

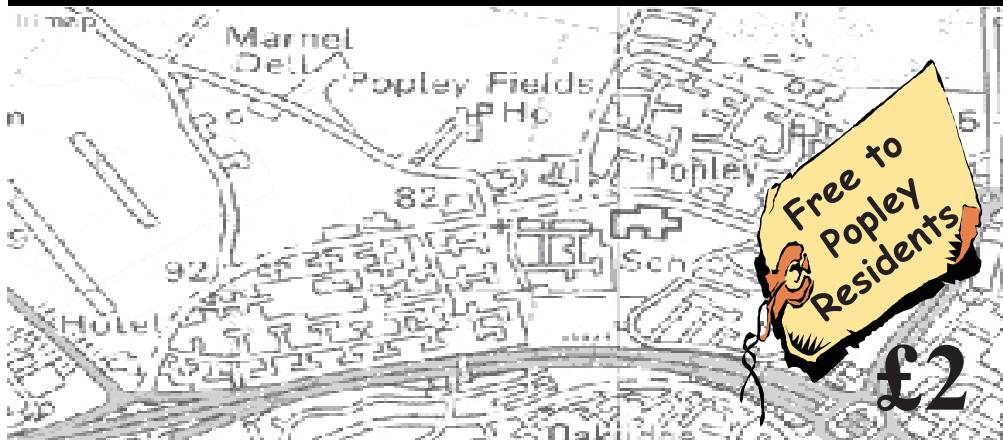
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Editor
Jane Frankum

Message from the Editor: May is always about the busiest month in the Frankum household as there is Popley Festival, that I don't think we have ever missed, and its election month. Popley Festival is such a great event and we meet up with thousands of residents and ones that have moved away but come back to visit. It is no surprise when very often they say how much they miss Popley and its community. The Popley people are just great. Whenever there is a need or crisis they always seem to be there to support each other through some tough times, and there have been many times when this is tried and they always come up trumps. That's why we love Popley so much. It would be great to see you at Popley Festival and say hello, details are on page 1 of course!

Bernie has written a letter on page 4 about his frustration with dog walkers not picking up their dogs 'mess. He is by no means the only one that has contacted us. Usually it is the responsible dog owners that complain as the vast majority do clean up after them and it just a very few who don't; it takes just seconds and makes a better and safer environment if you do. On page 6 there is an appeal for two school governors for Mamel Junior School, Paul and I have been school governors in the past and, though it took a bit of commitment, in time it was a privilege to get involved in the schools. Ruby our youth writer has written a very strong and poignant article on page 7. Although the huge thefts from cars has decreased in Popley there is still a good article from our Community police on page 9. No report from Neighbourhood Watch this month as Clare has been very busy at her job and organising the next meeting that she will report on next month. I did have an enquiry about one in Popley Abbeys and if there is enough interest and just one person that would be the coordinator it can be quickly set up. Popley Pond volunteers are also looking for more people to become involved; read about it on page 23. As always we need more volunteers to deliver Popley Matters and we would be grateful for just one hour a month to deliver them please contact me at the contact details below. We also need more people to advertise as the printer needs to be paid, everything else is done by wonderful volunteers.

A big thank you again to all our amazing team who help no matter what the weather.

We welcome articles from groups and clubs, also residents who might like to write about their hobbies or maybe the history of Popley? Email the Editor at editor@popleymatters.org.uk. Contact me at either 405 Abbey Road, phone me, on 01256 819924 or email me at editor@popleymatters.org.uk.



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Councillors County: Potholes are becoming a nightmare across the whole of the county and Popley has its fair share of them, Some have been repaired and I am continuing to report potholes but you can report them too on <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems> The government has given Hampshire County Council three million towards the repairs and it may help a little but they have been left so long and have got worse I fear there will still be more to do than they think. There is a lot of information on all departments on the Hampshire County Council web site www.hants.gov.uk.

We have moved up the list for parking issues including double yellow lines, though I still have not been given an indication of when it will start. The lines would be on corners and opposite T junctions where it is impossible to see around. I have heard that there is a possibility the law for parking on pavements as enforced in London will become an offence with a £70 fine. It will be from government and for all areas in the country and not just a local issue. Cllr Jane Frankum 01256 819924 email jane.frankum@hants.gov.uk

Popley West: The travellers returned and created a really massive mess with all sorts of rubbish, rubble and human mess. They were on private land that belonged to the developers, David Wilson Homes. Residents of Marnel Park were very angry, and rightly so. With the cooperation of David Wilson Homes and the local police the travellers were moved on and a massive clearance began. We asked that environmental services would check that a thorough job of clearing was done and they confirmed there was no contaminated waste left. However after they left, more pallets, branches and rubble were dumped. David Wilson Homes have cleared the second lot and are working on a permanent solution to prevent the same happening again.

