

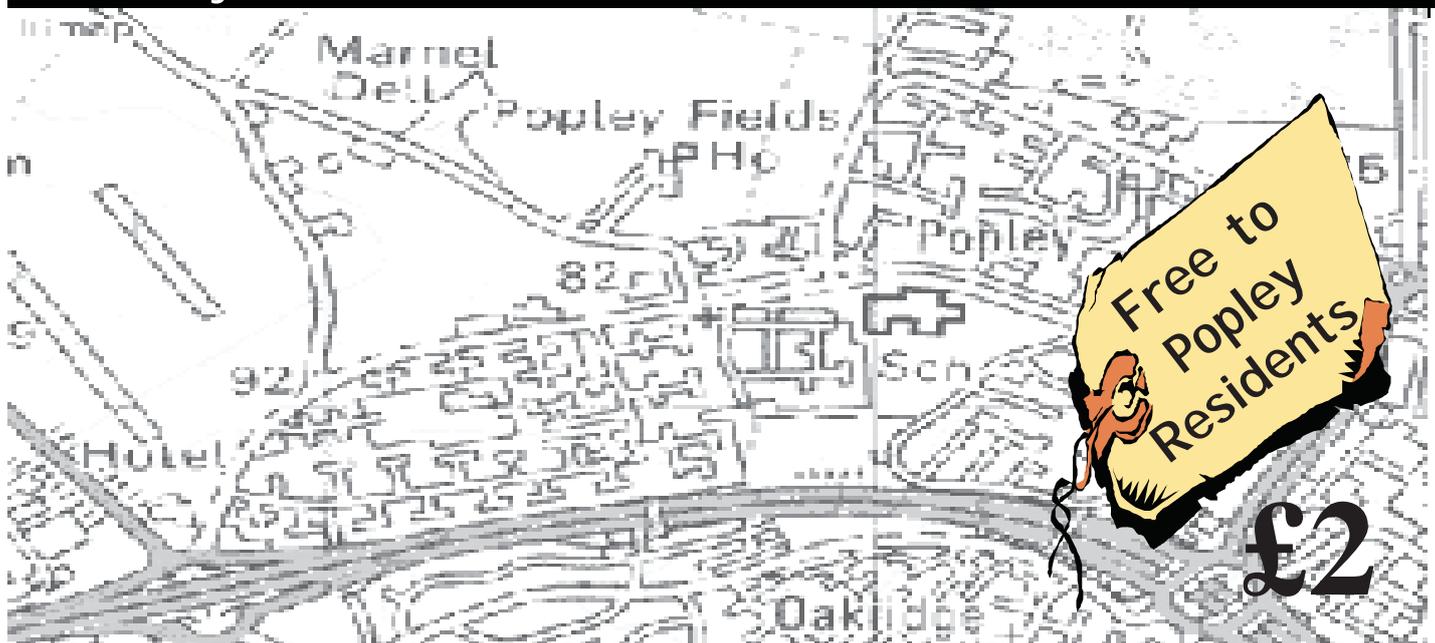
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Editor  
Jane Frankum

**Message from the Editor:**-July, and as I write this we have yet to start the warm sunny weather! However other signs of summer are here, with people preparing for their holidays. Another sign is the caravans and trucks and all that goes with the illegal camping of travellers. It is so sad when you think that the poor behaviour and thoughtlessness of some tar all travellers with the same brush. When I was a child in Lincolnshire the gypsies would come for harvest time and work really hard and you would never know that they had camped in the area as everywhere was cleaned up and cleared by them before they left. However things have changed and, sadly, we seem to have people that have no consideration for others and leave masses of rubbish that the council has to clear up and we pay the bill. I was asked “Why do they come here? Why not stay in the area where they live?” Well the answer I have been told by council and police is simple: they get lots of work, they charge less but they don’t always do a good job. They seem to cut corners and dump the rubbish instead of paying for it to be disposed of in the proper way so every time someone gives them work they are encouraging them to stay. We have at last got a more co-ordinated approach with both councils and the police working well together. When they are on council land they are moved quickly. It is much more difficult on privately owned land. However the Chief Constable in Basingstoke and his team are very proactive.

With the holidays ahead we have tried in this month’s Popley Matters to give at least a flavour of things to keep you entertained and happy: on page 1 there is a chance for the youth to show your art in a professional way; page 3 Spotlight have a range of activities for all age groups; page 7 is Marnel Football Club and page 9 Everest Silver Sherpas; lots of activities each week for over 55s. The summer play scheme is here for 5 weeks on page 12; Air Scouts on page 14; cycle in the sun for St Michael’s Hospice on page 15; eyes down for bingo on page 23 at Bermuda Hall; and Basingstoke Live saved for another fun filled event on page 27. So something for everyone! You can call me on 01256 819924 or write to me at 405 Abbey Road, RG24 9EL.



