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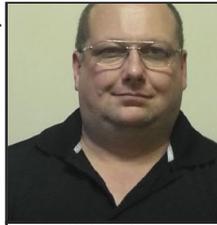
Editor
Jane Frankum

Message from the Editor: October and it looks like summer is just about over as we now slide into autumn. I will confess I am no fan of the cold weather and even the thought of Christmas doesn't make me want the spring and summer to arrive. There is something to look forward to, and that will be hopefully the Abbey Road Post Office opening in time to post our Christmas cards and presents. Popley really came together and just over 1,500 people signed the petition to support Dev and Nayna's bid to reopen our much needed community Post Office and newsagent. Dev told us he is trying to open as soon as he can and will get the newsagent/shop opening first and the Post Office will follow as soon possible. Just to add that the counter will be at the back of the shop and I know there will be lots of people pleased to hear that for so many reasons.

Bermuda Hall reopened after refurbishment and this month was Melrose Hall's turn. It was good to see so many residents from across Popley come to support the opening. The committee really worked so hard and there were some real headaches of problems along the way, but they kept focused and, with the help of a top up grant from the Local Infrastructure Fund, the hall looks great and will be able to hold a lot more events and bookings; for parties read about it on page 1. We have a new resident who has kindly offered to write an article for Popley Matters and Vina's Diary is on page 26.

Do you know anyone that would like to advertise in Popley Matters? It starts from only £30 for a quarter page and we have a print run of 5,400. A lot of people read the magazine!

We welcome articles from groups and clubs, especially residents who might like to write about their hobbies or their history of living in Popley. Email the Editor at editor@popleymatters.org.uk. Deliverers are always needed and welcomed too please contact me at either 405 Abbey Road, phone me on 01256 819924, or e-mail me.



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Chineham Library

We have just come to the end of another successful Summer Reading Challenge and hope your children enjoyed taking part. A good number of medals and certificates were earned by the finishers. Once again we were well supported by a team of volunteers whose services we could not manage without.

Activities for children have now returned to normal, with rhymetimes on Tuesdays for under ones at 10am and over ones at 11am, and storytimes on Saturdays at 11am. Every first Saturday of the month storytime is replaced by a drop-in craft session starting at 10am, with this month's scheduled for 5th October. Lego and Duplo are available to play with between 2 – 3.30pm Saturdays. There are also a couple of extra events for children scheduled for the half term week. Tuesday 29th October we are hosting the Quirks' Animal Roadshow, giving children chance to handle and learn about a variety of creatures, including lizards and furry animals. Tickets costing £6 need to be bought in advance for children aged over four. There will also be some spooky goings on in honour of Halloween on 31st October, further details will follow.

Activities for adults also follow their usual pattern, with Cuppa and Chat meeting fortnightly on Wednesday mornings for over 50s to have a social get-together from 10am. If you are unsure of the dates please check with the library first. Age Concern will again offer their computer tuition for the over 50s on Wednesday mornings, for further information and to book sessions please contact: 01256 423874. Our reading group meets on 27th at 10.30am and the writing group on the 17th. Starting on 5th December at 6pm we begin a trio of crime talks, costing £15 to attend all three. Further details are available from the library.

Cathy Foster



Volunteer Wanted

Popley Fields Community Association is looking for energetic and enthusiastic volunteer youth worker to join the team working with young people at Popley Fields Community Centre. Popley youth club is for 8-13 year olds. Our Thursday drop in centre for ages 8-11s 5:45-7:15pm & ages 11-13s from 7:30-9:00pm. Sessions are free of charge.

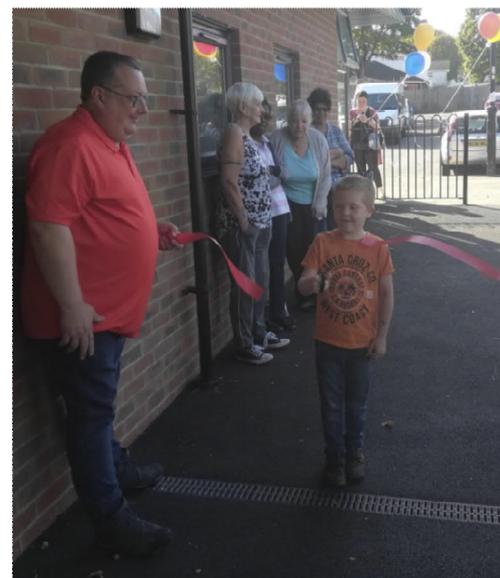
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Reopen Day!!

