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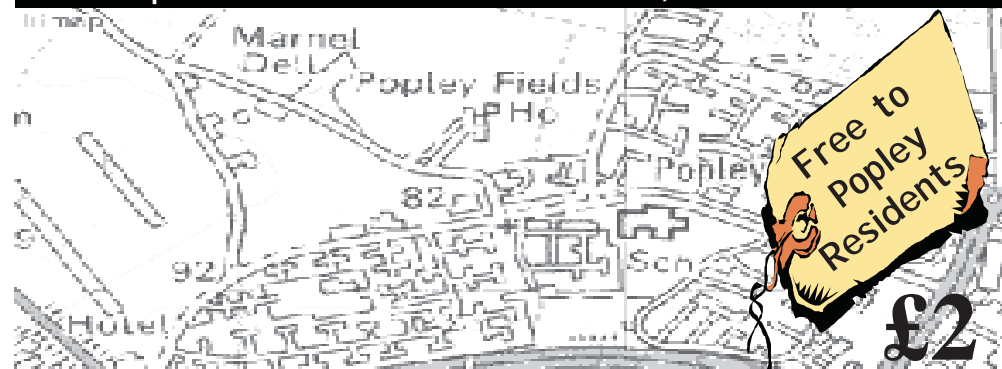


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Editor  
Jane Frankum

**Message from the Editor:-** Summer is nearly over and Autumn will be on its way. I wonder if we will get just a few more sunny days to enjoy? I know we have had a lot of disruption in Popley with all the building and we have more to come, but at least there is good news that comes with it. There will be safer crossings especially for our children going to school, crossing to the new Popley Community Park, and the residents of the sheltered housing. I would have liked to see the underpasses filled in. They are rarely used, often flooded and places where people feel uncomfortable But that's another battle for another day.

Popley will welcome (I am sure) the Popley Spotlight Centre, the new name for the old Chineham Park School building. You can read about some of the plans that will be for the new community to use on the opposite page . If you want to get involved in improving Popley one option is to join the Popley Safer Neighbourhood Panel details on page 33, or Neighbourhood Watch, details on page 26. There is also Popley Partnerships, and I will have more details in next months Popley Matters for you. We also have a new resident writing for us; welcome Terry, chapter one is on page 4. Welcome also to Popley the new Beat Manager for Popley East, PC Chris Brinley see who your team is on page 2. There are two letters pages on 20 and 21. It is always interesting to read what our residents write and it also helps us to know what kind of articles you want to read about. On page 27 there is a fantastic opportunity for our youth to get involved with The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, the open day is Thursday 16th at Junction 6 Everest Community College

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# Beckie's Column

Hiyya!

It is now the summer holidays, and I bet everyone has got some fun plans for the 6 weeks. I've just got back off camp (an activity camp-not the school one!) and we had the best time ever. The weather in Cornwall was really nice, and everyone learnt to surf. I'm still learning though. Standing up on the board is a lot harder than it looks! However, I had a fantastic time. Now, I am back at home, catching up on my sleep. My first ever camp was a big surprise to me. It was even better than I expected. I suggest that anyone who likes outdoor sports give activity camps a go: they are brilliant!

I mentioned last time that I had signed up for the caving course at Get With this year. It was hilarious. We all got on really well and worked as a team to get through the cave. I can't say much about it though: it will give the game away! Although being behind my friend made the whole thing a lot scarier. There is a lot going on at Get With. My sister has found loads of courses to try out.

Did anyone go to the light show for Balloons over Basingstoke? I went. The lasers looked like green clouds and the fireworks lit up the balloons beautifully. I loved it even if I did get a bit bored towards the end. The amusements they have there looked really fun. My dad suggested going on the Gravity Wall and I refused straight away! I'll leave that to everyone who can handle spinning around in circles so fast!

I've looked around and found some interesting events going on in October this year. Milestones Museum is doing October Fest on the 2nd and 3rd October. They have activities for everyone including live music and traditional fair rides...but you'll have to book soon otherwise they will run out of tickets!

On the 8th of October, there is Basingstoke's first ever Firewalk. People have decided to run 5 metres over hot coals for charity. It's being held at Basingstoke Rugby Club. Sounds a good event to watch? It is the first one after all!

Well, time to say bye for now! And I hope that everyone is enjoying the holidays.

Beckie.

# Peace of Mind Care

On 1st September the registered charity, "Peace of Mind Care" will be taking on the lease of Chineham Park School to turn it into a Community building offering affordable activities and facilities for all ages. The building will be renamed The Popley Spotlight Centre. The name was chosen after two children from Marnel School suggested the name.

We aim to run a community café, a charity shop in aid of local projects and for people in Basingstoke and Deane, as well as support an Orphanage in Uganda. We will run activities including drama, dance (street dance, ballet, contemporary), Theatre Schools, musicals, sports, art & craft, youth clubs, bingo sessions, coffee mornings, quiz nights and Wii competition nights. Open access sessions will be for all ages to come and have access to Wiis, Xbox & pool table, table football, playstations, table tennis, toys, puzzles and games, adult learning classes, music lessons, performance choirs and much more.