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**Councillors Page:** Persimmon Homes, who now own the Merton Rise development site, achieved Reserved Matters approval to Phases 3 and 5 on 6th June 2013. This approval follows on from the outline planning permission the County Council obtained in January 2012. These two phases relate to the land parcels to the western edge, A340 side, of the site and will enable the developer to enclose the site, while they look to deliver the remaining parcels through the life of the planning consent. In terms of the other phases, and with particular reference to the Local Centre, Phase 2 is likely to be delivered in 2015 at the earliest. There is provision in the Section 106 agreement, attached to the outline planning consent, for the Local Centre (shops) to be constructed before 400 dwellings have been occupied on site, which is to ensure delivery of this element. For Phase 4, which borders Popley Community Park, this is now likely to be underway early to mid 2014, with Phase 6, adjacent Don Allen Drive, late 2015/early 2016. Cllr Jane Frankum 01256 819924 jane.frankum@hants.gov.uk

**Popley West:** Your Popley Labour Councillors have been meeting with Hampshire County Council with regard to future section 106 money to be spent on roads and paths in the Abbeys and Poets estates. It is in the early stages but once the Popley Islands new access scheme is completed the next phase will be Poets and Abbeys.

We continue to request that the administration at least meet with Councillors to discuss the Costa Coffee issue. We cannot see how we, the tax payers, should subsidise a company that has made millions of pounds of profits and we are enduring more and more cuts to services.

There is a consultation at the moment on the bus services and you can fill in the questionnaire on line on the Basingstoke Council site [Basingstoke.gov.uk](http://Basingstoke.gov.uk) or request a leaflet phone 844844. If you think there should be a better/late evening service or links from Popley East to West now is your chance to let the powers that be know.

We are pleased at last that the delivery of a post box in the Marnel Park/Merton Rise is one step nearer and we should have one installed in the next few months.

*Cllr Paul Frankum 01256 819924*

*Cllr Jane Frankum 01256 819924*

**Popley East:** We expect a decision from the inspector regarding the appeal by David Wilson Homes to build 450 houses on Kiln Farm, in September.

Your Popley Councillors are in discussion with County Highways regarding improvements to the road and footpaths. In respect of Popley East we have commented that the following should be prioritised and concentrated on at Shakespeare Road: traffic calming measures (main priority for funding): off road parking provision for additional spaces: subway improvements; pedestrian access improvements to paddling pool area in Chineham Park; and crossing improvements at the One Stop shop and subway. We are happy to receive comments from residents about the Popley East area improvements.

The council is seeking comments from the public on bus routes funded by the Council. Some of the routes directly affect Popley East. For example the Jazz 3 services after 7pm are directly funded by the Borough Council solely or in conjunction with Hampshire County Council. You can make comments up to Friday 19 July 2013 by completing the survey on line at [www.basingstoke.gov.uk/go/busreview](http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/go/busreview) or by answering the questions in the survey leaflet. Copies of the leaflet are available at Popley Fields Community Centre.

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June has been another sensational month for MFC Popley Youth, the area's local children's football club. Following on from the enormous success at the club's tournament in May, where the club won three of the six competitive trophies on offer, comes more exciting news on various fronts.

At the tournament, an event now that is so high profile it attracted scouts from Chelsea, Fulham, Southampton and Reading football clubs over the two days; first comes news that three of the Club's Under 7s were invited to train with Chelsea FC at one of their outlets.

And following on from that comes the news that Oliver Turner, who is about to become an Under 9 on 1st July, has been scouted to join League One Crawley Football Club's Academy. This is a great achievement for Oliver and also reflects well on the club (who also produced D'Andre Brown who is still with Reading going into U13s) and particularly Oliver's coaches, Andrew Williams and David Gambrell, who have worked so very hard to develop him as a player these past two seasons.

Finally, the club can now announce that, following work behind the scenes by Ian Davies, Club Chairman, and Nicci Gambrell, Club Welfare Officer, the Club has secured a £5,000 Grow The Game grant from The Football Foundation over the next three years. This will provide massive benefit to the children as the club continues to expand. Next season the Club will have teams in all age groups from Under 7s to Under 15s and the Club will also be launching a "Future MFC Players" nursery, that will be hosted by Warwick Sear-Jarvis, who holds the FA Level 3 full UEFA B professional coaching badge.

The club now also its regular "Total Football" Children's Holiday Camps. These will take place throughout the summer holidays at Everest Community College, hosted by Club Chairman Ian Davies.