What a fantastic community you are!!! You came out and supported your community centre on our reopen day. The biggest hits of the day for you were, first the chocolate tombola, second the bouncy castle, and third the children loved having their faces painted.

The overall response from you to your new building was one of excitement. The colour schemes were mentioned by most people as bright and cheerful and the new blue hall as a peaceful place.



A great many of you filled in our survey and are now in with a chance to win a hamper from the draw taking place on 1st November. HOWEVER, IT IS NOT TOO LATE for all of you who could not make it on Saturday. You can pop in and fill in a survey for us so that we can provide what you the community are asking for and also you will be put into our prize draw.

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- Year 11 Parents Evening—Thursday 17th October
- Half Term—Monday 21st October to Friday 1st November
- Start of Year 11 Mocks—Monday 11th November



Great Start

Our Year 7 students are settling in well to secondary school life and beginning to get to grips with the school site. We have also had a new catering company take over the canteen facilities during the summer with great new menus on offer to the students along with the introduction of a Breakfast Club now available from 8.00am.

Year 11 Students from academic year 2018/19

We are holding our annual GCSE awards evening on Thursday 21st November when awards and certificates will be handed out to our past year students.

Open Evening & Mornings for Year 5 & 6

Open Evening - Thursday 10th October 2019, 6.00pm till 8.30pm

Open Mornings - Wednesday 16th & Friday 18th October 2019, 9.15am till 10.15am

Hello dear Readers,

I have lived in Marnel Park now for nearly 6 years and I must say I thoroughly enjoy our eclectic mix of residents, which has mainly been brought to life by our community Facebook page. I enjoy reading Popley Matters and I look forward to it every month. In this world of digital communication, there is something soothing and a sense of belonging in holding a physical piece of paper in our hands and reading about our surroundings.

So we are now in October, with many of us safely back into the school and work routine; and dare I say, one eye on Christmas. We all roll our eyes when someone mentions the “C” word before Halloween; well I know I do. But deep down, I have every intention of being prepared in order to avoid the rush of last year and the year before and so on.

My plan this year is to start with a list. I don't know about you, but I love a good list. So, why not use the trusted App on the smart phone and start a “Christmas list”. My list now contains the names of all of those who I need to buy a gift for: family members, close friends, extended family and some maybes. I have also branched out and allocated a rough estimate on how much I would like to spend on each one of them and a rough idea of their presents. I must admit it is a long list now but I feel prepared. Let the battle of the elves commence.

I am also planning to save some pennies in the next two months to help pay for it all. I know my “January blues” will thank me for one less thing to worry about. I know, many of us plan to save early every year. But then the December payslip lands and the pennies have to stretch so far into January that beans on toast becomes the new gourmet dish. I am yet to decide on how much I can save in October and November. Depending on the number of gifts I intend to buy and a few birthday parties coming up, I might have to vary how much I save in the next couple of months. I am also planning in setting up a separate bank account, which I can do online in a few seconds, so that I know I will not spend that Christmas money. I am also planning a few drastic steps. One of them is to limit the number of gifts I buy for each person. I find that opening a mountain of gifts loses its appeal after the 3rd present. So I will enforce a limit and avoid all non-essential gifting. And of course the kids will have a higher allocation than the rest of the family.

I also plan on drastically reducing the number of Christmas cards I send this year. It obviously, takes several very late evenings to write them and then to find the time to post them. My drastic reaction to Christmas cards is not melodramatic. This is because most of them are not recyclable in their entirety; the glitter, the ribbons and the embellishments will look beautiful in our homes until the 5th January. And if we are not diligent in our recycling process, these cards will eventually end up on a landfill site polluting our soil and waters and undoubtedly affect the wildlife. I know I won't singlehandedly save the planet but that will be my small contribution. Of course, Nana and Grandad will expect a card, which will be of simple design and wholly recyclable.

I hope you have enjoyed reading my short Christmas battle preparations and it has cheered you on to make your own preparations. I shall try and add some more cheer and tools in the next edition.

Until next month, have a beautiful October.

