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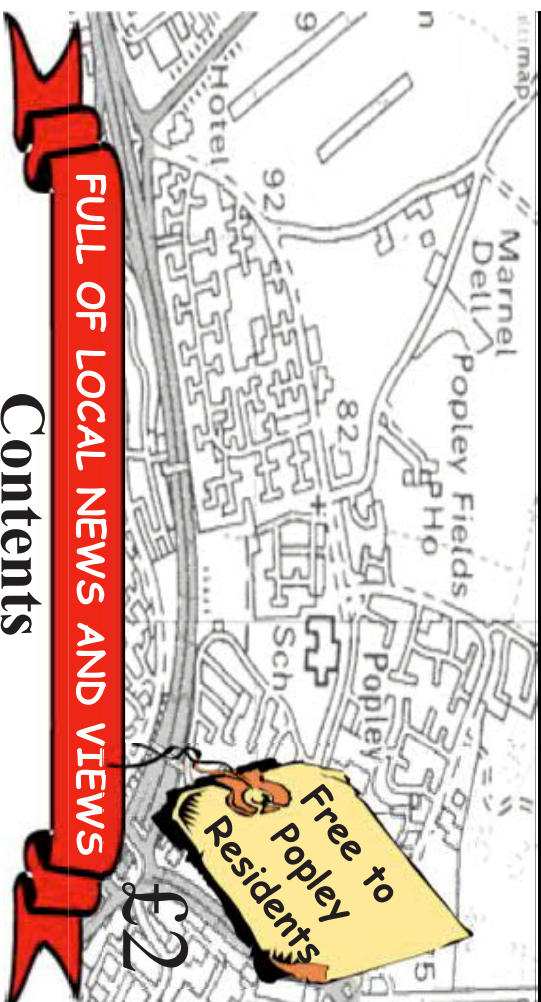
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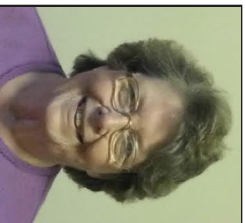
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Editor  
Jane Frankum

**Message from the Editor:** May is a lovely month in Popley as we enjoy the lovely family and friends get together to celebrate Popley Festival. I remember when my sons were very young going at first to St Gabriel's Church where Popley Festival first started. It must be in the late 70s or early 80s, and was mainly a boot sale with crafts and stalls. It then moved to the old John Hunt of Everest School and spread over the whole site. I remember a helicopter landing one year and in later years fire engines and even some vintage cars. There were bands and dancers from different countries and we had ferret races once. There have been war re-enactments from Roundheads and Cavaliers to WW1 and 2. One year it was estimated that nearly twelve thousand visitors came. It was really hot that year and I, like many others, got really sunburnt. My supervisor at work said anyone who was off sick with sun stroke would not be paid as it was self-inflicted, very harsh I thought. I did my shift, though I don't know how! Popley Festival is now on the Popley Fields Community and playing fields site in Carpenters Down. I wonder what there will be this year. I guess there's only one way to find out and that's to go on 19th May from 11am to 4pm.

The extension of Melrose Hall is beginning to take shape and I think we will all look forward to having some new up to date facilities. The same goes for Bermuda Hall that I think should be finished slightly ahead of Melrose Hall. Thank you to all the people who serve on the committees as I know it has taken a lot of time, work and effort to get this far.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the kind people for their good wishes, cards, flowers and presents to wish me to get well after my illness in March. A big thank you also goes to the staff at the hospital, St John's Ambulance crew, my wonderful sons, the printer and deliverers of Popley Matters. It meant we can still boast that in the twenty two years Paul and I have been editing your community magazine we have always managed to get it to you. We still need more deliverers so please if you can spare just an hour a month we could do with your help. We welcome articles from groups and clubs, also residents who might like to write about their hobbies or the history of Popley? Email the Editor at [editor@popleymatters.org.uk](mailto:editor@popleymatters.org.uk). Contact me at either 405 Abbey Road, phone me, on 01256 819924 or email me at [editor@popleymatters.org.uk](mailto:editor@popleymatters.org.uk).

