

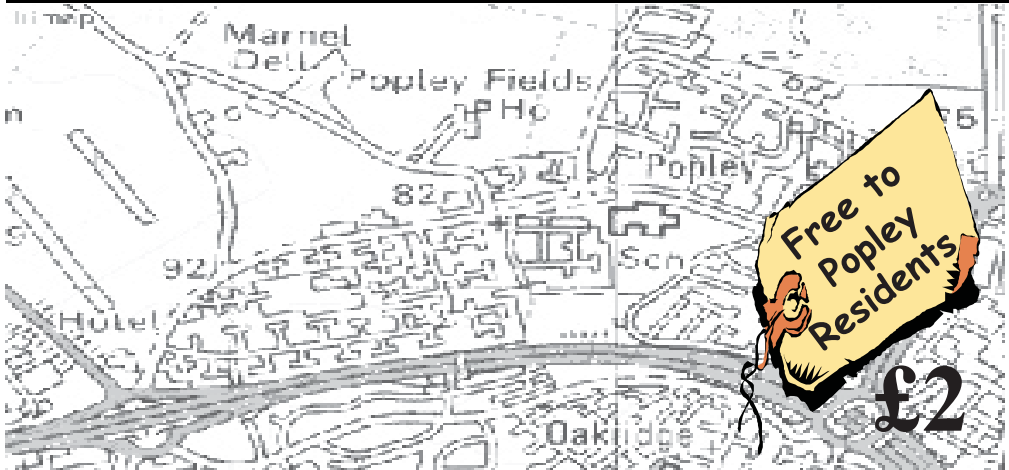
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Editor
Jane Frankum

Message from the Editor: July holidays have started and I hope we have a sunny summer. Well done to our Popley Nicola in becoming The Miss England Charity Queen. Nicola raised and did more than the other contestants and we saw her lots of times as we performed our Mayoral duties. I also want to thank Brooke, the first to come forward to volunteer to help people in the community via the Mayor's Charity. Brooke is from Popley and is only eleven years old. I am meeting some amazing people every day but everywhere I go, all the groups and charities are saying they need more volunteers. You don't have to do loads of hours just a few a month. If you would like to help please contact me details below as for Popley Matters or mayor@basingstoke.gov.uk on the web at www.basingstoke.gov.uk or on twitter #@basingmayor . Read about some amazing volunteers on page 14. Everyone can help by giving hours or donating or even both. Of course we also need people to deliver Popley Matters too; our deliverers say it is amazing how many people chat to them and how friendly people are. Some of our readers, who are mostly elderly, say they love to read it as they can't always get out and know what is going on around them. I was shocked when one lady told me I was the first person in nearly three weeks that had spoken to her. This should not happen here in Popley, so if you are a bit lonely or you would want to volunteer to befriend someone, again please contact me. I am also looking for hairdressers to volunteer some of their time for the ladies who visit The Pink Place. Ladies who have or have had cancer can go there and have a hairdo for free.

What is there to do in Basingstoke? Well I am learning that there are masses of things to do. You can tour Everest Community Academy details on page eight, for the young generation there is football with the Popley Pumas and football for the ladies on page 26; more sport at SportsXtra on page 27; and a disco at Popley Fields page 11; There are: fun things to do at Everest on page 13; play schemes on page 18; Lions Club on page 19; ballroom and Latin dancing on page 20; and there are lots of events at Chineham library on page 28. I hope you have a great summer. Contact me either by phone on 01256 819924 or email: editor@popleymatters.org.uk.



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Basingstoke Beauty Titled Miss England Charity Queen

In 2015, Nicola was awarded Hampshire's Charity Queen; this year she was crowned Charity Queen at the Miss England Semi Finals on Saturday 11th June. The Semi Finals took place at Kelham Hall & Country Park, Newark, where 70 girls competed in a number of rounds for their hopeful win of a top 15 place – winning a place in the National Final.

The Semi Final consisted of many rounds; Charity – who could raise the most money for 'Beauty with a Purpose (BWAP)' – helping disadvantaged children worldwide, Publicity – gaining positive press, Social Media – interaction with the public, Eco wear – the girls were given the theme 'Traditional English Fashion through the decades' which they used to create an ECO outfit using charitable, recycled and upcycled materials, Popularity – public are able to text vote for their favourite, Interview with the judges, and Evening wear.