We are looking forward to the new walking route that will go across the two wards Popley East and West and be accessible to all including disabled buggies and pushchairs. We are also working on getting Green Gym equipment for the park areas in Popley West with developer grant money. It may take a little while but think that it will be well worth the wait!

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Popley East: Shakespeare Road improvements to the highway are due to start in June/July. They include traffic calming measures, a new footpath connecting with Popley Way, crossing points, parking lay bys and a new bus shelter opposite Browning Close. We hope this first phase will be followed by further works as we know this road needs continuous improvements.

Look out for improvements to small areas of landscaping in and around Lundy and Cayman Closes. Together with the changes to the play area in Sark Way, these represent a changing environment for local residents.

We hope we will enjoy a good spring and summer and the Splash Pad will once again prove to be a popular facility for young children and their parents/carers. We have secured improved parking for visitors and we hope this will be used effectively so that local residents are not inconvenienced in their daily activities.

Marstons are appealing the decision to refuse their application to build a pub/restaurant on land at Carpenters Down. We will keep residents informed about the arrangements which will apply to this appeal so that there is good public participation in the process.

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TUESDAY:	9.30-11.30am 5-7pm	Popley Little People Sama Karate
WEDNESDAY:	9am and 11am 11.45am-1.30pm 5.30 and 7.30pm	Slimming World with Jo Oasis Lunch Club Slimming World with Julia
THURSDAY:	9.30-11.30am 8-9am 10am-12pm	Community Caf�e 4 Fits Sake Jiggy Wigglers
FRIDAY:	10.00am- 1.30pm 6.15-9.15pm	Melrose Tots Friday Youth Club
SATURDAY:	9.15am-4pm 10am 11.30am 1pm	7 TH Day Adventist Church Sabbath School - Bible Study Divine Worship Free Community Lunch
SUNDAY:	Contact Emanuel Ampofo on 07456068812 Melrose Christian Fellowship - Contact Pastor Phillip Keeble on 462351 for times of services.	

Letter from a Dog Walker

As a regular dog walker, I have noticed an increase in dog fouling in the area. This is such a shame. Some people must think that because they are in the woods (Popley Woods), their pets are free to foul where they like and they do not have to pick up after them?

This seems to be the same in the field by the Popley Fields Community Centre. I feel so sorry for the families and children who play in these areas, the runners and walkers.

It really is unacceptable to leave dogs' mess where others can walk into it! And what is the point of picking it up and then hanging full dog poo bags on the trees?

Please people, be responsible for your dog's mess!
That's my rant. Thank you for listening.

Bernie, Falkland Road



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Hormones

A red-haired girl named Ruby. Small and innocent. Pale faced, naïve and unaware of the tumult that life would bring. Skipping gaily, carefree and filled with wonder, unprepared, uninformed. Then it began.

Mild irritation. Uncomfortable body changes. A feeling of mounting anxiety as the pit of her stomach begins to rumble. RED - her first leap into womanhood. The fire was lit, the wick burning rapidly. It only took a spark- puberty. Mood swings fan the flames, hotter and higher. Sweating frustration and anger too hot to handle. It seems nothing can extinguish this fire. Threatening with wildness. Explosions of pent up emotions like red hot pokers stab painfully, destroying a once tranquil utopia.

Further, it flies into a roaring rage. The onslaught of the ‘terrible teens’. A seeming tragedy. Gone the fresh purity of youth replaced for a time with blind confusion. Feels like hell on earth. A fire burning from within, searing the very soul. Uncontrolled anguish. Indignation. Spurting volcanic lava, an all-encompassing furnace of affliction. Galvanised to attempt to tame the fire inside. A feeling of failure boils like fire in my belly. Helpless. Hopeless. Humiliation. The fear of the unknown sends sparks soaring to extreme heights.

A terrifying torturous inferno engulfs clear thought, blinded. A silhouette of hope drowns out a distant cry for help. Submerged in her own storm, now a wild fire. No escape from the dancing flames, pouncing on her determination to extinguish them. Glares that dart and smash courage to smithereens. Fragmented and unstable. Droplets of shame plummet ineffectively towards the heat. The flames annihilate feelings of validation. Complete chemical manipulation leaves an oppressed fragility. Two smouldering coals, vengeful angry eyes. “Why is this happening? Is there no one who can help?” An incessant whirl of despair towers above her. She is trapped. She is vulnerable. But she is not alone. The hot rods crackle and hiss, burning her fragile paper-like skin. Her smile obliterated, a decayed fragmented solemnity. A hunger for adventure and rebellion. A ring of fire fuelling her wrath. Frenzied eruptions. Molten lava eradicates any sense of humanity.

But then it turns to dead rock. All fury has left.

As quickly as it was lit, it died. Smoke. Sizzles into depletion. A few glowing embers and black ash. Nothing will ever be the same. The treacherous transition into an adult. A lifetime left to develop and grow. No idea how though...