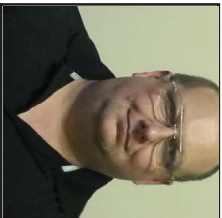
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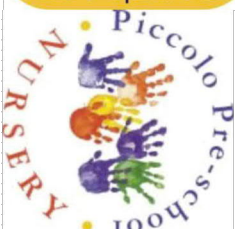
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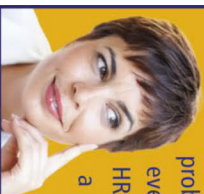
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## Chineham Library

A successful evening was enjoyed recently by those who came to the Murder in Peking evening. We are expecting more events to follow, so look out for further details. May sees the launch of a new library group, namely 'Cuppa and Chat'. This will meet fortnightly on the first and third Wednesday of the month, between 10.30am and 12.00pm. You are invited to drop in during this time to socialise with others over a drink, and possibly to browse at books and magazines in the Acorn room. The first meetings are scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> May, and it would be lovely to see you there. Age Concern returns from their Easter break on 1<sup>st</sup> May, so you could even combine an appointment with them and a social. Appointments with Age Concern are bookable through their office on: 01256 423874.

You are also welcome to join or even try out any of our regular library groups. The crime reading group meets on 16<sup>th</sup> May, and the general reading group on 25<sup>th</sup> May, both 10.30 – 11.30am. The creative writing group next meetings are 2<sup>nd</sup> May and the 13<sup>th</sup> June from 5.30 – 7pm. Stay and Play for parents and preschool children meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 10am.

Children's activities also follow their usual pattern. Rhymetimes take place every Tuesday with under ones at 10am and over ones at 11am. Craft sessions take place on the first Saturdays of the month between 10am and 12pm, with storytimes on all other Saturdays at 10am. Chatterbooks meets on 16<sup>th</sup> May 3.45 – 4.45pm. A new code club for beginners commences on 7<sup>th</sup> May, and places are bookable through the library at present.

*We hope to see you in the Library soon.*

*Cathy Foster*

## Over 55s Forum

Our April 'Open' Forum meeting was held on 10th April and the speakers were Peter Chambers from Diabetes UK and Iain Kennedy talking about his trip to Cuba, we had an attendance of 220 so the Carnival Hall was full. Our next 'Open' Forum meeting will be on 12th June when the speakers will be from The Canal Society and the Forestry Commission. The Forum is so successful we have already reach our membership limit, this is because we have now brought in people who have been on our waiting list.

**TRIPS:- On 12th April** a coach set off for Norwich to visit Sandringham (The Queen's Residence), staying in Norwich, then on the Saturday we boarded our Paddleboat for a trip on the Norfolk Broads

**25th April** a trip to Shaftesbury and a visit to a jigsaw factory tour to see how jigsaws are made.

On **17th-20th May** we have a 4 day tour to 'YORK' with a visit to Scarborough, a steam train ride from Whitby to Pickering and half day guided tour of YORK, with time at your leisure. We have 3 double rooms available if anyone would like to join us. The price including all coach travel, train ride and hotel is £281.00. Those interested should contact Gerald on 07792535116 or e-mail [gerald.merritt@ntlworld.com](mailto:gerald.merritt@ntlworld.com)

Gerald's special trip for this year is the Christmas Carols at the Royal Hall Albert on 22nd December 2019. **Gerald Merritt**



The poster features a vibrant, multi-colored background with a sunburst effect. At the top right is the Popley Fields Community Association logo. The main title 'POPLEY FESTIVAL' is written in large, bold, white letters with a yellow outline, set against a background of colorful balloons. Below the title, the date 'Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May' and time '11 - 4 pm' are prominently displayed. A list of activities is arranged in a circular pattern around the central text, including 'Fun Fair', 'Beer Tent', 'Charity Stalls', 'Car boot sale', 'Displays and performances', 'Competitions', 'Great Food', 'Children's activities', and 'Music Tent'. At the bottom, the ticket price 'Park all day for £1' is shown on the left, and 'Great day out for all' is on the right. Contact information for the festival is provided at the bottom left.