Vina R

Resident of Marnel Park

County Councillor Report: Paul and I had a very in depth and fruitful meeting with the officer who has been given the task of delivering a scheme of parking controls that were advertised and were consulted on in Marnel Park. He told us it was the biggest response he had dealt with and was very detailed and very constructive. There were about fifty responses. He clearly had gone through every single one of them and made a number of visits on different days and times. We went through every response in great detail. He suggested some changes and we also put forward points that residents had made to us and we discussed where we all thought improvements could be made. Some are unable to be done at this stage but will be looked at later. There were suggestions that some parts needed shortening and some at the request of the residents needed adding. Sight lines coming out of driveways was one of the priorities and could be changed and if implemented the scheme would be monitored to see how it progresses and any further changes needing to be made. There will be a report made and it will go to the cabinet member who will have the final decision. Given the work done and the excellent responses from the residents we feel confident that it will get approval. Cllr Jane Frankum 01256 819924 email jane.frankum@hants.gov.uk

Popley West: Sorry if we repeat but we know how important this issue is for our community; great news on the Post Office in Abbey Road, Dev and Nayna have told us that the Post Office will have a counter at the back and be open by Christmas but there are still some aspects to be finalised. they will open the Newsagents first but there is a lot of work to do in the shop as it was left bare so will need a complete refurbishment.

Cllr. Paul Frankum and I attended a meeting at Merton Schools with the two Head Teachers, two Chairs of Governors plus the Hampshire County Council officer for safer journeys to school that also involves parking and safety. We had a very frank discussion and have come up with some measures that can be taken for the safety of the children, parents, visitors and staff. We walked all around the site to highlight the issues. Some measures will be taken almost straight away whilst others will require a multi-agency approach and take a little longer. Paul and I also had a meeting with the BDBC officer about parking across dropped kerbs and parking on corners that affect accessibility. There will be white lines painted on some junctions and it will be monitored to see if there are more extensions needed. Hopefully it will be done by the end of this month.

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Popley East: We are campaigning to get an additional bus shelter in Shakespeare Road. Now that the road improvements have been completed, and mostly welcomed by users and residents, we want to see residents who regularly use the bus services protected from the elements. Only one bus stop remains unprotected and we intend to argue for this situation to be improved. We have made representations about the use of cameras along Popley Way to further deter the dangerous U-turns carried out by some irresponsible drivers. We are well aware that there are historical criticisms about the original planning of the exits from Lidl's and Dunhelm but as things are, we believe the U-turns in Popley Way are a danger to other motorists and pedestrians. The problems experienced by many residents regarding waste collections have been well reported.

As local Councillors we have given support to the numerous complaints made about missed and delayed collections, some of which went on for weeks causing health hazards for residents.

We have been successful in getting the Council to recognize its responsibility for the mismanaged SERCO contract and by the time this article is read there will have been an examination of some of the facts at a Scrutiny Meeting of the Council on the 17 September, which we insisted is held in public.

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Bermuda Community Hall

Tiny steps pre-school starting soon, for further details ring Helen or Connie on 07907815270

There are lots of activities going on at Bermuda hall, come along and join in!

Monday from 6:30pm to 8pm we have kick boxing.



Tuesday night is bingo night
New members are welcome!
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Wednesday is yoga night with Lou Bedford . It starts at 6:15 and finishes at 7:15pm, for more details ring Lou Bedford on 07753109222 or at www.loubedfordyoga.co.uk.



Come along on a Thursday night for street dance and ballet 4:30pm to 6:30pm for details ring Samantha Pike on 07811299484.



Friday club is available to infants/juniors Yr R to Yr 6 at 6pm to 7:15pm. There are many activities for the children to get involved in: singing, super book animated Bible stories, games, tuck shop and more. Friday club is now free.

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Our trip to the Cockney Christmas Special with meal, dessert and tea/coffee and coach travel on 26th November 2019, has only a few more seats left, so please book early. Members £54.00 - Non members £56.00.

More trips for are being arranged and this is a short selection; Cabaret Weekend at Queen Hotel, Eastbourne with a free drink with your evening meal, Sunday lunch and entertainment - £99.00.

12th April - trip to Sandringham staying overnight in Norwich, next day paddleboat trip on the Norfolk broads.

17th to 20th May - 4 day break to York, which includes a visit to Scarborough, then onto Whitby for a train ride to Pickering, guided tour of York and free time to look round York.

