

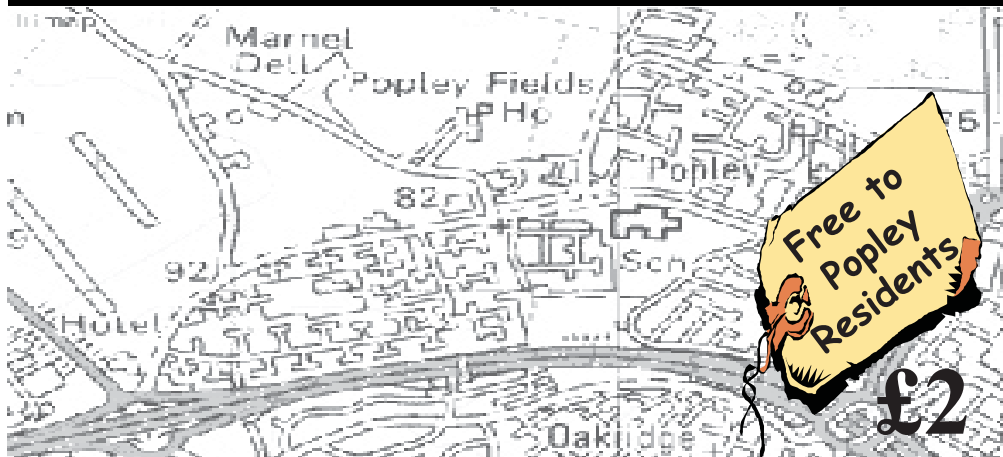
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Editor
Jane Frankum

Message from the Editor: I know we love the warmth and sunshine and we really should not moan, but? Please remember to use the right sun block and wear appropriate clothes to cover up, and a hat if you are going to spend anytime in the glaring sun., Especially look out for our little ones and don't forget to make sure you drink plenty of refreshing water.

There is quite a lot to do and keep you occupied over the summer time and there are some suggestions on the following pages: page 5 Melrose Hall, page 9 Summer Streetz, page 11 What's on in Popley Fields, and Page 14 has even more ideas of things to do. Or you could look at being a volunteer on page 1 with Basingstoke Voluntary Action based at The Orchard near the Civic Offices. There are even more ideas and suggestions from The Royal Voluntary Service on page 17. Lastly you could becoming a deliverer of Popley Matters? Details as usual are below.

In my role this year as Mayor of Basingstoke and Deane I have met hundreds of wonderful volunteers and many groups and charities that I never knew existed. The Charity I have set up aims to help new and small groups that need either small grants to set up or buy equipment or need advice. Anyone can donate via Basingstoke Voluntary Action or on the Basingstoke and Deane Borough website, just go into Mayor and all you need to know is on there. I do have to apologize though if you tried before as the site did not work but it has now been put right. If you want more details or want to ask me any questions, you can contact me on myr@basingstoke.gov.uk. I will be setting up via BVA a justgiving page. Contact me either by phone on 01256 819924 or email: editor@popleymatters.org.uk. You can also follow the Mayor by Twitter and I am trying to learn how to use it!



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About the Volunteer Centre in Basingstoke

There are many benefits to volunteering: you can add to your CV, gain experience and skills and a reference; but you can also meet people, make friends and have fun. Many people who aren't working, whether through choice, unemployment, ill health or retirement, find volunteering helps them to feel connected to the world, gives them routine and purpose and an enormous sense of satisfaction. Whether you are interested in office admin, practical tasks, gardening, driving, supporting older people, disabled people, young people, people with mental health issues or families facing challenges, there is a role for you! There are roles which will demand a lot of commitment and energy, and others that you can dip into and out of, depending upon your other commitments. There are even "one-off" roles which can be carried out very occasionally – but you are still contributing to your community and making a difference!

If you are interested in volunteering, you can find out about which roles are available in a number of ways; we have a Facebook page www.facebook.com/basingstokevc where we regularly post details of volunteer roles, and we feature roles on a rolling basis on the Basingstoke Voluntary Action website <http://www.bvaction.org.uk/looking-to-volunteer/featured-volunteering-roles>

We're also available to chat via email or phone, or you can book an appointment to meet one of our Volunteer Advisors who can help you to explore which sorts of roles might be right for you. There is no obligation and you aren't signing up for anything - but you could find out about how to do something tremendous!

