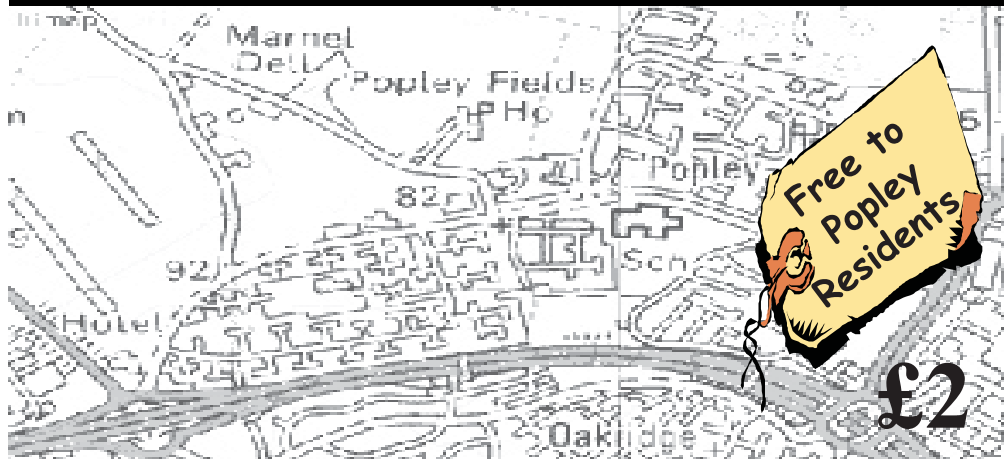


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Editor  
Jane Frankum

**Message from the Editor:** September is the start for many of our children on the next part of their journey in life; exam results are known and new schools, colleges and mean universities for many. For some, the results they were hoping for did not happen and they will be looking at other options. I really wish you well and happiness for the future. One word of caution please-many will be walking to a new school on a new route and, in their excitement, road safety can get forgotten. This sadly is the most vulnerable time for accidents so please keep safety in mind.

For us older folk we may be looking for new adventures too, and for things to do from bowling with two great clubs in Marnell Bowl page 16 and Loddon vale on page 5. There is a welcome at both venues. Basingstoke Ladies Football Club is looking for new members on page 28. Basingstoke Voluntary Action have hundreds of clubs and charities you can help with, or you might want to start a group of your own and advice is on page 17. The Popley based Conservation group is also looking for new members. If you are more of an indoor person then there is the Chineham Board Games Club on page 28. If you want to get fit there is always the Health and Fitness Gym at Everest on page 6. I will be going the Mayor's Variety Show that will be at The Anvil on 7th October and am really excited that our local talented Steve Hewlett will be compering and performing along with over 300 other artists from Basingstoke and Deane and surrounding area who will be giving their all for this one off Variety Show to raise funds for local groups and charities. Tickets are available from The Anvil box office or online. Good luck to all the walkers that will be doing the eight and a half miles Moonlight Walk on 9th September to raise funds for St Michael's Hospice. Our sub editor and present Mayor will be one of them. You can still sponsor on line at [www.virginmoneygiving.com/paulfrankum](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/paulfrankum). Contact me on 819924 or email [editor@popleymatters.org.uk](mailto:editor@popleymatters.org.uk)



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# Colemans Retain National Title!

2016 saw Popley based Daisy Coleman and her brother Sam, World and National Champion Powerboat racers, back racing again this year to defend their title. They did it in impressive fashion although it wasn't all plain sailing.

Following a wrongful disqualification – of which was later overturned by the Royal Yachting Association – the pair felt less than hopeful and completely unprepared going into the last event in Wales as the boat had been out of action since Scotland.

But despite a range of setbacks in almost every round, the team confirmed that they still hold onto their record - the only team to have made it to the podium at every event. They knew they only had to finish the final race to secure the Championship.

They said: "Our main title rivals came flying out of the chocs and although we spent the first few laps of each of the races on Saturday chasing Milford Waterfront down, the choppy conditions left us preserving our boat and we finished all 3 races in 2nd place. This left Milford Waterfront only 8 points behind us and the same results Sunday would see us miss out on the title by a single point! We knew we only had to beat Milford in one race Sunday to keep control of the championship lead, we could then afford to follow them home in the others and still retain the championship. Sunday the conditions were much better and we secured another two seconds, this time to Arthur J Gallagher, we managed the gap behind to nearest rival Milford Waterfront knowing that the championship was in our hands. The final race was a tactical affair as we new we only had to finish to secure the Championship. We knew we had to complete 9 laps to meet the 70% rule and secure points. We cruised round, coming home in 5th to be awarded 2nd overall for the event and retain the title."