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I am woman.

Ruby J



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Dear readers,

I have previously written about theft from motor vehicles and how the figures have risen in Popley. Unfortunately, this has risen again but in the Basingstoke area in general.

These are from both cars and vans. The majority of these incidents have occurred through the person involved gaining access to the vehicle because it has been left unlocked.

I was walking through Popley a few weeks ago and spotted a vehicle that did not have its door shut properly. I then shut the door, knocked on the property to inform the owner but the owner was not in. We are patrolling and trying to identify vulnerable vehicles as much as possible, but simply ensuring your vehicle is locked could save you a lot of money.

I am in the habit of trying the door handle every time I leave my vehicle, just to check it is locked. Especially if your hands are full with shopping, it can be very easy to forget.

Other security devices are available:

Electronic Immobilisers – These do have to be fitted by main dealers or installers accredited by the vehicle Security Installation Board. (Cars since 1998 are fitted with these).

Mechanical Immobilisers – Such as steering wheel locks. These are not expensive and are easy to fit yourself.

Alarms

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Also listed below are some useful contacts:

- Vehicle Security National Helpline **0870 550 2006**
- SOLD SECURE (list of recognised security products) **01327 264687** or **www.soldsecure.com**
- Crimestoppers– Information to give or report anonymously **0800 555 111**
- Immobilise (Register items for a free on the national property register) **www.immobilise.com**

If you see anything suspicious, it doesn't necessarily have to be a crime to be reported. If you think someone is in the area acting suspiciously, please report this to 101.

**Many thanks,
PCSO Norris 16287**



We welcomed around 200 Year 5 students from Oakridge Junior School, Bramley Church of England School and Merton Junior School on Wednesday 21 March for a Secondary School Experience morning. The Year 5s took part in Drama, Dance, PE, Science and Modern Foreign Languages lessons. A second experience morning is planned on Thursday 3 May.

It's been a busy term for our MFL Department.

Year 8 students have taken part in a joint Reading University and Oxford University study into unlocking French reading strategies.

The Academy welcomed 33 Year 8 & 9 Spanish Students, from Madrid, the students attended lessons with our students.

Year 10 German and French students took part in the Basingstoke and Deane Consortium MFL Challenge



Upcoming Dates

- Thursday 26 April—Year 10 Parents Evening
- Monday 7 May—May Day Bank Holiday
- Monday 14 May—Year 11 GCSEs commence
- Monday 28 May—Friday 1 June (inclusive) half term



MFCPY U7s are still exceeding all expectations and are looking forward to the tournament season. Stand out performances from Gianni and Ethan in our recent games. Good luck to coach Dan in his FA level 1 course.

It is with immense pleasure that we can now tell you our MFCPY U12 team are now league Champions!!! Captain Taylor will have the honour of lifting the trophy. A huge congratulations to them and their coaching team. We are looking for 4 new players for next season to join us as we move to 11 a side. Contact us at committee@mfcpopleyyouth.co.uk if you would be interested in joining (Year 8 in September).

MFCPY U13s - U13s Predators secured promotion into the Premier League with a great 3-2 win v Manor Colts. They followed it up with a narrow 2-1 loss against the Champions elect Aldershot. Huge congratulations to all involved #premierleague. U13s Venom made it another season to be proud of by finishing 4th after a double promotion last season. Great win 8-2 v Rushmoor with some great football played. Well done to both U13 teams.

MFC Popley Venom U13s are looking for a Manager/Coach for next season (U14s) - Any interested parties need to contact Andy Williams on 07834975357.

MFCPY U15 - have played 11 Won 11 Drawn 0 Lost 0 Scored 56 and Conceded 16 in the Saturday East Berks League.

The boys are currently second with games in hand, 7 to play. Keeping to our philosophy of play - playing out from the back and keeping the ball on the floor - we've been successful so far. Hants cup semi finalists again for the second year losing to the eventual winners and they are in the League Cup Final on 21st April at Binfield FC with a 9am kick off.

The boys need 3 games out of the 7 left to secure the league. The team is going for the double.

MFCPY U17s - The lads have had 2 really good performances in the last few weeks finally getting back to playing football in decent weather conditions,

We drew with a strong top of the table side which we should have beaten. Unluckily for us they scored in the last minute to equalise.

A few weeks ago we played a strong Yateley team. We made a few tweaks to team tactics, playing Tayo Adebawole upfront (who scored his first hat-trick), and ended with a good 6-3 result.

The team have reached the semi finals of the NEHYL cup comp with a very impressive win against a gritty Rushmoor youth team, with great football on display. Cameron Bradbury scored a 1st half hat-trick. He unfortunately came off injured early in the 2nd half for Cole Oates to then score a 2nd half hat-trick with D'andre Brown setting up a very impressive midfield and producing some beautiful football to secure a semi final position by winning 6-0.