We currently use the Do-It website to advertise voluntary roles to those looking online, but over the summer and autumn we are moving to a more locally based web platform, covering North Hampshire. We believe the new site will enable us to offer a better service to both volunteers and community organisations alike. Watch out for more publicity later in the year. In the meantime, do check out www.do-it.org.uk if you'd like to see what's available now.

Community Organisations

The Volunteer Centre works with hundreds of local community and voluntary organisations offering support with recruitment of volunteers and spreading the word about particular needs for volunteers far and wide. If you are part of a community group that is in need of volunteers, do contact us to talk about how we can help to advertise your need for volunteers. We can also put your needs out to local companies who may be able to offer a team for a day for a one-off project, or an individual with very specific skills such as business planning, marketing, graphic design and much more.

We also offer training in Attracting, Retaining and Supporting your Volunteers, so if you have trouble finding them, keeping them or knowing what to do with them – we may be able to help.

We can also assist with DBS checks and can offer guidance on whether and when they are required, and when they are not. We are a Registered Body and so can complete applications for your staff and volunteers for a small fee.

We hope that if you would like support to volunteer or to work with volunteers, you will make use of us. Apart from DBS checks, our services are free of charge to members of Basingstoke Voluntary Action (registration is also free). We look forward to hearing from you!



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Councillors' Page: Hampshire County Council has decided to do weed killing only once a year and the estates are becoming overgrown with weeds. I feel that this becomes a health and safety hazard especially on public pathways and around our roads and roundabouts. If you see areas where you think that it is a hazard please contact me It looks like Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council may have to step in and cover this vital service!

Household Recycling Centre hours have been cut and are likely to be cut more. This now makes it even harder to recycle. Many householders may be at work and can only get to the dump outside of office hours. I am concerned it will bring yet more fly tipping in the borough. Your local Labour County Councillors have successfully obtained an official review of the decision on the closing of ten of the eleven Children's Centres in Basingstoke and Deane. The one centre they propose to leave open is in Buckskin and not even on a bus route. The hearing will be at the end of July after this has gone into print. I will report back later though they seem determined to go ahead despite the objections raised by Labour and the Children's support groups as well as many professionals. Cllr Jane Frankum 01256 819924 email jane.frankum@hants.gov.uk

Popley West: We had a meeting with regard to the long overdue old tennis courts in Tintern Close. Over many years we have met residents, Police Community Officers, youths and council officers and on several occasions it was agreed that they need to be repaired and used and not left overgrown and derelict. Plans were drawn and now the youths that took part have children of their own, this area needs sorting out! We are meeting with officers to progress this.

Melrose Hall has a new kitchen thanks to us backing their request for funds from the Local Infrastructure Fund. Also Popley Fields have had improvements and St Gabriel's will have its facilities improved immensely too.

We continue to campaign and fight for better play and leisure facilities in Popley Community Park. We would like to see more green gym equipment like in Pershore Road Park. We will insist on public consultation.

If you have any comments or concerns we are easily reached by email as below, council website www.basingstoke.gov.uk phone 01256 819924 or 07974098131 or you can write to 405 Abbey Road RG24 9EL

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Popley East: The Splash Pool at Chineham Park is proving to very popular and attracting a large number of children on a daily basis despite the fact that the weather has been poor since it was opened to the public.

The general view seems to be that it is a much better facility than the original paddling pool and the fact that it should require a minimum of daily maintenance means it can available for use almost continuously.

We were able to argue as Councillors for the opening times to be extended until 7pm throughout the summer holidays and into September. One or two problems have occurred regarding security but we are working to resolve these with the Council supported by the local community.

Many of the complaints we receive throughout the area relate to the upkeep of the estate by the Councils and other agencies, or more to the point the lack of upkeep of the estate.

In particular the County Council's cut backs in their programme of weed killing have resulted in many roads and footpaths throughout Popley East becoming an eyesore and a hazard to those with mobility issues or those who use children's buggies on footpaths for example.