The MFC Popley Youth Football" Summer Holiday Camp" is priced at only £7.50 a day, or £34 the whole week!!!! The hours will be 10am-3pm (9am drop off and 4pm pick up available on request at no extra charge). Parents can book by phoning or texting 07884 185 693 or by email at [mfcpopleyyouth@live.co.uk](mailto:mfcpopleyyouth@live.co.uk).

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## Your Community, Your Opportunity

A workshop was held on 20<sup>th</sup> June bringing together members of different community plan groups and other organisations in Popley. The workshop explored how the local community can pull together to create a better place to live in and to champion the views of local people in Popley through developing local community plans. The evening was very productive and everyone who attended had lots to input and were keen to work together.

There are currently three community plan groups working in Popley, which are:

- Marnel & Merton Community Group (covering Marnel Park, Merton Rise and Orchard Grove, including Speckledwood Road)
- Popley Islands Community Group (covering all the roads named after Islands)
- Shakespeare Community Residents' Association (covering all roads off Shakespeare Road).

To find out more or see how you can get involved in your local community plan, or if you live in the Abbeys area and are interested in forming a community plan group for your area, please contact Stephen Bate, Community Development Officer at [Stephen.bate@basingstoke.gov.uk](mailto:Stephen.bate@basingstoke.gov.uk) or on 07500 987638.

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It's the beginning of June as I write this report for the July edition of Popley Matters. The Everest Silver Sherpas have enjoyed a variety of activities. Quite a few members joined in a lively quiz earlier in May. The first task was to work out what the abbreviations and numbers meant, for example, 18 H on a GC (18 holes on a golf course), or 13 L in a BD (13 loaves in a baker's dozen). We had a list of 33 to stretch our brains. From all accounts, according to MENSA, if you get 23 of the list correct, you are a genius!! There were no geniuses in my group!! Great fun trying to work them out though and very competitive.

Zumba Gold, is a favourite exercise with quite a few of the members; it got the pulses racing on another week. Also, a few members pulled on their walking boots, and, starting at Kingsclere, went on an enjoyable walk around Hannington, stopping at about the half way point for a meal at The Vine pub. Fortunately this was when the rain came down and by the time they were on their way again, the sun had come out.

If you are interested in joining us on a Friday afternoon, 3-5pm, during term time, and are 50+ please get in touch with Dean or Danielle at Everest Academy on 01256 337573

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First of all, I'd like to say hello to the people of Popley. PC Dan Carter mentioned me in the previous issue of Popley Matters, however here goes, my name is Steve Burgess and I am the new Police Community Safety Officer for Popley East, together with Dan and PCSO Addison Maker we form your Safer Neighbourhood Team. I've been working on the Popley beat since 22nd April of this year and have already met some key individuals which make up your community. However, I am sure there still are plenty of you who I have yet to meet. If you do see me out and about (normally on my bike), please feel free to stop me, say hello, introduce yourself and let me know of anything that is of concern in your area.

I have recently been working alongside Everest Academy Year 8 groups, interacting with pupils and giving presentations on Anti-Social Behaviour, the affects it has on individuals as well as communities. So far the feedback has been good, and myself and Everest are looking to branch this involvement with police out to Year 9 as well.

We have continued to concentrate our patrols around your priorities, On 8th June whilst on patrol I encountered a male smoking cannabis in the Montserrat Road area. He was detained where an officer attended and dealt with the male by means of an £80 fine. Other than that, myself, Dan and Addison have targeted our patrols around known areas and have not encountered any issues. We have received a number of calls from residents of Aspire Place expressing concerns for bin sheds to the rear of the flats, in particular youths breaking in the sheds and congregating within them. We have advised Sentinel of this and asked if they could look in to securing the bins more appropriately.

Football games still appear to be an issue in and around the area of Abbey Road, a number of complaints have been received revolving around this. We all continue to patrol the area, and have offered words of advice to anyone playing football in the street. Please can we remind all parents there are plenty of fields and play parks in and around Popley where football would be more suitable and they can play stress free.

**Regards**

**PC 20686 Dan Carter** ☺🚲  
**Popley Safer Neighbourhoods Beat Manager**

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## **Everest Autism and ADHD Club**

Everest Autism Club welcomed Anna Kennedy OBE, the Deputy Mayor Roger Gardiner, and Popley Councillor Jane Frankum to their club on Sunday 2nd June to celebrate the growth and success of the club.

Anna, who has two autistic sons, is a champion for autism and a recent Tesco Mum of the Year. Anna set up special schools and colleges she also wrote a book and has been on several TV shows including Esther Rantzen.

