

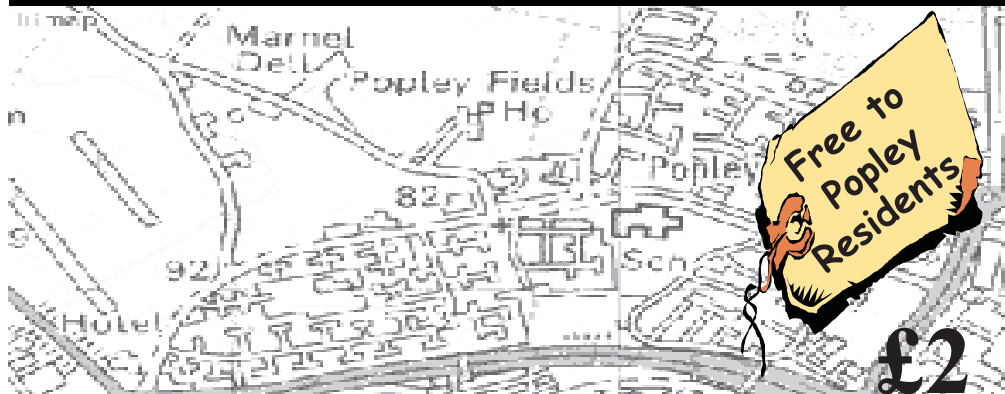
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Editor  
Jane Frankum

**Message from the Editor:** November already, I remember my mother saying to me “Time goes faster as you get older, a bit like peeling off layers on onions”. I didn’t quite get what she meant till I got “older” myself. I wonder what kind of winter we will have as I confess I am no fan of the cold weather and I hate the sound of strong winds.

This month there are some events mostly for charity with November Nights being a theme for St Michaels Hospice with advice and help if you want to have a fun night and raise funds, details on page 1.

Vintage Soul Sounds are organising a 60s Night for the Mayor’s Community Chest Charity and the details of this fun night are on page 15. I have not seen advertisements for Bonfire Night but believe there is one in Tadley and one in Hatch Warren.

Everywhere you look shops and businesses are getting ready for Christmas and, so it seems, the same in Popley Matters. On page 6. St Gabriel’s Church has their Christmas Fair advertisement, and I know I get quite a few of my Christmas presents from there each year. Melrose Hall is advertising their Christmas Dinner on page 11. Paul and I went there last year and it was a delicious meal and lots of fun with the Merton Melodies School choir being a highlight of the event. Spotlight is asking for food to be able to distribute and is advertising their Charity Shop on page 14. Popley’s Christmas Extravaganza on page 16 is a great event each year and another one I don’t miss; loads to do and buy for all the family. It can also be a sad time for those of us who will have our family members missing so there is a “Light up a Life” service at St Michael’s Hospice details on page 23.

We continue to need people to deliver Popley Matters and hope that at least one or two of you can help, just one hour or even less a month would be wonderful, contact details below. **Contact me on 819924 or email editor@popleymatters.org.uk**



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## **Everest Joins the Bourne Education Trust**

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Since starting there, the Trust has brought in a brand new leadership team and ensured that the it is fully staffed with specialist teachers. The Trust has high expectations of the students and has been overwhelmed with the positive response from both them and their parents and carers. Over 100 people attended the new leadership team’s meet and greet evening where Alex Russell outlined his vision for the school and how he plans to achieve it. He stated that “The local community deserves a fantastic school that is the place of choice for the families here. We aim to build a highly aspirational school where exam success is well above the national average and students leave here well-equipped for the next stage of their lives.”

The school always welcome visitors so if you would like to see what the school is doing please telephone reception on 01256 465547 to arrange a tour and meet the leadership team.

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## **November Nights**

Hold a fun evening and at the same time raise money for St Michael’s Hospice. Our ‘November Nights ‘campaign is a great way to get involved. Have a Cheese & Wine evening, a Games evening, Bonfire Night Party, or a Girl’s Night In being pampered. The list is endless of the different things you could do to be involved.

