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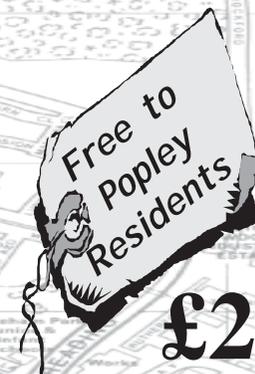
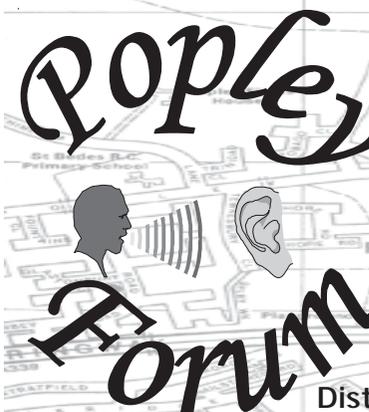
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Message From the Editor:- The terrible bombings in London have shocked everybody and probably like me you reached for the phone or emailed round friends and family to make sure they were all OK. This atrocity has effected just about everyone. I could barely look at the TV screen. I wondered at the heroism of many people as everyone tried to help in one way or another. Its like the blitz one man said and we will not be frightened by these evil people. I thought about the war and the 60 years of peace we enjoy also the freedoms that we have now. Our older generation are wonderful but we seem to forget sometimes how hard life has been with war and poverty in the depression. So I will take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to you all, it really is truly appreciated. My father is 90 this month and I know he had some hard times in the war he was a regular and sergeant one of the founder members of the Airborne he served in Italy, Sicily, Norway and Arnhem but he does not talk about the war and I do wish he would. There is a great opportunity to share your stories as a serving person or just a child all stories will be put into a web site to be kept for future generation's happy or sad times as I am sure there were plenty of both. I was born directly after the war so I only recall some things being rationed. There is a web site that you can read or put your own stories in bbc.co.uk/ww2 I will research it and put a report in September's Popley Matters.

On a lighter note the Merton Poppits had their Summer Fete, it was huge success with sponsored singing and dancing done beautifully by the children. I had a go at hooking the plastic ducks in the paddling pool but soon realised that the children were much better at it than I was. I had a visit from three fire fighters to do a free safety check to see if I had any problems in case of fire. We talked about a safe journey exit and they checked my fire alarm, whoops it was old and tired so they replaced it with a new one that has a life span of ten years, so no barteries to charge, they then put two more in the house. It is a free service from them and the Hampshire County Council you too could have a visit the number to ring is 02380 626809 *Jane Frankum Editor*

To pass back ideas, comments, suggestions, articles or to offer help please write to:- Popley Matters, 405 Abbey Road, Basingstoke.RG24 9EL email [:editor@popleymatters.org.uk](mailto:editor@popleymatters.org.uk) The views in this publication are not necessarily the views of the Editorial Team. Or the members of the committee of Popley Forum/Matters.

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Funding for Sustainable School Travel

Everyday during the school term tens of thousands of pupils in Hampshire travel to and from school. There is an increasing trend in the UK for these trips to be made by car, which causes numerous problems including environmental damage, road safety issues and pupil health and fitness. It is estimated that almost 1 in 5 trips at peak times are on the 'school run'. The Government therefore 'want every school, local authority and bus operator to work together to make it safe and cost effective for many more children to walk, cycle or take the bus to school'.

Hampshire County Council has been actively involved in school transport planning for a number of years. We aim to offer help and support to schools in the county who would like to develop a sustainable school travel plan, and funding is also available to fund measures identified in the travel through both the Department for Education and Skills' (DfES') Capital Grant, and the Safer Routes to School (SRTS) Programme.

School Travel Plans (STPs) are written in conjunction with pupils, parents, teachers, governors, local residents and the local authority. Travel plans also try to get the pupils involved as much as possible, and we try to encourage teachers to integrate this plan as part of the national curriculum i.e., mapping routes in Geography.

