

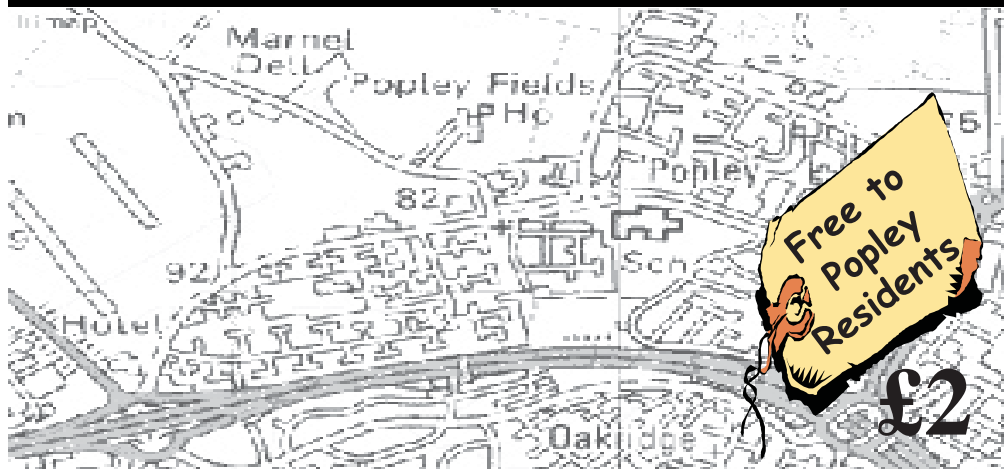
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Editor  
Jane Frankum

**Message from the Editor:** I wonder if we will have flaming June, as the old folk law says. I like to be warm but not boiling hot. It is good to be able to sit in the garden and relax. It is hard to relax if music and TVs are blaring out so please consider others too!

I was so proud to read about Paula Kerr who has won recognition for her work with “Join our Boys Charity” in “The Pride of Ireland Award”. Paula was brought up in Abbey Road and my family have known her and her family for more years than I can remember. Paula has three sons who battle with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) and she has set up a trust to help the families.

Popley has grown so big, and is still growing so fast. We are trying to keep up our fantastic community feel. There will be a launch of a Popley website that will have news and information quite soon, so keep an eye open for it. Of course we will let you know as soon as the website is fully ready. In the meantime you can take a look and pass on any comments or ideas.

Merton Infant School asked us if we would publish some of the children’s poems. When we received them we were astounded at the quality and emotions in the poems. We just could not pick out one or two, so part one will be in this month’s issue on page 16 and the rest will follow over the next few issues. Well done Merton.

Melrose Community Association are having their Annual General Meeting on Monday 29th June. Everyone is welcome, and if you want to volunteer, I know they would be glad of any extra help. Talking of help Popley Matters still needs people to deliver the magazines contact details are as below. Call me on 819924 or email me at editor@popleymatters.org.uk



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**We have an identified problem throughout the Popley community in communicating what is going on and where. This is the first step of many to help rectify this.**

Soon to be launched ....Popley's very own community web page giving individuals information on what, where and who and for organisations to get themselves 'on the map' helping to promote their facilities and services.

It is hoped that the website will grow over time to include items that you want - it is your website. It will be administered by **Everest Community Academy**.

If you wish to be included or involved please contact in the first instance John Perrin, Community Manager at the Academy - **jperrin@everestcommunityacademy.org**

More details about the launch date will be posted in **Popley Matters**.

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**Councillors' Page:** It has been a busy time again as your County Councillor; lots of road improvements and lots more to come. Like everyone else I hate all the inconvenience and what seems miles of cones with no one in sight!

I attended a Good Neighbour award ceremony in Winchester Great Hall. There were some people from Basingstoke that received the award for being "Good Neighbours", from helping to help groups to individual neighbours. But it struck me that it is a daily occurrence with so many residents in Popley, I was surprised there was no one there. I have met so many people that truly deserve to be nominated. When the time for nominations comes up for next year I will ask if we can put the details in Popley Matters. I also serve on the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service and was very proud of our Fire Fighters that went out to help the people of Nepal. My heart goes out to all the families who suffered in the terrible earthquake.