If you have an idea please let us know, or if you need supporting material to help promote your event, please give Lynne Grimshaw a call on 01256 848845 or email: [lynne.grimshaw@stmichaelsospice.org.uk](mailto:lynne.grimshaw@stmichaelsospice.org.uk)



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**Councillors' Page:** The cuts to community transport are going to be so harsh, I had a heart-breaking letter from an elderly couple in their 80s the husband has dementia and he uses the transport to have a few hours at a centre per week and the wife goes to a club once a fortnight and shopping on a Sunday. Without the service they would be isolated and not get out at all. I voted against the savage cuts to volunteer organisations, like transport, as I believe it will cost so much more in so many different ways with the most vulnerable again losing the most. I will continue to fight against it.

There are repairs proposed to Melrose Walk and Selby Walk pathways, and they are on the priority list. The closure of the way through St Bede's and Charlbury Lane came as a shock to all; it is private land and managed by a private company and there is no right of way there. I am talking to the County Council to see if there is an alternative safe route for the school children and residents that used this way on a daily basis.

The proposed extension to Pebbles in Popley Poets is being progressed and I was hoping to have an update to report by now. I am working with David and Janet the two borough Councillors for Popley East to see that Popley gets the best service that it deserves. *Cllr Jane Frankum 01256 819924 email jane.frankum@hants.gov.uk*

**Popley West:** Inappropriate parking is rife all over the borough and Marnel Park is one of the worst areas for people parking across dropped kerbs, on corners, across paths and not leaving enough space for people to be able to walk safely. If you have a pushchair or a disabled buggy it is much worse. After a lot of emails and campaigning the council are now working with the police and will be doing more patrols in areas that the problem is urgent. I continue to press for the long promised yellow lines on corners and opposite T-junctions. There is a drawing that has been shown to me by the officer and it is progressing, but far too slowly for me! The portfolio holder is the person who will decide so contact him and I ask you to send photos of the offenders to [cldr.simon.bound@basingstoke.gov.uk](mailto:cldr.simon.bound@basingstoke.gov.uk).

The Mayor's Christmas card was designed by Freya who is 10 and a pupil of Merton Junior School. There were lots of entries and Freya's was chosen as it captures what Christmas is to most households and families from wherever in the world you have come from. Basingstoke now has around 100 different languages spoken.

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**Popley East:** We are aware of increased levels of fly tipping in the area and we take steps to get this removed as soon as we can. It is often difficult to prove ownership and responsibility for the rubbish and we need the help of residents in this. Always bear in mind that we don't want anyone putting themselves at risk in giving us that information. Sometimes the land on which the fly tipping occurs is Borough Council owned but in other cases it is private landlords, Housing Associations and County Council, so you will understand the complex problems we face. The Council's charges for so called bulky waste collection starting at nearly £30 for three items doesn't help matters and we constantly argue for there to be a more realistic pricing schedule. Additionally the charges imposed at the Wade Road depot by the County Council for depositing DIY type materials have made matters worse. We want to make Popley to be an area to be proud of and we are trying to do this with your help despite limited resources. The proposed extension to the existing nursery at Pebbles Children's Centre has yet to be finally processed by the County Council. We are also working with Jersey/Guernsey residents to make sure DWH comply with road cleaning agreement.

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Dear readers,

I hope you are all wrapping up now that the temperature has dropped!

Our number of thefts from motor vehicles has unfortunately increased again. I would like to remind everyone to ensure your vehicle is locked and not to leave valuables inside. Leaving valuables on show can be a huge attraction for an opportunist and we don't want to make it easy for them.



