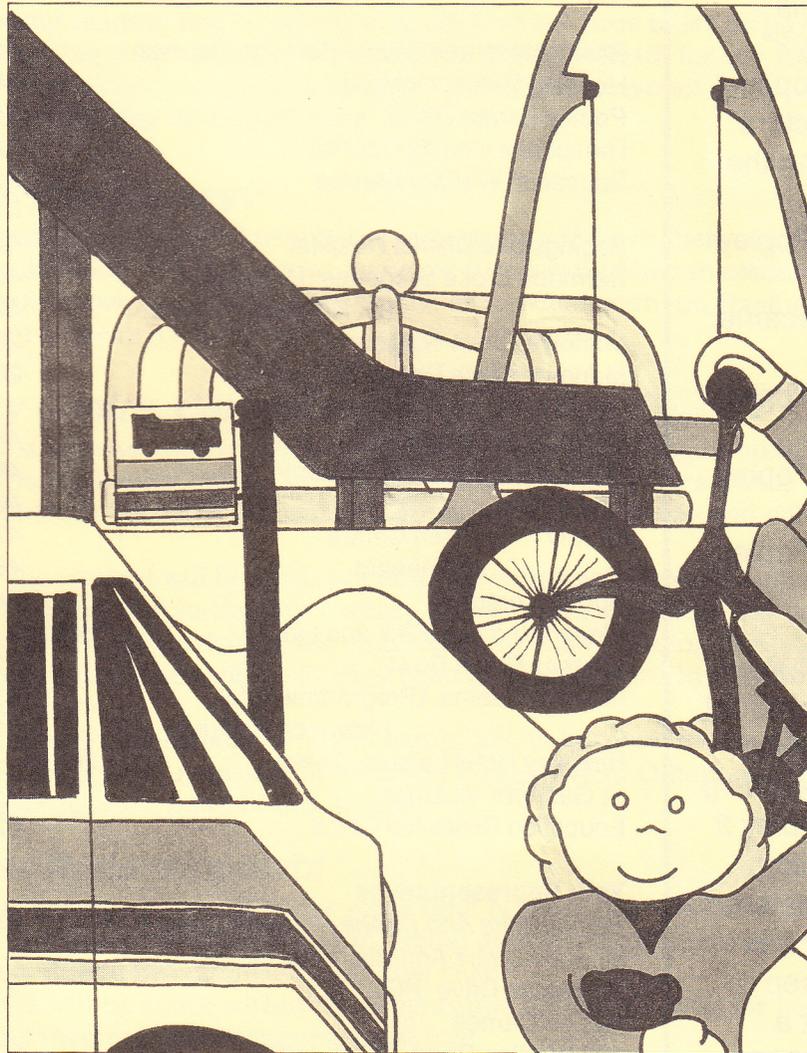


POPLEY

ISSUE TWO



MATTERS

Popley Numbers or names? The saga continues

INSIDE the front cover of the first POPLEY MATTERS was an item entitled "So what is this place called Popley?" which related to dropping the building contractors numbers and adding the names, so that:

Popley 1 became Popley Walk

Popleys 2 and 3 became Popley Islands

Popley 4 became Popley Abbey

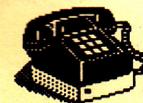
Popley 5 became Popley Everest

Popley 6 became Popley Dell

All the comments that we received were in favour of the names. Discussion has taken place regarding the renaming of Popley 2 Residents Association, but as they are registered under that name, it has been decided to keep it. We even hear, that a resident has had their headed letter paper reprinted to now include Popley Abbey in their address where formally it just read Popley.

So over to you, your views and comments would be welcome.

Useful Telephone Numbers



EMERGENCY	Police	Fire	Ambulance	999
Basingstoke Police Station				473111
Southern Electric				59191
British Gas (Emergencies only)				0734 581451
Mid Southern Water				835031
Citizens Advice Bureau				22814
Samaritans				462333
Rape Crisis				840224
Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council				844844
Housing Repair Hot Line				844808
Popley Estate Office				24841
Hampshire County Council				0962 841841
Education Welfare Service				816429
Basingstoke District Hospital				473202
Bermuda Close Surgeries (Dr Baba)				468345
(Dr Khan & Dr Bhole)				464151
Marlowe Close Surgery				28860
Marlowe Close Dental Surgery				28662
British Rail Enquiries				464966
Hampshire Bus (Bus Station)				464501
Dial-a-ride				462101
Library	Town Centre			473901
	Chineham			465643
Sports Centre				844444
Playground (Ice-Rink and Lido)				840219
Wessex Super Bowl				811405
Warner Cinema (Programme Info)				818739
(Advance Booking)				818448
Ringway Hotel Leisure Centre				20212
St Gabriel's Vicarage				24734
Education Divisional Office				0252 812333
Your Representatives				
Basingstoke And Deane Borough Council				844844
Mr John & Mrs Ann Blairman				
16 Brocas Drive RG21 2LT				475380
Mr Les Carnell				
102 Worting Road RG21 1UB				23410
<i>Hampshire County Council</i>				
Mrs Joan Carnel				
102 Worting Road RG21 1UB				23410
<i>Member of Parliament Andrew Hunter MP</i>				
House of Commons London SW1A 0AA				
<i>Member of European Parliament</i>				
Edward Kellet-Bowman MEP				
4A Desborough Road Eastleigh Hants SO5 5NX				

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Popley Matters

Introduction

HI, WELCOME to the second edition of POPLEY MATTERS. Many months have passed since our last edition, and we have many articles dealing with things that may affect your lives, including local concerns regarding the speed of traffic, the health survey and many articles by Popley residents who wish to share their knowledge with you. Having worked on both issues of POPLEY MATTERS I am now convinced that there are many more people out there with skills and knowledge that they could share with their community. So why not take the time and come along to our next meeting so that we can work together to make Popley really matter, and a more pleasant place to live in. I hope you find this edition makes interesting reading and hopefully you will find the time to let us have your comments. In closing I must say a very big thank you to Marc Pattison of Abbey Road, for our front cover and the children of Marnel Junior School for their drawings. Well done, everyone!

Ron Rowe Chairman of Popley Matters Group

Do you have anything to say?

POPLEY MATTERS is about giving local people the opportunity to have their say. If you have something that you would like to see included in the next issue, or if you would like to comment on anything in this issue, then please let us know. Contact Ron Rowe, the group chairman, on Basingstoke 24809 or write to POPLEY MATTERS at 14 Pitcairn Close, Popley.

New Community Centre, Carpenters Down Popley

AS you may know, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council are planning to build a new community centre on the site of the old Popley North Community Centre at Carpenters Down.

The money for this Centre is allocated within the Council's capital scheme and will be available from April 1994.

During the next year the council will be holding public meetings and consultations with local community groups to find out what is needed in the new centre. These public meetings will be advertised in the local press. Plans will be drawn up during the year, ready to start building in April 1994.

It is likely that a steering committee will be formed from local people working in conjunction with officers from Basingstoke and Deane.

If you have any questions on the scheme or if you would like to become involved in the steering group, then please contact Ricky Leach - Arts and Community Development Officer at Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council on Basingstoke 844844 Ext 4688.

Chineham House Redevelopment

THE Chineham House site has been empty for some time but it is now due for a new lease of life.

A number of community groups are interested in taking on the management of the building after its refurbishment which is due to be completed later this year.

It is expected that there will be space within the programme for the building for use by other local community groups and meeting space for occasional hire.

If you have any questions about Chineham House or would like to know more, then please contact Ricky Leach - Arts and Community Development Officer at Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council on Bas 844844 Ext 4688.