The next phase of development in Merton Rise is moving fast and we have pressed for and won more bungalows, more parking and are still asking the developers to do more work on broadband and the drainage system. There will be public consultation and we will report back to you as we can. Cllr Jane Frankum 01256 819924

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**Popley West:** It has been my privilege to be elected Deputy Mayor of Basingstoke and Deane for the next year; it gives me the opportunity to go around the borough and meet lots of groups and people doing charity work. I also hope to help our groups in Popley.

I will be at Armed Forces Day with the Mayor on 22nd June and all are welcome to come to the war memorial at 10:30am to show our respect for those who serve and have served. It is special to me as my father served for nearly 28 years and my brother served for several years too.

After so many complaints about a private ambulance company setting up an ambulance station in the centre of Popley West with at least 5 vehicles and even more cars, we have at last got a solution and they are now using their base and are not in a residential area totally not suitable to use.

We are still waiting for a decision of the cabinet on the parking in Marnel Park. We are also working for the residents that changed an overgrown piece of council land full of brambles to a lovely garden. The council want £285 to formalise it. Red tape gone mad!

**Cllr Paul Frankum 01256 819924**

**Cllr Jane Frankum 01256 819924**

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**Popley East:** Following the election period we will maintain contact with the Doctor's partnership in Shakespeare Road to ensure it continues to support the community in its current form.

The Everest Park Fibre Campaign is still being hindered in its efforts to get high speed broadband operating in the Everest Park area. The lack of a clear response from BT has proved frustrating for the campaign group who have been resolute in their attempts to get BT to comply with their promises. BT/Openreach are now seven weeks beyond their committed delivery date.

Once again we have experienced the problems of Travellers taking over land in Popley with the resultant mess having to be cleared by the Council after they left. Residents are understandably distressed by this repeated nuisance but we have to follow a legal process to serve notice on the Traveller groups and there is always a clear up required after they leave. Sometimes the land occupied is not BDBC land which further complicates the eviction process. We ask for your support in dealing with these situations.

There is an increasing number of potential appeals against rejections of applications for tree pruning or felling. We are supporting these where appropriate.

**Cllr David Potter 07941507801.**

**Cllr Viv Washbourne 07900890088**

# Spring Visit to Minsk

As arranged during my autumn visit to Minsk, I stayed with Olga and her giant son, Nazar, who is now just 17 years old, for six weeks. This suits me as the room Nazar has been ejected from for my stay, has a door that leads out onto the balcony so I can have a cigarette when I feel like it!

When I arrived at the end of March it was warm and sunny; this was soon to change! Within a few days it had become colder (+ 1 to + 3 degrees), very windy, which made it feel even colder and changeable. On several occasions I left the flat in bright sunshine, a few hours later when I went out for a cigarette it poured down and then when I met Ira later, it was hurling large hailstones down! I've told the students they're never again allowed to criticise our weather!

I met students at 5 different universities (most of the classes I saw at least twice) and I'd written a mock Employment Tribunal case for all the students at Ira's university where they study law. Ira selected 5 students, who spoke good English, to perform in this performance, and I was the Employment Judge. I was under strict instructions, from Ira, to learn my lines, speak clearly and keep it simple! She insisted on 3 rehearsals before she was satisfied! Despite Ira's constant nagging, mainly at me, it all went well on the day!

I'd arranged to meet a class, but the teacher was taken ill the evening before. She 'phoned me to say I was to start the class and she'd arrive later! On 2 other occasions the teachers vanished and left me to take their classes! This only happened with students I knew.

Before I forget, Ira and Natasha have told me to give their love to everyone they know in Abbey Road.

In Minsk; Inflation is 30% and several of the large factories are only working 3 days a week!

On the last Saturday of my visit Sergei, his girlfriend Larisa, Ira and I all went out for my 'farewell' party at a swish restaurant and I returned home just before 10 pm.

I sat on the bench for a cigarette and a man sat beside me and spoke to me in Russian, which I don't understand. When I went to enter the flats he stood in my way, grabbed my right arm and felt for my wallet! I pushed him away and a young girl neighbour came out and rushed me inside! Fancy being rescued by a young girl? This is the first time, in 20 years, that anything unpleasant has happened to me in Minsk! **Terry Jones.**



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### Walk To Health

May is National Walking Month, encouraging us all to focus on going for a walk to increase our fitness and improve health. In addition, the month sees Get Walking Week (4-11 May), Walk to Work Week (11-15 May), and Walk to School Week (18-22 May) – so it's a serious topic for May!



Walking is very personal – you can do it as often as you wish, at your own pace, with company or by yourself. And very often it's completely free.

