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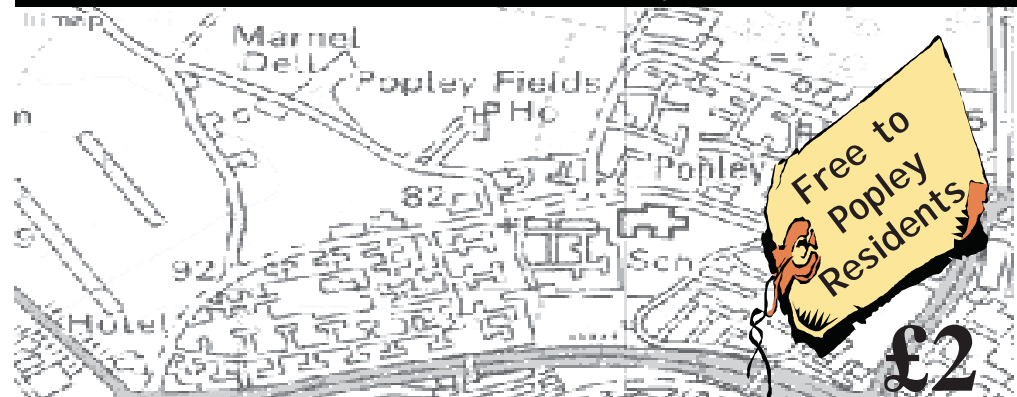
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Editor
Jane Frankum

Message from the Editor:- Half way through the year already, and its going so fast! Each day is special in our household as we see my dear husband Ken fighting so hard each day with his cancer. There must be other families who are in the same boat as us. It has been a very hard time for us for the last 10 months, but it really has shown us who our true friends are. I know it's hard to know what to say but just a hello and how are you really helps.

We hope we put together an interesting read for you all and try to keep you informed at what is going on in your area. We are always happy to receive your articles and try to get them in to keep variety. We are non-profit so rely on the advertisements to pay for the printing of your community magazine. We hope that if you have a good service or a poor one you will let us know as we want you to feel that all our advertisers are value for money and give a good service. Hampshire County Council have a web site called "Buy With Confidence" and you are advised to check on there if you need a reliable service.

Travellers were back again and in the biggest numbers I have known ever. There were two camps: on one side (near the hospital) were 22 vans and on the other side 12 Romany vans. The Travellers moved off in the night of Friday 20th - more mess to clear up and more of our taxes used that quite frankly could be used much better on some local issues. The Romany vans left soon after. Hampshire County Council have said they will increase the defences but admit that it will be difficult against these determined Travellers! The sooner the houses and shops are built on the Merton Rise site the better, is what I am hearing from many residents.

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Beckie's Column

Hi! How are you? I can't believe how fast this year's going. The year 11s have left us now so I wish them good luck with their exams. Now we're the oldest in the school. Scary!! Some of us year 10s have got exams as well, which means a lot more revising over the week's holiday again.

We had our final Young Enterprise presentation a couple of weeks ago. We came second overall and won the award for best report. It was a little frustrating to lose by such a little amount!! But it's been fun. Now we have to start closing down the company, sell our last products and give out the money we made.

We've got our work experience straight after the holiday. For two weeks we get to actually work in a place of our choice. Everyone's going to different places; some are going to the hospital, vets, RAF, hairdressers, shops, nurseries...I'm going to a school and really looking forward to it.

While we learn what it's like to work, years 7, 8 and 9 are doing a maths and computing week. Some get to go to France for a day as well as a treat. If we are good, we get to go to Thorpe park at the end of term, too!

Well, I hope you all enjoy the holidays. And thank you Abbi for the ideas you gave me.

See ya!
Beckie

Marnel Infant School

We have really been making the most of the beautiful weather recently. The families of the Year R children were invited in to make and enjoy a range of springtime activities including planting seeds and blowing bubbles! The weather was just perfect and the whole afternoon was spent outside. To celebrate the Royal Wedding the school joined together and enjoyed a street party on the field. The children had all made crowns to wear and flags to wave, there was food to eat and some dancing too. Everyone had a great time wishing Prince William and Kate well.

Last week we had a visit from 'Do Science!' We all saw an interactive presentation in the hall and then some classes were able to spend time having hands on activities.

Year 2 clubs have started again and the choices this term include athletics, gardening and computers.

Next week it is Healthy Schools Week. During the week we will be holding a 'Jump Rope for Life' skipping event to raise money for the British Heart Foundation whilst learning about healthy lifestyles. Silver Surfers have also booked places to come into school and work on the computers alongside their grandchildren. It will certainly be a busy week for all. Mrs B Cole, Headteacher, Marnel Infant School



Growing Links

Community Horticulture Project

Growing Links is a community horticulture project based on two allotment sites in Basingstoke; Elizabeth Road in South Ham and Silvester Close in Oakridge. The project is primarily for individuals who are suffering from depression and anxiety and provides an opportunity to meet other people, learn new skills and improve physical and mental wellbeing.

Participants will be supported in a friendly and relaxing environment and will work alongside an experienced horticulture trainer. It is free to attend!

