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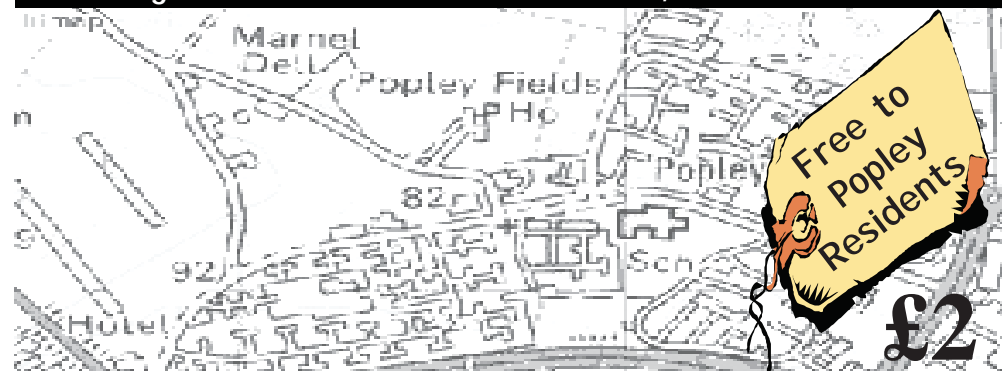
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Editor
Jane Frankum

Message from the Editor:- I hope August is a sunny and happy month for all of us. It can be helped if residents remember that not all people have the same tastes in music and when it is blaring out, it can cause problems.

If we do have more of the really hot weather (though it did rain on St Swithin's Day) please remember to put on sun screen, especially for our little ones. I can remember seeing some children with nasty sun burn when I worked at the hospital. Also as advised by the Fire Service on page 8 be careful near water.

We got a lovely letter from Dave Phillips who was the Boys Brigade Captain for more years than I care to remember. If you do come back to Popley you know you will be welcomed. The photo was indeed Dave Emmet who worked alongside Dave Phillips in the Boys Brigade. Dave Emmet was the Popley Beat

Officer when we had just one to cover all of Popley. We have grown in the amount of residents and in the policing too!

On page 11 you will find details of freegle and cheapcycle. This is a locally run site to help to recycle or sell very cheaply items we no longer need. It will help the environment as many items are either unused or put in landfill.

Beckie is our new youth writer and we say welcome to her first article on page 36. If there are subjects you would like Beckie to write about or you feel you would like to write in, the details are below.

Last but by no means least, a big thank you to the wonderful people who have come forward to help with deliveries. Thank you to the amazing gentleman who offered to help with the bookkeeping, but as he soon found out it goes a bit further than just book keeping and can take up a few more hours than he expected. It was great to meet him anyway. We are always looking for volunteers and people to contribute to the magazine Details to contact us as below.

If you want to either write an article, advertise or want to be a volunteer for Popley Matters contact us Jane Frankum on 819924 or Iris King 411113 via email editor@popleymatters.org.uk or write to Popley Matters Group PO Box 6727 Basingstoke RG24 9GG.



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Beckie's Column

Hi, my name is Beckie. I've taken on this column now, so nice to meet you all!! I've taken over from Chloe, who did a great job, and I hope to do just as well. I am fourteen and will be starting my fourth year of Everest in September (Year 10). I thought I would start with a recap on what Chloe mentioned last time in her column: Tech Week at Everest. I was part of it and it was probably one of the best weeks of school ever. I spent the whole week making a film about what everyone thought about Tech Week (except for Tuesday when we got to go to Thorpe Park!! I refused to go into the Saw Maze: way too scary!!!). Instead I watched and got to see what everyone was doing. I watched as some students built a greenhouse out of bottles. I looked at the edited photographs in photography and laughed a lot when we re-watched our outtakes!! All in all, and I think everyone will agree, it was a really fun week for us all.

Well, back to the future now. It's almost the holidays and here are some things that are going on over the holidays:

Everest Community College is doing the Get With courses again. They have everything from cooking to caving to babysitting. I'm down for the caving course. It sounds like so much fun. Most people have booked in already. But if you ask at Community (at the end of the Everest school) they might have some places left in some courses.

Queen Mary's College are doing some taster sessions for sports; there is volleyball, basketball, something called sporting stars (I have no idea what that is, but it sounds fun!!) swimming, football...hey the list goes on and on... That is from 10am to 4pm on Saturday 24th July.

Oh and we can't forget Balloons Over Basingstoke! I love Balloons Over Basingstoke. It's all about family and friends, activity stalls and, of course, hot air balloons!! This year it is on from 6th to 8th August and they are setting off the balloons with lights and sounds!

These are only three of the things going on in Basingstoke. For more visit the Basingstoke and Deane website. They have a section on leisure and tourism that can give you some ideas.

Well, I hope you like my first column; it's such a pleasure being able to do this.

Until next column, bye,
Beckie.



Meet the manager.....

Hello, my name is Dean Ridgers and I have recently taken up the position of Health and Fitness Manager at Everest Health and Leisure Club.

I am very excited about taking on this role and helping Everest fulfill its massive potential and move the Club forward in its development.

I want to provide a unique service to the community, incorporating a wide range of activities targeted at all ages and abilities to ensure that everyone is able to feel that Everest has facilities for them.

Since leaving John Hunt of Everest School in 2003, my higher education pathways have all been geared towards Health and Fitness, including four years at BCOT where I gained various diplomas in sport.

I began my career working in the fitness industry in 2007 as a Gym Instructor, and feel I have gained the necessary experience that has enabled me to progress my career in the right direction.

I am currently in the process of completing my Personal Training Qualification, which will enable me to work with all types of clients.

In my spare time I enjoy taking part in all types of sport, but running and football are my true passions. I am currently training for two half marathons, which are taking place in August and September and I am very much looking forward to these.

In this exciting time for Everest make sure you look out for a new class timetable in September and also various new club ideas which are currently in the process of being actioned.

Please feel free to contact me for further information or even a tour of Everest Health and Leisure Club using the contact details below and I look forward to meeting you soon!

