

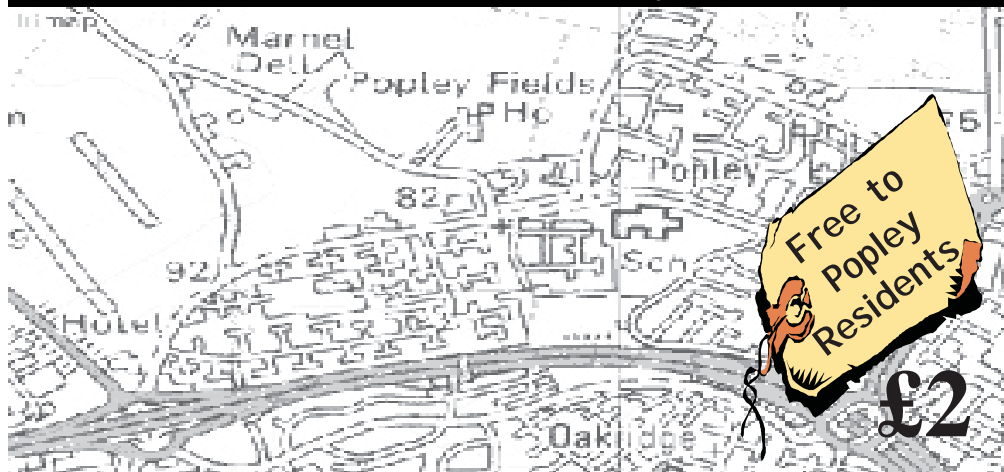
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Editor
Jane Frankum

Message from the Editor:-As I sit down here writing the Editor’s message the sun is beating down and I have just got back from visiting The Popley Festival. There were so many people there, I am sure it will be the best attended since it moved to the Popley Fields site. There were stalls from our community groups and clubs. There were events in the arena and of course a fun fair.

We are lucky in Popley with clubs, groups and events either in Popley or close by. Scouts, Boys Brigade slimming clubs, Silver Sherpas, Bingo, indoor bowls and Everest Autism Club (on page 25) to name a few. The Shakespeare Community had delicious cakes (see the page opposite). Still to come are Basingstoke Festival, Basingstoke Live and Winklebury Carnival too and I hope all have the sunshine and success that Popley Festival had.

We welcome articles from our readers as this is the community magazine for all the communities of Popley. We would also welcome any offers of help to deliver Popley Matters, just one hour a month would help and I have been told that many of our deliverers enjoy chatting to people when they do their deliveries. It is a good way to get to know people and you will be helping the community.

My final comments come as I look out at the beautiful warm sunshine and I can hear children playing outside. Please be careful with your speed and where you park, and please don’t block out the sight lines or the paths as that forces people to walk out into the road. If there was an accident, the consequences could live with you forever.

Thank you Rhiannon for your help as treasurer and good luck for the future. A big thank you to Chris Martin for taking on the job.

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Thank you for your support

For Popley Festival this year, we spent 3 days doing nothing but making cakes. It took 2 tables to display them and 2 more with stacked cake boxes to keep the display full. Yet again we sold out! Thank you to everyone that supported us this year, it was great to see so many people out enjoying the sunshine after such a miserably wet spring.

The play area in the middle of the Poets estate is currently being constructed and will hopefully be ready for the summer months. This was one of the things people said would make the estate a nicer place to live when they answered our survey. Last year at Popley Festival there was a display asking people to put coloured spots on things they liked and didn't like, and the new play area was designed with those likes and dislikes in consideration.

Recently we have been meeting with the Popley Islands group and officers from the council, on the local plan. This is a document which is being written using the data from the survey, stating what people want, how that can be achieved, and who could be involved in delivering that. It's a bit like a wish list for East Popley. When it is completed, it will be passed around to agencies who could be involved in delivering the wishes. For example, we have been chatting with Chapter One and Radian Housing Associations who are keen to get involved in local community development and may have funding that can possibly be allocated to those projects. This is a real change in local planning. Where in the past we have had no say in what goes on in our community, this is an opportunity to have a real input.