Another topic I would like to speak about is bicycles. I have seen several in the last few weeks across Basingstoke that are left insecure. Whether this is to pop inside a local shop or is left outside a home address, it should be safely locked up. Again, if opportunists see a bike unlocked, they will take it. Speaking of bikes, have you heard of immobilise? It is a fantastic online property register that is completely free! You may register any piece of property with a serial number (including bikes, phones, laptops, tools etc) and it automatically puts it on the register. This means that if we come across found property, we are able to prove it is yours, locate you and return it to you. We find many bikes and tools that are not registered; if they do not come forward, we do not know who it belongs to.

Another great sign up is Hampshire Alerts. Register on the website, again for free, and receive updates from us about your area. We use this website to send out warning messages and updates if there has been a trend in crime near to you, or if there is a message we feel you should know about.

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The re-opening of the Academy after the summer break, heralded the start of our 2nd decade as Everest Community Academy on the Oxford Road site. Many changes have happened over the past 10 years and this summer has once again seen big changes, the most important being that we have left AET and joined the smaller, community orientated Surrey based Bourne Education Trust. Our new Heateacher, Alex Russell, leads a complete new Senior Leadership Team. Open Evening on 28 September generated a great deal of interest and was well attended, general feed back was very positive.

6 Everest students set off on their assessed expedition for the Bronze level of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award following months of training and practice assessments. The students were required to navigate independently through the New Forest along a course they had pre-planned which covered wo days and one night in a totally self sufficient expedition. All students showed great motivation, resilience and skill and at the end of the two days, successfully passed this element of the award.



As the school year starts again I find myself going into Year 11- my final year. Since the school was taken over by a new trust many changes have been made and I was wary about how the school would be different. However, I found myself pleasantly surprised. Our new Headteacher, Mr Russell, has definitely improved the school's daily routine. Breaks are longer, so pupils actually have time to eat and talk without having to rush themselves. Morning tutor is now before first break, when we can go to intervention if we are struggling. Research also shows this is when our brains are most active, so we can retain our information easier. We have no school bells, which helps us learn time management for later life. Additionally, the school is a lot firmer, so there are fewer disruptions in class and learning is easier. I can't wait to work with the new staff on projects, and I am sure the ambassadors and Head Boy are excited too. Overall, I am thoroughly impressed with how the school has changed, and look forward to another great year at Everest.



**Students View**  
**Jennifer Weldon**  
**Head Girl**



## Probus hears about the Basingstoke to Alton Light Railway

Dale Greenwood gave a talk to the Probus Club of Basingstoke which was about a local subject, the Basingstoke to Alton Light railway. Most people will have seen the small section of railway track in the centre of the roundabout at Viables and possibly wondered about it. It was laid very close to the original position of the light railway that was opened in 1901 between Basingstoke and Alton.

As a light railway it had restrictions, being built to a lower standard than traditional routes, which meant that only lighter engines could be used and were restricted to a top speed of 25 mph. The cost was £50,000 being a quarter of the typical budget if the line had been built to the usual standard.

It was mainly single track with, initially, only three trains in each direction daily. Stations were built at Cliddesden, Herriard, Bentworth & Lasham and Butts Junction outside of Alton. While all the stations had sidings only Herriard had two platforms. The stations were hardly close to their village names and most of the cottages seen today close to them were built for the railway workers.

The total distance was only 12 miles and because of the stops and speed restriction the journey would take 45 minutes. During WW1 the tracks were removed for use by the army in France. The line was re-opened in 1924. Never a commercial success, passenger services ended in 1932 but a goods service continued from Basingstoke as far as Bentworth & Lasham until 1936. A short siding remained from Basingstoke into the Thornycroft factory (now the site of Morrisons supermarket) used for goods traffic until 1967.

See [www.probusbasingstoke.wordpress.com](http://www.probusbasingstoke.wordpress.com) for more information about this social club for retired professional and business managers.



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## Popley Ponds

The Autumn/ Winter season has begun at Popley Ponds and we have got off to a flying start. As forecast in last month's article, we completed removal of typha at Appleton Pond. This turned out to be quite a pretty plant but with incredible roots which quickly result in the pond disappearing if not controlled. We also did various tests on the quality of the water (see our Facebook page if you are interested in 'the sciency bits'). To cut to the chase the water turned out to be very healthy, which is great news for former farmland.