It is rumoured that P1 will be laying on a World Championship in Hong Kong in October then it'll be back to Mumbai in March for the siblings to defend their world title.

To keep up to date with the latest team news visit you can visit their website at [www.colemanracing.co.uk](http://www.colemanracing.co.uk) and by following Daisy on twitter and instagram by searching for @p1daisy or @racingcoleman on facebook.



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**Councillors' Page:** I have been asked by several residents who to contact in Hampshire County Council for road, highway traffic lights and street lighting so we details below are below :- Your first point of contact when reporting a roads or highways issue should be Hampshire County Council by phoning 0300 555 1388 or visiting <http://www.hants.gov.uk/roads>

**For street lighting faults and enquiries** visit Hampshire County Council webpage - [www.hants.gov.uk/street-lighting](http://www.hants.gov.uk/street-lighting);

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The consultation for the residents of Hampshire to comment and suggest where the County should make millions of pounds of cuts has now closed I wonder what the results will be and how many people filled in the questionnaire *Cllr Jane Frankum 01256 819924 email [jane.frankum@hants.gov.uk](mailto:jane.frankum@hants.gov.uk)*

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**Popley West:** At last, after a lot of emails and meetings with the chief Inspector of Basingstoke Police, Matt Reeves, we have now got clarity on who is responsible for parking and access issues and the relevant information of what to do. Thank you to our PCSO who has written the information in her article on page 4. I don't know about you but we were getting dizzy with going round in circles. However it is not the only issue we are still trying to get answers for. In Hutchins Way there is a strip of land in front of the houses that the residents have been trying to get cut on a more regular basis. David Wilson Homes maintain it is part of the protected area for the Great Crested Newts and should not be cut more than every second or third year, so we will be having a site meeting with DWH, residents and Councillors to try to come to a reasonable solution.

There is no immediate news on the yellow lines but I have been promised that the issue is being addressed. As soon as there is any firm news of course we will let you know via Popley Matters.

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**Popley East:** As you know the Forestry Commission manages Basing Wood. They have determined that the six pieces of natural play structures along the play trail are in such a poor condition that they need to be removed over the coming weeks.

A new family-friendly trail will be installed, which will, in the words of the Forestry Commission, inspire people to discover more about this woodland.

The existing play area near the Community Centre is not affected by these changes and will continue to be used and enjoyed.

By the time this edition of Popley Matters is published a decision on the application for a Pub/Restaurant at Carpenters Down may have been taken.

We think the application may get to the Council's Development Control Committee Meeting on 9 September.

We continue to campaign against the proposal and there is overwhelming opposition from residents living close to the site who will be most affected by what we say will be a large and noisy Pub/Restaurant.

We have stressed the importance of people supporting the Route 55 Popley service. Unfortunately the user numbers in July were down from those in June and follow a worrying trend. Simply the advice is that we have to use it or lose it so hopefully we will see an increase in use over coming months.

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Hello,

We are consistently experiencing issues with parking and I have therefore taken this opportunity to show you PCSO Nicole Wheatley's input on parking. It basically allows more of an insight into what we are able to deal with.

**In relation to parking enforcement:**

Police handed enforcement to the local authority for most parking offences many years ago. Please see below for clarification in relation to parking enforcement responsibilities:

- 1) Single and double yellow lines - Council Matter
- 2) Parking over / near dropped kerbs - Council Matter
- 3) Obstructions where there are parking restrictions - Council Matter
- 4) Abandoned vehicles not suspected to be crime related - Council Matter
- 5) Abandoned vehicles linked to crime - Police Matter**
- 6) Obstruction where there is no parking restriction - Police Matter (such as line of sight issues on road junctions)**
- 7) Moving traffic offences - Police Matter**
- 8) Disabled Bays - white markings indicating disabled parking bays or dropped kerbs are courtesy bays only and do not hold any enforcement power at all.
- 9) Disabled Bays - yellow markings with the disabled character - Council Matter.

