

# POPLEY MATTERS

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**You have a voice, now let it be heard!**

**How?**

**In your new Popley Forum and this Popley Matters newsletter.**

What is a forum, you may ask? It is a series of public meetings attended by a variety of people such as police, school heads, local church leaders, doctors, councillors, and anyone else you would like to see invited to answer your questions.

Popley has started to create a forum for the residents of Popley, to allow you to have your say, on any subject that concerns you such as lack of street lighting, not enough dropped curbs, not enough or too many trees, along with any other subjects you would like to see corrected, repaired or added on your estate.

#### **Marnel Infant School**

Shetland Road, Popley  
Basingstoke RG24 9PT  
Tel 01256 29521

The school caters for children from 4 -7 years old. Applications for children to start in September 1997 should be made to the school by 28th January 1997. Visits to the school are always welcome.

#### **Marnel Early Years Centre**

Marnel Infant School  
Tel 01256 57028

Our Early Years Centre has been open for two years to serve the needs of families with young

children. The Centre runs weekly group meetings where parents can come and meet each other and take part in a variety of activities with their children. The Centre is jointly managed by the school and Health and Social Services and so access to a wide range of information and expertise is always available. Please ring if we can help you and your children in any way.

Marnel Infant and Junior Schools have had Closed Circuit Television Cameras installed on their site.

You are more than welcome to come along and join the next meeting which is on the 28th January at 7.30pm and is being held in the Popley Fields Community Centre, Carpenters Down.



## **FASTFARE**

Convenience Store

Abbey Road, Popley 4  
phone: 23679

Open seven days a week  
8.30 am to 9.30 pm

Off licence


Dry cleaning

Fresh fruit and vegetables  
Fresh sandwiches and pies

Recharge your Gas card  
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*We now accept milk tokens*

**WE HAVE JUST STARTED  
SELLING WOOL**

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**£1.00 off** 31st December  
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when you spend over £10.00

excluding tobacco products, gas cards, electric keys and scratch cards and other products at the discretion of Fastfare.

## MELROSE HALL

### Popley Abbeys

Tel 01256

As residents will have noticed the new centre is behind schedule by about 7 weeks. This has affected some of our previously publicised dates, we apologise but this is beyond our control. We feel that the building will be well worth the wait.

On a date to be arranged in February there will be a ceremony to hand over the keys. The building will be open after this for all to see the facilities available.

### GRAND OPENING CEREMONY

March 15th at 2pm

For this we would like assistance from people living on Popley Abbeys. Are you, or do you know, the oldest and longest serving resident? Were you involved in the original community centre set up 25 years ago? Please let us know if you have any information. This event is to be an anniversary and opening combined.

If you would like to join in, help out or register interest in future bookings in the new Centre please contact Bas 411113/410496.

### MELROSE FAMILY FUN DAY

June 14th 1 - 5pm

Aldermaston Road Open Space - behind the Ringway Hotel

#### Groups currently using the Centre

Mon. N.S.S. Drop in Group

Mon. Keep Fit

Tues. Weight Watchers

Tues. St Gabriels Senior Citizens Club Bingo 2- 4pm Contact Archie on Bas 59069

Wed. Popley Little People Club 10 - 12 noon

Wed. Adventure Ranger Corp. 7 - 9pm

Frid. Church Youth Groups (Junior/Senior)

Sun. Morning Church 11-12.30pm

## MELROSE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

### Who are you?

We are a group of people who gather together on Sunday mornings to help and support each other (and find out the gossip of the week) at a time when unity is needed.

### What do you do?

We are ordinary people who just have a chat, sing a few songs, hear about God's word and how he can help us in our everyday lives. We have a time of prayer if it is needed, have a cup of tea and a biscuit, then go home.

### When and why do you do it?

The service starts at 11am and finishes around 12.30. As a church we pray for Popley and for the children who are growing up here. We notice how every one knows everyone else and pull together when needed, church is like that in some respects.

### Anything else?

The Friday Club. We have two sessions, one for the 5 - 10 year olds from 6.30pm and the other for 10 and up from 8 to 9pm. It costs 50p to get in and is free for first timers. The children usually put on a production at Christmas time.

### ADVENTURE RANGER CORP.

Melrose Community Centre

Wednesdays 7- 9pm

A.R.C. is set to open a whole new experience for youngsters looking for outdoor adventure. The group, for youngsters aged between 8 and 18, has launched its second unit in Basingstoke and is hoping to attract new members from the Popley area.

Youngsters can participate in a wide range of outdoor activities such as hiking, canoeing, diving, rock climbing, swimming and climbing over assault courses, plus much more. Over 14s can then go on to do the Duke of Edinburgh's Award through the group.

To find out more come to meet us or ring Ian Campbell on Bas 59517.

## POPLEY LITTLE PEOPLE

We are a parent & toddler group you may have seen in the Gazette recently on our fund raising sponsored slide. And it was the children sliding, not the parents! We would also like to invite any dads with children if they have the courage to attend for the first time. They will be made very welcome.