Thanks to the help of a hardy band of volunteers over the first weekend in October, we: cleared out some significant rubbish (I still don't know where all those footballs come from!); trimmed back trees overhanging the pathways, improved some of the hedging around the site; and removed a large clump of flag iris which was spreading rapidly and threatening to choke up the main pond. Our most important achievement was opening up a new area near the Tobago Close entrance to the site. This will regenerate allowing a wider range of plants to replace the dead brambles that previously filled most of this area. We are expecting the plants that emerge to attract a wider range of insects, so look out for butterflies in particular next spring.

People often ask how we decide what to do at Popley Ponds. Around ten years ago (when approval was first given for the new houses next to the ponds) Basingstoke Council appointed some experts to survey the site and come up with a plan, and we use this as the basis to decide what we (as local residents) should do to preserve the site and benefit the local wildlife. So we don't just make it up as we go along, honest!

Our regular sessions (final Saturday of each month) will have restarted by the time this article is published. New members or occasional attendees are always welcome. We will be putting together some nature events (including the popular bottle trapping) over the season, if you would like to know more about the wildlife at the site, further details will be publicised on our Facebook page or via email (see contact details below).



New Hedge at Popley Ponds.

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## Dear Friends

It's the thirtieth anniversary of the Great Storm of 1987 and there's been quite a lot on the TV about it and, as I write, the remnant of Hurricane Ophelia has been battering Ireland and the West Coasts of Britain bringing back memories for many. For some it's difficult to forget that night and the damage that was done; I'm embarrassed to say that I slept right through it, though not my wife who said she was waiting for the roof to come off and the windows to come in! I guess if you ask some of the older folk in our community, they'll be able to remember storms of seemingly equal power and ferocity in the past but what strikes me is that with all our technological advances we can control many things but we can never control the weather!

We all like to be in control, or at least think we are! It's an issue that seems to govern so many aspects of our lives today, often in a powerful way. We like to feel we are in control of our careers, our relationships, our health, our finances and so on. But what happens when we lose that sense of being in charge, when we feel that things are spinning out of our control? Oddly enough, panic is the most common reaction and people can begin to behave in the most irrational ways – so much so that they seem not to be the people we know and love anymore.

St. Mark tells how the disciples are at sea in their ordinary, wooden-hulled fishing boat with its smell of salt and damp and stale fish. The stained and wet sails are straining under the increasing wind, and the ropes creaking – all so normal and familiar. But as the power of the wind and the waves increases out of control, Jesus is woken up by their anxious panic and they suddenly witness a much greater power and authority than anything in the created world as Jesus commands the storm to be still!

Jesus was actually asleep and the disciples woke him up to tell him to start worrying! It's worth remembering who were among the crew of this vessel; Peter, James and John were all experienced fishermen! But the lake of Galilee was known for its sudden and ferocious storms with waves reaching over 20ft in height. With the stormy waves pitching the boat up and down, and water coming in over the side, it was beginning to look like a Titanic situation, and there was Jesus fast asleep in the bottom of the boat!

When life seems very scary everything seems to be wildly out of control. Like the disciples in the midst of the storm we sometimes react as they did, screaming out to Jesus, demanding that he take notice and do something. It's almost as if we want him to join in our panic.

Often in life we will find that when we have invited Jesus into our boat (into our life) we won't get so thrown by all the stormy problems; things like quarrels between friends, loved ones moving away, financial problems, pressures and stress at work. And if we're panicking about them so much that we can't see Jesus helping us to weather the storm, then often we'll find that we're given a breather – a bit of space – where things are calmed down long enough for us to realise that, with God in charge, we don't actually need to be terrified.

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## CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

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#### 6.00PM CAROLS BY THE WOODS

Followed by fun in Popley Fields Community Centre, including seasonal refreshments, stalls, games, the Christmas jumper competition, mega raffle and maybe a visit by a special someone.....