Teapot Island and Leeds Castle - Malvern Flower Show - Startford River Festival - Kew Gardens - Brighton and Rosebourne Garden Centre at Thrupton with afternoon tea.

Our Forum is still growing and people cannot wait to join, this is encouraging for the our committee of 9. Gerald (Secretary)



Hello everyone, at the MHA office we have all been very busy arranging a host of activities, right up to Christmas. We have a variety of activities happening from our Lunch Clubs to Arts and Craft but on top of this we will be visiting Milestones reminding us of the history of Basingstoke over the years. November we will be off on a Mystery Christmas Market trip. Will it be Bournemouth, Winterbourne, Camberley who knows? Well I do but not letting on until December. There will be the ever popular Christmas Dinner at Oasis Cafe located in the United Reform Church in London Street with Christmas Carol's around the tree at St Andrew's. We will be visiting London for a Christmas Show so lots of hard work and dedication goes into organising all the activities. We still seeking volunteers to help with our expanding group numbers to help run sessions, pick and drop off members and to help with the expanding and vital Befriending Service. We are also on the lookout for any companies or lovely members of the public for donations towards our raffles and tombolas that are a crucial part that help us to keep helping other people.

If you would like more information on the activities or volunteering roles we have, please contact myself at francesca.wildash@mha.org.uk or contact me on 01256 346022.

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We have an exciting term ahead and have already had a busy start! We will continue to share pictures with you throughout the year.

Lots of our pupils dressed up on Friday to celebrate the Merton schools' 50th birthday; we will be doing bits and pieces across the year to continue these celebrations. We would love to see as many of you as possible at the 50th Party on Saturday 28th September (12-2:30pm) - please feel free to pass this onto any members of the community and any ex-pupils who you may be in touch with, everyone is welcome!

If you are looking for a Year 3 place for September 2020 then come and visit us on 9th October 2019 – between 2pm-3pm or 6pm-7pm for an informal look around!

We look forward to another great year at Merton with you!



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Basingstoke Air Scouts' trip to the Haarlem Jamborette July/August 2019

On 26th July we met at the Basingstoke Air Scouts and left Base 2000 Scout hut at 2:00pm for our journey to Harwich where we met up with another scout group from Kilcullen, Ireland. We slept in a Scout hut in Harwich and caught a ferry to Holland early in the morning on the 27th. After an eight-hour ferry trip we arrived in the Hook of Holland only to find that the coach that was supposed to pick us up from the ferry port picked up another Scout group and took them to the site of the Jamborette. We waited for the coach to return to the ferry port to pick us up and take us to the Jamborette, it was very exciting, but we were also tired after the trip the previous day and just wanted to get to the camp.

Then the next day we had the opening ceremony where we were introduced to the other sub camps 'Green Recycling yard', 'Red Rusty Railroad', 'Yellow in time', Blue and 'Orange Aviation field' (our sub camp was orange). The opening ceremony was amazing with quite a lot of Scouts and Leaders dressed in Steampunk costume. We were told there was about 4,000 Scouts from 40 countries from all over the world including the UK, Ireland, Wales, Germany, The Netherlands, Egypt, Canada, USA, Australia, South Africa, Taiwan, Malaysia, Indonesia, Russia, Norway, Denmark, Brazil and Finland just to name a few.

The first few days had superb sunshine and our sub camp did activities including sports like Dodgeball and Quidditch, also we had a day out to 'Walibi World', a theme park with over twenty roller coaster rides. I went on the biggest in roller coaster in Holland called Goliath and most of the others including Merlin's Magic Castle and Untamed, a wooden roller coaster. The leaders went on most and I am sure they screamed the loudest.

But the third day was when the heavens opened, and the rain poured so we had to dig a small trench system to keep the water out of our tent to keep our equipment dry. The rain was on and off for the next two days when we had a trip out to a choice of museums, some of us went to the military museum but others went to the railway or steam museums. We later took part in trails where we could build a soapbox cart, complete an obstacle course or complete a range of activities to do with climbing.

On Sunday 3rd August we had a day off where we decided to have a trip to the capital of the Netherlands, Amsterdam. What a great place to look around, lots of places to visit and loads of sightseeing. We left the leaders in a café. I think they were finding the pace too hard going for them!