To find out more about us, call in at one of our sessions at the Melrose Centre on Wednesday 10 -12 am, refreshments £1 per family.

## SENIOR CITIZENS BINGO

Every Tuesday 2 - 4pm at the Melrose Community Centre.

Every Friday 2 - 4pm at Popley Fields Community Centre. For

more details contact Archie Martin on 56069.



### The Boys' Brigade

The 6th Basingstoke Company of the Boys' Brigade caters for boys from the age of 6 years.

**ANCHOR BOYS** are from 6 to 8 years

**JUNIOR SECTION** - for 8 to 10½ years

**COMPANY SECTION** for 10½ to 18 years

All Sections meet at the John Hunt School on Monday evening and are an integral part of St Gabriel's Church.

On Sat Jan 25th the Company will be holding an Inspection and Display at the John Hunt School at 7pm to celebrate 25 years of their work on Popley. Past members and members of the public are welcome to come along at 7pm to see us all and to find out more of this very active organisation.

Contact David R Phillips, the Company Captain, on Bas 23564.

## POPLEY FIELDS COMMUNITY CENTRE

Carpenters Down Tel 414494

### LOOK WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER!!!

The Centre has been open since July 1996 and is available for hire including wedding receptions, christenings and childrens parties, for charges and availability contact the Community Centre office.

**All Popley residents membership £2 per year**

Saturday 21st December 4 - 6pm

**Childrens Christmas Party (5-11 years) £2.50**

Please book to avoid disappointment, places limited

6-7pm **Christmas Carols (Parents & Children)**

Tuesday 31st December 8- 12.30pm

**Family New Years Celebrations**

**Pantomime - 2nd January 1997**

Proteus Theatre Company presents

**PINOCHIO - 2pm**

(tickets available from the Community Centre office)

**ALONG WITH WEEKLY EVENTS SUCH AS**

Playgroup, Parent & Toddlers, Child Minders, Bingo, Art Classes, Martial Arts, Keep Fit, American Line Dancing, Youth Groups, Slimming Club, Indoor Car Boot Sales.

### DISCOVER YOUR TRUE SELF! .....

Come and learn the spiritual, philosophical and relaxing side of Martial Arts - through **Zen Kyo Shin Tai Jutsu** in a friendly, non-competitive atmosphere, consisting of Aikido, Healing and Meditation.

#### **CLASSES -**

Popley Fields Community Centre

#### **CHILDREN -**

Wednesday 6.30- 7.30 pm

#### **ADULTS**

Wednesday 7.30 - 9.30 pm

**INTERESTED? Phone Steve on - 01252-737461**

## THE JOHN HUNT SCHOOL

The John Hunt of Everest Community School is in use every evening and most weekends for a variety of activities.

Guides, Brownies, Rainbows and the Boys Brigade all meet here regularly.

A weekly Pensioners Lunch Club with community mini-bus transport is available, as well as an Afternoon Bingo Club.

The Preschool Playgroup is held in the Community Room daily from 9.30 - 12.00.

A comprehensive Adult Education Programme that includes Evening Classes and Saturday workshops is held at John Hunt. Spring term classes begin week commencing January 20th 1997, enrolments are now being taken!

Offsite activities, which include 'Gentle Keep-Fit' are held at Magnolia Court, Popley Way.

The Fitness Studio has an excellent range of equipment. Induction courses are held on a regular basis.

Aerobics, Keep-fit, Karate, 5-a-side, Dancing, Basket ball, Badminton and Golf are all available at the John Hunt Community School.

The first Popley Festival was held here in March 1994, this was a resounding success. The school also hosted the 1995 & 1996 Festivals. Plans are underway for the 1997 Festival which should be a major Popley event.

## POPLEY FIELDS COMMUNITY CENTRE and PROTEUS THEATRE COMPANY

*present*

### **Popley Parents Drama Group**

Are you interested in taking part in theatre workshops but don't know what to do with the kids?

#### **Problem solved!**

P. F. C. A. will provide the creche. Proteus Theatre Co. will provide the Director.

6 **FREE** Fun Packed Drama Sessions each Tuesday starting **Tue Jan 14th 1997 1.00- 2.45pm**

### **PETITE SCHOOL OF DANCING**

First opened 26 years ago at Chineham House with just 27 pupils. The school holds classes on a Tues and Wed at John Hunt School.

Pupils are taught Ballet, Tap, Modern/Jazz, Acrobatics, National, Lyrical and Character. There is also a Fitness Class and a Tap Class for Adults.

Many have attended over the years, some dance professionally around the world. Some have schools of their own in Reading, Guildford, London, Kingsclere and South Wales.

Pupils are encouraged to enter for examinations etc but many come to classes for fun and exercise.

For more information contact Mrs Pat Sloan on 471096 or Mrs Joan Pettitt on 01403 264617.

