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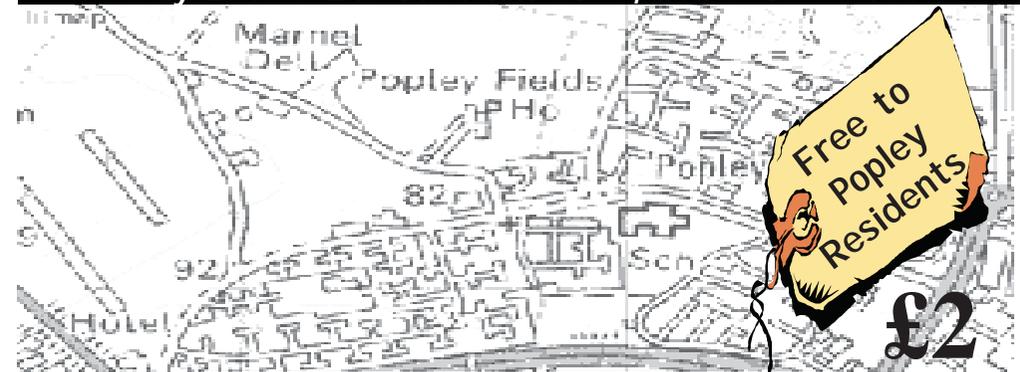
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Editor
Jane Frankum

Message from the Editor:- After eighteen years of Popley Matters we are now in danger of having to close it down. We are in need of a Treasurer and some more volunteer deliverers. The Treasurer's job is like all the others for Popley Matters, voluntary, however stationery will be provided. It would involve a few hours a month. You will need to have some accounts knowledge and be computer literate. Deliverers of your magazine are also much needed, mostly in the new development. John Perrin, Community Manager at Everest Fitness and Health, has been doing a fantastic job and would welcome any help with his vast round of Merton Rise and Marnel Park.

Old Codge' is back and on page 25. We may not always agree with everything he says but he does stand by his opinions. We say goodbye to Chloe, as she is now having to concentrate on her exams and preparation to go on to college. Good luck Chloe and keep in touch with Popley Matters. Are there any more budding journalists. It would be good practice and you can put it in your CVs for in the future. The age group required is from around 14 to 19.

As the fine weather comes so do people looking for odd jobs that need doing in the house and garden. It is always advised that you use people that have been recommended. Always ask for identification or references. If they are genuine they will not mind you asking. If it concerns them then it should concern you, don't use them!

Read on page 1 about the public consultation meeting on the proposed re-building due to re-start in Merton Rise later this year. There are new plans being drawn up and you have this chance to put forward your views.

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 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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Chloe's Column

Hello readers, well actually, I should say goodbye readers! Because I am going through loads of exams, revision and getting ready to move on to college I don't have the time to write for Popley Matters anymore (I'm very sorry and I know how much you will all miss me!). Anyway, I wanted my last column to be as good as each one I've done in the past year and a bit I've been writing for Popley Matters. Well as I'm writing it is currently June and lots are happening in the schools of Basingstoke, Year 10s are on work experience, other years are doing various activities including a technology week at Everest, and Year 11s are preparing for their valedictory balls (or as they are otherwise known as Prom). I have been busy getting ready for my Prom which I cannot wait for, as everyone gets to get dressed up like royalty and have a laugh to celebrate finishing school. But by the time you get this it will be July, so you will probably be wondering about what there is to do in Basingstoke. Well during July there is Basingstoke Live which is always good for seeing local and even some well known talent on stage at the Memorial Park. This should be as good as it usually is hopefully. During July and August Summer holidays there is also a Get With school holiday programme on to keep the kids entertained. Or if it's nice out a trip down to Eastrop is always good in the summer. The weather lately has been very strange too! One minute your wearing shorts the next you need an umbrella... This will get better soon I hope so I can finally get a tan (which probably won't happen unless I get a good fake tan but shhh) Well I just want to say now how much I have enjoyed writing in Popley Matters and I can't believe how great the magazine is and how many people read it! I've had compliments on my writing and if I ever become a writer I can say I was first published in here. I hope everyone's enjoyed my column and that the magazine carries on being as successful in the future as it is now.



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For the last issue,
Chloe.

Merton Rise – an update

As promised within the last update in August 2009, it is now appropriate to provide a further update on the progress with the Merton Rise development site. Since the last note the Project Team have been working hard to agree a clear planning strategy with Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, which we hope will culminate in the submission of a new planning application later this year.

In terms of the County Council's vision and aspirations for the site, little has changed and this is reflected in the current masterplan proposals. With this in mind and as part of the agreed planning strategy, we are intending to hold a public exhibition at Everest Community College on the afternoon of Friday 9th and the morning of Saturday 10th July, where details of the current proposal will be available and representatives of the Project Team will be on hand to answer any questions local residents may have. Details of the event will be placed on Notice Boards in schools, community and local centres around Popley. We hope that residents will take advantage of this opportunity to discuss Merton Rise and, on behalf of the Project team, look forward to meeting with you.