The next day the entire camp had an open day where parents and locals could come and meet Scouts from all over the world and learn about their culture. And tried food like Kassoufles (deep fried cheese in a bread like parcel) and Croquets (minced meat sausage). Then after that weekend we realised the sad truth that we only had two days left of the camp, but the Scouts weren't going to let that spoil their fun. We had a whole day of water activities where we had a boat trip, went canoeing, sailing and rafting we also did beach games like a water balloon catapult.

Then on the final day we had a hike through the beautiful city of Liden where we had different clues to tell us our route, we also could have done a escape hike (a bit like an escape room) but since it was the last day very few of us decided to do that, we were starting to feel tired, it must have been the nightly disco wearing us out. Then we had the closing ceremony where we said goodbye to the camp staff, our sub camp time traveller (someone that was in costume for the whole camp who added an entire story line to the camp) and the Scouts we had spent ten days with. Also, a giant firework show at the end of the ceremony.

Then the next day we travelled by coach to the ferry port at 1:00pm and we got back to our scout hut at 12:30 am the next day. It was an amazingly fun experience and we will probably go back in 2023 to the Haarlem Jamborette.

Rhys, Young Leader.

To find out more about Basingstoke Air Scouts, please check out our website, www.base2000.co.uk or find us on Facebook, just search for Basingstoke Air Scouts!



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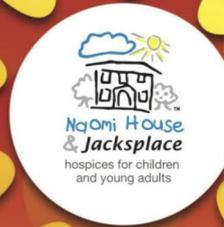
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Update from Chineham Medical Practice Patient Participation Group September 2019

The GPs recognise the access issues relating to the current premises on Reading Road and are actively working towards a solution with the North Hampshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). Back in November 2018 Tellon Capital submitted a planning application that will enhance Chineham District Centre to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council that includes a "health and wellbeing" facility that may provide a solution. In the meantime the practice is grateful for your patience whilst they work towards this For further information on the centre redevelopment you can visit <http://www.chinehamshopping.co.uk/> and click the Enhancement Proposals link.

Manage your care and wellbeing, stay independent and connect to your community! Connect to Support Hampshire is a website for adults in Hampshire. Its aim is to help you access information to stay independent and to manage your own care. You can find local groups, activities and services within your community as well as formal care services. Visit the website for more information

<https://www.connecttosupporthampshire.org.uk/>.

Remember, as one of the 13,946 registered patients you can always speak to a medical professional when the surgery is closed and it's not an emergency by telephoning 111. The service is available from 6:30pm to 08.00 am weekdays, throughout weekends and on bank holidays. Hospital A&E departments should only be used with genuine life threatening emergencies. For more information from the NHS, please visit <https://111.nhs.uk>

Chineham Medical Practice has formed a primary care network (PCN), called Whitewater Loddon, with Whitewater Health (Hook and Hartley Wintney) and The Clift Surgery (Bramley), sharing expertise and resources over a wider population. By working together they are able to offer all registered patients a wider range of services and more efficient access to the right care and support. For more on NHS Primary Care Networks, please visit

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/primary-care/primary-care-networks/>.

If you are interested in finding out more about joining the groups please contact: Karen Nicholls Tel: 01256 479244.



Employment law is constantly on the move

It is often said that the area of law which changes the most is employment law. That certainly seems to be the case judging from the raft of changes that have recently been proposed by the government.

Here are just a few of the proposals that are being considered:

Prohibiting Non-Disclosure Agreements in sexual harassment and discrimination cases

The government plans to ban confidentiality clauses from being used to prevent individuals from disclosing information to the police, health professionals, lawyers and social workers. However, Non-Disclosure Agreements will still be lawful for legitimate reasons, for example to protect confidential information and trade secrets.

Redundancy protections of new parents and the introduction of neonatal leave

It is proposed that new and expectant mothers and employees who are adopting or taking shared parental leave will have legal protection against being made redundant for six months after they return to work.

It is proposed that this six-month rule should also apply to employees who inform their employer they are pregnant.

Phased return from sick leave

The government is finally proposing to shake up the Statutory Sick Pay system. As part of this process it is being proposed that employees who are returning to work after a period of sick leave will be entitled to enter into a flexible phased return to work.

The right to reasonable notice of work schedules and compensation for the cancellation of shifts

The government is consulting as to whether workers should be entitled to reasonable notice of their work schedule and is looking at introducing a penalty to employers who fail to provide adequate notice of this.

In addition, workers who suffer a cut in their shifts at short notice without warning could be entitled to compensation.

