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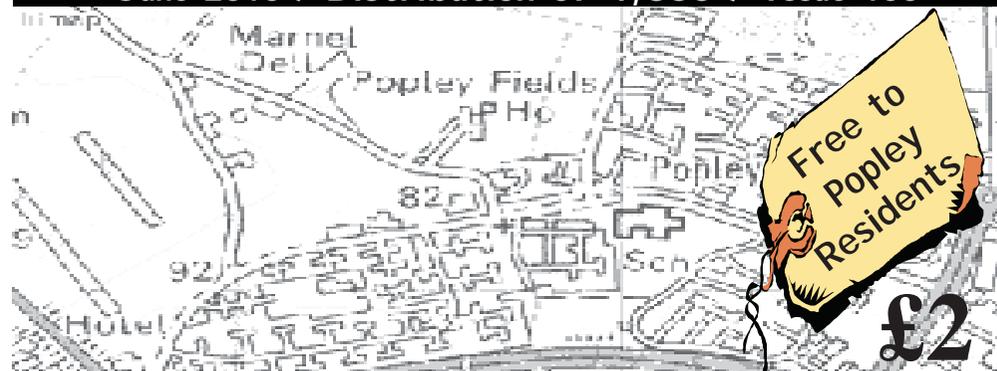
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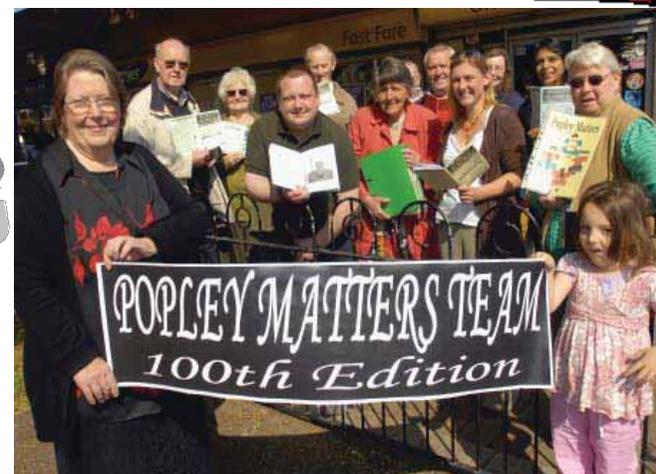
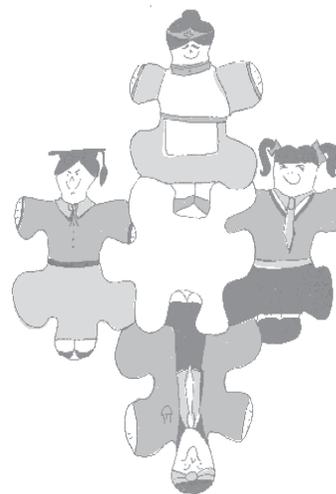
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Chloe's Column

Hello again readers, this issue is the hundredth issue of Popley Matters. I am very happy to have been writing for Popley Matters for over a year and think it's amazing that there have been 100 issues of it! That's a lot



of reading! Well this month is June which in my eyes is officially summer (woo hoo) which means sun and ice cream and the beach; but since I'm in year 11 it also means exams (lots and lots of exams) but it's not all bad because June is also the month all year 11s have their Valedictory Ball which should be amazing and I am so excited for it! Last month was Popley Festival which was as good as it is every year; we had talent

from around Basingstoke on stage, a car boot, and various stalls and not to mention a fun fair. I think Popley Festival is a great event for families and friends to go to instead of being stuck indoors bored. Since June is the first official month of summer I am hoping the weather will warm up a bit more so everyone can catch up on their tanning. Also, like I said the beach! I love the beach, especially when it's really nice and hot. Although, in May it rained quite a bit and we didn't see as much sun as I'd have liked to have seen, I really am hoping for a great summer for 2010. But just in

case it isn't nice there's always fake tan. At Everest they have bought some new recycling bins to go around the school to encourage recycling. This is a good idea because some of the younger years -and even some people from the older years- may not understand how to recycle and how its helps. There are even pictures to show which rubbish goes in which bin. I think everyone should try their best to recycle or at least put their rubbish in the bin. It's good for the planet and makes Popley look so much tidier. Well that's my rant of the month done! I hope everyone manages to catch some sun whilst it's out and has a lovely month,



Till next issue,
Chloe.



Editor
Jane Frankum

Message from the Editor:- Wow, where have all the years gone? I have been Editor, and Paul Sub Editor for thirteen years now. But Popley Matters would not exist without the fantastic volunteers that deliver for us, serve on the committee write for us or advertise in the magazine so we can pay the printing and costs, as we are completely non profit. All are volunteers. Our band of deliverers post your Popley Matters in all weathers, and always seem so cheerful no matter what. THANK YOU. Iris King has been involved even longer than Paul and myself in fact since day one in 1992 with the first Edition. Iris is the Distribution Manager and Acting Treasurer but we do need a volunteer to be our treasurer. If you have the time and knowledge to help we would certainly be grateful. We would also love to find Rebecca Dobby who designed the first cover.

We do really need more people to deliver especially in Evolve (Old John Hunt School site). It would be a shame if we can't deliver to the residents there. It won't be long before we will be having to get 5,000 printed.

We would like your suggestions on how to improve the magazine. It was a suggestion by our readers that we do different colour covers, and that we do a large size print copy for the sight impaired, which is available on request.

We would also like to hear from our readers if they have stories, or bits of history to do with Popley. Popley grows day by day with the new developments and it only seems like yesterday when it was first mentioned that there was scope to build new homes.