Away from the onward planning strategy for Merton Rise, the ongoing management and protection of the development site remains a key responsibility of the Project Team. As mentioned in the previous update, the site has suffered gypsy and traveller incursions and the potential risk is always at the forefront of the Project Team's mind. You will no doubt be aware that we have installed further concrete and earth bund barriers at all the main entry points, which means that all sections of the Spine Road will remain closed to the public for the time being. These barriers are designed to minimise the risk of further encampments, which we acknowledge are of concern to local residents, as well as preventing other anti-social behaviour. We will continue to monitor the situation and have introduced nightly security visits by Kestrel Guards to act as an additional deterrent, but please feel free to report any unusual activity on the site to the County Council in the first instance.

Once again, we look forward to meeting with you at the public exhibition.

Craig Hedges
Merton Rise Project Manager

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The hopes and views of people affected by Parkinson's have helped us clarify our vision for the future to find a cure and improve life for everyone affected by Parkinson's. We have ambitious plans for the next five years, focused on delivering that vision. Our new brand is a big part of that. It highlights our commitment to changing attitudes to Parkinson's, funding cutting edge research to find a cure and inspiring people to join us. It give people with Parkinson's a stringer more united voice.

Your local Basingstoke Branch meets on the first Tuesday in the Month at Popley Fields Community Centre at 2pm. We have speakers on a variety of subjects and there is usually a Parkinson's Disease Nurse Specialist at hand to answer questions. We meet once a month on the third Tuesday for lunch too. Instead of our August meeting each year we have an outing.

So come along and find out more. It is a friendly group who offer support and care for both those with Parkinson's and their carers and friends

For more information please contact Jenny Leighton, Branch Secretary on 01256 781502

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Hampshire Domestic Abuse Forum

A new website which aims to help victims of domestic abuse has been launched by Hampshire Domestic Abuse Forum.

The Hampshire Domestic Abuse Forum (HDAF) has teamed up with 'Five by Five People' Southampton based Engagement and Attraction specialists, to create a website that provides a variety of different information on domestic abuse, whether you are a victim or offender, or a friend or family member who knows someone in an abusive relationship.

Domestic abuse can come in many forms, from physical acts such as kicking or punching, to controlling finances and withholding money, or humiliation, enforced isolation and verbal bullying.

The website contains factual information, advice and support, as well as personal stories from people who have escaped abusive relationships, giving access to all information on the many aspects and forms of domestic abuse, including the related subject of Honour Based Violence, and how to get help or provide support.

The HDAF believes that 'tackling domestic abuse is not the responsibility of any single organisation or agency, and success can only be achieved by a true partnership approach'.

Jude Ruddock-Atcherley, who is the Strategic Domestic Abuse Manager for Hampshire County Council, said: "It is estimated that 56,000 women and girls have been a victim of domestic abuse in the last year in Hampshire. We have developed this website to try and help the public and professionals have easy access to information, help and support. Some people are fully aware of the abuse that they are living with on a daily basis and this site will help them to find out the information and agencies which can help them. Other people may not realise that the way they are being treated is in fact abusive and that they have a right to live free from abuse - this site also aims to help them find the information they need and the people who can help them. There is also lots of information aimed at the family and friends of people experiencing abuse, people who are concerned about their own behaviour, children and young people, people experiencing so called 'honour' based violence, and also professionals working with and supporting people everyday."

Detective Inspector Nigel Scott said: "This project represents the commitment of all agencies in the Hampshire Domestic Abuse Forum to provide support for those who are affected by domestic abuse, whether as victims, offenders, relatives or professionals. Talking openly about this issue is a key factor in raising awareness and creating confidence in tackling abusive behaviour, because this is an issue which has a devastating effect on people's lives."

The HDAF web address is www.hampshiredomesticabuse.org.uk

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Calling all North Hampshire Cyclists!

Big Wheel 16 - Sponsored by Computer 2000

St Michael's Hospice is calling upon all North Hampshire cyclists to saddle up this summer and get on their bikes for the Big Wheel 16 Bike Ride, sponsored by Computer 2000. Already 150 keen cyclists have signed up to this year's sponsored ride which takes place on Sunday 18th July with timed starts between 9:00am and 10:30am from Down Grange Sports Complex, Basingstoke.

There are three brand new routes, through the beautiful North Hampshire countryside, of under 5 miles, 25 miles and a challenging 50 miles that designed for regular cyclists or those undertaking training.

All the three rides start and finish at the Down Grange Sports Complex, Basingstoke where upon return there will be delicious food on offer from the Basingstoke Rugby Club and a relaxing free leg massage from the Hospice's magnificent team of Complementary Therapists.

New to this year the Hospice has introduced a Big Wheel Corporate Challenge Cup for staff members to challenge each other to win a Cup for the first across the finish line! The company would purchase the Challenge Cup and staff would decide on which route to take, get sponsored and get as many involved as possible. Further details can be found on the Hospice website.

Pat Darty, Events Coordinator for St. Michael's Hospice said "Big Wheel is a great day out for families and keen cyclists alike. With three routes to choose from of less than 5 miles, 25 miles and 50 miles there really is something for everyone. Cycling is also a great way to get fit and healthy whilst supporting a great local cause. Last year we had over 1,100 cyclists take part in this event and we are hoping to get even more this year to raise vital funds for St Michael's. We look forward to welcoming the local community along on 18th July."

