

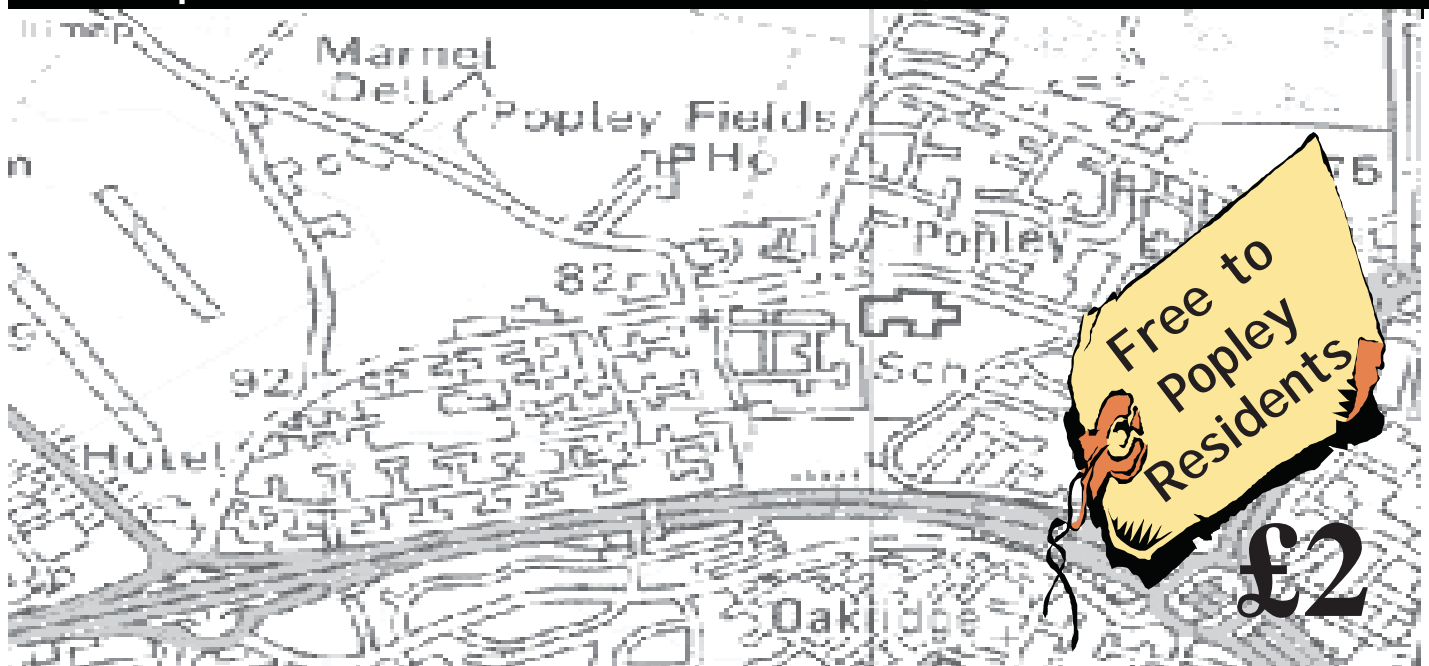
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Editor  
Jane Frankum

**Message from the Editor:-**It is incredible that Easter is already here. We have tried in this issue to promote places to go and things to do for you and your families. Popley Fields on page 5, Discovery Centre page 6, musical's on page 8 and 11 Easter at South Ham Library on page 18. Of course there are many other clubs and groups you can find with activities to do around Popley and Basingstoke. As usual we are happy to help to get your club or event in Popley Matters and give our readers as much information and choice as possible.

Bike Ability is on page one and I am sure many of you will have seen the schoolchildren being taught how to ride and care for their bike. However I have had several reports of older, senior school children walking down the middle of the road. This is a very unwise and dangerous thing to do and could cause an accident. Please act responsibly and set a good example to the younger children.

Parking is another nightmare and it affects every road, in all of the Popleys, some of it could be eased if people parked in the spaces provided and not on the corners and T junctions. I know there is a particular concern in Marnel Park and work is ongoing to get the pilot scheme together to start putting yellow lines in some roads. The first wave of markings will concentrate on the most dangerous areas of parking. Once the scheme is installed there will be a further assessment and the next stage will commence. It is a fine line to try to satisfy everyone and will be nigh impossible, but we have to try, as it would be just tragic if someone got badly hurt.

You can email me at [editor@popleymatters.org.uk](mailto:editor@popleymatters.org.uk) call me on 01256 819924 or write to me at 405 Abbey Road, RG24 9EL.



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# Bike-ability

Merton Junior School pupils in year 5 have been getting out and about around Popley learning how to ride bikes safely. The children learnt many different skills from riding without stabilizers to turning safely at junctions. Every child was able to join in this brilliant scheme and it allowed some children who had never ridden a bike before to have a go!