STPs can have numerous advantages for schools, including an improved school environment, improving the reputation of the school and an increase in personal health and fitness for pupils and staff. By raising awareness of travel and health issues at an early age, children will be able to make informed travel choices throughout their lives.

Anyone who is interested in finding out more information for their local school should contact the School Travel Planning Team on 01962 845638, or email at schooltravelplans@hants.gov.uk, or visit our website at www.hants.gov.uk/schooltravelplans



Letters to The Editor



Dear Editor;
 I felt I must write to you regarding the above subject. You may recall the letter I sent regarding this facility. Please take note of the final sentence. It would seem that someone somewhere has got something very wrong. As you will no doubt be aware they have had two different versions built both of which have been vandalised and all before the facility is even opened. From the July 10th photos you will see the security fence has been totally trashed and the litter shown is not the first. I understand from a neighbour that it was even worse before and had to be cleared up by the council. What has been the cost of this facility and how much more do the council intend spending on it. **R J Jarvis**

Editors reply I understand your concern so let me answer your questions as best I can. Firstly there were two designs because the contractor did not follow the plans and no payment would be made until it was as requested. There will be only one payment that was agreed in the first place. The cost does not come out of Council taxes and incurs no expense as it is paid for by the Chineham Business Park from (a grant) planning contribution that was (given) made to Basingstoke and Deane. (by them.)

The fencing indeed seemed to be inadequate as it was specified just to keep the site safe in the short term whilst the building was constructed. (to keep people off so that the building could be completed). The mess was indeed awful and I have had it cleared. Mark Head the manager of Popley Fields has offered to oversee the Teen Shelter, and clear or report litter. The idea behind the shelter was to give the youth somewhere to meet away

from residents and I certainly have seen the youth using it. I have requested that the area be treated as a hot spot and be inspected and cleared every day

Dear Editor;
 I am a pensioner and I live on my own since I lost my partner and soulmate, I manage most things quite well but I do have problems when I want to go to the shops or club you see the buses are too high for me to get onto although I have noticed a lot of improvements at some bus stops. I can never be sure that the bus is one I can get onto and they don't always go to where I want to get. Taxis are so dear and once I have used my tokens (thankyou Council) I can't afford it. What do other people do?

Editors reply; Try phoning Neighbourcare they are wonderful volunteers that can help with all sorts of things like lifts, help with shopping, being a listening ear, gardening and reading to the blind their number is 332424. They also need more volunteers.

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

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Summer is a great time. Whilst out on patrol, we're hearing the sound of children playing and having fun, the fantastic smell of barbecues and freshly cut grass. It's a great time to enjoy friendship and the many things that our community has to offer.

There are lots of activities for the summer holidays to keep everyone occupied. There is an open-access sports and arts event for all school aged kids from 4:30pm to 6:00pm every Monday at Popley Fields Community Centre throughout the summer holidays. Popley Fields Community Centre also hosts the Mocktails bar every Thursday evening from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

We are also running football events every Friday afternoon from 3:45pm to 5pm until September. Football is always popular and is open to all people aged from 8 to 18 – so come along and join us at Pershore Road Open Space, unless of course it is raining.

While we are on the subject of football, may we remind everyone that it is not appropriate to play football against people's homes and other buildings. Everyone understands the importance of the right to play and have fun, but it is also important to be considerate and respectful of others at the same time. There are plenty of fields and open spaces in Popley, many of which are not used as they could be.

Many of you will have seen the feature on South Today regarding Operation Kickstart. This operation is still going well and we thank you for your continued help and support in reducing cases of motorcycle nuisance. The children at Merton and Marnel junior schools have recently seen a play staged by children from Marnel Junior School which showed them the dangers of building sites. The play was fantastic, and really got the message across to the children. Thanks to everyone who took part and made the play so successful. And, remember, building sites are not safe places so keep clear of any of the building work which is underway in Popley.