We will also be supporting the local charity Basingstoke Food Aid 4 U who collect and distribute food to local Basingstoke residents who may need a helping hand. They will be working from The Popley Spotlight Centre.

If there is anyone who would like to volunteer any time to help in the café, charity shop, with the food distribution, or who could donate any items for the charity shop, please contact Michaela Riley on 01189812823.

We are also seeking the community's input as to ideas for other activities that they would like to see go on at The Popley Spotlight Centre. If you have any ideas please contact Michaela Riley on 01189812823.

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# New Police Beat Manager

I am pleased to inform you that PC Chris Brindley has joined the Team. Chris is the new Safer Neighbourhood Beat Manager for Popley East and will join PCSO Phil Rapley. We are lucky in Popley to have two SNT Managers, two PCSO's and two CSPO's. All are patrolling officers and all are members of the PSNP. Well Chris will be soon enough 😊

The divide for Popley East and West is at the junction of Popley Way and Carpenters Down. The West side has the Apollo Hotel.

## Popley East Patrolling Officers

PC Chris Brindley- Safer Neighbourhood Beat Manager  
Phil Rapley- Police Community Support Officer  
David Mason- Community Safety Patrolling Officer

## Popley West Patrolling Officers

PC Dan Carter- Safer Neighbourhood Beat Manager  
Sarah Danks- Police Community Support Officer  
Sarah Ratcliff- Community Safety Patrolling Officer



# Third Travellers Committee Meeting!

The aim of the September meeting is for members of the committee to review the council's policy and procedures on unauthorised encampments and to use the information obtained in the fact pack and the two previous meetings to make recommendations to the Portfolio Holder for Communities, Sport and Leisure as to how the policy may be improved. The committee's views on the benefits of transit site provision are also sought.

The current council policy regarding the management of unauthorised encampments is five years old and in need of updating. The purpose of the policy is to balance the rights and needs of the residential community with those of the travelling community and to manage unauthorised encampments in an efficient and effective way taking into account the potential level of nuisance for local residents and the rights and responsibilities of the travelling community.

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# Terry's Memoirs Chapter Part 1

I should have been called "Trouble". It has followed me throughout my life, and has redoubled in my time of retirement, "Sod's Law" they call it!

I had just left school, and employed in the Brompton Road, Kensington, branch of W.H. Smith.

Three weeks later, (in to my term as a boy I was considered a safe pair of hands), and left to manage the shop whilst the manager went out on business call, Enter a fully opened copy of The Times on legs that faced me across the counter. Slowly, painfully slowly, the paper lowered to reveal a very angry Alec Guinness ( he was later knighted ) a legendary Lion of films and theatre. I stood quietly, still in shock at being so close to a national treasure, and listened to his complaint about not getting his paper delivered. Honoured I was at such a performance, made my apologies, and he was suddenly gone.

A couple of years later we met again on the Chelsea Embankment, and all was forgiven, and this is where the story really starts!

My second job was with the Central Electricity Generating Board at their Bankside House offices near Blackfriars Bridge, after what must be the shortest interview on record.

"How are you with trouble?" The boss enquired.

"Its my middle name" I replied with a grin.

"How soon can you start?" He asked.

"Right now if you like" I replied.

"You've got the job" he announced, shaking me firmly by the hand, "and you start next Monday!!" Little did either of us know what we both had in store for each other, with an uncle and aunt managing the Fred Ponting, Bracklesham Bay Camp. I got closely involved in the board's desire to sink bore holes in the adjoining field. For a prospective nuclear power station. I made myself a bit of a nuisance trying to, covertly, gather intelligence and pass it down to Pontins, this got myself something of a reputation.

My company Christmas festivities arrived and my colleagues, the boss ex - army, plus an ex-Chief Petty Officer, an ex-commando, Bill Foxley, an ex - RAF Wellington navigator, a member of the famous Guinea Pig club. In the canteen they insisted I drank ""a man's drink", and brought me a double whisky each. My first introduction to alcohol to cries of "Down the hatch", it brought the room spinning round, and amid laughter and cheers, I somehow, found the door, making a swift, but ungainly exit, only to find myself facing the oncoming company Chairman Sir Christopher Hinton. He advanced on me looking at his watch and setting the scene was this set for a series of incidents involving both him and me, the highest, and the lowest with home trouble brewing, But that's another story.



## Popley Safer Neighbourhood Panel Fact Sheet

### What is the PSNP?

The PSNP or Popley Safer Neighbourhood Panel was set up in 2007 by PC Dan Carter of the Popley Safer Neighbourhood Patrolling Team. The Panel was part of a government driven initiative to allow communities to have a say in how the multi agencies dealt with issues such as anti social behaviour and crime in their area. Most beats in Basingstoke now have panels with various given names but all do the same job (work towards a safer neighbourhood)

### Who is in the PSNP?

The PSNP is made up of several agencies such as Police, PCSO's, CSPO's, Sentinel Housing, Basingstoke and Dean Council, HFRS. Our panel also has teachers, a vicar, two councillors, and other key community leaders. Most importantly the panel has local residents. (more needed)

### What do the PSNP do?

The PSNP meet quarterly at the Popley Fields Community Centre to discuss current issues and to vote for three core priorities for the Panel to tackle. Each member of the Panel is able to bring issues to the table that they have heard of from the community. One of the ways in which the Police find out local concerns is by holding street surgeries in different locations in Popley. So by the time of the PSNP meeting there is always a list of concerns to vote for. So what happens to the issues that are not voted as Core priorities? The patrolling officers from the Panel such as Police, PCSO's and CSPO's are constantly monitoring Popley and are flexible in the approach to tackling the issues. The three core priorities however are the ones that will be evidenced and resulted to the community. this could be via the Popley Matters news paper or Twitter or the Hampshire Police Website.