Hiba a pupil from Year 5 said “The instructors were brilliant, I had so much fun and now feel really confident to ride a bike on my own”

Emily another Year 5 pupil said “We were allowed to cycle on the roads which was really good. We learnt how to safely pull out at junctions using the correct hand signals. I really enjoyed this fantastic opportunity, my instructor was really great!”

Well done to the Year 5 children who all received a certificate of achievement for passing the course.



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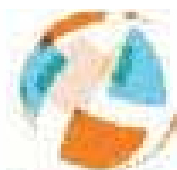
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**Councillors Page:** There is still just a little confusion on the full adoption of Marnel Park. Just when you think you have it cracked, and the officer has sent four drawings clearly showing all the highways and paths we found that the sand/gravel paths were part of the agreement with the Parish of Sherborne St John (now de-parished from Marnel Park) and Basingstoke and Deane. The path from the allotments to the pond is now B&DBC but as I write this I am waiting to get an answer on the one in Appleton Drive. A resident had a nasty fall and hurt her ankle, and all we wanted to do was to find out the ownership so it could be repaired! The building of the homes in Merton Rise are ongoing, and fifteen have already been finished and residents moved in. This part though Popley West ward, is also. Rooksdown Parish as well. Oh dear here we go again! Parking is still the number one issue in all of Popley and the four Labour Councillors continue to seek some solutions. We continue to seek improvements for the Merton School expansion. *Cllr Jane Frankum 819924 jane.frankum@hants.gov.uk*

**Popley West:** We have been meeting with the community groups and working with them on the community plan. There have been some amazing ideas for the areas from these meetings. We also have the advantage that there is some money in different pots to enable some of the suggestions to be progressed.

We continue to seek improvements for the Merton School expansion. We have met yet again with officers and secured another £300,000 to improve parking and drop off arrangements, plus some landscaping. As the officer said when we pointed out the huge trees that take out the light to the residents whos homes directly look onto them, that "we want to be good neighbours". When I went to look I noticed on a bright sunny afternoon they had to have their lights on.

As a Labour group we still continue to lobby for a better bus service as it is ludicrous to have the last bus home at shortly after 9pm and the possible cutting of Sunday services.

I noted there was the start of tree felling to open up the gap to start the building on Kiln Farm fields. We will monitor this and if you have any problems please get in touch with any of your local Councillor team.

**Cllr Paul Frankum 01256 819924**

**Cllr Jane Frankum 01256 819924**

**Popley East:** On 18th February B&DBC and Chapter 1 held a drop in session at Chineham House to give residents an opportunity to discuss and view the proposal to transform Chineham House into 10 flats providing affordable accommodation for the borough.

We have continued to push for community facilities in Chineham House and after considerable discussion with B&DBC it was agreed that there will be a community room. The room will have toilet and sink/tea making facilities and will be open for daytime and evening bookings by community groups or agencies. It will also be a facility for assisting with digital inclusion and welfare reform issues for the community.

Around 40 people came along and the feedback was mainly positive. Residents did express some concerns, which echoed issues we had raised as councillors, specifically wheelchair access to the community room.

We are happy to see good use of Chineham House, but feel disabled provision as a pre requisite is a must to enable accessibility for all the community. We will continue to push for this as we feel it is not a huge obstacle to solve.

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**11:00am – 4:00pm**

**Popley Fields Community Centre**

**Bouncy Castle**

**Easter Egg Hunt**

**Penalty shoot-out against the local Officers!**

**Crafts/Biscuit Decorating**

**Face painting**

**Food & refreshments available all day!**

All proceeds will go towards keeping the  
Community Centre and the Youth Group open.

Please come down and support us!

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# April at Basingstoke Discovery Centre

To book a place visit Basingstoke Discovery Centre in Festival Place, or call 01256 478670. Advance booking is strongly recommended.

To find out more about Basingstoke Discovery Centre and Hampshire Libraries visit [www.hants.gov.uk/bsdc](http://www.hants.gov.uk/bsdc).

**How to Read a Graveyard: With Author Peter Stanford** Thursday 3 April at 7pm, £5.

Writer, journalist and broadcaster Peter Stanford will explain the role of graveyards, his travels and what you can learn from graveyards in your own neighbourhood.

**Amazing Creature Carving Saturday** 12 April at 10am, £10. Team up with professional fruit carvers 'Carving Magic' and discover how to carve all kinds of creatures from fruit and vegetables. Suitable for adults and children aged 7+.

**Pop-Out Easter Cards: Children's Crafts**, Saturday 12 April, between 1pm and 3pm. FREE drop-in for ages 5+. Come down and get arty by learning to create your own multi-coloured, pop-up card this Easter to impress your schoolmates and family with!

