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The image features a stylized map of Popley in the background. In the center, a speech bubble contains the text 'popley festival' with a small globe icon for the letter 'o', and 'Sunday 16th May 11am-4pm' below it. To the right, a cartoon character holds a yellow sign that says 'Free to Popley Residents'. Below the sign is a large '£2' symbol. A red ribbon banner at the bottom of the graphic reads 'FULL OF LOCAL NEWS AND VIEWS'. Above the ribbon, it says 'Distribution of Over 4,000'.

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Closing date to submit articles & adverts (18-05-10)



Editor  
Jane Frankum

**Message from the Editor:-** It is hard to believe that we will be preparing our 100th issue next! Hard to grasp that Popley Matters has been going for 18 years now! The aim was to inform and keep the community spirit going that has been in Popley since I moved in 40 years ago, and I think we still have that great spirit, as the early results are showing from the questionnaire. Top priority for improvement is parking, and we will be giving a fuller report of the findings in the June issue.

There are two petitions that have been started by residents one is to have signage to inform the few people who seem to insist taking their dogs into the fenced of equipped play areas. No dogs are allowed inside. The

second is to ask that any transit camp is NOT in or near Popley. The police have powers they can use (Section 61) to move Travellers on to the designated site. Once full they can be escorted over the borough boundary. Sign at Community centres, FastFare and Peter's Chinese shop. I keep hearing Chinese whispers that there is or could be a site on the new development land. This is NOT the case. The land is far to valuable to HCC and developers and there are discussions starting about how to proceed to sell the land for housing and retail. We will of course keep you informed in Popley Matters, especially if and when there are meetings. On page 14 there is an article about Ben Hazel who works in Popley at Everest College he is training and very likely will be a competitor in the 2012 Olympics.

Have you heard of Chiropractic practice for animals and pets? No I hadn't either but you can read about it on page 21. Also on Page 21 is a scheme you as residents can apply for to do small environmental schemes to improve your area Closing date is May 30th,

Popley Matters is in need of a Treasurer it is completely voluntary, though we will supply the paper, envelopes and stamps. Please contact me Jane Frankum on 819924 or Paul Frankum on 472496 or Iris King 411113 who is valiantly trying to cope with the books, being our distribution manager, Feed The Children charity and involved in Neighbourcare. Iris needs a break!



Sub Editor  
Paul Frankum

To pass back ideas, comments, suggestions, articles or to offer help please write to:- Popley Matters Group, P.O. Box 6727, Basingstoke RG24 9GG, e-mail: [editor@popleymatters.org.uk](mailto:editor@popleymatters.org.uk). The views in this publication are not necessarily the views of the Editorial Team, the members of the committee, or Popley Forum/Matters.

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## Chloe's Column

Hello readers. We are currently in May and the weather is heating up, so it's looking as though our summer is going to be even hotter (I'll have to get my flip flops out!). The sunshine is great because it puts everyone in a good mood- it's like a natural anti depressant! It also gives us a healthy glow and provides our bodies with vitamin D, but we don't need excuses to go out in the sun I'm sure! This month you can find lots of activities to do in Basingstoke on a great websites such as this: <http://www.thebestof.co.uk/local/basingstoke/events/search>. If you don't have access to the internet then I'll reveal that the main event going on in May, is the Popley Festival. This will have the usual: fairground, live stage, events arena, car boot, charity stalls, food and bar. This is at Popley



Field Community Centre and should be the great family day out it usually is. Now, I do have a bit of a moan this month. Its music, concert and festival season and I have been looking online at concerts and music festivals and I just wondered why we don't have more events like Basingstoke Live in Basingstoke?

I think its great to go out and listen to real, live music and we could get some well known artists that people have actually heard of. I would definately pay to see that!, I think plenty of others would too. I can't moan too much though, there is still lots to do, specially since the weather is good, In fact I may break out my swim suit and cool down in the Aquadrome swimming pool-actually maybe not-I'm cool already (get it? ha).

I hope everyone manages to get out in the sunshine while its out,

Till next issue,

Chloe.



Assisted by  Basingstoke and Deane

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**Recreational Dance Classes** term time on Wednesday and Thursday with **Amy Fowler, Rhythm Central** – all ages—for details call 07811299484 [www.rhythmcentraldance.com](http://www.rhythmcentraldance.com)

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**Birthday Parties** – need an idea – we have sports facilities plus a room available to have a bite to eat – **Call Now!**

**And don't forget.....**

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'We work to give disabled children a happy childhood'

Based within Pebbles Children's Centre in the beautiful grounds of Chineham Park Primary School, the Nursery provides a stimulating and fun environment for children to grow and learn. Educational grants are available term time only, for children from the first term following their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

Places are available 5 days a week all year round and the children have either a full-time or part-time place, depending on availability of places and the family's needs.