Activities on the day included mini-fencing, Zumba and streetdance and the use of the Academy's e-pad room. Drinks and delicious home made cakes were available. Local providers helping were Mark Rowland from Sports Xtra and dance teacher Jo Harris. Over thirty families attended, both current and new. Paul Illsley, chairman, was very pleased with the day and all guests invited were extremely impressed with the facilities, club activities and atmosphere created. One of the benefits of days like this is the discovery of new parents who have skills to offer the club - Olley Edwards ran a drama session at the next Sunday meeting. All new members are welcome.

**Headquarters:****Base 2000 Carpenters Down, Popley RG24 9AE**

<b>Group Scout Leader:</b>	<b>Colin Karlake</b>	01256 410559
<b>Scout section:</b>	<b>John-Paul Keetch</b>	07899 087 275
<b>Cub Scout section:</b>	<b>Douglas Gowan</b>	01256 412326
<b>Beaver Scout section:</b>	<b>Eve Alexander</b>	01256 346510

Plenty going on at the moment, with Beavers bug hunting in the woods with 'Bug Beaver'. Yellow Beaver was tricked into believing she was being attacked by a very nasty bug – everyone thought it was great fun (except Yellow Beaver that is - who hates bugs of any sort!) The Colony spent a very busy and informative evening at 'Pets at Home' and enjoyed being shown animals such as rabbits, guinea pigs, a lizard and a geko. After lots of questions they worked hard to complete a worksheet.

The Cub Pack went pond dipping at Eastrop Park to complete their Science Badge finding all sorts of creatures in the muddy water. Afterwards they followed the tree trail and let off steam in the playground to finish. Fifteen Cubs had a fantastic time at District Summer Camp at Longbridge Activity Centre near Marlow on the theme of 'Pirates'. They tried out water sorbing, raft building, kayaking, climbing and of course experienced the ever favourite 'giant swing'.

They also had a go at dragon boat racing competing against each other to see who could row the fastest. The last evening's campfire saw a 'Parade of Pirates' with prizes for the best outfit. In July they will have a visit from 'Guide Dogs for the Blind' hopefully with a guide dog in training and, to finish off the summer session, a cane



rocket trip to the moon so see if it really is made of cheese! If the rockets don't make it they could be stranded until the new session in the autumn when a new fun-filled programme of activities will be ready for them.

Scouts tried out micro-navigation recently and managed (after a bit of help) to spell out the word 'Scouts'. For the uninitiated this involves following a set of compass bearings, marking points on the ground and linking them with tape, tent pegs or glow sticks to form a recognisable shape/word. At the end of June they had the opportunity to experience orienteering at an event organised by the Basingstoke Orienteering Club who laid out courses in Basing Woods and the amazing O-maze which was time trialled.

The Annual Meeting for Parents was held on 25<sup>th</sup> June at which the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013 was adopted.

Charity number 267734

Headquarters registration number 42755



# Big Wheel 21

28th July 2013

**Cycle in the sun for St. Michael's Hospice**



Registration is now open online for the Big Wheel 21 cycle ride, starting from Down Grange Sports Complex on the morning of Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July. Last year over 1100 cyclists took part making it North Hampshire's premier cycle event.

The event offers riders a choice of four terrific routes, all taking in different aspects of the stunning North Hampshire countryside. Cyclists will depart on their choice of a 5mile or new 18mile, 31mile or challenging 63mile route! All routes are fully marshalled from Down Grange. With timed starts between 9:00am and 10:30am. On riders return, they will be treated to a wonderful complimentary leg massage from the splendid team of Hospice complementary therapists.

2013 sees the launch of Big Wheel's longest ever route of 63miles, breaking the 100km mark! This route has been developed between the Hospice and local cycle clubs to ensure it offers a challenge for even the most serious of riders.

As an addition to the main Big Wheel the Hospice is delighted to announce the return of Little Wheel for those aged between 2 – 7 years. This child friendly event will take place on the edge of the main Big Wheel arena where children can ride a scooter, trike or bike whilst raising sponsorship money for laps completed. This event is great for those not old enough to cycle in the main event but still keen to take part!

Pat Darty, Events Manager, for St. Michael's Hospice said "After the success of last year's event we are confident this will be the biggest and best Big Wheel St. Michael's has ever held. We hope that more people than ever will get on a bike and support the Hospice to continue to provide the very best care to patients and families."