Popley Matters has been going about as long as the Popley Festival. The Festival started from humble beginnings at St Gabriel's Church with Captain Dave Phillips and Boys Brigade. Were you one of the original Boys? We would like to hear from you. There is a report on the history of the Festival on page 5.

Popley Matters is in need of a Treasurer it is completely voluntary, though we will supply the paper, envelopes and stamps. Iris does so much with Neighbourcare, Feed the Children and she needs a break!

If you want to either write an article, advertise or want to be a volunteer for Popley Matters contact us Jane Frankum on 819924 or Paul Frankum on 472496 or Iris King 411113 via email editor@popleymatters.org.uk or write to Popley Matters Group PO Box 6727 Basingstoke RG24 9GG



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Here is a photo taken at our last Dad's Club session on 8 May. Our next Dad's Club will be on 12 June 9.30-11.30am. Any dad or male carer can just turn up to the session with their under 5s for a fun filled morning!



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The idea for Popley Matters came out of an article in the Basingstoke Gazette 18 years ago. It asked for local people to write in about their interest groups. The very first edition was produced by a group of people and agencies under the name of Popley Interagency Project (PIP for short). The first cover was drawn by Rebecca Dobby who was an art student at John Hunt School. In the first five years there were just four issues printed, with long gaps in between them.

The Magazine Update to 2010:-

A group of local residents met in Popley Fields Community Centre in 1996 and after talking about Popley and the negative press and how it differed to real Popley that we lived in and loved, we arranged the first Popley Forum in January 1997. We also wondered what we could do to change what we all felt was the wrong attitude to Popley. We wanted let other people know how much was available in Popley and what great people lived in our estate. Someone mentioned that there used to be a magazine called Popley Matters and how good it would be if we could revive it. Paul Frankum said, "I will do an initial copy, but just the one! "Famous last words! Paul has guided us from an A4 one sheet fold-over to the booklet. Then from quarterly to the monthly issues that we produce today. The magazine is self funding as the advertisements cover the cost so that we can pay the Printer. Iris King has the headache of trying to get the Popley Matters delivered to 4,400 households and local interest groups. We have a whole army of wonderful people who deliver for you but we always need more, many hands make light work.

Popley Forum had meetings around the estate on many subjects. We have had as few as 2 residents and as many as 120, on many of the different issues. Your Councillors, agencies and residents have worked together on many issues over the years. Some of the positive outcomes being Popley Partnerships, CCTV in Longfellow Parade and Abbey Road shops. The retention of the number 5 bus route to the hospital, the new Everest Community College, new homes to house over 600 people off the housing waiting list. We have also seen a huge and ongoing project to start to get the drainage sorted, new paths, more parking and safer crossings on some of our busy roads, a new family park that families can enjoy free of charge with something for all age groups to enjoy. The work continues; litter, dog fouling, landscape, anti-social behaviour, graffiti are some of the subjects we are tackling in Popley Matters and there is still much to do.

The first four Popley Matters in the 1990s were mainly advertising and we wanted to change it to a more relevant and interesting read. We continue to try to keep you informed and give you a chance to communicate with all our neighbours and read some interesting and informative articles too. We try to promote what groups are available, where and when they meet. It has proved to be a mammoth task and takes many hours of work to produce and deliver. We hope you enjoy reading Popley Matters.

Basingstoke Prince's Trust Team 13

Unlucky for some, but not for our latest 13 team members who successfully gained a place on the last Prince's Trust Team here at Base 2000 in Popley, this year.

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Popley Festival

The Popley Festival was started about 17 years ago and was originally held at the John Hunt of Everest School in Popley. It has always had a large car boot, various Charity stalls, entertainment both on the stage and in the arena; fairground rides as well as the food stalls and beer tent.

The Festival is always held on the 3rd Sunday in May, and has become a well known date in many people's calendar. The Festival has a big community spirit and each year it is as successful as the last even if the weather's not good people still make the effort to attend this annual event.

In past years there have been re-enactment battles, archery, kickboxing, football, local school choirs, dance groups, Gospel singers and choirs, Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service and Police

Every organisation that takes part is raising awareness for their particular Charity as well as being able to fund raise for things they may need.

For the last 4 years it has been held at Carpenters Down Open Space by the side of Popley Fields Community Centre. This year's Festival was a really good day out for all the family. Many enjoyed the fair rides, gym display and judo as well as having a look around the car boot and having a go at the different tombolas etc.

It continues to grow every year and the Festival Committee would like to thank everyone who supports it, especially the volunteers and our main sponsor Sentinel Housing.

Editor on Popley Festival

My memories of Popley Festival go back further than when it was moved to John Hunt School. Both my sons Paul and Tony were members of the Boys Brigade and I well remember doing jumble sales and tombolas. In the late 80s we started having boot sales on the car park behind St Gabriel's doing Summer Fetes and Christmas Fairs. I don't remember exactly when, by this time, it was named Popley Festival and how much longer after as it grew so popular that it was moved to large premises i.e. John Hunt School. I am sure there are those of you that will have better memories than I have, and maybe you can put me right?

I remember the year we had torrential rain and the boot sale was up on the ridge. Some ground sheets were found and we carried on as best we could. The attendances have depended a lot on the weather. One year was so hot that people were getting severely sun burnt. Some people were not able to go to work on the Monday. I worked at the hospital and we were told if we didn't come in we would not be paid sick pay as it was deemed "self inflicted". I remember ferret racing, judo displays, dancing, singing and displays from the police, fire service and yes I remember the helicopter. The volunteers that stage the Festival work the whole year to make it a success on the day. So I for one say thank you and I am already looking forward to next year's. Maybe we need a plan B in case of poor weather. Perhaps use Popley Fields the Scout hut, the nursery and bowls club if needed.