**Time To Grow: Kick-Start Your Gardening Year** Thursday 24 April at 2pm, £3. Get your gardening year off to a flying start - Join Nick Lightfoot, Gardens & Countryside Manager from the National Trust property The Vyne, to find out all about the jobs to be doing in the flower garden and veg patch to ensure you have a fantastically successful 2014.

**Paper Planets: Children's Crafts** Saturday 26 April between 1pm and 3pm, FREE drop-in for ages 5+. Create stunning but simple planets made with only a few clever cutting and folding techniques using a variety of coloured paper. Ideal for hanging from the ceiling in any young space cadet's bedroom!



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Could there be a more appropriate choice for the theatre-mad youngsters of Limelight, the youth arm of BAOS (Basingstoke Amateur Operatic Society) to tackle as their next production? Among the group, all aged between 13 and 16, is local boy Ryan Hawkes.

Fresh from their success with *Seussical Jr.* last year, the Limelighters will be taking to the stage at the Everest Community Academy on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April and Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April. The Saturday performances start at 3.30pm and 7pm while the Sunday matinee performance starts at 2pm.

Fame Jr. was conceived and developed by David De Silva, with music by Steve Margoshes, lyrics by Jacques Levy and the book by Jose Fernandez. The toe-tapping music and clever lyrics will bring memories of the Eighties flooding back – and for the Saturday evening performance there's a sing-along at the end to release your inner performer!

Tickets (£10 adults, £7.50 children, Family £30) are available from [www.baoslimelight.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.baoslimelight.ticketsource.co.uk). For more information, please follow us on [www.facebook.com/baos.limelight](http://www.facebook.com/baos.limelight) or @BAOSLimelight on Twitter. Group discounts (10+) available, please contact [baoslimelight@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:baoslimelight@yahoo.co.uk).



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## Broadband Update

It seems that the hard work has paid off and fibre optic broadband has now been enabled for a large chunk of Marnel Park (Certainly the Appleton Drive side). The Cabinet is PCP 101. If people go to the BT Infinity website and enter their post code or contact them, they will be able to find out if it's available for their household yet or not....

There has been no other communication relating to this so people may not know its available yet, I only found out because somebody told me... So you may want to spread the word accordingly if you have a small space somewhere that needs filling :-)

Steve

# The 11 Most Controversial Food Additives

- 1. Acesulfame Potassium (Acesulfame-K)** Is a calorie free artificial sweetener which is 200 times sweeter than sugar. It is found in more than 5,000 food products worldwide, including diet soft drinks.
- 2. Artificial Flavouring** This denotes to any of hundreds of allowable chemicals such as butyl alcohol, isobutyric acid, and phenylacetaldehyde dimethyl acetal. They are used to imitate specific fruits, butter, spices, and so on. Found in thousands of highly processed foods such as cereals, fruit snacks, beverages, and cookies.
- 3. Aspartame** Is a near zero calorie artificial sweetener made by combining two amino acids with methanol. Most commonly used in diet soft drinks, aspartame is 180 times sweeter than sugar. It is found in more than 6,000 grocery items including diet drinks, yoghurts, and table-top sweeteners.
- 4. BHA and BHT** AKA, Butylated HydroxyAnisole and Butylated Hydroxytoluene are petroleum-derived antioxidants used to preserve fats and oils. Found in beer, crackers, cereals, butter, and most foods with added fats.
- 5. High Fructose Corn Syrup (HFCS)** A corn derived sweetener representing more than 40 percent of all caloric sweeteners in the supermarket. It can be found in every grocery aisle in products such as ice cream, chips, cookies, cereal, bread, ketchup, jam, canned fruits, yoghurt, barbecue sauce, frozen dinners, and many more products. Since around 1980, the global obesity rate has risen proportionately to the increase in HFCS.
- 6. Interesterified Fat** A semi-soft fat created by chemically blending fully hydrogenated and non-hydrogenated oils. It was developed in response to the public demand for an alternative to trans fats. Found in pastries, pies, margarine, frozen dinners, and canned soups.
- 7. Monosodium Glutamate (MSG)** The salt of the amino acid glutamic acid, used to enhance the savoury quality of foods, MSG alone has little flavour, and exactly how it enhances other foods is unknown. Found in chilli, soup, and foods with chicken or beef flavouring.
- 8. Partially Hydrogenated Vegetable Oil** A manufactured fat created by forcing hydrogen gas into vegetable fats under extremely high pressure, an unintended effect of which is the creation of trans fatty acids. Processed food manufacturers like this fat because of its low cost and long shelf life. It is found in margarine, pastries, frozen foods, cakes, cookies, crackers, soups, and non-dairy creamers. A loophole in labelling requirements allows processors to add as much as 0.49 grams per serving and still claim **zero** in their nutrition facts.
- 9. Red #3 (Erythrosine) and Red #40 (Allura Red)** These are food dyes that are orange red and cherry red. Red #40 is the most widely used food dye in most countries. Found in fruit cocktail, sweets, chocolate cake, cereal, beverages, pastries, maraschino cherries, and fruit snacks.
- 10. Saccharin** Is an artificial sweetener 300 to 500 times sweeter than sugar. Found in diet foods, chewing gum, toothpaste, beverages and sugar free sweets. Recent studies show that rats on a saccharin rich diet gain more weight than those on high sugar diets.
- 11. Yellow #5 (Tartrazine) and Yellow #6 (Sunset Yellow)** These are the second and third most common food colourings, respectively. Found in cereal, pudding, bread mix, beverages, chips, cookies, and condiments. Several studies have linked both dyes to learning and concentration disorders in children.