At Phillips Solicitors our Employment Law team keep abreast of the constant changes in legislation. We are happy to assist you with any aspect of employment law, whether you are an employee or employer. For advice and assistance please contact Gill Brown on 01256 854605 or email gill.brown@phillips-law.co.uk.

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6th Basingstoke Boys' Brigade Newsletter



We are back! We have been away on our annual camping trip and it turned out to be one of the best we've had. We decided to make it a joint event combining a weekend away for the Junior section with the week-long Company section camp. Despite the Great British weather, we managed to get a trip to the beach which had the best waves we have ever had, runouts, a massive BBQ and more all done in the first weekend to give the Juniors a unique experience and prepare them for when they come on a full week camp.

When the juniors went home the Company section week kicked off. Highlights from the week were the wet and muddy mountain bike trail and kayaking at Mudeford which saw one of our Company section members falling out, no injuries just a wet and damaged ego. We also went to Avon Tyrrell Outdoor Activity Centre and took part in an archery lesson to perfect our Robin Hood skills. They have lots of activities to do there and the staff were amazing with the young people.

We're recruiting!

We are looking for new members to join both our age groups, 5-10 and 10-18yo. If you'd like to see what we are about come for a taster session on a Monday evening, 6:15 - 7:15pm (5-10yo) and 7:00-9:00pm (10-18yo).

Contact us on 07775 535434 or drop us an email at 6thbasingstokebb@gmail.com.



So our first month back started low in numbers - it's ok though, Gill & Co. were able to get a good idea of what we need to be focusing on for the coming season.

The plan is to undertake some shrub clearance at the Tobago Close entrance to the ponds, which will also involve repairs to dry hedging that we've placed over the past two years. It's one of my favourite things, clearance involves getting your hands dirty and using the big tools, while dry hedging involves some degree of planning and creating.

We'll also be trying to clear the entrance from Speckled Wood Road, and removing plastic tree guards - these are used as the shrubs are planted to protect them from predators, but ultimately after a certain stage in the plant's life they prohibit growth as they have a suffocating effect - it's a fiddly job, you have to watch your eyes, but it stops the plastic from being absorbed into their stalks and damaging the shrubs further.

Then we'll also be looking to inspire litter picking - we always take away as much as we can but we know there are loads of you about who also help with this - thank you so much and please keep up the good work, we do appreciate it!

As well as all this, we should be undertaking coppicing on the site, this means cutting back trees to ground level to stimulate growth. Coppicing is a traditional method of woodland management that encourages many species of tree to reach their full growth capacity. Once the tree is cut back the remaining stump is known as a stool.

Through the year we're helped out by various corporate work parties and also the Community Payback scheme; there's always plenty to do!!

If you'd like to join us, please do check out our Facebook page: Marnel & Popley Conservation Volunteers, or email us directly at Popleyponds@gmail.com



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EMERGENCY HELP FOLLOWING HURRICANE DORIAN

The UK-based international charity SHELTERBOX was founded by the Rotary Club of Helston, Cornwall. Working alongside UNICEF and other international charities like Save the Children, it has provided emergency shelter and survival kits to 1,000s of families who have lost everything through major natural disasters. A full Shelterbox provides a robust tent and the basic essentials for sleeping, cooking and water purification for a family of 10 to survive for 6 months. If needed in that area mosquito nets will be included. There will also be small toys and books and pencils for children

Dealing with the aftermath of a hurricane or typhoon like Hurricane Dorian can be challenging. Dorian's high winds have caused severe devastation across the

Bahamas, which makes communications extremely tricky. After Hurricane Irma and Maria wreaked havoc in 2017, Rotary in the UK supported 2,000 families with emergency aid.

Shelterbox is the chosen route through which the 32,000 Rotary Clubs operating in over 200 countries around the world can provide rapid and direct emergency help to families in desperate need after disasters. Following devastating flooding in SE Asia, and destruction of homes in the Caribbean by Hurricane DORIAN, your local Rotary, Basingstoke Deane, has immediately funded 2 full Shelterboxes. A Shelterbox costs £590 if you would like to donate towards a Shelterbox go to: www.shelterbox.org/donate



The sturdy green Shelterbox is an essential part of the aid package, and not just for storage. Families use it as a work bench, a wardrobe, a seat, and even a crib!