If you are interested in joining our project or would just like to come along for a couple of sessions please contact Becky Jones 07720996657 or 01256 361964.



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Tickets are now available for the 2011 performance of Summer Time Special. The show will be held at the Haymarket Theatre in Basingstoke on Saturday 30 July, with performances at 3 and 7pm.

This is the 9th year Miss Helen Watson has been invited by Age Concern to compile and direct the event, a music and laughter show for all ages all wrapped up with comedy capers. Live entertainment as it used to be!

Come and join us for a stroll down memory lane, sing along to favourite songs from the 40s, 50s and 60s, modern day musicals and much, much more, all delivered by West End, television and international cabaret artists.

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Tickets are all priced at £10, so the earlier you book, the better seats you will get. Please call the Haymarket Box Office on 01256 844244 and book now!

A View from the Fire Station

As we enjoy the warm weather and longer lighter evenings it is unfortunate to report a growing number of arson fires in the Popley and wider Basingstoke area. These fires are occurring mostly during the Friday and Saturday evenings and night time involving refuse left out for collections, road side bins and grass / woodland areas.

These fires are not being caused accidentally and whilst all are thankfully still small when the fire service arrive, all big fires start from small ones. The danger to public and property is obvious and it is disappointing that as we begin to enjoy the start of our better weather and what will hopefully be a long warm summer, there is this increased risk to us all caused by a few people setting deliberate fires.

The fire service work closely with our partner organisations, including the police, and will support any prosecution of persons found starting fires. We only have to look at the local and national news to see the devastation caused by fires in woodlands that have occurred just over the county border in Berkshire and to see the consequences of fire. The fire stations the north of the county, including Basingstoke, have been sent to support our colleagues in Berkshire to tackle the woodland fire they have faced. We do not want it to happen here.

Anyone with any information should call Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111

Dave Norgate, Group Manager, Basingstoke Group

North Popley Accessibility Improvements scheme

Hampshire County Council is pleased to announce that the second phase of the North Popley Accessibility Improvements scheme will start in the week commencing 6 June and will take approximately 20 weeks. Focussed in the area around Popley Way and Carpenter's Down, the scheme will see improved footpaths for pedestrians and cyclists, additional road crossing locations and the removal of the existing traffic calming features on Carpenter's Down that will be replaced with pedestrian refuge islands.

The scheme was developed in close partnership with Cllr Mrs Jane Frankum and Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, and will improve access for non-motorised users in the Popley area. It will provide better links to local schools, shops and services, making the road safer for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers.

Funded entirely by developer contributions that were taken to improve accessibility at this location, it will be implemented by Colas Limited, who have great experience of this kind of work on behalf of the County Council.

If you have any questions about the work, please contact the Client Manager, Tom Robison, on 01256 776138 or at Tom.Robison@hants.gov.uk.

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IT'S the Tournament season and MFC Popley have made a good start to it. At the Loddon Tournament, Manager Alec Matthews's Under 7s team were in great form in their officially non-competitive (FA regulations) age group, with scores all level in their first game, scoring a goal and conceding none in their next two, and scoring two and conceding none in their last two to end the morning having scored six goals and kept a clean sheet.

At the same Tournament, Manager Dave Wright's Under 12s team did well, reaching the semi finals where, by all accounts, they were unlucky to go out of the competition.

And Manager Russell Graves's much-improved Under 9s finished a gallant runner up in their competition at the same event.

Over at Thattham, Manager Danny Oates took an Under 10s team to the Tornadoes Tournament. It was a very tough event, with 24 teams from various counties in action. But the seven players - Josh Poynter, Kieran Carr (captain), Kalum Cousins, Cole Oates, Callum McKeaveney, D'Andre Brown and Felix Davies - covered themselves in glory with a fabulous effort.

They went through their group stage, beating Calcolt Hawks 4-0, Thattham Town Harriers Blue 4-0, AFC Newbury 4-0, and Barton Rovers Rebels 1-0, playing some fantastic football in this six-a-side tournament.

Forward D'Andre was on fire, ruthlessly ripping through defences time and time again, Cole, Kalum and Callum provided a terrifying midfield that overran the opposition incessantly, and, at the back, sweeper and captain Kieran and goalkeeper Josh were absolute rocks, keeping clean sheet after clean sheet. And Felix did an awesome job as substitute/utility player, coming on to score a fabulous headed goal from a superb Callum corner and working hard to enable players to rest as the competition continued.

The boys then beat Thattham Town Harriers A in a gruelling quarter final, which went to extra time and Golden Goal, with a player for each team being removed after two minutes play. The hero here was Kalum who, despite taking two nasty knocks during the day, got up to show his quality over and over again. With only four players left on the pitch for each team, it was Kalum who scored the winner, drilling a low shot from outside the area into the far corner, out of the keepers' reach.

The boys then brushed aside Woolton Hill Argyle to reach the final where, in a very tight game, they lost by the solitary goal from a free kick to the very useful Reeve Rangers from Wokingham, Berkshire.

In all, the boys never conceded an opposition goal in open play all day, playing some great combative and attacking football and did themselves, their parents, the coaching staff and the Club proud.