If you would like to know more about the things we have been doing, or get involved yourself, you come along to Popley Fields Community Centre on Thursdays from 11am till 1.30pm for a chat. You could sample our home-made cakes and maybe have a bacon roll too. We would love to see you there.

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Councillors Page: Many complaints are received about poor parking throughout Popley parking is a nightmare and although there may not be a single answer, drivers could help by being more careful with where and the way they park. Parking on bends is dangerous and it increases the chances of accidents and also contravenes the Highway Code. Another poor practice is parking and blocking paths. We receive so many complaints on this subject and as Marnel Park has now been adopted, parking becomes a council matter and tickets are issued by the council. Residents say that the designated areas for parking are often nearly empty whilst the roads are full of cars. We continue to work on getting Merton Rise phases 1a and 1b adopted. In the more established parts of Popley the main concern is also on the corners. The concern I have is the increased possibility of an accident, be it a child, or someone forced into walking in the road as the paths are not passable. You would not want to live with the consequences and the results of any accident. *Cllr Jane Frankum 01256 819924*

Popley West: Thank you for re-electing me to continue working with our Labour team for Popley. I was overwhelmed with the support. A big thank you to all those that helped before, and on, Election Day.

The reborn "tree shading" panel met to discuss the motion put to full council with regard to the trees in the borough that are too high, too big and causing damage to paths and the wrong type of species. The last time they met was 2007 but the Tory administration have not allow and a meeting since then. Basically there was no policy or appetite by them to tackle the problem. Though grateful that at last the budget has an increase in it, the amount won't even clear up the back log of applications for this year but at least it is a start. Residents have been living constantly in shade and having to fork out a huge amount in their utility bills, getting no signal for their TVs and no chance with solar panels. We will continue to fight for solutions.

BT have told us if they get enough people interested in Infinity, it increases the chances of the connection for a better Broadband. Some residents live close to a cabinet and yet are still not connected. We have pointed it out to the new developers as it is a question high on anyone's list when moving and can, and does, affect sales.

Cllr Jane Frankum 01256 819924

Cllr Paul Frankum 01256 819924

Popley East: Thank you for re-electing me to continue with our team of Labour Councillors. We will work together, as we have been doing for all the people of Popley.

We hope you all enjoyed the Popley Festival. Its great to see so many people supporting this fantastic event each year

The new bus shelter in Carpenters Down is imminent and, at the time of writing, we have been advised we are just waiting on the manufacture and delivery of the roof.

In the latest revised plans for the conversion of Chineham House, Chapter 1 have suggested that a roll out disability access could be provided to allow people with disabilities to access the community room. We feel this is not good enough. Under this arrangement we will be saying to those with disabilities that they must let people know in advance if they intend to visit Chineham House so arrangements can be made for their visit. This takes away any spontaneity on behalf of those with disabilities. Whilst not a statutory requirement, we would argue that all buildings should have access for those with disabilities in any case, including those wishing to visit tenants in the building. We will continue to push for permanent disability access to the community room. Please let us know your views on this.

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Latest Minsk Trip

I'm slowly recovering from my spring visit to Minsk!

As always, it was pretty hectic what with visiting the Linguistic University (two departments), the Belarusian State University (four departments), the Belarusian National Technical University (where Natasha teaches English) and Radio Belarus to record English language broadcasts! I usually see three classes of students per department so I've lost count of all the students I've seen over the years! It was easier this year as the weather was very spring-like. Last year it was knee deep in snow! It was, on average, 4-5 degrees warmer than Basingstoke! There were two days when it rained, so that was OK.

The two problems that are foremost in most people's minds are the situation in the Ukraine and inflation.