They now face league leaders Hook Utd, which promises to be a great game indeed.

MFC Popley U17s are looking for youth players. If interested please contact the club at committee@mfcpopleyyouth.co.uk.

You can get regular updates on Twitter, @MFC_PopleyYouth and by using the hashtags #MFCPY #REDandBLACKARMY.

MFC Popley Youth has a dedicated club page on Facebook (as well as individual team pages), and you can also find us on Instagram.

MFC Popley Youth FA Charter Standard Development Club and Nike Partner Club has a dedicated club shop website where you can purchase kit and accessories - www.clubwebshop.com/a-z/clubs/mfcpopley/.

For more information, or if you have any queries, please contact the club through our main website: <http://mfcpopleyyouth-co-uk.bisongrid.com>.

Zak Collingwood

Support for Stroke Survivors in Basingstoke

Grows with Launch of New Support Group

The Stroke Association is launching a new venue for a local support group to help more people affected by stroke in Basingstoke.

The Basingstoke Area Stroke Support group meets every Wednesday from 2pm. The group, which has been running for over ten years now, is moving to Hill Rise Hall on Bach Close, on Wednesday 25 April 2018. The charity is inviting anyone affected by stroke in Basingstoke to come along and get involved.

One stroke survivor who has been attending the group since it opened its doors in 2008, is mother of three, Pat Sweetingham. Pat, 55, from Oakley, had a stroke in 2003 when she was just 40 years old. The stroke left Pat with severe weakness in the right side of her body, and with a communication difficulty called aphasia.

Pat said: “The group has helped me to talk and I have gained long term friends here. It’s a special place, and has made a huge difference to me and many other stroke survivors. After coming to the group for two years, I became a volunteer for the Stroke Association to help them run the group. Volunteering is great because whilst you help others, you feel good and help yourself to improve.”

Samantha Malkin, Stroke Association Support Coordinator at the Stroke Association, said: “The Basingstoke Area Stroke Support group is a much-needed place for local stroke survivors and their families to come together and support each other.

“Stroke is life-changing, but the Basingstoke Area Stroke Support group’s work can really make a difference to lives of stroke survivors. It’s hugely important that stroke survivors feel supported in their local community throughout their road to recovery.”

The new venue launch will take place on Wednesday 25 April 2018 from 2pm to 4pm. Members will meet at Hill Rise Hall, Bach Close, Brighton Hill, Basingstoke RG22 4JZ.

For more information, please contact Jo Waller on BasingstokeSAVG@stroke.org.uk or 07429 620459.





After more than 25 years of playing at Aldworth School, as the Aldworth 8:30 Badminton Club, and after much discussion the club has decided to move location to Everest Community Academy which has a more modern sports hall facility and provides the opportunity to play for a longer 2 hour session. With the move obviously required a change in club name.

From April 2018 the club became the Basingstoke Racketeers Badminton Club, playing at Everest Health and Leisure Club, Everest Community Academy, Oxford

Way, RG24 9UP, playing Thursday evenings 8–10pm.

We are a friendly, sociable non-league badminton club with a wide range of age, abilities and styles, playing for fitness and pleasure and partake in the occasional competition. We have players of all levels, who enjoy challenging fun games. As long as you are 18+, have played badminton before, even if it was when you were younger, you'll fit right in.

Mark Chilton, Club Chairman explains:

"The essence of the club is to play Badminton in a friendly environment for exercise, and pleasure. We invariably play doubles, both mixed and same sex and whilst we all play to win and enjoy 'being'/'trying to be' competitive we do not take ourselves too seriously. Exercise and fun is what it is about".

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Lions Club of Basingstoke

At the last business meeting we elected our Officers for the next year – actually it was more of a recycling job which is a great pity. I say that because one of the best features of membership is that it allows you to do jobs you've never done before in a truly supportive atmosphere. For instance the three members who joined in 2012 have undertaken Website (design and technical aspects), Twitter, Facebook, Membership Secretary, Dinner Secretary, Welfare Director and President – things they'd never done before but in which they are now thoroughly proficient. They all developed their own ideas on the subjects which they applied with the assistance and support of the other members. Success breeds confidence! You should try it! Come and join us!

Our last fundraising event was “Murder in the Main” put on for us by Ann Davis and The Oakley Pantomime Society. It was a fascinating evening's entertainment. Each table became a team of detectives. We started with a “Crime Writers” quiz. Then the actors took to the stage to portray the seamy side of Oakley village life (I want to go and live in Oakley!) It had convoluted relationships of all sorts – familial, amorous and financial which led to a death. But who did it and why? It was up to the teams to decide. It was clear that at our table there was no meeting of minds. So we resorted to the democratic process. No wonder the country's in such a mess! We were wrong, wrong, wrong! But it was wonderful fun. In the next life I'm gonna be an MP!