We are currently taking enquires and bookings  
For further information please contact 01256 462804

# NEWS FROM PEBBLES CHILDREN'S CENTRE



We have had a fantastic turn out for our Easter Holiday activities. Lots of fun was had by all the families and staff too!

The Easter Egg Hunt proved to be a huge success with one mum, Tracy Bebbington, a regular user of Pebbles Children's Centre, said "My son, Nick, really enjoyed the afternoon. He was so happy he found the chick and even happier with the chocolate egg he took home at the end!"



Jessie Green (pictured) at the Craft and Messy Play session at Popley Fields also had fun in the holidays getting creative and messy!

Pebbles Children's Centre run activities through every school holiday, as well as term time, so look out for the next holiday programme which will be available soon!

Contact the Centre on 01256 357028 to join in with any of our activities or Call in any time Monday – Friday 8am – 6pm and pick up a timetable so you and your child don't miss out on what's going on in your area. You can even drop in for a cuppa and let your child play with our toys for a change of scenery from home!

Need Counselling? A new service Pebbles Children's Centre offers, from a trained counsellor, is now available to parents / carers with children under 5 years. If you think you could benefit from this service please contact Pebbles on 01256 357 028. This service is highly confidential and no information will be shared with anyone but the counsellor, including your name.

If you are someone with spare time on your hands – children now at school or grown-up – Contact us to see what you can do to help out – VOLUNTEERS are needed in all that we do - so we can make everything even better!

## Concert to Raise Funds to help Riding for the Disabled

Enjoy an evening at Cheam School on Saturday 29th May with a concert of a varied range of music provided by the Beech Hill Band. Since the late 1990's professional, and semi-professional musicians have come together to play for pleasure and to raise money for local charities. Directed by Anthony Wythe ARCM the band has members from Reading, Basingstoke and surrounding area.

This is the third time that The Rotary Club of Basingstoke has organised this enjoyable event at such a great venue. Cheam School have very generously made the school theatre and access to the grounds available at no cost and the band does not charge fees so the profits will be donated to Riding for the Disabled, the charity selected by The Rotary Club of Basingstoke,

Once again we are delighted that Southern Bar Services has offered its services to provide and man the bar.

Tickets are available from Rotarian John Young. johnyoung@btinternet.com or 0118 9817270

The Rotary Club of Basingstoke runs several fundraising events each year including its Garden and Craft Festival at Milestones Museum field on April 25th, a Spring Charity Walk, Golf Days and a filmed horse race evening. Funds raised are donated to local charities (e.g. Young Carers, H& IOW Air Ambulance) or to overseas projects. This includes Shelter Boxes sent to Haiti and the final stages of Rotary's worldwide scheme to eradicate Polio worldwide.



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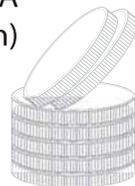
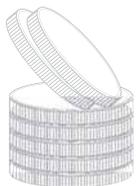
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# Cornerstone Nursery News

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### **Cornerstone Miss Muffets on Popley Way - 01256 840300**

Throughout April the children have been doing lots of fun activities in the garden with the arrival of more sunny weather!

In the garden we are watching our vegetables and herbs grow which we planted in March and creating some new and exciting areas for us to play outside.

We have a fancy dress day where all the children and staff will be raising money for the Brain Injury Charity.

### **Cornerstone Day Nursery, Priestley Road - 01256 818118**

We currently have an incubator at the nursery and we're hoping for baby chicks very soon! This has helped the children learn about new life and life cycles. The children will be naming the chicks and we hope they will grow in to healthy hens to live in a special enclosure in our ¼ acre garden.

Over Easter we had an Easter Bonnet Parade, a big Egg hunt, Easter card making and Easter cookery.

We are looking forward to another gardening day soon and the opening of a new room this month which will enable us to offer more funded spaces for 3 and 4 year olds.

### **Cornerstone Sunrise, Western Way - 01256 356166**

The children planted a daffodil bulb and decorated the pots. This was an activity to raise money for Marie Curie Cancer fund and then taken home by the children and we raised £170.29.

We dyed and decorated some hard boiled eggs trying out our creative skills over Easter and lots of fun was had by all!

### **Playdays Play Centre, Kingsland Business Park - 01256 346173**

We have had some new equipment at Playdays to improve our Toddler area.

We have updated the website which is now [www.playdays-basingstoke.co.uk](http://www.playdays-basingstoke.co.uk)

Look out for special offers, why not visit us over the half terms and school holidays or have your child's birthday party at Playdays?



