

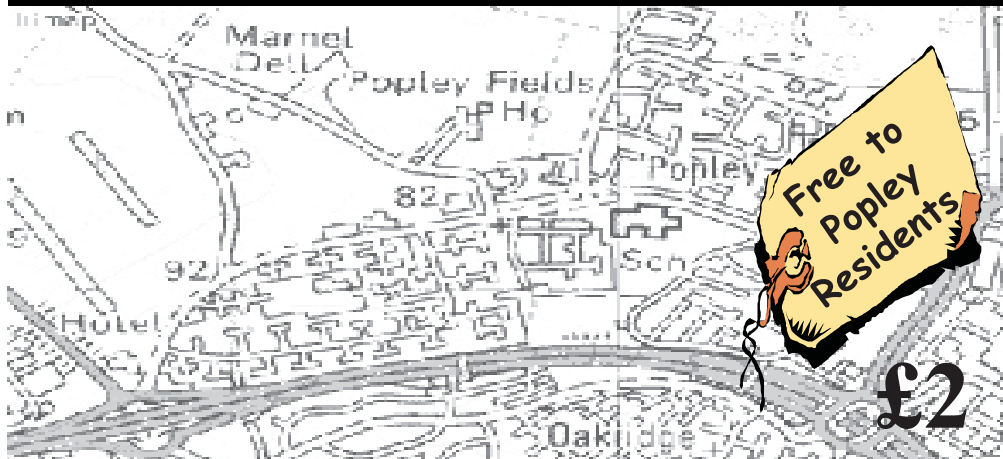
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Editor
Jane Frankum

Message from the Editor: August, and it is holiday time for most people and the long school holiday is now in full swing. I know I say it every year, but please be careful as the children may be out playing in the parks and streets.

Parking is a problem and made so much more hazardous if the cars are parked on the paths; it means the children and everyone have to walk in the road because of it. Also when people park on corners you block the sight lines, so please give it a little more thought.

On page 1 there is a report about the celebration awards at Everest Community Academy, also is Basingstoke Voluntary Action who are happy to advise and help if you want to set up a community or charity group. Page 4 has an article from our PCSOs and some advice about reporting anti-social behaviour. Merton Junior School is on page 9 and they certainly seem to have been doing lots of different things at the school. Marnel and Merton Conservation Volunteers are on page 12 if you want to learn more about our Popley ponds. Page 14 has the report from The Basingstoke Lions Club, another good organisation that helps people in the community. Page 11 has a little about Basingstoke Shed and they will always welcome new members. Another way to spend some leisure time is at Marnell Bowls, see page 16. Still got time and you may want to help! Probus Club is on page 17. I know Paul, our sub editor, is going to be busy as he is going to do The Moonlight Walk for St Michael's Hospice, he is doing it in memory of his Dad who died 6 years ago, his granddad, and friends that we have lost to cancer. If you would like to sponsor him you can do it on line or get in touch with us. Page 15 is the poster for the Mayor's Charity Variety Show on 7th October at the Anvil. The compere and starring is Steve Hewlett with Arthur Lager and other friends. Tickets have just gone on sale and are going very fast so, as they say, book now to avoid disappointment! There will be a cast of about 300 so something for everyone and you will be helping local charities too. Finally we need more volunteers to deliver Popley Matters. I apologise if sometimes the magazines seem a bit on the late side but we need more help. Contact me on 819924 or email editor@popleymatters.org.uk



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Everest Community Academy Celebration 2017

At our Celebration Evening on Thursday many students stood proud as they received their awards and recognition from their teachers, family, friends and the Mayor, Cllr. Paul Frankum, who joined us to give out the awards and to say a few words.

I am so proud that Everest Community Academy is a school the community and our students can be proud of. In this case though, pictures really do speak louder than words...



Basingstoke Voluntary Action

The Group Development Team offers professional help and advice for community and charity groups in Basingstoke and Deane. If you are starting up a new charity or group, looking for funding or grants or want your charity's voice heard, we can help. We can also assist with volunteer recruitment and retention, DBS checks and training. We work in partnership with the community and are currently administering the Mayor's Community Chest.