Remember to call us if you have any ideas or worries and make sure to say Hi if you see us out and about.

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Sentinel Housing Group has recently applied for planning permission to demolish the Longfellow Parade flats and build 89 new homes. This application is just for "Outline" permission. If the Council agree to the basic proposal, then work can begin on more detailed plans.

Sentinel has also applied to build a new retail building near to the health centre in Shakespeare Road. This could help replace the existing shops within Longfellow Road if the demolition goes ahead. Both applications should go to The Council's planning committee in August. If you wish to comment on the plans, it is best to write to: Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council, Planning Department, Civic Offices, London Road, Basingstoke Hants. RG21 4AH quoting **reference number BDB/61307**.

If you have any queries for Sentinel, please contact Paul Hemming on 0800 195 5515.

Popley Advice and Information Drop In

(Formerly Community Surgery)

We are changing our meeting place for the Community Surgery on the first Saturday of the month. We will be in St Gabriels Church and will be the Popley Advice and Information Drop In it started on January 8th still on the first Saturday every month at 1pm - 2pm. You can call in just to say hello or to ask advice on just about any subject. Police, Community Wardens, Sentinel (Oakfern) have your Neighbourhood Co-ordinator and a tenant representative and Borough and County Councillors will also be there, no appointment needed, confidentiality is assured. If your concern can't wait I also have drop-ins on the third Thursday of the month at Oakridge Hall For All and third Saturday of the month at the United Reform Hall. It has been four years since we started doing these surgeries as a new fresh idea of reaching people and making it easier to get help or advice, I have been informed that other areas in England have started doing the same, it is great to hear that it is achieving the goals we set out all that time ago Phone me on 819924 or 07974098131 for more details or if you have any concerns. *Jane Frankum County and Borough Councillor.*

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The fire engine turned up and three firefighters alighted and came round to talk to me about fire prevention, fire safety and having a escape plan that hopefully will never be needed.

The three fighters had all their uniform on and explained that if they were called they would have to leave immediately of course I have no problem with that I have seen how quickly a fire can get out of

hand if not attended to straight away.

They looked at my electrical sockets and plugs and advised that when using multi socket extension leads then it is advisable to get one with a fuse and a light that shows it is on. They asked if I used candles and to always have them lit with care and placed away from net curtains. Storing of candles and matches should be in a metal tin when possible.

We then spoke about escaping from a fire and what to do. I said phone the fire service straight away 999, good, they said you usually have either a phone or mobile phone by your bed. I said then ram a mattress from the bed out of the window and jump out, if there were no other way. It was met with a gentle no certainly not you have 20 or 30 minutes before the door would burn through (I have fire resistance doors) You must stay low as smoke rises and the air is cleaner from the floor put a towel or something at the base of the door and wait for help and wait for us to get you out safely.

Chip pan fires are the most common of call outs they suggested a fireproof blanket or failing that a damp towel well squeezed out, one drop of water can make it burst into a huge column of flames. Place it over the pan then leave it to cool right down do not be tempted to have a look to see if it has gone out.

Finally they asked about smoke detectors I have one I proudly said but it is a bit old and goes off so easily. They told me it was certainly better than nothing but I needed a new one and one for upstairs and we will install one in your office. My "office" is in the small bedroom and is full of files and paperwork so I thanked them very much for putting all three up and no charge. Why are you doing this I asked, they told me that prevention is the number one priority. The Fire and Rescue service hope to visit every house in Hampshire that they are asked to it was a shared goal with Hampshire County Council.

I said I would write an article and tell people about the scheme if only one life is saved then it will have been worth it.

Thank you to the fire fighters we really do appreciate the work you do, London on the 7th of July showed us that,

You can phone to make an appointment on 02380 626809

Diaries from the Old Codger

When the editor said that Popley Matters is coming out once a month and I had better start writing, I did not put up a fight. As you all know when the editor speaks you obey. I have learnt this over the years from "her in doors" so I know when to keep quiet.