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SAMARITANS

In October 2009 the Samaritans of Basingstoke launched a new and exciting fundraising initiative, the **Samaritans Preloved Bazaar**: our very own virtual charity emporium on **eBay**. This is a project inspired by the Mary Portas BBC series and embraces the **Donate Don't Dump** ethos. You can visit the shop at: <http://stores.shop.ebay.co.uk/samaritansprelovedbazaar> or find us on Facebook and Twitter. If you would like to donate items to the shop please let us know by calling: **07787 982720** or email: eloiseweston@sky.com and we will arrange collection.

On **Saturday 11th September** the Samaritans Preloved Bazaar will be hosting a **Table Top Sale** at the **Popley Fields Community Centre**. Tables are available to book now so contact us on the phone number or email address above. **You pay a fee of £5 for your table and whatever you make is yours!**

On the day we will be offering refreshments including delicious homemade cakes, face painting, helium balloons, stalls and much more. So please do come along to enjoy the day with us!

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You can phone us: 08457 90 90 90 email us: jo@samaritans.org and write to us: Chris, PO Box 9090, Stirling, FK8 2SA.

Samaritans of Basingstoke received over 12,500 calls for help in 2009. We carefully select and train our volunteers to ensure that these calls can be answered. We are currently recruiting new volunteers and there are many ways in which **you** could get involved. Roles range from being trained to listen with callers to fundraising and administration. The training we offer is comprehensive and the ongoing support from the branch has been described as "second to none". We look to recruit volunteers from **all** areas of the community, the only stipulation is that you must be over 18. If you would like to find out more about volunteering with us, give us a call on: 07787 982720 or email: sandrayo@ymail.com Also see our website for more details on volunteering opportunities: www.samaritans.org

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This is an update on the two remaining shows for this year.

The Flanders and Swann evening with Gordon Peters and David Carter will take place as planned on 11 September at Queen Mary’s College in the main hall at 7 for 7.30pm. Gordon and David have been recreating the music and humour of Flanders and Swann around the country for some time receiving enthusiastic reviews.

The hall will most likely be laid out intimately with tables for this event.

There will be a change from the originally announced Band Concert on 21 November. For this year at least, the financial situation of which we are all aware has denied us the services of The Army Medical Services Band. We have, however, been fortunate to engage in their place the excellent Band of The Hampshire Constabulary under their Conductor Major J Burcham of The Royal Marines.

The Band of The Hampshire Constabulary has a membership of some sixty members and plays over 30 engagements per year to the benefit of many charities and organisations. Appearances in the north of the county are quite rare.

For The Lions Concert the Conductor of the Army Medical Services Band, Warrant Officer 1 Robert Ghigi will be playing clarinet and we will again have the superb vocalist Theresa Lunn. There will be a rousing Last Night of The Proms finale.

Tickets for the shows are now available from Maurice Hockley on 01256 421867 Email mauricehockley@hotmail.com or from John Lincoln on 01256 325280 or at Toucan Travel at Chineham.

Flanders and Swann is priced at £10, the Band Show at £12. If you wish to attend both shows you can come for £19 .

Maurice Hockley

(Event Organiser)



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Greetings From Morecombe

I was really pleased to receive a copy of Popley Matters issue 100 and the phone calls from Popley residents about it. Although I received a few mentions it was always the whole team of Popley Boys Brigade, officers, boys, parents and friends who deserved the praise.

Yes the red hot day of Popley Festival when the ice creams sold was probably a world record! The Chinook arriving over Popley Poets at 7am!; Walls Funfair and Doris Wall with the candy floss. The car that caught fire in the car park- handy that we had the Fire Brigade on site.;car booters arriving at 7-30 am "Because we couldn't get in last year when we arrived at 10am. So many memories that I will never forget.

The picture was of PC Dave Emmett "PC Popley" and he was also a Boys Brigade Senior Officer. The photo was used a number of times by the local paper will when he was on ITV with Sir Harry Secombe (A National Boys Brigade life Vice President). It was used again when Dave was awarded the MBE for community policing in Popley.

Both Dave E and I were also on "Songs of Praise" in 1983 with the boys from Popley Boys Brigade doing a canoe sequence for the BBC programme.

Although I moved away eight years ago I have kept in touch with what has been going on in Popley. I started my own business and called it Popley Paraphernalia, so shop fronts, vans etc all mention Popley every day up here.

I am growing older and having reached the magic sixty five I have decided to retire and move back down south, so you may see me back in Popley! *Dave Phillips*

The Enham Trust

The Enham Trust is based in Enham Alamein on the outskirts of Andover and was once a hospital for injured WWII soldiers. Now it has evolved and helps people with disabilities to play a full part in society. It works in a number of ways and has a rehabilitation village, market garden, a packing factory that competes on a commercial basis for packing jobs, and various vocational training schemes. Most impressive is its mentoring programme for people with disabilities who want to set up their own business, which has a very high success rate. Indeed its work is so successful that it has been approached by a local council to work with young people whose families have been out of work for two or more generations.

A link to their website follows, and their fund-raiser Liz Cosgrove would be delighted to speak to you, <http://www.enham.org.uk>

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Visitor entry: adults £5; accompanied children free; car exhibitors £5; and bike exhibitors £3.

See www.monarchevents.co.uk for more information and advance bookings. All proceeds to disability charity Enham Trust.

Basingstoke Care Association for the Blind.

I would like to introduce to you Basingstoke Care Association for the Blind.

BCAB is a brand new organisation that has been set up and designed for the blind and visually impaired community of Basingstoke and surrounding areas.

BCAB is run by myself, David Chatten-Smith, a local blind person within Basingstoke, and is looking for new members that wish to join BCAB and start to make a difference to others lives.

I am currently in the process in recruiting new members that would like to join me and make BCAB a fun, enjoyable, and informative organisation for not only BCAB members, but to others that we have not reached yet.

Our new website is packed with lots of information, links and more. To complement our site we also plan to start up:

Monthly meetings/coffee morning?,

Lunch/dinner trips, days out,

Annual Yearly open day, and much more.