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### Garden Appliances:

- ✓ When buying electrical garden (or DIY) tools, look for the kite mark.
- ✓ Check cables and flexes regularly for frays and kinks.
- ✓ Check plugs to make sure they are firmly wired and not damaged.
- ✓ Replace damaged flex or plugs.
- ✓ Use a residual current device (RCD) or power breaker on all appliances.
- ✓ Fully unwind extension leads before use.

### If you experience a power cut:

Keep a battery operated light or torch with fresh batteries in a place where you can reach it easily.  
Turn off your electrical appliances and lights, but leave one light switched on so you know when the power is back on.  
Remember that smoke alarm systems will probably not work unless they have a battery back-up.  
Food in the freezer should keep for about eight hours without power.

### *Useful contact points and further information:*

Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service homepage: [www.hantsfire.gov.uk](http://www.hantsfire.gov.uk)  
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## Flagship development launched in Popley Islands

Many of you will have noticed that demolition has started in Faroe Close and Maldive Road. Hughes Salvidge started by stripping out the insides of the blocks and full demolition began in April. They're aiming to demolish one block per week, and should be complete by mid June. We're thinking green and recycling 80% of all material. Wood, metal, plasterboard and masonry are all separated and all masonry will be crushed and used as hard core for the new foundations.

The actual development site combines land created from the demolition of the maisonettes in Faroe Close and Maldive Road, some open space between Ascension Close and Cayman Close and the area adjacent to Madeira Close shops and the Barbican Public House. The first new homes should be complete in January 2011 they'll be much more energy efficient, and the new road layout and footpaths will make it much easier to get about.

We'll keep you up to date with progress in future editions of Popley Matters and will be installing a notice board next to the shops in Madeira Close to help keep local residents informed.

# Sentinel



It has been a very busy start to the year. The Beavers have been very busy with a Christmas party in the new year and a trip to the Build a Bear Work Shop where they had the chance to make a mascot for the Beaver section! And have also been working on their personal safety badge.

The Cubs have been doing their Aviation Badge and learning all about aircrafts, different types and how they work, and we are in the process of planning some trips over the course of the year including a weekend camp to Burseldon near Southampton with the rest of the district and a trip to Longleat Park.

The Scouts have also been busy putting together a Lego animation using still frame photos for their Entertainment Badge. We will also soon be working on there Cyclist Badge and hopefully organizing some cycle rides around the Basingstoke area.

There are a range of badges in all sections that aim to offer young people in the Popley an adventure of a life time and help them develop as they grow. If you have a young person who is interested in becoming a member in any section or would like to help young people achieve their potential please contact Martin Lee (Scout Leader) on: 07854860895.



Boys & Girls 6-8  
Tuesday 5pm-6.15pm

Boys & Girls 8-10 ½  
6.30pm-8pm

Boys & Girls 10 ½ -15  
6.30-9pm

(All meetings held at St Gabriel Church Hall, Tewksbury Close during term times)

Dear Friends

Hope you all had a great Easter break and wasn't the weather absolutely splendid! Spring is at last sprung – though there is an old country saying “ne'er cast a clout til' May is out” but its wonderful to see the trees in bud and the daffodils and tulips flowering. It kind of stirs the senses to want to start doing things like spring cleaning, gardening or that DIY project that's been waiting since last year.

I have a problem with this! I have an intense dislike of gardening. I'm no Alan Titchmarsh and every time I try to follow his, and any other number of so-called gardening experts advice, somehow it never seems to look as good as theirs. Same with DIY! How come when I give a room a makeover it looks more like it's been turned over?

Having got that off my chest I have to say that even though I do intensely dislike doing these things it's a mistake to neglect them. We need to keep our gardens looking tidy otherwise they tend to take over and end up looking like a jungle and our homes need maintaining because they can become dangerous if neglected – things fall down on you, electricity and plumbing fail resulting in expensive repairs and a lot of fuss and bother. So it's in our own interest not to neglect these things!

It's the same with ourselves. We are created body, mind and spirit and what we find is lots of emphasis on maintaining the first two but little on the third! Did you know that in the last census 74% of Popley put down their religion as Christian! That's around 7000 of you! So let me ask you – when was the last time you gave yourself a spiritual health check, this is important! If we neglect our spirituality then it can have eternal consequences. Jesus speaks quite clearly on this matter when he says that one day we'll all be called to give an account of ourselves to God. While we may acknowledge that fact it does seem that it's something we don't like to think about!

As we get stuck into our gardens and our DIY projects this spring can I encourage you to make a worthwhile investment in your spiritual property and check this out. Our homes and gardens will be there long after we've gone and someone else will be tending them but we are solely responsible for maintaining our spiritual well being and there's only one shot at it!

With warm greetings in Christ

Arthur  
Your Vicar.