**Police powers in relation to obstruction:**

Local authorities and the police have the power to remove a vehicle if it is illegally parked, causing an obstruction or has been abandoned.

*(The power to remove vehicles is given to the police by sections 99-102 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, and by the Removal and Disposal of Vehicles Regulations 1986 (SI 1986/183), as amended, made under sections 99 and 101 of the 1984 Act. The powers of removal under section 99 include vehicles which are parked illegally, have broken down and those which cause obstruction, danger or potential danger.)*

If therefore it can be shown that a vehicle is illegally parked, causing an obstruction or is abandoned, the local authority and the police **MAY** remove it under this legislation. It should be pointed out, however, that **they do not have to** remove a vehicle in any of these three cases, merely that they may do so.

Hampshire Police will deal with vehicles that are causing a DANGER - this is unlikely to be considered to be the case on a low speed road in a housing estate - Attending officer would need to make a decision about prosecution or use of powers on a case by case basis considering what is necessary and proportionate in each situation.

A vehicle can only be illegally parked if there are parking restrictions operating in the area (which will not be the case on these un-adopted roads) . In other cases one would have to show a vehicle was actually causing an obstruction. The police can remove vehicles which are causing an obstruction and there are a number of statutes and regulations which allow proceedings to be brought for obstructing the highway. These include:

1. Highways Act 1980, section 137 (wilfully obstructing the free passage of a highway);
2. Town Police Clauses Act 1847, section 28 (wilfully causing an obstruction in any public footpath or public thoroughfare); and

It is worth being aware of the case law around the general issue of 'obstruction'.

My advice following all the information above is that any person who is obstructed by a vehicle on a pathway and has no room to get through should contact the police via 101 (999 only in emergencies) and remain with the vehicle. This is to show the obstruction, because once the person leaves our powers are even more limited.

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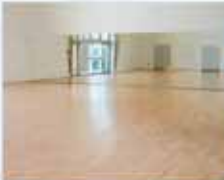


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An annual event in Festival Place for the past 5 years, **World Sight Day** sees the Basingstoke Lions Club again inviting people to bring their redundant spectacles to the Club's stand in Queen Anne's Square on **Thursday 12 October**.

Visitors to the stand can also find information leaflets, receive advice on help available locally and see small items of equipment that assist those with impaired vision. Various local organisations are supporting the day through the supply of literature and equipment, and opticians in the town are promoting the event also.

"Lennie the Lion", a familiar figure at various community events, will prowl through the centre, offering free tickets to enter a fun and easy competition, the prize for which will be **2 free tickets** to one of the Lions' upcoming entertainment events.

For several decades Lions World Sight Day has raised awareness about the importance of eye health and the need for quality eye care services for all. On this day, traditionally the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in October, Lions clubs around the world conduct sight-related projects including vision screenings, spectacle donations, restorative surgeries, eye health education programmes, and the donation of assistive devices to those with vision impairment.

As part of SPECKTREK, a programme for recycling spectacles developed by Lions Clubs International, over 300,000 pairs were collected last year across Great Britain and Ireland and sent to eye camps in Africa, India and Eastern Europe in partnership with Medico Lions Clubs de France.

It is hoped that, as in each of the past 5 years, the people of Basingstoke will again heed the call and bring in their old glasses to the Lions' stand (near Lush/Iceland) so new homes can be found for them; such a simple act can change the lives of the recipients beyond measure.

Ann Vicars - [av@mypostoffice.co.uk](mailto:av@mypostoffice.co.uk)

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Dear Friends

My grandson said to me the other day “Grandad, do you realise that there’s only four months left in this year” Wow! What happened to 2017? It seems to have strapped on a scram jet and is now fast disappearing over the horizon at mach 3! At least that’s how it feels! Perhaps that’s because it has been a very busy year for me personally and for St Gabriel’s.

One of the joys has been to conduct so many wedding, baptism and thanksgiving services – one or sometimes two a week since the beginning of June! The weather for some of those occasions was not always what it might have been but the joy of those attending was irrepresible.