If you would like to join us, then please visit: www.bcab.me.uk and fill in your details, or if you prefer, call me on: 01256 419460 for a chat.

Linguatastic

Children attending Linguatastic's morning and after-school foreign language sessions have had a busy year. Topics at our playgroup sessions have included seasons, shapes and numbers. Topics at our after-school sessions have included transport, giving directions and going shopping. Linguatastic would like to wish those children moving up to their new 'big' school a good start and great success in their continued learning life. We are very much looking forward to most of them joining us in the after school sessions. We also wish to thank all parents for their support throughout the year, be it through enforcing their child's learning at home, providing an extra pair of hands in sessions or through fundraising.

For those of you who are not already involved with Linguatastic, but would like to find out more, please visit: www.linguatastic.com, e-mail info@linguatastic.com or telephone 01256 811100. Linguatastic is now offering French, German, Spanish and Italian sessions packed with craft, play, songs and more to foster learning and inter-cultural understanding in a fun way.

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The Café offers optional 'Tea & Company' to people coming along on their own and information on Age Concern's local services is always available. There are also fortnightly Information and Advice clinics, monthly Hearing Aid maintenance clinics and occasional Police beat surgeries.

We hope you will use the voucher below to enjoy a free tea or coffee during August or September and look forward to welcoming you to the Café soon.

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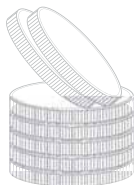
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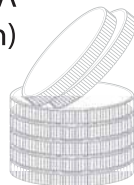
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From: Shopmobility Basingstoke

Event: Charity Firewalk

Contact: Anne Blackmore 01256 350142

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Basingstoke's First Ever Firewalk

Instead of walking 26 or 11 miles for charity why not take part in what is possibly, one of the shortest, and certainly the hottest sponsored walks around, and walk just **5 metres over hot coals!**

Shopmobility Basingstoke has teamed up with Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance to hold Basingstoke's **first ever official Firewalk** to raise funds to support two Hampshire charities.

The search is now on for 30 daring volunteers to take part in a walk of a life time. Participants of other firewalks claim that walking on fire has increased their confidence and self esteem. After all, if you can walk on fire what else can you do?

After 2 hours of motivational training (with no elements of hypnosis) from the UK's leading firewalk experts 'Blaze', volunteers will walk across 5 metres of hot coals. Trainers will be with walkers from start to finish making sure that the experience is fun, safe and enjoyable as well as daring, exciting and memorable.

Not for the feint hearted agreed, but what a fantastic challenge and no crazier than jumping from a 200 foot high crane attached to a piece of elastic or jumping out of a perfectly serviceable aeroplane with only a flimsy parachute to save you!

The Firewalk is being held on Friday 8th October by kind permission of Basingstoke Rugby Club.

For more information or to register please contact Anne Blackmore at Shopmobility on 01256 350142 email anne@shopmobilitybasingstoke.org or June Leatheam at Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance on 07966017236 email june@hiow-airambulance.org.uk.

Please note that entries must be made in advance and no entries will be taken on the night.

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HART Wildlife Rescue

opens new hospital

A NEW wildlife hospital is ready for admissions at Soldridge Business Park, Medstead, near Alton, and the gates of HART Wildlife Rescue at Overton are now permanently closed.

All the charity's operations will now be run from the new unit following the successful move of six adult and six baby hedgehogs, and 14 birds. These included a couple of very tiny swifts, several baby blackbirds of various sizes and a jay. They all now stand a very good chance of survival.

HART's original premises at Dellands is now permanently closed and June and Bob Gibbs can look forward to having their house and garden to themselves after devoting more than 14 years to caring for wildlife. In the past their home has been shared with thousands of wild animals and birds, several staff, and a stream a willing volunteers.

"On the first day after the move we just kept looking at each other, expecting someone to say something," said June. "We had closed the gates and put up a notice to say the hospital had moved and, surprisingly, no-one came.

"It felt very odd after nearly 15 years of dreaming about it and I don't think I will be able to just drop it."

There's not really any chance of that – both June and Bob will always continue to love and care about wildlife, and their expertise will always be valued by the team at the new hospital.

There will be a bit of to-ing and fro-ing for a few months at least as not all the creatures at Dellands at the time of the move could be transferred. Several ducks and a goose will continue to be cared for by June until they are fit for release. Gladys, the partially blind Mallard duck who has fostered countless ducklings over the years, will become a permanent resident.

There is not yet a pond at Medstead and the outside pens and aviaries have still to be constructed. This phase of the project, and an educational facility, will be completed as soon as possible and funds allow.

A substantial donation from the Persula Foundation, which has supported the charity several times over the years, made it possible to buy purpose-built isolation units, an examination table, light and a drugs trolley, and to make a deposit on the new leased ambulance.

The empty shell of the business unit at Soldridge Park has been cleverly converted into a series of small rooms leading from a reception area where the public will be able to bring future patients. In addition to this there are two recovery rooms, the isolation unit, a treatment room, a staff room, toilet and shower, and a separate utility room.

"Moving was hard work and it will take a little while before we are fully operational," said hospital manager Charmian Greenland-Jones. "But it is great to be here and a relief that everyone survived the journey.

"As always we are very grateful to our brilliant volunteers who helped with the move," she added. "They were a great help and I doubt that we could have managed without them."

Donations to help with the running costs of the new hospital would be very welcome and can be made through the website www.hartwildlife.org.uk or directly at the hospital. Support would also be welcome at the charity shops in Alton and Andover, and volunteers are always needed.

Members of the public are kindly requested not to leave injured, orphaned or abandoned wildlife outside the door at Dellands. Please call the new hospital for advice on 01420 562335.



Dear Friends

What an amazing time we've had this past week celebrating the 30th Anniversary of St Gabriel's in Popley. The week kicked off with a Festival Fair in the grounds followed by a celebration service on the Wednesday evening (14th July, being the actual date of the anniversary). We had a real treat on Thursday evening as Watership Cantible, a choir from Newbury, entertained us with a programme of songs and readings for the four seasons of the year. The celebrations will culminate in another celebration service on Sunday morning followed by a shared lunch in the hall.