If you haven't cycled for a while don't worry, as the North Hampshire Road Club will help ease you back into the saddle with free training rides starting on 10th May that take place every Monday evening from now on. Information can be found on the Big Wheel pages of St Michael's Hospice website.

Entry to Big Wheel 16 costs £15 per adult, £7.50 per child (aged 16 or under and must be accompanied by an adult), £40.00 for two adults and two children and £25.00 for a Tandem bike entry. Cyclists are also urged to register early and save money as on the day registration fees will be £20 for adults and £10 for children. Register online at www.stmichaelsospice.org.uk/events, for an entry form, poster or further information call the event hotline on 01256 848 848 or email events@stmichaelsospice.org.uk.

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The aim is to ensure that both individuals and communities are protected from future anti-social behaviour and that the person responsible receives the necessary support to enable them to understand the impact of his or her actions and help in changing their behaviour.

If anti-social behaviour is to be tackled and understood it is important that everybody considers the implications of their own actions. Consideration and respect should be afforded to other residents. It is equally important to understand the needs of a diverse community and have a reasonable level of tolerance.

The summer months are upon us as is the World Cup. The number of those enjoying the outside increases and brings with it noise, alcohol, football and other related problems. As a result reports of anti-social behaviour usually rise. Patrol teams will be in areas already known as anti-social behaviour 'hotspots' but reports of emerging issues are vital to help stop problems quickly.

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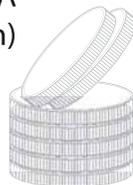
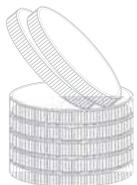
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The group meets at Everest Community College every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month from 1.30-3.00pm. The dates for July are the 3rd and 17th of July 2010. Membership is free.

For more information, please contact Odunola on 07825868721.



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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! This year, the flavour of summer is added to by the World Cup and the high expectations for the England team. Hopefully by the time you read this we'll all be looking forward to the final and who we'll be facing – at the time of writing I fancy Spain!

I've been a footie fan for as long as I can remember, supporting Manchester City, through thick and thin (more thin than thick!) and in my heart of hearts I really want England to win. I can't begin to imagine the celebrations that will take place nationally and locally 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 the team are knocked out and how many of us will still be glued to the TV for the final?

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. 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 is that 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 this month.

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A big thank you to Alan of Horizons Aerials and his engineer Shaun who kindly donated materials and time to enable us to be ready to show the World Cup Football for the community of Popley. We are also hoping to start a film club one Saturday a month from 2-4pm. We are also hoping to work with Streez Team for an evening film club in the school holidays. Dont forget to keep a check on the notice board.

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The Beavers have been busy helping to plant Wild Cherry and Ash trees in the nature reserve in Basing Woods in recent weeks, as well as making and flying kites. Two Beavers, Ibrahim and Rory have achieved winners' cups and medals for their efforts in football - well done! Yet more "out and about" next month as the colony makes its customary visit to Eastrop Park followed by the excitement of 'safari' at Longleat.



some pond dipping, and surveyed animals, birds and plants to achieve the Naturalist Activity Badge.

Later this month the Cubs will visit Popham as part of the Air Activities Badge and will join with the Beavers on 'safari' at Longleat with Beavers and Cub Scouts from all over Hampshire.

The Scout section is busy practising camping and expedition skills in readiness for 'Goose' District Camp in Dorset.

Eve Alexander is still on the lookout for another Beaver Scout Leader to help lead her busy colony. If you enjoy the company of lively 6-8 year olds and want to get more involved with Scouting 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.

The Group Annual Meeting for parents will be held on Tuesday 6th July when the annual report and accounts for the year will be presented.

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.



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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

Summer Fun at Merton Junior



The summer term has so far proved to be as hectic as ever at Merton Junior School.

Our Africa fortnight was very successful. The highlight of which was the whole school travelling to London to enjoy the award winning musical 'The Lion King'. We based ourselves at Jubilee Gardens, next to the London Eye enjoying a fantastically sunny day.

Then, in groups, we walked over Hungerford Bridge to the Lyceum Theatre to experience the magic of 'The Lion King'. All the children (and many adults) were lost for words at the spectacular show. When the curtain went up and all the 'puppets/characters' came on stage the pupils faces were full of astonishment and awe. "It was amazing, especially the stampede", "I loved the animals, the baby elephant was so cute", "The costumes and the masks were brilliant", "The music filled me right up to bursting".



The children have been working on their own art work linked to Africa, using the show as inspiration. Many of these can be seen on our website. This was a fantastic way to culminate the school's 40th birthday celebrations.

Merton Junior May Fayre was a fantastic success – a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone

who helped and Hatto from Kestral abilities through School gymnastic choreographed were good sports



came along and enjoyed all the fun. It was opened by Local DJ Philip FM. The children demonstrated their dancing Maypole, Country and Street dancing and the club showed off their talents with a very well musical routine. Mr O'Hearn and Miss Palmer and endured a soaking in the stocks, hook-a-duck and beat the goalie were also very popular, as was the BBQ and tombolla. We successfully raised over £1000 which will go towards resources for school. Thank you again to everyone who made the day a success.