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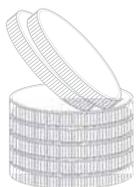
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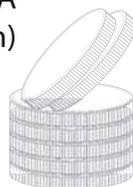
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A meeting was held on 19th May at Chineham Park School. With input from Sentinel, Basingstoke and Deane Council and our local Popley Councillors, those that attended have now decided to meet more often in order to speed up the process of forming a recognised Association. We were given information on how to write a constitution and trustees. There was also news that there are other organisations that are interested in using parts of the school building and site for activities and workshops, and we are hopeful that we will be able to base the Residents Association there too after the school formally closes. We all felt that this would be an appropriate setting for the Residents of Popley Poets to use as a community facility as there is nothing else available to us at this time. We are hoping for more concrete information on what organisations will be using the site, and what they will be doing, in the near future. At the next meeting we will decide our constitution and purpose, and our geographic boundaries, with the aim of eventually becoming a charity organisation. This is an exciting opportunity for us to get together as a community and make a difference!

It is not too late to get involved with the group, and I would encourage anyone that is interested to contact us for information on 01256 816101.

Questionnaire Results

A big thank you to everyone who took the time to visit the Popley Community Plan stand at the Popley Festival.

The top five topics of concern from residents have been listed from the “three questions” cards and so far, sorting out the parking situation is top of the list. The other topics, in order, are: dealing with cleanliness of the area; keeping the green spaces; improving the bus services and generally tidying up the area.

The comments received from people who filled in cards at the Festival will be added to the feedback so far. It is important that the Popley Plan is developed “for the residents by the residents” and more people are needed to join the Popley Plan Group.

If you are interested in joining the group, to develop the plan and add your voice to what happens in Popley, please contact: Councillor Jane Frankum 01256 819924 or Carole Ruse 01253 845485.



This month we would like to start off by thanking everybody who supported us during our tri district St George's Day Parade and at the Popley Festival. Both events were enjoyed by all the sections and it was brilliant to have the support of the wider community. We are planning to be involved in more community events soon, so if you see the 1st Popley Banner come and have a chat!

As ever all the sections have been busy and as you can see from the middle photo, the Cubs have been going back to basics like our Chief Scout Bear Grylls and learning how to construct their own shelters from natural materials. They have also been creating their own 'coats of arms' in order to gain their Heritage badge.

The Scout section has been working on problem solving, and were faced with a few scenarios to get them thinking together and working as a team. We encourage team work and are always looking for young people looking for adventure to join our team. Also we are looking for big kids to join our team of leaders! If you fit this description and would like to help out with any of the sections please ring Martin Lee (Scout leader) on: 07854860895.



Boys & Girls 6-8
Tuesday 5pm-6.15pm



Boys & Girls 8-10 ½
6.30pm-8pm



Boys & Girls 10 ½ -15
6.30-9pm

(All meetings held at St Gabriel Church Hall, Tewksbury Close during term times)

Dear Friends

It seems it's a time of anniversary and special celebration. Congratulations to all at Popley Matters on reaching the magnificent goal of 100 issues. Where would we be without Popley Matters? It is such a great community magazine; run for and by the community. We should especially thank Jane and Paul and their production team and all those who faithfully plod the streets of our district each month delivering the finished article. Congratulations – we salute you!

It is also a special birthday year for St Gabriel's. The church building is 30 years old on 14th July of this year. To mark this special birthday we are staging a week of various celebrations beginning with a Festival Fair on Saturday July 10th from 4pm. There will be a special anniversary service taking place in church on the evening of Wednesday 17th July, a choral evening with Cantible on the Thursday and a Talent Show on Saturday evening 17th July.

I know that St Gabriel's has played a significant part in the life and times of so many residents in Popley over the last three decades and we would love to welcome old friends and new to any or all of these celebrations. More details will soon be available via our website or through the church office and, of course, in Popley Matters.

At this time of the year we also celebrate the birth of the Church at Pentecost when those first dedicated followers of Jesus received the Holy Spirit who empowered them to go out into the entire known world proclaiming all that Jesus had done. Without the work of the Holy Spirit the church today would not exist.

The Holy Spirit has many titles in the bible. He is known as the Comforter, the Counsellor, the Advocate and more. The Greek word for Holy Spirit is Paraklete and this is my favourite title for translated it means 'the one who comes alongside'. He is the Comforter and Counsellor but he is the one to whom we can turn in times of celebrations and joy, times when we need wisdom, times when we just need company. Isn't that great?

I pray that we will all rejoice with the good folk who bring us Popley Matters every month, I pray we may all rejoice at St Gabriel's, your local church in Popley and three decades of service to the community, but most of all I pray that you may come to know Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit who will draw alongside if invited to do so.

May your summer be set fair and warm.
Your friend and Vicar.
Arthur



Cycle Safety On The Road.

Cycling is a fun, convenient and healthy way to get around - but if you don't follow basic safety guidelines you could end up a statistic:

- ⊗ Every year thousands of young cyclists aged 11-16 are killed or injured in the UK.
- ⊗ 90% occur in urban areas.
- ⊗ 75% happen at, or near, a junction.
- ⊗ 80% occur in daylight.
- ⊗ 80% of cyclist casualties are male.
- ⊗ About one third of the cyclists killed or injured are children.
- ⊗ Around three quarters of cyclists killed have major head injuries.