Anniversaries are important occasions as they give opportunity to reflect and give thanks for the past as well as reconciling any hurts; it is also an opportunity to give thanks for the present and all its many blessings and lastly to look to the future and what may lie in store.

St Gabriel's has much to give thanks for: the vision and insight of those who established St Gabriel's as a congregation in Popley back in 1967 in caravan in Dryden Close with the Revd. Robert Clarke. As the church grew it moved to share with St Bede's under Revd Robin Mirch and then came Bill Ind and the present building. Bill was followed by Revd Peter Furber who oversaw the extension of the building and the addition of the tower and after Peter, Revd Jane Vaughan-Wilson.

All these ministers and their congregations were part of paving the way for St Gabriel's today. I believe that the Parish Church still has a vital role to play in the community, not least for its buildings and facilities but more to stand as a testament to the love of a living God for all His people.

For the future? By the time you read this article we hope to have appointed our Youth and Community Worker and that they will be preparing to move and settle in Popley. When you meet them, I hope you'll receive them as warmly as you received Marilyn and myself when we moved here six years ago. We too are looking forward to the future with great anticipation.

This is what the Lord says: "For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you ..." (Jeremiah 29:11f). How very true are these words!

As a church we continue to grow and it's good to welcome the young families that have joined us. If you find Sunday morning retail therapy isn't working but adding to the stress, why don't you try joining us for our service at 10.30 am. It's free and you may experience a saving! Look forward to meeting you.

Yours in Christ
Arthur.



Water Safety.

Young people who drown are often victims of their own misjudgement of their swimming ability. They may view a river or a lake as a tempting means of cooling off in a hot spell, but fail to appreciate the harmful effects that the cold water can have on stamina and strength.

- ✦ Drowning is the third most common cause of accidental death among the under 16s.
- ✦ Spot the dangers water may look safe, but it can still be dangerous. You may swim well in a warm indoor pool, but that does not mean that you will be able to swim in cold water outdoors!
- ✦ Always take extra care around the water's edge, cliff faces and open mudflats.
- ✦ Take safety advice: always follow the flags on beaches and notices that may warn you of danger.
- ✦ Don't go alone: children should always be accompanied by an adult.
- ✦ Always tell someone where you are going and when you expect to be back.
- ✦ Learn how to help: you may be able to help yourself and others if you know what to do in an emergency.
- ✦ If you see someone in difficulty tell a Lifeguard or go to the nearest telephone, dial 999 and ask for the Police or the Coastguard.

Useful contact points and further information:

Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service: www.hantsfire.gov.uk

Community Fire Safety Department: 023 8062 6809

Email: community.firesafety@hantsfire.gov.uk



Name Change for Chineham Park School?

It has been suggested that the Chineham Park School site on Shakespeare Road is renamed for the time being, as it is most likely that it will need to revert back to a school when all the new housing is completed. On the site till then will be the Childrens Centre Pebbles run by Hampshire County Council; the independent nursery Kids; and the charity Peace of Mind Care who will be managing the old school site. There will be the opportunity to hire out some of the facilities to other users and groups, at what is promised to be competitive rates.

The users of the site would like you to have your say and come up with suggestions of a suitable name. After all, Pebbles came out of a suggestion from the residents.

The main users will get together and choose the winning name. Please send your replies to the Editor by 15th August so that the final choice selected can be published in the September issue of Popley Matters.

Contact editor@popleymatters.gov.uk or phone your suggestions to Jane Frankum 819924, Janice of Pebbles 357028 or Michaela of Peace of Mind Care 01189812823

In the next issue, Michaela will be writing an article on Peace of Mind Care.

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What a busy life being a Scout is! One day on safari at Longleat Park with the biggest Beaver 'Tail Slap' and Cub Scout 'Grand Howl' ever, and then a western style 'sleepover' under the watchful eye of Sheriff Otter and her posse for a few of the older Beaver Scouts due to move on to the Cub section in the autumn. For some it was the first experience of being away from home and 'camping' indoors. The end of the summer session of activities is almost upon us and to close the session all sections of the Group will go bowling. Lastly the Scouts will join with other Scouts from across Basingstoke East District for 'Goose' at Buddens Camp site in Dorset. Weekly meetings will restart week commencing 6th September. New recruits welcome.

The Group AGM in July, was attended by the District Commissioner, Andy Cullen who presented Chief Scouts Silver Award to Cameron, Aimee, Ryan and Andrew.



Well done to the four of you for achieving the highest award in the Cub Scout section. Akela (Elaine Devenport) also received her 30 year service award that evening and the Cub section



gave a short presentation on her life in Scouting since she first offered to help. A new committee was appointed for the coming year under the chairmanship of Chris Oatham.

Base 2000 will be closed for one week during the summer to enable annual maintenance and redecoration. Enquires to use the facility should be made to bookings@base2000.co.uk or telephone Colin on 01256 410559. One-off occasions, children's parties, meetings are welcome - consideration will be given to anyone wishing to hold a regular activity in one or other of the halls. Hire charges range from £3.50 per hour for the smaller hall on weekdays to £10/12 per hour for large hall at weekends.



Boy and girls 5½ to 8 years
Meetings: Tuesday 5:30-6:45pm
Eve Alexander 07790 018 171

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Boys and girls aged 8-10½
Tuesday 6:30-8:15pm
Elaine Devenport 323453



Boys and girls aged 10½-15
Monday 7-9pm
Andy Welham-Jones 410629

Budget June 2010

The Chancellor George Osborne has given details of the new budget. The budget gives information about how the government plans to raise and spend money in the next year.