**Fun Fair** **Beer Tent**  
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# Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Dear member

Our new Trust website will go live at the end of this week.

Thanks to all those Trust members who have helped us improve the new site. We have benefited from the involvement of a user group of staff, public, patients and governors, as well as the feedback we received via surveys of our members and staff. As you will see, the improvements to the site are that it includes social media, is designed to work on a mobile phone or tablet and is more accessible to users with different abilities.

As another example of improved content, with the help of the Health Information Point team, all our patient information leaflets are now available on the website making them easier access.

The switch over from the old site to the new live site will happen after 10am on 28 March 2019. The web address will remain the same [www.hampshirehospitals.nhs.uk](http://www.hampshirehospitals.nhs.uk)

The website will continue to be developed and updated after it goes live. If you have any queries or comments, please email [hampshire.hospitals@hft.nhs.uk](mailto:hampshire.hospitals@hft.nhs.uk)

Regards

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I would like to offer Popley residents a months' free training and guaranteed fun. Please come along to The Costello School on Mondays and Wednesdays and join us.

Kids 6pm – 7pm (parents can and do train with their children as we are a family club)

Adults 7:15pm – 8:15pm

Now is the time to improve yourself or your children.

**Thank you for reading...**

**Martyn Green**

**4<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt (DBS / Police checked, Qualified Instructor, member of the Tae Kwon-Do**

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**County Councillor Report :** The upgrading of the paths in the Popley Community Park are progressing well and, as an added bonus, there will be a new path added that will connect with the others. It will make the park more accessible for everyone. I am also pleased our request for the staggered railings to be removed is also going to be done as it was almost impossible for an electric buggy or twin buggies to get through. The railings will be replaced with fluorescent marked bollards and a little further down a bollard with signage to say it is a shared path with cyclists. Later I hope to add the green gym equipment.

There are a lot of opinions for, though mostly against, in regard to the street lamps being turned off from 1am to 4am. Most residents say they are concerned about rates of crime possibly increasing, safety of people walking home after shift work or a night out. Also with many of the roads being in darkness, drivers would not see if domestic or wild animals are crossing a road. There were over 140 agencies consulted. The saving in Hampshire is estimated to be around £250,000. The report and all its conclusions can be read at <http://democracy.hants.gov.uk/documents/s24832/Report.pdf>

**Cllr Jane Frankum 01256 819924 email [jane.frankum@hants.gov.uk](mailto:jane.frankum@hants.gov.uk)**

**Popley West:** After concerns were raised by all of your Popley councillors about the road markings there has been a safety audit meeting on the works from Popley Way through to Thornhill past Tesco in Chineham and hopefully there will be some better and easier to follow road and signage marking as a result of this meeting. It would have been done differently if there had not already been the retail shops. They are trying to do the best fit they can but clearly more work is needed. I will let you know when I am notified of any changes.

The broken drain cover in Appleton that is extremely noisy has been reported and is being repaired. We have also reported the really deep potholes as you enter into Abbey Road shops to Basingstoke and Deane and they should be repaired quickly. There is also an issue with the manhole covers in the path directly in front of the shops and the pathway is part of Highways and they will be repairing them. Ideally we would like to eventually see it tarmacked as it is easier to maintain and safer to walk on.

The issue of poor collection of the waste bins goes on and Councillors are asking that a permanent solution is found. Bins are still not being emptied or left a long way from residents properties. Any concerns our contact details are below.

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**Cllr Jane Frankum 01256 819924**

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**Popley East:** We are acutely aware of the problems being created by contractor's traffic going to and from the Spliers Meadow development. The residents of Jersey and Guernsey Closes have experienced the mud and grit on the approach roads but this has spread into Carpenters Down and beyond. It is a road hazard and we make repeated representations to the contractor to improve their cleaning processes so that the situation will be improved. The Council's enforcement officers are working with us to ensure the contractor complies with the limited planning conditions.

Fact. Nearly every piece of litter in Popley is thrown down by someone and is picked up at significant cost to Council tax payers.