### **TREASURE ISLAND PLAYGROUP**

Tel 01256 414014

After more than 20 years at Trinidad Close in Popley our Parent and Toddler Group moved into the Popley Fields Community Centre in Carpenters Down during June 1996. We soon settled in. Our sessions take place between 9.30 and 12.00 Mon to Fri and Parents and Toddlers on Wed from 1.00 to 2.30. We belong to the Pre-School Learning Alliance and staff are trained in Diploma of Playgroup Practice, Learning Through Play and First Aid. We fundraise a couple of times a year and are backed up by a voluntary committee of parents nominated at our AGM. Parents are welcome and we appreciate their participation.

### **EVEREST SENIOR CITIZENS**

Thursday Lunch & Bingo Club. Transport available, ring Maggie Hunt on 465303.

**LADIES MULTIGYM FITNESS** begins Monday January 20th 9.30-10.30am £1.50 per session. Call 465303 to book your place.

**SHERPAS BADMINTON CLUB** C.S.S.A. in Main Sports Hall on Friday 7-10pm. Subscription £35 for adults. Under 16s free, under 18s in full time education free. Cheaper rate for CSSC members. Call Norma or Peter on 411114 for details.

**THE GOLDEN CLUB** meets for Bingo on Thursday from 2 - 4pm. Details from Mrs Scott on 472489  
**THE PLAYGROUP** meets every day in the Community Room between 9.30 -12.00. For details ring Mrs Brown on 410336.

# St Gabriel's Church

St Gabriel's is the local Church of England in Popley and is part of the Basingstoke Team Ministry. It is in Tewkesbury Close at the junction with Popley Way.

The Vicar, the Revd. Jane Vaughan-Wilson, holds regular services and can be contacted at The Vicarage in Tewkesbury Close on Bas 24734. She says -

## Come & Join Us for a Special Christmas

December

Sunday 15th at 5.30pm	<b>Christmas Entertainment</b> Carols, sketches & poems for Xmas. With refreshments
Sunday 22nd at 3.00pm	<b>Christingle Service</b> special children's Xmas service, but fun for adults too!
Tuesday 24th at 6pm	<b>Christmas Eve</b>
at 11.30pm	<b>Children's Crib Service</b>
	<b>Midnight Mass</b> - a taste of what Christmas is really about.
Wednesday 25th at 10.30am	<b>Christmas Day</b> <b>Communion Service</b>

## Activities in the Parish Hall

Mon

6-7pm	Rainbows
7.30-10pm	Machine Knitting Club (2nd Monday/month)

Tues

5-6pm	Beavers
6-8pm	Cubs

Wed

6-7.30pm	Brownies
7.45pm	Slimming World

Thursday

9am	Welcare
7.30-9.30	Slimming World

Friday

9.30-12pm	Mothers & Toddlers
7-9pm	Scouts

### Wel-Care

This is a professional Social and Community Work Project which offers confidential support, information and advice for lone parents. If you would like to hear more contact the Project Worker on Bas 473350.

### OAKFERN HOUSING ASSOCIATION

If you have any queries or problems contact Archie Martin, Vice Chair of the Federation Committee of Oakfern Housing Association, on 01256 59069

BASINGSTOKE

TEAM MINISTRY



Tewkesbury Close  
Popley

### 1st Popley Scout Group

We have vacancies for boys from age 11. We meet on Friday 7 - 9pm. **Beavers** meet on Tuesday 5- 6.15pm. **Cubs** meet on Tuesday 6.15 - 8pm.

All three groups meet at St Gabriel's Church Hall.

For information on costs, waiting lists etc please ring Mrs Hanmore on Bas 410983.

## USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

<b>Police Fire Ambulance</b>	<b>999</b>
Basingstoke Police Station	473111
Southern Electric	59191
British Gas	
(Emergencies only) 01734	581451
Mid Southern Water	835031
Citizens Advice Bureau	22814
Samaritans	462333
Rape Crisis	840224
St Gabriel's Vicarage	24734
Basingstoke & Deane B C	844844
Oakfern Housing Assoc.	338800
Repair line only	463663
Hampshire C C	0962 841841
Educ. Welfare Service	818429
Educ. Div. Office	0252 812333

Basingstoke Dist. Hosp.	473202
Bermuda Close Surgery	468345
Marlowe Close Surgery	28860
Marlowe Close Dental Surgery	28662

Rail Enquiries SWT	464996
Bus Enquiries Stagecoach	464501
Dial-a-ride	462101
Library Town Centre Chineham	473901 465643

Ice-Rink and Lido	840219
Sports Centre	844444
Warner Cinema (Prog. info)	818739
(Adv. Bking)	818448

### Your Representatives

Basingstoke & Deane BC	844844
Cllrs Ann & John Blairman	
16 Brocas Drive RG21 2LT	475380
Cllr Michael Berwick-Gooding	
45 Pershore Rd RG24 9B	473113

### Hampshire County Council

Cllr Joan Carnell	
102 Worting Rd RG21 1UB	23410

### Member of Parliament

Andrew Hunter MP	22207
The Mount Bounty Rd RG21 3DD	