Before you go out on the roads, stop and THINK! Here are a few basic safety tips that can help you stay out of trouble:

- ⊗ First and Foremost, wear a helmet.
- ⊗ Get trained and keep control.
- ⊗ Be seen and heard.
- ⊗ Check/maintain your bike regularly.
- ⊗ Be alert and plan your route.
- ⊗ Stay legal.

An experienced trainer can help you get the best from your bike and the road. They know the dangers and how best to avoid them. They can also help you become safer and more confident when cycling in traffic, what's the best gear to wear, and how to check and maintain your bike.

Useful contact points and further information:

RoSPA website: www.rospa.com

Cycle Sense website: www.cyclesense.net

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- Wednesday evening- C.M.A Kick boxing from 7.00pm - 8.30pm
- Thursday evening- Ladies keep fit from 6.30-7.30pm.
For details ring 01256 422687.
- Friday evening- Friday Club (children) 6.30pm - 7.30pm
- Sunday Afternoon- Christian Family Fellowship 4.00pm - 6.30pm

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Over 55s Forum

The Basingstoke & Deane "Young at Heart" Over 55s Forum next Open Forum meeting will be on 9th June 2010 at the Carnival Hall, Council Road, Basingstoke 10.00am to 1pm. All welcome.

A date for your diary: our Variety Show to celebrate the International Day for Older People will be held on Saturday 2nd October 2010 at Queen Mary College. Time 2pm to 5pm. More news to follow.

We will be having a stall in Festival Place on the 2nd June 2010 to celebrate Volunteers Day, we look forward to speaking to anybody who would like more information on the Over 55s Forum, if your Popley Matters is out by then.

The Music and Dance Concert held on 18th April 2010 behalf of the Prostate Cancer User's Group for Prostate Equipment for our hospital, raised £1,050, All the local acts performed brilliantly and it is a credit to all the talent we have in Basingstoke. Well done to all those who supported this event.

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The Beavers and Cubs are getting very excited as their day out 'on safari' at Longleat looms. Beavers and cub scouts from all over Hampshire will be gathering to have a day of fun and adventure. District Cub Camp will be held mid June whilst the District Beaver 'sleepover' will be held in mid July when the theme will be the Wild West. The scout troop are off to 'Goose' at Buddens camp site in Dorset for summer camp this year.

All sections of the Group attended Tri-District St George's Day Celebrations in the own centre in April when the salute was taken by the then Worshipful the Mayor of Basingstoke and Deane Cllr Brian Gurden. It was the first occasion upon which permission had been given for members to process through the shopping centre walks with over six hundred and fifty members of Scouting from across the Borough assembled in the amphitheatre for a celebration of the patron saint of England.



The Group held its customary BBQ at Popley Festival which is its major fund-raiser of the year. The Annual Meeting for parents is scheduled for 20th July when a new committee is appointed to deal with aspects of finance and administration



for the coming year.



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New members welcome in all sections. Scouting is open to both boys and girls within the age range regardless of race, religion or disability. Leaders adapt activities and programmes to cater for young people who are less able or have special needs. Base 2000 is fully accessible to the physically disabled. The first meeting is free but thereafter the subscription is £2 per week (can be paid termly by cheque if preferred). Gift Aid can be applied to subscriptions.

The Beaver Colony is very much in need of another leader. If you enjoy the company of lively 6-8 year olds and want to get more involved with Scouting in Popley please contact Eve Alexander or the Group Scout Leader for more information. Adults will be required to complete a Criminal Records Bureau Clearance application and undertake appropriate training.

Base 2000 has two halls which can be hired for meetings and community group activities. Enquires to bookings@base2000.co.uk or telephone Colin on 01256 410559. One-off occasions, children's parties, meetings welcome - consideration given to those wishing to hold a regular activity in one or other of the halls. Hire charges range from £3.50 per hour for the smaller hall on weekdays to £10/12 per hour for large hall at weekends.



Boy and girls 5½ to 8 years
Meetings: Tuesday 5:30-6:45pm
Eve Alexander 346510

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Boys and girls aged 8-10½
Tuesday 6:30-8:15pm
Elaine Devenport 323453



Boys and girls aged 10½-15
Monday 7-9pm
Jean-Paul Keetch 810571
Colin Karlake 410559

Are you aware of your rights as working Parents?

Rights of working parents

Working parents have the following legal rights:

- paid and unpaid maternity leave
- paid paternity leave
- paid and unpaid adoption leave
- to request flexible working hours
- unpaid parental leave for parents of children under five (18 if your child is disabled)
- unpaid time off to deal with unexpected problems with the care of dependants.

These rights apply to parents in same-sex as well as in opposite-sex relationships.

Maternity Rights

There are a number of rights for pregnant women given by the law. These are known as statutory rights:-

- the right of all pregnant women to take time off work for ante-natal care
- the right of all pregnant women to work in a safe environment
- the right of all pregnant women to claim unfair dismissal if dismissed because of pregnancy
- the right to take up to 52 weeks' maternity leave
- the right of some pregnant women to Statutory Maternity Pay (SMP),
- the right to return to work after you have had the baby.

The statutory rights outlined above are minimum rights. Many workers will have better rights in their contract of employment.

Paternity leave

If you are a working father, you are entitled to one or two weeks' paternity leave when you and your partner have a child. Most fathers will be entitled to statutory paternity pay for their paternity leave. Statutory Paternity Pay is paid at the same rate as Statutory Maternity Pay

Adoption leave

If you are a working parent who has been matched with a child for adoption or if you have had a child placed with you for adoption, you may be entitled to adoption leave. You must have worked for your employer for at least 26 weeks ending with the week in which you are notified you have been matched with a child for adoption.