We recently held our Sports Day, which was enjoyed by all. The pupils are split into Houses (Snowy, Tawny, Eagle and Barn). On sports day the pupils not only race for themselves but also to win points for their House. The positions were very tight with less than 50 points splitting all the Houses after the class events. The individual races were very exciting with many very close finishes. Finally, the whole school relay ended the thrilling event with an almost photograph finish. Snowy Owl House were successful in winning both Sports Day Cups; Relay and Events. All the children were really competitive and showed outstanding sportsmanship throughout the whole morning and everyone enjoyed the family picnic on the field afterwards.



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The Dexter White Trophy 2010

On 18th June 2010 Marnel Juniors, Merton & St Bede's Schools played in the Dexter White Trophy held at Marnel. It was a great day and the sun was out. All teams played some excellent football, but Marnel came out winners with both Year 3&4 and year 5&6 winning all their games. I watched over the year 5/6 teams and both played some excellent football, but it was the A team who came out on top beating the B team 4-0, Merton 5-0 and drawing 0-0 with St Bede's. It was a very emotional day for one player in particular: Fynnlie Judd is Dexter White's grandson and is in year 6 now and moving up to Everest in September and won't be able to play in next year's tournament, so the boys were well up for it. In the team talks all the boys said that they wanted to win it for Fynnlie and so they did. It all got a bit too much for Fyn when presented with the trophy and he did his granddad proud. Well done to all.



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If you have it, show them proof that you have already paid the debt, but it is up to them to prove that they haven't received payment. Contacting the original creditor to confirm you have paid it and getting them to contact the debt collector would also help, but again it is not your responsibility to do this.

If the debt collector still chases you for the debt you should make a complaint. If they don't resolve the matter and the debt was for borrowing regulated by the Consumer Credit Act – like a credit card, store card or a personal loan - you can ask the Financial Ombudsman to look at the case.

You should also make the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) and the debt collectors trade body – the Credit Services Association – aware of any problems, because chasing people for disputed debts breaches OFT guidelines and the CSA's code of practice.

Don't give in to their pressure. You should not have to pay twice. If you need help seek free, independent advice as soon as possible – go to the Citizens Advice Bureau website www.adviceguide.org.uk for more information and contact details of your nearest CAB.

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-12pm.

Telephone 01256 322814. We will be relocating temporarily in the summer due to the library refurbishment.

CAB Outreach Popley – Tuesday morning 10am-12:30pm at the Bermuda Practice, Shakespeare House Health Centre, Shakespeare Road, Popley

CAB Outreach Buckskin – Thursday morning 9am-1pm at The Ridgeway Centre, off Buckskin Lane

CAB Outreach South Ham – Wednesday morning 9am-1pm at the Library, Paddock Road

Online help from Citizens Advice can be found at www.adviceguide.org.uk

The Parish Council met on Monday 24th May – a very hot evening indeed hence our small audience that evening!

Sherborne St John School : Congratulations to the School for achieving their Healthy Schools status. Having met the national criteria set by the Department of Health they have established and are maintaining a foundation for health and well-being across the school. Well done!



SID/Speed Monitoring : You may have noticed speed monitoring cables on Elm Road which will enable the police to record actual speeds - the PC have requested that more monitoring should be introduced throughout the village. Due to the success of the SID the PC have decided to purchase another which will be rotated on the current sites as well as a proposed new site on Chineham Lane.

Allotments : Our allotment waiting list has reduced considerably, so for those of you who have been longing to grow your own, please contact the Clerk.

Bus Routes : Although our bus routes through the village are still very disappointing we are thrilled that some residents have taken up the opportunity to use the Basingstoke Community Transport Bus after the Senior's Coffee Morning – it was made use of with a trip to Morrisons.

Break-ins : Unfortunately Sherborne St John has been victim to a number of break-ins recently, including cars parked at Morgaston Woods and buildings in Elm Road, Manor Road and outbuildings at West Lane Farm – please take care to lock up all homes, garages, sheds, out buildings and avoid leaving any valuables on display in parked cars.

Bonfires : It has been drawn to our attention that some residents are lighting bonfires at inconsiderable times – do please check with your neighbours before lighting a bonfire and be considerate if they have poor health or washing hanging outside. Alternatively contact the Environmental Protection Team on 844844 or look at the BDBC website for further information.

Wheelie Bins/Parking : It has also been drawn to our attention that wheelie bins and parked cars are obstructing pavements and roads in the centre of the village. Could wheelie bins please be kept on your drive prior to collection and cars should not block/park on pavements – unfortunately the elderly and children are having to walk in the road to avoid them.

28th June PC Meeting - Merton Rise Public Consultation : HCC are due to attend this month to hold an open public consultation meeting to discuss future plans for the remainder of the Merton Rise site. We expect this to be an informative interactive discussion – so do please come along.

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Monday 28th June at 7.30pm in The Village Hall. The Planning Committee will meet from 7.00–7.30pm. Please do come along.