Walking is underrated as a form of exercise, but it's one of the easiest ways to get more activity into your day, lose weight and become healthier.

Research shows that people who fit moderate activity such as walking into their daily life burn more energy

than those who make weekly visits to the gym.

Regular walking has been shown to reduce the risk of chronic illnesses, such as heart disease, type 2 diabetes, asthma, stroke and some cancers.

Try to fit walking into your routine by ditching the car for short journeys, walking all or part of your journey to work, getting off the bus or train one stop early and planning longer walks at the weekends. To reap the health benefits, aim to walk 10,000 steps a day, which can burn up to 400 calories. To keep track of your walking, use a pedometer.

A pair of shoes is all the equipment you really need. Any shoes or trainers that are comfortable, provide adequate support and don't cause blisters will do. Wear loose-fitting clothing that allows you to move freely. Choose thin layers rather than heavy, chunky clothing.

We're fortunate in Hampshire because we have so many lovely walks. Walking for Health offers lots of free, short walks: <http://www.walkingforhealth.org.uk/walkfinder>.

National Walking Month has a selection too: <http://www.livingstreets.org.uk/national-walking-month>. For walks with wheelchairs and parents with buggies, look here: <http://www.walkswithwheelchairs.com/>

If you do not use the Internet pop in to your local library as they have lots of information about our walking trails.

We also have excellent National Trust, English Heritage and private gardens which are well worth researching to find the walks you enjoy.



Dear Friends

As I write we're in the throes of organizing all the stuff for St Gabriel's marquee at the Popley Festival. There is just so much to get into place if we want the festival to be a success. The team will be arriving to put up the marquee at 8 a.m. Saturday morning, the van is hired and packed with the first load to be ferried from the church to the marquee. The programme is written and ready to be performed; puppets, drama sketches and worship band, PA system, song sheets, flowers and all the other paraphernalia we'll need to run the Sunday service – incidentally being led by the Bishop of Basingstoke – together with all the materials we need for the children's corner, reflection and quiet corner, and the café. It's going to be a full day!

There is so much to do, but it'll be fun and we have a great team supporting and helping on the day, as I'm sure will many of the other vendors that will be there. A big plus is that the weather looks set fair – let's hope by the time you read this we can all look back and say what a memorable day it turned out to be.

Coincidentally, this past week we have celebrated 'Ascension Day'; the closing of the great Easter story and the preparation for something new. It's an oft forgot Christian festival that celebrated Jesus being taken back into Heaven where he will reign alongside his Father, God, for evermore. Before Jesus was taken back into Heaven he promised his disciples he would send God's Holy Spirit to be with them and to empower them, and through them, to give birth to the Church. His instructions to them were to "wait until He [the Holy Spirit] comes.." and then act. Next week in church we will celebrate that particular event which we call Pentecost – the birthday of the Church – the same Church that today, irrespective of Christian denomination, is inhabited by the same Holy Spirit – and it's He who empowers us to continue the work of Jesus today.

Popley Festival provides a wonderful opportunity to share the great news of Easter, Pentecost and the Church as it is today. In all our busyness for the Festival, we look forward to the end of the preparations and the actual event itself. Through the drama sketches, the Messy Church, the craft and prayer corners, through the café but most of all through the conversations we'll have with many folk on the day, we pray that as you read this brief letter you'll be one of those looking back and thinking "Yes, it was certainly a memorable day and conversation..." Feel welcome anytime to pick up the threads of that conversation or meeting and join us all in St Gabriel's one Sunday at 10:30 a.m. At St Gabriel's it's all about a "Loving God, welcoming you."

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members.

Heather Rainbow, chairwoman of Cycle Basingstoke, said: “It speaks for all cyclists regardless of their age, experience, ability or disability.

“Already, Cycle Basingstoke has asked for a local cycle strategy for the borough and a cycle map designed by cyclists for cyclists. We are delighted that our council has listened to us.

“A cycle strategy is in preparation and a cycle map is out to consultation.”

Cycle Basingstoke meets at least once a month at Basingstoke College of Technology, in Worting Road, Kings Furlong.

For more information visit [cyclebasingstoke.org.uk](http://cyclebasingstoke.org.uk) or email [membership@cyclebasingstoke.org.uk](mailto:membership@cyclebasingstoke.org.uk).