The same applies to fly tipping and, whilst we strive to get it removed quickly, the responsibility lies with residents to dispose of their items safely and not leave it to others to deal with. A recent court case brought by the Council resulted in a fine of over £4,000 for the offending fly tipper. The Bermuda and Marlowe Practice has been rated Good for safety in the latest CQC inspection. As local Councillors we take part in the PPG (Patients Participation Group) which meets about six times a year and allows local patients the opportunity to get involved in the way the Practice works.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Group please contact the Practice or ourselves.

**Cllr David Potter 07941507801**

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- Working Tax Credit
- Income Support

Whether you should apply for Universal Credit instead of one of these benefits depends on where you live and your circumstances

Universal Credit works differently from other benefits - so if you're moving from another benefit, it's important to know the differences.

The biggest differences are:

- you can get Universal Credit if you're unemployed but also if you're working
- you'll usually get a single payment each month, rather than weekly or fortnightly
- instead of getting a separate housing benefit, your rent will usually be paid directly to you as part of your monthly Universal Credit payment

## How Universal Credit works

You'll usually get one monthly payment to cover your living costs. If you claim Universal Credit as a couple, you and your partner will get one payment between the 2 of you. The payment is made up of a basic 'standard allowance' and extra payments that might apply to you depending on your circumstances.

You might be able to get extra payments if you:

- look after one or more children
- work and pay for childcare
- need help with housing costs
- are disabled or have a health condition
- are a carer for a disabled person or you have a disabled child

## Need further information or Help?

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**WHAT'S ON IN MAY:**

- MONDAY:** 12.30-2.30pm Bingoli  
7.00-8.00pm Yoga with Tory  
8.00-10.00pm Peregrinus Healing and Holistic  
9.30-11.30am Popley Little People
- TUESDAY:** 9.00am and 11.00am Slimming World with Jo  
5.30 and 7.30pm Slimming World with Julia
- WEDNESDAY:** 9.30-11.30am Community Café  
7.00-9.00pm 4 Fits Sake  
11.45-1.30pm Oasis Lunch club
- THURSDAY:** 10.00am-12.00pm NHS Dairy free parents group (Last Friday of the month)  
6.15-9.15pm Friday Youth Club  
9.15am-4.00pm 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist Church  
10am Sabbath School - Bible Study  
11.30am Divine Worship  
1pm Free Community Lunch
- FRIDAY:** Contact Emanuel Ampofo on 07456068812  
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- SATURDAY:** Contact Emanuel Ampofo on 07456068812  
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- SUNDAY:** **Driver Skills Scheme 60+ Workshop**

Hampshire County Council's road safety team is running a free driver awareness workshop aimed at Hampshire residents who are over 60 years of age. This workshop will give advice on how to compensate for the effect that ageing has on driving including eyesight and medical conditions. An update on Highway Code advice and laws will be a common theme throughout the workshop, including the correct use of roundabouts.

Any Hampshire resident over the age of 60 is welcome to attend the event which is run in two sessions with a refreshments break in the middle.

The workshop is on Wednesday 22 May 2019 from 6.30 to 9.00pm at Elizabeth II Court, Winchester, SO23 8UJ.

To ensure a space is reserved for you, or if you require further information, you can phone the Road Safety Team on 01962 846100 or email [road.safety@hants.gov.uk](mailto:road.safety@hants.gov.uk).

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## Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May

## 6<sup>th</sup> Basingstoke Boys' Brigade



We held our very first battalion sleepover at the church bringing together members from other BB groups in our battalion. All the young people got to meet other BB members who all enjoyed an evening of movie-watching, popcorn-eating, squash-drinking fun. The young people also got the comfort of one of the church's meeting rooms to sleep in while the staff stayed in the big hall. The morning saw them tucking in to a big breakfast for the morning activities: outdoor games and a trip to the local park. Everyone really enjoyed the event and we will begin planning the next.

The Anchors and Juniors have been working hard during their classes this month. They got to learn about why we celebrate Easter and they enjoyed creating their own Easter nests made from chocolate and mini-eggs. They have also been looking at how they can improve their reading with different techniques. Our older sections have been learning too. They had an introduction in to sign language, learning the alphabet and spelling out their names. They also became worldwide rap-stars, writing and performing a rap about themselves to the rest of the group.