## Merton 40th Birthday Celebrations

Our 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday year is coming to an end so to finish off a good year of celebrations Merton Junior School is holding a May Fair on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. 11am – 1 pm.**

We would very much appreciate it if you would come along and support us. There will be a variety of stalls including our famous tombola stall, BBQ, raffle, art and crafts, plants, bric & brac plus lots more, including games for the children to enjoy and spectacular displays by the pupils from the gymnastic club and other school clubs.

In addition to our May Fair there will also be a car boot sale. Cars will be charged at £5 per pitch and vans will be £ 8 per pitch. There is plenty of parking on site.

All funds raised from our event will be going towards improving resources in school.

We look forward to welcoming you on the day.

During the spring term all the pupils (and staff!) took part in the Sports Relief Run a Mile Challenge. We had a whopping 52 mothers / grandmothers / aunties join us for a special Mothers day lunch. We also took part in World Maths Day, Inter School Quiz Championships, and a local Geography event. This is only a sample of what our busy school has done. We have also launched our new school website which features lots of school news, photos and some very educational games for children to play. [www.mertonjuniorschool.co.uk](http://www.mertonjuniorschool.co.uk).

We are looking forward to our “Africa Fortnight”, as part of this and in conjunction with our 40th birthday celebrations, the whole school will be travelling to the Lyceum Theatre in London to see “The Lion King”. What an exciting opportunity for our children!

If you would like any information about our school or about our forthcoming events please contact the office on 01256 326573 or through our website.

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### NHS Retirement Fellowship - Basingstoke Branch

We meet on the 3rd Monday each month from 2pm – 4pm at the Church Hall, St Bede's Church, Popley Way. Please come along and meet us, you will be assured of a warm welcome. If you would like further details please call Mr Michael Vickers on 01256 882453 or you can e-mail him on [michael.f.vickers@btinternet.com](mailto:michael.f.vickers@btinternet.com) We are hoping to see lots of new faces and greet some of our old workmates.



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Thursday evening - Ladies keep fit from 6.30-7.30pm.

Friday evening - Friday Club (children) 6.30pm - 7.30pm

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All sections have been extra busy this past month with the lighter evenings and the ability to get out of doors to explore Basing Woods. The Beavers had a super time at District Easter Fun Day at the Vyne Community School. They experimented with current and mini-volcano eruptions, found out how magnets work and tried their hand at making fridge magnets, Easter badges and cards. The Cubs have been working on Map Reader, Communication and Emergency Aid activity badges and several have fulfilled the requirements for both Artist and Entertainer. Several Cubs attended District Badge Day and achieved at least three badges as a result. Well done! Plans for a repeat visit to Paddicks Patch are under way and both Beaver and Cubs will join Hampshire Scout County's fun-packed safari day out at Longleat in June. (The lions and the monkeys are being warned of the prospect of some 4000+ young visitors that day!) The Scouts Held a late night hike finishing with a 'sleep over' in Base 2000 (they were threatened with an all-night run unless they settled down to sleep at one point - that seemed to do the trick!) Summer Camp will beheld at Buddens in Dorset.

The Group has been sad to see that yet another tree planted alongside the building has died. The council have agreed to remove the dead tree and will replace it at the end of the year.

Popley Festival looms at the end of May and the Group will run its customary BBQ and Burger stall to raise funds for summer camps, expeditions and equipment.

The Beaver Colony is very much in need of another leader so if you enjoy the company of lively 6-8 year olds and want to get more involved with Scouting in Popley please contact the Group Scout Leader for more information.

New members welcome in all sections. Come to Base 2000 at the appropriate time or give the Section Leader a ring. Scouting is open to both boys and girls within the age range regardless of race, religion or disability. Leaders adapt activities and programmes to cater for young people who are less able or have special needs. Base 2000 is fully accessible to the physically disabled. The first meeting is free but thereafter the subscription is £2 per week (can be paid termly by cheque if preferred). Gift Aid can be applied to subscriptions.

Base 2000 has two halls which can be hired for meetings and community group activities. Consideration is given to anyone wishing to set up a regular activity in either hall as well as 'one-off' bookings for children's parties and meetings. Hire charges range from £3.50 per hour for the smaller hall on weekdays to £10 per hour for large hall at weekends. Enquires to [bookings@base2000.co.uk](mailto:bookings@base2000.co.uk) or telephone Colin on 01256 410559.



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Boys and girls aged 8-10½  
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Boys and girls aged 10½-15  
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## Letting V's Selling

I am always asked my opinion on what is best at present considering the economical climate we have been at late.

There is no right or wrong answer but if you can let to buy right now you can get the best of both worlds you could find that dream property at a rock bottom price (well the best price we have seen for years) and hold onto your existing property for the right price in the meantime you could Let the existing property out until the right time giving you a rental income whilst you enjoy your new dream home!