"It is an honour to have been crowned Miss England's Charity Queen. Charity is at the heart of Miss World and represents the ethos of the competition. For me, it is the most important award, as it shows hard work, passion and dedication".

Nicola has organised her next charity event: Race Night at The Four Hourseshoes, in Sherfield-on-Loddon, on Friday 15th July 2016. Event begins at 7pm, and the first race will start at 7:45pm. For more information, please contact Nicola on 07712574089 or Nicola_ascroft@hotmail.co.uk.

Nicola will now go on to compete in the Miss England National Final taking place in Southport on 19th – 21st July 2016, where she will compete against 49 other girls all hoping to win the country's title. The winner of Miss England will then go on to compete in Miss World.

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I am working with the three Labour Councillors for Norden to get safer road crossing by Oakridge Infant and Junior School, especially with the proposed expansion. We have brought to the attention of the Education Department that when the new houses are built on the old Eli Lily site that is ludicrous to make the Winklebury schools their catchment area. Norden Councillors have walked the route and it could take up to an hour to walk for the little ones. We want a safe crossing from Popley along Upper Sherborne Road that some Popley children use and also those that go to the Vyne. These two issues are vital and need solutions.

I have been in contact with officers yet again about the bus stop that is right by the roundabout by Barrington Close. It is poorly placed and causes a lot of problems with tailbacks. Cllr Jane Frankum 01256 819924 email jane.frankum@hants.gov.uk

Popley West: Work has started in Melrose Hall kitchen and we hope that there will be a lot more happening soon. The committee have been working hard with the council to improve and expand the hall and of course offer bigger, more varied and better facilities.

With the warm (we hope) weather for summer; we tend to leave our windows and doors open. Please remember that not all people like the same type of music or TV programme so be aware and don't have things too loud. But by the same token, children do love to play outside and will sometimes be noisy. Children need to let off steam but try to compromise and live happily together.

We have contacted Sentinel about the broken walls and steps in Fountains and Tintern Close. The broken wall bricks will be removed and steps made safe. We have asked for railings where the constant broken brick walls keep on crumbling. The older part of Popley needs, and should get, attention and we will be campaigning to get the area improved.

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Popley East: Time passes so quickly, I'm already almost two months into my role as your Councillor and working closely with Cllr. David Potter we've certainly been kept busy.

We've had several issues reported to us including pavements that require repair, potholes and fly tipping to name just a few. The Borough Council have responded promptly and ensured that incidents of fly tipping have been quickly dealt with. Hampshire County Council have agreed that the road and path repairs that we have highlighted do need rectification, however they are working through a list and it may take a little time. We will continue to monitor progress. We are pleased to report that work is progressing well on the Chineham Park Splash Pad on Shakespeare Road and there is an official opening planned for 21st June which will be great timing with the summer holidays approaching.

It is also good to see that Popley Fields Community Centre building has now had the solar panels fitted to the roof using the grant monies provided by BDBC. It has taken a while but by working together we have got there!

Please contact either myself or Cllr. David Potter should you have any issues that you feel we can help with.

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Melrose Hall were pleased to host our annual cultural exchange with members of Alencon Community Association. Our guests arrived on the Friday and were treated to a day out to Arundel castle followed by a meal at the hall on Saturday. On Sunday they joined us at the Popley Festival where they met members of our local community and joined in the fun!! Monday morning we visited the Civic offices to meet our new Mayor - Jane Frankum, before they headed home Monday afternoon. The weekend was a great success with our guests staying in the homes of our participants. If you would like to be involved in our exchange next year Please contact Vicki In the office for more details.

Exciting times here at the hall, our new kitchen refit is under way and by the time you read this it should be complete!!! Come along to our community café of a Thursday morning for a coffee and bacon sandwich and see for yourself our lovely new kitchen.

RCS have confirmed they will be running a play scheme in August, please see our notice board or face book page for dates and times.