### **We're recruiting?**

We are looking for new members to join both our age groups, 5-10 and 10-18yo. If you'd like to see what we are about come for a taster session on a Monday evening, 6:15 - 7:15pm (5-10yo) and 7:00-9:00pm (10-18yo).

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Cub Leader	Douglas Govan	01256 412326
Scout Leader	Kevin Pocock	07717 108560

Basingstoke Air Scouts and Scouts from Old Basing Scout group have just returned after spending the Easter weekend camping in South Wales along with our friends from the 9th Kidare Kilcullen Scout Group who are from Southern Ireland. All three groups meet up to spend another weekend together before their joint visit to the Haarlem Jamborette in Holland, this coming summer. The Jamborette will have Scout groups from over 15 different countries visiting for ten days.



After their recent visit to Pets at Home, the Cub section, along with other Cubs from Basingstoke East Scout District are currently planning their camp which coming up in a few weeks time. Not wanting to be left out the Beaver section are also planning a short camp soon.

Currently all three sections have spaces for new members, so if any of that takes your fancy, you are more than welcome to come down on a Tuesday evening for Beavers and Cubs, or a Friday evening for the Scouts for a taste of what's it's all about. More details can be found on our website at [www.base2000.co.uk](http://www.base2000.co.uk)

To continue providing all these and more activities for all three of our sections we are in need of more adults to help out or even maybe to become Leaders. Full training is available for new Leaders, much of which can be done online in your own time. The only qualification needed, you must like working with kids and like having a bit of fun. If you are interested please contact myself, Group Scout Leader, Colin Karslak on 07796 772500 or contact us through the group website, [www.base2000.co.uk](http://www.base2000.co.uk) or even via Facebook.

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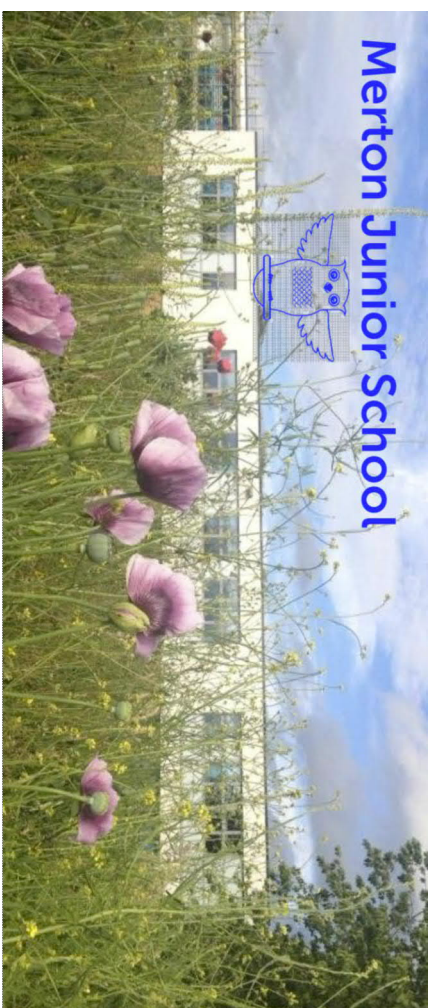
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Pupils at Merton celebrated World Book Day in style this year! This was the year for creative costumes—the children had been incredibly imaginative with the characters that they had dressed up as: we were extremely impressed and it made our decision of judging our favourite even more challenging!

The pupils and their families raised a fantastic £248 for Comic Relief through generous donations. So many of our children paid £1 to dress up in red and made donations at our cake sale—thank you so much to everyone who contributed to this worthy cause.



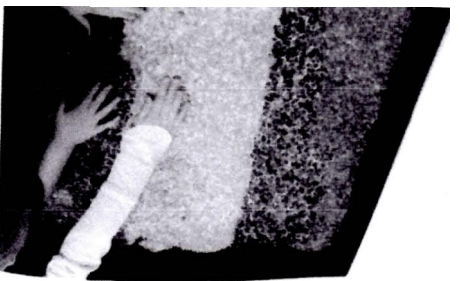
We recently held our annual Merton's Got Talent and, wow, our children really do have some extraordinary talent! We are incredibly proud of each and every child who performed on stage: their confidence and charisma impressed all four judges as well as their large audience and it was challenging to decide upon winners as every performer deserved an award.