Off the pitch, the Club recently had their Awards Night up at Everest Community College. It was a spectacular and theatrical event. A packed hall saw a superb big screen video and sound show put on by Club Legend Damien McKeaveney and, up on the stage, the boys gasped in excitement as, after the first video, the big screen went up to reveal the array of glittering awards, so generously financed by Sentinel, the Club's sponsors.

Chairman and Founder of the Club Lee Austen hosted the evening with his trademark panache - and moments of comedy genius! - every single player at the Club went home with an award of some kind and the sense of unity sent yet another welcome wave of the feel-good factor flowing through MFC Popley Youth.



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Dear residents,

We hope you are well and are enjoying the nice weather we are receiving.

Popley Safer Neighbourhoods Team has continued working on the following priorities which will run until June 2011:

1. Drug dealing on Abbey Road.
2. Nuisance Motorcycles.
3. Anti-social behaviour Specklewood Road.

We have received large amounts of information from residents regarding drug dealing on Abbey Road, thank you this extremely valuable and most welcome to assist Popley Safer Neighbourhoods Team making Popley a safer place to live.

Beats surgeries are planned for the following:

1. 17 June - 7:00pm Popley Fields Community Centre
2. 15 July - 7:00pm Popley Fields Community Centre.
3. 12 August - 7:00pm Popley Fields Community Centre.

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 garage breaks in Guernsey Close. This is a good opportunity for us to remind owners to ensure garages are left secure and for residents in this area to report any suspicious activities to the local beat team.

PC 20686 Dan CARTER- PC 20596 Chris BRINDLEY - PCSO 13284 Phil RAPLEY - PCSO 14587 Sarah DANKS

*Popley Safer Neighbourhoods Team
Old Basing Beat Office*

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Marnel and Merton Community Group

At the May Steering Group meeting of the Marnel and Merton Community Group arrangements for the Big Lunch on Sunday 5th June between 12 and 3pm were finalised. Here's hoping everyone enjoys a good time bringing their picnics, meeting their neighbours, making new friends and enjoying the music, bouncy castle and other activities that are planned. At the Big Lunch you will also have a chance to tell us what your key concerns are about living here in Marnel Park and Merton Rise.

The group agreed key milestones to make sure we achieve the goal of producing the Marnel and Merton Community Plan in February 2012. There are a number of small, short term projects where more volunteers would be welcome. We are looking for people who are interested in or who have expertise in website design or who are interested in being involved in planning a one off consultation with children and young people in the area or being part of a small group co-ordinating objections to the proposed development of 550 new houses in the fields next to Marnel Park.

Come along to the Big Lunch and get involved and really make the most of the opportunities to be involved and influence the development of the community plan for the area in which you live.

If you are interested in the work of the group or volunteering please contact marnelparkresidentgroup@hotmail.co.uk for further information.

Dear Friends

June, June oh June! Sitting here in my study writing this I keep glancing out of the window and looking over the church grounds. We're well into spring now and summer is swiftly approaching. I know this because the grass is growing at a speedy rate accompanied by the inevitable weed patch that forms the border of the church car park. We have plans to dig this out in a couple of weeks and plant some border and bedding plants which I am certain will improve its appearance – or will it?

A couple of years ago when we first dug this bed out I threw in a mixture of wild flower seeds and this year in among the nettles and dock leaves we have some lovely wild daisies and what looks like a wild fuchsia (I'm no expert on flower and fauna). In its untidiness there is a kind of beauty in this stretch of land that I find fascinating. God's wondrous creativity emerges not just at the Chelsea Flower Show or our well planted parks and gardens but in the unruliness of weeds and wild flowers. He loves them too, they are part of his creation, and I have no doubt that the wildlife is also greatly enjoying the less cultivated areas of St Gabriel's.

Same for us really! We don't all lead neat and orderly lives. Sometimes circumstance and situation mean that there can be a wildness and unruliness about our lives that is beyond our control and can make us feel isolated or cut off from the stuff of life that others take as normal. Does that mean we're isolated or cut off from the God who created us, desires the best for us and has a plan for us? Not a bit of it! Jesus said 'I have come to seek and save the lost!' Whatever or wherever we find ourselves Jesus knows us and is alongside us ready and waiting to share with us.

The trouble is, left unchecked the weeds can choke the life out of the flowers and so, sadly, I need to take action in order to save the flowers! Maybe we'll leave just a little patch of weeds to serve as a reminder and to help the wildlife! God too acted to prevent the weeds of circumstance and situation choking the life out of you – he sent his son Jesus to live, to die and to be raised again for you. If you want to get in touch with the ultimate Gardener then come along to St Gabriel's any Sunday morning at 10.30am and we'll show you how.

Instead of our usual Summer Fair, St Gabriel's this year is staging a Strawberry Fair on Saturday June 25th from 1-4pm. All things strawberry is the theme! There is a café running throughout providing refreshments and there will be a large bouncy castle and other stalls. We hope that you'll come along and enjoy this special community event – see the advert in this issue and look for the posters that will be appearing in the next few weeks all over Popley.

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A combination of tea, tips on home safety and twinkle-toed pensioners has helped South East Water deliver a crucial message about bogus callers.