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Hampshire County Council is asking for residents' and stakeholders' views on high level, strategic options for balancing its budget.

Due to ongoing national austerity measures; demographic changes reflecting increases in demand for some services; and inflationary pressures, by April 2019 the County Council will be facing an anticipated budget shortfall of £140 million. With less money available and growing demand for council services, tough decisions will need to be made about what the County Council can and cannot do in the future. Your feedback will help to inform the approach the County Council takes to balancing its budget. Any changes to specific services will be subject to further, more detailed consultation.

Complete the consultation online or paper copies of the information pack and response form are available to download and print, or may be requested by emailing insight@hants.gov.uk or calling 0300 555 1375. Calls charged at local rate. *Cllr Jane Frankum 01256 819924 email jane.frankum@hants.gov.uk*

Popley West: This is the update from the officer on yellow/lines for Marnel Park area. "As there were 170 objections to the first scheme it is only fair that residents should be consulted. The officer is drawing up plans and looking at the legal implications. He will then contact the residents with the options and proposal.

"A proposed traffic regulation order scheme will be assessed for inclusion in next year's work programme. This will simply look to protect certain junctions with double yellow lines to reinforce the advice of the Highway Code. You will recall that a proposal for more widespread parking controls advertised in 2015 resulted in considerable objection.

"Whilst BDBC's Civil Enforcement Officers (Parking Attendants) are able to enforce parking on yellow lines and parking adjacent to a dropped kerb pedestrian crossing point, they do not have any powers to take action against vehicles parked on a footway. Footway parking is not in itself an offence however causing an obstruction is a matter that the police can take action against. If your constituents find their way completely obstructed by a parked vehicle they may contact Hampshire Constabulary on the non-emergency 101 number.

"For information below is the link to the parking section of the Highway Code. The words 'Must not' indicate where an actual law applies."

<http://www.highwaycodeuk.co.uk/parking.html>

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Popley East: Several residents have contacted us about the dangerous manoeuvres being undertaken by drivers who are turning into Popley Way at the traffic lights and immediately undertaking a U turn near the bus stop so that they can then use the slip road taking them back on to the A33.

We have reported this to the Highways Authority who have confirmed that they will be making some improvements to the layout to mitigate this and these works will be carried out in conjunction with the improvement works to the Crockford Roundabout. We have no timescales at present but will keep you updated.

We have written before about the pilot bus scheme number 55 which travels between Old Basing and the hospital, via Shakespeare Road. Following our article several residents got in touch to tell us that they had not been aware of the service and so we arranged for flyers to be produced which were placed in the local shops, community centres and the doctors surgery. Facebook advertising was also undertaken and we are now seeing much higher usage. That said we need to continue to increase passenger numbers to ensure that the service can remain so please do use it and pass on the message.

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Hello everyone,

I hope you are all having a wonderful summer. Myself and the North beat team have been taking advantage of the lovely weather and cycling to our jobs!

Unfortunately, this weather can attract anti-social behaviour and, although we do everything we can to try to prevent it, it still happens. Reporting anti social behaviour and crime helps us to identify patterns and problem areas. We do however note that some reports are very vague and we are then unable to identify the perpetrators because of this. Even something as little as what they are wearing can be a lot more helpful. Here are some things to take into consideration when giving us a description:

- Ethnicity
- Age
- Sex
- Build
- Hairstyle & Colour
- Complexion
- Distinguishing features (tattoos, scars, beard, glasses)
- Clothing (including shoes)
- Are they carrying anything?

I am pleased to announce that PCSO Matt Dowding is moving on to become a Police Officer! This does however mean that we will be losing him as one of Basingstoke's local PCSOs and I am sure that many of you will be sad to see him leave. Replacing him, is PCSO Dean Drummon, pictured right. He is a very friendly character so if you pass him feel free to stop and have a chat.



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Monday evening C.M.A. keep fit and kick boxing from 6.30-8.00pm.