The government's plans will mean changes for most people. Here are some important points from the budget:

Benefits and tax credits

- Child Benefit will be frozen for three years. This means that if you get Child Benefit, the amount will stay the same for the next three years – it won't go up. This will start from April 2011
- the child element of Child Tax Credit will go up by £150 above indexation. This will happen from April 2011. Indexation is a way of measuring the cost of living
- the baby element of child tax credit will be stopped. This will happen from April 2011
- families earning more than £40,000 won't get Child Tax Credit from April 2011
- the Health in Pregnancy grant will be stopped. This will happen from April 2011
- you will only be able to get a Sure Start Maternity Grant for your first child
- single parents will have to look for work when their youngest child goes to school
- people claiming Disability Living Allowance will have to have a medical assessment. This will be for people making new claims and people with existing claims. It will happen from 2013
- there will be changes to Housing Benefit. For example, these will include a limit of £280 a week for a one bedroom house or flat, and £400 a week for a four bedroom house
- the basic state pension will have a 'triple guarantee' on how much it goes up. This will happen from April 2011. This means that how much the state pension goes up will be decided by either earnings, prices or 2.5% - whichever is highest
- from April 2011 the government will use the Consumer Price Index (CPI) rather than the Retail Price Index (RPI) to decide how much benefits will go up. The CPI and the RPI are used to work out how much prices go up each year. The CPI is usually lower than the RPI.

Taxes

- Value Added Tax (VAT) will go up from 17.5% to 20%. This will happen from 4 January 2011. VAT is charged on most goods and services sold in the UK, but not on things like food, books and children's clothes
- income tax allowance will go up £1,000 for people under 65. This means that you will be able to have an income of £7,475 before you start paying tax on it. This will happen in April 2011
- there will be no rise in tax on alcohol, tobacco or fuel
- Capital Gains Tax will go up to 28% for higher rate tax payers. This will happen from midnight on 23 June 2010. Capital Gains Tax is tax that you pay when you sell or give away an asset that has gone up in value – you pay tax on the amount that you gain
- there will be a charge on UK banks and the UK operations of foreign banks. This will happen from January 2011.

Pay

- there will be a two year pay freeze for people working in the public sector who earn more than £21,000. People working in the public sector who earn less than £21,000 will get a flat £250 pay rise for each of those two years.

You can find more details about the budget on the Directgov website at: www.direct.gov.uk

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) and Saturday mornings 10am-12pm. Telephone 01256 322814. We will be relocating temporarily in the summer due to the library refurbishment.

CAB Outreach Popley – Tuesday morning 10am-12.30pm at the Bermuda Practice, Shakespeare House Health Centre, Shakespeare Road, Popley

CAB Outreach Buckskin – Thursday morning 9am-1pm at The Ridgeway Centre, off Buckskin Lane

CAB Outreach South Ham – Wednesday morning 9am-1pm at Westside Community Centre, Paddock Road

Online help from Citizens Advice can be found at www.adviceguide.org.uk

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The meeting opened with a presentation on **the new plan for the remaining land at Merton Rise** by the Hampshire County Council (HCC) design team. Of the original 950 properties only 166 have been built and no building work has taken place to the south and west of the Everest Community College. This is because all the appointed developers withdrew their plans between 2007 and 2009 as the recession hit the building industry. With the pressures on County Council funding HCC are keen to sell this land and restart development. This is the background to the revised plan.

The new proposals have dropped the requirement for a small business/commercial area and the retail and community area will now be limited to 8-10 shops. There will be the same number of houses as originally planned with the released land being reallocated to residential development to increase the average space per property. The ratio of affordable housing will increase from 26.2% to 40%. The planned development will re-commence in 2012 and will be completed by 2016/17.

There were many questions and concerns expressed from attending parishioners. Many did not like the contemporary design and implementation of the existing timber clad buildings and wanted reassurance regarding future developments. Others were concerned that the pressure on HCC to complete the project would reduce the control over developers and lead to cutting corners and poor quality homes. Others wanted more space, more parking and an increase in the proportion of larger properties and some bungalows. The development team gave some reassurance on these matters but clearly there is a dilemma between incentivising developers to complete the build whilst restricting their freedom of design and implementation.

Reassurance was given that there was no intention to expand this development towards the village. There is also a plan to link a footpath at Sherborne Road to a tree lined path running southbound through the development.

For further information on these plans please see www.hants.gov.uk/estates.

Turning to **projects in the parish** the second Speed Indicator Device is being purchased allowing the first SID to remain on the A340. We have been notified that planning permission for the lychgate at the cemetery has been approved. The PC is disappointed to learn that the LEADER funding grant towards our teenage 'play' area at the Chute will be only 25%. This is considerably less than expected and the PC will need to identify further funds before commencing work. At the meeting we agreed a limited budget of £250 for the refurbishment of each adopted red telephone box in the village. And at last, HCC are proposing high visibility signs, reducing vegetation, verge markers and resurfacing work to improve the safety of traffic at Elm Bottom.

Finally we are sorry to report that after 5 years Becky Jones will be leaving the parish council at the July meeting. We would like to thank her for her enthusiastic efforts in defending the way of life of the village and for her contribution and support on the planning sub-committee.

Over 55s Forum

Our next Open Forum meeting will be on Wednesday 11th August 2010, 10.00am to 1pm The October Open Forum meeting will be held 13th October and the December meeting on 8th December. All will be held at the Carnival Hall, Council Road, Basingstoke. Everybody is welcome to attend the meeting, hopefully with view of joining. Still only £6 a year and our membership to date is 530.

Anyone interested in joining our Over 55s singing group, called the Carnival Chorus are welcome to attend our new season which starts on 7th September 2010 at the Carnival Hall from 1.30pm to 3.00pm, FREE to all over 55s in the borough.

Why not book this date in your diary, Saturday 2nd October 2010, when the Basingstoke & Deane "Young at Heart" Over 55s Forum are staging another "Variety Show" with a professional compere, Stuart Ashman (who is also a Juggler and rides a Unicycle) the Tadley Brass Band; Boyle O'Dowda Irish Dancers; Basingstoke Gymnastic Floor Display; Carnival Chorus; Cabaret Singer Jane Marie Cole; and, to be confirmed, Dove House School Band.