We are working on this and are determined to get weed killing done on a regular cycle for the general benefit of residents.

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Our computer hub is proving very popular. We have three work stations that are available for free and use every day from 9.00am until noon with full access to the internet and even free access to Ancestry.com. Printing is also available at 10p per A4 sheet (black and white). We also offer instruction in the use of computers and the internet. For use of the computers just turn up, first come first served. For computer instruction please ring the office to book an appointment.

We now have three Baby and Toddler groups running at the hall, on a Tuesday (9.30-11.30am) is Popley Little People run by our volunteers (closed for the summer holidays, re-opening September), on a Thursday we have two different groups that run fortnightly opposite each other, the first is Messy Muffins run by Muffins Dream Foundation (10.00am-12.00pm) and the second is Finley and Friends (10.00-11.30) and run by Michelle Teague a local resident and Mum. Please see dates listed below

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 9.30am Free group bike ride (open group)
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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

WEDNESDAY:

THURSDAY:

9.30-11.30am Community Cafe

FRIDAY:

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10.00am Free group bike ride (Ladies only)
 9.00am-4.00 pm 7TH Day Adventist Church
 10am Sabbath School - Bible Study
 11.30am Divine Worship
 1pm Free Community Lunch

SATURDAY:

Contact Emanuel Ampofo on 07456068812 for further details

EVENING AVAILABLE FOR HIRE

SUNDAY:

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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

As I write the temperature is around 25 degrees C, the sky is a cloudless blue and it feels like summer! Well that's because it is – hurray! The school term is coming to a close and we'll soon be into the six-week break. It has been an absolute privilege to take some end of term assemblies and to be able to join with a couple of the schools on their sports day and to see the energy and enthusiasm – not just of the children (as boundless as their energy always seems to be) but to see that same energy and enthusiasm in the teachers and staff at the schools even after a very long half term. They all certainly deserve what I'm sure will be a welcome break.

I'm a fan of social media. It can be such a helpful tool in keeping in touch with folk, in sharing in joys and sorrows, in providing encouragement in difficult times and indeed, much amusement at some of the very funny posts that people share!

However, it is always saddening when folk use social media to post unwarranted and unhelpful comments, especially where our schools are concerned. As a parent myself I understand the need to defend our children when we feel they may be on the receiving end of what seems to us to be an unfair or unjust treatment. Social media should not be the platform for retaliation! Comments posted in the heat of the moment can so easily cause great hurt to folk who are trying their very best to improve the lives of our children and our community and have responsibility for several hundred children a day. I know each and every one of the head teachers and so many of the staff that teach and work in our schools and they are a very dedicated, loving, and very caring group of individuals, all of whom champion an open door policy so that if there is an issue it can be dealt with promptly, properly and face-to-face so that there is clarity and a right resolution for all concerned.

The Bible teaches that we should respect and pray for those who are in authority as they bear particular burdens of responsibility. I personally take this very seriously and at St Gabriel's we make a point to pray for all our community leaders, including local councillors, head teachers, police, and medical staff and others without whom our communities could not function.

Please will you join with me in wishing all the staff at our schools a well earned and well deserved summer break and may they return relaxed and refreshed with the same boundless joy, energy and enthusiasm that I know the children will be bringing to the new term in the autumn.

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Something to Celebrate

On Thursday 14 July we held our annual Celebration Evening. The event was attended by our wonderful Mayor, Jane Frankum and was a perfect opportunity to come together as a community to celebrate the achievements of our young people. For me it was a massive pleasure to be able to personally congratulate all the students as they received their awards and they loved meeting the mayor too.

Our guest speaker was Simon Harmer, a former medic in the armed forces who lost the bottom half of both his legs in an explosion in Afghanistan. As he spoke it was clear to us all that here is a man with great courage who has come through the most tragic of circumstances. We were all clearly impressed and moved by his story and also inspired to seek to be just as courageous as him in our own lives.

For more information on Simon please visit the www.blow-away.org website.