Well I would like to take you back to when I first had a stroke. I hope I don't bore you but there is a point in what I am going to say and I hope it will encourage some of you to take up the challenge. I was told due to my stroke and subsequent epilepsy that I could no long work in the job I loved so at the age of 47 I was forced to take early retirement. Then not long after I had another stroke that left me with more paralysis. I felt so down that as all I wanted to do was lock my self away, I did that for a long time then one day my son came with the "BEAST".

It was a couple of grey box's with loads of wires coming out of them, yes it was a computer. Well he set this thing down and proceeded to show me how it worked that is all very well when you are in your twenties and have had them at school so knew all about them. Here you go just click on the mouse, what's a mouse, what is a ram, what is a giga bite, what is mega bite? They all sounded like names that were going to devour me as soon as he left the house.

So here I am I press a key on it the screen goes blank, that's it first push and I have killed it! On the phone to No 1 son, what's wrong he said I have just killed the computer, you can't! I can and I have. Over he comes again, and again, and again. This still goes on some four years after I have had it.

The thing is I had never sat down to write in my life as I had no need to now I have the beast I could do anything! My world was open in front of me I could talk to people all over the world in a few minutes and it was a lot cheaper than a stamp. So as I progress I started to write children's stories and poetry. If you asked me that at any time I was fit I would laugh, the children's stories escalated and I have written over forty now and I have had a number published in books of children's story collections. My dream now is to have them all published in one book of my own but to find a publisher it so hard to do that it will probably stay a dream.

So now let's get to the point of the Old Codgers column this month. No matter how old or infirm you are don't give up! Try out one of the computers at your local centres, they run a lot of courses on computers many are free to the senior citizens in Basingstoke. They are very patient and you can take as much time as you need to learn. Enjoy a new world and have fun, so what if you make mistakes you just start all over again. Never think that a disability or growing old is going to stop you. Never think I can't do this, you can do any thing you want with just a little bit of patience, mind you a lot of patience. As for my son, don't know what I will do when he goes to Australia this year to live, I am not forking out his fare home each time I kill the BEAST.

THE OLD CODGER

Recycle for Hampshire: Changing Peoples Attitudes To Rubbish.

Hampshire residents produce nearly 900,000 tonnes of household rubbish each year, equivalent in weight to almost 6 Queen Mary 2s. Through kerbside collection and other recycling services across the county, nearly 28% of this is recycled. Although this is third best in the country, we still want to do more and improve that recycling rate to between 40 and 50% - an ambitious target which will involve recycling or composting up to half a million tonnes of material every year.

However in Basingstoke and Deane we are not doing quite so well collecting 50,000 tonnes of household refuse and recycling only 16.5% of the our household waste.

Following extensive research to identify the attitudes and behaviours of different groups of people according to their lifestyles Recycle for Hampshire was developed.

The campaign will include leaflets; press advertising; bus advertising; a website; a programme of activities with schools; information packs for new householders; feature articles in local authority publications; editorials and public relations.

You may have seen some of these activities and the recycling leaflet that dropped on your doormat in late June.

In addition, approximately 60,000 households across Hampshire will also be visited by a team of Recycling Advisors to give residents the opportunity to find out more about recycling. The Recycling Advisors will play a vital role in raising awareness of recycling facilities and the materials that can be recycled and bring about behavioural change amongst the residents of Hampshire. Our team of four recycling advisors based in the borough are happy to answer all your questions and queries about recycling locally so look out for them.