South East Water, supported by Hampshire Police, hosted a free tea dance yesterday (19 May 2011) for senior residents from Basingstoke to raise awareness of 'bogus callers' who pretend to be from the water board.

The dance was held at Carnival Hall and featured lots of advice and tips from South East Water, Hampshire County Council Trading Standards, the Gas Safe Register and local Police Community Support Officers on how customers can keep themselves safe in their own homes.

The event comes as South East Water undertakes a programme of work starting in Basingstoke in July 2011 to install customer water meters across parts of Sussex, Hampshire, Kent, Berkshire and Surrey to secure water resources for customers in the region.

Customer safety is a priority for South East Water, which is working closely with Hampshire Police to help customers protect themselves against bogus callers whilst meters are being installed in the area.

Steve George, South East Water Customer Services Director, said: "We are delighted with the turn out for our tea dance. We were keen to find a fun way of communicating the important message about bogus caller safety to vulnerable members of society and we were encouraged by the response we received from the community. A good time was had by all."

In most cases, the installation of a new meter will not involve South East Water staff or contractors needing to enter people's homes as most new meters are installed in the ground just outside the property. However, on some occasions this may be necessary and South East Water staff will always try and make an appointment in advance.

Detective Sergeant Chris Daw of Hampshire Constabulary, said: "If you are in any doubt when someone calls at your home claiming to be from South East Water, you should ask for their identification card.

"South East Water staff, as well as contractors working for the company, are fully aware of this procedure and are happy to wait while customers check their identification.

"You can also call Hampshire Police on 101 to report any suspicious activity of individuals claiming to be from South East Water, but who are not presenting the required ID or have not abided by the procedure to wait whilst their identification is checked."

Anyone with concerns that someone isn't genuinely working for the water company can also call South East Water's metering helpline on 0333 000 0003 to ask for confirmation.

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Time to celebrate

Hundreds of local residents enjoyed a Caribbean style street party thanks to Sentinel and Hill Partnerships. The event marked the official completion of the first phase of the new Popley Islands development in Tortuga Walk. As well as a Caribbean style BBQ neighbours got to try their skills on the surf simulator, with entertainment from the Everest Community College Steel Band. For youngsters there were face-painters, a treasure hunt and a colouring competition.



The regeneration will complete in 2013, providing 202 new homes, newly equipped play areas, two new shops, well-lit footpaths, and a large 'kickabout' area. And the boarded-up Barbican pub is also likely to be replaced, subject to planning permission, which will provide a further 42 homes and two shops. If you're interested in one of the new homes on this development make sure you get registered on the housing waiting list.

As part of the new development Sentinel has employed Upton McGougan Ltd, travel plan co-ordinators to consult with local residents about how they travel around locally. whether by foot, bicycle, bus, rail or car-sharing the Travel Plan promotes different ways of getting about. With residents moving into their new homes, work is being done to help make local travel as cheap, healthy, safe, enjoyable, open, and green as possible for everyone at Farrow & Maldive. New residents are receiving Travel Plan welcome packs and the first travel surveys will take place in June to find out residents' local travel views. You can find out more or raise views about local travel, by getting in touch with: Upton McGougan Ltd on: 01962 834 350 or email: travelplan@uptonmcgougan.com

Councillors Page: Eight Traveller vans moved onto Merton Rise on the 8th, I contacted both councils and a welfare visit was conducted on the 9th. Five vans appeared to leave, leaving three, but within two days there were 22. I went to Winchester and saw the Leader of the Council to ask for urgent action. By the 17th there were two illegal camps. One camp of 22 by the hospital and 12 Romany in front of Everest College. There were many calls to 101 over these days by myself and residents and I constantly contacted the councils. I was adamant that we were not going to have the many months of Travellers on these sites like last year. Visits were made by Gypsy/Traveller Liaison Officers and police on a daily basis. Section 61 to move them quickly could and should have been used after the many calls of fearful residents and an incident in the local Fastfare shop.

On the 20th a summons was ready to be served but the encampment of 22 had gone in the night before. The 12 remaining were served with the notice and a court date on the 24th with enforcement by bailiffs if they didn't move on. I have been assured that even more sturdy defences against incursions will be introduced but I remain sceptical. Please phone 101 as soon as you see even one van anywhere in Popley. If you see any anti-social behaviour or suspect crime, phone 101 and please contact any of your local Councillors as well.

To contact me, phone 819924, mobile 07974098131, email jane.frankum@hants.gov.uk or write to 405 Abbey Road, Popley, Basingstoke RG24 9EL

Popley West: No, no, no, to even more dwellings on the Kiln Farm site. This is located by Jersey and Guernsey and the back of Marnel Park right up to Merton Rise. Enough is enough our roads won't take it. The wildlife will suffer and what was a pleasant walk will be gone. Here are not the school places (didn't we say don't close Chineham Park School?). The new road works and safe crossings work being done now does not include provision for 550 more houses and cars and pedestrians. There is unlikely to be social housing as we previously knew it, it probably will be "affordable" the new way of this government allowing much higher rents. More about this in next month's Popley Matters. We have started a petition to go to Basingstoke Council to ask that the site is not included for development. You can sign it in Fastfare, Popley Fields, and Melrose Hall, also there is an e-petition (<http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/popley-kiln-farm>). We will also be going round knocking on doors when we can. If you would like a copy or would like to help please contact us on 819924 or email jane.frankum@hants.gov.uk or Shelley Phelps on c1lr.shelly.phellps@basingstoke.gov.uk You can also write to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council and ask that they do not build on this beautiful tranquil piece of green farm land.