Our next foray into fundraising was when we ran the bar for the Basingstoke Breast Cancer Self Help Group at their variety concert in QMC organized by Renée Smith. What an enormous success that was. 240 people turned up to watch an incredible variety of acts (dancers, bands, singers and comedians) perform. It was obviously very thirsty work because we had the busiest night behind the bar that we've ever had. We donated our net profit of £300 to the BBCSHG who wound up the evening with a very spirited rendition of “We are the Champions” which they surely are!

In addition to that we spent £474.94 replacing/ repairing furniture and white goods for families without the resources to do it for themselves. We pledged a further £1190 to help 6 other cases, 2 for child assistance, 3 for equipment for elderly people, and a donation towards a minibus replacement. We have 11 other petitions under consideration.

To conclude, I can do no better than to reiterate last month's plea. Our fundraising and welfare work has helped many people and many organisations over the past 50 years. But, without new members, the help which has been vital to so many may soon disappear. Please consider joining us. You can get in touch with us through our website www.basingstokelions.org.uk Just put your contact details on the “Contact Us” page. Someone will get in touch and invite you to come along to one of our meetings where you can see what we are like; there would be absolutely no pressure on you to join - just an opportunity to ‘suck it and see’...



Probos has a Taste of The Vyne

The history of this local Tudor Palace, situated south of Bramley, and its much publicised roof project were the subject of a talk given by Chris Burrows to the Probos Club of Basingstoke.

Built in 1268 the building was added to over the years. Sir William Sandys, had developed the property into a Tudor palace and had the honour and great cost of being a recipient of the King Henry VIII and Queen Anne Boleyn's "progress" in 1535.

Baron Sandys endowed the Holy Ghost chapel in Basingstoke and is buried there. The painted glass windows from the chapel were installed at The Vyne, some of which underwent restoration in 2016.

Chaloner Chute bought the Tudor palace in 1653 demolished it in 1665, rebuilding in the Palladium style. In 1767 John Chute began further modernisation and installed the grand staircase that can be seen today. The Vyne was bequeathed by Sir Charles Chute to the National Trust in 1956.

After years of patching up the extensive roof it was decided to completely remove and replace was the best course of action. Started in 2014 a cover was constructed over the whole building including a lift for materials and passengers. Some chimneys were taken down so that a walkway could be constructed around the complex for the use of 150,000 visitors. February 2018 saw the walkway removed so that the original chimneys could be rebuilt.

70,000 handmade tiles have been used of which nearly 13,000 were bought by visitors in the "Tagatiles" scheme allowing personal messages to be written raising £64,000 towards the budget of £5,400,000.

It will take three months to remove the roof covering and 41 miles of scaffolding but without the use of a helicopter or aerial photographs no one else will be able to wonder at the skill levels used by the renovation team over the last four years.



Volunteering at the Library

My name is Jackie and I work as a Library Team Assistant / Volunteer Coordinator at Basingstoke Discovery Centre (public library). We need lots of volunteers to assist us with the Summer Reading Challenge from mid-July to mid-September.

Do you have some spare time in the summer? Would you like to listen to children telling you about the exciting books they have read as part of the Summer Reading Challenge? If so, and you would like to help, please visit Basingstoke Discovery Centre and ask the staff for further details.

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Well now that May is here I guess our thoughts are perhaps turning to the summer holidays – where we might go and what we might do. Marilyn and I enjoy our holidays and being a self-confessed sun seeker I prefer to go abroad where the sun is guaranteed to shine. I find there is nothing better than sitting by the pool with a cold beer and a good book for company while Marilyn prefers to be out and about exploring. So, each year it's a bit of compromise and concession to make sure that we both enjoy the break and come back relaxed and refreshed. Perhaps because of this we always seem to leave it till the last minute before we do anything about booking a holiday! While this is okay for holidays and such like, one area of my life I decided some years ago not leave to the last minute is my spiritual life.

Do you know the old saying “those who plan to repent at the eleventh hour often die at ten-thirty!” We all prepare for the long term future in some way - in fact we're actively encouraged to take out life insurance, pension plans and investments to provide for our old age but the future can be a very uncertain place.

I find it remarkable that so many profess a belief in God and in Jesus and yet choose to turn their backs or ignore Him and His plan for their lives. Jesus said two things, “I have come that they may have life and life in all its fullness” and “Do not store up treasure for yourself on earth where moth and rust destroy”

Before becoming a Christian some thirty years ago I was engaged in a successful IT sales career and completely focussed on all things material – money, house, car, fixtures & fittings and family – this in the mistaken belief that if I acquired all these things then the future would be secure. But having them somehow never completely satisfied me! It was only when my 15 year old niece told me about Jesus that I suddenly recognised what was missing in my life for the now and forever.

There's a modern hymn that we sing in St Gabriel's, one of the verses reads like this; ‘No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me; from life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand. Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.’