Forthcoming Events

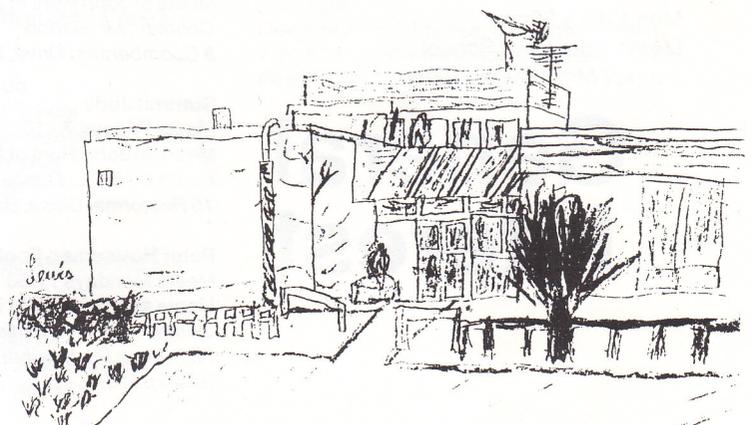
*** POPLEY 2 SIX-A-SIDE COMPETITION**

Saturday 14 August 1993

at John Hunt School

Contact Ron Rowe on 24809

or Chris Austen on 469572 for details.



Merton Junior School by Lewis Smith

What's on

Daytime

St Gabriel's Senior Citizens Club

Melrose Community Hall.
Meets Tuesday 2.00 - 4.00pm
Contact Mr Anderson ☎ 20436

Melrose Senior Citizens Club

Melrose Community Hall.
Meets Friday 2.00 - 4.00pm
Contact Mr Anderson ☎ 20436

Popley Drop In Group

Melrose Community Hall.
Meets Monday 10.00 - 2.00pm
Contact Social Services ☎ 20901

Bump Club Classes

Longfellow Parade Health Clinic.
Contact Midwife ☎ 465650

Family Planning Clinic

Longfellow Parade Health Clinic.
Meets Tues 2.30 - 4.30pm,
Friday 9.30 - 11.30am
Appointment not necessary.
Contact ☎ 25422 for details

Everest Senior Citizens Social Club

John Hunt School.
Meets Thursdays 11.00 - 2.00pm.
Contact Mr Anderson ☎ 469257

Golden Club (Senior Citizens)

John Hunt School.
Meets Thursdays 2.00 - 4.00pm.
Contact Mrs A Scott ☎ 472489

Over Fifty's Club

Meets at Popley 2 Residents
Association Hall
Monday's 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Contact Mr L Padfield ☎ 468679

Disabled Club

Mon 1.30-4.30pm
Meets John Hunt School
contact Mrs Neville 26404

General Interest

Hannington Football Club

Meets Wednesdays : 8.30 - 10
Meets at John Hunt of Everest School
Contact : S. McGeacy,
72 Britten Road, Basingstoke.

Mr. Lake's Football Club

Meets Wednesdays : 6.30 - 7.30
Meets at John Hunt of Everest School
Contact : Mr. R. Lake,
62 Southlands, Chineham, Basingstoke.

Boots Football Club

Meets Sundays : 10.30 - 11.30
Meets at John Hunt of Everest School
Contact : Mr. Fry,
19 Evesham Walk, Basingstoke.

Canine Club

Meets Tuesdays : 8.00 - 10
Meets at John Hunt of Everest School
Contact : Mr. G.I. Older,
9 Holy Barn Close, Basingstoke

Civil Service Badminton Club

Meets Tuesdays : 8.00-10.00
Fridays 8.00-10.00
Meets at John Hunt of Everest School
Contact : Mr. G. Berry,
43 Majestic Road, Hatch Warren, Basing-
stoke

Popley Sequence Dance

Meets Tuesdays : 7.45 - 10.15
Thursdays 8.15-10.15
Meets at John Hunt of Everest School
Contact : Mr Smy 160 Abbey Road
☎ 472294

Firebird Express Football Club

Meets Saturdays : 10.30 - 12
Meets at John Hunt of Everest School
Contact : Mr. Burt
31 Maldive Road, Basingstoke

Orbitel Badminton

Meets Mondays : 6 - 7
Meets at John Hunt of Everest School
Contact : Mrs C. Watson
The Keytech Centre, Ashwood Way,
Basingstoke

St. Mary's Football Club

Meets Sundays 9.30 - 10.30
Meets at John Hunt of Everest School
Contact : Mr. Barton
8 Coombehurst Drive, Basingstoke

Summit Judo

Meets Fridays 7 - 10
Meets at John Hunt of Everest School
Contact : Mr. L. Dunce
15 Restormel Close, Basingstoke

Peter Houseman Football League

Meets Mondays : 7.30 - 9.30
Meets at John Hunt of Everest School
Contact : Mr. R. Ashfield
70 Burney Bit, Pamber Heath,
Basingstoke

Mr. Taylor's Football Club

Meets Fridays : 6 - 7
Meets at John Hunt of Everest School
Contact : Mr. D. Taylor
167 Pershore Road, Popley 5, Basingstoke

Smiths Badminton

Meets Thursdays : 8 - 10.30
Meets at John Hunt of Everest School
Contact : Mr. P. Brown
112 Jubilee Road, Southsea, Hants

Mr. Johnson's Football Club

Meets Wednesdays : 7.30 - 8.30
Meets at John Hunt of Everest School
Contact : Mr. M. Johnson
22 Mortimer Gardens, New Park, Tadley

Viking Badminton

Meets Tuesdays : 7.30 - 10
Meets at John Hunt of Everest School
Contact : Mrs S. Harris
33 Kenilworth Road, Basingstoke

Mrs Dick's Badminton

Meets Tuesdays : 8 - 10
Meets at John Hunt of Everest School
Contact : Mrs A. Dick
5 Warbleton Road, Chineham,
Basingstoke

Mr. Thornton's Aerobics

Meets Thursdays : 8 - 9
Meets at John Hunt of Everest School
Contact : Mr. Thornton
28 Strawberry Field, Bramley.

Mrs Harkness' Aerobics

Meets Mondays : 6.30 - 7.30
Thursdays : 8.15-9.15
Meets at John Hunt of Everest School
Contact : Mrs K. Harkness
28 Strawberry Field, Bramley

Mrs Hylton's Aerobics

Meets Monday : 7 - 8
Thursdays 8.15-9.15
Meets at John Hunt of Everest School
Contact : Mrs G. Hylton
83 Binfield Close, Chineham,
Basingstoke

Summit Badminton

Meets Monday : 6 - 8.30
Meets at John Hunt of Everest School
Contact : Mr. R. Martlew
17 Portacre Rise, Basingstoke

Petite Dance

Meets Tuesday : 4.30 - 8.30
Wednesday 4.30-7.30
Meets at John Hunt of Everest School
Contact : Mrs J. Pettitt
11 Beech Road, Roffey, Horsham, Sussex.

Karate

Meets Wednesday : 6.30 - 8.30
Meets at John Hunt of Everest School
Contact : Mr. R. Peploe
37 Tennison Way, South Ham,
Basingstoke

Feather FC

Meets Sunday : 10.30 - 12
Meets at John Hunt of Everest School
Contact : Mr. T. Minto
Feathers Hotel, Basingstoke

Popley Community Church
Sundays 10.30am meets at Marnel Junior School
Pastor Geoff Boxall ☎ 22273

St John's Ambulance First Aid Course
(Starts 30 April 1992)
Thursdays 7.30-9.30
Contact Mr Cantrill ☎ 862710
Meets at Popley 2 Residents Hall

Relief Society (Ladies Group)
Homemaking sessions.
First Thursday of each month.
Meets at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Crockford Lane,
7.30-9.30pm
Contact Mrs S Bartley ☎ 0734 816728

Sports Social Evening
All ages welcome. 7.00-9.00pm Meets
Wednesdays at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Crockford Lane.
Contact Mrs S Bartley ☎ 0734 816728

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Crockford Lane, Popley.
Sunday meetings:
10.00-1.00pm
Everyone welcome. All ages.
Contact Bishop Kinnard ☎ 819087
or Mrs S Bartley ☎ 0734 816728

Popley Two Bingo
Popley 2 Residents' Association Hall
Mondays 7.30-9.30pm
Contact Mr R Rowe ☎ 24809

Western Dancing
Popley 2 Residents' Association Hall
Wednesdays 8.00-10.00pm
Contact Mr Lunnon ☎ 842983

Pre School

Treasure Island Playgroup
36 Trinidad Close Popley
Meets weekdays 9.30-12.00
Contact Mrs Oakley ☎ 844799

Dryden Hall Parent & Toddler Group
Dryden Hall, Popley
Meets Mon & Weds 12.00-3.00pm
Contact Debbie O'Leary ☎ 842488

Merton Poppits Playgroup
Merton Infants School
Romsey Close Popley
Meets Mon - Fri 9.15-11.45
Wed 12.40-3.10
Contact Corinne Payas ☎ 54388

Merton Pre School Group
St Gabriel's Church
Tewkesbury Close Popley
Meets Fridays 10.00-12.00 during term time.
Contact Jenny Humberstone ☎ 463887

Popley Two Playgroup
Monday to Friday 9am-12 noon
Contact Mrs B Williams ☎ 54005 or at
Popley 2 Residents Meeting Hall.

