



POPLEY MATTERS

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The Popley Forum

The meeting was well attended but we would always like to see more residents. June Balcome reported back from the previous meeting, she said that the problem in Tewkesbury Rd seems to have been sorted out, as there were no more complaints. On the subject of wheelie bins Blanche Miles is monitoring the situation and if problems still occur contact her on 845688 or Community Services on 844844. Penalty points can be awarded against Biffa if they fail to comply with their contract.

Ian Foley has now put in a bid for five areas of paving to be renewed or repaired as a priority. Waste recycling has now been introduced and Blanche Miles has offered to come to the next meeting and explain how it works.

Telecental green boxes were discussed and there were strong feelings about the poor siting and that the metal boxes were being used as a drum, goal posts and drawn on for cricket stumps. The Forum are to write on the residents behalf and suggest they encase them in durable plastic or better still put them under ground like BT do.

Andrew Cobb chief executive of Oakfern Housing explained how allocation is based upon housing need, the council operates the central register and a new point system is now operating. The association has no control over private dwellings, and that anti-social behaviour is to be firmly clamped down. Conversation rather than confrontation should be seen as a first step before stronger methods are used. Andrew said the real power is with the residents and a way forward is to report problems to the Forum and they would let him know

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along and tell us your interests and we will include them if possible.

Having survived the summer our winter programme is now in full swing so if you are thinking of booking us for your Christmas party you need to hurry.

Our family Disco are going from strength to strength however we still have room for more families so why not come and let your hair down we do!

8th Nov. 1997 Guy Fawkes Family and Fancy Dress Disco. Entrance FREE.

Forthcoming Events

Youth Clubs for Tuesday's and Thursday's have organised programmes as well as the usual pool, music and youth room. 6pm - 9pm Come

Art in the Landscape

Plans are well in hand for both the planting of shrubs etc. and the art work that is to be incorporated into the design. At the present moment in time tenders are now in for the gardens contract, and once selected, we expect the gardens to be laid



by the middle of November. Charlie Carter the artist, has selected the art work done by the young people of the estate and designed the overall layout for the Centre of the project. As of this moment we have no set time scale for the laying of the art work, but it is hoped to have this also completed before the end of November. Should anyone wish to see the type of plants etc. that are to be planted, or the type and designs for art work, then please feel free to call into the Centre any Monday and Thursday between 10am and 12.30pm when we would be pleased to see you. As an association we do appreciate that some of the residents are experiencing some difficulty regarding this site, the association are doing all they can, but at the end of the day this is a community problem which everyone needs to help solve, thanks to those who have already taken an interest, and to any others who would like to help in any way. PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR FURTHER WORKSHOPS that will take place regarding the actual planting of the area (Iris King)

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From page 1... Stephen Bryer, for play areas gave a short talk on how residents were consulted about play areas. Questions were asked about the lack of facilities for teenagers. Stephen said this was a problem that he was aware of and had been looking at. The old tennis courts were identified as an area that could be used. Stephen has already held meetings (since the Forum) with the

local youths and residents and some good suggestions were put forward.

Jane Frankum suggested that the Aldermaston Open Space the ex BMX track could be redeveloped into a family park as a millennium project and commented about the lack of play areas on one side of Abbey Rd. Stephen is going to walk around with Jane to clarify the situation.

June Wilson came and talked about Neighbourhood Care Group and said how the group has been formed to promote self-help in the community. Such a project is much needed in the Popley area. People's problems can seem very small but are very important to those concerned and they are often afraid to ask for help, with tasks such as shopping or grass cutting. The project is running in Brighton Hill and Black Dam, and hopefully will start in Popley in the future.

John Blairman (☎475380) chairman of the Crime Prevention Panel gave a brief talk on people needing to be more aware, Ask for identification from callers at the door. He is available if you would like to set up a Neighbourhood Watch.

The Next Popley Forum open meeting is to be held in Thursday February 12th 1998 at 7:30pm. Venue Melrose Community Hall.

What's on at Melrose Community Hall?

If there is something that you would like to see taking place at the Centre, or a group you would like to set up, please contact any of the M.C.A Committee members, ☎420676 or drop into the Hall.



