

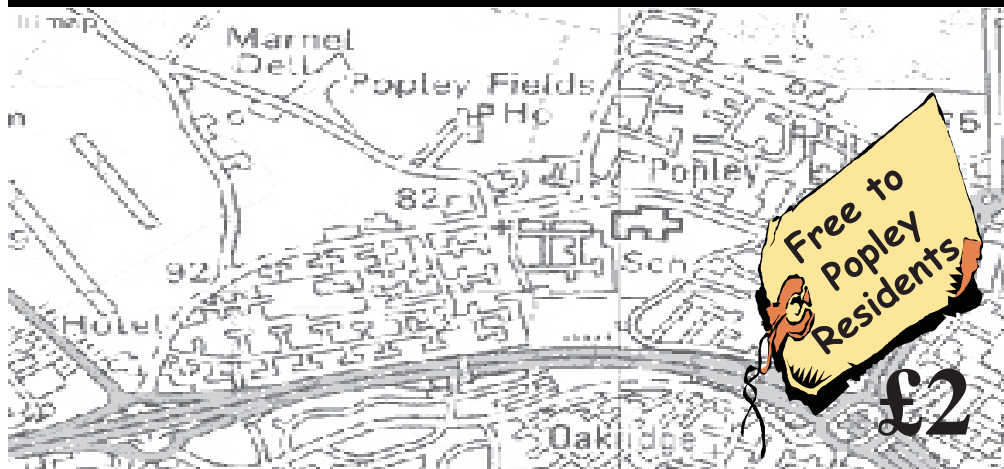
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Editor
Jane Frankum

Message from the Editor:- March, and the old wives' tale is of March winds but I hope they don't reach the proportions of some we have had in the last few months. Like many other people, I am waiting for the sunshine summer and warm weather I hope it brings! On page 1 is the story about young 9 year old Jack, a very brave Popley resident and his amazing family. I just know that Popley will take him to our hearts, because we always do. I am so proud to say I am from Popley and the newer community have carried on with being part of Popley too. Our next door neighbours in Sherborne St John are holding, village markets once a month, dates and what they

are selling is on page 30. St Michaels Hospice will be holding their annual 5K and 10K run to get funds to continue running their amazing special service. On page 25 there is a report on the Popley East Community Plan and some of the achievements they have made, with a little help from your local Councillors. The major part of the work and consultations are from the residents themselves and I certainly salute them and thank them for all the work they have done so far. I would like to see an expansion of the groups and more residents becoming involved in other parts of Popley.

I know Popley Festival seems a long way off in May, but it takes a lot of organising and work to make the festival the success it has become. You may want to enter one of the competitions read about it on page 11.

May also brings the birthday of Popley Matters and it will be 23 years old this year. We still need volunteers, deliverers, article writers and advertisers to help keep your Matters going. You can put in as little or as much time to help that you feel you could cope with. Details to contact us are below. You can contact me on 01256 819924 or email: editor@popleymatters.org.uk.



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Little Jack Bristow Popley

On the 10/12/14 we received the most devastating news ever. Our 9 year old son Jack was diagnosed with testicular cancer a germ cell tumour called Seminomas, which is very rare for someone of his age. On 2nd January Jack had surgery to have his right testicle and tube removed. They also took a biopsy from the left testicle, due to having a sighting in another part of his body. He had to have a central line fitted in his chest so that he could start a course of chemotherapy immediately.

Our son has been through so much in such a short time, it's unreal. He is so brave and strong; blood test after blood test; ultra sounds and CAT scan, bone x-ray and scans; and surgery.

Jack's chemotherapy has started and at first he was doing really well, but on the third day he became really poorly. Jack's anti sickness medication stopped working and he had to spend extra nights in Southampton General Hospital in the Piam Brown ward. Jack was so well looked after by all nurses, sisters, and doctors on the ward, we really can't thank them enough. Jack has another three cycles to go through yet and we are hoping that the hospital has found the right dosage of anti sickness to keep him from getting so poorly again. We were told about the side effects Jack would go through with the treatment and prepared him for what was to come. When we had the first sign that Jack was losing his hair, he bravely decided he wanted his head shaved before it had a chance to fall out on its own.

We held a fundraising event on 20th February where family and friends shaved their head or had their hair dyed orchid (lilac).

We are trying to raise as much funds as is possible to help to provide toys, equipment, treatments, and day trips for the children of the ward who are suffering the same as our son Jack.