Merton Poppits Playgroup
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Come to our Fun Day

We are well into our summer term, and are planning a lovely last couple of weeks. We will be holding a Fun Day at Merton Poppits Playgroup for all children under 5 and their parents on **Monday 5th July 2010** starting at **10am**. There will be a **farm, sponsored walk, book stall and activities run by the staff and committee**. The day will be a free event for everyone to come and see what our playgroup has to offer. If you have any children who are due to begin playgroup, registration forms will be available for you. **You can also join us for our picnic at 12pm, please bring a lunch.**

The children have been making the most of our enclosed garden, and we have been making our own puddles and splashing in them. They have been going on pretend bus trips, while inside they have been visiting the hairdressers, and making their own creations using the new art trolley.

We will be saying a sad farewell to all our older children who will be going to BIG school, and we have a graduation party on Wednesday 21st July 2010. Also we shall be saying a big farewell to a well loved member of staff who has worked at the playgroup for 14 years, Carole Richardson. If you have any memories of Carole new or old please get in contact with us on 01256 351036.

I hope to see you all at the Fun Day, and if you would like to find a place at our playgroup for you child then please feel free to contact myself on 01256 351036 or email mertonpoppits@aol.com or alternatively pop in to the playgroup which is situated inside Merton infants School.

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Spring Newsletter 2010

Spring has been a long time coming this year but luckily it now seems to have arrived in style. Let's hope it keeps fine for the **Open Dog Obedience Show**.

This year it's on **Saturday 5 June at War Memorial Park**...depending on when you read this we will either be looking for last minute help or be sitting exhausted recovering from a hectic day. Either way we hope it will be an excellent day.

We are delighted to report a **100% pass rate** at our latest **Good Citizens Tests**. Our examiner, Di Morgan, was lovely. Calm, cheery and thorough – she was perfect for us more nervous participants. **Bronze** awards went to Claire Barker and Poppy, Lindsay Mowbray-Williams and Lara, Paula Conlon and Digger and Karen Hare and Archie. **Silver** to Phillipa Hewison and Zephyr, and **Gold** to Viv White and Meg, Jenny Kemp and Trumpet and Karen Hare and Rolo. The next round of tests will be in October.

The **Hampshire Rally**, a friendly obedience competition between dog club teams from Hampshire and Berkshire, took place on Bank Holiday Monday 3 May. This year the overall winners were Winchester who put on a splendid display. We did quite well too winning 3 rosettes despite not fielding a full team in every class. Funds raised went to Greyhound Gap who rescue and re home greyhounds and lurchers. All in all a good day was had by all.

Club members have been doing really well on both the **Obedience and Agility circuits**. Janet Thrift and Kizzy, Cathy Benfield and Cito, Carol Hale and Lacey, Lillian Turner and Drifter, Deb Steadman and Dodger, Caroline Stevens and Cosmo and Kath Gorick and Tilly ALL deserve special mention! Shocking but true. Well done everyone and big smiles all around!

Dog Treats and training – just a quick reminder to use tasty soft treats to give your dog extra motivation. They are easy on the throat – but do avoid anything too crumbly!

And finally...we are currently working to retire our rather elderly web site (www.basingstoke-district-dog-training-club.synthasite.com - what a mouthful!). It will stay up and running until the new one is in place. Thanks to Sally Mathews for her help with this.



So do come and join us. We run on Monday nights from 6.45pm to 10.30pm (class dependent). If you have any queries or would like any more information please contact Debbie Steadman, on 01256 331495, email her at deb.steadman@tiscali.co.uk

Phillips' Legal Corner



Question: is there such a thing as a 'quickie divorce'

Answer: Rob Parker, family lawyer at Phillips explains why it's a myth

'The recent press coverage of Cheryl Cole, celebrity singer, reportedly wanting a 'quickie' divorce from England footballer Ashley Cole unfortunately perpetuates the popular public misconception that 'quickie divorces' are possible' says Rob Parker, solicitor.

'Couples who reach the conclusion that their marriage is at an end naturally wish for their separation to be formalised as quickly as possible – and of course almost all lawyers are in the business of helping them do just that. But, the reality is that even in the case of a straightforward undefended divorce, it takes weeks and more often months. There are many steps that are necessary before a divorce can happen; so anyone embarking on the divorce process should exercise extreme caution if tempted to instruct any firm or website organisation promising a 'quickie' divorce, as these are simply a myth. All undefended divorces (and civil partnership dissolutions) have to follow the same process and there are no short cuts.

If you want to speed up the process, here are some sensible tips that can at least help prevent delays:

1. Get advice from a specialist solicitor practising in family law from the very outset.
2. Choose a solicitor who is a member of Resolution, the national organisation of family lawyers which requires its members to follow a Code of Practice to resolve matters in a constructive, non-confrontational manner.
3. Try and agree the content of the petition with your husband/wife/civil partner before it is sent to the Court. Otherwise, if the other party is taken by surprise by what is said in the petition, it risks being defended and the process will take longer and be more costly.
4. Try one of the many dispute resolution options available to help you agree the matrimonial finances, property and children issues. Mediation, round table meetings and collaborative law are great alternatives. Mediation in particular is a cost effective way of resolving problems, amicably, without fighting through the Courts. Each party, with the help of the mediator, focuses on finding solutions that they can both agree on.