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With lyrics by Tim Rice, **Jesus Christ Superstar** is a stunning show set during the last seven days of the life of Christ, seen through the eyes of the man who betrayed him – Judas.

Songs include the well-known ballads *I Don't Know How To Love Him* and *Everything's Alright*, the comic *King Herod's Song*, the rock-influenced *Heaven On Their Minds* and of course the global hit *Superstar*.

A new generation has fallen in love with **Jesus Christ Superstar**, thanks to the ITV show *Superstar* which was dedicated to finding a lead actor for the recent sell-out arena tour of the musical, starring Tim Minchin, Melanie C and Chris Moyles.

For BATS, multi-award-winning director Ray Jeffery promises a colourful, dynamic and hugely emotional production, set in the era of flower power, a radical time when notions of faith and love were redefined.

Jesus is played by Jamie Trick whose beautiful voice does full justice to the fantastic range of songs. Judas is powerfully portrayed by Stephen Westwood and the heart-rending role of Mary Magdalene is played by Laura Newborough. They are supported by more than 30 talented local performers.

The musical director is Rachel Glover and additional choreography is by Nick Brannam.

Six performances of **Jesus Christ Superstar** run from Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2014. Performances start at 7.30pm with a 2.30pm matinee on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

**Early booker prices apply until 8<sup>th</sup> March 2014:** £18 (adult) and £14 (Children 16 and under).

Full prices apply from 9 March: £20 (adult) and £16 (Children 16 and under). All prices include Anvil Arts £1 booking fee per ticket. Concessions apply for all performances for over-60s, groups and full-time students.

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**Cub Scout section: Douglas Gowan 01256 412326**

**Beaver Scout section: Eve Alexander 07790 018 171**

Beaver programmes have been packed full of fun and activity last month as they celebrated national Saints' days for Ireland and Wales and prepared for Mother's Day but they still found time to raise £65 for the British Heart Foundation by taking part in their 'Jump-over-rope' challenge. Well done!

Early in March the Cubs took part in the annual Six-a-Side Football competition. Sadly it was not one of their better years as they lost all four of games but everyone enjoyed meeting up with other Cubs from across the District. The Pack also celebrated both St. David's Day and St. Patrick's Day by doing a number of fun activities based round the countries of Wales and Ireland. At the end of March a team of four Cubs will participate in the District Mastermind Competition (at the time of writing, due copy deadlines, we don't have results).

The Group has been pleased to welcome two new potential adult leaders in recent weeks subject to the completion of the adult appointment process. Neil will join the Cub section and Adrian the Scout section. An additional adult assistant for the Beaver Colony would help us to extend our provision for the 6-8 year age group.

New recruits welcome (though you may have to wait for a vacancy in the Beaver section which is currently oversubscribed) – for more information, contact the leaders listed above or [www.facebook.com/BasingstokeAirScouts](https://www.facebook.com/BasingstokeAirScouts)

Users will have noticed that the main hall in Base 2000 has been recarpeted lately thanks to generous support from BMW Group Financial Services division and Phil Della-Savina who fitted it. Base 2000 is available for use by any community group at special rates either for 'one-off' or regular bookings. It can also be used for childrens' parties or family gatherings. Hiring rates range from £3.50 per hour for the smaller hall to up to £10 per hour for the larger hall. Enquiries to [bookings@base2000.co.uk](mailto:bookings@base2000.co.uk) or call Colin on 07796 772 500 / 01256 410559.



Basingstoke East District Scouts will be holding a St. George's Day Parade and Celebration in Popley during the afternoon of Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April. Potentially 500 young people from the nine Groups which form the District will parade from Popley Community Park in Popley Way to St. Bede's Church for the renewal of promises. The Host Group this year is 1<sup>st</sup> Popley Scout Group.