Now there are some areas to always considering as above has made it all sound so..... easy!

- 1) You would need to speak to a IFA to check whether you would be approved for a Let to buy (BTL)mortgage (If a mortgage is needed)
- 2) Speak to your existing mortgage company (also leasehold if applicable) to see if there are any problems with you letting out existing property
- 3) Arrange for three local letting agents to give you a free valuation of your existing property
- 4) Arrange three local estate agents to value the existing home
- 5) If all the figures work out you are now ready to find your new home
- 6) Once you have found the new home and have exchanged I would then suggest for the chosen letting agent to put the property on market

### **Top Tips when using a letting agent**

- 1) Make sure the letting agent takes enough good quality pictures and good information of the property as prospective tenants are less likely to call them if they only have one front shot and one sentence.
- 2) Find out the Tenant Administration fees, if the agent tries to charge the tenants to high this can put prospective tenants off.
- 3) Opening hours
- 4) Where the agent advertises
- 5) An agent should be informative in regards to the list of requirements/regulations you will need to do before letting out your property

Always remember you must be sure you can afford the rental property if at any time it is empty.... if all above is a yes then you could be in a great position.

So my opinion is if you can hold on to your existing property and let it out whilst finding that bigger better home then go for it. If not then selling or staying is your only answer for now!

Any questions please email [Vicki@qpslettings.co.uk](mailto:Vicki@qpslettings.co.uk)

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# Beware bogus offers to get debt written off



Beware of being tempted by advertisements offering to wipe out all of your debts. A growing number of companies are making advertising claims which suggest they can successfully get your debts written off and win compensation by challenging credit card and loan companies over whether some credit agreements can legally be enforced.

Misleading claims wrongly suggest that the vast majority of credit agreements are unenforceable, that credit cards can be written off within a few weeks, that a positive outcome is guaranteed, and that the company can write off all outstanding debts, get all previous payments returned, and allow you to keep any goods purchased. Some advertising suggests wrongly that it costs nothing to make a claim.

A rash of such advertising has recently appeared in newspapers and on the internet.

The firms typically charge around £500 up front to check one credit agreement, with no guarantee that they will be able to make a successful challenge. Where people have several debts, the fees can quickly mount up to several thousands of pounds and people may then be sold a 'no win, no fee' agreement to take legal action that can cost them even more.

These ads appear to offer an easy way out to people who have credit debts they are struggling to pay. But many credit agreements do meet the legal requirements and therefore can't easily be challenged as unenforceable.

The CAB provides free, confidential, independent and expert advice that can help you handle your debts, and a CAB adviser can check for free if there may be genuine grounds for a challenge.

## Need Help

Basingstoke Citizens Advice Bureau in The Library, Town Centre can help you any queries you have on relationships, mortgage repayment issues, debt, benefits and employment problems. We operate a drop-in service 10-3.30 Monday to Friday (except Thursday which is 9.30-11.30) and Saturday mornings 10-12. Telephone 01256 322814. We won't be relocating from the library until July.

*The CAB outreach service in Popley operates on a Tuesday morning from 10-12.30pm at the Bermuda Practice, Shakespeare House Health Centre, Shakespeare Road, Popley*

Online help from Citizens Advice can be found at [www.adviceguide.org.uk](http://www.adviceguide.org.uk)



## The Dynamos! 2009/10 PHYL Champions

Congratulations to the U9's Dynamos who are the 2009/10 PHYL Navy League champions, The boys have worked hard all season putting in some great performances to win the clubs 2nd championship since we started 5 years ago. They won the league with a 4-0 win over the Berg. Kieran Carr scored an absolute screaming header from a corner delivered by Cole Oates. Well done Justin, Damien and the boys, excellent!

The U7's are going from strength to strength and are still unbeaten, The Knights played the Basingstoke Town Colts and won 9-0 with goals coming from Charlie, Ben, a great free kick from Ryan, and an unbelievable volley from Jakey, Lunnon, Robben eat your heart out!

The Tornados have finished 5th in the PHYL U11's Premier league, the boys have played some excellent football and I'd like to think that myself and Dave have brought a lot of the Whirlwind players on from last season to play the passing game, which our Tornados players were so good at. Jake Keywood, Jamie Bartlett, Josh Lunnon, Ryan Mckeaveney and Scott Forder have improved 10 fold and I'm looking forward to the next couple of seasons because we can only get better.

The U12's girls have had a great season, and have had some great wins, but the girls need to realise that they can't win em all!

Scorpions have also had a great season and Danny's mum should be proud of him, he's done a great job with them. I think the boys should get a couple of bottles of Champers and give Danny a good soaking, even though they haven't won the league. Compared to last season, it certainly feels like they won it. Great season boys, excellent!