Celebrity backing: The campaign is also being supported by Hampshire-born Olympic athlete and television presenter Roger Black MBE. Roger, who is also a successful motivational speaker, is a passionate advocate of green living and is keen to spread the message that recycling is good for Hampshire. Commenting on the campaign, he said: "Hampshire has an ambitious but entirely achievable goal – to almost double the current rate of recycling in the County. Simply sending more and more rubbish to landfill is just not an option anymore. We know that Hampshire's residents want to do all they can to protect the unique habitat of this diverse county and by doing their bit to recycle more household waste, they can help immensely."

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council strongly believes there is a need to raise the profile of recycling and supports this campaign and is actively involved in the implementation of the Recycle for Hampshire campaign. Help us lead the way amongst the Local Authorities who achieve the greatest interest and increase in recycling across Hampshire and make good use of your kerbside collection service and local recycling opportunities. Don't forget to recycle all of your paper and card, plastic bottles and food and drinks cans in your kerbside recycling collection.

For further information on any of the above please visit the websites www.recycleforhampshire.gov.uk or www.basingstoke.gov.uk or contact Lucy Keal on l.keal@basingstoke.gov.uk or call 01256 845474.



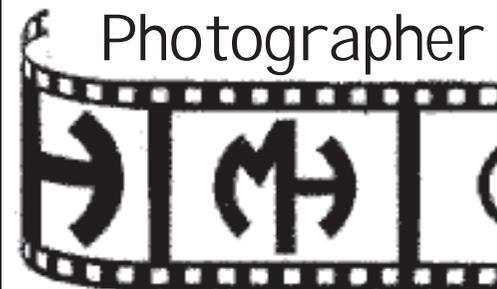
Viking Badminton Club

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I'm pleased to report we have had a lot of work done fixing paths recently in Carpenters Down, Ascension Close, Byron Close, Lawrence Close, Wordsworth Close and Browning Close. In particular our flag stone paths are almost 40 years old and many need replacing.

A33 Roadworks

I recently had an e-mail passed on to me about what some of you are having to face crossing the A33 to get to Chineham and Daneshill every morning. How nobody has been killed crossing that road is nothing short of a miracle. Work should finally start on a crossing with traffic lights at Popley Way and on the Ringway Roundabout. The A33 is now officially the 2nd most dangerous road in Hampshire so I hope the bureaucrats in Winchester have now woken up to the problem and won't delay things any further,

Marlowe Close garages

On July 4th the disused garaged at Marlowe Close were finally pulled down, after many months of lobbying Sentinel Housing Association and a lot of calls from residents. The garages had been empty for a long time and were subject to continual vandalism, including 2 fires. I think you'll agree the area looks much better now they are gone.

Longfellow Parade

An Outline Planning Application has been submitted by Ken Scadden Associates on behalf of Sentinel Housing Association for the redevelopment of Longfellow Parade. Outline Permission is being sought at this stage, which seeks approval for the scheme in principle but without approving the details – these will come later in a Detailed Planning Application which we can expect at the end of this year or early 2006.

London 2012 – what it means for Basingstoke

I was well pleased to hear London had won the right to stage the Olympics in 2012. Previously I had tabled a Council Motion backing the bid, and I have had a second motion passed which will look to get better sports facilities for Basingstoke to train our future medal hopefuls and cater for visiting teams in 7 year time.

County Councillor Jane Frankum Report's

The improvements to our roads continues and the resurfacing is now complete on Aldermaston Roundabout. The railings by the underpasses are due to be repainted as they look really shoddy at the moment.

Congratulations to Chineham Park Primary School on winning the school Basingstoke in Bloom competition there was a lot of hard work done by all.

When you pass the shops in Abbey Road take time to look at the excellent posters designed by the children of Merton School with the message to report vandalism on 08450454545 and an appeal not to spoil their school

Basingstoke Air Scout Group



Group News Pat Brown, Group Scout Leader 0774 609 1919

I was disappointed with the Annual Parents' Meeting as only three people other than those already on the committee attended. Nevertheless a working committee was formed to take the Group forward to the new scout year.