Whatever holiday the summer brings for you and your family I hope that you'll have a wonderful break from the routine of life and come back sun-bronzed, refreshed and relaxed. I hope to that you'll find time to step back and think longer term, beyond pensions and insurance and consider making an investment now for your eternal future. We're open every Sunday at 10.30am for enquiries and advice on how to make the best of your assets!!!!

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It is every landlord's worst nightmare – you have let out a property and everything was going fine, but suddenly without notice the rent payments have stopped.

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do you do?

There are legal steps you can follow to get the tenant out of the property.

However, it is vital that you obtain proper legal advice as if the correct procedure is not followed to the letter, the Court may well adjourn the case, causing delay and even result in your claim being struck out, meaning you have to start the process all over again.

The first step is issue a 'formal notice that must be correctly drafted and properly served. You cannot just take back possession without following the legal process otherwise you could find yourself in trouble with the law.

If the tenant refuses to leave the property once the notice expires then you will need to apply to the Court to obtain a Possession Order.

Unfortunately court cases are not always quick, due to the workload of all courts, so the sooner you issue a notice and deal with matters the better. If the tenant does not leave the property once a possession order is made, then the Court can instruct a bailiff to carry out the eviction.

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Tales of the Marnell Woods

We enjoyed a really good evening last weekend and it did not involve bowls. Myles, one of our respected and longer serving members volunteered to arrange a quiz /social evening, free, including friends, neighbours, family plus that mythical stranger dragged in off the street. Myles insisted it was first and foremost a social event which just happened to include a quiz. What a success! The quiz was great fun and very entertaining. Most of the questions were well within the perimeters of the average intelligence even though many of the answers were on the tip of our tongues revelation invariably produced the response " of course!, I should have got that one " ! Occasionally he threw one in that surprised us as we knew what he was asking about but the answer when it was revealed invited " really? I didn't know it was that old" or similar responses depending on the subject of the question. We all learnt a bit but we also learnt what a devious mind our Myles possesses. All in all, a great night and a huge vote of appreciation for Myles and we suspect Linda for providing us with a memorable evening. So you see, play bowls for Marnell and you get a social life thrown in as well. Can't be bad!

Now that winter is hopefully drawing to a close, have you weighed yourself lately? Have your clothes appeared to have shrunk in the wash ? Would it possibly have anything to do with spending the last 6 months snuggled up in an armchair in front of the tele, sweets or cakes within easy reach? There is a solution! The next 6 months could right these wrongs. Fresh air and exercise, lots of bending for about 2 hours a few times each week. RESULT! The old you back again and fit for purpose or public gaze. HOW? Take up bowls, you know it makes sense. What is more you get social evenings as described earlier thrown in for free. Turn up any Tuesday between 6 and 8pm for a roll up and let nature take its course. More fun than the gym, cheaper too, and you get to make friends as well. Deserves to be on prescription from the NHS but good job it isn't because we work out cheaper. Cheers for now.....Ray

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Springtime News from Merton Junior School

Well, that's another term over at Merton Junior School; the time really does go quickly, all due to being so busy! The children have indeed had a very busy term and we know that they will have enjoyed a well-earned break over the Easter period.

Mad Hair at Merton!



At Merton Junior School we are aware of the local charities in and around Basingstoke. Therefore, this year we repeated our support of St Michael's Hospice by holding our Mad Hair Day event. The children and staff participated and the creations were truly amazing. We held an assembly to discuss the role of a hospice and specifically St Michael's and, as a school, we were able to have a great look at all of the different hairstyles that the children fashioned to support such a well-deserving charity.

We were able to visit the hospice and hand over £200 that was raised by the children and staff.



Sensational Snow Sessions

A snow occasion saw the helping to clear the snow school grounds.

The children were a change of footwear and of us to share in some including a snowman competition. A huge snowball fight saw all of us recognise the shooting power of Miss Palmer, our Head-teacher! What a throw! A great time was had by all!



The weather has certainly been very different over the past couple of months and the last staff coming in to school and that had settled well over the

advised to come to school with clothing, this was in order for all activities on the school field,

including a snowman competition. A huge snowball fight saw all of us recognise the shooting power of Miss Palmer, our Head-teacher! What a throw! A great time was had by all!



World Book Day 2018

As always Merton Junior School Recognised World Book Day. We held a fancy-dress day, where the children were able to recognise either a book character or title that shows their love of reading.

During a whole school assembly we saw a massive range of characters from super-heroes to traditional characters.

Here are some of our winners, can you recognise the characters that they are portraying?

Sport Relief 2018



The Year 6 teachers decided that this year for Sport Relief it should be the staff that did something sporty and so we took on the challenge of a continuous 100 mile bike ride (on exercise bikes).

The staff turned up at school in their sports kit, with determination on their mind!

By the end of the day we had completed over 150 miles and had raised a significant amount of

money from collection buckets at the beginning and end of the day. A great BIG thank-you to all of the contributors – we are totally amazing!