# Popley

## CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

#### PROCESSION A

**Start point:** Barrington Drive  
**End point:** Popley Fields  
Community centre

#### PROCESSION B

**Start point:** Drydon Close  
**End point:** Popley Fields  
Community centre

## Basingstoke Voluntary Action / Mayor's Community Chest Funding

For the second year in succession Basingstoke Voluntary Action have been co-ordinating the Mayor's Community Chest Funding. Various events and fundraisers have been contributing to the fund with a Mayor's Variety Show on 7<sup>th</sup> October all assisting to support local Charities or Voluntary Organisations.

There are three rounds of annual grants with the first of 2017/18 recently distributing over £4,000 to local organisations and applications already being received for the second round closing in December. Funding allocated was for planting bulbs in local woodland, CAB support training for Universal Credit, Training young people in life skills, Social Weekend for Young People with Diabetes, Defibrillator Trainer and AstroTurf for Archery club allowing disability participants etc. Full details of the funding is [available online](#) and it is hoped to improve on the £11k raised in 2016/17.

BVA's involvement with this funding has allowed greatly improved interaction with the local community, understand the current requirements from organisations and signpost to the services BVA offer. In addition it has allowed us to advise all applicants of other potential grants available with details [on our website](#).

## Basingstoke Annual Grant Aid and Sports Awards

Are you a budding athlete hoping to raise your game in the borough and beyond? Sporting stars of the future are invited to apply for funding support from Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's Sports Grant Aid Scheme to help them achieve national, international and Olympic honours.

Basingstoke Sports Council administers the scheme which is open to athletes aged between 10 and 24 years old. They must live in the borough and be at least county representative standard within their sport. Grants can be used to help with everything from travelling and coaching expenses to competition entry fees, equipment and clothing requirements.

It's also time to get your nominations in for the popular Basingstoke and Deane Sports Awards which successfully celebrate the achievements of local sports clubs, teams, coaches, officials, volunteers, schools and individuals. Coordinated by Basingstoke Sports Council, the sports awards evening will be held on 23 February 2018, followed by a council reception on 27 February. These awards are open for any athlete from 10 upwards who compete for Basingstoke Clubs or for clubs outside Basingstoke if reside in Basingstoke & Deane. Scholarships and support are also available from local facilities including the Sports Centre, the Golf Centre, the Aquadrome and Tadley Pool.

Grant aid applicants are automatically considered for the awards and it is hoped that local clubs will nominate their members across several of the categories.

The deadline for both the grant applications and sports award nominations is Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.



## Christmas Volunteers

The Volunteer Centre apologies for mentioning the "C-word" but if your organisation looks for a little extra help at Christmas, Basingstoke Volunteer Centre may be able to help you! We have recently received our first enquiry about volunteering at Christmas and we expect to receive many more over the coming weeks. Last year we sent out information about short-term or one-off Christmas volunteering opportunities to 167 people, many of whom may have shared this with friends and family.

If you have an event in December, such as fundraising, bucket collections, sponsored events, parties for older/younger/vulnerable/homeless clients, gift-wrapping, or any other opportunity that would only require a few hours, we can promote this to enquirers. Please email [vc@bvaction.org.uk](mailto:vc@bvaction.org.uk) a brief summary of the event, date and time, along with the contact details that we can pass to the volunteer and we will assemble these into a Christmas Volunteering "brochure" that we can send out to last year's enquirers as well as our new enquirers this year. The sooner you let us know about these opportunities, the more people will hear about you!

## Tales of the Marnell Woods

Topics for conversation are running a bit dry this month, due probably to the early part of the short mat season and less activity at this time of year. The turn out for roll-ups has been very good. It seems that short mat is becoming a much more sought after occupation lately, a situation confirmed by other clubs as well. Perhaps it is time you gave it a go, you know where and when to go. Monday and Wednesday evenings 7-9pm and Wednesday afternoons 2-4pm.