I'd like to thank everybody for their support and commitment and I'm looking forward to the presentation now.

United always!

Lee

**Editors Note:- The Popley Matters team congratulate all the U9's Dynamos team on winning the 2009/10 PHYL. Well done.**



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## Funding to help residents to make a difference



Make a difference to your neighbourhood ? that's the message from Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council as it encourages residents to apply for funding to improve their local areas.

The council has a ?50,000 fund to help improve the quality of the local environment and residents are being asked to put forward their suggestions for areas in need of improvement.

Areas that could qualify will have nuisance issues affecting the quality of life of residents and will also need to improve the local environment. These improvements could include renewing paved areas, cutting back overgrown shrubs, new tree and shrub planting or other work to make the area look better.

The projects that can qualify for this funding must be small scale schemes typically costing from £5,000 to £10,000 each. Applications must be submitted by the end of May.

Tim Boschi, Head of Neighbourhood Development, said: "Already we have done some worthwhile projects in places such as Buckskin and South View and we are keen to do more through this improvement scheme."

"These initiatives may be small in cost but they can make a big difference to people's everyday lives by improving the appearance of areas and helping to remove nuisance problems such as inappropriate ball games."

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## wessex chiropractic For Pets

Although many humans are painfully aware of back pain, what about its impact on your pets? Chiropractic for animals is becoming popular in the UK.

Sally Mathews has recently moved to Popley and runs Wessex Chiropractic. A qualified chiropractor she has taken additional postgraduate training to apply her techniques to small and large animals. Degenerative arthritis affects animals and humans alike. So if chiropractic treatment can help resolve aches and pains in adults and children why not your much-loved pet?

One of her patients was an elderly golden retriever. Rufus was yelping in pain, panting and generally in much distress. He'd been given morphine by his vet and his owners were understandably very worried about him. A friend recommended they get in touch with Sally.

Sally treated him twice, after which he was able to reduce his medication and bounce about on walks just like he used to. Certain breeds of dogs are more prone to musculoskeletal complaints, such as hip dysplasia in German Shepherds and disc disease in Dachshunds. Working dogs can suffer injuries specific to their discipline, such as neck discomfort in obedience dogs or overuse injuries due to the high impact work of agility or flyball. Sally is also working with the Dog's Trust and has had some success treating dogs with behavioural changes – which frequently turn out to be due to pain.

If you'd like to have a chat about whether chiropractic could help your pet please give Sally a call on 01256 843195 or 07929 604161. You can also look at her website: [www.wessexchiropractic.co.uk](http://www.wessexchiropractic.co.uk)



**Cold Weather Planning.** The Parish Council's comments regarding winter resilience / difficulties encountered during the recent cold weather have been submitted to both HCC and BDBC. We have focussed on the unacceptable time it took to get snow ploughs on to the smaller roads in the Village. In the meantime, we have requested extra salt grit bins at targeted locations.

**Greening Campaign.** The launch of the Greening Campaign was held on the 27th April. Did you attend? – we hope so! If not, ask your friends and make sure you get up to speed with this exciting Village initiative, helping the environment and saving money.

**Bus Services.** The No.56 bus service has been terminated by Steventon Coaches. Hampshire CC is organising a car share / taxi service. More details to follow. The Parish Council has also asked whether the No.2 bus can divert through the Village once per hour – although this has not been agreed previously. Meanwhile a request from bus-users to drivers parking at the Village Hall - **Please don't park so you block access to the bus stop shelter.**

**Marnell Park / Merton Rise.** The Parish Council will ask Basingstoke & Deane to commence a consultation process to consider the future boundaries / composition of Sherborne St John (Civil) Parish. If Basingstoke & Deane agrees, the first indication for residents will be a questionnaire from BDBC – which you should complete and return. This is the same process we previously completed with Rooksdown.

**Allotments.** Rent for the forthcoming year will be unchanged – at £20 per annum for allotments with water supply, £12.50 per annum where there is no supply. This means an increase at Sunnyside where a supply has been installed.

**Damage Accidents.** There is an increasing frequency of minor accidents involving damage to road signs and street furniture. Normally, the drivers of the vehicles don't bother to report the damage / admit liability. This means that we have to pay for the repairs! If you see a damage incident please take down the registration number and pass it to the Clerk and/or our local Community police team led by WPC Miriam Edwards.

**Parish Council AGM. 7.30pm, 4th May 2010 at the Chute Pavilion. Election of Chairman and Officers for 2010/11, reports for 2009/10, Open Forum, Refreshments and then a short talk from the Hampshire Fire Service.**

**Your support is vital and we will be pleased to see you.**

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### **Popley Festival**

This is taking place on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at Carpenters Down Open space by the Community Centre 11.00am till 4.00pm. There will be a large car boot, fairground, various charity stalls, beer tent, BBQ's, Large stage and arena events

### **HFRS**

Anyone wishing to book stalls please call the centre on the telephone number below.