Tuesday evening Community bingo, doors open at 7.00pm, eyes down at 8.00pm. Finish around 9.45pm (light refreshments available at halftime)

Thursday evening Street dance and ballet classes for two and a half years to adult 4.30 - 6.30pm, school term time. Please contact Samantha Pike on 07811299484

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Friday evening Friday Club (children) 6 - 7pm

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Time	Week 1 Tuesday 1 st August, Thursday 3 rd August	Week 2 Tuesday 8 th August, Wednesday 9 th August Thursday 10 th August	Week 3 Tuesday 15 th August Wednesday 16 th August Thursday 17 th August	Week 4 Tuesday 22 nd August Wednesday 23 rd August Thursday 24 th August	Week 5 Tuesday 29 th August Wednesday 30 th August Thursday 31 st August
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Please note that pop ups will be weather dependent. Please check our Facebook page 'RCSSERVICES' for regular updates



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Thank you to everyone who came to our 20th birthday party!! It was great to see so many members of our local community celebrating with us!

We are very close to the start of the refurbishment and extension works on the hall!!! A long time in the planning! Watch this space.

New in August!!! Bingo!! Every Monday doors open at 12.30pm, eyes down 1.00pm, entrance 50p refreshments available.

WHAT'S ON IN AUGUST:

MONDAY:	DAYTIME AND EVENING HIRE AVAILABLE
	12.30-2.30pm Bingo! New
	7.30-10.00pm Peregrinus Healing and Holistic
	2.30-11.00pm AVAILABLE FOR HIRE
TUESDAY:	9.30am-12.00pm Popley Little People
	12.00-5.00pm AVAILABLE FOR HIRE
	5.00-7.30pm Suma Karate
	7.30-11.00pm AVAILABLE FOR HIRE
WEDNESDAY:	9.00am Slimming World
	11.00am Slimming World
	12.45-4.30pm AVAILABLE FOR HIRE
	11.45am-1.30pm Oasis Lunch club
	5.30 and 7.30pm Slimming World
	9.00-11.00pm AVAILABLE FOR HIRE
THURSDAY:	9.30-11.30am Community Café
	8.00am-8.00pm AVAILABLE FOR HIRE
	8.00-9.00pm 4 Fits Sake
	9.00-11.00pm AVAILABLE FOR HIRE
FRIDAY:	8.00-10.00am AVAILABLE FOR HIRE
	10.00am-1.30pm Melrose Tots
	1.30-6.15pm AVAILABLE FOR HIRE
	6.15-9.15pm Friday Youth Club
	9.15-11.00pm AVAILABLE FOR HIRE
SATURDAY:	9.15am-4.00pm 7 TH Day Adventist Church
	10am Sabath School – Bible Study
	11.30am Divine Worship
	1pm Free Community Lunch
	Contact Emanuel Ampofo on 07456068812 for further details
	4.00-11pm AVAILABLE FOR HIRE
SUNDAY:	Melrose Christian Fellowship - Contact Pastor Phillip Keeble on 462351 for times of services.
	1.30-5.00pm AVAILABLE FOR HIRE

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Good News at Merton Junior School

Something to shout about!!!

Good news arrived at Merton Junior School recently as we were visited by a set of Ofsted inspectors and they have judged the school to be 'good' in all categories (full report can be read on the Ofsted website

<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/ELS/116001>).



Key findings from the report highlighted that pupils: 'make strong progress from their starting points', 'behave well throughout the school day. They are polite, friendly and welcoming'. This was further elaborated upon when it stated that 'pupils get on well together and feel safe in school. They welcome visitors warmly and politely and speak enthusiastically about their learning'

It was very heart-warming to have a pupil recorded on the report as saying 'I have learned so much in this school. I feel that my future is improving every day.'

Celebrating Harry Potter

As a school we decided that it was important to highlight the wonder that is 'Harry Potter' and so we took the opportunity to celebrate twenty years since Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone was first published.

Nearly all of the children and the staff used their imagination and dressed up as characters from the books and the day consisted of work related to the stories; mixing potions as part of science and maths lessons, writing 'howlers', along with so much more.

A great day was had by all.



A 'Titanic' Adventure

As always, we took the whole school on an outing.

This year we went to the Sea City Museum in Southampton to see the 'Titanic' exhibition.

A great day was had by everyone and we managed to send some very tired children home at the end of the day!

This was a great experience for them and highlighted that due to this tragedy safety regulations are implemented to ensure that we can enjoy safer travel.

