardens throughout June for people to visit and take time to reflect.

You can make your sunflower dedication in memory of a loved one at stmichaelshospice.org.uk/events.

For more information on the Sunflower Appeal and fete please visit the website stmichaelshospice.org.uk, email events@stmichaelshospice.org.uk or call the Fundraising Hotline on 01256 848848.

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Tournament news for 2015:

At the time of writing we have already had a record number of teams sign up for the annual MFC Popley Youth Tournament.

The Tournament is planned to be bigger and better than previous years with ALL age groups being fully competitive! The U7 and U8 teams will be playing 5-a-side and U9, U10, U11, U12, U13, U14, U15, U16 teams playing

6-a-side.

Date(s): Saturday 9th May & Sunday 10th May

Venue: Carpenter's Down Open Space, Popley Fields, Basingstoke.

Entry Fee: £30 per team (up to 8 Players per team)*

To register your club/teams, please contact the Tournament Director to obtain a booking form and team sheets.

Tournament Contact Email: tournament@mfcpopleyyouth.co.uk

Tournament Contact Phone Number: 07884 185 693.

We are always looking to recruit new 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 grassroots level is a must.

Please contact the club by email at volunteer@mfcpopleyyouth.co.uk or contact Ian Davies, on 07884 185693 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) and the set up of the pitches & Respect lines. So if you are interested in helping out please make yourself known to either the Club Chairman Ian Davies or to the manager of your particular age group.

Do you know a Year R or Year 1 child, boy or girl, who wants to get play football?

The Club is now recruiting for 'All Stars Players'. If you would like your child to join, or if you have any further questions, please contact Ian Davies, Club Chairman, on 07884 185693 or by email: allstars@mfcpopleyyouth.co.uk

Contact the club -

Main website: www.mfcpopleyyouth.co.uk

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You can also get regular updates from the club by following our twitter account, @MFC_PopleyYouth #MFCPY. Also, each MFC Popley Youth age group has a dedicated page on Facebook.

Zak Collingwood

Basingstoke Cubs, Scouts, Guides and Explorers have 'got talent' and it's time to audition for Basingstoke Gang Show 2016



If you like to laugh, sing, dance or entertain then come along to the auditions for The Basingstoke Gang Show. You will have a fun day with loads of great people and you will see why Basingstoke Gang Show is the longest running and 'bestselling amateur show in Basingstoke'.

We are gearing up for our 23rd Show to be performed at The Haymarket. Audiences will be entertained by the talents of our local Cubs, Guides, Scouts, Explorer's and young leaders as the cast of 70 take to the stage across 11 performances in February 2016.

The members of the Production team have been busy creating an array of numbers with wonderful choreography, sensational songs and hilarious sketches that make The Basingstoke Gang Show, fresh, relevant, edgy and fun ready for the rehearsals that start in September 2015.

The auditions for The Basingstoke Gang Show 2016 are being held from, 10:00 – 16:00 on the following dates:

Surnames A-L Sunday 10th May 2015
Surnames M-Z Sunday 17th May 2015

Auditions are open to all Scouts and Guides who will be 10½ or over in February 2016 and all Cubs who will be 8 or over in February 2016 at The Costello School, Crossborough Hill, Basingstoke, Hampshire RG21 4AL.

Before you come to audition you will need to visit www.basingstokegangshow.com to ensure you have full details including location, what to wear and the 'audition application form' that you will need to bring. You can also look at the Basingstoke Gang Show Facebook pages for more information.

More information contact:

Kirsty Thomas,
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Take a look at the Basingstoke Gang Show website www.basingstokegangshow.com

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