Popley East: As this is my first article for the Popley Matters as a new Cllr I would like to say a big thank you to everyone in Popley East who voted for me. I am delighted to have been elected to represent the area that I have lived in and around my whole life. Mary Brian, the previous Labour Councillor, has done a truly fantastic job in the ward and I intend to keep up the good work.

This weekend I went to Popley Festival. I remember how much I looked forward to the festival each year as a child and what an enjoyable day it was. It was the same this year, packed with families having fun. Popley Festival has really grown over the years and I hope that it continues to get bigger and better in the way that it has done.

As I'm sure many of you will by now be aware, David Wilson Homes want to build another 500 houses on the land at Kiln Farm, next to Jersey and Guernsey Close. Along with many local residents, I am opposed to these plans. I am not against development but Popley has had more than its fair share in recent years and it is time to say enough is enough. I am working with my fellow Popley Cllrs Jane Frankum, Paul Frankum and Andy McCormick to oppose these plans. We have started a petition against the development and we are encouraging residents to write to the council to stop the land at Kiln Farm, known as BAS104, from being allocated for development. If you would like to get involved in this campaign then please contact Andy, Jane, Paul or myself. Cllr Shelley Phelps 07834 818489 or Cllr Andy McCormick 01256 419376 or 07879 436985



It was great to see so many at Popley Festival, it was a great day and thankfully the weather held- just!

Do you have green fingers? We are looking for more volunteers to help with our community garden, all tools provided. No matter how much or little time you can spare will be a great help. Please contact Vicki in the office for more details.

I am pleased to say that our Slimming World group is doing so well that Hazel has started a second group at the earlier time of 5.30pm every Wednesday.

WHATS ON:

MONDAY:	10.00am-12pm	Friendly Café
	7.30-10.00pm	Peregrinus Healing and Holistic
TUESDAY:	4.00-9.00pm	AG Dance Academy
	9.30am-2.30pm	Peebles Children's Centre
WEDNESDAY:	9.30-11.30am	Popley Little People, Mother and Toddler group
	9.00-11.00am	Quit Smoking Clinic
	12-2pm	Oasis Lunch club
	7.30-9.00pm	Slimming World
THURSDAY:	10.00am-12pm	Friendly Café
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Saddle Up for Summer!

Calling all Cyclists! The Big Wheel Bike Ride is back - Sunday 17th July!

This year there are four fantastic fully supported routes of under 5 miles, a brand new route of 15 miles, 27 miles and a truly challenging 51 miles that is designed for regular cyclists or those undertaking training. All routes set off from Down Grange Sports Complex, Basingstoke and there are timed starts between 9:00am and 10:30am.

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So whether you are looking for a challenge or just a fun family day out – get on your bike and head to Down Grange on Sunday 17th July for Big Wheel 17!

Entry fees are £16 for Adults, £8 for Children, £42 for a family (2 adults, 2 children), £30 for a Tandem. On the day entry fees will be £20 for adults and £10 for children – so sign up early to save money! To enter, complete the tear-off slip of the newsletter or register online at www.stmichaelsospice.org.uk/events

The Popley SPOTLIGHT Centre

We had a brilliant time at Popley Festival and it was great to meet so many local people and families. If you were there you may have had the chance to see our dance troupes perform in the central arena – they were great! On the same day staff and volunteers from Spotlight were getting sore bums (!) cycling in a fundraising Spinathon organised by Tesco and Fitness First. It was a great day and raised some much needed funds for the charity Peace of Mind who run The Popley Spotlight Centre.

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Now we are into June we are full steam ahead with preparing for the summer holiday activities that will be taking place at Spotlight and across Basingstoke. There will be dance, drama, singing, cheerleading, football, Irish dancing and art & craft sessions at Spotlight and across Basingstoke - the programme will follow very soon.

If you haven't seen it already then get online to see our Spring/Summer 2011 programme which is packed full of activities for all ages and abilities. As always if there is anything you'd like to see at spotlight please let us know as well – we are always happy to have feedback!

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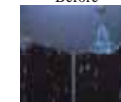
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This month we would like to start off by thanking everybody who supported us during our tri district St Georges Day Parade and at the Popley festival. Both events were enjoyed by all the sections and it was brilliant to have the support of the wider community. We are planning to be involved in more community events soon so if you see the 1st Popley banner come and have a chat!

As ever all the sections have been busy and as you can see from the middle photo, the Cubs have been going back to basics like our Chief Scout Bear Grylls and learning how to construct their own shelters from natural materials. They have also been creating their own 'coats of arms' in order to gain their heritage badge.

The Scout section has been working on problem solving, and were faced with a few scenarios to get them thinking together and working as a team. We encourage team work and are always looking for young people looking for adventure to join our team. Also we are looking for big kids to join our team of leaders! If you fit this description and would like to help out with any of the sections please ring Martin Lee (Scout leader) on: 07854860895.