Popley Two Mums and Toddlers Group
Meets Thursdays 12.30pm to 2.30pm.
Contact Mrs S Webster ☎ 59454 or at
Popley 2 Residents Meeting Hall

Get Ready For School Club
Merton Infants School
Meets Thursdays 1.15-2.15pm for children in the term before they start Infants School.
Contact ☎ 24507 for details.

Gremlin Parent and Toddler Group
Longfellow Parade Health Clinic.
Meets Fridays 1.00-3.00pm
Contact ☎ 25422 for details.

Treasure Island Parent and Toddler Group
36 Trinidad Close
Meets Thursday 1.00-2.30pm
Contact Mrs C Oakley ☎ 844799

John Hunt Playgroup
John Hunt School.
Meets Mon-Fri 9.30-12.00
Mon Wed Fri 1.00-3.00pm
Contact Mrs A Bennett ☎ 464750

SCOPE Mothers and Toddlers Group
John Hunt School
Meets Tuesdays 1.00-3.00
Contact Mrs K Taylor at the Club

Youth

Basingstoke Boys' Brigade
John Hunt School.
For boys aged 6 - 18 years.
Contact David Phillips ☎ 23564

Peter Houseman Basingstoke and District Boys Sunday League
Meets at John Hunt.
Contact Mr J A Dunn ☎ 0264 363251

Petite School of Dance
John Hunt School.
Meets Tues 4.30 - 8.30pm and
Wed 4.30 to 7.30pm.
Contact Mrs J Pettitt on ☎ 0403 64617.

Mid Hants Athletic
Contact David Hope ☎ 23642

Youth Evening
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Tuesdays 7.30-9.00pm

Junior Youth Club,
Youth Wing, John Hunt School.
Meets Friday 6 - 8.30pm under 14 years.
Just turn up.

Just Reality Youth Club
Youth Wing John Hunt School
Meets Monday and Wednesday
7.30-10.00 for 14 years plus.
Just come along and join in.

Youth Clubs
Melrose Community Hall Melrose Walk
Popley
Meets Fridays
5-10 year olds 6.30-7.45pm
10 plus year olds 8.00-9.30pm
Contact Mr P Keeble ☎ 462351

Children's Disco
Melrose Community Hall
First Saturday of the month
6.00-7.45pm 5-10 year olds.
Contact Mrs B Brennan ☎ 53215

**Chineham Park Rangers
Boys Football Club**
John Hunt School
Meets Thursday 5.30-8.00
Contact Dave Cahalarn
☎ 50512

Oasis Twirlstars (Batton twirlers) Meets
three times weekly
Contact Mrs Adams ☎ 464444

Popley Two Youth Club
Friday
(school age to 8) 5.30pm to 7.00pm
(8 to 12 years) 7.00pm to 8.30pm
Contact Mrs S Cockerell at hall.
Meets at Popley 2 Residents
Association Meeting Hall.

Basingstoke Air Scouts
Scout Hut, Carpenters Down, Popley.
Cubs 8 - 10 years meet 6.30 - 8.00pm
Scouts 10.5 - 15.5 meet 7.30 - 9.30pm.
Contact Mr D. Herford ☎ 462312.

Rainbows
(5-7yrs)
Meets at John Hunt Youth Wing
6.00-7.00pm Wednesdays
Contact Mrs Barbara Guntrip ☎ 52884

17th Basingstoke Brownies
(7-11yrs)
Meets at John Hunt Youth Wing
6.00-7.30pm Thursdays
Contact Ms Sue Saunders ☎ 51709

25th Basingstoke Brownies
(7-11yrs)
Meets at St Gabriel's Church Centre
6.00-7.30pm Wednesdays
Contact Mrs Jan Greene ☎ 55709

26th Basingstoke Brownies
(7-11yrs)
Meets at Air Scouts Hut,
Carpenters Down,
6.00-7.30pm Wednesdays
Contact Mrs Barbara Bull ☎ 52130

1st Popley Guides
(10-15yrs)
Meets at John Hunt in Room C3/4
6.30-8.00pm Thursdays
Contact Miss Angela Guntrip ☎ 52884

26th Basingstoke Guides
(10-15yrs)
Meets at Air Scouts Hut, Carpenters Down
7.00-8.30pm Wednesdays Contact Mrs June
Pearce 77 Fountains Close

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TELEVISION

Hard Times

POPLEY was featured in a recent TV programme by Southern Eye entitled Hard Times and it was a very sympathetic look at Popley and the difficulties facing the people. Concern was expressed about health on the estate but it was the problems of

poverty, homelessness and unemployment which was the focus of the programme. Introduced by Cathy Burnett, it talked to a family that had gone into bankruptcy and discussed their problems. A family of four, all of whom were unemployed, were highlighted and it showed their inability to obtain employment. The family were, however, very supportive of each other.

We also saw a family concerned about crime who wanted to move and were unable to do so due to the lack of housing. This family, due to redundancy, were suffering from the low pay trap and they had also been four years on the housing waiting list. What the programme showed above all was that the people of Popley were prepared to go out and try to look for work and were not content to just be ground down by their problems.
John Blairman

HAMPSHIRE BUS

YOU will be please to learn that Basingstoke Hampshire Bus Company will continue to support the residents of Popley with

the company's excellent service as they have done for nearly twenty-six years.

Hampshire Bus provide both Minibus Service and Main Bus routes in to town for shopping, Sports Centre and other Town Centre facilities.

They also offer routes to the

Leisure Park on the other side of town, which supplies young and old alike with bowling, swimming, ice skating and cinema entertainment.

Routes around Popley are marked in red on the centre page.

The Revitalised Landscape in Popley

THE Housing Department felt it would be desirable to improve the landscape of Popley Islands and so a scheme was born by the Community Services Department last year. Works were proposed to Pitcairn Close, Ascension Close, Madeira Close, Cayman Close, Faroe Close, Maldive Road, Orkney Close and Lundy Close.

On 14 October 1992 a Public Information Exercise took place at Popley Two Meeting Hall, Madeira Close, to which approximately 500 residents were invited. A total of 133 people visited the display between 11 am and 7pm and the comments of those people resulted in various amendments being made to the scheme.

On 4 January 1993 the first phase began with the rebuilding and repair of various walls. Phase Two consists mainly of the following types of work: Removal of shrubs from some roadside plantings back by 2.5 metres from the highway to improve sight lines and re-planting with new shrubs with an ultimate height of less than one metre. All remaining shrubs in these beds will be pruned to about 3 metres above ground.

New plantings of trees and shrubs within the estate to soften views, screen undesirable features and integrate the estate with its surroundings.

The work will be completed soon. Whilst the work is proceeding there is bound to be some disruption. This of course will be minimised but you are asked to be tolerant and patient, the end result will be worth it. However, there is a particular problem please contact the Project Officer on Basingstoke 844844 ext. 2607 during normal office hours and he will try to deal with it as swiftly as possible.

Are you a friend of Popley Ponds?

MANY people, particularly youngsters, enjoy the ponds at Popley and the ponds are valuable for wildlife too, including the protected Great Crested Newt.

The area is designated as open space in the Council's local plan but all ponds need help if they are to remain attractive for people and wildlife.

So, how can you be a friend of Popley Ponds? Let us know if you would like to join with other local residents in clearing litter and making sure that the Ponds are carefully looked after, for all our futures.