WHATS ON IN JULY:

MONDAY:

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7.30-10.00pm Peregrinus Healing and Holistic

9.30-12.00noon Popley Little People

9.30am Free group bike ride (open group)

6.00-8.00pm Computer Hub

5.15-7.30pm Suma Karate

TUESDAY:

AFTERNOON AND EVENING AVAILABLE FOR HIRE

9.00am Slimming World

11.00am Slimming World

12-2pm Oasis Lunch club

5.30 and 7.30pm Slimming World

9.30-11.30am Community Cafe

WEDNESDAY:

THURSDAY:

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FRIDAY:

DAYTIME HIRE AVAILABLE

10.00am Free group bike ride (Ladies only)

12.00-2.00pm Computer Hub

SATURDAY:

9.00am-4.00 pm 7TH Day Adventist Church

10am Sabath School - Bible Study

11.30am Divine Worship

1pm Free Community Lunch

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Come along to have a look around, we are attached to **Merton Infant School**. Come anytime between 9am-11.30am or make an appointment.

Dear Friends

I watched, last night, the opening qualifying match in the Euro 2016 Football Tournament (France v Romania). It was an engaging match and throughout the tournament there will, I'm certain, be some quality football - hopefully that includes England!

Watching the match I was struck by the how many of the supporters were dressed in the most ridiculous outfits, how many of them had painted their faces or dyed their hair in their team's colours and how they competed with each to sing their national anthem the loudest with their hands placed on their chests over their hearts. It was a display of real passion, repeated over many games.

It's the same over the build up to the Queen's 90th Birthday celebration weekend. People all dressed up, dancing around and generally celebrating the magnificent achievement of 90 years of Her Majesty's life and service to the country – and rightly so.

What is that stirs our passion for such things as sport or other gatherings? It may well be that we are keen supporters of the glorious game but is there something else, I wonder, going on at a deeper level! Being part of a large group that are sharing something in common generates a sense of belonging and I believe that at some level this is the desire of all of us – to belong! It's reflected in our culture by things like fashion for example. Who hasn't heard their teenagers (even younger these days) asking for this or that brand sportswear or mobile phone or whatever. Adults too – we join clubs or buy particular things because of their association with belonging, being included rather excluded.

Where does this urge to belong come from? I suppose if I was a supporter of Darwin's theories I might say it's an inherited pack or herd instinct! But I'm not! I believe that God created us to be in community with one another. The Bible tells us that when God created the Garden of Eden and placed Adam in it, even though Adam had all he could need he was still lonely and so God created a companion for him in Eve. God created us to be in community but that also brings with it responsibility. The Bible also tells us we are to look out for, and care for each other.

One of things I love about Popley is the strong sense of community and common identity, reflected in last month's Popley Festival – it makes us who we are!

When we fail to care for the frail, the weak or the vulnerable in our community or when we ignore the needs of others and put ourselves first the truth is that we gain nothing and diminish the whole community. You may not feel that you are a Christian or a churchgoer but we still all have a God given responsibility to care. The Bible says 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and love your neighbour as yourself' Food for thought in these uncertain times.

Be blessed this summer and lookout for your neighbours.

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I would like to invite you to come and have a look during our open mornings on:

- Tuesday 5 July, 9.00 – 10.30am
- Tuesday 12 July, 9.00 – 10.30am

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- ✓ Time to ask Nick Price, Principal, any questions

If you would like to attend please contact Katy Daly on 01256 337585 or email kdaly@everestcommunityacademy.org



Popley Pumas FC are a relatively new football club that was established in July 2014 by a group of parents and their then manager.

Despite it being less than 2 years old, Popley Pumas have already achieved their FA Charter Standard.

The club was initially founded with just 2 Under 9 teams in 2014 but has grown considerably to now have 3 Under 10 teams, 1 Under 7 and 1 Under 8 teams. We are always on the lookout for new players for our existing teams as well as for new age groups.

As I write, the 2015-2016 season has come to a close and we are about to have our end of season presentation which is to be held at The Apollo Hotel. There will be the usual awards from the Managers as well as the Players' Player award and the Parents Player of the Season award. All the players are looking forward to what will be a fantastic afternoon of celebrating all that Popley Pumas have achieved this season.

Despite the season being at a close, the Tournament season has well and truly kicked in with the teams attending tournaments at Basingstoke Town Colts, Oakley and Badshot Lea. All teams have been involved in at least one of these and have performed exceptionally well with one of our Under 10 teams making it through to the Quarter Finals at the Colts and the same team winning the U10 Plate at Badshot Lea.

Pumas train and have their home pitch at Marnel Junior School. Training is held on a Saturday morning at the following times;

Under 7 10-11am

Under 8 9-10am

Under 10 10-11.30am

There is additional training during the summer months on a Monday for the Under 10 teams 6-7pm.