Tickets are still only £4 (which includes tea/coffee/fruit juice and cake) from 2pm to 5pm. The venue is Queen Mary's College, Cliddesden Road, Basingstoke.

The Forum are very concerned because by 2018, after a 350-year history, the cheque and cheque book will be no more in Britain. We have taken it up to Government level and we have been advised to set up a PETITION. We feel this is a disadvantage and discrimination against the over 55s and we intend doing something about it, so please can you urge anyone who see, our petition to sign it and help us in our cause.

Thank you,

Gerald (Secretary)

Cheapcycle

It was started about two years ago by a member of BasingstokeFreegle, This is a site where everything is free and people can give away anything such as leftover wood from a building project, all to help stop landfill. "Jo" wanted to be able to sell some items so created Cheapcycle. I was her moderator (message checker) and she found running the site took up too much of her time with three small children, so ownership was passed to me. Since I took over I have added Lost & Found and Events adverts. Also you can ask for help, such as someone needed to help with decorating or advice. I want the site to be as useful as possible. Animal adverts, other than fish, are not allowed as I don't want to encourage breeding for profit or someone selling their pet because they'd rather have the money for something else. *Carol*

<http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/basingstoke-cheapcycle/>

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What are the risks if my partner and I choose not to marry?

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Unmarried couples are definitely at risk if you don't prepare for all eventualities when co-habiting or combining assets. You have almost no rights compared to those who are married or in a civil partnership, so take some practical steps, advises Ann Corrigan, family lawyer at Phillips.

With marriage rates falling to their lowest levels since records began in 1862, says Ann, increasing numbers of unmarried couples are moving in together with no plans to tie the knot. But don't let romance cloud your judgement when it comes to legal rights because domestic bliss could become a living nightmare if you don't consider the legal implications of cohabitation.

I always urge couples to seek expert legal advice before moving in together or combining finances. Having documentation in place specifying what will happen if the relationship breaks down, could save you a lot of time and money if you do break up because, without that protection, you could end up seriously out of pocket or even homeless.

Understandably, people do not want to think about what could happen if they break up, or one person dies, but it is much better to face these difficult issues at the beginning rather than deal with the fall out and confusion at a later stage. So here are some practical tips:

- If you buy a property, make sure both names are on the title deeds, especially if you make unequal contributions. If not, and the relationship breaks down, unmarried partners who are not on the deeds may have few legal rights and may find themselves involved in costly litigation
- If you are renting, put both parties' names on the rental agreement, otherwise you could find yourself homeless if the relationship ends
- If you have a joint bank account, consider making it a requirement for two signatures for any big transactions
- Rights surrounding parental responsibility, wills and pensions also differ compared to couples who are married or in a civil partnership. If you both agree, we can help you compile the necessary paperwork to give you that protection at the outset
- Make a will, vital if you have children or dependents and are not married to your partner. Without one, your loved ones may lose out

Finally, says Ann, if you don't think of the practical consequences now, you could risk more than a broken heart later, should love turn sour.

Call Ann Corrigan on 01256 854630, or email: acorrigan@phillips-law.co.uk



We cannot believe it is the summer holidays already. Time has flown by this term with all sections really trying to keep the 'OUT' in ScOUTing. The Beavers and Cubs both attended a district trip to Longleat Safari Park last month and a really good time was had by all. The Cubs and Beavers had a chance to see giraffes, lions and even wolves roaming around! A truly remarkable experience!

The Beavers and Cubs have also been down to Eastrop Park near the town centre and took part in some wildlife studies learning about different trees in the park. The Cubs (and some slightly bigger kids) also had the opportunity to have a play on the adventure course throughout Eastrop. The Cubs also spent some time up in Carpenters Down woods doing tree rubbings, all going towards their Naturalist badge.

Just in case all this is not enough! The Scouts worked hard on pioneering a flag pole to learn lashings and knots. All the leaders were pleased with the result which was a pole that stood higher than the church building! Well done Scouts!

At the end of term we had a group BBQ Presentation evening where lots of awards and badges were handed out and 3 Cubs invested into Scouts! Well done to you all! We are always looking for new young people to come in and join the adventure Scouting offers, and older people to come and deliver this adventure (and maybe have one of your own on the way!) If you are interested please call Martin Lee (Scout leader) on 0754860895.

Have a great summer holiday and we will be back in term time September!



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

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Boys & Girls 8-10 ½
6.30pm-8pm



Boys & Girls 10 ½ -15
6.30-9pm

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 summer period.

Popley Safer Neighbourhoods Panel (PSNP) met on 8 July and the panel was updated on the previous priorities which were:

1. Potential Anti-Social Behaviour around the Faroe/ Maldive redevelopment site.
2. ASB Mallory Close / Bourdillon Gardens / Edmund Court:
3. Dog fouling in the Popley play parks

It was agreed by the panel that due to increased patrols of these areas and the identification of several suspects which have been causing disruptive behaviour, the anti-social behaviour has reduced. Several youths have been placed on Acceptable Behaviour Agreements in relation to the three issues and they are doing well by keeping to their conditions.

Popley now has its first "Dog owners control contract" after a member of the public reported a dangerous dog in Popley. Recently the Popley Beat team followed up a report of a suspected dangerous breed of dog in Popley. It was later found that the dog was a Staffy cross bulldog which is not an illegal breed. We do get lots of reports from the public about dangerous breeds that later turn out to be Staffordshire Terriers or various Staffy cross dogs.

The panel discussed new priorities and the following were voted by members:

1. Drug dealing on Abbey Road.
2. Anti-social behaviour on the free running site.
3. Under age drinking in Chineham Park.

These priorities will run until the end of September 2010.

Other news:

We have continued to receive 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. If we catch people riding bikes without insurance the bike will be seized and crushed. Two weeks ago a youth was caught riding a mini motorbike on the footpath along Abbey Road. The result was swift and the youth walked away minus his bike!

We have received reports of two incidents where female pupils from Everest Community College have been approached by two Polish males around Tesco Express Carpenters Down. The males have attempted to get the pupils to go to a house with them and have made inappropriate remarks.