What I love about the British people is that no matter what the weather they’re always hopeful of better to come and I so often pray that those I marry or baptise will continue to look forward to their future with each other and with God and to live in constant hope through both the good and the not so good times. So let me offer both my congratulations and prayers to all those with whom it has been my privilege to come into contact with over the past months whatever the occasion.

In St Gabriel’s we’ve had the pleasure of welcoming many new young families into our congregation. As the church continues to flourish and grow there is a real sense of excitement, family, belonging and growing together.

The really exciting news is that after having spent much time and effort in looking at the longer-term future of our church and how we can have an even more positive impact in the community; the extension to our community facilities is well under way with the walls rising from the foundations at quite a pace! There will be two new community meeting rooms, a new toilet block and a much extended kitchen to serve our community café and other groups. Please feel free to visit and see the work for yourselves.

We have so much to praise and give thanks to God for, not least for the promise of future hope! Can I take this opportunity to invite you to two special services we are holding at St Gabriel’s: firstly to our Battle of Britain Service on 17th September together with the RAFA and Air Cadets and secondly, to our Harvest Festival Service taking place on 24th September both services at 10.30 in the morning.

As the new season begins and the end of 2017 approaches may we all find the time in our busy lives to make space for God and the good news of Jesus Christ and the hope He holds out to us for the future.

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## New Local Author



Sherfield-on-Loddon resident Sue Parkinson has just published her first book under her maiden name of Sue Lawrence. It is a book for children called *Harry, A Cat's Tale* and is a whimsical story about one cat's escapades during a dream.

Harry is a friendly, rather large, tabby cat who's just moved into Eighty-Nine Pavilion Way. As he drifts into sleep, he meets some interesting new friends, Longlegs the heron and



Rebbit the frog, who provide depth to a seemingly simple story by teaching children about socialisation and interacting in new situations.

Sue's inspiration for the book since moving to the Hampshire countryside a year ago



with her son was her own cat, a tabby aged sixteen who is a big part of her family. She has written more stories which she hopes to publish in the near future.

Sue has attended some

local book signings and has recently been featured in the Basingstoke Observer and Basingstoke Gazette in the last two weeks. She is also reading at the Chineham Library during the school holiday. Fully illustrated, the book is selling at Waterstones and on Amazon for £6.99 (Kindle £3.50). It is published by Austin Macauley. For more information, please visit [www.austinmacauley.com](http://www.austinmacauley.com).

## Popley Talented People?

I know Popley is full of very talented people who do all sorts of amazing things and we would like to share your successes and stories in your community magazine Popley Matters. I have spoken to so many people from Popley and I am amazed at their stories. Some are talented at sports (we have world champions and medal winners) some in the arts, drama and dance. We have some talented amateur and professional singers, choirs and bands. There are quilters and knitters and just so much more. Not forgetting clever pets. I know I will have forgotten some categories so please write and tell me. Popley Matters is a community magazine that likes to share our love and pride in Popley and its wonderful residents. Contact me at 819924 or email [editor@popleymatters.org.uk](mailto:editor@popleymatters.org.uk)

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# Lions Club of Basingstoke

Mentally and physically we seem to have gone walkabout this month. After the effort and excitement of the preceding three months, our get up and go definitely got up and went. One can only hope that during the lull, ideas for fresh new projects have been stewing in our members fertile imaginations. I'm not holding my breath.

## FUNDRAISING:

**The Heritage Light Orchestra** played for us for the fifth time at QMC on 8<sup>th</sup> August. It was a magnificent display of the talent that abounds in Basingstoke. The 40 strong orchestra, 6 singers and a church choir of 20 came together under the direction of Neil Streeter who had composed a “sea” themed programme of music containing well known pieces from musicals, radio and TV. “The Sailor’s Hornpipe”, “Fare well and Adieu” and “Home Sweet Home” were a few of the tunes which were enjoyed before the church choir joined the orchestra to sing “The Sailors’ Hymn” and multiple choruses of “Rule Britannia” which had the whole audience standing, stamping their feet and singing at the tops of their voices. They loved it.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**16/09/2017 The Sussex Jazz Kings at QMC:** One of our most popular events. You can buy tickets direct from our website [www.basingstokelions.org.uk](http://www.basingstokelions.org.uk), from [mauricehockley@hotmail.com](mailto:mauricehockley@hotmail.com) or tel: 01256 421867, or Toucan Travel at the Chineham Shopping Centre.