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- **Wednesday – Discovery Centre, Festival Place, Basingstoke 9.30am-12.30pm.**
- **Thursday – Oakridge Hall for All 9.30am-12.30pm**
- **Friday – Popley Fields Community Centre 9.30am-12.30pm**

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Dear Friends

By the time you read this the season of Lent will be drawing to its conclusion in the celebration of Easter - the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. So how was Lent for you? Did you manage to give something up and will you take that something up again once Lent is finished or has it changed you forever? I never cease to be amazed at how God can be at work in the smallest of changes in our lives and how those changes seem to transform us more and more into his likeness. But sometimes those changes can have a massive impact too!

In the late 1980s not too long after I had become a Christian I was invited by a local church to attend a conference day at the NEC in Birmingham praying for the youth of the day. We arrived at the conference hall by 9.30am and I was amazed to find myself part of a crowd of 20,000 people of all ages and backgrounds gathered in this one place to sing, to pray and then to listen to some passionate speakers declare their commitment to the young people of our country.

During the closing worship a young man came up to me out of the crowd and pressed a piece of paper into my hand with the words "this is for you from The Lord!" And with that he disappeared back into the crowd. On the piece of paper was written 'Zechariah chapter 3' that was it! I had to look up who Zechariah was - an Old Testament prophet who lived around 587BC - and the first seven verses of that chapter blew me away! More than that they changed my life forever. It was the starting point of a journey that has brought me to where I am today.

The journey has not been an easy one! At the time I was working in the IT industry and enjoying all the material benefits a career in that industry can bring and to give it all up, go to theological college and become an ordained priest was just not on; not for me, my family or my future as I perceived it.

But God is gracious and as I worked through all these tensions and some very difficult personal circumstances I increasingly began to sense how God was gently and lovingly guiding my life, how his plan for me was being worked out in spite of all my protestations.

So my life changed! I gave up the career, the salary, the car and surrendered instead to the inevitable. I sometimes meet up with colleagues from my former career and they ask if I miss it; the drive, the energy, the rewards! Truth be told, I sometimes do, but much more rarely these days as the rewards from my ministry far outweighs the gains from that previous way of life.

Easter is the greatest of the Christian celebrations of the year. I hope and pray that yours will be truly blessed and that you might come to know this God who loves every one of us. May you and your family know His power to transform.

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Our first 50 homes, which range in size from 1 bedroom flats to 4 bedroom houses, are due to be finished in June this year and our next phase of the build will start in the next few weeks. This should take about 18 months to complete.

The whole development should be ready by December 2018.

There's more details on our website at [www.sentinelha.org.uk](http://www.sentinelha.org.uk).

## Living at Merton Rise

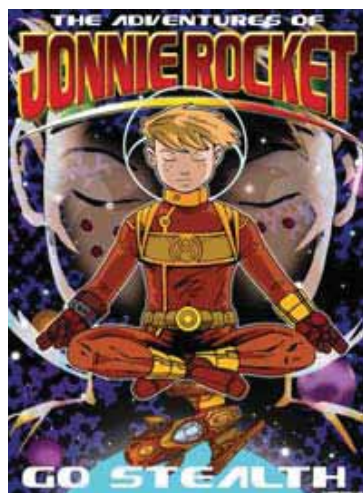
If you'd like to rent a home at Merton Rise you'll need to register on the Basingstoke and Deane Homebid website at [www.basingstokehomebid.org.uk](http://www.basingstokehomebid.org.uk).

If you're interested in shared ownership of one of our new homes at Merton Rise, please call our home ownership team on **01256 338800**. Or you can email them at [homeownership@sentinelha.org.uk](mailto:homeownership@sentinelha.org.uk).

# Easter at South Ham Library

Looking for somewhere to take the children during the Easter holidays? Then why not come to South Ham Library and join in the fun.

Saturday 5th April 10am – 12 noon. We are making Spoon Puppets which you can try out on our puppet theatre. Free admission. All materials provided.



Wednesday 9th April 2pm – 3pm The Adventures of Jonnie Rocket – a free graphic workshop with author John Chapman. This one hour workshop consists of a ‘story-tell’ and a ‘create your own comic character’ session. Signed copies of the Jonnie Rocket books will be available for purchase on the day. Spaces are limited. Please book a place by calling 01256 336047 or popping into the library before the event.

Wednesday 16th April 10am – 4pm More Spoon Puppet Making for those who missed the first session.



**St. Michael's Hospice (North Hampshire) is looking for volunteers to help out with their annual House to House collection taking place throughout June.**

If you have a couple of hours spare to deliver and pick up envelopes and would like to be involved then please contact Lynne Grimshaw, Community Campaigns Coordinator on 01256 848845 or email [Lynne.grimshaw@stmichaelshospice.org.uk](mailto:Lynne.grimshaw@stmichaelshospice.org.uk)





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# Rotary



# Club of Basingstoke

The Rotary Club of Basingstoke are holding three special events in the first half of 2014.