Change at the Top

Miss Helen Palmer, our Head-teacher will be leaving us in July to take on the headship of a large primary school in Andover. Merton Junior School will be extremely sad to see her leave, but wish her every success in all of her new endeavours.



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At the time of writing, the sun is shining gloriously, I have espresso in hand and it finally feels like spring. Wahoo!!

The weather held out long enough for us to clear waste from the edge of pond

closest to the main road and parallel to little Tesco at the end of last month. Bryan was in his element in waders, at the deep end. Luckily, and especially for me in this instance bearing in mind I live with the man, any work we do in or near to the ponds is subject to Gill's unfaltering diligence in terms of safety and risk mitigation. Safety always comes first!!

Speaking of ponds though, we've had some rather dismaying news regarding the balancing pond near Jersey Close in Marnel. Our mate the Ecologist has been round to take a look as we suspected the pond was contaminated. The results of the survey weren't good. With the Great Crested Newt population being of particular interest, we will have to have a team out to mitigate the effects of the contamination and monitor the pond extra closely to ensure the conditions don't deteriorate any further.

There is a positive here though - WE can help!!

Essentially balancing ponds like we have in our conservation area, work by way of providing temporary storage for water when the drainage system is overwhelmed. This includes the collection of excess surface water which runs from our properties when we use hoses or washers.

So my ask for the month is simple and this: please stay aware that your water waste flows directly into a network of ponds within a conservation area.

Ensuring that any chemical products, or debris from household activities such as washing cars doesn't end up in the pond system is hugely important. Ways to mitigate this can be as simple as parking in a different spot to direct any waste water away from pond inlets, and throwing away disposable cleaning cloths into a bin.

I know I must sound like such a nag but think about it: it's not for us, it's for you - you live here and you deserve to live somewhere lovely! :)

If you'd like any more info about the ponds near you, you can get in touch with us: popleyponds@gmail.com / Search Marnel & Popley Conservation Volunteers on Facebook.



6th Basingstoke Boys' Brigade Newsletter

April saw us visit the site for this year's annual camping trip, we've got lots of plans for this year and I think the staff are more excited than the young people. Kayaking, football, swimming, just a few of the things we get up to on camp.

Our younger sections have been getting crafty again; this time they got to design and produce pictures on the backs of stones. No we're not crazy, this is the latest craze to sweep Facebook. When you're out and about and you come across a stone with the Boy's Brigade insignia drawn on it, pick it up, take a photo, then post it on the **Basingstone's** Facebook page, you can then take it with you and place it somewhere so someone else can find it. Everyone's hoping to see theirs travel really far.

Our recruitment drive for members is kicking off and we are looking for new starters. We need members for all sections so if you know any boys aged between 5-16 years old and who would like to meet new people and get involved in some great activities then bring them along on a Monday night (5-10yo 6:15pm, 11-16yo 7:30pm).

Are you up to the challenge?

We are looking for volunteers to join our officer and helper team. We meet on a Monday evening from 6:15-7:15pm and need additional support running our younger section. Give us a ring: **07775 535434** or drop us an email: **6thbasingstokebb@gmail.com**.

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Since the last report the Cubs section has once again been very busy and having loads of FUN, below are highlights of some of the activities the Cubs have been doing.

The new year started off with the Cubs spending a couple of evenings learning First Aid and working towards their Emergency Aid Badge and ended with a night to celebrate Burns Night with a programme of activities based round the haggis devised by our new Assistant Leader Charlotte aka Bagheera.

At the beginning of Feb, the Cubs found themselves boarding a flight to New Zealand to celebrate Waitangi Day on 6th February, this the day New Zealand became part of the British Empire. Activities included "Bone Carving" using air dry clay where the Cubs made Maori design Bone Necklaces, played a couple of games played by the Maori people and also



learnt the legend about how the Kiwi lost its wings.

On our way back to the UK we stopped off in China to mark the Chinese New Year, with a range of activities including Chinese Tangrams

We spent 2 weeks working towards our Air Activities Badge with a range of activities including Paper Plane Derby and Airline Identification Bingo

After all the mucking about in the air we were back in time to mark St Patricks Day with a night of Irish themed activities.



Communication was next on the programme with the Cubs using walkie talkies to pass messages to each other using the phonetic alphabet and learning about Morse code having a go at working out the word "Teddy Bear" in Morse code.



The term ended with an Easter themed night which included an Easter Egg hunt, Egg bowling and making

Easter themed Chocolate Rice Krispies.

At the end of the Easter School Holidays the Cubs attended the Annual District Cub Camp, which this year was held at Paccar Scout Camp Site, Chalfont St Peters. They all had great fun and took part in activities that included Air Rifle Shooting, Zip Wire and a first was "Indoor Caving" in an old bus that is laid out to give the feel and impression that you are crawling through the confines of a real cave system.