Carpenters Down, behind the community hall, is the place to be. In case you know nothing about short mat, it surprisingly is played on a mat. Maximum length 47 feet long (I don't do metric, foreign invasion I say!) It has a block of wood about 14 inches long in the middle. You have to bowl round this block then use the natural bias of the wood to turn into the jack or head. As the average mat is only about 45 foot long you do not need a lot of effort, so the game is very suitable for those of us not as young or mobile as we would like to be. The block in the middle makes it a much more drawing game, because if you use too much pace, the woods natural bias cannot come into play and your wood goes into the ditch, and doesn't count. Same applies if you whack the block, so don't do it! This all sounds a bit technical, I hope a haven't put you off because it really is a genteel (ish) sort of game and requires a skill you will quite easily develop in time with practise. Even the 5 times world champion outside bowler has, and still does, occasionally play it, but not for Marnell I might add.

The league programme is only 2 weeks old as I write and we won one and lost one. I say lost but slaughtered would be a more apt description. Never mind, it is character building.....so they say. I just don't want my character built any more thank you, far too painful! See life has not completely destroyed my competitive spirit, just dampened it down a touch or two it seems.

In our last chat I mentioned that 2 of us had been selected to play for Hampshire. That match went well and Hampshire only lost by 2 shots. Actually, a commendable effort and I am tickled pink to say my rink was the only undefeated rink on the day. We played 3 matches won two and drew one By our next chat we would have played 2 other counties so possibly (or not) that might get a mention. Think about short mat, it's never too late or too early to become a bowler, or, as referred to in the USA , an athlete. (what!??)



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## The Pitfalls of the Office Christmas Party

With the Christmas party season approaching, Gill Brown, Head of the Employment Law Team at Phillips Solicitors, has some sound advice about the do's and don'ts for office gatherings.

The most important thing to remember is that at a Christmas Party arranged by your employer, even if it is offsite, is that it is still regarded by the law as time spent "in the course of your employment." This means that even if there is a free bar provided by your employer you have to retain some semblance of sensible and responsible behaviour.

It does not give any excuse that if through excessive alcohol consumption, hidden desires or grudges come to the surface and give rise to any form of harassment, fighting, inappropriate language, unwanted advances or discrimination. It also does not make inappropriate use of the photocopier acceptable!

Another often forgotten, but important point, is that it is completely inappropriate to discuss work matters, other members of staff, clients, suppliers or customers in a social environment. It also does not offer any excuse for drinking and driving. Employees may be dismissed for gross misconduct for things that happen at the Christmas party. If you are a manager, you should in addition remember that after a few cocktails, it is not appropriate to discuss appraisals, plans, promotions or pay increases, as there could be a promise made under the influence of alcohol that you later regret.

The general rules relating to discrimination still apply in a Christmas party environment. For example, respect must still be shown to those who do not drink, have specific dietary requirements or have a disability. If this applies to you then be sure to notify your employer in advance so that they are able to cater for you appropriately. Remember that jokes that you would not tell in the office because they might cause offence are just as likely to cause offence in a party situation even if they do get a laugh from all concerned.

Getting home afterwards is also important. Check whether your employer is arranging transport back from the office party and if not ensure that you have arrangements in place so that you do not under any circumstances drink and drive.

Have fun, enjoy the party season, keep safe and make sure you turn up for work the next day, even if you do have a hangover!

Whether you are an employer facing these issues or an employee that has fallen foul of them, Gill Brown will be happy to assist.

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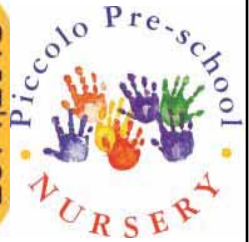
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MFC Popley Youth under 7s are a month into the season and they are doing superbly. Great football, loads of goals and more importantly loads of smiles. One boy has stood out in the team and that is Connor. Nobody can match his heart and determination and the relationship he is establishing with the coaches is phenomenal. Congratulations to Harry who recently played for Southampton FC at Marchwood training ground. We are looking for 1 more player to join our sensational team. Please contact the club for more information if you are interested.