On Sunday 27 April from 10.00am we are holding our Garden and Craft Festival at Milestones, Basingstoke Leisure Park. There will be garden exhibitors selling plants and dispensing free garden advice. We have 30 craft stalls in our large marquee, and there are musical and dancing events for the whole family. There are food and refreshment stalls, face painting, temporary tattoos and much more. Proceeds towards Basingstoke Mencap, Spotlight, and other Rotary charities.

At The Lord Wandsworth College, Long Sutton, on Friday 2 May at 6.30pm, we are holding our popular classical music evening. A varied programme is performed by the Steinberg Duo. There will also be performances by local young musicians, and you can enjoy the beautiful college surroundings, beginning with the reception and art exhibition by college students, followed by canapés and wine. The event supports the College Foundation and Basingstoke Rotary local charities.

Sunday 18 May is the date for our annual Charity Walk. Starting at Hannington radio mast near Kingsclere, there is a choice of three circular walks of approximately 4, 7 and 10 miles. The start time is between 9.00 and 10.00am and after the walk a BBQ and refreshments can be enjoyed, this being included in the entrance fee. This walk is an excellent vehicle to raise money both for your favourite charity and local Rotary charities.

For full information on all the above events please visit [www.basingstoke.rotaryweb.org](http://www.basingstoke.rotaryweb.org).

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## **What happens if I die without a Will?**

**By Sheila Glyn-Owen, Solicitor**

Many of us tend to put the subject of making a Will to the back of our minds hoping that the necessity to make a Will will simply go away.

The law sets out clear rules for what happens to your estate – property, personal possessions and cash – if you die without a Will. Therefore, it is very important that you make a Will especially if you want your wishes to be met.

If you die without a Will then you die intestate and the distribution of your estate is governed by very strict rules. Meaning your estate may pass to someone who you do not want to benefit from your estate or someone who is dependant upon you may be left without anything.

For those of you who are married and have children, if you die intestate and you predecease your spouse or civil partner, then they and your children will not automatically receive everything in your estate. Unfortunately, your spouse will be treated harshly because their entitlement will be limited to a sum of £250,000 (plus personal effects), with a limited interest in half of the balance which remains after that. The other half passes to your children.

If you have no children but do have surviving siblings or parents, then your spouse or civil partner takes a sum of £140,000 and one half of the balance, with other relatives taking the other half. Your spouse or civil partner will only receive all of your estate if you have no surviving children, siblings or parents.

We can offer professional advice on how to secure the correct disposal of your estate to ensure your last wishes are respected and your chosen beneficiaries are looked after.

If you would like to find out more about Will planning or would like to instruct one of our solicitors to start the process of drafting a Will for you, please contact us and we will be happy to assist you.

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At last the sun has decided to come out of hibernation and, at the time of writing, we have been able to get back to what we do best, PLAY FOOTBALL!

Firstly, we have to applaud all of our players, coaches and, of course, the parents of all age groups, who have battled brilliantly against the elements to continue training, playing and arranging friendly matches where competitive matches had been cancelled or postponed. WELL DONE GUYS!

This type of commitment to the club really comes to the fore when the boys step out onto the pitch and put in performances that have seen our Under 13s advance to the semi finals of the PHYL Cup.

MFC Popley Youth, a FA Charter Standard Club is pleased to announce and invite teams of all Youth Football to enter the MFC Popley Youth Annual Tournament for 2014. Following on from the successful 2013 Tournament, where over 100 teams participated in two days of fantastic football, the Tournament is planned to be bigger and better than previous years with ALL age groups being fully competitive! The U7 & U8 teams will be playing 5-a-Side and U9, U10, U11, U12, U13, U14, U15, U16 teams playing 6-a-Side. **Date(s):** Saturday 10th May & Sunday 11th May **Venue:** Carpenter's Down Open Space, Popley Fields, Basingstoke. **Entry Fee:** £24 per team (up to 8 Players per team).

To register your club/teams, please contact the Tournament Director to obtain a booking form and team sheets. Tournament Contact Email: [ian.davies.2010@live.co.uk](mailto:ian.davies.2010@live.co.uk) Tournament Contact Phone Number: 07884 185 693.

We are pleased to announce a full club trip to the Camrose for the game between Basingstoke Town and Bishops Stortford on 12th April. This outing is for all MFC Popley Youth age groups, with a guard of honour formed by the players and an exhibition match at half-time.

This year our annual Presentation Evening will take the form of a Family Fun Day on Sunday 13th July. Further details to follow.

Are you, or do you know someone, interested in coaching youth football?