All of our coaches are either FA Level 2 qualified or Level 1 working towards Level 2.

If you or your child would like further information, please contact John Hewson (Club Chairman and Under 10 Red team manager) on 07477 804898 or see our Facebook page or club website www.clubwebsite.co.uk/popleypumas or email the Club Secretary at popleypumas@gmail.com

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Wow what a busy couple of months the Cubs have had with loads of activities that have put the out into ScOUTing.

The 2nd May Bank Holiday saw fourteen Cubs head off to Youlbury Scout Activity Centre near Oxford, to join fifty

other Cubs from Basingstoke East Scout District for the annual District Cub Camp on the theme of 'Jungle Fever'. Activities over the weekend included going on an African Photo Safari, where the Cubs had to undertake a different tasks for each country visited to earn a "photo" of wild animal to colour in. Tasks included getting the whole team through a "Spiders Web" without touching the sides of the web and building a mini-hide to hold mini versions of themselves to enable them to photograph a springbok.



Cubs took part in a "Bush Tucker Trial" where they attempted to eat dried insects as well sweet insects and face painting.

They also challenged themselves on Jacob's Ladder and Aerial Trek with some of them overcoming a fear of height .

Camp also had the usual campfire where we were joined by a Guide unit from Swindon.



In June, eleven Cubs along with others from the District travelled to Gilwell Park, the home of Scouting in the UK, for Cub and Beaver Fun Day – lots more fun to be had with hundreds of other cubs from across the country joining in activities such as pedal carting, archery and grass sledging.

Our more normal Tuesday meetings in Base 2000 have seen the Cubs complete the requirements for the Cub Science Badge and complete a number of the 100 Challenges set by County as part of the 100 years of Cubs. It's been a busy year and yet more to come

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Health and Leisure Club gym refurbishment – new equipment, flooring, wall art, stretch area but still at old prices!

KICKS football project on the Everest 3G with the Reading FC coaches every Tuesday 4.30-6pm for 11-19 year olds, boys and girls – its free just turn up and play!

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Autism Support Hub - Various activities - Call Andrea Blackman 07446786900



Celebration of Local Volunteers

On Thursday 9th June, 29 volunteers received certificates from the Mayor of Basingstoke and Deane, Councillor Jane Frankum, in appreciation of their fantastic volunteering efforts supporting local charities and voluntary groups in the Borough. In a ceremony organised by Basingstoke Voluntary Action (BVA), and with a buffet reception sponsored by Sainsbury's, they were individually thanked for what they have done – in some cases for

many years.

Chris Haslam received an award for her stalwart service to the Stroke Association. Lucy King wrote about her: “Her endless patience and infectious good humour have enabled her to build very positive relationships with the clients she has worked with so that they can move forward effectively with their stroke recovery and achieve the goals they have set for themselves”.

Di Clarke was nominated by Des Martin for her voluntary work with Castle Hill Pre-School: “Her positive outlook and can-do attitude inspires everyone around her, and the amount of her own free time she dedicates to our preschool is truly remarkable. When we hit upon hard times she was instrumental in saving our preschool and without her commitment and loyalty Castle Hill Preschool would no longer exist”.

Sarah Robinson, Volunteer Centre Manager at BVA said, “All the volunteers nominated for awards this evening are people who have simply been steadfast, reliable, proactive and committed in their concern for their community and the people who they help. Each of them might say they don't deserve recognition, but without people like them, our community would be much poorer. Tonight's event was a chance to say thank you, and to recognise and value their contribution of time, skills and commitment to their local community. We are delighted to help charities and voluntary groups to recognise the achievements of their volunteers in this way, and to work in partnership with Sainsbury's, who donated a generous celebratory buffet in recognition of the importance of volunteering to the local community.”

The Mayor also received a certificate of thanks for her outstanding contribution to the community of Basingstoke and Deane from Chair of BVA Trustees, Alan Turvey.

Information of how, where and when to volunteer can be found from the Volunteer Centre on 01256 423850 or vc@bvaction.org.uk

Photos by Eddie Ryall.





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We need people who have time and patience and like talking to elderly people. You need to have good listening skills and be able to show empathy. We will provide you with training and support and match you with one of our clients. Our befriending co-ordinator will take you to your first meeting with our client and support you as necessary.