Basingstoke Deane Rotary is a group of 35 men & women from a wide variety of backgrounds. All live locally in the borough but some commute to work outside Basingstoke. Most joined Rotary to help those less fortunate and find it adds an extremely enjoyable dimension to their lives

If you would like to find out more about how we enjoy ourselves, just tune in to www.rcbd.org.uk to see what we have coming up, or contact Helen or Paul above to find out more. You might be pleasantly surprised!

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10/19



We are very pleased to announce we have filled all our spaces for the MFC Popley U7s 2019/2020 squad and are looking forward to the new season.

We are looking for new players to join next season's Under 12 squad. If interested please contact the club at committee@mfcpopleyyouth.co.uk.

Our U15s coaches are delighted to announce that we have a full squad, including some new additions ahead of the August Pre-season Training period.

You can get regular updates on Twitter, @MFC_PopleyYouth & by using the hashtags #MFCPY #REDandBLACKARMY.

MFC Popley Youth has a dedicated club page on Facebook (as well as individual team pages), and you can also find us on Instagram.

MFC Popley Youth, FA Charter Standard Development Club and Nike Partner Club, has a dedicated club shop website where you can purchase kit and accessories - www.clubwebshop.com/a-z/clubs/mfcpopley/.

For more information, or if you have any queries, please contact the club through our main website: <http://mfcpopleyyouth-co-uk.bisongrid.com>.

Zak Collingwood



Advice from Council on Brexit

Local residents can get help and support on changes that may affect them following Brexit.

Supported by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, Citizens Advice Basingstoke and Tadley will be providing a new service to support residents in the borough affected by changes as a result of Brexit.

European citizens living in the UK are required to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living in the UK after 30 June 2021, with an estimated 7,000 people currently living in the borough needing to apply to the scheme.

Other support the charity will provide includes guidance on employment rights and EU employees' rights to stay, UK citizens living overseas and looking to return and consumer concerns such as travel insurance and access to healthcare.

As well as help and support from Citizens Advice, digital assistance is available for residents who do not have the access, skills or confidence to complete the online form by appointment at Viabes Community Centre. To arrange an appointment, please call We Are Digital on 03333 445675.

For more information and to get in touch with Citizens Advice Basingstoke and Tadley, visit www.basingstokeandtadleycab.org.uk or call 01256 329984.

The new service forms part of the council's preparation work, alongside its partners, to look at the potential impacts and opportunities that Brexit may bring and ensure residents and businesses are prepared.

For more information on the council's work and guidance on Brexit, visit www.basingstoke.gov.uk/brexit.

Dear Friends,

These past few weeks have been, even by my usual standards, exceptionally busy. I'm often working 60 to 70 hours a week – as I know that many of you do too! There has been a number of funerals and we send our condolences and prayers to the families of Gail Lewis, Margaret Johnson and Marc Kent in their loss. It's been hectic too with Christenings, thanksgivings and weddings to take. I've also been busy getting ready for the Battle of Britain Service which takes place each year in September. In between all this we have our usual Sunday services, Café on Tuesday and Friday, homegroups, toddler groups, community groups, school assemblies, and a whole host of other stuff that I can't even mention. Life is busy and Christmas Services start in a few short weeksaaargh!!!

Reflecting on all this I sense that God is saying to me that we are created 'human BEINGS' not 'human DOINGS' and while its good to keep busy we mustn't get so busy that we forget to rest. A dear friend of mine was always saying to me "work from rest, not rest from work!" It's sound advice, rest should energise us for work, and work should not drive us to exhaustion!

So back to the diary! I am trying to make space to take the advice given but where do I shoehorn all this other 'must do' stuff in? Jesus was well known for taking himself off to a quiet place, to be alone with his thoughts and his prayers, to rest and to wait – wait on God! It was then that he found the strength, wisdom and stamina to continue in his ministry and in him we find a great role model of what it is to be completely human. Not being conformed to the pattern of this world with all its pace and powerlessness but conformed to the image of God.

As the cycle of the seasons rolls forward into autumn, nature begins to move into a time of rest from all her activity, she will move into the sleep of winter and wake refreshed in the spring with all her beauty and freshness.

Perhaps its time to reassess our priorities and discover again what really makes a difference and what the important things of our lives really are. Perhaps it's time to look at the season of life we are in and take a step back from it all, see it from a different perspective. "Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it hH rested from all the work of creating that He had done."