The Group is in great need of more leaders in all sections. Adults must satisfy Confidential Enquiry and Disclosure and Barring Service clearance but, apart from wanting to help young people have fun and extend their knowledge/skills, no other experience is required. Training is given 'on-the-job' - roles are flexible - uniformed or non-uniformed and can work round shifts/other commitments. Find out more from Group Scout Leader Colin (01256) 410559 / 07796 772 500 or e-mail colink@base2000.co.uk

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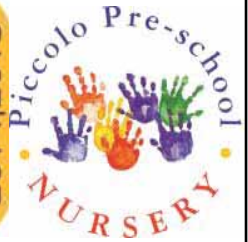
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We hope that you enjoyed your Easter break and are enjoying the lighter evenings. We already have some more events for your diaries; there is 'Beyond Narnia' on 14th June at 7.30pm which will include readings from the works of C.S. Lewis, with tickets costing £5 per head. Then the annual Summer Reading Challenge starts in July. Please consider whether you could assist with this if you are aged 14 plus, and could offer even one slot a week to work with the local children.

All the regular activities take place as usual with Rhymetimes on Tuesday, for under ones at 10am and over ones at 11am. There are craft sessions on Saturdays 5th May and 2nd June to drop in to between 10am and 12pm, and story times at 10am on all other Saturdays, except Elmer Day on 26th May. Saturday afternoons there is Lego to play with at Construction Club between 2 and 3.30pm. Age Concern provide IT training for the over 50s on Wednesday mornings, with sessions bookable through their office on: 01256 423874.

Our regular groups will meet as usual with Crime Reading group on 12th May and 9th June, and the Saturday Reading Group on 26th May and 30th June. The CHIPPS reading group will meet on 9th May and 13th June and Chatterbooks for junior school aged children on 10th May and 14th June. For further information about these and these and the next Coding Club please contact the Library. The Writing Group will meet on 3rd and 31st May from 5.30 – 7pm and anyone else with an interest in creative writing would be very welcome to join.

Please see social media for the latest information or ask the staff.

Cathy Foster

Basingstoke Symphony Orchestra Goes to the Movies! **Saturday 16th June, 7:30pm The Anvil, Basingstoke**

This exciting new collaboration sees Basingstoke Symphony Orchestra join radio broadcaster Rory McAllister to perform a programme of popular film music as the fifth concert in Rory's 'Cinema in Symphony' series (www.facebook.com/CinemaInSymphony).

The programme includes music from Frozen, Star Wars, Raiders of the Lost Ark, Mary Poppins, The Lord of the Rings and Harry Potter as well as the beautiful 2nd movement of Beethoven's 7th symphony which was used in The King's Speech.

The concert will be hosted by Rory and there will be Storm Troopers and other well-known film characters to have your photo taken with. Children are very welcome and are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite character from one of the films. Tickets for under 16s are just £2 when accompanied by an adult.

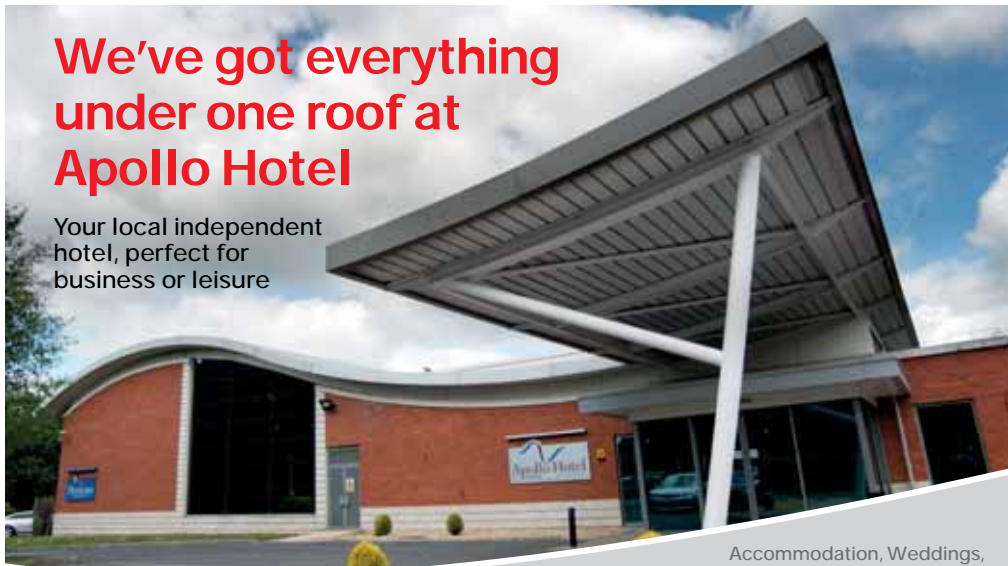
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