### Can I join the PSNP?

If you live in Popley or have a vested interest in the community of Popley and you are concerned with the welfare and safety of the residents then the answer is yes! You must also be 18 or over.

### How do I apply to join the PSNP?

Anyone wishing to join the PSNP will need to complete an application form. The application form can be emailed to you but if you do not have access to a computer it can be delivered via post and hand written. The application is very simple and mainly asks why you would like to join the PSNP. A good reason could be that you would like to help the residents feel safe in their homes and to give back to Popley. A bad application may include...I don't like my neighbours and I want to get them in trouble etc.

If you would like an application to join please contact PC 20686 Dan Carter on 08450454545 or email me: [daniel.carter.20686@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:daniel.carter.20686@hampshire.pnn.police.uk)

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

## Investing in Popley

It's just over seven years since local residents suggested demolishing the block of 50 flats and three shops in Longfellow Parade. Now we're putting the finishing touches to this £15m community regeneration of the Popley Poets estate.

Work began at the end of 2007 and three years on we're handing over the keys as the last of the new residents move in. We've had really positive feedback from everyone who moved into new homes in Marlowe Close and Shakespeare Road, and the newly located One Stop shop has reported a big increase in trade. The area once plagued by anti-social behaviour and youth crime now boasts 99 new homes and three new shops.

We've helped support the formation of Shakespeare Road Residents Association who are already active and working on your behalf. To mark the official completion, we're organising a celebration event for Thursday 16 September. If you live nearby we hope you can join us, watch out for your invitation coming soon.

Work is continuing on the Popley Islands estate and the first new residents are expected to move in there during January 2011.



## Age Concern in Popley

Age Concern has been running a social group each Wednesday at Abbey Court for over 10 years. Local residents come along and enjoy refreshments, games, activities and quizzes all suitable for older people. A couple of spaces are available – would you or someone you know like to join us?

We also still need one extra volunteer to join our team – are you that special person who enjoys chatting to older people and makes a good cup of tea? Contact Beverley on 01256 423874 for more information. All volunteers are subject to CRB check.

We run 9 groups throughout Basingstoke & Deane each week, along with foot clinics, computer learning centres, the Café at Church Cottage and much more. All services are subsidised from our fund raising events. Our next event is our dinner/dance at the Hampshire Court Hotel on Friday 22nd October. Tickets are £25 each. More information again from Beverley on 01256 423874.

If you can see your way to include this, I would be very grateful. They go hand in hand and our services would suffer without raising the necessary funds.

Many thanks  
Maria Mitchell  
Area Director  
Age Concern in Basingstoke

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## SHAKESPEARE COMMUNITY RESIDENT ASSOCIATION

The last few weeks have been a steep learning curve for the members of the new Shakespeare Residents Association Committee. We are currently involved in opening accounts and applying for funding. We have many ideas that are being looked into, so please be patient.

The committee are looking for more members, so if you wish to join this fledgling project and make a difference to our area, you can contact me Chairman Brian Weatherall on 418689 or Julie Johnson on 816101

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- from £250 to £50 for better off families, and
- from £500 to £100 for low-income families.

Payments for children when they turn seven will also be stopped from 1 August.

From January 2011, all Child Trust Fund payments from the government will be stopped.

You can get more information about the changes to the Child Trust Fund on the HMRC website at [www.childtrustfund.gov.uk](http://www.childtrustfund.gov.uk)

### Need Help

Basingstoke Citizens Advice Bureau can help you with any queries you have on relationships, mortgage repayment issues, debt, benefits and employment problems. Due to the library refurbishment, we have temporarily relocated. Please contact us by telephone on 01256 322814 for an initial interview. This service operates from 10-3.30 Monday to Friday (10-12 Thursday) and Saturday mornings 10-12.

You can drop in to our outreach services at these times:

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

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

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

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



# Sentinel

## Sentinel sculpture forges community links

POPLEY schoolchildren went hammer and tongs to start work forging a new sculpture for the £40m Popley Islands regeneration project.

Sentinel Housing Association's commissioned artists – Anwick Forge – set up a mobile forge on Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 July at Marnel Junior School so pupils could fashion the steel for an 'optical puzzle' art feature called 'Parallax'.

The sculpture is based on the quotation "No man is an island...", and forms part of a council-backed initiative to brighten up Popley – an area that's seen major investment in recent years.

Sentinel's Executive Director Val Bagnall said: "There's a big effort going into improving Popley, and while it's great we're a major part, we're very pleased to see local children rolling their sleeves up to help us revive community pride in the area."

The £40m regeneration of the area around the Maldive Road shops is the latest in a decade-long investment programme for Popley by Sentinel and follows on from the £15m regeneration of Longfellow Parade (off Shakespeare Road), plus around £3m spent on new windows, kitchens, bathrooms and boilers in Popley in the last year.