See! Even He took time out to rest, so shouldn't we? Hope that autumn is a great time for you and yours and that you find that space and time you need to be yours – I know I am going to try even harder!

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Wednesday 16th October at 9am

Tuesday 22nd October at 9am

Tuesday 12th November at 9am

Friday 15th November at 10.30am

This is an opportunity for you to visit the school, meet the staff, pick up a prospectus and hear a short presentation by the Executive Headteacher. If you are unable to attend, please contact the school to arrange an individual appointment.

Please phone the school on 01256 881339 to book your place on one of our open days.

We look forward to seeing you there!



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Background Information

Simon Stanley was a 37-year-old teacher from Southampton, Hampshire, when he died from cancer. His wife, Sally, found there was no bereavement support locally for their two sons, Andrew (5) and Tom (2). Research indicated that The Stanley's experience was not unique and there was a wider need to provide resources and information to children, parents, teachers, health professionals and emergency services in Hampshire.

Simon Says became a registered charity in 2001 with the aim of supporting children and young people within Hampshire, who have a close relative or friend who has died or is dying. The death of someone important can have a devastating effect on a young person, but we know that given appropriate support and information, children and young people can be helped to understand what has happened and can be helped to rebuild their lives.

Facts & Figures

It is estimated that every 22 minutes a child or young person in the UK is bereaved of a parent.

It is estimated that 1 in 25 of school aged children (between 5yrs and 16yrs) will have experienced the death of a parent or sibling. This does not account for those who have lost another significant person eg grandparent, uncle, cousin or a close friend.

Covering just Hampshire, the Simon Says Helpline receives over 500 calls per year requesting support and/or information for helping bereaved children.

An average of 750 bereaved children and young people attend the Simon Says support groups per annum.

Almost 50% of the deaths Simon Says has supported, have been sudden deaths eg heart attack, road traffic accidents suicide, or murder.

Our Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide support for children and young people up to the age of 18, living in the county of Hampshire, who have a significant person in their life who has died or is dying.

Our Aim

When children lose someone close to them they may feel angry, guilty, frightened and alone. It can be very difficult for a parent, carer, close relative or friend to help a bereaved child when they are grieving too. 'Simon Says' aims to:

- Offer information and advice to enable them to move forward in their lives, while remembering their significant person
- Provide a telephone support line available to families and professionals seeking advice or support
- Host monthly age appropriate support groups (Basingstoke, Chandler's Ford, Eastleigh, New Milton, Gosport and Portsmouth)
- Offer the opportunity to meet other families who have also been bereaved
- Support and provide advice and training to teachers, and other professionals working with bereaved children and young people. This includes: advice on a bereavement policy; general talks; assemblies about the work of the charity or fundraising; help setting up a group within the school environment; specific resources and session plans
- Hold an annual residential weekend

Simon Says does not receive any government funding and relies on the generosity and goodwill of organisations and individuals.

Dear Dad,

I know you probably can't hear me,
Cause you're so far away,
But I need to get my feelings out,
So I'll say this anyway.

It's really hard to live without you,
But I'm glad you're out of pain,
We shared so many memories together,
But I wish we could do it again.

I feel like I am a broken building,
That needs to be fixed,
And all my feelings now,
Are well and truly mixed.

Anger and Fear, Guilt and Sad,
Happy and Regret, Confused and Mad.

But one day Simon Says came,
And they helped me a lot,
They put me back together,
Cause they're builders and that's their job.

Whilst I was being fixed,
I slowly looked around,
And I could see other buildings,
Falling to the ground.

I realised at that moment,
I wasn't the only one in pain,
But the other buildings were suffering,
And couldn't get up again.

They were just like me,
When I lost you,
And then Simon Says builders,
Went and fixed them too.

Suddenly I realised,
I was finally strong again,
And I could help others',
Families and friends.

I knew, even though I was fixed,
I will never be the same,
There is still a missing part of me,
I will never get back again.

They are missing bricks of my building,
That I will never forget,
But I do get new bricks,
That will help me, I bet.

But don't worry, Dad,
They will never replace you,
But they help me get through things,
Just like you would do.

What I'm trying to say is I love you Dad,
And I won't forget you.
You were one of the best things that has ever
happened to me,
We were one and one that makes two!

I wanted to thank Simon Says
for helping me get through,
I hope you have a happy birthday,
I Love You!!!

From Leah
xxx

Leah age 13