It's Time to Hit the Streetz for this Year's Summer Fun

Summer Streetz is back for its eighth year this summer holiday, bringing a whole host of fun, free and exciting activities to the borough from Monday 25 July to Friday 26 August 2016.

The Summer Streetz project is funded by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, working with partners from public, private and community sectors such as Anvil Arts and Safer Basingstoke and Deane.

Summer Streetz will include activities such as street dance, laser tag and other creative and active sessions, giving 11 to 17 year olds the chance to try something new and socialise during the summer holiday evenings.

Building on last year's successful programme, the summer holiday sessions will run at community venues across the borough including Bramley, Oakridge, Brighton Hill, Rooksdown, Bucksin, Hatch Warren, Sherfield Park and South Ham.

The borough council's Cabinet Member for Communities and Community Safety Cllr Simon Bound said: "The Streetz sessions have become popular and valued with each year they have run, so it's wonderful that young people will get the chance to attend once again, and that community groups and volunteers are taking the time to make this happen."

To find out more about Streetz and to view the programmes visit www.basingstoke.gov.uk/streetz, or the Facebook page 'Summer Streetz'



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Basingstoke Men's Shed

In the UK, lots of happy hours are spent in garden sheds making and mending things – but it can be even more enjoyable getting out of the house and doing this in a group. Basingstoke Shed is one of the newest of over 300 “Men’s Sheds” operating in the UK where people can meet, work on their own or on joint projects and get and receive advice. We work in wood and metal but are open to other areas including: motors, gardening, computers/electronics – anything you might do in a shed!

Basingstoke Shed is independently run and it is actively supported by various organisations. It meets at the Everest Community Academy in a dedicated workshop - there are lots of different types of tools there to use.

If the idea appeals to you, then come along and see us, try us out and see if you like it (about 6000 people across the UK do and are members of a Shed). See our website, www.basingstokeshed.org.uk for further details and current opening times or call Mike on 07767 396316 for more details.

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Tuesday	9.30 to 12.30 - Messy Monsters	1.00 to 2.00 - Parkinson's Group	4.30 to 8.30 - MG Dance	7.00 to 8.00 - Yoga 7.30 to 10.00 - Knights Circle
Wednesday	10.00 to 11.00 - Tai Chi 10.00 to 12.00 - Baby Clinic 11.15 to 12.15 - Breathe Easy Exercise Class	2.00 to 4.00 - Forever Young over 50's group		6.45 to 9.45 - Silverwings Line Dancing 7.00 to 9.00 - Adventure Ranger Corp
Thursday		1.00 to 3.00 - Emras English Classes		6.30 to 7.30 - Skip Fit 7.00 to 9.30 - Youth Club 12 to 15's 7.45 to 8.45 - Zumba
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Scouting in pictures for the summer



Pictures from Cub Summer camp
Youlbury Scout5 Activity Centre

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Discover Board Games

Saturday 13 August / 10am – 1pm / FREE / Ages 3+

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Wednesday 17 August / 4pm – 5pm / FREE / Ages 11-15

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Children's Crafts

Saturday 20 August / from 10am / FREE / Ages 3+

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Wednesday 24 August / 4pm – 5pm / FREE

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Discover Board Games

Saturday 27 August / 10am – 1pm / FREE / Ages 3+

The Big Friendly Read, Summer reading Challenge 2016

Children's Crafts

Tuesday 30 August / from 10am / FREE / Ages 3+

Matilda

Creative Writing for Young Adults

Wednesday 31 August / 4pm – 5pm / FREE / Ages 11-15

Gain confidence in your writing and meet like-minded people in this friendly group.

Museum of Army Flying Secures Heritage Lottery Fund Support

Hampshire's Museum of Army Flying has received a major boost towards its ambitious £2.7million development plan by successfully securing funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF).

Based at Middle Wallop and serving as the regimental museum of the Army Air Corps, the Museum of Army Flying has embarked upon *Project Eagle* to transform the museum and ensure the engaging and inspiring story of British Army Flying continues to be told for future generations.

Project Eagle will see greatly improved educational facilities and a substantial community and volunteer programme. The fully accessible museum will house exciting new exhibits, a modernised archive, a new entrance foyer and improved volunteer workshops.