Boys & Girls 6-8
Tuesday 5-6.15pm



Boys & Girls 8-10 1/2
6.30-8pm



Boys & Girls 10 1/2 -15
6.30-9pm

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

This year's Festival was very successful and well attended by many local residents, as well as people from further a, field.

The festival was opened this year by the Mayor David Leeks.

The weather this year was the best we have had for a couple of years and even the sun came out for us.

Many people enjoyed the car boot, charity stalls, funfair rides and stalls, the police cars and vans, the fire engine, archery, and a performance by Spotlight Dance Group.

The Festival committee would like to thank everyone who supports it especially the volunteers and a special thanks to Sentinel Housing who are our main sponsor.

Over 55s Forum

Our next Open Forum meeting will be on Wednesday 8th June 2011 at the Carnival Hall, Council Road, Basingstoke. Time 9.30am registration, 10.00am start, finish by 1pm.

Guest Speakers are 4 Students from BCOT talking about 4 Subject, so that the Over 55s can go in and work with the students for an Intergeneration Day. It is hoped that in the future the students will be able to go and carry out small jobs for the Over 55s.

Sandra Quinn from the Payments Council talking about "Saving our Cheque".

Rachel Lawson from the South East Water talking about the installation of water meter in Basingstoke and surrounding town.

New members are always welcome, membership fee is still only £6. Membership to date is over 530.

Date for your diary: Variety Show to celebrate the "International Day for Older People" 1st October 2011 at Queen Mary College. 2pm to 5pm. Tickets £5.

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Villager June 2011

Summary of the Chairman's Report to the May 2011 SSJ Parish Council AGM

Last year we reflected that SSJ Parish comprised 1,100 dwellings - split roughly 50/50 between SSJ Village and the newer areas of Speckled Wood Road, Merton Rise and Marnel Park. One year on, that number has increased to 1,250; the newer areas are now in the majority!

The Regional Planning Strategy, the review of the BDBC Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA), the BDBC New Homes Consultation late in 2010 and finally the proposal for further houses at Marnel Park (Phase 2) mean that planning and the threat of further building is never far from the Parish Council's considerations. The preliminary proposals for further building at Marnel Park - referred to as BAS104 in the SHLAA - prompted two well-attended open meetings with a strong majority against development; especially as the current building at Merton Rise is still a long way from complete. **Everyone is urged to write to BDBC and make their opposition known** (details can be found on the PC website).

In the Village, we have also been in correspondence with Carter Jonas (for the owner) and BDBC regarding the options for the allotments in Dark Lane. A proposal for three houses plus open land and allotments has been put forward - and rejected by BDBC. The final outcome is not yet clear.

In anticipation of development of the Park Prewett Golf Course with 750 houses - reportedly one of the first build now/ pay later schemes for government-owned land - we have been successful in obtaining a TPO for the tree belt along the A340. The development will inevitably add to the traffic congestion in the area and the dangers of using the A340 - especially in West End. With this very much in mind, the PC purchased a second SID during the year - so that one of the units alternates between the northbound and southbound A340. The A340 / Elm Rd junction at Elm Bottom remains a major concern - we are still trying to persuade HCC to take more positive measures, without destroying the rural nature of SSJ.

Do please complete and return the Public Transport Survey that was sent to you this month.

We note that ECC has applied for Academy Status - the Parish Council is very concerned about the poor recent academic results; we should remember that improved academic achievement was one of the driving arguments for the Merton Rise / Marnel Park development in the first place. This has not yet been delivered.

The SSJ Football Club has been extremely successful again this year - well done to the Mens' and Boys' teams. There have been parking problems on match days - not acceptable and very annoying for residents in Vyne Rd. We hope that the plan which has now been put into action will deliver better results.

The Chute Teenage Ball Play Area was completed recently - with grants from BDBC, the LEADER Fund, and HAT's (Hampshire Action Teams) Initial reaction has been really positive - I must specifically thank Clover Morgan for her hard work in that respect - although we are monitoring a possible weed problem.

Church Path Repairs are planned for the summer - so we can get rid of the unsightly temporary barriers.

We are very pleased to record that the PC collected further funding via the Precept to allow for two donations to the Village Hall mortgage fund. The Parish Council continues with its modest support of the Village Post Office

The Parish Council has met with the newly-formed Marnel and Merton Community Group and stands ready to assist where possible. After the AGM, we will be hearing from Paul Chatterton about the BDBC Governance process to consider whether there should be a change in the Parish Council boundaries - specifically whether SSJ Village and Marnel Park / Merton Rise should split, or continue together. This is a matter for all electors to exercise their democratic rights.

During the year, Mrs Becky Jones resigned as a Cllr after 6 years on the Parish Council - I would like to thank her (again) for her dedicated and forceful service. Becky's resignation left a vacancy on the Council, so we were delighted that Mr Syd Abraham applied to join us, and he was duly co-opted.