Contact Helen Bacskowska
Hampshire Wildlife Trust
0794 513786

Footpath to Tesco

OUR County Councillor is discussing two proposals for footpaths from Popley to Tesco. If you would like to know more details contact either Mrs Joan Carnell on 23410 or look in your local meeting halls.

Motorists

THERE is not enough room to pass cyclists at the 'pinch points' on Popley Way. Please overtake cyclists safely.

Car Parking

THERE have been complaints regarding the parking of cars on the grass verges in Popley. With the recent wet weather grass has been badly churned up.

Cyclists

Please, please can cyclists who use Popley Way at night ensure that they have suitable lights on their bikes and reflective markings.

Popley 2 Play Area Petition

THE three Popley Councillors have identified a site between the top of Ascension Close and Marnel School for a play area.

We are now working towards obtaining funding and the scheme was presented at the May meeting of the Leisure Services Committee where funding was agreed.



ASPECTS PHOTOGRAPHY

Weddings, Portraits
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Viables Craft Centre
The Harrow Way
Basingstoke (0256) 59729

Popley Two Residents Association

POPLEY TWO Tenants Association, as it was known at the time of inauguration, has done remarkably well during its seventeen years serving the local community.

I joined the Association early in 1976 following the Steering Committee's hard work to get things off the ground, the official opening being in October 1975.

We canvassed house-to-house for membership and did extremely well in obtaining a total of 308 members. Thereafter, it was a terrific slog to enrol committee members. In fact, for quite a time committee members came and went in no time at all. But as is commonly known there were always the regular stalwarts prepared to achieve the goal set for them. Quite often we found many ordinary members prepared to help at all our functions. At our AGM in 1986 we had a record number of committee members, 26 in total. By the next AGM those numbers diminished to 18 which was good by previous standards.

Despite the ups and downs and one particular year ending up slightly in the red, we feel the community has benefited in many ways.

Our first and one of many big events organised was the Jubilee Party we gave about 350 children on Tuesday 7 June 1977. Each child went home with a Jubilee Mug and happier for the good time they had. We were able to use the car park next to the Barbican public house. John Hunt of Everest School kindly loaned us many tables and chairs for the event.

Following this event we still managed to hold a summer fete on the dunes behind our meeting hall.

The highlight of all our summer fetes has been the contest for Popley Princess. A shield is hanging in our hall with all past winners' names engraved upon it.

One of our proudest moments was when our very first Popley Princess, Anne Chick in 1976, was crowned Basingstoke Carnival Queen in 1984. Further to this Anne actually opened our fete that year and crowned the new Popley Princess, Lisa Hull. And even further to this, we took first prize and the Challenge Cup with our carnival float, the theme being 'The Wedding of the Princess and the Toy Soldier'.

We have many successes under our belts in Basingstoke carnivals. We took a cup for 'Star Wars' in 1979, and again in 1980 with the theme of 'King Neptune'. Real seaweed was used on this float, collected by some committee members from the seaside. We

had further successes in 1982 and 1983 with First Prizes in our group. In total we have had five Firsts, including the Challenge Cup and come Second on two other occasions. The pleasure in achieving all this is great but mostly we hope our endeavours day in and day out are just as satisfying to the members at large as they are to our committee.

But it is not only the annual events that keep us going. The day-to-day functions are the backbone of our Association.

Our playgroup can quite often proudly boast of maximum numbers of children and a wide range of equipment, plus good staff managed by Brenda Williams. There are now one or two vacancies due to children reaching school age.

Every Monday afternoon, the 'Over 50s' Club' meets in the hall. They have a good ole natter, tea and biscuits and finish up playing Bingo. Anyone over fifty years are welcome to go along and join in the fun, just ask for Les or Jean, they will soon settle you in. Times are 1.30pm to 3.30pm or contact Les Padfield on 468679.

Monday evenings there is Bingo in the hall for all members over 18. We have refreshments on sale, hot and cold drinks, crisps etc. We can still take on new members, so come along and enjoy not only a couple of hours of fun but maybe win a few pounds into the bargain. Times are 7.00pm, Eyes Down at 8.00pm, until about 9.30pm. For further information contact Ron Rowe on 24809.

On Tuesday evenings the St John's Ambulance Cadets use our hall from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. This is an extremely good and vital service provided for the youth of the community and, I might add, fully supported. There is a waiting list to join. For further information contact Mrs Audrey Padfield on 468679.

On Wednesday evenings the Country and Western Dance Group meet between 8.00pm and 10.00pm. Alan and Helen Lunnon will welcome any interested newcomers. Contact is 842983.

Thursday afternoons is for our Mums and Toddler Group, time 12.30-2.30pm.

Families welcome, 75p per family, refreshments provided free. For further details contact Pat O'Dell at 19 Lawrence Close.

Twice a year, a 10-week First Aid course is held in the hall. The next course starts in September. For further information on these courses which are a real must, please contact Sandra or John on 819136.

Friday evenings, Youth Club is held in the hall for two age groups, school age to 8 years have from 5.30pm to 7.00pm then 9 to 11 years have from 7.00pm to 8.30pm. There is plenty to do, pool, table tennis and many more table top games. There certainly isn't any room for boredom! For further information contact Sue Cockerell at 5 Lawrence Close.

Quite often the hall is available for hire for various functions at the weekends, be it wedding receptions, birthday or any other party. For full particulars, costs, etc., Sheila Webster will be happy to help you on 59454.

By the time you read this the refurbishment of our hall will be well under way. Besides the new look internally we have an extra toilet facility for the disabled.

We will be looking to raise extra funds in the near future for the gas fired radiators. We intend to have several sponsored events, plus an It's A Knockout. This should give us sufficient funds to warm up the hall!

All the groups within our Association have annual summer outings and Christmas parties with presents for the children.

To achieve anything it has to be planned, has to be worked at and it has to be enjoyable. Many committees down the years of our Association have served the local community in many ways, from the very young to the aged. I am proud to have been part of all of them. I only hope we will continue to be successful and that we attract many new members to join us.

If you are interested in joining our Association please contact Harry Wyatt on 51930 or contact any committee member. You don't have to live on Popley 2 to be a member!

Ron Rowe
Chairman.



Class Five 1983 First Prize

Venues

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1. John Hunt of Everest Community School Popley Way Popley School ☐ 465547
Community ☐ 465303
2. Marnel County Infants and Marnel County Junior School Shetland Park Popley
Infant ☐ 29521 Junior ☐ 28670
3. Chineham Park Infants and Chineham Park Junior Schools, Shakespeare Road,
Popley
Infant ☐ 25311 Junior ☐ 25420
4. Merton County Infant and Merton Junior Schools, Romsey Close Popley
Infant
☐ 24507 Junior ☐ 26573
5. St Bedes RC School Popley Way Popley ☐ 473379
6. Melrose Community Hall, Melrose Walk Popley Mr J Bell ☐ 472820
7. Popley Two Residents Association Hall Madeira Close Popley Mrs Webster
☐ 59454
8. Dryden Hall (Pen and Parchment pub) Dryden Close Popley ☐ 464222
9. The Barbican P.H. Maldive Road Popley ☐ 28829
10. The Popinjay P.H. Abbey Road Popley ☐ 466044
11. St Gabriels Church and Hall, Tewkesbury Close Popley ☐ 24734
12. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Crockford Lane Basingstoke
☐ 465859
13. Abbey Court Popley Way Popley
14. Wessex Rangers Shakespeare Road Popley
15. Air Scouts Hut Carpenters Down Popley Mr D Herford ☐ 462312
16. The Ringway Hotel, Aldermaston Road Roundabout Popley ☐ 20212
17. Bermuda Close Surgeries, Bermuda Close Popley ☐ 468345 and ☐ 464151
18. Marlowe House Surgery, Marlowe Close Popley ☐ 28860 and ☐ 23796
18. Marlowe House Dental Surgery, Marlowe Close Popley ☐ 28662
19. Longfellow Parade Health Clinic Longfellow Parade Popley ☐ 25422

Wellfield Farm

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Charles Cassell, is the part-time farmer, with his main profession that of chartered accountant.