Where a couple adopts a child, only one parent is entitled to take adoption leave. The other parent may be able to take paternity leave. This includes same-sex couples

The right to ask for flexible working If you are the parent of a child, you have the right to work flexibly if your child is:

- under 17 in England, Wales and Scotland
- under 18 and disabled.

You must also have worked for your employer for at least 26 weeks and must be responsible for your child on a day to day basis.

If you are caring for an adult, you also have the right to ask for flexible working.

Although you have the right to ask to work flexibly, your employer doesn't have to agree to it. However, they must give your request serious consideration and have a good business reason if they decide not to agree.

Need Help

Basingstoke Citizens Advice Bureau in The Library, Town Centre can help you any queries you have on relationships, mortgage repayment issues, debt, benefits and employment problems. We operate a drop in service 10am-3.30pm Monday to Friday (except Thursday) and Saturday mornings 10am-12am. Telephone 01256 322814. We will be relocating temporarily in the summer due to the library refurbishment.

The CAB outreach service in Popley operates on a Tuesday morning from 10am-12.30pm at the Bermuda Practice, Shakespeare House Health Centre, Shakespeare Road, Popley

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End of the season 2009/10

It has finally come to an end; the 2009/10 season. It has been a very successful year in terms of improvement and development in all age groups at the club. We do have very good players at the club. But it's the boys and girls who aren't so good in many different ways, who have improved so much through the course of the season on their skills, determination, commitment, team work and attitude. Some of the

players I have noticed and have impressed me, just to name a few:-

Kyren Webster: has improved over the last 3 months and played a big part in the U7s Knights success. His passing and general awareness on the pitch is very good, but his goal scoring is second to none, scoring 6 in 1 game!

Ryan Mckeaveney: nearly quit 4 months ago because he wanted to play right wing, but I knew that he would make a great centre back and since he changed his mind and agreed to trust me, he has been outstanding, won his place in the side and gelling well with Jacob and Denis in the midfield with the U11s Tornados

Nammy Jabego: Is playing a year above himself in the U13s Scorpions squad and is more than comfortable at that level, some of his skills, tricks and general play are mesmerizing to watch.

But the player who I think has dramatically improved since last year is:

Cole Oates: the U9s Dynamos striker has changed his attitude and whole outlook to his team, team mates and coaches. Last season, Cole was testing everybody's patients by being lazy, not trying, kicking off and getting the hump every 10 minutes. What a turn around; he still has his moments, but I reckon another season under his belt and he will become a great player.

Well done boys!

I would like to thank all who help me run the club, and a big thank you to our sponsor Sentinel Housing who have helped me achieve the majority of my aims from when I started the club.

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Lee

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2010 to be 'the year of the landlord' With mortgage lenders still being increasing harder to borrow from, more than ever people are turning to letting a property instead of buying even when this is their prime goal.

This ranges from first time buyers to business owners which deciding that renting is their only option for now.

I have noticed a big increase in property owners selling up and going into rented with a view of 2-3 years in hope that they can get back on the property market then.

So good news for landlords, tenants are on the up while it seems right now that there are not enough properties on the rental market to sustain the need for tenants.

I have noticed there is a great need for 3 & 4 bedroom houses for families and have taken many calls from people that are selling or have sold and staying with family whilst they find a good rental property for the next 2-3 years.

So landlords if you have a property this is prime time to get it on market and if you can find a great deal to buy another and can obtain a Buy To Let mortgage then this is a great time, in my opinion, to be buying for your future investment!

'Is this the year of the landlord'?

Any questions email: vicki@qpslettings.co.uk

Marnel Community Infant School is OUTSTANDING!

In February an inspection team from Ofsted arrived at school. After carrying out a full and detailed inspection involving observing lessons, talking to pupils, the school council and parents, interviews with the Head Teacher, governors and teaching staff, the overall grade awarded to the school was **OUTSTANDING** ! Obviously everyone involved is very proud and delighted with the outcome. By way of a celebration, the children were able to plan a 'Fantastic Friday'. The children planned and enjoyed learning about a wide range of activities in classes including painting, model making, science, cooking, PE and ICT.

This half term we have also been celebrating the achievement of some of our Year 2 children who were involved with the Katha Indian Dance Project. Kala Arts co-ordinated the project which culminated in a performance at the Haymarket Theatre by children from local schools and professional dancers from around the world. It was an amazing evening. We are all proud of the children's performance.

Mrs B.Cole Head Teacher.



Get Active Month JULY

Local sports clubs and leisure facilities are opening their doors to give you a chance to drop in, take part and get active.

The Basingstoke Get Active month aims to provide you with opportunities to try new activities, meet new people and save money at leisure facilities during July.

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Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 4th May

As always, we were grateful to all of you who attended the AGM and Annual Parish Meeting on 4th May.

The annual election of officers returned an unchanged composition for 2010/11. Positive reports were well received from the Parish Council Chairman and Treasurer, as well as from the chairs of both the Village Hall and Chute Pavilion committees. The Parish Council is particularly grateful to all those who give their time free of charge for the support of the community.

Basingstoke & Deane BC and Hampshire CC both foresee ‘harder’ times ahead – with the threat of reduced funding from central government. Community self-help may be a feature of the next few years – to misquote a popular phrase; *‘ask not what the Parish Council should do for you, but what you can do for the community’*.

Local development is again a matter for concern – the Local Development Forum Draft Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) is currently out for public consultation – until 21st June 2010. **ALL SSJ Residents** are urged to make their comments to Basingstoke & Deane BC. The document can be accessed and commented on via - (<http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/planning/ldf/evidencebase/shlaa>). The Parish Council will be sending a formal submission – which will be available for review on our website www.ssj.hampshire.org.uk

After refreshments, we were treated to an energetic talk from Dave Norgate, Group Manager of the Basingstoke Group of the Hampshire Fire Service. Recent improvements in fire-fighting services are noteworthy – and you should also note that the Fire Service will visit your home to advise you regarding fire risks, and supply and fit smoke detectors free of charge! Just a pity a few more of us couldn’t attend the Meeting!