The work that the children have completed over the following days has been amazing; from survivor stories, newspaper reports, messaging using Morse code to fantastic art work.

A true reflection of the day that they enjoyed and the information that they have learned and now used to great effect.



Dear Friends

It's been one of those weeks here at St Gabriel's! It began with the arrival on the Monday of the contractors who will be building our new extension to the side of the church and extending our present hall. Boy these guys are really skilled and I'm completely fascinated by the whole process. In just five days they created and fenced the compound off then portakabins of various sizes arrived along with a digger and a dumper truck. Tuesday saw them begin the work in earnest with the marking out of the site and then digging the trenches for the footings. They moved at lightning speed and by the Friday they were pouring concrete for the footings. I'm amazed, excited and a little anxious by the speed of all the changes. In the Bible God says through the prophet Jeremiah "for I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." He's certainly doing that and we look forward to all that the new facilities will bring to this wonderful community!

Speaking of community ... on the Thursday of this week we said a farewell to Jim Guntrip. Jim was a real stalwart of Popley and a real community minded individual expressed through his contributions to Merton Infant School as caretaker and as support for his family who have actively run the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides groups at Popley Fields.

It was the largest funeral we've had at St Gabe's with just over 160 folk crammed into the church to hear and to share in the very special memories of Jim that so many of us hold.

Both the building work and Jim's funeral have one thing in common - it's all about community and at St Gabe's that is where our focus is and will always be - it must be! I hope that many of you will take the time to visit our website www.stgabrielspopley.net and take a look at the work that's going on and if you feel so moved come and visit - you'll be made perfectly welcome. Secondly, can I encourage you to become involved in your community in some small way. There are so many great groups running in and around Popley and they're always looking for more volunteers.

May God richly bless you and yours over the coming summer and may it be a fruitful one for all of us.

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For more info about BDDF and what we do, just visit our website contact mailto: info@bddf.org.uk



Our mailing address is:
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Basingstoke Shed

In the United Kingdom, 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, 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.

If the idea appeals to you, then come along and see us, try us out and see if you like it (about 6,000 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.



Popley Ponds

Phew, it's been a busy month since my last article!

We started off by doing our first pond planting at a pond off Appleton Drive which was sadly in need of some TLC. On first glance it looked like a muddy mess but whilst we were there we spotted lots of evidence of wildlife including roe deer footprints, dragonflies and newts actually swimming in the pond. This last bit is great news as it proves that the newt corridor (a green strip stretching from Carpenters Down to Everest Community Academy) is actually working. We also took the opportunity to do a survey of the pond for the Trust for Conservation Volunteers – this helps us keep our area 'on the map' so we get the support that we need.

The Marnel & Popley Conservation Volunteers is part of an umbrella organisation called Natural Basingstoke which coordinates groups right across the Basingstoke area. We were delighted when Natural Basingstoke approached us to run their stand at Basingstoke Live, not just because of the beer and chance for members to see their favourite local bands as mentioned last month honest! We had a fantastic day, great weather accompanied by lots of interest from people of all ages and our free plastic jumping frogs seemed to go down well with the children (these will be making an appearance at future events as we have hundreds of them). I think we can safely say that Popley did an awesome job for Natural Basingstoke.

All in all, an excellent month considering we can't do much work at our sites in July as it is breeding season for the newts. The group is starting to build up nicely given it didn't exist a year ago but we are always open to new members, whether your interest is in nature, working outdoors or you are simply interested in making some new friends. Feel free to like us on Facebook or contact us via the email address below.

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Lions Club of Basingstoke

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We did the old soft shoe shuffle with the top jobs in the Club this month. We swapped our first woman President (who was voted Lion of the year) for our second woman President at a convivial lunch in the Red Lion. Normally we just have a BBQ which is a nice informal way to round off the year. But this year our Welfare Chairman, Derick Lacey, who has done the job for more years than most of us can remember, was awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship in acknowledgement of the exceptional job he has done supporting those in need in Basingstoke. What pleased him more than anything else were the many, many tributes received from the people he has dealt with and helped over the years. He was truly moved. Pictures of the event will be placed on the Club News page of our website.