Community artist Anwick Forge said: "This is a fantastic opportunity for local children to see how 'big art' is made as well as having the chance to learn new skills and see a traditional craft like blacksmithing in action- something very few people get to experience these days".

Simon Taylor, Education Manager from local arts education charity The Making, is managing the project on Sentinel's behalf and added: "We are ensuring that local residents are part of the whole design process, from helping to shortlist and interview the artists, to meeting them, hearing about their ideas and making their own contribution towards the finished product. Plus we hope the children will have a really memorable day and enjoy getting to grips with all the unusual tools and the exciting way Anwick Forge work with bits of metal!"

Meanwhile, the demolition of the outdated 1960s maisonettes is now complete, and everything is on track for the first new residents to move in next January.

The sculpture will be installed next April, with an official unveiling and community event planned for May 2011.

Look What's New!

Pebbles Children's Centre has an exciting new programme for parents and carers with children under 5 years old starting September.



### Cooking Together



Want to learn about cooking and have fun with your child (must be aged 3-5 years) while creating together simple recipes? Pebbles is offering this 5 week course starting Wednesday 15 September. Call 01256 357 028 to book your place now!

### Song and Sign

This 5 week group will be taking place at Pebbles on Mondays 11.30-12.15pm. Have fun with your child singing and signing to the most popular nursery rhymes! Very beneficial to ALL young children. Cost £1 per week

### Baby Massage

A very popular 5 week course that is being offered at the cost of £1 per week to parents with babies not yet crawling by our qualified baby massage instructors. Sessions are held at Pebbles Thursdays 9.30-11am



### Numeracy, Literacy, EAL (english as an additional language)

These 15 week courses will all be starting week beginning 13 September and anyone interested should ring the centre to book. We do offer a free crèche but spaces are limited and are on a first come first served basis.

### PEEP (peers early education programme)

This is a programme to help you make the most of learning opportunities through everyday life at home. We will be running **Baby PEEP** (Mondays 1-2pm (beginners) and 2.30-3.30pm at Pebbles) **PEEP movers** - for babies now crawling (Tuesdays 1-2.30pm at Melrose Hall) and **PEEP Runners** is on Fridays for children aged 2-3 at Pebbles from 10-11.30

### Coffee Mornings, Stay and Play, Young Parents Group, Bumps Mums and Dads, Teen Bumps, Chill and Chat and Dads Club



These groups and drop in sessions are continuing to be offered by Pebbles so please pick up a timetable or call or email us to find out more!

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

For full details, contact **Pebbles Children's Centre** on 01256 357028 or email [pebbles.cc@hants.gov.uk](mailto:pebbles.cc@hants.gov.uk).

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



## Camping & Caravanning

When caravanning, or camping make sure you take appropriate fire safety precautions when you arrive:

- Find out what the fire-fighting arrangements on the campsite are and where the nearest telephone is.
- Keep a torch handy for emergencies. Do not use a lit candle.
- Fit a smoke detector in your caravan.
- Keep caravans and tents at least 6 metres apart.
- Do not use a naked flame in or near your tent.

## Gas Cylinders

- Change cylinders in open air.
- Make sure the appliance controls and cylinder valve are turned off before you change the cylinder.
- If you think there might be a gas leak in the cylinder connection or pipes - extinguish all naked flames, brush soapy water over all the joints and then look for bubbles. Tighten (but do not over tighten) leaky joints.
- Always ensure LPG regulator is compatible with your appliances.
- Unless designed to be left on, ensure all appliances are turned off when not in use.

*Useful contact points and further information:*

Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service homepage: [www.hantsfire.gov.uk](http://www.hantsfire.gov.uk)

Community Fire Safety Department: 02380 626809

Email: [community.firesafety@hantsfire.gov.uk](mailto:community.firesafety@hantsfire.gov.uk)



## Annual members meeting

15 September at the Maltings, Alton

or

20 September at the Ark conference centre, Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital



6.00 – 7.00 pm  
Exhibition and light refreshments

7.00 – 8.00 pm  
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Group Scout Leader: Colin Karslake (01256) 410559  
Base 2000 booking/enquiries - [bookings@base2000.co.uk](mailto:bookings@base2000.co.uk)



The summer session ended with a Group Bowling evening which was (not surprisingly) won by the young people who took delight in beating the leaders by a wide margin! Many thanks to Ryan for being a good Scout, helping everyone to choose the right size ball, setting up bowling



ramps and showing some good techniques for success. Thanks are due to Katie too for helping with getting everyone fitted out with bowling shoes - it saved the staff such a lot of time as there were so many young people to kit out. The Group had nine lanes in use, most without barriers up which was some achievement. The food was great: much enjoyed and after almost four hours of energetic bowling everyone was



exhausted. A great fun and laughter evening for all - thanks Eve for making the arrangements.

Scouts' summer 'Goose Camp' in Dorset went well and everyone had a busy time. The Scout section could have another opportunity to camp at Pinsent Campsite in mid-September when the annual Scout Survival camping weekend and Emlyn Trophy competition takes place. Plans for the two younger sections have yet to evolve.