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Councillors' Page: I had the County Council budget meeting in February which started with a report from the Boundary Commission on changes likely to the County boundaries. My division of Basingstoke North was the fourth highest of the areas with too many voters. It is 16.6% over the criteria number of voters, so I will be expecting some drastic changes. The residents are encouraged to make comments and it is all available online and can be found on www.labce.org.uk We were assured that the commission do listen to the residents and it is not predetermined. I would urge those interested to make their contributions. It is all about keeping communities together and I think I have the best community in Hampshire! I was disappointed that at the same meeting the motion that Labour put forward that all employees should be paid at least the "Living Wage" was lost. All but one Tory Councillor and some of the UKIP Councillors voted against it so it was lost.

The next day I had the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service budget meeting where one of the subjects was the new fire station for Basingstoke to be on the old site. The tenders have come in much higher than expected, so the plans will be looked at again to see what efficiencies could be made without having an impact on the services. *Cllr Jane Frankum*
01256 819924

Popley West: We would like to help set up a community Plan Group for Popley Abbeys. Popley East Community Groups is now well established and have managed to get funding for some of their ideas. The scheme includes improvements in Popley Fields Community Centre and a bike scheme. Marnel and Merton Community Group want notice boards and that is also well on the way to happening. We have secured some funding to look at extending and improving Melrose Hall and the community facilities from St Gabriel's Church. With the input of residents we know we can achieve much more. We know that the residents will have some great ideas so we need to get together and form a formal community group. If you are interested you can get details via the council on 844844 and ask for the Community Team, or contact us.

The council has started on the Tree Scheme that will be felling trees that are either diseased, causing significant damage to paths, poor shading, too tall or, in the view of the officer need to be felled. Many of the trees will be replaced with more appropriate species. Years ago, small saplings were planted and were not all expected to survive. They did and too many trees have brought problems to many residents especially in recent years.

Cllr Jane Frankum 01256 819924

Cllr Paul Frankum 01256 819924

Popley East: After many months of community meetings, surveys and consultation with Popley residents by our community groups, the East Popley Community Action plan was launched at the community Christmas Extravaganza in December. By now, most residents in Popley East will have received a copy of the published East Popley Community Action Plan along with a covering letter indicating ways in which people can get involved. Well done to all those who gave their time and expertise to produce this excellent community action plan. This is a real opportunity for local people to get involved and build the community they really want.

After the recent community consultation event at Popley Fields Community Centre, the results have been assessed for the outdoor gym areas in both Chineham Park and the Tewkesbury Close open space area.

The gyms will reflect the style which was most popular during the consultation and will contain a wide range of equipment that can be used to exercise different muscle groups. The equipment can be used on a site-by-site basis or you may wish to visit both sites as part of a larger exercise session. The expected completion date for this phase of the work is March 2015 with work being carried out throughout February.

Cllr Viv Washbourne tel 07900890088

Cllr David Potter tel 07941507801

Changes to Waste Recycling Centre Opening Hours

Opening hours at Hampshire's 24 Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) will be changing from 1 April 2015.

The change follows consultation with residents on a number of options to shape the service for the future. These looked at affordable ways to ensure the County Council continues to deliver a modern, value for money service for Hampshire's residents.

Councillor Seán Woodward, Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment at Hampshire County Council, said: "We've looked at what changes we need to make to maintain this service at a time when we need to save more than £100million from the Council's overall budget and our grant from Government is nearly half what it was a few years ago. I am pleased to say that the changes we will be making mean that none of the recycling centres will be closed down to meet the required overall budget savings for 2015.

"The response from residents to the consultation last year showed there is strong support for the HWRC service and so the changes we are making to deliver the necessary savings reflect how people want to use this service. We analysed the peak times the centres are used, listened to what people said about opening times, and talked to the operators about how and when the sites are serviced and cleaned.

"Taking all this into consideration, we will be able to save over £150,000 from the cost of running the service, while making sure the sites are open when people most want to use them, which is a much more effective use of money. This will see the sites opening an hour later in the morning and closing at 4pm in the winter, at 5pm during March and at 6pm during the summer months."