The initial HLF development grant of £182,500 will consist of appointing contractors and ensuring the successful delivery of the programme over the next two years. A further £1.5million has been earmarked towards delivering the project and a second application for the full grant will be made at a later date.

A memorial for the 5,000 soldiers that have died in the service of British Army Flying since the 1870s will also be built as part of the project although this will not be funded by the HLF.

The programme is likely to take up to five years to complete and the Museum will need to fundraise a further £1million itself.

Chris Munns, CEO of the Museum of Army Flying said 'This result is a great endorsement of the importance of this Museum and the heritage it preserves. We are determined to raise the additional £1m that we need to uphold the legacy of courage, comradeship and innovation that is the story of British Army Flying'.

Fundraising for all aspects of *Project Eagle* is already underway and donations can be made via the Museum's website at www.armyflying.com or by calling 01264 784421.



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Royal Voluntary Service Launches a New Home from Hospital Service in Basingstoke

Could you volunteer for just 1 to 2 hours a week to make a real difference in enhancing older people's lives?

Royal Voluntary Service is looking for volunteers to visit older people returning home from hospital to support them in reclaiming their confidence at home and in the community. Anyone can become a volunteer, even one hour a week can make a difference to the quality of an older person's life.

This short-term, friendly service enables volunteers to help older people by collecting prescriptions, shopping or simply by visiting for a cup of tea and a chat. This will significantly reduce the loneliness older people experience, when getting out and about is difficult. Royal Voluntary Service is calling on local people in Basingstoke to give up just 1 to 2 hours of their time for six weeks to become a volunteer for the service, which is tailored to the individual requirements of each person.

Lisa Knight Operations Manager, Hampshire, Dorset & Wiltshire said:

“This service will make such a difference to older people returning home from hospital. By introducing a volunteer to help with the small aspects of daily life, older people are supported to regain their independence and social life post-hospital stay.”

There is no specialised requirement for volunteers, you just need to;

- possess a willingness and desire to help
- be committed to providing reliable, consistent support
- enjoy sharing your time with others and meeting new people.

The benefits to both volunteers and older people are numerous and rewarding;

- you meet new people
- you learn new things about others and the area in which you live
- people retain their independence and self-esteem
- volunteers experience a feeling of contributing to an invaluable service.



If you are interested in volunteering and would like more information about the service, please contact Natalie Roebuck on 07919 880629 or Natalie.Roebuck@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk and Lesley Bridge on 07500 811180 or Lesley.Bridge@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk.





Lions Club of Basingstoke

Website www.basingstokelions.org.uk

At the end of this month we had our annual handover of duties dinner. The next year is a particularly significant for us because, not only is it 50 years since our Club was chartered, but we are celebrating the occasion by appointing our first woman President, Ann Vicars. She has been with us for four years now and during that time has taken on a number of roles to all of which she has brought her own particular brand of innovation and attention. She started off as Tail Twister which is a wonderful way of getting to know the members and their foibles. She then rapidly became Membership Secretary, organized our first World Sight Day and Lions Awareness Day and took on the Vice Presidency. The "Meet the Members" page of our website gives a warts and all description of her various activities. But, alas, I have had to use some wart remover. We enter our 50th year in a spirit of unwarranted optimism.

Fundraising:

The Lions Den, our putting game, raised £804 this season. At 4 balls for £1 that means 3,216 bends and stretches to pick up golf balls. No wonder we're all as fit as butchers' dogs.

Welfare:

Locally we paid out a mere £375 to cover hardship cases. But, disasters around the world have taken a heavy toll on our Lions Clubs International Foundation(LCIF): £175,000 to the latest Japanese Earthquake Appeal: £105,000 to the Ecuadorean Earthquake Appeal: £49,000 for Flood relief and £70,000 for a measles vaccination program in Zimbabwe. Lions Clubs all over the world contribute voluntarily to these causes, and all the donations are administered through local Lions Clubs who have to account for them to LCIF.

Upcoming Events:

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

Otherwise we have a **Motown Evening** at the RBL on 24 September, a **Mardi Gras Style Jazz Party** at Viabes with the **Sussex Jazz Kings** on 29 October followed on the 19th November by **Quiz Night** at the Cliddesden Millenium Hall.