### **Youth club**

Monday evening 5.30pm to 7.00pm. Come along and have a fun evening with your friends. Any new members wishing to join please come along.

### **MAD Academy**

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

### **Silverwings Line Dancing**

Wednesday evenings 8.00 to 10.00pm this class is for all those people that can line dance. Come along and give it a try.

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

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

### **Dynamics:**

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

### **Knitability knitting club**

Are you a machine Knitter or would you like to learn (hand knitters also welcome) This group meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday each month 10.00am till 12.00pm For more information please contact the secretary on 01256 772083

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

Tel: 01256 414494 or email popleyfields@hotmail.com



## Phillips' Legal Corner



### **Question**

Is peace and goodwill possible for warring couples?

**Answer: Ann Corrigan, solicitor and mediator, explains how the mediation process can help bring peace and goodwill to the divorce table.**

'When couples divorce, agreeing the way forward is almost always going to be a difficult path to tread' says Ann Corrigan, solicitor and mediator. 'Whether there are arrangements to be made regarding the future of any children, or the division of property and financial assets to be agreed, divorce can be an expensive and often a confrontational business as each side 'fights' for what they believe is rightly theirs.'

But a process known as 'mediation' is available to husbands and wives and can bring a more dignified route to the end of their marriage and minimise the pain of family breakdown. It has enormous benefits in encouraging an ongoing relationship after the separation, essential if there are children, and finding a solution which works for each of them. Ann has no hesitation in encouraging couples to try it because it can help resolve family disputes without the expense of going to Court. Mediation is supported by Resolution and underpinning it is the belief in a constructive, non-confrontational approach to family law matters. Couples are encouraged by the qualified mediator to look at all the options, agree what is best for any children and end up with a fair agreement that can become legally binding.

Mediation is definitely not about who will come out best in a courtroom – on the contrary the process gives each party the opportunity to come to an agreement between themselves, with the help of their mediator, rather than having a 'Court imposed' order, creating the best chance of avoiding all that acrimony and helping to build a brighter future.

Ann Corrigan is a solicitor and mediator at Phillips Solicitors  
Call our mediation helpline on 01256 844355 or find out more at  
[www.phillips-law.co.uk](http://www.phillips-law.co.uk) and [www.towngatemediation.co.uk](http://www.towngatemediation.co.uk)



Dear residents, We hope you are well and are enjoying the nice weather we are receiving. Please take the time to read the reports below regarding the work your Safer Neighbourhoods team have done over the Easter period.

**Popley Safer Neighbourhoods Panel (PSNP) priorities update:**

The following issues were raised as core priorities for your area by the Popley Safer Neighbourhoods Panel (PSNP). We have included a brief update on the work we are currently doing with regards to these priorities.

**Potential ASB around the Faroe/Maldives re-development site:**

The Issue was raised as a PSNP core priority due to the concern members and residents had of potential Anti-Social behaviour around the new redevelopment area of Faroe Close/Maldives Road. The Popley Beat Team have increased our patrols in the area in order to prevent entry to the site. PCSO DANKS has liaised with the developers at the site and conducted local school assemblies in order to educate the children of the Dangers involved with playing on the building sites.

**Dog fouling in the Popley play parks:**

The issue of dog fouling was raised by residents at beat surgeries conducted throughout February as a potential PSNP priority. In March the issue was voted a priority by PSNP panel members. The Popley Beat Team will soon be distributing dog waste "Scoop-a-boxes" which is a device enabling you to carry a small packet which folds out in to a scooping dog waste box. These items will be placed inside the local community centres of Popley and available at beat surgeries. These items will be free to residents.

**ASB Mallory Close / Bourdillon Gardens / Edmund Court:**

The issue of anti-social behaviour at the above locations was raised by residents and panel members after the increase of calls received by residents regarding this. The Popley Beat Team have increased our patrols of the area and identified several suspects who have been causing this disruptive behaviour. These suspects are currently being dealt with in order that the issues of ASB do not re-occur. The Popley Beat Team and are partner agencies are continuing to liaise with residents regarding these issues.

**Other news:**

Dog issues have featured high on the teams agenda in recent times. Many dogs are used as status symbols and can appear intimidating to members of the public. The Popley SNT are currently investigating a savage dog-on-dog attack in Popley West.

As the weather improves we are getting more reports of motorbikes in Carpenters Down Woods. If you are witness to this please can you note as much detail as possible to enable the Beat Team to identify the riders.