PC 20686 Dan CARTER - PCSO 13284 Phil RAPLEY - PCSO 14587 Sarah DANKS
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Diaries from the Old Codger



The Editor was asked how old I am. If you have been reading PM for some time you would remember me celebrating my 60th 3 years ago. The other question was, were my stories from recollection or passed down. Well, most from my grandfather and my family. I was born at the end of the war but my sisters went through the blitz. As I grew up my grandfather, one Christmas, gave me a sort of pocket diary/notebook. I thought I had something wonderful. A book with blank paper inside of it! I was five years old: I knew every day because I wrote it on the page. From that day on I would write down all that my family had seen and the things they got up to. This went on for many years and today I even keep things that I get and these jog a bit of what is left of the old brain box. Like all the rest of London in the fifties, the East End was flat. The docks were hit hard. My mum however worked at Tate and Lyle at that time and they never had a bomb drop on their vast factory. They say it was because the machinery was German. I say it was that they were bad shots, lucky for Mum and Aunt May. In her spare time she would teach recruits how to use and shoot a gun. It was after the war she took so many jobs to feed us all. One, as I have said before, was to scrub the church floor. I can remember going with her. Mum would tuck a duster in the back of my trousers and, as she scrubbed the floors, I had to slide up and down the pews to polish them. I have tried to do this with Her Indoors to polish our floors but no chance of that. I couldn't pull her along! Her Indoors is my wonderful other half that I could not do without. Swwhoops saying that that could damage my reputation! Well who else could I have a go at, not CJ that's for sure?

It's funny how life changes over the years. You look at people differently now to what we did as children. Have we become a nation that no longer puts trust in people and what they say? I do try to trust even if I know that one day the person I trust will hurt me, but as the saying goes, turn the other cheek. That's all very well but how many more times will we turn the other cheek in life? Let's face it, if Her Indoors hits one side of my cheek the vibration will knock the other round the back of my head. We have now seen all our Council members installed on Popley and well done to you all. I know it is an uphill fight for you to get the best for Popley and the money we need to help the residents of the estates once again become good strong communities. As for me, I will keep writing but not in my little book as I can no longer write by hand. When I was young I won prizes for my writing, now I sit in front of the computer. The amount of times I mess that up. I hope you all have good holidays this summer. Please plenty of sun cream for the kids. My latest ailment is Lupus, and due to not covering up in the sun over the years, the pigment in my skin is breaking down. Not a pretty sight. Still, with a good sunscreen it is better this year. So please remember, sun causes a lot of damage to your skin. **The Old Codger**

PS, this is from Her Indoors; believe me it takes a lot of deciphering to edit this column. Before his strokes OC did write, but only for family and himself. His writing and grammar failed about 10 years ago when yet another stroke took another little piece of his brain. However, just look around, we always say, there are always others worse off than you.



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Summer Streetz in Popley

This will be at Popley Fields on Mondays where there will be an Open Access Club for 11 to 17 year olds with free activities, then on Tuesday evening there will be 2 Graffiti workshops 11-13yrs 6.00-7.30pm and 14-17 yrs 19.30-21.00.

This will run from 26th July to 26th August (Mon- Thurs Only)

Please call into Popley Fields to get a leaflet or for more information on the other venues taking part in Popley

Computer Courses for September

These will start again in September, please call Debbie at Popley Fields to find out more Information on what courses are available.

Youth Club

Monday evening 5.30pm to 7.00pm.

Come along and have a fun evening with your friends.

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 10.15am-11.15am and speak to Cathy. This reopens on September 7th 2010.

Silverwings Line Dancing

Wednesday evenings 8.00pm 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 and 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 1st and 3rd 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

We had a very successful booking day for our Summer Get With Programme with over 100 families registering for the activities. The Get With Programme is an exciting fun-packed timetable of activities and events for children 0-8 years. There is something taking place every day of the summer school holidays, including Outdoor Messy Play, Parachute Fun, Water Fun and Baby Sensory. There are still some remaining places left to book, so please do not hesitate to contact us to see what is available for your child. We are also holding our FREE FAMILY FUN DAY at the Centre on Friday 30th July 2010 from 11.00 am to 3.00 pm. All families are welcome, come along and bring a picnic and enjoy an afternoon of fun and activities with your family.



The Centre will be closed from 6th to 10th September for staff training and our regular activities will re-commence on 13th September. Why not pop into the Centre anytime between 8:00am and 6:00pm for details of the courses/activities available on our new Autumn Term timetable.

For full details, contact Pebbles Children's Centre on 01256 357028.

Pebbles Children's Centre, Shakespeare Road, Popley, Basingstoke, Hampshire, RG24 9BP

Calling all Over 50s!

Everest Community College are hosting a free four week computer course starting on Monday 17th September. Come along to learn about how to surf the Internet safely, how to use online shopping, how to access radio and TV and even how to design your own website! It doesn't matter how much knowledge you already have. Come along and join in the fun, it's never too late to learn something new! Times are yet to be confirmed. To register your interest contact the Community Team on 01256 337573.

Start the autumn with a new venture and on Friday afternoons come along to Everest Community College for our activity club! You can take part in a variety of activities like badminton, table tennis, music, digital photography, Wii games and more! Times are yet to be confirmed. To register your interest and if you have any suggestions then contact the Community Team on 01256 337573.

Everest Community College



Letters to the Editor.



Dear Editor, Nowadays we are all very quick to moan about something that goes wrong but are never as quick to praise what goes right. I have children in Merton Juniors and Everest Community College. Both schools have altered so much in the last couple of years and, in my opinion, they are much better. It has been really nice visiting the schools on various occasions to see what my children have been doing. The awards ceremony at Everest was spectacular and made me a very proud parent. What a great idea! I would like to say how pleased I am to have my children connected with these schools. Keep up the good work! *A Popley Mum.*

Editor's reply:- I must say I am proud too of the progress of our schools. There will of course be ups and downs, after all life is like that. Some people are academics, some artists and many other types make up our world. I guess when the results of exams are in there will be some people disappointed. I always look at how to turn it into a positive. School does not just give you exam results, it gives you a sound basis to build your lives on. Am I the odd one out in that although I agree to get good results is something we should strive for and does give you a good head start, it is nearly as important as how to live alongside others and how to be a part of the community. Yes it's good to be up there in the top of the league but there is always another chance if you really want it. It takes teamwork staff, governors and, most important too, is the students' efforts to succeed. What do you think of our schools?