## WELFARE:

- a. **The Dove House Project:** Phase I of our joint project with Loddon Valley Lions and Team Rubicon to refurbish and update the interior is complete. We are now looking at the exterior where the gutters are in urgent need of attention. Any financial or physical support would be very welcome. “Contact Us” through our website.
- b. **Disport Games:** We have pledged financial and physical assistance. 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

Hard to believe it, but the season is already on the downwards slope and by the time our next chat comes around it may well be confined into the memory category. The weather has largely been great as you are all well aware. A few extremes of course; early on it rained so hard some were looking out for an ark carrying a few pairs of animals! However at no time was it so hot that the towels many carry to wipe their woods were doubling up as brow wipers as well. Mind you, that didn't half make the beer taste good! Getting teams together from the available squads is getting to be a bit of a trial due to being the height of the holiday season, as obviously families come before bowls and marital etiquette demands Mum and Dad holiday together. Either of them asking for sanction to play bowls instead is usually met with very short shrift. I know if I had tried to pull that one while the other half was still alive, I would probably not have survived to write this stuff today. There is a message for you here if you think about the broader issue. There is still room for new members to join, you will get a game and you will make life easier for the team captains struggling to get names on the team sheets, alternatively, think of our Popley's reputation. Are you prepared for those South Ham or Winklebury types to run Popley down because "they can't field a full team?" NO! I didn't think so. Let us show them just what Popley people are made of. Apologies to all our members who don't live in Popley. You are all very nice people and we love you all! (Phew, nearly put my foot in it there).

By the time you force yourself to read this we will probably be in the midst of or just completed our clubs finals weekend (held first weekend in September). I can't remember but I don't think I'm taking part in anything that weekend, as per usual, nobody lets me win anything, but I do remember, I had fun trying. There is always next year. In our next chat, I won't be relaying all the who won what, or who they beat doing it stuff. You are not interested in all that, however, I reserve the right to report it large, in headlines and content, should the unlikely happen and I win a trophy but as that is as likely as winning the lottery and carrying similar odds I reckon you can all sleep soundly in your beds. Speak to you all again next month, enjoy your summer and hope to see you at Carpenters Down some Tuesday evening 6-8pm.....*Ray*

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## Limelighters Splurge into Bugsy Malone

BAOS Limelight are delighted to have been awarded the license to perform Bugsy Malone at Queen Mary's College in October Half Term 2017.

Set in Prohibition era New York, the show charts the story of rival gangsters Fat Sam and Dandy Dan as they wreak havoc with the help of custard pies and destructive splurge guns. After penniless ex-boxer Bugsy Malone falls for aspiring singer Blousey Brown, will he be able to resist seductive songstress Tallulah and stay out of trouble while helping Fat Sam defend his business? Based on the acclaimed film (1976) of the same name, Bugsy Malone features music and lyrics by Paul Williams and a book by Alan Parker.

Among the group, aged between 12 and 18, is Catherine Barlow from the Popley area.

BAOS Limelight welcomes experienced young Director, Nick Brannam to the fold and with Simon Eastwood retaining the baton as Musical Director, this is guaranteed to be an energetic and entertaining production.

Bugsy Malone will be on stage at Queen Mary's Hall, Queen Mary's College, Basingstoke from Thursday 26th to Saturday 28th October 2016.

The Limelighters will be hoping to repeat the success of their productions of "Grease" and "Into the Woods" which were both runners up in the NODA (National Operatic and Dramatic Association) SE region Youth-West award and received an Accolade for Excellence.

Tickets are priced at £14 for adults and £11 for concessions including college students, and are available from [www.baos.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.baos.ticketsource.co.uk) Family tickets cost £45. For more information and group bookings please contact [baoslimelight@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:baoslimelight@yahoo.co.uk).

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Beaver Scout section: Vacant Leader post – contact GSL

The sections are on summer holidays as this goes to press. The leaders are busy preparing the new programs to keep the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts entertained for the coming term also to earn those badges.

I am sure that there will be much fun and adventure being planned as well as up-coming camps and days out.

If there are any parents out there that would like to help out at any of the section, new Leaders are always wanted as well as section helpers.