Weekly meetings were suspended during the school holiday period to give leaders a chance to recover and dream up new wacky ideas for the autumn session. Meetings start again week commencing 6th September. New recruits welcome. Contact the section leaders as shown below for more information.

Booking enquiries for Base 2000 to [bookings@base2000.co.uk](mailto:bookings@base2000.co.uk) or telephone Colin on 01256 410559. One-off occasions, children's parties, meetings 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  
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# Neighbourhood Watch

A local neighbourhood watch is a group of like-minded neighbours getting together to help reduce crime and make their community safer.

The aims of Neighbourhood Watch are:

- To prevent crime by improving security, increasing vigilance and maintaining a caring community.
- To assist the police in detecting crime by encouraging prompt reporting of criminal or suspicious activity.
- To reduce undue fear of crime by providing accurate information about risks and by promoting a sense of security and community spirit.
- To improve communication between police and the community.

How Neighbourhood Watch works

- Schemes are run by their members and led by a resident volunteer co-ordinator, whose job it is to get people working together and make sure things get done.
  - The co-ordinator liaises with the police and acts as a voice for the community. Some schemes also have a committee that meets regularly to plan which problems to target and what actions to take.
  - Schemes are supported by the police, the local authority and their local Neighbourhood Watch associations.
  - Neighbourhood Watch schemes vary in size – they can be large, covering most of the houses on an estate, or they may involve just a few houses.
- How to join or set up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

To find out about Neighbourhood Watch schemes in your area or to discuss setting up a new scheme, you should contact your local Neighbourhood Beat Manager (NBM) or Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) or call 0845 045 45 45

## Help for Heroes coffee morning report

Ann wants to thank all the people that supported the Help for Heroes coffee morning on July 22nd they helped to raise £155-37.



# everest Classes Timetable

Day	Time	Class
Mon	17:15-17:45	Express Circuits
Mon	19:15-20:15	Body Conditioning
Tues	18:00-19:00	Body Pump
Weds	19:30-20:30	Jump n Stomp
Thurs	18:15-19:15	Body Balance
Thurs	20:00-21:00	Boxercise
Fri	17:45-18:45	Jogging Club
Sat	11:00-12:00	Fitness Pilates
Sun	10:00-11:00	Body Pump

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**You don't have to offer the asking price** – you can always make an offer below the asking price and then negotiate, right up to when contracts are exchanged.

**Once you have exchanged contracts, theoretically there's no going back.** But if for some reason you back out as the buyer, then you would lose your deposit which may be up to 10% of the purchase price. Further, if the seller has incurred other expenses as a result of your breach of contract then you may be liable for those as well. Conversely if the seller backs out then you, the buyer, have various options including suing for breach of contract, forcing the seller to comply with his obligations under the terms of the contract. But, beware, this is fraught with difficulties and should be a last resort.

**As a rule you can't move into your new house until the sale has been completed** – but you can have access by arrangement to measure up or view the property again.

**If you are buying in joint names, consider whether you need to own the property as Joint Tenants or Tenants in Common**

A joint tenancy is where the property is owned by all joint owners but with none of them having a separate and distinct share. If one owner dies, their share automatically passes to the survivor(s), despite the terms of the deceased's will. The alternative is to hold the property as 'tenants in common' where each owner has a separate and distinct share, for example 50/50 or 75/25. So if one owner dies, his/her share will pass to whoever it has been left to in the deceased person's Will, or if there's no will, to the next of kin under the intestacy rules. It can be complicated, so do take advice from your solicitor.

**You don't have to take out buildings and contents insurance with your lender** – get proper independent advice on insurance and shop around for the most competitive deals.

**Consider what would happen if you lost your job, couldn't pay the mortgage or if your partner/spouse died** - ask an Independent Financial Adviser (IFA) how you can protect your mortgage payments if the worst should happen.

**Finally, concludes Alex, don't forget to make a will or update the one you have.** You'll want to be sure your assets go to your loved ones, but it's also sensible to have your will properly drafted by your solicitor so that it can be tax efficient and avoid the inheritance tax trap.

Call Alex on 01256 854635 or email Alex: [apreshaw@phillips-law.co.uk](mailto:apreshaw@phillips-law.co.uk)  
 Find out more at [www.phillips-law.co.uk](http://www.phillips-law.co.uk)



**We are on Twitter!**  
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Whilst all of the sections have been having a well earned rest, The leaders have been busy working on the programme for the next term and, as ever, is full of fun packed activities.

Coming up this term we are planning a group visit to the police station, a bike hike for the Scouts and even a climbing day! We invested 3 new Scouts at the end of term. It is always exciting to see the group grow and we hope that the rest of 2010/2011 will see this continue.

We have also started to plan a group camp which will be a joint camp between Cubs and Scouts and a day visit from the Beavers. This will be just one of many camps planned for the next year.

If you would like to join us on these activities please contact us to find out about joining. We are also looking for adult leader and committee members to help support the running of the group. In particular we are looking for a Chair person and a Secretary. If you are interested please call Martin Lee, Scout leader on 0754860895 for a chat.

We have also set up a Twitter page so that we can keep everyone up to date with activities and news. Please add us to find out what it is we get up too! You can follow us @ 1<sup>st</sup>\_popley.