Thanks, as always, go to my fellow Cllrs, Mrs Clover Morgan the Parish Clerk, the Village Hall Management Committee led by Mrs Sue Burlingham, the Chute Pavilion Management Committee - John Edwards and Judith Darmady, Shelley Moore and the other volunteers who run the Seniors' Coffee Morning, Mrs Shelagh Cooper - our litter picker, Mike Barham the Caretaker for both VH and Chute Pavilion, BDBC Cllrs - Jane Frankum and John Leek and our HCC Cllr Keith Chapman. We are delighted to see WPC Edwards (Mims) 'back on the beat' - thanks to PCSO Geoff Fermor-Dunman for looking after us again.

The Officers for 2011/12 remain unchanged - please continue to show your support for the Parish Council.

Julian Crawley, Chairman

Website: www.ssj.hampshire.org.uk/

Next Meeting: SSJ Village Hall 7.30pm Monday 27th June 2011.

Popley Festival Fun!

Popley Festival was a great success for all. Staff met up with many faces old and new and had lots of appreciative comments.

One mum saying the centre had been a real life saver for her with her first baby and now she is expecting again, she was looking forward to returning as a regular visitor.

Most families were aware of the centre and had completed our yellow registration forms to receive up to date information on our courses, groups and activities. Some parents were able to sign up there and then, received an information pack and were looking forward to visiting the centre shortly.

We look forward to seeing you ☺

Parent Quote of the month!

'Pebbles Children's Centre has given me the support and confidence I needed to develop my parenting skills. I now look forward to all the activities I can do with my son, knowing that I won't give up at the first hurdle'

Leigh-Anne Hardwick (Mum to Harrison aged 4)

Parents Forum

Wednesday **8 June 11am-12pm** at Pebbles CC. WE NEED YOU! Please come and join us at the next parents forum. This is an informal meeting where you can have your say about what goes on at the centre. As staff we do our best to provide a good service but to provide a good service we need to know what YOU want!

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What's New at Pebbles?

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DIARIES FROM THE OLD CODGER.

June, count down to Christmas! How the years fly by, as we grow older we can't turn back time but we can keep doing what we can whilst we are still fit and able. I am lucky in some ways as I have Her Indoors that keeps pushing me on. Saying that, I have to make sure she is not behind me at the top of the stairs. I keep coming up with ideas for the community and the town and yes a few have come to fruition and some have not got off the drawing board. The main thing is not to give up trying or you just grow old and useless and the brain box gives in.

When as a youngster I, along with my granddad, dad and my uncle, would often be seen down Petticoat Lane selling pigeons and finches that granddad bred. He had hundreds of finches so he made a good few bob from them, at a shilling a time, or five pence in "new " money. Pigeons were half a crown depending on the colour of them. The best bit about that was people would take them home and after a week let them out. Of course straight back home they came and then down the lane to sell again; boy anything to make a living. People think chicken eggs for breakfast but two or three pigeon eggs were wonderful so another source of food for us. None of my sisters or brother would eat them so that was more for me. They were great days. My childhood is full of memories, like long distance pigeon racing. \some races were 400 miles and you could only time your pigeon up to 9pm at night. If they did not get home by then, at 4am in the morning we would be seen sitting on the platform of the pigeon loft waiting for the birds to arrive. They eventually did so. Mum would be up as well. I was the tea boy and mum would make tea and bacon sandwiches. I would have to go down to the house to get them. Our back garden was very long and it was on a steep hill so you can imagine a young lad with 4 cups of tea and a pile of bacon sandwiches on a tray taking them back up to them? You had tea soaked sandwiches and half the tea swimming in the tray. After the war we lived in the country, near to Kenley Aerodrome in Surrey. They made the film Reach for the Sky up there. I can remember my brother and I going up to see them do some of the filming. By the aerodrome was a very large tree. As far back as I could remember it never had a leaf on it and you could see it right across the valley. This was the direction we would scan our eyes. If one of our pigeons came home from over that tree we knew it was a winner most of the time. Also on another note about my younger years, as we sat in the early morning sun granddad said to me "Always remember son, the childhood you have now, your adulthood is built on this." At the time I did not quite get it but still granddad was always right so I did not say anything. It was not until my adulthood I remembered those words, and how true they were. The way your life starts out you should build on the strengths of that and take this through your life., No obstacle is too great and you can give love and help when people need you the most, even if it is only an ear.

Again on saying that I, as you know have Her Indoors. Over the years I have become quite deaf I now wear two hearing aids. Not very good to look at but when she gets going I can just turn them off and just nod now and then. Boy it gets her going... Well I hope you all enjoyed the Popley Festival again this year. I know I will be around as usual health and weather permitting. Until next month

Take care, the Old Codger



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Five new Beaver Scouts were invested as a special meeting in May and five of the older members 'swam-up' to the Cub Section and made their Cub Scout promise after several weeks of 'linking' to the section. It was a very special occasion and Akela made a cake to celebrate which was enjoyed by all.



Everyone is now looking forward to the Beaver/Cub Activity Day at Popham in July and District Cub Camp at Chalfont Heights. For the Beavers who just 'swam up' to Cubs it will be their first time camping in tents.

Not to be outdone, the Beavers are having their own 'sleepover' in the building soon and the scouts will be camping in the summer as well as progressing the Aviation badge.