Entry to Big Wheel costs £18 per adult, £9 per child and £45 for a family consisting of 2 x Adults and 2 x Children or £30 for a tandem. Cyclists are urged to pre register online at [stmichaelshospice.org.uk/events](http://stmichaelshospice.org.uk/events) as registration on the day will be £20 for adults and £10 for children. If you require further information please contact fundraising on 01256 844744 or visit [stmichaelshospice.org.uk](http://stmichaelshospice.org.uk)



## Cracking down on ASB

In the past year, cases of anti-social behaviour (ASB) across Basingstoke have dropped in the following areas by:

Oakridge - 33.5%

Old Basing - 7.4%

**Popley East - 10.5%**

**Popley West - 13.6%**

Rooksdown - 9.1%

Winklebury - 8.7%

There's been a slight rise in Chineham of 3.3%, but overall the number of ASB cases is down by 14.8%.

## Taking action against noisy neighbours

Sometimes making the odd bit of noise at home is unavoidable, if you're doing the housework or DIY. However, some people make such a persistent noise that it disturbs their neighbours and makes their lives a misery. In these cases Sentinel will take action. Here's some examples

**Case 1** - A noisy neighbour in Basingstoke was continually playing music and causing low level ASB.

**Action taken** - Several warnings were issued, but the behaviour continued. We agreed to help and support them and they agreed not to play loud music. They broke this agreement, so we've applied to court to end their tenancy.

**Case 2** - A noisy neighbour in Basingstoke continually played loud music throughout the day and evening. The music was so loud we received complaints from five neighbouring homes.

**Action taken** - Warning letters were issued and an interview was completed, but despite this the music continued. During a party a serious incident took place in the property. We issued a notice and started proceedings to evict the tenants. This case is going to trial.

If you're having problems with a noisy neighbour please let us know by calling **0800 195 5515**, from a landline, or **0300 666 5515**, from a mobile or complete an initial report form at **[www.sentinel.org.uk/asbreportform](http://www.sentinel.org.uk/asbreportform)**.

There's also a customer information leaflet with top tips on how to cut down the noise you make at home. You'll find it at **[www.sentinelha.org.uk/customerinformationsheets](http://www.sentinelha.org.uk/customerinformationsheets)**.



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### *Message from Chair of Governors, Mrs Sharon Cheasley*

*Some of you may already be aware that Mrs Baron will be leaving Marnel Community Junior School at the end of the school year, after being Headteacher for 10 years. It is testament to her leadership that the time seems to have flown and it has been my absolute pleasure to work alongside her, and the team, as both Governor and Chair.*

*Mrs Baron has successfully steered the school through some turbulent times, always with a smile and positively. Many of you will remember, as I do, that the school's reputation was in shreds when she arrived as a breath of fresh air and inspiration. Since then, it has been a pleasure to witness the school going from strength to strength. The results, this year, are the best on record. The building is the envy of many headteachers and the result of Mrs Baron's determination to obtain the very best for our children.*

*The school's reputation within Basingstoke and further afield is enviable. It would seem everyone knows about Marnel, for so many good reasons.*

*I am sure there are many of you who would like to show your appreciation for all Mrs Baron's hard work and support over the years. We are organising a collection with the intention of buying something for her garden, to remember her time at Marnel. If you would like to contribute, please come in to school where Lisa Dunkerley, the school Business Manager, will happily help.*

*Best Wishes*

*Mrs Sharon Cheasley*

Headteacher: Mrs A Baron  
Deputy Head: Mrs D Owens  
Assistant Head: Mrs S Peopall



# Health and Wellbeing

## **New Disability Signpost Service**

Ever found yourself lost in an unfamiliar area, not knowing which way to turn? That feeling of being lost and vulnerable is familiar to many people who are suddenly affected by disability either personally or through friends and family. It is not always easy to find the right place to go for advice and information and many people are often left feeling alone and isolated.

Basingstoke and District Disability Forum is pleased to announce that they are offering a new Disability Signpost Service that will help guide disabled people, their carers, friends and family to the right source of information and advice. Information on a wide range of topics including transport, benefits, housing and volunteering will be available.

The Signpost Service is being provided by the Forum in conjunction with the Basingstoke Discovery Centre and will be available on the first working Tuesday of the month in the Discovery Centre between 10.00am and 1.30pm. The service will continue to be provided monthly throughout 2013 in Basingstoke.

The Disability Signpost Service is being delivered by Disability Forum volunteers and the Forum's Coordinator. The Disability Forum would like to extend its thanks to the Disability Forum members who inspired this initiative and to the Discovery Centre for their generosity in providing the venue and assistance.

For more information contact Anne Gray, Disability Forum Coordinator on 01256 423869 or email [disabilityforum@voluntaryservices.com](mailto:disabilityforum@voluntaryservices.com).