Affordable Housing Community Action Hampshire (CAH) is always looking to assist Parish Councils who wish to develop small sites (less than 10 houses) to meet local needs for affordable housing. These can be extremely successful. Following the presentation by CAH, the Parish Council will review the current situation in SSJ; no decision to proceed will be made without Parish consultation. You may have informed views on the idea; the Parish Council would be pleased to hear from you (via the Parish Clerk).

Greening Campaign Do NOT miss the official LAUNCH EVENT of the SSJ Greening Campaign – Chute Pavilion at 2pm on Sunday 4th July.

SID 2 The Parish Council is considering the purchase of a second SID to be used in SSJ Village and Merton Rise / Marnel Park. Do you have any thoughts on this, or on the success of the first unit?

Next Parish Council Meeting – SSJ Village Hall Monday 28th June at 7.30pm.

SSJPC website – www.ssj.hampshire.org.uk



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Monday	7.15-8.15pm	BODY CONDITIONING	All	Conditioning	Studio	Rachel
Tuesday	6-7pm	BODY PUMP	All	Strength & Conditioning	Studio	Rachael
Wednesday	7.30-8.30pm	LEGS, BUMS & TUMS (+ Aerobics)	Int	Conditioning	Studio	Louise
Thursday	6.15-7.15pm	BODY BALANCE	All	Mind & Body	LRC	Louise
Saturday	10-11am	LEGS, BUMS & TUMS Low Impact	All	Conditioning	Conference	Louise
Sunday	10-11am	BODY PUMP	All	Strength & Conditioning	Studio	Louise

Call reception on 01256-337573 for further information

Lions Charity Cycle Ride – Sunday 13 June 2010

The Lions Annual Cycle Ride will take place this year on 13 June starting from Queen Mary's College at between 9 and 10 am. Proceeds from the event will benefit local good causes that come to the notice of The Lions Club. Riders can however nominate a Charity of their choosing if they collect sponsorship. Entry for the event remains unchanged at £6. Sponsorship is welcome but not essential. 57 riders took part last year and thoroughly enjoyed their morning out in our beautiful countryside.

The routes for the Ride follow country lanes to the south of the town. There is a choice of 3 distances varying between 10 and 30 miles to accommodate the full range of abilities. It is not a race, it is intended as an enjoyable morning out for families, friends and individuals who enjoy some stimulating exercise and would like to raise some money for charity. In the past the event has funded donations to REHAB, CLIC (childhood cancer support), Naomi House, and many others as well as individual cases. Many of our riders return year after year, but new participants are always welcome. There is no need to enter in advance, you can just turn up and complete the formalities on the day. But, if you want to avoid this entry forms can be obtained by phoning 01256 352393 or emailing philipjhwilson@btinternet.com

New monthly club for the blind and visually impaired....

Basingstoke Care Association for the Blind [BCAB], is a new club meeting the last Thursday of each month. Pop in for a chat; meet new people in the community; touch and demo some new products; find what is out there for you; and have your say in the running of this brand new club.

Meeting dates:- Thursday 29th July, Thursday 26th August, and Thursday 30th September, 10.30 am till 12.30pm.

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The best way that you can help your mother, providing she is not mentally incapacitated, is to suggest that she has a Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) prepared for her. This is a legal document that will enable her to appoint a family member or trusted friend to deal with her affairs. There are two types of LPA but the most appropriate one for your mother, if she needs to sell her home, is the one dealing with property and financial affairs. The LPA comes into play either when your mother chooses or when her mental health declines. The second type of LPA deals with health and welfare, for example making choices about care homes or deciding upon medical treatment.

The person making the LPA has to be of sound mind but if your mother has a pre-existing mental illness such as dementia, then her GP may have to be approached to confirm whether she is mentally capable. If your mother is definitely not of sound mind, then unfortunately family members cannot make an LPA on her behalf. Instead a member of her family will have to apply to the Court of Protection for a Deputyship Order. This process can take up to 6 to 12 months and is often very stressful and expensive.

My advice to you is don't leave your family affairs to chance – your mother should make an LPA at the earliest opportunity, whilst she is in relatively good health, it's a lot less stressful and expensive than applying to the Court of Protection. If you have any questions or would like to pop in for a chat, please call me on 01256 854 618.'

Ben Holden is a solicitor specialising in Wills, Lasting Powers of Attorney, Probate and Trusts
He is also a member the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP) and Solicitors for the Elderly

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NEWS RELEASE - URGENT

Unless some more volunteer helpers come forward, Age Concern may be forced to close it's Popley Activity Centre.

This social club for elderly local residents was officially opened by the Mayor, Councillor Rose Wellman in January 2002. Each week we welcome 20 older people to Abbey Court who join Abbey Court residents for games, quizzes and other activities all suitable for older people.

All of our clubs are run by a team of willing and helpful volunteers who make sure everyone enjoys themselves and they also encourage independence and friendships.

For personal reasons 2 of the original volunteers have to now step down and another member of the team is moving away from Basingstoke.

Can you help each Wednesday from 9.30am til 1.00pm so that our older folk can still enjoy their day out?

CRB and references are required and more information is available from Beverley Jones on 01256 423871.

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DIARIES FROM
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THE OLD CODGER



Well, well, well one-hundredth edition of Popley Matters,
Happy Birthday.