The Group's Annual Meeting for Parents will be held on Tuesday 28th June in Base 2000. Anyone interested in offering support to the Group is welcome to attend. The Group has a vacancy for a Group Secretary to take notes of meetings and help at fund-raising events. All potential leaders and Group officials are required to complete a CRB clearance before taking up the role.



New members welcome. All sections open to both boys and girls. Beavers (aged 5½- 8) and Cubs (aged 8-10½) meet on Tuesdays; Scout section (aged 10½-14) on Friday. Contact section leaders as above for times. Explorer section for those aged 14-18 - contact Group Scout Leader.



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Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's fourth trial waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) collection will start in June and residents are being encouraged to put out all their unused, broken or redundant electrical equipment and batteries for collection.

So far the trial has resulted in more than 160 tonnes of residents' electrical items being recycled instead of being sent to the incinerator as waste.

In addition, some changes have been made to these collections following feedback from residents and the collection company and it is hoped that the new changes will make the system more simple and efficient.

Previously, households included in the trial would receive a leaflet with a collection date on it. Now those residents who would like WEEE collected will need to request a collection, either through the council website or by telephoning Midex on 0800 731 6646. They will then be given a collection date and instructions on where to leave their WEEE items.

Cabinet Member for the Environment and Climate Change Cllr Elaine Still said: "The WEEE collections are a simple and convenient way to recycle all of the broken or unwanted electrical items residents have in their homes. It is really encouraging to see how many residents have got involved with the trial so far and I would encourage even more people to get on board to save these items from going to waste."

WEEE is any redundant or waste electrical items, with a plug or which used batteries, and includes your small domestic batteries.

To find out what households are included in the trial area or for more information on the WEEE collection trial, please visit <http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/go/recycle> or call the council on (01256) 844844.



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Three Peaks Challenge

My name is Tony Hart and I have lived in Popley for several years. In March 2009, my wife, Gemma, gave birth to identical twin boys, Noah and Freddie, who were born seven weeks premature. They both spent a month in the Special Care Baby Unit in Basingstoke Hospital. When the boys came home, they were healthy happy individuals. In November 2009 we went for a day out to the Sea Life Centre in Portsmouth, only to find that one of our boys wasn't breathing properly. That night he was taken into the High Dependency Unit and two days later, his twin brother followed. Both boys had caught bronchiolitis, Respiratory Syncytial Virus, (RSV) and adenovirus. The boys spent three months in hospital that winter. Sometimes they got home for 24/48 hours and occasionally they made it home for a week before becoming ill again. Both boys needed help with their breathing, whether it was oxygen head boxes or more seriously when they were put on breathing machines called CPAP.

We finally came home in the February with lots of long term medication and managed to stay pretty healthy over the summer except for a few little trips to hospital for respiratory problems. Then in the September, we found Noah having a seizure, something we hadn't expected and we were very new to it. Noah was back in hospital for several days for monitoring but then was again, fit and healthy. We managed to go on a winter holiday with the boys but within 2 weeks of returning home the hospital trips started again. Noah had more seizures and then they both had more respiratory problems. We have been in hospital this winter, every month since September. Noah has been on a ventilator in Southampton's Intensive Care Unit and Freddie has been on CPAP machines in Basingstoke's High Dependency Unit. For eight days we travelled to and from the two hospitals splitting our time between them.

The boys have had many tests done and we now know they have a condition called Broncomalacia. They are also treated for asthma, chronic constipation, seizures, (which we are still awaiting the MRI) and both are on a high calorie diet due to them having lost a lot of weight during their months of illness. We also have a Broncoscopy booked in for Freddie next week and are awaiting a date for CT scans for both boys. They are developmentally delayed and receive a lot of physiotherapy from a great team of people and are currently being referred to another team called Portage to help with all over development.

Throughout their short lives so far we have been up and down at Basingstoke Hospital for over twenty admissions. We have used an awful lot

of resources and continue to still need them. We have met many consultants, doctors and nurses and we now have a great team of people who look after the boys including the community nurses who come out to the house when the boys are poorly plus the physiotherapists and everyone else who helps us. We have made friends with a lot of the staff and without their help and support, myself and my wife would have felt the last two years to have been a great strain. We can't thank them enough for what they have done, for the excellent service and support that we have received throughout.

With all this in mind, I'm completing the Three Peaks Challenge with my brother, Matt, friend, Dan and my father, Chris. We aim to complete the Three Peaks within 24 hours including the travel time, climbing the highest peaks in Scotland, England and Wales in July 2011. We aim to raise money and awareness for the Children's Ward, G2 at Basingstoke Hospital for everything that they have done for me and my family.

The boys will hopefully have a good summer this year and it will give them time to grow and become stronger. We see our team regularly and are in close contact with Basingstoke Hospital. The boys take a lot of regular medication and will continue to do so for some time, we hope that the next winter will be a little kinder to the boys and their health issues. When Noah and Freddie are well, they are happy little boys with lots of personality.

Please help us to raise money on behalf of the Children's Ward at Basingstoke Hospital. They help an awful lot of sick children on a daily basis, we know this first hand. Please visit our web page www.virginmoneygiving.com/team/3peaksg2

Tony Hart