Boys & Girls 6-8  
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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 residents,

We hope you are well, Summer is nearly over and the year seems to be passing so quickly.

The Popley Safer Neighbourhoods Team has continued working on the following priorities which will run until the end of September 2010:

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

We have received a number of reports from residents with reference to drug dealing in Abbey Road. Thank you for this extremely valuable assistance to the Popley Safer Neighbourhoods Team, making Popley a safer place to live.

PC Carter had spoken to a number of youths at the free running site and they had informed him that a male had been sleeping rough in the free running site. The Team are keen to identify this male so please contact us if you have information.

Beat surgeries are planned for the following:

- |    |           |   |                                       |
|----|-----------|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1. | 29 Aug 10 | - | 1100 hours One Stop, Shakespeare Road |
|    |           |   | 1300 hours Melrose Hall, Melrose Walk |
| 2. | 26 Sep 10 | - | 1100 hours One Stop, Shakespeare Road |
|    |           |   | 1300 hours Melrose Hall, Melrose Walk |
| 3. | 24 Oct 10 | - | 1100 hours One Stop, Shakespeare Road |
|    |           |   | 1300 hours Melrose Hall, Melrose Walk |

These give residents an opportunity to come along and discuss their concerns with Popley Safer Neighbourhoods Team. We will also be displaying Crime Prevention information and are happy to give advice.

**Other news:**

We have received an increase in reports of stolen bikes from garden sheds and communal stores. This is a good opportunity for us to remind owners to ensure bikes are kept secured at all times. Placing locks on garden gates and shed doors makes it more difficult for access to be gained, and avoids leaving bikes in easy view. If your bike is stored in a communal area it is the responsibility of all users to ensure the area is locked/secured at all times and only authorised people have access.

The Popley Safer Neighbourhood Team in conjunction with the Popley Safer Neighbourhood Panel (Don't confuse the two ) are always keen to explore new technologies in order to disseminate relevant information in a timely fashion. PC Carter has been blogging on a regular basis for years on the Popley Matters Website and there is now also a Twitter site for the Popley Safer Neighbourhoods Panel. Work of the PSNP and the local Police Team will be regularly updated on the Twitter page so the more residents that join the better.

To follow the PSNP on twitter search for "PopleySNP" or type:  
<http://twitter.com/PopleySNP> into your web browser and follow the on screen instructions.

You can also catch PC Dan CARTER on the Popley Matters Website or in Popley of course!: <http://popleymatters.org.uk/>

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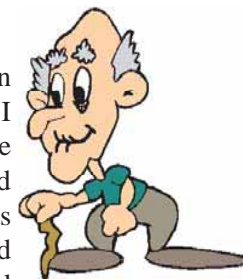
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## DIARIES FROM THE OLD CODGER

When I was out the other week, a very pleasant woman stopped me. "Good morning" she said, "I know who you are". I said "I am sorry but I must have forgotten your name". "Oh no" she said "we have never met before it's just that I know you as the Old Codger". She, like a lot of people, looked back on what they did as youngsters and compared it with today. We had a long chat. Mind you, I still do not know who she was, but we shared a few good laughs on the things we did as kids. Another time a woman stopped me when we went to Popley Festival just so she could take a picture of my number plate on my scooter. Well it was the back of me so I take it the photo must have been all right.



I just want to say a few words about a man I knew at the hospital that retired just a few months ago. His name was Mr Ward. In my eyes one of the kindest people you could have ever met. Yes he could be abrupt and looked aloof, but he was old school and a gentleman with a great sense of dry humour. I for one wish him well.

I would like you all to help, if you can, before next spring to put up nesting boxes in your gardens. There are some very good ones you can buy, but also if you or a relative are handy workers you could make one. There are plenty of guidelines on how to construct them. Remember do not just make them for the tit family sparrows also need them. Declining numbers mean in a few years our grandchildren will only see some of our garden birds in books. The practice of mist netting birds on the continent is still going on killing thousands of our birds that migrate, and the powers that be in Europe are hopelessly unable to stop this practice. Do not forget robins like nest boxes, or an old flowerpot under a bush, also the wren and tree creepers the website for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds show you how to help. If you have a good hedge in your garden, great, keep it as thick as you can so cats can't get at the nests. I put two inch chicken wire about a foot away from the bird box. If it is close to the ground it stops the cats getting at the birds. This year in my garden a cat has taken two doves that came in to feed and drink. We can't stop them, just deter them the best we can. Remember to keep bird baths clean or they get contaminated. The drinking water must be clean.

September sees all the kids go back to school, except our beloved Chineham Park School. To all, do the best you can, learning can be fun and enjoyable. To all the young men and women that left school to go on to college, I hope that you achieve your ambitions in life.

Now, just an idea I had the other day, and that is why do our council not promote the history our town? Why not start a tour guide by coach around the sites of interest like: Basing House, Silchester Fort and many other places I could think of? It could draw the tourists into Basingstoke to see the wide culture it has to offer. It could get locals onto coaches rather than clog up roads with cars going to see these places of interest. Well it is just an idea our council, along with the bus company could do.