Website:

Our Julian has gone completely mad with the website in his efforts to drag us into the 20th (or is it 21st) century. Go to our Events calendar, click on an event, get all the details, buy your tickets on line. Whatever is the world coming to?



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Guiders' Noughties Birthdays

We are lucky enough to have a thriving and growing team of Leaders in Popley & Oakridge District, although we are always needing new volunteers like everyone else! However our diversity of ages has recently been celebrated with 4 “zero” birthdays within our district! A 30th, 50th, 60th and 70th was celebrated last week with a meal out to a local pub. Of course no celebration would go amiss without balloons and the obligatory birthday cake and “Happy Birthday” song!

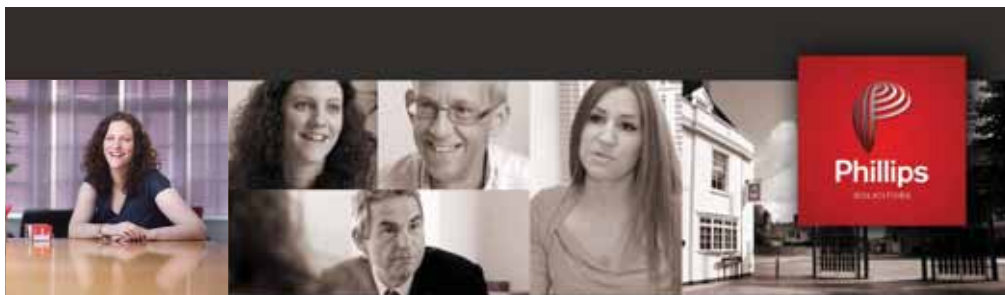
We have 18 Leaders within the district who between them run 2 Rainbow units, 3 Brownie packs, 2 Guide units and a Senior section and between us all we have over 250 years worth of volunteering within Girlguiding, mostly within our own district! The ladies with the zero birthdays who include Becky Johnson, Sue Saunders, Sue Laming and Barbara Guntrip, account for 102 of these years. In September we are looking forward to two of our young Leaders stepping up to become Leaders in training which will help with instilling new ideas and adventures to keep Guiding alive and growing within our district.

Thank you ladies for all your support and help over the years - here's looking forward to more zero birthday celebrations going forward!

Sue Saunders
Popley & Oakridge District Commissioner

Should your daughter want to join Girlguiding please follow this link:- http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get_involved/register_your_interest.aspx





Leasehold Property and what it means for you

By Hayley Eachus, Solicitor & Leasehold Specialist

Leasehold property is owned for a fixed period of time. The property is owned under the terms of a lease. This is a legal agreement with the landlord (often known as the freeholder). The lease sets out how many years you will own the property for, when the lease expires, the ownership of the property returns to the landlord.

This means that if you own a leasehold property or are interested in buying one the most important information to find out is how long remains on the term of the lease. This can have an impact on any lending you take out against the property (i.e. a mortgage) as financial institutions can be very wary about lending against a leasehold property with less than 70 years remaining on the lease without knowing the premium required to extend the lease.

There are strict rules and processes to be followed when extending a lease and a premium must be paid to the landlord. However, it does see an extension of 90 years to your current term and transfers you to a peppercorn (nominal) ground rent if done properly.

For many leaseholders coming towards the seventy-year mark or below extending your lease really could be the answer. However, determining an appropriate value for the extension is essential so you would need to consult a surveyor.

It is also only right to note that as soon as you serve notice to your landlord of your intention to extend the lease you become liable for their legal and related costs. It is important to make sure you do it properly or it could cost more than you bargained for.

If you currently own a leasehold property or are looking at buying a leasehold property you can contact Hayley Eachus on 01256 854633 or email hayley.eachus@phillips-law.co.uk

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Another fantastic season came to a close in May, and once again we have seen some excellent football.

Here's the tournament & league information for all MFC Popley Youth teams (with the exception of our u13s & u15s).