VOLUNTEERS WANTED: Any age, male/female, for as little or as much time you can spare.

Monday	Coffee morning Bailey Jujitsu Kai Amateur Video club	9:30am - 12:30pm 7:30pm - 9:00pm 7:00pm - 10:00pm
Tuesday	Senior Citizens Petite School of Dance	2:00pm - 4:00pm 3:45pm - 9:00pm
Wednesday	Popley Little People Petite School of Dance Adventure Ranger Corp.	9:30am - 11:30am 3:45pm - 7:00pm 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Thursday	Coffee Morning	9:30pm - 12:30pm
Friday	N.S.F. Drop-in-group Junior Youth group Senior Youth group	10:00am - 2:00pm 6:30pm - 7.45pm 8:00pm - 9:00pm
Saturday	Available for private hire.	
Sunday	Christian Fellowship	11:00am -
1:00pm		

Treasure Island Play Group

At

Popley Fields
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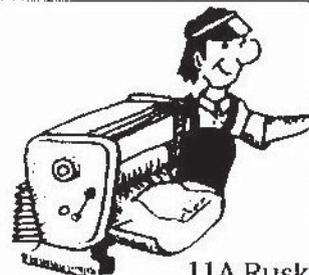
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Dear Popley Matters,

I refer to your invitation to write to you on matters that affect Popley residents.

I should like to bring to your attention the vast overgrowth of the shrubbery around the estate and in particular at the front entrance of my property, it blocks the light to my kitchen and front room. When it rains the shrubs branches bow over the footpaths and pedestrians get soaking wet.

My second point is parking on and around the estate, surely it would be more advantageous to residents if the above eyesores in these squares were removed and parking bays were built there instead. This would relieve the problems of parking and make the roads safer. I would be glad to hear your views.

Mr M J Parker. 79 Abbey Rd.

Popley Matters Reply's

We approached the council and Mr Wigley, Horticultural Officer for our area has promised to cut back the overgrown shrubs and determine what action is required to make a more permanent solution which may mean removing the first row of willows and replanting more suitable shrubs.

What do you the residents think of the idea of creating more parking space in this way, or do you have an alternative solution.

How would you improve Popley, what would you like to see, are there any amenities that you feel would improve the way we live?

Write to Popley Matters at Melrose Community Hall, Abbey Rd.,

St. Gabriels Church

Dates for November 1997

9th Remembrance Sunday and Parade Service

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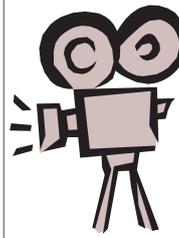


Do you play on the old tennis courts in Tintern Close and, if so, what do you play. These questions and more the Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council are trying to find answers to, to determine whether there is a need for the facility and if it needs to be improved.

So far there have been two meetings at Melrose Meeting Hall, which were advertised in the third issue of Popley Matters, the ideas which resulted from these meetings were most helpful. We would also like to gather the opinions of the wider community of Popley and hope to carry out a survey.

If you would like to know more about this study, please contact Stephen Bryer at the Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council on ☎01256 845607.

CCTV AT POPLEY SCHOOLS



John Hunt of Everest Community School is just one of the schools that have now got cameras running 24 hours seven days a week. There are 13 cameras positioned around the John Hunt School site. You may have also noticed that some bushes have also been cleared for better viewing.

The film is inspected every day and some "unofficial visitors" have been caught on camera and action is being taken regarding these "offenders". It always makes sense to use the official entrances to ensure that you will be safer.

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This summer we have done some gardening for people that are unable to do this for themselves. Up to date it has been mostly cutting down hedges and branches and taking them to the dump. Soon however we hope to get involved in the more decorative part of gardening and hope to co-ordinate our work with the efforts that are being made by the Melrose Centre.

If you are interested in joining the Boys Brigade contact Dave Phillips on ☎323564

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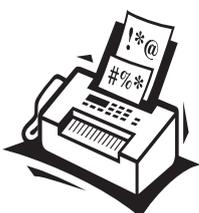
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