## **Community Innovations**

Are you over 55? Do you have concerns about your health or well-being, or are you finding everyday activities increasingly difficult? Are you an older person who would like to get out more and have the opportunity to attend social events or make new friends? Then your Community Independence Team could help. The team consists of occupational therapists, social workers and support workers who can provide specialist advice on coping with practical tasks, improving your well-being and linking you in with relevant health or community services. You can contact the team via Hants Direct on 0845 603 5630. If you are making a referral on behalf of another person then you must ensure you have their permission to contact us.

## **Quotes for the quarter**

A healthy attitude is contagious but don't wait to catch it from others to be a carrier – Tom Stoppard

You are never too old to set another goal or dream a new dream – C.S.Lewis

So many people spend their health gaining wealth, and then have to spend their wealth to regain their health. A.J. Reb Materi



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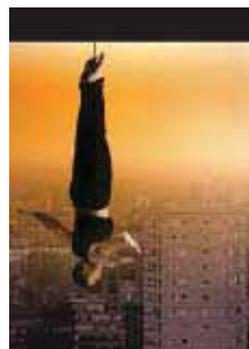
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Dear Friends

Doesn't summer just bring its own special sights, sounds and smells? The wafting of barbeque smoke, cold beers on the pub lawn, the scent of flowers, children's laughter, the splashing of water in paddling pools, men in socks and sandals (I'm not allowed out dressed that way), open topped cars, late summer evenings and glorious sunsets, holidays. I could go on and on. I love the summer time, there's something about it that just lifts the spirit! My only regret is the lack of football to watch on the TV – mitigated by Wimbledon and the forthcoming Ashes series against the Australians!

Who could ever forget the last time we beat the Aussies in the Ashes on home turf – we were delirious with it and in my heart of hearts I really want England to repeat that win, I can imagine the celebrations that will take place if they do - but what if they don't?

It's always difficult to deal with disappointments and the feeling of being let down; so can we be as generous and noble in defeat as in victory? How quickly will all those St George Cross flags disappear if we are beaten and how many of us will still be glued to the TV to watch the one day matches?

It's the same in our every day lives! If we raise our hopes and expectations too high only to be let down our natural instinct is to turn our backs and walk away in despair. There's a wonderful story in Luke's Gospel of two followers walking home to the town of Emmaus that really captures the sense of loss and disappointment.

But there is another way (to coin a phrase!). St Paul wrote to the Christians in Rome "Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance produces character; and character produces hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us." These are wise words and worth dwelling on when you're going through a tough time. One thing you can be absolutely certain of; God will never let you down, disappoint you or dash your hopes; he has a perfect plan for your life, even if it doesn't feel like that sometimes – why not give him a chance and try talking to him about it for a moment – you may be surprised!

Have a fantastic summer, long may the sun shine on you and may we look forward to a great celebration of England victory over the Aussies – bring it on!.

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## The Court of Protection and Deputyships

The Court of Protection makes decisions and can appoint Deputies to act on behalf of people who are unable to make decisions about their personal health, finance or welfare. For example, this will be the case if a Lasting Power of Attorney has not been put into place before a loved one has lost their mental capacity.

A common situation concerns anyone looking after a family member who has Alzheimer's, Dementia or an aged related mental health issue. This can be one of the most challenging tasks and sadly with an aging population, many of us will face this at some point.

In many cases, there comes a time when a loved one can no longer look after themselves and requires residential or nursing care. The average cost of care can be in the region of £1,000 per week. State Assistance is available through your local authority, but they are only obliged to pay the full cost of residual care if your total worth (including your home) is less than £14,250.

Getting access to a loved one's pension(s), bank accounts and other monies is essential in the event that they have to pay for their care. Hopefully they will have a Lasting Power of Attorney in place so that you can deal with their property and financial affairs straight away. Once a person loses their mental capacity they cannot make a Lasting Power of Attorney – you will not be able to make the Power on their behalf!

In these circumstances the only option will be to apply to the Court of Protection to become their Deputy. The Court of Protection has been set up with the sole purpose of dealing with applications for those who have lost mental capacity. The majority of applications to the Court relate to a person's property and financial affairs which can involve running their bank account, selling their home, collecting their pension and ensuring the bills are paid. The Court can also grant orders in respect of that person's health and personal welfare, Statutory Wills and Enduring or Lasting Powers of Attorney.

Applying to the Court can be a difficult and lengthy process as it is laden with many rules and procedures. Please remember that applying to the Court should always be seen as a last option and not a substitute for making a Lasting Power of Attorney.

Ben Holden is a solicitor specialising in Wills & Probate, Elderly Client Issues and Court of Protection procedures at Phillips Solicitors. Ben can be contacted on 01256 854 618 or [bholden@phillips-law.co.uk](mailto:bholden@phillips-law.co.uk)



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Wednesday evening - Dance to the beat. 5 -7pm.  
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Friday evening- Friday Club (children) 5:00-6:30pm

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**At the Popley Fields Community Centre Carpenters Down, Popley on Friday 12th of July 2013 doors open at 6pm eyes down at 7pm**

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## The Camrose Centre

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The Camrose Centre is still here supporting people who are homeless or vulnerably housed in Basingstoke and Deane.