Our under 12s have had a great start to the season with 4 wins and 1 loss. They are easily playing the best football in our 4 years together. Special praise to Jaryd who has not only performed brilliantly but has shown a great maturity in every training session and match he has been in. Congratulations to Jamie who recently played at Cobham Training ground for Chelsea FC.

The U13s season is now in full swing with our Venom team picking up wins against Camberley Town (5-3) and Rushmoor Community (9-3) with goals being shared out. The Venom team also did themselves proud with their performance against a very good Hartley Wintney team, narrowly losing 4-3 to a last minute goal. Next up is a tough away game v Churt Samurai.

The U13 Predators team currently sit top of their league following good wins against Headley Youth and Badshot Lea, these two wins sandwiched a very tough loss to Junior Shots where we went down 2-1. We then had a very tough game in the reverse fixture away to Badshot Lea where, after some fantastic football, and cool heads in a very choppy match, we came away with a 0-3 win.

You can get regular updates on Twitter, @MFC\_PopleyYouth & 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.

MFC Popley Youth FA Charter Standard Development Club & Nike Partner Club has a dedicated club shop website where you can purchase kit and accessories - [www.clubwebshop.com/a-z/clubs/mfcpopley/](http://www.clubwebshop.com/a-z/clubs/mfcpopley/).

For more information, or if you have any queries, please contact the club through our main website: [www.mfcpopleyyouth.co.uk](http://www.mfcpopleyyouth.co.uk).

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Thinking of joining or know someone who might be interested? For more information contact: James on **07769 680442** or **6thbasingstokeBB@gmail.com**

## Light up a Life

St. Michael's Hospice would like to invite you to their Light up a Life service, taking place on Sunday 3rd December at 6pm in the grounds of the Hospice. The service, led by The Reverend Tom Honey, chaplain at St. Michael's Hospice, will give time for reflection, remembering precious memories of loved ones who cannot be with us this Christmas. If you would like to make a dedication in memory of a loved one, please visit [stmichaelshospice.org.uk/events](http://stmichaelshospice.org.uk/events) or for further information please contact the Fundraising Hotline on 01256 848848.



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 Beaver Scout section: Vacant Leader post – contact GSL

Since the last report the Cubs section has once again been very busy and having loads of FUN, below are highlights of some of the activities the Cubs have been doing.

At the beginning of the September the Cubs joined Cubs from across the District for the annual District Cub Camp, which was held at the Youlbury Scout Activity Centre. The Cubs took part in site run activities Crate Stacking, Archery and Abseiling with a number of Cubs overcoming fears about doing the more adventurous activities. The Cubs also took part in Leader run activities of Backwoods cooking with Cubs making Flour Twists and cooking them on the open fire, which was maintained to his normal standard by “Teddy Bear” aka our GSL. The other activity which was new to them was Frisbee Golf with a small, but challenging course set up around the camp.

The end of 2<sup>nd</sup> Camp at the end of September, saw the Cubs joining the Beavers and Scouts for a Group Camp held at the 89<sup>th</sup> Reading Headquarters where they took part in a activities based round the TV Programme “Crystal Maze”.



Tuesdays have been busy with Badge work which included the Cubs working towards the Disability Awareness Badge, where the Cubs have done activities linked to Sight & Hearing Disabilities and a visit and talk from Woofability about how they train dogs to help people with physical disabilities.

Other activities this term to include working towards the Cub Astronomy Badge and a visit from Adventurer and Scouting Ambassador James Ketchell who is coming to talk about his

past and future adventures.

The Pack also had a few hello's and goodbyes with the Leadership Team, at the end of last term we said a sad farewell to Annabel our Young Leader, who has been helping us since February 2016, due to Cubs clashing with other activities, we wish her all the best for the future. At the beginning of the term we welcomed Charlotte Bell who is joining us as an Assistant Leader.