FUNDRAISING:

The Lions Den went to four school events. We have to congratulate Four Lanes school. Not only did they put on an exceptional event, but the kids got so expert at putting that we had to replenish our stock of prizes half way through the afternoon. Grrrrrrr!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

02/09/2017 Abseil Down the Spinnaker Tower: Our Immediate Past President Ann Vicars is doing this to support the **ABF Soldiers Charity**. If you'd like to sponsor her you can do so by contacting her through our website and then donating digitally to MS A VICARS - Nationwide Sort Code 07 01 16 - Acct 49561062 – Ref. ABFGIFTAID.

16/09/2017 The Sussex Jazz Kings at QMC: We can't get enough of these guys – they are terrific. You can buy tickets direct from our website www.basingstokelions.org.uk, from mauricehockley@hotmail.com or tel: 01256 421867, or Toucan Travel at the Chineham Shopping Centre.

WELFARE:

- a. **Team Rubicon** www.teamrubiconuk.org : The Dove House Project is currently looking at refurbishment of the Privett Centre, an Outdoors Education facility. We have agreed to fund materials to a cost of £1,250.
- b. **Disport Games:** which is an annual organised games day designed for people with a variety of disabilities is under threat. Our Club and Loddon Valley Lions Club have pledged donations to keep this valuable event for the disabled going. If anyone else is able to help in any way, please contact the Treasurer, Pauline Lentell, on 07721473465. *Without further support it will be cancelled.*

LIONS CLUB MEMBERSHIP: Put your contact details on the “Contact Us” page of our website and someone will get in touch.



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Tales of the Marnell Woods

We have a good number of new members this season, most are new to bowls with a couple joining from other clubs. They all show promise and are joining in well with our programme of matches. I enjoy playing with the new or inexperienced members, as on the whole they are keen to learn and very obliging in stepping in when asked, despite the fact that it may be the very first competitive match they have played in and nerves need to be contained. That is probably why I enjoy playing with them. I do not expect, nor ask them to do anything beyond their capabilities and find encouragement pays unexpected dividends. It seems to work as most are willing to play for me without too much hesitation.

I was asked recently if I would take a seat on the “County Committee for Short Mat”. This is probably Chinese to most of you, but bowls is regulated a bit like football etc, in so far as they have clubs, divisions, leagues, FA, etc whereas we have clubs who are affiliated to Bowls Hampshire. They are affiliated to Bowls England who are probably affiliated to something else, which is all beyond my feeble understanding. What my new post means is I am on the committee which covers all Hampshire and is responsible for arranging teams or squads to play against other counties. They are going through a reorganisation programme currently which caught my interest and persuaded me to join for Marnell's benefit, as it is better to be inside the tent than outside looking in (that is a much edited version of a saying possibly more familiar to you in its original text) Anyway if there is anything worth reporting, it will be reported here. It could be quite interesting and encourage more players to consider playing at county level if their plans work out as intended, which could be good for them and the clubs they play for. I hope this doesn't sound pretentious as I have not played for County and doubt I ever will, but there are plenty who could, and I hope will, one day.

I have hardly rolled a wood this week, but I am down for 6 matches in the next 7 days which for a "late middle aged" old codger like me may be a step too far. Maybe the next article could be written from my bed in a darkened room I have taken to in order to aid recovery. If you need any explanation on my new venture you are always welcome to call in any Tuesday between 6 and 8 pm and get it straight from the horse's mouth. As I have said before, that is our regular club night roll up and you never know, "your County needs you!"**Ray**



Introduction to the Probus Club

The Probus Club of Basingstoke has just had its 38th Annual General Meeting and this article is an introduction to those readers of Popley Matters who might like to know a little more about this social club for retired men.

There are over 4,000 Probus clubs throughout the English speaking world and today there are in excess of 180,000 members in UK.

The word Probus is an abbreviation of the words PROfessional and BUSiness, however membership is not restricted to these two groups. It also embraces former executives of Government and other organisations, in fact anyone who held a position of responsibility during their professional life.

There is no central Probus head office, instead each club follows a similar pattern of providing an opportunity for retired professionals to attend regular meetings with like-minded people who appreciate similar interests and social standing. Probus is an organisation for active retirees who enjoy the camaraderie that belonging to this organisation brings.