Whether Ashley and Cheryl Cole's high profile divorce will be played out in weeks or months remains to be seen, but their case will undoubtedly continue to generate widespread media interest. If you'd like help with family matters then contact one of our family team who are all members of Resolution.'

Call Rob Parker on 01256 854676, or email: rparker@phillips-law.co.uk

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Hello! What a brilliant start to the summer! The cub section took part in the annual district cub camp which was a fun packed pirate themed weekend in the New Forest. The cubs took part in a huge range of activities including push ball (football with a giant ball that can only be moved by pushing!) survival skills, archery, hiking and raft building (the majority of which stayed afloat!) The weekend included many leaders and young people loosing there voice at the traditional campfire.

We would like to thank Marnel Infant School for allowing us to attend their community fete . It was a fun day and allowed us to speak to allot of you about Scouting in Popley. Please let us know if you have an event coming up that we would be able could come along to, to promote ourselves, run some fun activities or even a BBQ.

The Scouts have been learning how to put up 'hike' style tents in preparation for future camps. If you would like the opportunity to join us on these camps please contact us to enquire about joining. We are currently working our way around the schools presenting scouts to the pupils and showing them what it is we do so we may be at your child's or your school very soon.

We are always on the lookout for new Scouts and adults to help us implement our exciting programme to young people. For more information on becoming a youth member or an adult leader please do not hesitate to ring 07854860895 (Martin Lee Scout leader) who will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have. Over the last few months all sections have been trying to put the OUT back in Scouting, so it is probably a good idea to ring ahead to check that the section is meeting at the hall.



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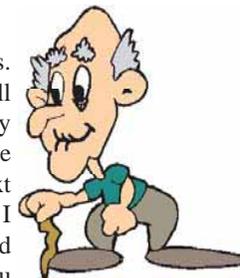
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THE OLD CODGER



Back when I was young, it was a time of change. The war did this. I saw a program the other day on the commemoration of the war dead. All the people were going to see nothing but a beach where part of the D-Day landing took place. I asked my father once "Dad can't we go to see the Memorial Day on the 11th of the 11th?" His reply was "no". Then the next question came "WHY?" "I do not need to keep seeing this sort of thing son, I have them all in my head to remind and they will never leave me". He would never watch it on the TV and never talked much about it. Now and then you would get a glimpse of his days in the war. My uncle was one of the few that got out of Arnhem. Uncle Tommy never talked about what happened either; he along with the editor's father did. In those few disastrous days of fighting lost many friends and comrades. I sat one day when my father cried and he told us why he was seconded to the Army from the Navy to do special operations. One was to drop twelve commandos behind the lines then take his boat in again to pick them up from the beach. They never got off that beach. It is this sort of thing that he had in his head right up till he died.

What has been going on in our town? How sad it is to have seen our local council shame themselves over the Mayor issue. In my mind our council have set precedence by changing who should be our Mayor. From now on they can elect whom they wish, in other words only one party could dominate the post. I feel this is unjust and our Mayor should be elected by the people of our town. Each constituency puts in candidates, and then the people of the town get the chance to vote for the one they wish to have. Our town was built on and by great men and women all pulling in the same direction, and it worked. How times have changed, The working man and woman have stayed the same but people in power want to hold on to it and have become blinkered in their attitude of life in the town. I say people in power only because Her Indoors has so much power and I don't like to cross her. When she retires from work I hope she will run as a candidate at the next election. I think if they had more women running our country and council things would change. Mind you, I would be off like a shot. Its bad enough now living with her.

Well the Old Codger suffered yet another minor stroke so another bit of brain is dead. Help for disabled people will never change. If you need alterations in your home you need to fill forms; a mini version of War & Peace! By the time you have done this they will tell you, like in my case, Her Indoors works so you can contribute "x". The alterations are not for her, they are for me to get around safe in the home. I wonder how many of you have gone through this, I wonder when people get the book of forms how many get confused and put it in the bin.

What a way to give you a read this month! But I feel I need to get this off my chest, (sorry she is sitting on it and I can't push her off). Many of you remember the saga of Tesco last year, it turned out a storm in a tea cup. We have not changed, we still have delivery people including Tesco, but I wonder how many still shop with them at the main store. I know we would never use them again. We are lucky to have many other firms willing to deliver with a smile and help in any way you need it. Well done to everyone at Popley Festival. Sorry I could not get there, but with the way I was it was not a pretty sight to see. Mind you even if well I am the same, UGLY. At this point I would like to congratulate our "second" daughter and husband on the birth of their son. We call her our "Bogof" daughter as she was always at our house as a student nurse, an old girlfriend of Mark's who has stayed best of friends with us all, and we love her very much.

Take care The Old Codger

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Family Prize Bingo

This will take place on Friday 16th July, doors open at 6.00pm and eyes down at 7.00pm.

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Youth club

Monday evening 5.30pm to 7.00pm.

Come along and have a fun evening with your friends.

MAD Academy

This high energy dance group for under 4s is continuing in popularity but there are always spaces available. Come along on Tuesday mornings from 10.15-11.15am and speak to Cathy.