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Over 55s Forum

Firstly, on behalf of all the members of the Basingstoke and Deane "Young at Heart" Over 55's Forum, I would like to offer you and Paul our congratulations on becoming the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Basingstoke for the coming year, we wish you both all the very best.

Our membership of the Forum has already reached 650 and we are now putting new applications on a reserve list, but we are keeping the new applicants informed of our activities and events so they feel involved.

Members of the general public are welcome to join our Carnival Chorus singers who meet every Tuesday at the Carnival Hall, Council Road, from 1.30 to 3pm, a £2 fee per session.

Monday 18th July "New Age Kurling" Why not come along to the Carnival Hall at 2pm to 4pm and have some fun. A fee of £2.

Every Thursday Movement & Stretch sessions for Over 55s, very gentle exercises to suit everybody from 11.00am to midday. £3.50 per session.

9th September 2016 we have a trip to Wisley Flower Show cost of £23.20 includes coach and entrance fee. If you are a RHS members - entrance is FREE, you only pay the coach cost.

Date for your diary! Saturday 1st October 2016 we celebrate the "International Day for Older People" and we have an exciting show of Music - Dance and Song provided by the BATS Next Gen. The show will be at Queen Mary College, Cliddesden Road, Basingstoke. Time 2pm to 5pm. Cost of ticket £6 which includes refreshments. Tickets on sale during August, you can apply to book tickets by contacting Gerald on 07792535116 or e-mail gerald.merritt@ntlworld.com.

If members of the general public wish to know more about the Forum work, including events and trips etc, why not visit our website - www.basingstoke.gov.uk/Community/over55s/55sforum.

Thank you Jane, have a great time in Germany

Gerald (Secretary & Tour Manager.)



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Lions Club of Basingstoke

Website www.basingstokelions.org.uk

It was our turn to host members of the Alençon Lions Club for this year's Twinning Visit and they managed to get here in spite of the fuel shortages in France. (The determination engendered by the promise of full English breakfasts is amazing). The entente was, as usual, very cordial and became ever more so as the weekend progressed.

The Mayor, Councillor Jane Frankum, joined us for our 49th Charter celebration dinner and seemed to enjoy the spirit of the evening which was enhanced by the presence of representatives from five other Lions Clubs. We donated £500 to last year's Mayor's charities but, as Jane pointed out, it is the donation of time to help others that is most welcome and worthwhile, and she hopes people will support her charity Community Chest for grants to smaller local groups that so often get forgotten.

The weather was beautiful for our BBQ the following day when, unfortunately, neither our men nor ladies managed to defeat their French counterparts in the annual boules tournament. (Blame the weather! Normally our May Bank Holiday is cold, wet and miserable which tends to give us a bit of an advantage). Anyway, they are all now safely back home in France with the trophy.

Fundraising:

The Heritage Light Orchestra concert raised £880.

The Lions Den, our putting game, has been out at school open days, fetes and fairs for the past couple of months and to date this year has raised £440, which, where appropriate, has been donated to the event organizers.

Welfare:

Spektrek: We collected over 5000 pairs of redundant spectacles over the past year which have now been forwarded to our recycling centre for cleaning and grading before being passed on to 3rd World countries.

Ecuador Earthquake Appeal: We made an initial donation of £200 pending a review of other projects which we have in hand and which need funding.

Upcoming Events:

On 6th August we are having another **Barn Dance** at the Royal British Legion, Old Basing. This hilarious form of masochism is extremely popular and, as we can only sell 100 tickets, quick contact with Dianne Hopkins at email: dianne.hopkins27@btinternet.com or tel. 01256 883113 is advised.

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Practical advice when faced with bereavement from Phillips Solicitors

By Jonathan Jacobs, Solicitor and Probate Specialist

‘Losing a relative or close friend is hard and can be difficult emotionally, even before you start thinking about how to deal with your loved one’s Will and financial affairs. The last thing anyone wants in their grief is to worry about forms and the legalities of death,’ says Jonathan Jacobs, solicitor in the Wills and Probate team at Phillips ‘and that’s why it’s so important to get some professional help straightaway.’