Age Group/Team	Result	League/Tournament
U7	• Great games played	• Farnborough 2016 Tournament
U8	• Great games played	• Tadley Calleva 2016 Tournament (non-competitive)
U9	• Semi Finalists • Cup Runners Up • Cup Winners	• Sandhurst Town 2016 Tournament • Woodley Saints 2016 Tournament • Fleet Spurs 2016 Tournament
U11 Venom	• Divisional Runners Up • Cup Runners Up	• North East Hants Youth League • Woodley Saints 2016 Tournament
U11 Predators	• Plate Winners • Semi Finalists	• Woodley Saints 2016 Tournament • Andover New Street 2016 Tournament
U12 Dynamos	• Quarter Finalists	• Eversley & California 2016 Tournament
U14	• Quarter Finalists	• Andover New Street 2016 Tournament
U16	• Division 3 Winners • Semi Finalists • Quarter Finalists	• North East Hants Youth League • Thatcham Tornados 2016 Tournament • Thatcham Tornados 2016 Tournament

As of September 2016, MFC Popley Youth will be moving home grounds to Mays Bounty, Fairfields 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 & 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.

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

Club Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Club Welfare Officer: mfcpopleyyouth@live.co.uk

Volunteer enquiries: volunteer@mfcpopleyyouth.co.uk

All-Stars Recruitment: allstars@mfcpopleyyouth.co.uk

Zak Collingwood



Dear Readers,
The Shakespeare Community Residents Association has been involved with your local Councillors in many of the changes in and around the area over the last few years. These include new gardens and improvements to greens between houses, outdoor gym equipment and the wet play area in Chineham Park, outdoor gym equipment in the field behind the Shakespeare House Health

Centre, and new play equipment in the middle of the estate. We celebrated the Olympics and the Queen's Jubilee in 2012, we held a barbeque in Chineham Park as well as a hog roast. We have taken part in the Popley Christmas Extravaganza's and Popley Festival for the last 4 years. In that time, we have lost all but 3 of the committee members and have been unable to recruit any new volunteers. When no-one came to the hog roast, and despite every household having a letter no one attended AGMs other than committee members, morale crashed. Over the last couple of years, we have carried on doggedly and run ourselves into the ground trying to encourage interest. However as there has been no response, and due to failing health the last three members are pulling out. With a heavy heart, I am giving notice that Shakespeare Community Residents Association is officially folded as from 9th July 2016.

From that date, wherever possible, equipment we have acquired will be handed over to the community store which holds items available to loan to local community groups. All funds left will be transferred to Popley Fields Community Association so it will still be used to benefit the local area.

We would like to thank those of you that have helped and supported us in the past, we could not have kept going for so long without you.

Julie Johnson

Chair of Shakespeare Community Residents Association.

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Thinking of joining or know someone who might be interested? For more information contact:
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Keen fundraiser takes the plunge for Cats Protection

A brave fundraiser from Old Basing in Basingstoke aims to raise money for local cats by taking part in a daring skydive with the Red Devils.

The Red Devil 15,000 feet Tandem Skydive takes place on 23rd August over Salisbury Plain and offers a unique and challenging opportunity for adrenaline junkies looking to complete their own skydive while raising vital funds for Cats Protection.

Anne Taylor is particularly looking forward to the challenge and aims to raise a minimum of £750 for Cats Protection's Basingstoke & District Branch.

Anne has been Treasurer for the Basingstoke & District Branch of Cats Protection for more than 6 years, so she knows about all the bills and expenses.

Anne said: "I'm a keen supporter of Cats Protection's Basingstoke & District Branch and wanted to help raise funds for them to continue their great work. They do a great job in caring for cats and taking the plunge with a skydive is a great way to support them in raising money. This will be my first skydive and a big challenge for me.

"At Basingstoke, we don't have a centre, we're all volunteers working from our own homes with a network of fosterers, so every penny raised goes directly to the care and upkeep of the cats in our care."

Gayna Ballard, Branch Co-ordinator of Cats Protection's Basingstoke & District Branch said: "We are very grateful for the support we're receiving from Anne. Her big challenge will make a huge difference to local cats."