He is also a Parent Governor of John Hunt School where his daughter, Rachel, is a pupil.

Rachel has her own horse, which is kept on the farm and is a keen one-day-eventer with the Pony Club. The farm provides her with a practice ring.

On visiting the farm, with chickens around your feet and looking down the hill towards Abbey Road, it reminded me that as a youngster I used to play on the fields that we now know as Popley.

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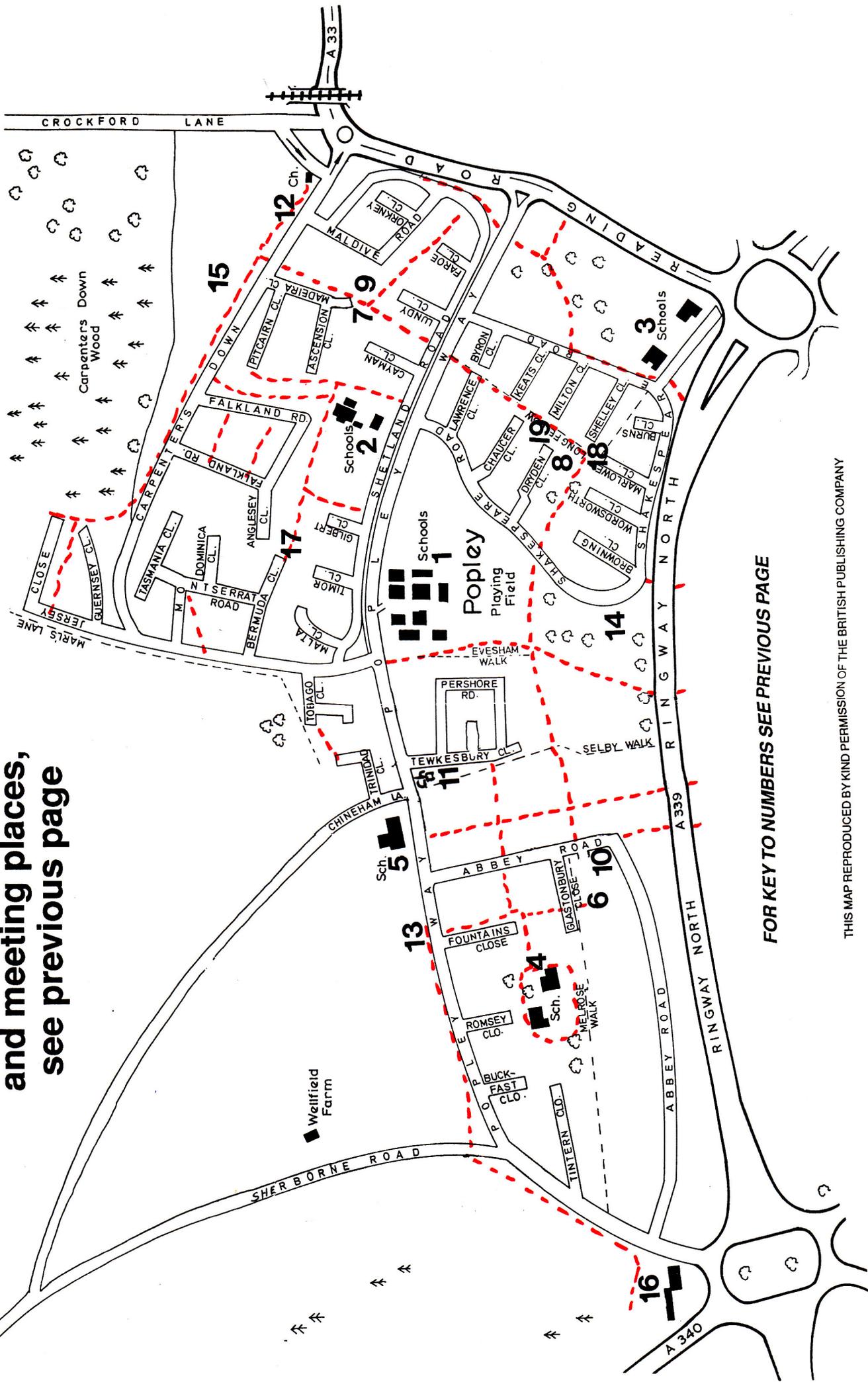
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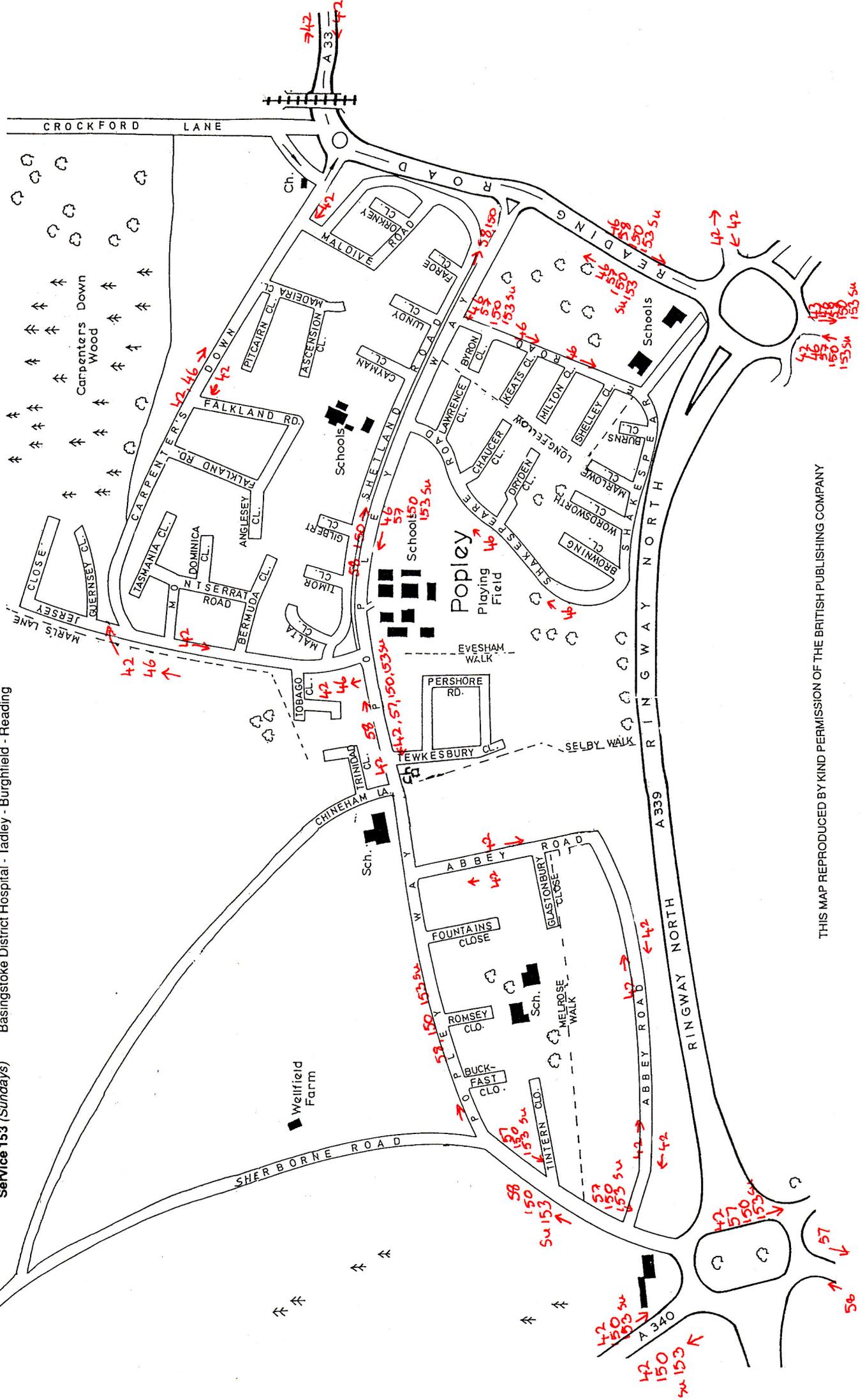


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- Service 42 Bus Station - South Ham - Winklebury - District Hospital - Popley
- Service 46 Bus Station - Shakespear Road - Popley (Carpenters Down)
- Service 57 South Ham - Worting Road - Bus Station - Norn Hill - Popley
- Service 58 South Ham - Winchester Road - Bus Station - Chapel Hill - Houndmills - Popley
- Service 150 (Evenings) Bus Station - Popley Way - Tadley - Baughurst
- Service 153 (Sundays) Basingstoke District Hospital - Tadley - Burghfield - Reading



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ALTERNATIVE VIEW

RAVES

Two peoples' views

PEOPLE are really friendly, you just talk to people that you don't even know and you know, just get on with people. Its a really friendly atmosphere compared to something like a club. Go to a club on a Saturday night and you get beaten up or something. I really enjoy the music. I know that there's a lot of drugs involved but that's up to the people who take them. People automatically

assume that if you're a Raver you take drugs, but it's up to each person if they want to take them so you know you can't really blame it on anyone.