Eve Alexander attended a First Response course in June so all our leaders are now qualified in First Aid and resuscitation should the need arise. Several leaders have enrolled to complete a Food Hygiene course in October. All leaders in Scouting are required to complete an agreed schedule of training to ensure they are well fitted to carry out their role. Scout leaders are all volunteers who give their time and energies simply to encourage young people get the best out of life and to become contributive members of their local and national community.

Sunday Boot Sales at John Hunt of Everest School continue with each sale run by a volunteers from a local Popley charity and (weather permitting) are always well supported by 'booters' and buyers alike. Plans are in hand to stage a 'Scouts Firing for the Community' event jointly with members of the Fire Service based at Popley Fields on 8th October at Base 2000. Raffle, tombola, BBQ, side shows, demonstrations - plenty to interest everyone. More details in the next issue.



Regular users of the building include groups of Rainbows, Brownie Guides, Guides, Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts, and Melrose Christian Fellowship. CMA Kick Boxing Ladies Keep-Fit evening in the main hall on Wednesdays from 7.15 p.m.

The Princes Trust sponsored by the Hampshire Fire Service, YMCA and Hampshire Constabulary return for a new twelve week course for 18-25 year olds on 22nd August. The Princes Trust aims to improve young peoples skills and attitudes to better fit them for the world of work and further education. Many of the young people successfully completing the course find it leads to full-time employment.

Sadly the Basingstoke Video and Camera Club have had to suspend fortnightly meetings due to lack of members but may hold a promotional event to encourage more members later in the year. Anyone interested in joining the group which aims to improve recording, video and cameras skills and techniques, is urged to contact Peter Saunders on 01256 410514

The building is closed from 13th -24th August to facilitate redecoration of foyer, kitchen and toilets and for the carpets to be steam cleaned. A new photocopier has been installed and is available for users of the building at 5p per copy.

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Hi,
I'm Tracy and am now the youth worker for Popley Fields, this is the first time I've written for Popley Matters, and I shall continue to do so every month to keep you updated on the Youth provisions we have here at Popley Fields .

Firstly I would like to thank all that came along to our charity quiz night on the 15th July with HFRS , we raised £123.00 towards our youth club and have put this towards the cost of a new pool table. A great time was had by all and we have another lined up for the end of September , date to be confirmed , so watch this space!

We also had a pool competition for the youths and the HFRS helped to run this, the winners walked away with trophies and music vouchers , all kindly donated by the HFRS, there will be more competitions coming up soon.

The Get With program run in conjunction with the Community Wardens and BDBC will run every Monday throughout the summer holidays from 4.30pm – 6pm on our courts and in our large hall , so send your kids down to join in and have some fun all free of charge.

Our youth club P.O.P Zone is every Monday evening from 6pm - 8pm for 8 – 13yr olds and 8pm – 10pm for 14 – 18 yr olds , new members are always welcome.

Mocktail nights with the community wardens are on a Thursday night and we use this as an informal youth drop in from 6pm – 8.30pm all ages welcome.

If you have any queries then please give me a call on 01256 414494

Bye for now

Tracy Rogers
Popley Fields Youth Worker



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We have been working on a website for Popley Matters, it is the first we have done, so we know there will be plenty for you to tell us about.

Constructive criticism is welcome. We are now ready to ask for your help and ideas.

Please bare in mind it is still under construction and very basic and needs a lot more work still.

**Our website is :- popleymatters.org.uk
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Thanks from your editorial team Popley Matters

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Basingstoke in Bloom Award for Chineham Park School

We have once again at Chineham Park Primary School won the School Garden Prize in the Basingstoke in Bloom competition. We are all so very proud of our pupils. It is down to our junior classes, who spent a lot of time digging, planting and watering the plants to keep them in the best condition during the driest of days. They learnt about how to grow the flowers and how to care for them and get the very best results by caring for them over the weeks. Thanks must also go to Mrs Miller who watched over the year 6 children and taught them so much about caring for the plants.