Take care Old Codger



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# Letters to the Editor.



once again, to the residents to clean this mess up. And it isn't the people who make the mess.

Come on people of Popley. Have a little pride in where you live and keep your cigarette ends to yourself and dispose of them properly.

Yours Lynne

*Editors reply:- This is a comment I hear too often and it is in fact a fineable offence. After rainfall the dirty now sodden "fag ends" stick to your shoes and you find them on your carpet, yuk*

Dear Editor; My Moped was stolen in the early hours of Wednesday 28th July between 12am to 6am. When I saw it was gone I called the police but as usual they did nothing. They said they wouldn't even go and look for it. So I went out several times and finally, on August 1st I went into Carpenters Down Woods and after about twenty minutes looking for it I saw a young lad riding it. I managed to get it back. While I was looking for it I saw at least seven lads riding on push bikes. One had a motorbike helmet on so no doubt they were riding it as well.

I have a lot of damage to my bike. I need new brake pads, only had new ones put on a few weeks before. I also need a new number plate new L plates, tax holder, indicator, speedo, and the lid which had a lock on to get to my petrol tank. My tax is only £15 for the year and runs out at the end of the month, but as they have stolen that too, I need to get a copy of this and send off for it, which is to cost me £7. So for all the damage they have done it is going to cost me nearly £150 that's a lot of money. It may have been fun and a joke to these lads, but to me its disgusting and mean. They think it's funny to do and that the police won't do anything. People need to realise it

is not cool or funny to take and damage other people's property.

They are not hard by doing it, and they won't achieve anything either. Unless people report it these kids wont get a criminal record. Having said that I don't think the police would even do that, they never seem to help you when you need it.

I don't understand why these kids think it's cool to do this sort of thing.

How would they feel if I had done it to them? People need to be aware of what is happening to other people and their property. It is not fair on the people that have to suffer because of these idiots.

*Editors reply:- There is not only the cost to the victim in money, but if it is your only mode of travel then there is the inconvenience of having to ask someone to take you to where you need to go such as work, college or shopping. I would urge residents to report thefts and if you see anything suspicious. Motorbikes being driven when the rider has no helmet usually means the bike is not theirs! We have included an article about the Neighbourhood Watch scheme. If the community get together we can bring about improvements.*

*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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# Letters to the Editor.



Dear Editor, On 30th June, the 2nd meeting was held at the council offices with regard to the Traveller problems in the Basingstoke area. Because of all the complaints to Basingstoke Council, the police and local councillors over the past years, the council were expecting a very large turnout of residents at this hearing. A room adjacent to the council chamber was set up with screens and audio to accommodate this. However, when my husband and I arrived there were only a handful of residents, not even sufficient to fill the one committee room. After all the hype from residents! Although we can appreciate it, because of various circumstances not everyone can attend, we found this very disappointing as a larger volume of people would have stressed the point more strongly. As a resume, these are our 'taxpayer/resident' thoughts on the meeting. It was informative and interesting as, apart from myself and another resident, speakers came from former Travellers (who basically said that small sites should be provided by local councils - funded from our rates?? - and run by themselves). Other speakers were: Wiltshire Council, the Police and Hampshire County Council Traveller Liaison Officers. Unfortunately, we feel that ordinary taxpaying residents who listened to the Wiltshire officers explaining how they have spent thousands of pounds setting up a permanent and transit camp, including CCTV because of all the problems, then admitting that they still have a large expensive problem with the illegal sites, would have wondered why our council would even now bother trying to set up one in this area. It obviously does not cure the problem, but continues to be a drain on finances. Although during Question Time Jane Frankum asked specifically

about conformation that there would be no proposed site in this area, we felt the answer was still non-committal. The petition signed by a vast number of Popley residents was handed in at this time, so hopefully this will show how strong we feel with regard to a possible camp being set up in this vicinity. The next meeting is scheduled for September when, after their debates, the council will give their findings, so please watch out for the next, and hopefully, final installment in this saga in your 'Popley Matters' magazine. A Popley resident

**Editor's reply:-** *By the time this magazine has reached you the third and final meeting will have taken place. Lets just see what Councillors say and how much the ruling administration listen to the people they represent. There has to be a better permanent solution than allowing Travellers to illegally camp just about anywhere!*

Dear Editor; Delighted again to secure another Popley Matters. Mentioning your "Beckies Column", it was well written as well as being interesting and cheerful to read. **Editors reply:-** *Thank you we are always pleased to get feedback from our readers. Good or bad we welcome it as we want this community magazine to be yours.*

Dear Editor; I am tired of walking around on pathways and seeing cigarette ends thrown over fences. I can understand the residents not wanting to smoke in the house but do they have to litter the pathways? They are disgusting. Can they not have a bucket of earth in the garden to put the cigarette ends in? A neighbour's household regularly throws cigarette ends over the fence and most of them end up outside my gate, I have even found them in my garden.

As we don't have street cleaners it is down,

**Councillors Page:** Work has started on the much needed road and path improvements after long battles by your local Councillor team. There will be some disruption but access should be available. If it saves one serious accident like some that we have had it will be worth it. I was pleased to see that in the final plans suggestions made by residents from the public meeting were included. The safer crossings for Marnel, and Everest schools along with Magnolia and Abbey Court and the new Popley Community Park are really welcomed. The bus stop will be moved away from the dropped kerb crossing where young Daniel was knocked down. New crossings in Carpenters Down will come a little later in the next phase.