I enjoy going to raves 'cos like you go to the pub and you drink fifteen pints, fifteen pints yea, and you come out and you have a fight. You go to a rave and you are dancing shoulder to shoulder with everyone you don't even know and most people think well this is a crime but it aint. It's because it's well it's a wicked buzz, if you know what I mean, just being there it's just all right you know what I mean? Knowing people do drugs but it's up

to them I'm just saying that I'm not one of the ones that do drugs so if they want to take drugs it's up to them, but I'd rather go to a Rave than go to a pub and spend fifteen quid.

As part of International Drugs Week, the Basingstoke Drugs Advisory Centre ran a poster competition for youth groups to be involved in. A first prize of £100 and four second prizes of £25 were on offer. **Just Reality** entered four poster ideas and won first prize for their efforts.

Well done all those who made the effort and became involved.

A Cruse Around Basingstoke

THERE is, at last, a Cruse around the area of Basingstoke and Deane. It's not the sort of cruise that takes you to exotic places in bright sunshine with deck quoits and an entourage of seagulls. Ours is the sort of Cruse that steers you gently out of more troubled waters, and steers you back on the road of recovery when someone special dies. The full title of the organisation is Cruse Bereavement Care and our branch is part of a national network. You may be slightly puzzled about its name . . .

In 1959, Margaret Torrie, wife of the late Dr Alfred Torrie, was trying to find a name for the group of widows she had brought together in Richmond. Publicity in the national press had drawn attention to the group and had disclosed a considerable need all over the country. There were, it seems, three million widows in our midst. Naming the group was difficult. No widow wanted attention drawn to her personal situation, although she des-

perately wanted support and encouragement. There was a strong feeling against using the word 'widow' meaning 'empty' - from the French word 'vide'. The idea behind the work was to be positive and outward looking - a beginning again.

Out of the blue came the idea of 'Cruse', centred on the story in the Old Testament - 1 Kings 17 - about a widow and her son being helped, not only over a particular problem at the time, but also to begin a new life. The widow shared the last of her food with a passing stranger without promise or thought of any return. The outcome had that touch of transforming magic that true generosity always produces. The record says she never lacked again. *"The barrel of meal and the cruse of oil were replenished according to her need."*

A Cruse, in fact, is an earthenware vessel holding oil.

So Cruse was adopted as a fitting name for an organisation built on the generosity of concerned people and on the

giving, within their means, of widows and bereaved people themselves. Since those early days the organisation has served the needs of thousands of grieving families and widows through its network of branches. Our aim here in Basingstoke is to help all bereaved people, through eventually by providing opportunities for social contact. The steering group of the Basingstoke Branch has worked hard for more than a year, setting up the mechanics and training counsellors. It now operates from Chute House in Church Street where coffee mornings are held every Wednesday between 10.00am and Noon. We can be contacted on 331551 and will respond to your call as soon as we can.

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We are very conscious of the well-being and safety of all the girls in the Girl Guide Association and try to ensure supervision and care at all times, but to do this we urgently require more adult leaders. If you would like to help in any way please telephone me for more information Mrs Brown

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Popley District Commissioner

John Hunt Playgroup

OUR children arrive at 9.30am. Parents come in to put on badges and to say goodbye. The children then have free play until 11.00am. They never have the same toys out more than once a week. Bikes, prams, Lego, books etc are available for them to play with. The children have enjoyed a drink of milk or squash and eat a biscuit. They then do more play but this time all together. In this last half-hour they enjoy such activities as lotto, jigsaws, pre-school work - for older children - ,singing, story time etc. At midday the children all go home, tired!

We are open 9.30am to noon on weekdays. On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays we are also open from 1.00pm to 3.00pm. The children help with fund raising activities such as sponsored bike rides, obstacle courses etc. The mums and dads help to raise funds by holding jumble sales, raffles etc.

We enjoy outside visitors such as Road Safety, Dental Hygiene etc.

If you wish to put your child's name down then please phone 464750 during Playgroup times.

TV Doctor Visits Playgroup

On Monday 26 April 1993 Dr Hilary Jones of *Breakfast Time* fame visited us to receive a £100 cheque for the Special Care Baby Unit at Basingstoke District Hospital. A large banner welcoming Dr Jones was made by the children of the playgroup. Dr Jones was accompanied by his own young twins. The money was raised by holding a St Valentines dance.

Chineham Park Rangers FC

THE 1992/3 season ended with our Presentation Night on the 21 May. Congratulations to all our CPR boys for a fine season especially with our Under 13 age group who won their PHBDBSL League Cup and the Junior 5-a-side League held at the Sports Centre. We also had success in various age groups in local 6-a-side tournaments where CPR have picked up quite a few winner's trophies.

As in previous years CPR held a Christmas Raffle and the Club would like to take this opportunity of thanking all parents and friends of our boys for supporting us. Thanks must also go to anybody who was kind enough to buy their tickets from us in the Chineham Shopping Centre.

We will be running six teams next season, ranging from Under 10s to Under 15s and like last season we will be gathering an Under 9 squad ready for the 1994/95 season. If any lad living on Popley is interested in joining our football club please ring our secretary Dave Cahalarn on 50512.

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A View of Abbey Road by Oliver Hobday

RSPCA

MANY people in Basingstoke will have browsed through the Livestock and Pet section of the Gazette and seen the advertisements for the RSPCA. The number to ring for dogs is that of the Head Co-Ordinator of the RSPCA dog rehoming team Shirley Vincent or Chief Cod to her group of keen and eager volunteers.

The team of nine work hard to rehome as many unwanted or ill treated dogs as possible, but only to the right homes. Many people want dogs but often for the wrong reasons - to please the children or to guard the house. To ensure that our dogs go to good homes, all the potential owners are visited and although there are a number of strict conditions when adopting a dog, including compulsory neutering, insurance and dog training classes. A very important point of the visit is to ascertain which dog is suitable for that person.

All our dogs are assessed in their own environment for general temperament and ability to mix with children. We provide foster homes for dogs in emergencies where we can further assess them and if necessary instill some previously lacking discipline. As Basingstoke is a poor relative of the RSPCA we have no kennels to take dogs and our foster homes are frequently bursting at the seams but we still manage to maintain a non destruction policy. In fact, enormous amounts of money are paid out in vet bills for our dogs in our care. Perhaps this would be a good time to mention that donations will always be gratefully accepted. Fundraising is a regular feature in our monthly dog team meetings and our biggest venture yet was a huge fete at John Hunt School on 19 June 1993. We continue to look for ways to raise money and to make this world a happier and safer place for our dogs. We have recently registered two members of our team to perform micro-chipping of dogs so that they can be identified if lost or

stolen.

If you would like to join our team the only qualifications you need are spare time, to have at least one bright idea per annum and like to volunteer a lot! For further details ring Shirley on 20890.

Melrose Community Centre

MANY thanks to all who supported the auction in aid of Centre funds. We hope to have the very able services of auctioneer John Blairman at the next event to be arranged.

The Hall is available for both clubs and private hire, please contact Mr Jim Bell ☎ 472820

FREE LEGAL ADVICE

There is a free legal advice centre at Melrose Community Hall every Thursday from 7.30pm until 9.00pm. The service is sponsored by Doggett, Hawke and Wright solicitors. ☎ 465404 for an appointment.