Well done to all that have worked so hard keeping it going through good and bad times. There are two that work every hour they can fit in to produce the magazine each month: Jane and Paul. With their little group of helpers they should be congratulated. To see how it has grown up over the years was like looking at a child growing to adulthood again' well done. As you all know I have not written for some time now but I felt that as you are a hundred editions old it should be applauded.

As for me over the last six months, I am still writing and still trying to get the capitol to produce my children's book again. It could be put into shops and part of the profits I would like to go towards local sports equipment. The problem is you keep hitting brick walls. There are a lot of Arts Grants but I have not been successful so far. I hoped that by donating some of the profit I might have got somewhere. Most of these grants go to drama, not literature. Still, I will not dwell on the subject.

This year is a special year for Her Indoors and I, but you can read that in December. Jane has kindly suggested that my piece be published then.

Her Indoors and my son banned me from my garden shed. It was built not long after we moved here and has stood the test of time, that's until they told me it was about to fall down. So down it came and we contacted the Council. Yes, no problem. We paid them a small fee and it was all gone. The two workmen that took it away were great and we can only thank them for that. I really did not want Her Indoors lump it down to the tip. Well she could hurt herself then who would look after me or cook and do the cleaning? See I do think a lot of her! Now I have a new shed but I again would like to thank some local builders, Mansell and Baram for assisting me in laying down the base for the shed. Sentinel and Mansell asked Baram if any of their men would help me and make the OC a happy man. It just goes to show there are still people out there willing to assist when they can. A BIG THANKS AGAIN TO YOU ALL.

Takes me back to when I was young and the words that my grandfather taught me, I have stood by that all my life. I put that story in Popley Matters late last year if you still have a copy of it cut it out and put in your childrens rooms. That way a good strong community is built because they will also remember the words my grandfather told me "TRUTH". Well again Happy Birthday Popley Matters. I hope to write again soon, I may even be a bit kinder to Her Indoors WHAT AM I SAYING!!!

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- Raffle and Bottle Tombola
- Traditional Fete Games for Little Ones
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Councillors Page: I have met with both Hampshire County Council Officers and Basingstoke and Deane to talk about the Merton Rise development phases 2a north, central and south 2c north and south, 2d, 3a north and south 3b north and south 4a and 5. The planning application has now expired. It now gives the opportunity to relook at the housing mix and retail provision. We have requested that there should be more than the 26% of affordable homes that would have been provided in the old application, less flats and no higher than three storeys, more family homes with gardens, some much needed bungalows, better provision for rubbish collection and recycling and a better provision for parking.

We will be working together with Sherborne St John Parish and of course we will be having public consultation meetings with all residents. The first meeting will provisionally be booked for July. We will keep you informed in Popley Matters.

The completely unfounded rumour that a transit site for Travellers and Gypsies being built on any part of these sites or Popley should now be firmly put to bed. Cllr Jane Frankum 819924, write to 405 Abbey Road or email cldr.jane.frankum@hants.gov.uk.

Popley West: Thank you to all the residents that went out to vote and especially those that voted for me to continue to represent all of Popley West for the next four years.

The Popley Partnership questionnaire that went out to all the residents received around 200 replies. The top concerns were parking, dealing with cleanliness (bins), keeping our existing open spaces in the estates, bus service especially travelling from Popley East to West and new developments, and generally keeping the estates tidy with some areas needing it more than others. We will be working with partners to try to address the concerns.

May I remind those that want to attend the second scrutiny meeting on provision in Basingstoke and Deane for travellers and Gypsies that it is on June 30th at 6-30pm in the civic offices. If you want to speak to the committee you will need to let the committee services know. Phone 844844 and they will put you through to the right department.

We have noticed that a large number of walls have been damaged with what appears to be a hammer and in some cases the walls have been partially or fully knocked down. The police and other authorities have been informed, if you see anyone doing this criminal damage or have any information please call 101.

If you have any concerns or want to contact me my details are phone 472496/819924 or write to Popley Labour, 405 Abbey Road, Popley West, Basingstoke, Hants, RG24 9EL

Popley East: I'd like to thank all the people in East Popley who voted for me in the local elections on 6th May. I am very pleased to be returned for the fifth time as your elected representative, this time with the highest vote ever recorded in the ward.

This is a time of great change for Popley: the building and regeneration work is the most comprehensive seen in Popley for 40 years. Considerable disruption has taken place over the past 3 years, and some schemes, such as the regeneration of the Faroe Close and Maldive Road flats off the A33, are only just starting. I would ask you all to bear with us over the next 3 years until all the work is done: good teamwork has paid dividends and it will be even more important in the future.

While I am here, I would also like to give a big thank you to everyone involved in the Popley Festival on 16th May.

It is an event I am very proud to be involved with and we estimate between 8,000 and 10,000 people braved the weather on the day - fortunately the worst of the rain held off until 3pm. Yours Faithfully, Cllr Andrew McCormick Labour, Popley East

What's On @ Community, Everest Community College

Reception 01256 337573

Mini Get With – Tuesday 1st June – Friday 4th June

Booking Day - Saturday 22nd May 10am-12noon – 50p per session

Summer Get With – it's going to be bigger and better! – 4 weeks commencing Mon 26th July – 50p per session or £1 per day

Booking days - Weeks 1&2 on Saturday 19th June; Weeks 3&4 on Saturday 26th June

Tennis – 3 courts are now up –costs per court per hour; adult £6.00 under 16 £3.00 Members free (guest fee £1.50).

Family Fun Courses – one adult one child - £16 per pair – 4 weeks – Book Now!