The Red Devils are one of the world's most famous parachute display teams and they only instruct tandem skydivers for a limited period of time during their busy schedules.

The flight to jump altitude takes around 15-20 minutes – enough time to take in exhilarating views of the Salisbury countryside. Participants will experience 45 seconds of freefall before reaching speeds in excess of 120mph and finally opening the parachute at around 5,000 feet. Here, they'll experience a five minute descent, complete with spectacular views and the cheers of fellow jumpers, Cat Protections supporters, friends and family.

For more details about the Red Devil Tandem Skydive, or to sign up for the challenge yourself, visit www.cats.org.uk/events.

To sponsor Anne Taylor, visit <http://www.justgiving.com/LittleDevilAnne> or Text CPBD60 followed by the amount to 70070

Jam-packed June and July at Merton Junior School



The Merton Junior School choir, Merton Melodies, left many at St Michael's church in tears with their beautiful rendition of The Lord of Sea and Sky at the inauguration service for the new Mayor of Basingstoke Cllr. Jane Frankum on Sunday 26th June.

We were approached by Rev Arthur to sing at the Mayor's Civic Service at her request. Mayor, Cllr Frankum has long been a friend of Merton Junior School and we were both honoured and pleased to be part of this important occasion for her.

It is at this time of year that we are thinking about our year 6 pupils moving on to secondary school.

As we have done in the past, we took them to the University of Winchester for an insight into Higher Education, something that they can all aspire to do. This year the children were able to see how a TV studio worked by visiting a multimedia suite and were able to be have a go at filming and performing a weather report, great fun had by all!



At the end of the day, all of the Year 6 pupils from Merton graduated' from Junior School, they all looked totally amazing in their caps and gowns.



The Year 6 children have also been working very hard to produce their end of year performance, 'Wind in the Willows'.

This has already received rave reviews from parents, carers, grandparents and everyone else who came to the evening performance. An emotional finale saw the audience reach for the tissues! Well done Year 6, we are so proud of



you all!



On Thursday 7th July Merton Junior School, armed with bucket and spades, descended on Dorset as the entire school went to Bournemouth beach. The weather was a little cloudy but that did not dampen the spirits of the school as they completed



sandcastles, sand sculptures and, as with all trips to the seaside, demolished ice creams whilst watching the waves lapping in and out.

What a fantastic way to end such a busy year!

All at Merton Junior School wish you all a very happy summer! See you all in September.



Chineham Library

We are now well into the Summer months, although the weather up until now might have as think otherwise. This means that we have begun our annual Summer Reading Challenge for primary school children. This year it is called the 'Big Friendly Read', and has a Roald Dahl theme. We would welcome all local children who want to participate, by reading six books during the Summer, in order to earn a medal and certificate. The finish date is the 18th September, so there is still plenty of time to join in, even if you have not yet registered. We would love to be able to exceed last year's totals. Any of the staff would be happy to give you details, and there are also web pages and apps that you can look at. From 27th July – 31st August, children are also invited to come to drop-in craft sessions related to the 'Big Friendly Read', which are taking place in the library on Wednesdays, starting at 10am and finishing at 1 or 2pm. Leaflets are available in the library about this. As well as craft sessions, we are also running competitions such as quizzes, with exciting prizes to be won.

Most of the regular library activities including CHIPPS, Age Concern computer sessions, Thursday craft groups, and Colour and Create are taking a break for the Summer. For details of when these will resume look out for the September Chineham Chat, follow us on social media or ask the library staff. The Crime Reading Group is still meeting, and the date for that is the 6th August from 10.30 to 11.30am. Due to staff moves you will see some new faces involved in running a number of these activities. Other activities which are continuing are the rhymetimes and storytimes. However there will not be a Saturday craft session for August. From 19th July until August rhymetime reduces to one session per week commencing at 10am, alternating between under ones and over ones. The regular Saturday storytime for pre-school children will take place at 10am every Saturday. So there is plenty here to keep your children and grandchildren occupied over the Summer!

August sees the 2016 Rio Olympics and Paralympics take place, and we will also be celebrating these events with some displays in the library. We would love to see you in the Library during the Summer and hope that you enjoy your holidays.

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