Community Policing

THERE are eleven community police units in Basingstoke. The Popley beat is unique, as it has two permanent beat officers in comparison to other beats in Basingstoke, which have only one officer to cover their areas. This is a recognition of the size, diversity and amount of work in the Popley area. Your local beat officers are PC Ray Churchley and PC Dave Houghton, who can be contacted at Basingstoke Police Station, telephone 473111, extension 113. If they are unavailable at the time of the call, a message can be left to recontact the caller when they are next on duty.

We are pleased to announce that Popley now has six Neighbourhood Watch Schemes. However, we would like to see more schemes generated in the area in order to help combat crime. Advice and support regarding Neighbourhood Watch Schemes can be obtained by contacting the Police Station.

Finally, we would like to thank the residents of Popley for their continued support, and we hope that, together, we can work towards reducing the crime rate in the Popley area. This aim can only be achieved with your help.

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Treasure Island Playgroup

WE at Treasure Island Playgroup at 36 Trinidad Close on Popley 6 have been hoping for some success in raising money towards some new play equipment or possibly a safety surface to replace our paved garden play area. With this in mind one of our dads, Mike Woods, a keen runner from Jersey Close, whose son, Christopher, attends our Playgroup once a week, offered to raise money by sponsorship for us when he took part in the Reading Half Marathon on 28 March. We asked the rest of our parents for their support, which we were fortunate enough to be able to rely on. We all thank Mike for his efforts. If anyone wants to add to the money Mike raised, then please contact Treasure Island on 844799.

Treasure Island Playgroup and Toddler Group is open once again after Christmas and this takes place on Wednesday afternoons between 1.00pm and 2.30pm at a charge of 40p per family which includes a drink and biscuit each. The group is for under 3s but their brothers and sisters who are between 3 and 5 and who are not old enough for school are welcome to come along. Of course, whilst at Parent and Toddlers, parents could add their children's names to our waiting list for Playgroup.

The Popley Project

A three month project has been carried out in Popley by the North and Mid-Hampshire Health Commission in a bid to find out more about local people's health and the way they live.

The project worker contacted and spoke to more than sixty people representing the Popley groups and organisations - playgroups, schools, doctors, police and many more. The findings will be presented in a report to the Health Authority who will discuss the next steps.

Basingstoke and District Carers Survey Are you a Carer?

If you spend part of your life looking after someone who, through illness, disability or age, cannot manage at home without help or support on a full or part-time basis - you are a carer.

Hampshire County Council Social Services Department in conjunction with the Basingstoke Carers Strategy Group are distributing a Carers Questionnaire to every home in Popley in order to help us find out what services carers really want. We would be grateful to everyone who is a carer who can find time to fill in this brief questionnaire and return it to us according to the instructions on the questionnaire.

If carers don't tell the statutory services what they want then it limits what we can do to really help.

Anyone with any queries, concerns about the questionnaire or who wants to know more about available services is welcome to ring Stewart Ruston on 0256 20901.

AL ANON

AL ANON offers understanding and support for relatives and friends of problem drinkers, whether the alcoholic is still drinking or not. Ring the 24-hour confidential helpline on 071 403 0888 for local details, or write to: AL NON Family Groups, 61 Great Dover Street, London SE1 4YF

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North Basingstoke Baptist Church

AS from 7 March we have moved from the John Hunt Centre to the Lychpit Community Hall for our Sunday morning services. They will be held at 9.30am each week and a creche facility will be provided. We warmly invite you to join us and to stay for refreshments afterwards.

Basingstoke Air Scout Group

SCOUTING has always used female leaders on equal footing and status with their male colleagues and in recent years have furthered their role by becoming Venture, Scout, Cub and Beaver leaders. Indeed, many ladies in Scouting in all areas of Basingstoke are Group Scout Leaders, Commissioners and Advisers. In these appointments they are responsible for both male and female leaders and also male and female members of all sections. At present, Basingstoke Air Cadets are the only Air Scout Group in the country with girls in the Scout section. The section is thriving but we are still looking

for further recruits. Those who may be interested in our style of scouting with the added attraction of Air Activities are invited to come along and see us. SOON! Adults and young persons alike will find something for all to enjoy.
Don Hurford
Group Scout Leader

Basingstoke Boys' Brigade

CONGRATULATIONS to the 6th Basingstoke Boys' Brigade Company on reaching their twenty-one years of service to the community. To celebrate this event the Company held an Inspection and Display at John

Hunt School on Saturday 30 January 1993.

The Company was inspected by the Bishop of Basingstoke and amongst the guests were the Rt Rev'd Bill Ind, Bishop of Grantham, the Mayor and Mayoress and the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress and Popley Councillors, Ann and John Blairman. A lively and enjoyable display followed the Inspection and the highlight of the evening was a look back in time to the formation of the Company and the story of its activities up to the present day. Six members were awarded with the President's Badge, the second highest award in the Brigade.

The Company is under the command of Captain **Dave Phillips**.

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in conversation

An interview with early Popley "Pioneer" - Mr David Cockerill of Selby Walk by Cal Webster - Area Youth Worker Hampshire County Council. Which Popley people would you like to see interviewed for future editions? Suggestions to the Editor please.

Dave Cockerill is a senior member of the Popley area having lived here nearly twenty-four years. From the age of 39 until last year Dave has always been involved in part-time voluntary youth work, in addition to his main job. He is a member of St Gabriel's Church in Tewkesbury Close.

ARRIVAL ON POPLEY

How did Dave and his wife Violet end up on Popley? "By something of chance", is Dave's reply.

Many of the builders on the estates (including Popley) at the time were having constant trouble with certain appliances in the houses. The problem became so acute that they rang Dave's firm and asked for a permanent engineer from their firm to be based in Basingstoke. The engineer who was lined up for the job told the firm at the last minute, that he couldn't drive! Consequently, Dave was asked to do the job instead. Dave drove Violet, his wife, down from London, saw the new estate, the space there was a "green belt" compared to London and decided there and then to stay. This was in September 1969, whereupon they moved into the same house on Selby Walk that they live in today.

POPLEY HISTORY AND MEMORIES

Dave tells us that the first four houses to be built on Popley were on Tintern Close around 1966/67. Also, that where St. Gabriel's stands now, was an old Army camp, comprising "Nissen" huts, all iron framework and concrete slab, which though an eyesore and a danger were not demolished until around 1980.

A REWARDING TIME

Around March 1982, Dave heard about a post that was to become available at Park Prewett Psychiatric Hospital, as a store keeper. He decided to apply because he envisaged an opportunity to have input into peoples lives who for one reason or another were struggling.

Dave never really saw the job as being, "just a storesperson", because as he says in his own words, "I don't think I have many talents, but if God gave me one, it is the ability to make people smile and be cheerful". It was probably the obvious desire to use that talent, that made the hospital administrators choose Dave from over 150 applicants.

Dave retired from this job in May last year (1992) and would affirm to anyone that it was the best ten years of his working life.

SOME STIGMA, HISTORY AND AN AMAZING RE-UNION

Owing to Park Prewett's work as a psychiatric hospital, there was a certain amount of stigma that would surface from time to time. Dave felt this was a great pity, as becoming mentally ill can happen to anyone in effect. An example of this stigma, was that some parents would stop their children attending the hospital on youth club visits. Most Popley people will know that Park Prewett is due to close in two or three years time.

However, Dave recounts that the history of the site is a lot longer than many realise. There has been a hospital in that location since 1904 to this day. In those days it was referred to as, "the

asylum". In the war there was a burns unit stationed there which mainly treated Canadian soldiers.

Dave then, got to know the patients in Park Prewett really well, and still goes back there regularly to visit them. One day whilst Dave was still working at the hospital a lady from "finance" came up to the ward Dave was working on and gasped in amazement as she recognised Dave from Providence Hall in Kilburn. She had been a member of the junior club there when she was about eight and Dave was around twenty-one. Naturally, there followed a good deal of animated conversation about the good times on few resources and the service such clubs used to provide for the community, which in some ways can only be measured accurately when looking back in retrospect.