Probus provides a support network for professionals when they retire. These clubs were initially started for men, but over the years has seen a steady growth in Ladies and Mixed clubs. Many clubs have extensive networking, social programmes, which include meetings with other Probus clubs, group trips, holidays and involvement in community projects etc.

The Probus Club of Basingstoke is a men only club although there is a Ladies' Probus club also in Basingstoke.

For more information see their web site www.probusbasingstoke.wordpress.com or phone their secretary Paul Flint for an informal chat.





Headquarters:
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Group Scout Leader: Colin Karlake 01256 410559
Scout section: Kevin Pocock 07717 108 560
Cub Scout section: Douglas Gowan 01256 412326
Beaver Scout section: Vacant Leader post – contact GSL

The Scout section has been very busy with arranging camps and other outings for the coming months.

The Scouts were asked to bring in junk items with no idea of what they were going to be using them for, on the night they were asked to make a land mark. Any guesses as to what it was??



Sunday 16th July sees some Scouts going to Hendon Museum for the day and I am sure all will have a great time. This is not the first visit by the Scouts and it has proved very popular.

At the end of August Scouts are off to camp in Ireland and this has proved to be a popular event. They are looking forward to the adventure. They will be linking up with one of the Irish Scout groups to trade ideas and menus.

Group camp has been planned for the end of September and the take up has been good. There will be various activities for the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts to try, some of them for the first time others will be old favourites. No matter what, a good time will be had by all I am sure.



The Group is in great need of more Leaders and Helpers in all sections. Adults must satisfy Confidential Enquiry and Disclosure and Barring Service clearance but, apart from wanting to help young people have fun and extend their knowledge/skills, no other experience is required. Training is given 'on-the-job' - roles are flexible - uniformed or non-uniformed and can work round shifts/other commitments. Find out more from Group Scout Leader Colin (01256) 410559 / 07796 772 500 or e-mail colink@base2000.co.uk

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It's worth bearing in mind that mental incapacity affects more people than you might expect. Whilst accidents which result in comas are thankfully rare, according to the Alzheimer's Society over one million people in this country will suffer from dementia by 2025 and one in six of people over the age of 80 already suffer from it. LPAs are not just for elderly people but are mechanisms for planning for your future should the worst happen.

In this situation handling your financial affairs becomes extremely difficult, which is why it is good to plan ahead to help ease the potential burden on relatives and carers. Once you have lost mental capacity, the time for you to make these decisions for yourself will have passed.

There are two types of LPAs. The Property and Affairs LPA allows your Attorney to deal with your finances, dealing with paying your bills, collecting any income and benefits that you might be entitled to and possibly selling you home should the need arise.

The Health and Welfare LPA allows your Attorney to make decisions about where you might live and your day to day care but they would not be able to do so until you had lost mental capacity.

If you wish to decide what should happen to you if you were to lose mental capacity then it is important to make plans now.

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We now look forward to starting our journey on the football league ladder.

MFCPY U11s (going into U12s) We have had an amazing year, probably our best. So many positives from goalkeeper all the way up to the strikers. William, Matthew, Jaryd and Taylor came away with individual trophies at our presentation evening recently. One player who unfortunately just missed out on an award but deserves a lot of praise for his role in the team is Ben. He has been the rock in goal all season for us. Well done buddy! Thanks for all your support.

We are seeking players for the new season. If you are interested in joining our squad please contact the club at committee@mfcpopleyyouth.co.uk.

MFCPY U12s (going into U13s) What a Great Tournament Season for our U12 Teams. MFCPY Predators winning the Woodley Saints and Beacon Hill Tournaments and losing in the Semi Finals on Penalties at Oakley FC and Burghfield FC. Our MFCPY Venom team coming Runners Up at Woodley Saints and performing extremely well at Burghfield FC. Also, big congratulations to MFCPY Venom who picked up their League Winners Medals 2016-17 at the NEHYL Awards Evening.

MFCPY Girls U12s (going into U13s) The girls gave everything on an amazing day of football at the Thatcham Town Girls Tournament. Winning 5, drawing 2, topping the group with 17 points only to be beaten by Oxford City in the quarter finals.