If so, we are looking to recruit new volunteer coaches into MFC Popley Youth. Experience is not necessarily required, as full training will be arranged by the club, but a passion for football and teaching children how to play the game at grass roots level is a must.

Please contact the club by email at [volunteer@mfcpopleyyouth.co.uk](mailto:volunteer@mfcpopleyyouth.co.uk) or contact our Director of Football, Warwick Sear-Jarvis, on 07501079595 for more details.

We are always looking to get more parents involved actively with MFC Popley Youth, especially with the formation of our new Social Fundraising Committee and on match days with refereeing (in particular our under 7s) and the set up of the pitches and Respect lines. So if you are interested in helping out please make yourself known to either the Club Chairman Ian Davies, our Director of Football Warwick Sear-Jarvis or to the Manager of your particular age group.

Do you know a Year R or Year 1 child who wants to get into football? If so the Club is now recruiting for 'All Stars Players'. If you would like your child to join, or if you have any further questions, please contact the All Stars manager John Hewson by phone: 07927 640198 or by email: [allstars@mfcpopleyyouth.co.uk](mailto:allstars@mfcpopleyyouth.co.uk)

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For more information and dates of meetings, please phone either:-  
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Tuesday night is BINGO NIGHT! Doors open at 7pm, Eyes down at 8pm. New members are welcome. Come along, meet and make new friends. Refreshments are also available, it finishes around about 10pm.

Wednesday evening is Dance To The Beat 5.30-6.30pm, for details ring Miss Lackey on 321160. Also kick boxing is 7.30-8.30pm.

If you like to dance we have street dance and ballet classes on Thursdays, for ages ranging from two and a half year olds to adults, 4.30 until 5.30pm. For full details contact Samantha on 07811299484.

On a Friday night come along and join the Friday club (children). From 5-6.30pm.

The hall is also available to hire for parties at reasonable rates for details ring Janet on 363156.

OUR NEXT FAMILY PRIZE BINGO IS AT POPLEY FIELDS COMMUNITY CENTRE ON FRIDAY 11TH APRIL - Please note that doors open at 6pm and eyes down at 7pm. Refreshments will also be available.

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## **Over 55s Forum**

Basingstoke and Deane's Over 55s Forum has the next meeting on 16th April 2014 at the Carnival Hall, Council Road, Basingstoke. 10.00am to 1.30pm. The Speakers are, Ian Kennedy (English Channel), Rosy Hardy (Hardy's Nursery) and a 3rd to be finalised.

The Concert Alder Valley Championship Brass Band and Hospital Ladies Choir are again this month. On 13th April 2014 at Queen Mary's College.

We are in the stages of also organising an afternoon of WW1 stories, poems and singing War Time songs for early June, more information when finalised.

Our membership is still growing we are well into the 500 mark.

# Diaries from the Old Codger

Well first I must apologise for last month, I just did not have the strength or mind to finish Popley Matters. I am sorry Her Indoors had to have a chat, but she had me sitting in a chair and I could not move without an ear bashing, so no different on that score! Boy, can she put her foot down plus I had my daughter-in-law and sister-in-law having a few words as well and you don't mess with them either. I am totally surrounded by women; my defence is to take out my hearing aids and just nod.



As I have said Basingstoke played a big part in WW1. I did talk about Thornycroft last month but will go back to that another time. In Basingstoke we also had a company called Burberry, yes the same firm that items can nowadays cost an arm and leg. In the First World War they made over 500,000 trench coats. They had a shop for many years in Winchester Street. The factory actually burnt down in around 1905, but the shop was still there and sold riding gear. The Burberry coats sold to the army were mainly for officers in the cavalry. The style of the coat would also cover much of the horse's backs.

When I was young my grandfather had a Burberry coat and, in hindsight it would be lovely still to have it but my grandmother sent it to a charity shop. She could have given Her Indoors to charity and given me the coat!

I just wonder and I would like to put it to the editor that this year for one month's issue instead of calling this Popley Matters we could just give our respect and call it "Poppy Matters". I don't know how well it would go down with all our readers or if it could be done with out extra costs in the change?

I have had to put off my operation three times due to illness but they say in a few months I can have it done so fingers crossed. The appointment has come through for mid April. The pain is so bad, it gets you down. Her Indoors is not much help she just says never mind dear get on with it, no sympathy there then. Excuse me butting in; I never say that I would have the wrath of Popley come down on me! I would like to thank Jane and Paul for the kind message in last month's Popley Matters and to the people that sent mail.



**Talk next month so take care The Old Codger**



# Lions Club of Basingstoke

Website [www.basingstokelions.org.uk](http://www.basingstokelions.org.uk)

Happy New Year! I've just returned from 3 months absence to find that the Club (like my garden) is much more productive when I am away. So it's catch up time.