When I arrived at the end of March the bus tickets, and Metro tokens, regardless of how far you travel were 3,000 Belarusian roubles (about 25p) but at the beginning of April the price was increased to 3,700 Belarusian roubles, which is quite a large percentage increase. Although the increase is not a problem for me, for a retired person on a pension of \$200 a month it can prove difficult as food, gas, electricity and water prices increase by about the same percentage.

Their concern regarding the instability in the Ukraine is due to their common border. Several of the teachers I know are Ukrainian and they are desperately worried about friends and relatives living in the Ukraine. The shops are running out of food, people are frightened to go to work due to the armed gangs roaming the streets and their children haven't been to school for weeks.

None of this dampened the students' enthusiasm to ask me endless questions on anything and everything 'British'! They seem to think I'm an expert on everything from our education system to the Royal Family! Still, I usually manage to bluff my way through the lesson, which lasts for an hour and a half; I come away exhausted after seeing three classes in succession! The problem the students, teachers and professors have is that as so few 'native speakers' visit Minsk, and of those who do, not all will meet students. They all lack practise talking to a 'native speaker' and so lack confidence. Several of the classes demanded that I saw them twice during this visit as they realised they could understand me, and more importantly, I could understand them! This boosted their confidence and so the students who'd been too shy and nervous to speak during the first lesson I saw them wanted to talk to me.

On the last Saturday I was in Minsk I met Natasha at 10 am, a class of students at 11.15 am, another class at 1pm and the last class at 2.30pm. I eventually staggered out of the University at 4.30pm! I should have left just after 4 pm but I was waylaid in the staff room by Maya, the head of the department, who insisted I have a cup of coffee! We were then joined by four attractive young teachers whose students I'd seen and wanted to tell me how much the students had enjoyed their lessons and were insisting I see them again in the autumn! Belarus is hosting the world ice hockey championships and most of the students I've seen have volunteered to help the English speaking fans!

Terry Jones



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Be a part of our second summer Santa Sun Run this June and help us to bring the joy of Christmas to seriously-ill children this summer.

Pride of Britain Award winning charity, Sebastian's Action Trust is holding its second summer Santa Sun Run on Sunday 29th June at Down Grange Sports Complex in Basingstoke. The annual event marks the first of many events in the Trust's Christmas in July campaign, where participants can run, walk or jog the 5km route.

The Trust is also excited to announce that special guest, Robert Kenny, Drive time Radio Presenter from The Breeze will feature at the event, whilst some of his colleagues will even be participating in the run itself!

Events Co-Ordinator Hannah Lambart said, *"We were pleased to see so many people join us for our first summer Santa Sun Run last year and we hope to build upon last year's success. Last year we saw families come together, groups of friends, colleagues and individuals taking part. The popular thing about this event is that it appeals to all ages and all fitness levels!"*

Although this day will be a great event, it also has a much deeper meaning. Sadly for many of our families a lot of children we support may not be able to celebrate Christmas in December. That's why we have brought Santa on holiday and encouraging as many people as possible to help us raise vital funds which will help the incredible children we support".

Entry costs £10 for adults, £5 for children and under 5s are free. All participants will be given a Santa hat on the day and are encouraged to wear red clothing. Those that raise over £150.00 will be entered into a prize raffle to win two month's Premier

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WHATS ON IN JUNE:

MONDAY:	10.00am-12.00pm	Popley NCT Bumps and Babies - NEW!!!
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	7.30-10.00pm	Peregrinus Healing and Holistic
TUESDAY:	9.30-11.00am	Popley Little People
	4.00-6.00pm	BVS Youth Hub 11-13years
	6.30-8.00pm	BVS Youth Hub 13+
	AFTERNOON AND EVENING AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	
WEDNESDAY:	9.30am	Slimming World
	12-2pm	Oasis Lunch club
	5.30 and 7.30pm	Slimming World
THURSDAY:	11.00am-2.00pm	Little Rainbows (all carers)
	AFTERNOON AND EVENING AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	
FRIDAY:	9.30am	Romsey Community School-preschool group
	AFTERNOON HIRE AVAILABLE	
	6.30-7.45pm	MCF Youth Club - age 5 to 10 years
	8.00-9.15pm	age 11 plus.
SATURDAY:	9.00am-4.00pm	7 TH Day Adventist Church
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Dangerous Dogs Act Changes Come into Force

Irresponsible dog owners who allow their dog to attack people or assistance dogs will face tougher prison sentences from today.