We've been busy in lessons and at home too! As part of their Home Learning Project, our Year 4 pupils made some elaborate Roman shields and then re-enacted a battle formation. Here are a few of our designs...



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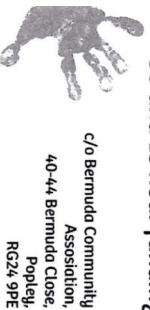


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# Lions Club of Basingstoke

Having slipped back into the country earlier this month, I thought I might be given a month or so to re-acclimatise. When I suggested this I had doubts cast upon my work ethic and the marital state of my parents. So here we go with the big catch up.

Our November quiz raised £485.85 which was a nice lead into the Christmas Fundraising. We have to thank ASDA, the Co-op Old Basing, Morrison's and Tesco at the Chineham Centre for allocating time and space for us to make collections, and of course the generous people of Basingstoke who donated a total of £2,177.48. The money was used to make donations to the Women's Refuge, the Basingstoke Voluntary Association, Joshua Tree, May Place, Christmas lunches for the elderly and pantomime visits for disadvantaged children. I hope you think it was well spent.

Having had January off for "good" behaviour, the members went straight back in fundraising mode in February. Although I wasn't present, The Apollo Big Band concert at QMC was by all reports absolutely superb. Big Band music has a magic all of its own and it is a great pity that more people didn't turn up to be enthralled and entranced by this superb group. Let's hope that our next two offerings, ABBA Sensation on 13<sup>th</sup> April and The Moscow Drug Club on 20<sup>th</sup> July, both at QMC, attract more support. Otherwise I'm afraid our ability to assist those in our community in the greatest will be severely compromised.

The programme for the rest of the year is currently:-

21<sup>st</sup> September: Ali Mak Rhythm and Blues Band at the Royal British Legion

16<sup>th</sup> November: Quiz Night at the Millennium Hall

Other events are still under consideration. WATCH THIS SPACE.

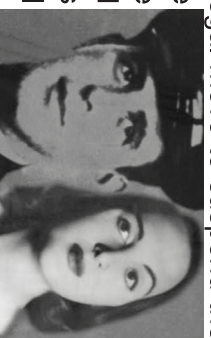
## **Basingstoke Civil Service Retirement Fellowship**



There were 55 members at the group's meeting on Wednesday 3 April, who along with the usual refreshments were treated to strawberries supplied by one of the members, and Easter eggs donated by Tesco. The chairman, David Cowling, welcomed everyone, after which the secretary, Tony Brazier, gave details of the forthcoming trips, and the Welfare Officer, Christine Broadbent, gave an update on those members who had not been well.



The speaker this month was Steve Herra who told us all about a murder case in 1947 that was known as "The Body Through the Porthole". The case centred around the apparent murder of an actress, known professionally as Gay Gibson, who went missing during the sailing of a Union Line ship, The Durban Castle, between Cape Town and Southampton, in October 1947. The criminal case that followed got its name from the fact that James Camb, the man who would be convicted of killing her, admitted that he had pushed her body out of the porthole in her cabin claiming that she died of an apparent sudden illness whilst they were in bed together. He was convicted of her murder and sentenced to death by hanging but a legal move to suspend the death penalty for all crimes in Britain meant he served 11 years in jail for the crime. Although he denied killing her for the rest of his life, he did commit further sexually related crimes during his time out on licence which meant him serving his full sentence.



### **Bookings are now being taken for the trips to -**

Kew Palace and Gardens on Wednesday 8 May,

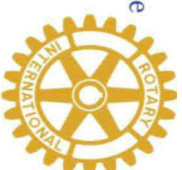
Afternoon Tea at BCOT on Wednesday 22 June

and Lunch on the Watercross Line on Thursday 13 June.