A huge congratulations from all involved with the club as the girls were also crowned Berkshire County Girls League Division 2 Champions in a ceremony held at Reading's Madejski Stadium.

MFCPY U16s We are currently looking for players to join our U16 squad as we are looking to take a team into NEHYL, ages 16-17 mixed.

If you are interested, or know someone that might be interested in joining MFC Popley Youth, please contact the U16 coach, Darryl Bradbury, on 07825498504.

The committee would like to take this opportunity to say how proud they are of all the players, in every age group, that have taken part in tournaments, and indeed the season as a whole. There have been so many successes for the boys and girls and we hope this will carry on into future seasons.

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 (as well as individual team pages), and you can also find us on Instagram.

Contact the club -

Main website: www.mfcpopleyouth.co.uk

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6th Basingstoke Boys' Brigade Newsletter

In August our Summer Programme is now in full swing. Lots of outdoor sports like Power League sessions, rounders, cricket, runouts and more.

We've seen a surge in young people joining our group. We welcomed a few new starters to our Anchor and Junior sections plus 2 new helpers, Chloe and Chris, who have joined the ranks to support Mark and Jack. **If you would like to come find out what we are all about, we meet on a Monday night at St Gabriel's Church in Popley.**

We will be on our annual camping trip where the young people will be experiencing a full week sleeping under a tent, participating in activities that we can't fit into our usual Summer programme; kayaking and rock climbing.

During the next few months, St Gabriel's Church will be undergoing some building work, fear not, Boys' Brigade will still be meeting as usual in the church's hall so do not be deterred by the JCBs in the car park and come in.

Are you up to the challenge?

We are looking for volunteers to join our officer and helper team. We meet on a Monday evening from 6:15-7:15pm and need additional support running our younger section. Give us a ring: **07775 535434** or drop us an email: **6thbasingstokebb@gmail.com**.

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If you haven't already bought your tickets, don't forget to sign up for the Charlie's Storytelling and Teddy Bear party' on 2nd August at 10.30 – 11.15am. The charge is £3.75 per child with accompanying adults free of charge. Our previous event, the 'Strange Tales, Hidden Histories' on 6th July was thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended.

Through the month of August some regular activities will take place and some take a break. Tuesday rhymetimes are taking place as usual, with under one's at 10am and over one's at 11am. Construction Club will run weekly Saturdays from 2 – 3.30pm. There will be no Saturday crafts for August or September, but there will be a storytime every week at 10am. There is no Code Club at present, but if you are interested please make enquiries for the autumn term.

For adults, the Crime Reading group continues to meet with sessions on 5th August and 6th September at 10.30am. The CHIPPS group and Age Concern will meet again in September. For further information about any of these activities please contact the library staff.

We hope that you will enjoy your holidays and still find time to visit the library to choose items to enjoy while you are relaxing.

Cathy Foster

Over 55s Forum

Planning is well on the way for our Celebration of the 2017 "International Day for Older People". The music and dance show is on Saturday 30th September 2017 at Queen Mary's College, Cliddesden Road, Basingstoke. 2pm to 5pm. Entertainment will be provided by Alice Boyle O'Dowda Irish Dancers, No Strings Attached Band, plus MC and singer Zara King with Calyn Billings. Price per ticket is £6.00 which includes afternoon tea. This show is open to the general public and tickets will be on sale soon, so why not contact Gerald on 07792535116 or e-mail gerald.merritt@ntlworld.com to book your tickets.

The highlight of our trips for 2017 will be the Christmas Carols at the Royal Albert Hall, London on Friday 22nd December. 2.30pm performance, ticket price £35.00 plus coach fare of £12.25 (the coach fare does not need to be paid until November). These are brilliant shows with top class choirs and special well known guest singers from London shows. Anyone interested should contact Gerald on 07792535116 or e-mail gerald.merritt@ntlworld.com to get information about tickets.

The Basingstoke and Deane Over 55s Forum is still growing and there is a weekly interest of people wishing to join, which is good news. The Forum does not only look after it's members interests, they also support all Over 55s in the Borough.

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