Dog owners can now face prosecution if their dog attacks a person in their home or on any private property, except if they attack a trespasser.

The maximum sentences for allowing a dog to attack someone have also been increased substantially; offenders in England and Wales now face up to 14 years (from two years) for a fatal dog attack, and up to five years (from two years) for injury. Additionally, they will get up to three years if an assistance dog is attacked.

Animal Welfare Minister Lord de Mauley said: “Dog attacks can have horrific consequences for victims and families and it is only right those responsible should face tough punishments.

“Irresponsible dog owners will not only face longer prison sentences, but will also be liable for prosecution regardless of where an attack takes place, even in their own home”.

For the first time, the Dangerous Dogs Act also includes a specific offence to protect assistance dogs from attacks. Guide Dogs Chief Executive, Richard Leaman, said: “An attack on a guide dog can be devastating. It can rob someone with sight loss of their independence and freedom, leaving them virtually housebound”.

An average of 10 guide dogs are attacked every month. “We’re looking to the police to fully use their new powers to protect vulnerable people from these sometimes life-changing attacks”, Leaman added.

The changes will also see new preventative powers for the police and local authorities so they can act early to stop dog attacks before they occur. These measures include steps the dog owner can take to address their own or their dog’s behaviour, such as attending dog training classes and repairing fencing to their property to prevent the dog escaping.

Further measures to help tackle irresponsible dog ownership will come in to force in April 2016 when microchipping will be a legal requirement for all dogs in England, and from March 2015 in Wales.

Merton Schools May Day Fayre

Well what can you say, what a fantastic day at the May Day Fayre. The sun was shining; the acts in the arena were brilliant; the BBQ smelt and was delicious, the amount of cakes made donated and sold was amazing; and there was lots of fun going on all around the schools. A big thank you to all the parents for their donations and also to everyone who turned up and spent lots of money. We have managed to raise around the £2,000 (we still have money to come in and receipts to pay out). The Friends of Merton Schools would like to thank all the helpers who helped with setting up, running stalls and then putting it all away. Without their help we would not have been able to put on such a great event.

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Age Concern Hampshire's Food and Friendship Scheme Celebrates A Successful First Year In Basingstoke

Age Concern Hampshire's Food and Friendship scheme is celebrating a successful first year of befriending visits to older people across Basingstoke.

Then Food and Friendship service, which is funded by Hampshire County Council and Basingstoke and Dean Borough Council, provides company to Meals On Wheels customers in Basingstoke who would like a regular visit from a friendly volunteer for at least half an hour, between the hours of 11.30am and 4pm.

Food and Friendship Coordinator, Paul Simmonds, says: "Good food and good company is something that we all enjoy.

"We are delighted that the scheme has been able to reach so many people across Basingstoke and have had funding confirmed from Hampshire County Council and Basingstoke and Dean Borough Council for another year."

To find out how the Food and Friendship scheme can support you in Basingstoke, or to sign up as a partner organisation or volunteer, contact Paul Simmonds on 01962 892 455.

Pictured: Paul Simmonds from Age Concern Hampshire presents a Food and Friendship birthday cake to Joan from Basingstoke.



South Ham Library, June 2014

South Ham Library now has a learning suite and an accessible toilet. We have expanded the Children's library in its new location and moved the large print and spoken word collections, creating a quiet sitting area. Please come and see the new look and let us know what you think. All our regular activities are still running storytimes, rhymetimes and children's crafts. Our next children's craft is Sun-catcher Butterflies, 7th June, 10am-12noon.