Beginners Trampoline – 4.30-5.30pm – 15/22 June & 6/13 July

Continuing Trampoline – 5.30-6.30pm – 15/22 June & 6/13 July

Cooking – 4.00-5.30pm – Starts Mon 7th June

Icing Techniques – 5.30-7.30pm – Starts Mon 7th June

Following on from our all inclusive **dance workshops** last term, the return of the ever popular Dance Michael Jackson and Dance High School Musical workshops – Cost £2.00 – all ages, genders and abilities - **Book Now!**

Michael Jackson - Fri 4th June 5-6.30pm
High School Musical – Fri 11th June 5-6.30pm

Roller Hockey Taster Session run by Stewart Wright from Planet Ice

Every Tuesday – 5-6pm - £1 – All equipment provided or bring your own – Ages 8+ **Book Now!**

Gospel Singing Group – Every Saturday 1.30-3pm. Call Odun 07825 868721

Recreational Dance Classes term time on Wednesday and Thursday with **Amy Fowler, Rhythm Central** – all ages—for details call 07811299484 www.rhythmcentraldance.com

Singing For Fun Group – Mondays 7.30-9.30pm – Call Craig & Jane Cole 07868 841629

Birthday Parties – need an idea? We have sports facilities plus a room available to have a bite to eat – **Call Now!**

Basingstoke Breast Cancer - Self Help Group



We are a group of woman who have or have had breast cancer. We meet once a month for self help and practical support at the Ark Conference Centre which is at the rear of North Hampshire Hospital

We meet Tuesdays 7.00 - 9.00pm. 2010 meeting dates:- 22 June, 13th July, 24th August, 28 September, 26th October, 23rd November and 21st December.

If you feel we could be of any help or just want to meet up, please feel free to just come along to any of the meetings. If you would like any further information, you can call Angela on the following number 07939641187

AGM



We will be holding our AGM on Monday 28th June 2010 at 7.30pm. All are welcome. Please speak to Vicki in the office if you would like to become a committee member, new blood always welcomed!

Find us on Facebook!

We are now on Facebook. Join our group: Melrose Hall. We will be keeping this group updated with up coming events. We would love to hear from you.

WHATS ON:

- MONDAY:** 10.00am-12pm Friendly Café
7.30-10.00pm Peregrinus Healing and Holistic
- TUESDAY:** 3.30-7.30pm Petite School of Dance
9.30am-2.30pm Marnel Early Years
- WEDNESDAY:** 10.00-11.30am Popley Little People, Mother and Toddler group
9.00-11.00am Quit Smoking Clinic
12-2pm Oasis Lunch club
- THURSDAY:** 10.00am-12pm Friendly Café
- FRIDAY:** 6.30-7.45pm MCF Youth Club - age 5 to 10 years
8.00-9.15pm MCF Youth Club - age 11 plus.
- SATURDAY:** 9.00am-12.30pm Petite School of Dance
- SUNDAY:** MCF - Contact Pastor Phillip Keeble on 462351 for times of services.

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Popley Characters

Do you remember this person? Who is he? Where is he now? Are there other photos of characters who have lived or worked in Popley that you may know about? Do you remember the "hole" and the headline "The police are looking into it"? What about the stories connected with "White Horse Pond"? Let us know.

Email editor@popleymatters.org.uk or write to Popley Matters Group PO Box 6727 Basingstoke RG24 9GG



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As well as old favourites like • football • cookery • and street dance why not try something new like • roller hockey • designing your own computer game • or new age kurling?

We've got more taster sessions for older teens, with the • DIY House • Car Mechanics • DJ-ing.

How to book

As usual places are limited, so make sure you get down to **Everest Community College**, on **Saturday 19 June, 10am - 2pm** to book for week one and two and on **Saturday 26 June, 10am - 2pm** to book for week three and four.

And there's more....

Following the success of last year's X Factor competition we're looking for even more local talent with a **Get With's Got Talent** contest. So if you juggle, sing, tell jokes or have any other talent, this is your chance to shine.

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Cornerstone Nursery News

May 2010

Cornerstone Miss Muffets in Popley Way - 01256 840300

In May we had a dressing up day as the children were interested in being princesses and princes, we arranged for a local limousine company to come to the nursery for the children to look at and sit in which they all enjoyed and the local Gazette came in to take photos.

The children have enjoyed watching their vegetables grow and they have been looking after them well. They have all been enjoying our outside area which we have recently improved. The baby room have enjoyed lots of sensory activities including body painting, water play and getting messy with cornflour.

Cornerstone Nursery in Priestly Road - 01256 818118

We are starting to plan exciting events for the summer, we are organising a summer fete, which will be held in July. This will be open to the public and further details will follow in next month's Popley Matters, so please keep your eye out.

We are planning events for all of the children who will sadly leave us to go to school this year. Many of the children have been here for the last 4 years so we will miss them all greatly but plan to celebrate their time with us by holding a leaving party for them all in July. We also have our nursery photographer coming in to take a group photo of all of the school leavers so they have souvenir of their time with us.

World Cup fever has hit the nursery and throughout the tournament we will be having flag days, these days represent the different countries and the children can chose a colour to wear from that flag.

Cornerstone Sunrise at Aldworth College - 01256 356166

This month our babies and toddlers have been focussing on sensory activities and texture, so they have been involved in body painting with fluorescent paint, sand and investigating different materials and textures.

Our older children have been out in the garden more due to the good weather and have now seen the results of the vegetables and salad seeds they planted in April. We now have potatoes and runner beans starting to sprout, and we picked the lettuce and rocket and ate it for lunch last week! All children agreed it was very tasty.

All settings currently have spaces in all age groups but spaces are limited so please contact the managers at your preferred setting.



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