To take part in the consultation visit <https://communitymaps.sustrans.org.uk/basingstoke.php>.

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## Summer Picnic with Live Music at Manydown Farm

Summer Picnic with Live Music at Manydown Farm – Saturday 20th June

The Pink Place cancer charity, is holding a Summer Picnic at Manydown Farm from 2pm until late. Bring a picnic and stay all day. Live music all day, stalls, kids activities, fire engine and display of sports cars including Ferraris. Hot food and bar available or bring your own.

Tickets: Family (2 +2 ) £15 / £12.50\*, Adult £7 / £6\* Senior/child £3 , Kids under 6 free. (\* price in advance)

Tickets available from Taylor’s Hair Salon, 3 Wote Street, Basingstoke or details at [www.thepinkplace.org.uk](http://www.thepinkplace.org.uk). This is a fundraising event for The Pink Place by kind permission of Manydown Farm.

The Pink Place is a registered cancer charity based in Basingstoke Town Centre that provides free hair services, complementary therapies (massage, reflexology), beauty therapy (manicures), counselling and support for people with cancer. We are currently open every Monday 10am – 12:30pm and alternate Tuesdays. We rely on volunteers and fundraising to provide this service. If you would like to help, visit us or know more then please email [info@thepinkplace.org.uk](mailto:info@thepinkplace.org.uk) or phone 07899 970841.

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**Featuring the Cub sections activities so far in 2015 – what a busy lot they are!**



Cubs made mini hovercrafts out of a CD, a balloon sports drink bottle lid which led to some of them deciding to have an impromptu game of “Air Hockey” . That was followed by a Science themed night where they carried out three different types of fun science experiments including turning marmite white and making their own ‘green slime’ - a particular favourite!

The Pack celebrated both Pancake Day by decorating pancakes with all manner of sweets and chocolate, and the Chinese New Year by having a Chopstick Relay and making Chinese Tangrams. There were also themed activity nights to commemorate St David’s and St. Patrick’s Days (the patron saints days for Wales and Ireland respectively) as well as attending the District St George’s Day Parade in Basingstoke in April.

In March, the Cubs visited Tesco Supermarket as part of the supermarkets ‘Farm to Fork’ programme where they found out where various foods comes from, had the chance to have a look in big walk-in freezers and taste different types of bread amongst other things.



The Pack took part in both the District Cub Chess Competition and Football Ball Competitions. Unfortunately we weren’t very successful in either but it was good fun!



We held a combined meeting with 1<sup>st</sup> Popley Cubs in April and enjoyed an Easter Egg Picture Hunt, collecting the pictures of Easter Eggs hidden round the hall and decoding the message by assembling the pictures in the right order.

As the better weather arrives with lighter evenings the Pack will be putting the **OUT** into **ScOUTing** by doing a lot more outdoor based activities including

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### Sunny Sun Shine

*Flimsy flowers start to grow  
In the garden when it snows  
When the snow melts  
Summer comes to town.*

**By Holly Gilbert**

### Little Forget Me Not

*A forget me not has lots of colours  
Growing is knowing  
Flowers sometimes have powers  
Especially when it showers*

**By Alicia Quashie**

### I love a garden

*Its roses and hoses  
Its trroups of tulips  
Its lazy and daisy  
Its amazing aster  
Growing faster*

**By Logan Jackson**

### I Love a Garden

*Its blue blossom wool  
Its red roses and hoses  
Its pinky blinky petals  
Its lazy and daisy*

**By Nathan Zamangwe**

### I Love a Garden

*Its roses and hoses  
Its lazy daisies  
Its fun flowers  
Its happy holly dollies*

**By Harry Roshier**

### Little Seeds

*Seeds grow in Leeds  
Growing in the ground  
Roses for a pound*

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*Come and buy my seed.*

**By Grace Massen**

### Spring Time

*Floats like a rose  
Smells like a hollyhock  
Falls like blossom  
Spring is gorgeous*

**By Jasmine Brown**

### Gorgeous Garden

*A pink butterfly lands on a pink tulip  
Oh you will love my gorgeous garden  
Full of sweet roses  
Flowers love showers*

**By Chloe Brine**

### Little Forget Me Not

*The pink kettle poured petals  
The pink kettle poured out a flower  
My flower has no power  
My flower needs more power*

**By Xanthe Caveney**

### Little Garden

*Showers and powers make tulips rose up  
When daffodils and pansy look nice in a  
cup*

*Roses look like rainbows  
In my garden anything goes*

**By David James Howard**

### Little Garden

*Flowers love showers  
Dragonsnaps have all sorts of colours  
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Look at the flower bed*

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## What will be your Digital Legacy?