The absolutely ludicrous suggestion to build eight flats on the corner of Trinidad and Tobago at the junction of Carpenters Down and Popley Way were finally rejected and as I said in my submission to the committee should never have been even a consideration!

One of my functions last month was to go to the Pebbles Family Fun Day. I had a lovely time. Now that the Chineham Park School has closed and the building is leased to Peace of Mind Care it will be used for and by the community. They have written an article in here that tells us a bit more about what they hope to do. I also went to the "Get With" Talent show and was a judge alongside Phil Hatto and Mark Watson from Kestrel, Richard from Sentinel and Michaela from Peace of Mind Care. I enjoyed it so much and there certainly are some talented children around. Cllr Jane Frankum 819924

**Popley West:** The new street lighting has been welcomed by most residents but we have been dealing with some complaints as to where some of the lamps were to be sited. It seems that there are two separate contracts one for by the paths and another doing the roadside lamps. On the whole we have managed to come to some agreement with the majority of complaints to the contractors. There is always going to be conflict when the positioning of the lamps was done via maps on a computer, rather than the previous method of on-site surveying!

We have had complaints about litter, but mainly about discarded cigarette ends. There seem to be areas near shops or entrances to flats in particular that people just throw them on the ground. It is an offence to throw litter of any sort, all it does is annoy residents and give the street cleaners extra work. It takes many years for the filters to biodegrade. Throwing lit cigarette ends from windows, be they from a building or car, can and often are dangerous.

We have also received complaints about inconsiderate and illegal parking especially across dropped kerbs, preventing disabled wheelchair users and buggies from being able to get around. Pushchairs can be bumped down and accessed by going around in the possible dangerous traffic, but electric buggies can not. Also parking on T junctions and preventing drivers and pedestrians alike from seeing it's safe to cross. If it causes an accident I wonder if the irresponsible person can be prosecuted or sued? Cllr Paul Frankum 819924

**Popley East:** On August 10th we had a meeting in Civic Offices about the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA). This is looking at identifying pieces of land to be used for future building.

The Council wanted to cram 8 flats onto the small bit of land by Tobago Close, Carpenters Down and Popley Way. This was a very bad idea, as there is hardly any room there to build anything, and the green space is used by children who are surrounded on 3 sides by busy roads.

We argued the site was unsuitable for building because of lack of space and road safety issues, and thankfully, the Council has now listened and rejected the site.

Carpenters Down is due to be widened at the junction with Popley Way, which is being turned into a crossroads. The new road will link Popley Way with Shakespeare Road. The new build on the John Hunt side will be served by this road.

Work will be starting on a series of roadside works over the next 12 months, with new cycleways and crossing points being installed in Popley Way and Carpenters Down. The bus stop near the roundabout at Carpenters Down will be moved from its current awkward position virtually right on the roundabout, to a bit further away, thereby allowing cars to pass the bus more safely.

We are expecting a revised planning application for the shops area of the Faroe and Maldive regeneration to be submitted in September. We need to check with Sentinel what exactly is contained in the plans, especially the shops layout.

Longfellow Regeneration will be finished next month, after nearly 3 years. We are looking at any outstanding issues to finish by then - if there is anything you want looking at, please let us know. We have already raised the issues of drainage in Shelley Close and Dryden Close

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**Cornerstone Miss Muffets in Popley Way - 01256 840300**

Our nursery has been very busy through July and August doing lots of fun activities. We said goodbye to our school leavers with a sending off party where we had lots of games, activities and presentations for each child, they will all be missed but are moving on to an exciting new time in their lives!

Our 3-5's have been looking at Music as one of their topics, they have had lots of fun making their own music and performed it in front of the nursery.

Some of the children have looked at Toy Story as part of their weekly topic, so many children have seen the new Toy Story 3 at the cinema and have been interested in doing activities around it, they all made their own story with a character that they chose and we

then filmed the outcome so they could all watch it.

**Cornerstone Nursery in Priestly Road - 01256 818118**

In our baby room the babies have been doing lots of body art, wearing just their nappies so their whole bodies can experience the paint. The children were able to crawl around in the paint and get very messy whilst making some great pictures!!!

The preschool children have been doing lots of physical activities such as assault courses, the children have learnt to take turns, work as a team and exercise whilst having fun at the same time.

The nursery rooms have had a "freshen up" with new paint work this month and are looking beautiful, especially with all the added art work from the children displayed and large group murals on fabrics hanging from the ceilings.

The nursery children and parents are looking forward to our Teddy Bears Picnic outing at the Vyne soon, we're sure teddies and children will have great fun exploring the grounds together.

**Cornerstone Sunrise at Aldworth Science College - 01256 356166**

As it is the holiday season the children have been talking about their holidays and travel, looking at the different types of transport we can use. For many children it was the first time that they had been on an aeroplane and it was a very exciting time for them.

We made boats and cars out of recyclable materials and we also learnt how to fold paper to make paper aeroplanes! We decorated them and had a great time flying them in the garden and to see whose flew the furthest.

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