Dear Editor; Can someone please tell me why people insist on parking in such dangerous places? Not dangerous to them

maybe, but certainly to the poor disabled soul that has to either go out of their way to find a dropped kerb that some unthinking idiot has parked across, or take their life in their hands and attempt to bump down the kerb? My Mum did this and was thrown out of her buggy. What about the Mums with the little ones as she pushes them along with the pushchair? They too have to step out into a busy road to get round this driver too lazy to bother to find safe parking nearby! Then there's the other type of idiot who thinks everyone can see through metal. They must do as they park right up to the junction and not only can pedestrians not be able to see safely, nor can other drivers who need to pull out. What will it take to make them see how selfish they are?

Editors reply:- I think this is the subject we get most letters on all through the year. In the Popley Partnership questionnaire ,it came out as the top issue that needs addressing. We will never get enough parking so that there would be no need to park on the grass but just a little thought for your fellow residents could make a big difference. Sadly until an effort is made across the board or there is a tragic accident ,I can't see anything changing.

Editor's 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 cannot accept letters that are sent anonymously.

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Councillors Page: I am pleased to be able to say that very soon you should see the start of the improvements in Popley Way and Carpenters Down with not only the speed reduction, but better and safer crossings and the bus stopping in a much safer way.

I was delighted to see how many residents went to the public consultation on the continuing of the proposed development in Merton Rise. It was good to see that we are mostly in agreement about the need for better design, less wooden fronts and no to high rise flats.

I again brought forward the frustration that there is not one post box in Marnel Park or Merton Rise. This should have been triggered as soon as the five hundredth dwelling was completed. We now have "No Dogs Allowed" signs in the enclosed equipped play areas. The vast majority of dog owners are responsible and don't take their pets in where young children are running around playing.

101 is the phone number for anti-social behaviour and other non-emergency incidents. By phoning and reporting on this line you can be assured that any agency that needs to know will be informed. Cllr Jane Frankum 819924, write to 405 Abbey Road or email cldr.jane.frankum@hants.gov.uk.

Popley West: We saw the Travellers back again but at least their stay was much shorter as, at last, Hampshire County Council and Basingstoke and Deane are working together with the procedures. The second scrutiny meeting was attended by some of our residents who put forward their thoughts on the impact Travellers have to the settled community. The third and final meeting ,looking at the long term solution, will be held in September and we will give you the time and date in the next Matters. At the Popley Safer Neighbourhood Team meeting we asked that inappropriate parking be given a higher priority by the police. Unfortunately it did not even make the first four priorities, despite it coming as the highest in the Popley Partnership Action Group. It really brought it home that we need more residents to come forward and get involved with our community, our neighbourhood. If you would like to get involved you can contact PC Dan Carter on 08450454545. If you have any concerns or want to contact me Jane Frankum, my details are phone 819924 or write to Popley Labour, 405 Abbey Road, Popley West, Basingstoke, Hants, RG24 9EL

Popley East: on 30th June I presented to the Council a residents' petition on Travellers containing 996 signatures. My thanks to Derek Curnow and Tracey, and all the staff at Popley Fields who started the petition and collected so many of the signatures.

The end is in sight for the Longfellow Regeneration project. We expect the last home to be finished at the end of July ,and the Shelley Close conversions will continue into September. Thank you to all the local residents for your patience these last 3 years.

Faroe and Maldiva still has a long way to go. It looks like the Barbican pub will go as no new tenants can be found and the brewery no longer wants to continue. We surveyed all the residents in the local area and had a massive response: 75% of you said you wanted the pub to go. How this will affect the plans for the shops has not been finalised, but we expect a presentation from Sentinel at Marnel School in the autumn shortly followed by the submission of a planning application. The clock is ticking as work must start on the new shops by the end of this year. Andy McCormick and Mary Brian

Cornerstone Nursery News

Cornerstone Miss Muffets in Popley Way – 840300

World Cup fever hit the nursery over the last couple of months with children taking part in various activities including flag making, cooking, obstacle courses, relay races and penalty shoot outs. The children have all been enjoying the lovely sunny weather and all the activities have been taken out into the garden for them to enjoy. In preparation for our school leavers this year, we are holding a graduation party on 23rd July where we will be having party games, bubble machines, a special party tea and a graduation presentation.

Cornerstone Nursery in Priestley Road – 818118

Cornerstone Nursery held their first annual summer fete on Sunday 4th July and it was a great success. The fete was held to raise money for Southampton's neo-natal unit in memory of the daughter of one of our families, Bethany Hawkins, who sadly passed away at just 2 days old. We were overwhelmed at the generosity shown by all of our parents who donated raffle and tombola prizes and came along on the day to support the fete. We were thrilled to be able to donate a grand total of £1,205 to the hospital and would like to thank everyone for attending on the day.

All of the children have been enjoying the nice weather and enjoying our garden. The children have been taking their activities outside and making the most of the summer. We are lucky to have ¼ acre of space for the children to explore and enjoy, and are hoping the good weather continues.

Cornerstone Sunrise at Aldworth Science College – 356166

We have been looking at bugs and creepy crawlies and we made a wormery. We layered soil and sand in a small tank and then sprinkled some water in it to make it moist. We then went into the garden to collect some leaves so they had something to eat. Before we put the worms in the wormery, we held the worms and looked at how they moved, felt, and we are watching them burrow in the soil.

We have also been in the garden and collected ants and earwigs and looked at them closely in our bug viewers.

Our babies have been looking at sensory activities and have been playing with jelly and paint and bug printing, which they have all thoroughly enjoyed.

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