We are currently looking for volunteers-adult and young adults (aged 14 and over) to help with the Summer Reading Challenge which encourages children aged 4-11 years to read six books over the summer holiday, 12th July 14th September. If you are interested please ask at the information desk for an application form.

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Beaver Scout section:	Eve Alexander	07790 018 171

The Pack enjoyed an evening building shelters and bivouacs in Basing Woods and is busy concentrating on acquiring skills such as knots/lashings and how to use a compass to navigate. James Ketchell, a former Scout and Scouting ambassador for Hampshire Scouting, visited the Pack at the end of May and maybe we will have a picture next month. He has recently returned to the UK after cycling round the world.

The Beaver, have been looking to the outdoors with an evening spent exploring Basing Woods and identifying trees and insects. They've also been learning the Country Code to make sure they respect the countryside whenever they are out of doors. They tried making hats from rubbish one evening, spectacular results.

The Scout Troop has been going back to basics and finding out how people communicated before the advent of the mobile 'phone and electronic gismos that seem to control young people's lives these days. I have a feeling they will need a lot more practice before they can communicate adequately using morse code however!

All three sections took part in the District St. George's Day Parade at the end of April in St. Bede's Church. The weather was wet and windy and the standard bearer was absolutely drenched by the time she arrived in the church but she still kept smiling. Well done!

The Group held its customary BBQ and Burger stand at Popley Festival in May and the weather was good this year. Funds raised from this event have helped to pay for new external doors to the Group Headquarters at Base 2000 which are much easier to lock and look very smart.

The increase in adult help for both the Cub and the Scout section is welcomed but the Beavers could do with another adult helper to at the moment as Yellow Beaver has recently broken her wrist. No previous experience is required. Full training is available but a DBS clearance is a standard requirement.

New recruits welcome – for more information, contact the leaders listed above or <http://www.facebook.com/BasingstokeAirScouts>.

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Spanish Omelette

Try this simple, cheap but delicious Spanish Omelette as a lunch or dinner. This famous omelette is made with eggs, onion and potatoes. The onion and potatoes can be cooked in advance and added to the omelette mixture just before cooking.

Information

- Serves: **2**
- Prep time: **10 minutes**
- Cook time: **45 minutes**
- Total time: **Under 60 Minutes**

Ingredients

- 1 medium onion, thinly sliced
- 275ml of beef stock
- 175g small new potatoes
- 5 large eggs
- Salt and pepper
- 1 tbs finely chopped parsley
- Fry Light, for spraying, or olive oil

Method

Put the onion and stock in a heavy saucepan, cover with a lid and bring to the boil. Boil for 5 minutes, then uncover the pan and simmer gently over a low heat for about 25 minutes, until the onions are tender and golden and all the liquid has been absorbed. Strain off any liquid that has not evaporated.

Meanwhile, cook the potatoes in lightly salted boiling water until tender. Drain, remove the skins and slice thinly into rounds.

Break the eggs into a bowl and beat lightly with a fork. Add some salt and pepper, and then stir in the cooked onion and potatoes and the chopped parsley.

Heat a seasoned or non-stick 20cm frying pan and spray the base and sides with low calorie cooking spray or brush with olive oil. Pour the egg mixture into the hot pan and reduce the heat to a bare simmer. Cook very gently over the lowest possible heat for about 15 minutes, or until the underneath is set but the top is still slightly runny.

Place the pan under a preheated hot grill, just long enough to set and lightly brown the top of the omelette. Slide the omelette out on to a serving plate. Cut into wedges and serve with a crisp salad.

Note:

In last month's recipe I said to use paper towel to cook the bacon in the microwave. My daughter complained that the towel stuck to the bacon, so please use a good quality paper towel for cooking your bacon in this way.