The results of the consultation indicated that a later start in the morning was the most preferred option in terms of reduced opening hours. Our HWRC operator, however, has indicated that the first part of the morning is crucial for initial servicing and the effective running of the sites to ensure there is sufficient capacity for the day ahead, ensuring that the sites are clean, tidy and ready for the public to use, especially during the busier summer months. Analysis shows that the average peak times for people using all sites are mid morning and early afternoon.

Taking all this into account, from 1 April 2015 the opening hours of HWRCs will be:

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To sign up and for more information please visit the Hospice website:
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Dear Friends

Blessings come in many shapes and sizes. On a personal level it's been a tough month. Father-in-Law passed away in Basingstoke Hospital at the ripe old age of 85 and although he'd been ill for a while and it was perhaps not unexpected, it still came as something difficult to deal with, not least because of all the running around that is linked to a death. We also commended Christine Winkworth to the Lord. Christine had recently joined us at St Gabriel's and was in the closing stages of a terminal illness. Although we only knew her a short time she was such a lovely lady and perhaps known to many. It was a blessing and a privilege to have known both my Father-in-Law and Christine, one for forty or so years and the other for less than a few weeks.

On a wider note: for some time St Gabriel's has been struggling to cope with the demand for our rather small community hall and so last year we commissioned some outline drawings to look at extending the hall and kitchen, church and foyer. The ball park figure for the plans we had drawn up was around the £800,000 mark and so we had to reconsider our priorities and decided to phase the work beginning with the hall. Even so the costing looked way beyond our means; that is until a chance conversation with our local councillor, Jane Frankum. Jane pointed us towards the Local Infrastructure Fund which is basically derived from the developers of the new estates and is targeted at community projects.

With Jane's support and the amazing support of our other local councillors Viv, David and Paul we submitted an application in the autumn of last year. After an expectant wait with much prayer I am delighted to say that St Gabriel's was awarded a grant sufficient to allow us to extend the hall and some of its facilities. So now we embark on the process of planning applications, tendering for the build and planning for the future. Praise God!

In the Bible we read "unless the Lord builds the house they labour in vain who build it". This isn't just about the physical building, as much as we will be praying through that process, but it is more about the building of the people of the church. It's a question of family, friendship and fellowship with each other and the glue that holds all that together is the presence of God's Holy Spirit. He is someone we will be looking to understand more about as our church continues to grow, especially through this period of Lent and as we seek to serve our community.

It is tremendously exciting to be part of all that is going on in our community and church and if you would like to know more please may I warmly invite you to join us on a Sunday morning at 10:30. And do watch out for the emergence of an extended St Gabriel's building.

Every blessing to you and yours for this Lenten season.

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Creating Opportunities...

Spotlight UK aim to increase self confidence and social interaction from a young age. We are so aware of the importance of this and so aim to create a numerous opportunities including our sponsorship schemes. Working with external providers, we can sponsor our Ray of Hope young people into activities such as Performing Arts, Sports and Group Activities. Alongside this we create performance opportunities for all at our showcases held throughout the year in order to raise funds for Ray of Hope.

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During the Festival we will be running "Popley Village Show". Enter your contribution to the competition to become the best in show! There will be two age groups in each category; under 16 and over 16. The categories are:

- Cake competition - are you better than Mary Berry?
- Photography competition – a budding David Bailey?
- Painting / art competition – Hurst or Hockney?

To enter please find an entry form on our website; www.popleyfestival.org or contact Popley Fields Community Centre. (Popley Fields Community Centre, Carpenters Down, Popley, RG24 9AE)

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News from the Scout section



Meetings during the winter months centre on skills for enjoying the outdoors in safety such as learning first aid skills, and practising resuscitation techniques on Resusci-Annie with a demonstration on how to use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). It also included dealing with accident scenarios such as burns, cuts and electrocution.

Attention was also been given to reminding members of the basics of Scouting – the Promise and Law - with activities centred on how to practise duty to each other, helpfulness in society, courtesy and reliability. Members made a collage of words from magazines and newspapers to spell out the Scout Promise as a more permanent reminder of Baden Powell's basic message for young people.

THE SCOUT PROMISE.

*On my honour, I promise that I will do my best
To do my duty to God and to the Queen
To help other people
And to keep the Scout Law*



A new staged badge has been introduced which deals with community impact and the effect we can all have on the society in which we live.

Another evening was spent cooking pancakes – but blindfold – to give scouts a concept of how difficult such tasks are for people suffering with sight impairment. Disability awareness is a feature in the Scouting programme which encourages the 'fit and able' to put

themselves in a disabled person's shoes and understand how we can help people living with disabilities participate in activities.