*By Michael Le Fort, Head of Wills & Probate*

We live in an electronic age and increasingly you are likely to hear or read the phrase 'digital assets'. This phrase is now as assets stored in a digital format, for example, information contained on your computer hard drive or in an online form such as social media profiles, email and online storage facilities ("The Cloud"). As the digital age moves on so more of the population lead paperless lives; this results in an increased need for us Will writers to consider the digital assets of any testator.

Clearly your social media entries are unlikely to have great value save sentimental value. However, other digital assets may be of more worth. Things such as domain names, PayPal and eBay accounts. Without proper thought being applied to such assets there is a real risk of significant financial loss simply because having left no paper trail the executors of any estate would have little idea of the existence of the digital assets.

This is a developing area and as such there are currently limited rules on how such assets are dealt with. Moreover, digital companies can be truly international which makes it almost impossible for authorities here to legislate and control them.

Like everything it is important to make sure that you understand the terms and conditions of the arrangements you enter into with such companies. For example most email accounts are only licensed to you as a user and therefore revert to the service provider after your death.

On a practical level what are the problems that face executors:

- The first is how to identify such assets. Unless the testator has taken the time to bring such assets to the attention of their executor it is likely that they may be missed.
- If the existence of such assets is known to the executor how does he or she realise them? Such things as the absence of usernames, passwords and pin codes etc. can exclude the executor from the account.
- The international element of such assets means that there can be issues with jurisdictional questions. So for example PayPal is registered as a Luxembourg bank and as such the rights of executors may be limited by the laws of that country.

There are ways in which to ameliorate these practical issues. A testator can make out a digital assets list and make a note of how to access their various accounts. Such a document can then be placed with the Will and updated from time to time as necessary. However, as a Will is a public document it is not advised to incorporate such information into the Will itself.

This is a rapidly changing aspect of our lives and it is increasingly important when drafting a Will to consider your Digital Legacy.

For more information you can contact Michael Le Fort in the Wills & Probate team on 01256 854637 or email [michael.lefort@phillips-law.co.uk](mailto:michael.lefort@phillips-law.co.uk) and visit our website at [www.phillips-law.co.uk](http://www.phillips-law.co.uk)

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In all we had 105 teams, made up of some very talented boys and girls, take part in our biggest and, it has to be said, best tournament so far in the history of MFC Popley Youth. The Club would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every person of the committee, coaching staff and parents of players that gave up their time to volunteer and help make this tournament so successful.

An extra special thank you to our club sponsor Steve Halsey and his amazing team from BGS PLUMBING & HEATING for all their hard work and dedication in making it possible for us to put on an event of such a grand scale.

So, at the time of writing, tournament season has now officially begun and MFC Popley Youth will be taking to the road to, hopefully, bring home more awards to add to the 2 trophies won by our under 12s and 14s, in their respective competitions, at our very own tournament. Well done boys!!

The next big event for the club will be our annual Awards Evening which will hopefully be held in early June. Keep 'em peeled for the exact date, time and venue!

As always, 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](mailto:volunteer@mfcpopleyyouth.co.uk) 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 the manager/coach of your particular age group.

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### **Contact the club -**

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



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During the days whilst the animals were resting, the children had many exciting trips and activities to take part in. On the first day in Devon we hopped aboard the South Devon Railway and took a ride in a steam train, in our very own carriage! After a quick refuel for lunch it was off



to the Otter and Butterfly Sanctuary where we witnessed the hungry Otters eating their supper (they even ate Otter Fish and Chips!). In the evening we were lucky enough to spend an hour with Dave and his birds of prey who showed off their amazing hunting in the barn!



Our other big expedition took us to the Moors. Here we explored the wonderful nature and surroundings as well as having expert tour guides to tell us all about the history of the Moors, including infamous Witch! On our final night of the farm, after a double helping of chocolate cake, we dolled ourselves up and went country bumpkin for a barn dance!

Just when we thought the fun was over, we managed to slip in another amazing experience on the way home- Montacute House! We were lucky enough to eat our lunch in the stable surrounded by beautiful countryside. It's safe to say, after this amazing week, we will all have enough memories to last a life time!

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