Basingstoke Volunteers Help Clock Up Over 10,000 Hours of Support for Older People

Age Concern Hampshire hosted a buffet lunch to say a big thank you to its volunteers who have clocked up over 10,000 hours of service in the last year.

Basingstoke volunteers give their time across the charity at Wellbeing Centres, and supporting the Food and Friendship, Village Agent and Information and Advice services. Some offer IT tutoring whilst others help with fundraising and events.

Local volunteers included dedicated sisters Rosemary Froome and Margaret Bishop from Overton who help run activities for older people in Harveys Field. Margaret said: "When we retired we wanted to do something for our community. We really enjoy meeting the people who come and hearing their stories from the past."

Age Concern Hampshire Chief Executive, Rick Smith, said "Our charity supports over 58,000 people across the county each year and it is thanks to our wonderful volunteers that we are able to reach so many people. We have lots of things going on in Basingstoke including a thriving community café, a busy day centre and computer training sessions and are always keen to hear from people who can lend a hand."

To contact Age Concern Hampshire for information and advice or to find out more about volunteering opportunities, call them on Freephone 0800 328 7154.



About Age Concern Hampshire

Age Concern Hampshire is an independent charity which works across the county to promote independent living to over-50s and offers activities, wellbeing and care for over 58,000 people each year.



Age Concern Hampshire works closely with Hampshire County Council to run 15 day centres with ongoing activities across the county including yoga, art and craft, choral singing, computer training and even belly dancing. www.ageconcernhampshire.org.

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It's easy to apply. Go to www.sentinelha.org.uk/mhf to find out more.

June 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

Bows and Blooms Cupcake Decorating Workshop

Learn the skills to make four different high quality designs (suitable for weddings or anniversaries) in a fun and professional environment with local bakers 'Sugartown Cupcakes'. Please bring four undecorated cupcakes and a case to transport them in. All other materials are provided. Sun 1 June from 11.30am to 1.30pm. £12

Crochet for the Home and Garden

Learn all the basics of crochet in a friendly and relaxed class suitable for beginners. Candle holders, vase sleeves and cushion covers are all possible. Led by tutor Barbara Touati-Evans from 'Let's Crochet UK'. Sat 7 June from 10.30am to 3pm. £35

Jane Austen's Guide to Writing

Two Jane Austen events with author Rebecca Smith who was the Writer in Residence at Jane Austen's House Museum in Chawton; she has published three of her own novels through Bloomsbury.

For Readers and Writers: A light-hearted and practical look at Austen's methods and timeless style. Sat 14 June at 10am, £4.

Workshop: Following on from the talk, this workshop will give you the opportunity to try out some of the methods Jane Austen used to introduce and establish characters and to create the worlds of her novels. Sat 14 June from 11.30am to 1.30pm, £12.

Crochet Squares: A three week course

Learn how to make squares and it will open many possibilities: rugs, blankets, cushions and much, much more. Suitable for beginners, this relaxed workshop is led by tutor Barbara Touati-Evans from 'Let's Crochet UK'. Wednesdays 18 June, 25 June and 2 July from 10.30am to 12.30pm. £35

Inside Film Classification with the BBFC

Usually only film studies get access to the BBFC, but anyone interested in seeing how the films are awarded their 'age ratings' can attend this session, with clips, conundrums and controversy set to reveal the history of the British Board of Film Classification. Wed 18 June at 2pm. £3

Myths and Mysteries of the First World War

Rupert Matthews returns after his popular talks on local ghosts and Jack the Ripper to talk about the more mysterious episodes of the First World War and what government records were kept secret. Mon 23 June at 2pm, £3

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We would like to thank all the volunteers and supporters who helped us during our election campaigns.

Popley deserves to be recognised as a good place to live and needs resources to be provided so that it can continue to provide a clean and safe environment for all. We are aware that there is more to do and your team of Councillors in Popley will work together to make sure resources are made available by the Borough and County Councils.