The troop enjoyed a 'sleepover' at the end of February and had a go at geo-caching and navigational skills in the dark. Not much sleeping went on but it was great fun! Another Nights Away experience!



The Group's Flight Simulator came into action for some as the Scouts try their skills at 'flying'. Very much an exploration in technology!

How to join?

New recruits (both boys and girls) welcome in all sections – contact the leaders listed above or [http:// www.facebook.com/BasingstokeAirScouts](http://www.facebook.com/BasingstokeAirScouts) Beavers aged 6-8; Cubs 8-10½ ; Scouts 10½ to 14 years.

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Basingstoke Lions Club Report

After the success of our Christmas collections, I am very sorry to report that we have had to accept the resignation of our longest serving member, David Side. He feels that, for a variety of reasons, he can no longer fully contribute to the activities of the Club. He, and his wife Margaret, have given over 47 years of staunch service to Lions and even longer to the people of Basingstoke. They will be sorely missed. We have made it clear to them how much we have valued their participation in the Club's activities, but of course understand the reasons for their decision. But Lions are, above all things, friends. So they will not drop off our radar.

Welfare wise, we continue to service many requests but are encountering a particular problem trying to help families in need with second hand cookers. They are in very short supply. Unfortunately new cookers are over double the price we pay. Anyone got any ideas?

Merton School has entered our District "Rock Challenge". So a number of our members spent time over the weekend helping to paint scenery (is there no end to their talents?).

On fundraising, a full programme for the year has been planned and recorded on our website. Of immediate interest are the return of ABBA Sensation to perform for us at QMC on 21 February (tel: 421867); our Annual Swimathon at the Sports Centre on 7 March (tel: 850254 or 358008); and another Quiz Night at the Cliddesden Millenium Hall on 21 March (tel: 352393).

Our website www.basingstokelions.org.uk (which incidentally has been entered for an award) contains as much information on our programme and events as currently available. You can always contact us through it and your message will be passed to the appropriate member.

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Shared Parental Leave – The New Rights

Gill Brown, Head of Employment Law at Phillips Solicitors explains that for babies born after 5th April 2015 employed mothers will have the possibility of sharing up to 50 weeks' leave and 37 weeks' pay with their partner. This 'Shared Parental Leave' regime also applies to adoption and surrogacy and is equally applicable to same sex couples.

The new rules are aimed at giving parents more flexibility and bonding opportunities but in practice they are complicated in respect of eligibility, notice provisions and whether or not the second parent qualifies for Statutory Shared Parental Pay.

Shared Parental Leave is available to parents who are in employment, fulfil the service and earnings criteria and can provide the requisite declaration in support. This option is only available to the mother/adopter and if they have care of the child, including same sex couples. At least 8 weeks' written notice is necessary to apply for Shared Parental Leave so anyone wishing to take advantage of these new provisions could give notice now of their intention to take up this option. The child must, however, be born/adopted after 5th April 2015. Statutory Shared Parental Pay will be payable at the same rate as Statutory Maternity Pay, subject to fulfilling the qualifying criteria.

With the introduction of Shared Parental Leave, the current provision for unpaid Additional Paternity Leave will be abolished. Fathers will, however, still be entitled to Paternity Leave in a block of one or two weeks at the time of birth/adoption, this remains a separate right to Shared Parental Leave, and Statutory Paternity Pay may be claimed during this one or two week period.

Shared Parental Leave should also not be confused with Parental Leave which remains as a separate right. Parental Leave is being changed this year as well to entitle any eligible parent to take up to 18 weeks unpaid leave per child before they reach the age of 18 provided it is to care for the child, has regard to the employer's business needs regarding timing and does not exceed 4 weeks in a year.

These different rights can be complicated and confusing for employees and employers alike. If you would like further information regarding your entitlement in specific circumstances or if you are an employer faced with an application under any of these employee rights then it is advisable to take legal advice especially during this transition period.

For more information contact Gill Brown 01256 854605, gill.brown@phillips-law.co.uk or Karen Bristow 01256 854670, karen.bristow@phillips-law.co.uk

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Basingstoke Rotary Club – Serving the Community

With so many worthy local charities deserving of support it has always been difficult for Basingstoke Rotary Club to decide which ones they will primarily support in a given year. For this year the vote has gone to continued support for Spotlight, based at Popley, Riding for the Disabled at Dummer and Basingstoke Mencap for their Aspire project. Having made that decision the task now is to raise the money for these organisations and a number of fundraising events are in course of planning.