Robert Baden Powell had this wonderful idea to help and instruct young boys in the outdoor life and in later years Scouting has incorporated girls into all sections. Many famous people grew up in the Scouting family and continue to support the great work that is done to encourage our young people to find out who they are and where they belong in life.

Many children come into Scouting at the young age of 6, not sure of what it is all about, many of these children are shy and tend to stay in the background afraid to try new things. By the time they are old enough for Cubs they are full of confidence and first in the queue for the adventure to come.

Scouting gives a new confidence as well as discipline, team building and a vast friendship, the chance may also come to join one of the Jamborees with worldwide participation. forging new friendships with Scouts from across the world.

Without Leaders none of the above would be possible, we meet on a Tuesday, and Friday if you have an hour or two even once a month you can be of help. Please contact either Colin or the section leader. Another way is if you have an interesting career and think a presentation would benefit the Scouts let us know.

The Group is in great need of more leaders 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](mailto:colink@base2000.co.uk)

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The Club closed off the 2016/17 football season with our annual awards night at Mays Bounty Cricket Club, which saw the club, players, parents and supporters come together to celebrate a successful season of football across two evenings. Awards were given for Parents' Players, and Players' Player, Managers Player and Manager's Most Improved within each team – it was brilliant to hear about how deserved all the awards were, but also how close votings were for each award. Huge congratulations to all this season's award

winners.

In addition each season we choose a Team and a Player of the season – this season our team winners are our U13s Saturday team, managed by Matt Temple and Dan Burgess. Our player of the season is Jack Summers, from our U15s – congratulations all!

Each year we also have a free bike raffle amongst all the players at the club, at the end of the season, this year it was won by Jayden Humbasha – congratulations Jayden!

The Under 7s returned to football after their long break ready to embark on their journey into grassroots football. Pre season started with loads of skills and with all the boys gaining ticks on the awesome board (courtesy of Andy). Jake showed great concentration and determination to win trainer of the week. New players needed (Year 2 as of September).



The under 12s have returned ready to do their best in the new season. We have lost some familiar faces in Ben, Alfie and Ryan but gained some new ones in Malacki, Jaydn and Fin. We wish them all the best in their new adventures and thank them for their commitment to the team. We also welcome Dan and Toni who will assist in the coaching of the team.

Moving into the 2017/18 season, the club is excited to be continuing its relationships with both Everest Community Academy in Popley for 3G and Indoor training facilities, and Basingstoke Sports and Social Club at Mays Bounty for match day pitches and club house.

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.

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In addition to these extra events, our normal events return as normal. The CHIPPS group meets on 13<sup>th</sup> September and 11<sup>th</sup> October, and the Crime Reading Group on 16<sup>th</sup> September and 14<sup>th</sup> October. Age Concern will resume their Wednesday morning sessions, to book please contact their office on: 01256 423874. For details of the Colour and Create adult colouring group please contact the library.

All the children's activities continue as usual. Tuesdays are the rhyme time sessions, with under ones at 10am and over ones at 11am. Story times will take place every Saturday in September from 10am and then revert to all Saturdays except the first in October, when the craft sessions return. Construction Club for children to have fun with Lego continues weekly Saturdays between 2 and 3.30pm. The Chatterbooks Club for primary school age children to enjoy books and crafts meets on 14<sup>th</sup> September and 12<sup>th</sup> October, from 3.30-4.30pm. There will be Coding Club sessions also, please contact the library for further details and to reserve places.

These are for 9 – 11 year olds. Please remember that the Animal Agents Reading Challenge finishes on 16<sup>th</sup> September.

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Basingstoke Town Ladies FC are looking for new players to join the club for the new season. Our first team play in the Women's Premier League South West Division One and our reserve team play in the Hampshire Women's Football Division Two. We train every Wednesday at the War Memorial Park in Basingstoke from 7 to 8.30pm. Both the firsts and reserves play their games on a Sunday afternoon. Please contact Annaliese Watson on 07725720938 or basingstokeladiesfc@hotmail.co.uk if you are interested in joining the club. Find out more on our website [www.basingstoketownladies.co.uk](http://www.basingstoketownladies.co.uk)



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**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

**Thursday evening** C.M.A. kick boxing from 7 - 8.30pm.

**Friday evening** Friday Club (children) 6 -7pm

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