The Labour group on the Borough Council improved its representation gaining three seats and we will make sure the current Tory administration is reminded of its responsibilities to all the people of Basingstoke, not just a few.

Contact details for your Popley Councillors are:

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The Double Nil Rate Band

Many of our clients believe that spouses and civil partners now have two Nil Rate Bands and that they need to be worth more than £650,000 before worrying about Inheritance Tax. For many this is true but if only the government made it that easy. The 'Nil Rate Band' is the amount charged at 0% for Inheritance Tax when someone dies.

The Nil Rate Band is currently £325,000. For spouses and civil partners the value of anything passing on first death to a survivor is tax free and the Nil Rate Band is not affected. So when the second person dies, does the second person automatically have two nil rate bands? Well, no.

The government leaves it to the executors of the second person to die to make a claim within two years of this death, in order for the nil rate band of the second person to be increased by the percentage of the first persons' nil rate band they did not use when they died! The maximum increase is 100% which does double the second person's nil rate band.

So what do you need to consider when making this claim? Crucially, on the first death the personal representatives need to prepare for the second death. Many families do not have to do much on the first death, especially when most assets were owned jointly, and so do not seek legal advice. However, if the documents that are required on the second death are not available the claim may be reduced. Without all the documents available then delay and confusion may occur with the possibility of extra, unnecessary, Inheritance Tax having to be paid.

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To discuss how we can help on please contact Jonathan Jacobs on 01256 854618.



On behalf of MFC Popley Youth, the club would like to take this opportunity to apologise to the residents of Popley, around the Carpenters Down area, about the parking on day 2 of our tournament at the beginning of May.

Unfortunately the weather on the Saturday was 'slightly' worse than we had anticipated and this meant that an alternative had to be arranged for the Sunday. Please be aware that at no point did any of the MFC Popley officials direct cars into residential roads and all care was taken not to disrupt local traffic.

As mentioned, the club held it's annual tournament on the weekend of Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th May and, despite the best efforts of the wind and rain, it was a great success.

There was a lot of positive feedback from coaches and family members of the opposing teams congratulating us on a well organised event.

The club itself had a very successful weekend with our Under 7s and Under 11s teams progressing to, and winning their respective finals.

Our Under 9s and Under 8s both progressed to the finals only to be beaten by that most dreaded of English curses.....PENALTIES!! Both age groups should take heart that they fought hard to get to those final games and their coaches and parents couldn't have been more proud of the boys.

All of the MFC Popley teams in every age group showed great skill and determination in all of their matches and lay down a challenge to other teams and tournament holders as to how things should be done.

The Under 9s entered uncharted water at the Fleet Spurs tournament on Saturday 17 May. A fine display of football was on show but the boys were more than up for the challenge with our Black team reaching the semi finals of their group games to be thwarted again when the only way to separate the teams was by, you guessed it, penalties!

Our Red team was more successful as they battled their way to a final showdown with AFC Newbury to emerge victorious and collect the trophy as tournament champs.

There are more tournaments to be played over the coming weeks and we would like to wish all of our teams in every age group good luck. COME

ON YOU RED AND BLACK ARMY!

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 grassroots level is a must.

Please contact the club by email at volunteer@mfcpopleyyouth.co.uk or contact our Chairman Ian Davies on 07884 185693 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, or to the manager of your particular age group.

Do you know a Year R or Year 1 child, boy or girl, 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

Contact the club -

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Tuesday night is BINGO NIGHT! Doors open at 7pm, eyes down at 8pm. New members are welcome. Come along and meet and make new friends, refreshments also available, finishes round about 10pm.

Wednesday evening is Dance to the Beat 5.30-6.30pm, for details ring Miss Lackey on 01256 321160. Also kick boxing 7.30-8.30pm.

If you like to dance we have on a Thursday street dance and ballet classes for two and a half year old to adult. 4.30-5.30pm For full details ring Samantha on 07811 299484.