On 13th April 2010 a 13 year old female was walking home from Oakridge, Basingstoke. When she was near to Marnel School on Shetland Road, Popley a male approached her in a vehicle. The male stated to the teenager "DO YOU WANT A LIFT LOVE?". The teenager said nothing in reply and kept walking. The male never followed her. The male was described as mixed race and aged approx 45 years old. The male had a foreign sounding voice and looked tall and stocky. The male drove a modern looking dark green people carrier. The car was possibly a Vauxhall Zafira. The Popley Beat Team are dedicated to ensuring the safety of the community and would like to speak to the male to ascertain his motives.

On 20th April 2010 the Popley Safer Neighbourhoods Team attended the "Popley Islands Regeneration Project-official start on site demolition event" The Popley SNT will continue to monitor the site to ensure public safety as the work continues.

PC 20686 CARTER - PCSO 13284 RAPLEY - PCSO 14587 DANKS

Popley Safer Neighbourhoods Team, <http://www.hampshire.police.uk/Internet/localpolicing/northeast/basingstoke/town/Popley.htm>

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built on strong foundations



## Going For Gold – London 2012 – Help a Local Sports Person

Ben Hazell works part time at the Everest Community College as a fitness instructor and is an International UK Senior Decathlete. He graduated at Brunel University reading Sports Science and Business Studies in 2007.

He is currently ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in the UK senior rankings and 60<sup>th</sup> in the World. The Decathlon is a respected Olympic discipline, over a two-day period, consisting of 10 track and field events. Daley Thompson was the first athlete to raise the event's profile in the UK and this has been followed more recently by Dean Macey who achieved 1st place in the 2006 Commonwealth Games. He plans to follow in their footsteps by becoming a successful senior decathlete. In July 2004 & 2008 he gained 2nd place in the A.A.A. National Decathlon Championships and won the event in 2005 & 2007. As he is currently ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in the UK it allows him to compete on a regular basis both domestically and internationally. During the last five years he has improved year on year and now attends international invitation competitions. His short-term targets, for the next couple of years are,

- Qualification for the Senior Europa Cup League Team
- Selection for the European Championships 2010
- Selection for the Commonwealth Games 2010
- Maintain number one ranking decathlete in the UK.

His long-term targets, for the next five years are,

- Become an established athlete in the World rankings
- Qualify for the:
  - 2012 London Olympic Games
  - 2014 Commonwealth Games

The amount of training that is involved requires a significant amount of training kit such as shoes and clothing and there is also a considerable amount spent on travel to and from training and competition venues. Added to this is the need to spend more time with his mental strength coach and to be able to both train and rest in equal portions. Ben does not receive any form of financial support, which means he has to sacrifice his training time to work in order to pay for his living and training costs. Any help would be a huge benefit in helping him get to both the Commonwealth Games and the London 2012 Olympics. He is more than happy to discuss any potential partnerships that might be forged. To contact Ben Tel: 01256 704427 Email: b\_hazell@hotmail.com



## Personal Training

### At Everest Health & Leisure Club

Based at Everest Health & Leisure Club instructor Kayley Easterbrook is now able to offer one to one personal training sessions to non members. Kayley is a fully licensed and insured Level 3 Personal Trainer. She also holds an HND in Sport & Exercise Sciences awarded by University Of Winchester. Her services typically include: Lifestyle Consultation, 1-2-1 Guided Training Sessions, Nutrition and Injury Advice and Regular BMI, Muscle Mass and Hydration Analysis her regimes are varied, challenging and will provide you with long lasting and sustainable results.

Kayley says “I have a great passion for my work and I will provide you with the motivation and support that will help you aspire to your individual exercise goals quickly and effectively. I will utilise a wide range of training techniques to find the best culmination for your success”

If you are looking to lose weight, add definition or are aiming to aspire to your sporting goals get in touch with Kayley today. Email: k.easterbrookpt@live.co.uk Tel: 07765251197.

### Get your entry for the Basingstoke Rotary charity walk

The Rotary Club of Basingstoke yearly Charity Walk on 9th May 2010 is in aid of Naomi House and Rotary charity funds.

Starting from 9.00am the event is designed to appeal to both regular walkers and those who would like the chance to ramble over the beautiful north Hampshire Downs above Kingsclere without having to find and navigate a route themselves. Choose one of three circular walks ranging between 4 and about 9 miles

Please register for the walk at: [www.basingstokerotarywalk.org](http://www.basingstokerotarywalk.org) or by calling Rotarian Mark Flower on 01256 880798. There is a small entry fee of £6 or £3 for children that cover cost of the BBQ afterwards.

This event has raised over £100,000 in the last decade for a number of projects including: St Michael's Hospice, The Ark, Naomi House Hospice for Children, Odiham Cottage Hospital, Young Carers, Wessex Cancer Research and others.