Silverwings Line Dancing

Wednesday evenings 8.00 to 10.00pm

This class is for all those people that can line dance. Come along and give it a try.

New Testament Church of God – Coffee Morning for over 50s

This popular get together is held here on Thursday mornings from 10.30am until 12.30pm. Come along with your old friends and make some new ones.

Dynamics:

Baton twirling takes place on Thursday evenings 5.00pm to 7.00pm.

Knitability Knitting Club

Are you a machine knitter or would you like to learn (hand knitters also welcome)

This group meets on the 1st and 3rd Friday each month 10.00am till 12.00pm
For more information please contact the secretary on 01256 772083.

Popley Fields Community Centre is also available for hire for conferences, meetings, private parties, weddings and under 12s children's parties all at very reasonable rates. Call now for more information on any of the above or to find out more about any of the other activities which happen at the Centre every week.

Tel: 01256 414494 or email popleyfields@hotmail.com

Councillors Page: Travellers are back on Hampshire County Council land and the usual procedure has been started. You never know they may have moved by the time you read this magazine! I am sure the moving on of the illegal encampments could be faster with the help of the police and magistrates court. The borough is quicker. I will certainly be pushing for the County to use the same method as the borough!

There is a public consultation on the new proposals for the restart of building in Merton Rise. The dates are July 9th in the afternoon and on Saturday morning the 10th both at Everest College. You will also be able to keep up with the news when the link on the Hampshire News website goes live on 9th July www.hants.gov.uk/estates. You can also email me on cllr.jane.frankum@hants.gov.uk if you want to make comments.

On 11th June I was privileged to present certificates to the many people who have completed courses at Pebbles. Well done all of you and thank you for making me so welcome. Cllr Jane Frankum 819924, write to 405 Abbey Road or email cllr.jane.frankum@hants.gov.uk.

Popley West: I was sad to hear that another of our older residents was upset with some work done by so called professional tree specialists. She paid £200 cash of her pension savings to have some branches cut off the tree in her back garden. The job was not only done poorly but they left a mess. Please ask for references and identification before you give such people work. If they are genuine they won't mind. If they seem concerned you should be too and don't give them the work. If you see vandalism, anti social behaviour, graffiti, poor driving, drunken, noisy behaviour or illegal encampments, the number to call is 101. The message is then passed on to however many departments need to be involved.

There is now a notice outside the new park fenced off play area with a no dogs allowed sign. Most owners are being responsible and realise that it is not safe or hygienic for dogs to foul where there are people especially young children.

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: June has seen the unwelcome return of the trespassing travellers at Carpenters Down. As I write this, they have just moved onto the Merton Rise building site where they were holed up over Christmas and the New Year. A residents' petition has attracted a large number of signatures.

These will be counted and the petition handed in to a Council Committee meeting on Travellers on 30 June.

Work continues on Phase 2 of the John Hunt build, and we have had more problems with Phase 1, this time fly tipping in and around the bins. Fly tippers can expect to be prosecuted and if found guilty face a fine of up to £10,000.

We've had some concerns raised about dust from the Faroe and Maldive site. While it's great to see the flats go, it's not so great to hear about dust being blown into people's properties adjoining the site. We have received assurances from Sentinel that any asbestos was removed from the flats prior to their demolition. The problems are due to the dry conditions and winds, and the contractors are using a water hose to reduce the dust problems.

Longfellow Regeneration has almost finished. The first of the new homes in Phase 3 are due to be occupied this month and the final houses completed in September. If you see anything that needs doing / has been missed please let me know now so I can press the case with Sentinel before the work has finished. My thanks for putting up with all the disruption of the past 2 and a half years.

A new residents association is being set up for residents in the Popley Poets and Elevate area. Provisionally entitled Shakespeare Residents' Community Association it will be holding its inaugural AGM in the next few weeks. Yours faithfully, Cllr Andrew McCormick Labour, Popley East

Summer Fun at Pebbles!



If you have seen the GET WITH programme established by Sentinel Housing at Everest Community College for 8-17 year olds then you may be aware that Pebbles Children's Centre is working together with them this year to deliver a programme for 0-8 year olds! We are very excited at Pebbles knowing that the programme is going to be full of fun activities for parents/carers and their children. We especially want you to come along to our Annual FUN Day on July 30th 11am – 2pm (Free)

We are having a Get With booking day on **Saturday 10 July 10am-12pm** at Pebbles Children's Centre when you can book on to all the activities you like. The activities will be 50p per child and any coach or minibus trips will be £1 per person. Keep an eye out for the holiday programme and we'll see you on the booking day ☺.

Congratulations to all those who achieved awards on 11th June for the Adult Learning courses they have taken through Pebbles. A big thank you to Jane Frankum for presenting the awards. It was fantastic to see so many there – WELL DONE.

Any queries contact Pebbles Children's Centre, Shakespeare Road, Popley RG24 9BP. Tel: 01256 357 028 or email: pebbles.cc@hants.gov.uk

Hands of Light Healing Group



A year in the life of a new group.

As we move into July it is hard to believe that a year has passed since we started our healing group at Popley Fields. It has been a busy year, we gave healing to over 260 patients during the year, some on a regular basis and others on the odd occasion as the need arose.