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 more details ring Janet on 01256 363156

Our next family bingo is on 8th July, details to follow.

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Diaries from The Old Codger



On 6th June, this month we must, I feel, remember the D-Day Landings in 1944. Thousands of men from Commonwealth nations went across the Channel to take back freedom for Europe. Europe had suffered for so long under a dictator that wanted to rule the world. My father was in that flotilla and a cox for a landing craft. He, and many like him on that day, must have gone through hell and back dropping men on and off the beaches and taking the wounded back to the ships offshore. I have my father's picture and that of my wife's, sorry Her Indoors, grandfather who was in WW1. I look at them and the photo of my father's ship and think of them and the courage so many had. Remember also from the end of May through to early June 1940, the small brave boats that went across to Dunkirk and evacuated over 3,300 troops. The logistics of it all must have been huge and all under constant fire. These were not enlisted men just fishermen, pleasure boats etc. I know our Editor and many others will remember these stories of what was done, the famous British Bulldog Spirit.

I hope you all had a good time at the Popley Festival. The weather was really good I wish I could have been there, but bumping around on my scooter is not good for my back. Her Indoors says pushing this great lump around in the manual chair is hard work. I have to agree, she is heavy to push as I only have one good arm. I can feel a red ear coming. Boy do I let myself in for things, when will I ever learn?

It feels as if the house is falling down around our ears, not literally, but it all mounts up! We have applied for grants to get the bathroom redone and the roof fixed. The winter storms caused some damage and we are in dispute with insurers about what is "wear and tear" and what was storm damage. We have been turned down in due to Her Indoors working. If she were to stop work, then we would probably get the grants needed. She has gone from full-time to part-time so she can be at home with me more. As she has said, "I am fit, so why should I sit at home and claim benefits?"

I would like to thank David Potter, and the Popley Councillor Team: Jane, Paul and Viv, for their hard work in helping me and many like me. We should be proud of our great council members on Popley fighting for us all.

Till next month
The Old Codger



MATCH 4 MACMILLAN

Macmillan Cancer Support has launched a brand new nationwide fundraising event and is sounding the starting whistle to encourage teams across the country to pitch in.

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For more information, visit www.macmillan.org.uk/match

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Dear Readers

I have started the “100 Days of Happiness Challenge” where you have to think about something positive that has happened to you that day.

A couple of mine so far are, being brought an ice cream by my best friend and being given some cupcakes that were so good. Try it, it really cheers you up and makes you appreciate all the little things.

Social media has been in the news a lot as it seems to be a way of life now. It seems that everyone has Facebook or Twitter (although Mum and Dad haven't let me yet as I'm still too young).

Along with the bad side of it there is also good. It has been a good way of promoting good causes and raising awareness of projects and good causes like Stephen's story. I first heard about Stephen when we had to do about Miracles in our PEB lesson at school and a friend wrote about him.

Unfortunately, Stephen passed away on Wednesday 14th May aged just 19. When he was diagnosed with cancer he started a bucket list of things he wanted to do before he died.

One was to raise £10,000 for The Teenage Cancer Trust. He smashed that so changed the target to £1m. With thanks to Facebook and the comedian Jason Manford, lots of “Thumbs Up for Stephen” pictures were posted and he raised just under £4m.

The same thing happened with the No Make Up Selfie. Mum showed me lots of pictures of people doing it and texting to donate. Lots and lots of money was raised.

When you read this it will be just a matter of days till the start of the World Cup in Brazil. My brother and Dad can't wait. My football crazed brother reckons that we've got a strong team this time so maybe we might bring back the trophy. We get a wall chart and put it up in the kitchen and my brother fills it out practically as soon as a match finishes. There is usually lots of shouting and cheering from our house (sorry neighbours) but we all love watching it.

That's all for now, see you next month (Good Luck England)

Ellie

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