● 1977 Dave and a group from St Gabriel's in fancy dress. Spot anyone you know?

YOUTH WORKER AMONGST POPLEY YOUNG PEOPLE

Dave's youth work on Popley needless to say started soon after he arrived on the estate, and has in the main been with the "junior" and "inters" age ranges. All of it has been done under the name of St. Gabriel's Church and spanned the years when the church was first based in a caravan on Popley One!

Later on there was a sharing of premises with St. Bede's Catholic School, whereupon St. Gabriel's would file in after St. Bede's had finished their worship.

The youth clubs were always held at Merton Junior School, as was the Sunday School for a time. All manner of activities were engaged in though Dave remembers the girls reaching the Southern area five-a-side championships as one of the highlights.

DAVE'S THOUGHTS ON "COMMUNITY"

Looking back, Dave remembers how people certainly seemed more aware of the need for community spirit 25 years ago, because every-

thing and everyone was "new"! It was probably a reality that people worked harder at relationships, because there was more necessity and "incidental", and a realisation that everyone was a "pioneer" of sorts, making history together. Certainly those people must have been partly responsible for shaping the future of the estate as it is now.

There's no way Dave would want to pretend they got everything right either. For example he can remember how after being on Popley for about 3 or 4 years, all Popley 1, 2, 3 and 4 were asked to vote on community centre provision.

"The majority of people, including myself, voted in favour of each area having our own little centre, rather than a more central, substantial community centre for the whole of Popley. Perhaps we thought it may have been more accessible, less intimidating, to have this kind of provision. Maybe it was right for that time, but not for now, because it's evident we need something larger and more purpose built. On a practical level, simply for the facilities, and on a community work level, something to pull people together and create a "heart". There are no shortage of groups on Popley, each good at doing their own thing. It's harder to look to interests other than your own though, and leave yourself out of the isolation that working in a "vacuum" brings.

It's hard to say how it happens for certain, but in the "shake down" over the years what emerges is that groups become isolated. Hopefully a centre such as the one described would engender a policy of working together and sharing for the good of the whole estate and the many clearly defined groups and individuals in need of so many things. I'm sure the high unemployment on the estate is contributory to the poor health statistics and the divorce rate.

None of this means it's unhealthy to harbour ambitions for your own group, points out Dave.

"For my part, seeing our church grow in number and facility-wise is close to my heart, but so is the way we integrate with our community".

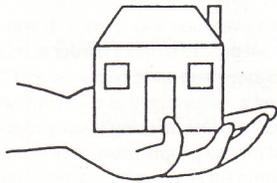
It's been interesting to catalogue just a few of the initiatives Dave has been involved in on behalf of Popley. One factor remains unchanged in Dave's view. When a group is starting something from scratch there is only one attitude and that is the right attitude. Communities are built on the Dave Cockerill's of this world, the ones who can smile and encourage others even though their own hearts might be breaking.

Any "payback" comes in the form of the people who still keep in touch. In Dave's case its folk from the old youth clubs in London and on Popley. For me, the benefits were having met a humble man who is prepared to labour for scant reward and who makes others feel good.

Thanks Dave, for sharing some of your experiences with us.

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HAVE YOU MADE YOUR WILL YET?

If you have *children under 18 years* you really should make that Will - its the only way to appoint Testamentary Guardians (the people who will look after your children)

If you are cohabiting, your partner is legally entitled to nothing if you die without a Will - your estate passes to parents, brothers & sisters and then the state!!

Popley Community Coffee Morning

DID you know that there is a weekly Community Coffee Morning on Wednesdays from 9.30-12 Noon at St Gabriel's Church, Tewkesbury Close, Popley?

The aims are:

1. To provide more of a community spirit.
2. To provide a place where people can mix, find support, exchange information, get advice and develop friendships.
3. To improve the quality of life for some people.

The church community notice-board, leaflets and other information about community activities displayed will help people to feel more involved and informed about our community. Additional advice and referrals to other supporting groups can also be shared by the volunteers or myself.

The Popley Community Coffee Morning hopes to provide affordable coffee etc., with good service. One of the other possibilities of the club is to provide jumble.

I also hope to encourage other volunteers to befriend people who visit the coffee morning. A sense of community is a sense of well-being whereby we as a community can care and provide support for each other and so improve the quality of each others lives **Sister Eve Elmes**

Your Popley Matters contacts

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Basingstoke Karate and Kickboxing Club

THE above organisation has a club meeting at John Hunt School for children aged between 5-14 years on Wednesdays 6.30-8.30pm

The John Hunt Club teaches Wado Ryu Karate to upto 40 children and has four instructors who teach all grades. BKO's Chief Instructor, Ron Peplow, has been teaching Karate in Popley for 16 years. Ron is prominent on the national fighting scene, competing all over Britain. His recent results are third overall MAI Grand Prix, third overall National Super League. Ron has won many other first, second and third placings including the WAKO British Championships and is currently second in this year's National Super League. Assistant Instructor Mike Ins has been with the club since he was a white belt

and was British AMA Champion 1991 and WUMA Champion in 1992. Richard Darby, 16, has been training for eight years with the club and last year was third place AMA British Champion (Juniors) and second place AMA British Champion (Seniors). The BKO Team competes regularly and was 1991 AMA Continuous Champions. Our fourth instructor in Ron's wife, Jo. She has been training for eight years and is a First Dan. The children of the club compete in many tournaments. David Wilson (6) has been the Battle of the Region Champion for the last two years. Dean Bridges (7) has been placed in many tournaments including MAI and National Super League.

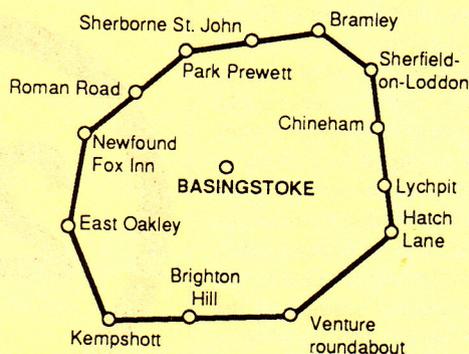
Ryan Todd (12) runner up National Super League Grand Championship, second place MAI and many other wins and placings. Paul McCarthy (10) first place Southern Classic. Robert Rivers, Stephen Darby, Stephen Gribbern and Andrew Gutteridge have all won places in National Tournaments. BKO is looking to expand this year and will be opening new clubs as well as holding a series of tournaments for children and youths. The Club welcomes new members and students who have trained before. Karate is a very good way to keep fit, learn self defence and discipline and is excellent for building confidence and channelling excess energy. So whether you want to compete or not, come along and give it a go.

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Traffic Speeds

Popley Way to Carpenters Down

ON this page of POPLEY MATTERS you will see the reproduction of the national road safety campaign with the slogan KILL YOUR SPEED - NOT A CHILD. It is especially the research statistic that "when children are hit by a car at 40mph most are killed" which I strongly feel cannot be ignored in relation to local conditions. The Government recently launched its £2.3 million TV campaign which aims to cut children's road deaths.

My observation of traffic in Popley has convinced me that the 40mph limits should be reduced to 30mph, particularly when you consider the schools and the residential home for the elderly people situated in the area. Action should also be taken to reduce limits to 20mph outside all schools in Basingstoke, as a general rule of safety. In my wish to be preventative and pro-active, I have discussed these concerns with Headteachers, The Warden of Abbey Court and Andrew Hunter MP, all of whom have been most supportive.

The outcome, thanks to Mrs Lois Kopp, Petition Co-ordinator, has resulted in over 700 signatures, which were handed over to Councillor Dudley Keep, Chairman of Hampshire County Council, outside John Hunt of Everest School on 5 November 1992. Confirmation has now been received that the County's Safety Engineering Team is engaged in a study of accidents and Traffic Officers are carrying out a traffic count using MITRON equipment, which will provide accurate records of vehicle speeds along Popley Way and Carpenters Down. We trust that common sense will prevail, as the safety of all residents, young and old alike, is of paramount importance.

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Education Welfare Officer



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