Let me start by thanking the people of Basingstoke who helped us to our best ever Christmas cash collection - over £3,300. And I must also thank all the superstores who allowed us to collect on their premises and those members of the Club who put in over 200 hours collecting, often in quite miserable conditions, to achieve this remarkable amount. Thank you one and all! Then Barclay's Mercantile stepped in and gave us £,1500. Wonderful! Many thanks!

So what have we done with all that money? You'd have to read the Welfare section of the minutes of our Business Meeting to get a true feel for the many ways in which people have been helped. The best I can do is try to give you a flavour of the sort of things we've been involved with.

Range £0-99: Disability certificate, bicycle, tricycle, doors, food vouchers, electricity top ups, clothing, carpets and paint, a total of 19 donations.

Range £100-499: Garden at old people's home, carpet, Homestart Chineham, Disabled Sports, Joshua Tree, Lymington House School, Saxon Wood School, a total of 7 donations.

£500 and over: The Women's Refuge and Basingstoke Voluntary Services.

With regard to all the above I'd like to thank the retailers who, when they understand what we are doing, give us such generous discounts.

The money spent rarely reflects the amount of effort that goes into ensuring that it is appropriately spent. For instance we were notified of a case where an elderly lady had been advised that she needed a mobility scooter. Normally such a request would be far beyond our means to satisfy. However, Pangbourne Lions Club had been given a mobility scooter for which they had no current candidate and had offered it to local Clubs. Our Welfare Chairman inspected it, accepted it and put in full working order for £170. In the meantime he spent several hours with the elderly lady to ensure that it would be suitable for her. It became clear that it wasn't. It emerged that she had become very anxious because she couldn't keep her house clean because she was unable to use her vacuum cleaner. It was too heavy for her to use. So, we bought her a lightweight cleaner for £40 which solved her problem and put her mind at rest. At the same time we were told of a young lad who had had to stop attending college because of advancing muscular dystrophy. He was able to handle the scooter safely so it was given to him to solve his mobility problem and allow him to return to college. I think it's called serendipity.

As far as fundraising is concerned our calendar is filling up fast. If you can, please take a look at the Events Calendar and Upcoming Events sections of our website. Immediate events are:

**22 March** a Quiz Night at Cliddesden Millenium Hall, contact Dalton Hopkins on 01256 883113 or email [dalne1952@gmail.com](mailto:dalne1952@gmail.com)

**29 March** a concert at Queen Mary's College main hall with the Basingstoke Guitar Orchestra and the Basingstoke Rock choir (promises to be a fantastic evening) contact Maurice Hockley 01256 421867 or John Lincoln 01256 325280 or through the website.

**3 May** The New Heritage Orchestra at Queen Mary's College. They wowed us last year and they promise to do it again – I can't wait! Contacts as above.



Dear Readers

Wow, hasn't this month flown by? By the rate of things Christmas will be here soon.

Last month was my sister's birthday and she had a Laser Tag party. By the look of her and her friends at the end of the party and all the things they said, they all had a great time. They had a girls v boys 'battle' with 30 mins for 2 games. The boys whooped the girls in both games. They all LOVED it.

I've been to a Laser Tag party before and it isn't just for young children. Grown ups like it too and it is a great chance to get competitive and really is a good laugh!

For my sister's birthday cake, my mum made a 'Frozen' themed one. It had snow in the top and Olaf the snowman on the top. There were snowflakes around the edge sprinkled with edible glitter. It looked great and my sister loved it. When my mum used to have her shop in Chineham she went to some of the cake workshops they held there. They were taught by a lady called Vicky. She taught my mum lots of her cake decorating skills. She still runs classes at Viables and mum has just booked to do two more of them.

If you want that professional looking cake I'd advise you to book on her classes, she is fab (I've watched some of her classes).

You never know you could be the next professional cake decorator.

My Gold level Ballroom and Latin Exams are at the end of this month. These will be my last Juvenile exams as I turn Junior level later on in the year. For Gold I have to dance four Latin and four Ballroom dances. I'm having to add more complicated steps to my routines and it's tricky. I've just learnt the Paso Doble and it's now one of my favourite dances. Very dramatic.

I'm looking forward to my move up though because I get to wear sparkly, lacy, studded, fluffy layered dresses :-)) I also get to dance in heels although I am only starting off in small heels!!! There will be more flicks, kicks and spins as well as even more harder movements being added to my routines.

My Grandad who dances too and met my Nanny through it, has said he will take me to a specialist shop and buy me my first Junior dress. I'm very lucky and very excited about that.

On 19th April, one of our local businesses will be having a fun day to celebrate their birthday. Come along and have some fun. I'm sure there will be a bouncy castle and some yummy cakes.

Hopefully I can go and will see you there.

**Till next month**

**Ellie**

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