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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# Chineham Library

Activities generally continue as usual this month. For children, Rhymetimes take place every Tuesday at 10am for under ones and 11am for over ones. Saturdays continue with crafts on the first Saturday of the month between 10am – 12pm and story times at 10am all other Saturdays. Code Club meets regularly and Chatterbooks will meet at 3.45pm on 16th November. For the latest information about these please check with staff. Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> there will be a Superheroes day, when children are invited to drop into the library in costume and take part in themed activities. Staff may even be dressed up! Looking further ahead, 2<sup>nd</sup> December craft session will take a Christmas theme, and Christmas story time takes place on 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

For adults, Age Concern will be here every Wednesday morning between 10am – 1pm providing computer tuition for the over 55s. Sessions are bookable through the local office on 01256 423874. The Crime reading group meets on 11<sup>th</sup> November and CHIPPS on 8<sup>th</sup> November. The adult colouring group which meets on some Wednesday afternoons includes crafts as well, for details please ask staff. We are looking at starting to further groups for adult in the New Year, a general reading group and a creative writing group. If you, or anyone you know might be interested in these, please do let us know.

The library is moving into lending a wider range of items than in the past. These include iPads and microbits; please ask us for further details. We are hosting another evening event on 7<sup>th</sup> December, this time with a Pickwick Papers focus. The Dickens event last today was very successful so please book tickets. It commences at 7.30pm. More such talks and courses will follow after Christmas. **Cathy Foster**

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**The Sussex Jazz Kings** gave us another memorable night's trad jazz at QMC. In a break with tradition they sat down to perform. This was in recognition of the fact that some members of the group were recovering from illnesses. They played for an hour before taking a break to allow everyone to refresh their glasses. To me it appeared that their performance was better than ever. And several of the audience confirmed this in remarks overheard during the interval. After the interval they went on to entertain us for a further hour and a half and we got the impression they would happily have gone on a lot longer. They are a truly remarkable group.

**Alençon Lions Club Twinning:** Ten of us went over to help them celebrate their Club's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We were royally entertained as usual, but we rained on their parade by winning the Jean Le Noac'h Boules Trophy at the traditional annual match and Barbecue. Dire oaths of revenge were sworn and we expect an invasion next year!

**MacMillan's Coffee morning:** Definitely the most unhealthy, but enormously enjoyable date in the calendar. Also a good excuse for a prolonged afternoon z-z-z-z-z-z! Our host was definitely missing a trick. He should get himself either a cider press or a pig – the windfall product from either would be equally acceptable.

Our next **Quiz Night at Cliddesden Millenium Hall is on 18 November:** Contact Philip Wilson [philipjhwilson@btinternet.com](mailto:philipjhwilson@btinternet.com) to reserve your table for 4 at this mental masochists' marathon. There are still a few tables available. But please remember we can only accommodate 22 teams.

**Welfare:** We spent £2,185 supporting national, international and family disaster appeals. So we really need you to support our upcoming endeavours.

**December** will see us out and about collecting at various retail outlets as usual.

**2018:** Our resident impresario (his words not mine), Maurice Hockley, has been out and about talent spotting. As a result our programme for next year already contains **The Moscow Drug Club**, a superbly talented group of musicians, who will perform for us at **QMC on 10 February**, to be followed by a stage hypnotist, dancers, choirs and all sorts of other goodies during the year. More anon!

**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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## Route 55

We have recently received some encouraging news about the passenger numbers for the route 55 service which operates from Old Basing, through Popley via Shakespeare Road and on to the Hospital in that the numbers for September for the Popley part of the route were the second highest since the service commenced.

It is important that residents continue to use the service so can we ask that you please spread the word to your friends and neighbours. More information on the route and the timetable can be found on the Basingstoke Community Transport website. [www.bct.me.uk](http://www.bct.me.uk)

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