Probate is the process of sorting out the ‘estate’ of someone who has died, so that there is someone legally entitled to deal with the deceased’s affairs. It’s easy to be confused by all the legal terms and procedural matters, so if you like many others, have never been involved in doing this before, here are a few practical tips:

- Get the Medical Certificate from the Doctor
- Register the death with the Registrar of Births and Deaths
- Tell family members, friends and any employer
- Find the Will if there is one
- If no will exists or cannot be found contact a Solicitor to find out who can sort the estate and who receives the money – this is known as ‘The Intestacy Rules’
- Engage a funeral director
- Ask a trusted solicitor to help you deal with the administration of the estate. Having someone you trust, someone who specialises in probate issues all the time can bring enormous relief and will help to make your life that bit easier, leaving you and the family to cope with your grief.

Finally, Jonathan advises ‘if a family dispute erupts because someone disagrees with how the assets are distributed, our experts at Phillips can assist. So whether you need some straightforward advice on what steps to take next or you would like someone to deal with the estate on your behalf, call us 01256 460830. We’re here to help.’

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We recently held our annual Presentation Evening at the Club's new home, Mays Bounty. Not only was this an event to recognise the players and their fantastic achievements throughout the season, but it was also a chance for everyone to have a look at the facilities that will be on offer for the Club, parents and players when we officially move ready for the start of the 2016/17 season.

So, as of September 2016, MFC Popley Youth will be moving home grounds to Mays Bounty, Fairfield's 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.

The committee is pleased and proud to announce that MFC Popley Youth have 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 and 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.

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 and 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

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Fencing Fun

Year 6 have enjoyed trying out the sport of Fencing! Each class took part in lessons and many of the children displayed some great skills, some even commenting that it '*...felt like I was in a James Bond film*'. Well done, Year 6!



The Queen's 90th Birthday Lunch

Our 90th birthday celebration lunch garden party was enjoyed by all. The sun shone, special crown biscuits were eaten and 'pin the tail on the corgi' was very popular! The children's crowns also looked fabulous, with some very creative and imaginative head pieces being paraded.



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My garden has roses and trees
The trampoline in the garden is still

By Isla

Flowers are Beautiful

Flowers grow with soil and water
The sun gets hotter and hotter
Some apples grow on trees
Honey is good for bees
Flowers like sun
I like playing on my slide because it is fun

By Finlay

Bees

Bees like honey
Buzz buzz buzz
Plants like sun
Petals petals petals
We can be a flower

By Jenna



A Beautiful Garden

I had a garden and the sky was blue.

My plants never grew and I never knew why.

One day they grew and grew and grew.
My pink perfect petals making my garden perfect.

Special sunflower seeds are my favourite.

By Eleanor

Growing Poems

It is a beautiful garden
It has beautiful plants and flowers
It is a green garden
My plants have pink petals and bees have honey

By Maisie

Sunflowers

Sunflower seeds are sunny
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A successful Father's Day themed craft session took place on 4th June. The next craft session will be the 'Bright Bird Bonanza' on the 2nd July, when the children can make colourful birds to help us decorate the library and then to take home. The session will take place between 10am and 12noon, and is aimed at primary school age children. There will be no Saturday session in August due to the Summer Reading Challenge, and instead there will be weekly drop-in crafts on Wednesdays between 10am and 2pm, commencing on 27th July. I will let you know next month when the Saturday sessions recommence. The Saturday storytimes aimed at preschool children will continue as normal, and remain at the regular time of 10am to 10.30am. From Tuesday 19th July to 30th August, the Library will not be holding the regular three rhymetime sessions. Instead there will just be one session, alternating between the under 1 and over 1 age groups. These will take place at 10am.

Regular adult groups meeting this month are the Crime Reading Group and the CHIPPS reading group for parents and young children. The Crime Reading Group meets on 2nd July from 10.30-11.30am, and the CHIPPS group on the 6th July between 10 and 11am. The Crime Reading Group will meet as normal in August, but CHIPPS are taking a break. Colour and Create is also meeting on 6th July, at 2-4pm, and then taking a break for the summer. You are very welcome to attend any of these meetings, and to obtain further information from staff.

Age Concern are breaking for the summer at the end of June, and will return again on 7th September. If you have any enquiries for them it will be best to contact the area office on 01256 423874. The Thursday morning craft groups are also not meeting during this time.

We hope that you have a very enjoyable summer, and hope to see you in the Library during that time. Please follow us on social media to keep up-to-date with the latest information.

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