The prize is awarded annually for 'strong links between children's learning and the use of the school grounds'. *Jeanette Wearne*

News from Chineham Park Pre-school

This last year has been an exciting year for us, with many changes taking place, including new management and admittance of two year olds. We also have two new members of staff who have joined us.

We have enjoyed various events such as our Christmas Fayre, sponsored events, Open days, a super summers trip to Bournemouth, parties, a Teddy Bear's Picnic and of course our memorable Sports Day.

We now have our very own website <http://www.communitate.co.uk/hants/chinehamparkpreschool> where visitors can keep up to date with planned events and news from the pre-school.

We are looking forward to starting the new school year in September with a strong team of staff, a waiting list of children and many new events to plan and look forward to.

North Popley and existing John Hunt of Everest School sites - Project Update

The “Big News” is that in early August 05, a contract to undertake a scheme of Enabling Works for the replacement John Hunt of Everest School will commence. This contract represents a major milestone for the replacement school project and involves a significant cut and fill exercise (including movements of substantial volumes of material between the 2 halves of the school site) to prepare the playing fields and create the formation levels for the wider school project. The contract will last for 15-16 weeks (subject to weather conditions) and the Main Contract to construct the school will follow to achieve an opening of the replacement school in early 2007.

Since my last contribution, you will have no doubt noticed that there has been increased activity in respect of the initial “implementation” phases for these sites and much of this has been needed to allow the Enabling Works contract for the school to be let. These works may be summarised as follows:

- Archaeology: The additional strip, map and record (SMR) investigation required for the proposed replacement school site has now been completed. The detailed report of this investigation is still awaited, but the County Archaeologist has confirmed that he is happy for the proposed Enabling Works contract to proceed. The required trench survey investigation for the remaining land between Chineham Lane and Sherborne Road has also been completed and initial indications suggest that limited areas of SMR will also be needed in due course.
- Site Preparation Works: A scheme of works has been undertaken over the past 2-3 months or so to effect the demolition of the Wellfield Farm buildings and installation of the permanent acoustic fence boundary; to underground several high voltage electricity cables; and removal of trees and hedgerows in preparation for the construction of the replacement school and Contract 2 of the spine road.
- Advance Infrastructure Works: Continued progress has been made on Contract 1 which involves the construction of the school access from Chineham Lane and also a light controlled improvement to the junction

of Chineham Lane and Popley Way. This contract has unfortunately experienced a delay but is now programmed for completion end July 05.

As part of the Enabling Works contract, and following the completion of Contract 1 Highways Works, it is proposed that Sherborne Road will be closed between its junction with Popley Way and just below Orchard House, with local diversions operating. Advance notices of the intended closure have been posted and more details will be provided nearer the time of programmed closure, currently week commencing 8/8/05. Chineham Lane will obviously not be subject to any closure during the closure of Sherborne Road to provide local access at all times.

Marketing of the Phase 1 disposal area of the existing John Hunt of Everest School site has recently been undertaken and the market response has been encouraging, both in terms of supporting the anticipated land value from the first phase to go towards the cost of the replacement school, and also with a number of contemporary schemes of development being put forward for the site. A preferred purchaser will be selected later this year and the site is due to be sold June 06.

Last months’ Popley Matters provided an article on the Popley Festival at which a small team of Council Officers manned a display including information boards and a model of the replacement school which attracted some 400+ visitors. At the festival the Head and Governing Body of the existing John Hunt of Everest invited local residents, pupils and parents to select a possible new name for the replacement school and it has been agreed that the replacement school will be known as Everest Community College once it opens.

Finally, the initial phases of disposal on the North Popley site are programmed for early 06 and will follow a “launch” event for the overall project. More details on this and further interim updates will follow in future issues of Popley Matters and more targeted mail-shots as necessary.

Louise Hague
North Popley – Project Manager
Hampshire County Council