A Charity Golf Day has already been held and the next event is a Racenight at Old Basing Village Hall on 28 February. Following on from that will be the annual Garden and Craft event on 3rd and 4th May which this year is moving to the Basingstoke Rugby Club ground at Down Grange. Building on the experience of the past few years it is hoped that this will be an even bigger and better event. For a start it will have a new name – Basingstoke Rotary Springfest – and apart from the Garden and Craft exhibitors it will also have plenty of activities to appeal to all the family. In addition, Wall's Funfair will also be in attendance with various rides and sideshows and it is also planned to have a variety of entertainments throughout the course of the two days. So make a note in your diary to visit the Basingstoke Rotary Springfest on 3rd and 4th May – we plan to make it a great day out for the family and hopefully raise sizeable funds for our chosen local charities.

Following a talk in the Autumn about the newly launched Ark Cancer Appeal we organised a Charity Dinner at Audley's Wood Hotel which raised £3,750 for the appeal. This was matched by the Greenham Common Trust meaning that £7,500 was raised for this newly formed charity. However Basingstoke Rotary is not just about raising money; members also provide personal service and expertise for various local schools, colleges and organisations. We also organise and are involved in a number of youth events each year.

To learn more about Basingstoke Rotary please visit our website www.basingstoke.rotary1110.org. If you feel that you would like to put something back in to your community please consider joining us – there will be a very warm welcome.

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WHAT IS ON IN March:

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Also find us on facebook: Melrose hall.

Community Plans for Popley

On 19th February at Popley Fields Community Centre, representatives from local community groups and members of the public met to discuss the community plans for Popley East and Marnel and Merton. The Popley Action Partnership (with representatives from community groups and schools and churches across Popley) are gearing up to take forward the proposals from the plans.

Just a few of the projects which are already underway include:

Cycle Project - based at Popley Fields Community Association. Bike maintenance workshops and community bike rides. Training is available for volunteers who will take on running future maintenance workshops or leading local bike rides.

Mypopley.org website - lead by Everest Community Academy. This will be up and running shortly and will allow everyone to access all sorts of useful information about our Popley community.

Melrose Community Garden - lead by Melrose Community Association.

Community Film Club - lead by St Gabriel's.

All sorts of other projects are possible - if you have an idea for a project or want to get involved with a project already taking place, please get in touch with any of the community groups in Popley, check out their facebook pages or email popleyeast@outlook.com *Suzanne Denness. Chair of Popley Islands Community Group.*

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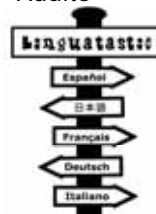
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Tournament news for 2015:

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Date(s): Saturday 9th May & Sunday 10th May

Venue: Carpenter's Down Open Space, Popley Fields, Basingstoke.

Entry Fee: £30 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: tournament@mfcpopleyyouth.co.uk

Tournament Contact phone number: 07884 185 693.

We are always 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 or contact Ian Davies, on 07884 185693 for more details.

The Club welcomes more parents getting actively involved with MFC Popley Youth, especially 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 play football?

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 Ian Davies, Club Chairman, on 07884 185693 or by email: allstars@mfcpopleyyouth.co.uk

Contact the club -

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You can also get regular updates from the club by following our twitter account, @MFC_PopleyYouth #MFCPY. Also, each MFC Popley Youth age group has a dedicated page on Facebook. *Zak Collingwood*



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Some of our new stalls include, cakes bakers, chocolate makers, fashion retailers and crafters.

Of course, some old favourites will remain including the Bramley Village Bakery, we wouldn't want you to miss out on those freshly baked goods! Also, Shaw Trust will be on hand for your fresh produce plus Roy and Denize with their ever so tasty jams and preserves!

Market dates for 2015

21st March, 18th April, 16th May, 20th June, 18th July, 22nd August, 19th September, 17th October, 21st November* and 19th December*.

*Christmas Markets

If you are interested in becoming a stallholder this year, please do contact us either at one of the markets, via email to Shawna_uk1949@yahoo.co.uk or visit our Facebook page, 'Sherborne St John Village Market'.

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