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With the welfare reform looming our role has never been more important. If you would like to help support The Camrose Centre you can do so at <http://localgiving.com/charity/bvscamrose>



# Diaries from The Old Codger



As I write this month's Popley Matters article I look out the window and wonder what happened to our summers. Like last year rain, cold and more rain, oh and a bit of sun now and then. Is it all due to our climate change? Or is it that we are being hoodwinked by the powers that be? We have gone through changes like this over many millennia. It is I feel, our industrial generation that has caused it and countries around the world need to wake up or we will be another Mars. I just wonder how many of you feel the same as I. How much does it cost to keep the counties' street lights running in energy? A way round this could be a solar panelled system whereby houses in streets have these fitted to their roofs. The energy can then be stored to light our streets at night. It would not take every house in a road just a few, but it is down to costs, I expect, to turn people to green power. You yourself would not gain from this except to know you are willing to do your bit.

On a sadder note this year I am saddened at the disappearance of many of the birds that had come in my garden ever since I have lived in Popley. This year only two goldfinches and no greenfinches, all this is due to over population of people and yet we are asked to build more houses. Shame on the powers that be by granting cut and run developers the power to build.

I have come up with an idea to help Alzheimer sufferers. With the help of Jane, Paul and David, who are well into it, and with talks to BCOT I hope the idea will come to fruition as it will help so many of our citizens. I can't say more than this at the moment but we hope to give you an update later in the year.

Lets have some lighthearted fun now. How many of you remember back in the 60s and 70s we had buses with wooden seats you bounced along like good'ens as they went to town. We had to pay for the pain! If you asked one of the towns folk where is Bramley (as we did one day) "Ohh it be only up yee road." Boy did we walk that day Never again did we ask that question. On saying that I did get caught out again in Edinburgh. We were going back to Penrith when we got lost. My mate stopped the car and said "Look, ask that taxi driver." So muggins goes over to ask how we get out on the road south. As he started to talk, my jaw dropped as I could not understand a word. Her Indoors, my friend, and his wife were crying with laughter as I crossed the road back to them. I got in the car closed the door they still did not stop, "Okay what way do we go then?" they asked me. All I could say was "See you Jimmy, down there." No offence to our Scottish friends among you, well I think that is what he said. Her Indoors could dine out every night about that day, all I can remember was "See you, Jimmy," then blank.

I remember when I was about ten years old my friend and I had been to the rec. We were sitting on a bench watching some cricketers training when a young policeman came up to us and said "How long have you been in the area? In all innocence I said" All our live's; He grabbed hold of me and said "I do not want lip from you." I replied I am not". He then said we robbed the phone box. Then it was the old penny box phones and he made us empty our pockets. We were innocent. He told us to clear off home and we did. Now my father was a big, big man back then and we told him what had happened, with that on went his coat and off to the small police station we went. Dad knew the Sergeant well and when dad saw him the usual greetings passed between them and dad asked when this police officer would be back to the station "Any time now George" he said. As he said it he walked in, dad turned around and lifted this policeman off his feet. He turned very white. The sergeant came round from the back of the desk and pleaded with dad to put him down. Dad did, straight on his backside. Dad then had a chat to the sergeant and he said "Leave him with me to deal with George, I will sort him out". Some days later he came round and said he was sorry. Many years after we had become very close friends with him and you would often see us up the rec playing cricket or a kick about with him, and he was in his uniform. Would you do that now? I know that if a policeman were to do it to one of my children I would be the first to have a chat with him. Children should look up to our police as protectors not aggressors. Children and youths should be respectful when out. Do not go around, smashing people's property with lumps of wood. They knocked the corner of our front wall down and the boy was only about 10 – 12. I, with my failing health, have enough to deal with and this only gets me down. Whoever they were they don't want to mix with Her Indoors-well I certainly wouldn't.



**Till next month  
The OC**

# Basingstoke Live 2013 Full Line-up Announced

With over 120 acts performing across five stages, Basingstoke Live is back by popular demand! The full line-up for the free two-day musical festival has been announced, with artistes performing at War Memorial Park on Saturday 13 July and Sunday 14 July to bring the curtain down on Basingstoke Festival 2013.