As part of Basingstoke Voluntary Services we were invited to take part in the International Women's Day in March. During the afternoon we gave healing to 10 patients, in addition 20 people attended a talk / discussion on Spiritual Healing and over 30 people attended a workshop on basic relaxation; this interest in relaxation reflects the pressures that we all face in our daily lives.

In November last year we attended the Age Concern Bazaar raising over £100 for our funds, in April this year we attended an Age Concern Information Day.

None of us knows what lies ahead of us each year but we usually make our plans. During the year ahead we hope to expand our service to enable more local people to benefit from all healing has to offer. We hope that local groups may invite us to a meeting where we can explain and demonstrate healing or maybe organise a relaxation session. We are investigating the possibility of home visits for patients who, for health reasons, are unable to attend our weekly sessions. While this is only at a planning stage we would endeavour to help local people when made aware of them.

In the meantime we are at Popley Fields every Friday from 7.30 to 9pm; we welcome interested people as well as patients. We do not charge for healing but accept donations which are used to help pay the cost of the rent each week. If you would like more information please phone **07583131015** or email valjo128@virginmedia.com Val Peacock. Healing Leader.



Letters to the Editor.



Dear Editor, On Saturday night 22nd May 2010 my husband was out walking our dog along the back of the Merton Schools (Melrose Walk) when a Pit Bull type dog came out of nowhere and attacked our dog. It grabbed our dog's leg and would not let go - at the time my dog was under control, on a lead, the other dog was not. The owner did come over and pulled the dog off but not before the dog had done considerable damage to my dogs leg. The owner of the dog gave his excuse that our dog had growled at his dog, so his dog attacked - our dog was on a lead!

My dog needed immediate veterinary treatment to the substantial wounds on his leg. We have Pet Insurance thankfully. To call the vet in on a Saturday night was £80. That is without an overnight stay, a big operation to stitch his leg - including muscle that had been damaged, medication and ongoing treatment. As you can imagine, a big expensive vet bill. My dog at the moment is a nervous wreck. He is totally traumatised by the whole incident. We are unable to walk him at the moment due to his injuries.

I phoned the Police, but all they can say is it isn't a Police matter because it was a dog-on-dog attack and not a person. Good job really. The Dog Warden was great but she can only do so much without the Police to back her up. The Police seem to be taking to lightly uncontrollable dogs and the owners of these who obviously have no control over them! Thank goodness my dog will live. What if it had been a child? The Police kindly asked the owner to keep

his dog on a lead, but of course they said they can't enforce it.

What is it going to do to make the authorities take charge of these type of owners and their dogs, that are clearly potentially dangerous and out of control!

Remembering that a dog does not only leave physical scars there are the mental and emotional scars that remain too.

The law need to drastically change, and the law taken seriously and acted on by the Police.

Editor's reply:- This must have been really traumatic for both you and your dog. It is not the first time we have heard of such incidents, and clearly something does need to be done. What is frustrating is the vast majority of dog owners are responsible and take great care with their pets. I am concerned that dogs off leads in fenced equiped play areas could result in a child being hurt. There are signs to say no dogs allowed. I agree that laws need to be more robust and followed through with the full force of the law if people just simply ignore them. Have other readers had problems too?

Editor's Note: We look forward to reading your letters on all sorts of subjects. We do not print your name or address if you wish us not to but of course we cannot accept letters that are sent anonymously.

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Cornerstone Nursery News–July 2010

Cornerstone Miss Muffets in Popley Way – 01256 840300

The children have enjoyed a range of activities over the last month. With the sun making an appearance we have been talking to the children about how to protect ourselves from the sun but at the same time still have lots of fun. One of the activities the children took part in was a make shift beach in the garden with sand, a paddling pool filled with rubber rings and toys and buckets and spades. The children enjoyed this very much.

The younger children have also been making the most of the warm weather and have been enjoying new sensory experiences splashing around in glittery water. The children have also been busy preparing wonderful cards and special surprises for their dads for Fathers Day. This has involved lots of glitter, glue and sparkly bits.

Cornerstone Nursery in Priestley Road – 01256 818118

This month the children have been joining in with our World Cup celebrations by wearing their England kits and having their faces painted with the St George flag. We have been painting flags of the world onto large sheets to display in our main hallway.

We are having a summer fete, which is open to the general public on Sunday 4th July between 10am and 2pm. We will be having a bbq, face painting, a bouncy castle and lots of stalls for the children to visit. The management team will also be on hand to show people around the nursery and talk through our flexible schedules and fee structures. Our fete will be raising money for the Southampton Special Care Baby Unit who have supported one of our families recently and in memory of their baby daughter. Please come along and join us for a fun family day out.

Cornerstone Sunrise at Aldworth Science College – 01256 356166

This month we are learning about stranger danger and road safety.

We have learnt what to do if someone approaches us and we don't know them, how to call for help and who we can go to for help if we need it.

The local special constables are coming to visit the nursery on a regular basis to familiarise themselves with the children.

We are also borrowing resources from Hampshire County Council and learning about road safety, Our local lollipop man is coming in to talk to us at the nursery and helping us learn how to cross the road and keep ourselves safe.

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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