The musical extravaganza - organised by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, working with the Basingstoke Live Forum - will offer a fantastic mix of rock, indie, house, hip hop, drum and bass, reggae, funk and acoustic music, not to mention workshops and demonstrations. The Main Stage will play host to a variety of acts, culminating with headliners Bashy and CJ Beatz (BBC 1xtra) on Saturday night and The Selecter starring Pauline Black and Arthur 'Gaps' Hendrickson on Sunday.

The Amped Stage is the place for your quality guitar driven bands and DJs, rappers, reggae and funk artistes will feature on the Sunrise Stage, while the Unplgd! Stage will offer a more chilled out atmosphere with acoustic based performances.

The Creative Stage and Arena will host a more diverse programme of DJs, dancers, up-and-coming bands and workshops, giving everyone the chance to get creative and get involved.

And there's great news for Bluetooth users who will be able to download free exclusive content across the weekend thanks to the return of the Busk-IT performances around the site.

Cabinet Member for Partnerships Cllr Cathy Osselton said: "Basingstoke Live is back for its seventh year and featuring another strong line-up of local, national and international performers. I would like to thank the promoters who make up the Basingstoke Forum for their hard work and continued dedication to this event and hope that many people come along to support the acts performing – most of whom are local – while also enjoying a fantastic weekend of entertainment for the whole family. As with last year Basingstoke Live will end the three-week Basingstoke Festival in style."

Amongst many others, Recycle and Sew will be in the Creative Arena across the weekend running fun workshops, and young local magician Jake McCormick will also be in the tent performing. Basingstoke-based band Treasures return to the festival on the Amped Stage, five-piece Indie rock band Flashfires will close out the Creative Stage on Saturday night and country rock 'n' roll band Fish Hook will feature on the Unplgd! Stage.

Local 12-year-old musician and songwriter Lauren Thalia, described as a "little star" by Simon Cowell on Britain's Got Talent and who has supported Leona Lewis on her 2013 tour, returns to the festival for a second year running, as part of the band 4th Avenue on the Creative Stage and also as a solo artist on the Main Stage. DJ Carl Nicholson, who has played alongside Fatboy Slim and Chemical Brothers, and circus skills artist Juggling Jake, are just some of the many other highlights.

As with last year, everyone will be searched when entering and there will be a 'no glass' policy at the event. There will also be a 'Challenge 21' policy in place for anyone wishing to bring alcohol onto the site. Hot food, a bar and refreshments will be available to buy throughout the weekend.

To view the full line-up or for more information about Basingstoke Live see [www.basingstokelive.co.uk](http://www.basingstokelive.co.uk). Social media users can like Basingstoke Live on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/Basingstokelive](http://www.facebook.com/Basingstokelive) or follow @basingstokelive on Twitter for the latest updates.

Hello readers

Wow what a month!

We did auditions for my school Junior Production which is the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. I tried out for a few parts, and did really well as I got the part of Lucy Pevensie. We have been doing lots of rehearsals and we have to learn all of our words (for me that is about well over 85 lines) Also the Yr6's, like every year, have been assigned a Gridley Challenge. For this challenge we have to find different things to buy to improve our playground. Once we have decided on the things that we are going to buy we have to raise the money by choosing various fundraising activities.

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June I, and four other pupils from my school went to an able writer's session (our last one 😊) with Graham Taylor (or as we all know him G.P.Taylor) he was brilliant. Everything that we said he somehow turned it into a joke. He was so funny and told us funny tales about his childhood. He also told some *spooky* scary stories about when he has actually seen ghosts (apparently all true?). He also helped us build up a character a plot and a setting. After that we wrote our own stories using everything he had taught us about character plot and setting. Mine turned out quite good. Apparently when Graham was little he set fire to a teacher's desk and dangled a little boy out of a window but this was the thing that shocked me most. He didn't learn to read until he was **14!!!** Imagine that not being able to read books until you were **14!** I think I would die if I couldn't read and appreciate the world of books.

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June I went to BCOT where we worked for the day. We learned all about CAD (computer aided designs). We made a door hanger but we had to make the letters with all straight lines so no curved lines just straight. It was a really fun exercise. We saw the animals they have there. They have all sorts of things from spiders and tarantulas to fluffy bunnies and hamsters and rats. I had a brilliant day, it was the most fun day of the week.

I am also really excited because my birthday is coming up in July, YAY, I will finally be 11. By the time you read this article it will only be a few days before my birthday. I am really excited because my birthday is last in the school year so I am having a prom leaver's type party for all of the Yr6s and a few from the year above and below. As you can see, I have been having a pretty busy month. If it was this busy this month then just imagine what next month will be like. Well I have to get back to learning my script and songs.

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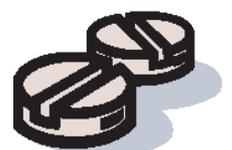
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