The next meeting is on 1 May when we will be having a *plant sale* and Dr Becky Peacock will be telling us about the Mid-Hants Railway. The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at Brookvale Village Hall from 10am to 12noon and all retired Civil Servants, their relatives and friends are welcome. Further details about the group and information about our trips can be obtained by contacting [csrbasingstoke@gmail.com](mailto:csrbasingstoke@gmail.com). *David Cowling*

Basingstoke Deane

# Rotary



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**PeaceJam UK** For the last 4 years Winchester University has hosted PeaceJam UK for a 2 day youth leadership development weekend conference attended by 200 Young people where they meet and work with a Peace Laureate. Held in March, this year's PeaceJam Laureate was Betty Williams who, together with Mairead Corrigan Maguire received the Nobel Peace Prize for promoting peaceful resolution of the troubles in Northern Ireland. Over the last 4 years more than 100 young people from local schools have been sponsored by Rotary in Basingstoke to attend. They have been

able to take part in workshops to learn about such topics as Water Aid and tools for self-reliance for under developed countries as well as being able to discuss controversial issues of diversity, tolerance, social justice, conflict, and non-violence and all whilst enjoying the excellent facilities at the University. If you are between 14 and19 and want to find out more about getting involved in next year's PeaceJam see contact details below. "I worked with a Nobel Peace Laureate" sounds great on your CV.

#### **WHAT IS ROTARY?**

Rotary is about helping communities, both local and internationally, through our network of clubs with 1.2 million members in over 200 countries. It is a non-religious and non-political organization comprised of both men and women who enjoy socialising together. As Rotarians we do some fantastic work each year whilst having fun and raising money which enables us to donate it to more than 20 local and a few international causes, including locally The Ark Cancer Centre Charity. To find out more about Basingstoke Deane Rotary check out the links below.

*Basingstoke Deane Rotary is a group of 35 men and women from a wide variety of backgrounds. All live locally in the borough but some commute to work outside Basingstoke. Most joined Rotary to help others less fortunate, and they find Basingstoke Deane Rotary adds another extremely enjoyable dimension to their lives.*

*If you would like to find out more about how we enjoy ourselves, just tune in to [www.rcbd.org.uk](http://www.rcbd.org.uk) to see what we have coming up, or contact Helen or Paul above to find out more. You might be pleasantly surprised!*

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## Hugging in the workplace—is it acceptable?

Hugging has become a newsworthy topic lately, particularly given the allegations levelled at Sir Phillip Green the owner of Top Shop and other high street stores. Also even more recently was the news that Ray Kelvin, the founder and chief executive of the fashion chain Ted Baker, was accused of misconduct including inappropriate hugging.

At least 50 employees recorded incidents that they regarded as harassment and more than 2,000 employees signed a petition to draw attention to the problem.

There were claims that as well as engaging in frequent and inappropriate hugging, Mr Kelvin had asked some female employees to sit on his knee, cuddle him and allow him to massage their ears. Mr Kelvin denies all allegations of misconduct, but he did resign in the face of these allegations against him.

This may be an extreme example, but it does raise the question as to when physical contact such as hugging is acceptable and when it becomes unacceptable behaviour. What are the boundaries when it comes to physical contact in the workplace?

Naturally behaviour such as inappropriate touching, unwarranted or dominating physical contact and sexual advances are completely unacceptable. However, not all physical contact is inappropriate. Many people do engage in hugging at work within quite acceptable boundaries and between consenting adults, the emphasis being on “consenting”. A sincere hug can be emotionally uplifting, especially if discussing ill health, comforting someone who has received bad news or in the course of a celebration. Huggers should still be mindful that not everyone welcomes physical contact and to be aware of this and exercise some common sense.

The law regards unwanted physical contact as a violation of a person’s rights. It is therefore particularly important that managers and figures in authority do not take advantage of their position or make employees feel uncomfortable. Employees often feel that if they object to inappropriate physical contact it could jeopardise their career or even result in them losing their job. However, if a boss or someone in a position of authority forces an employee into a hug or any other physical contact that makes their employee feel uncomfortable or even violated, this should be reported to their HR department, a director or person in authority or a trade union representative or the behaviour is likely to continue. If the matter is not resolved appropriately and immediately then it is advisable to take specialist legal advice.

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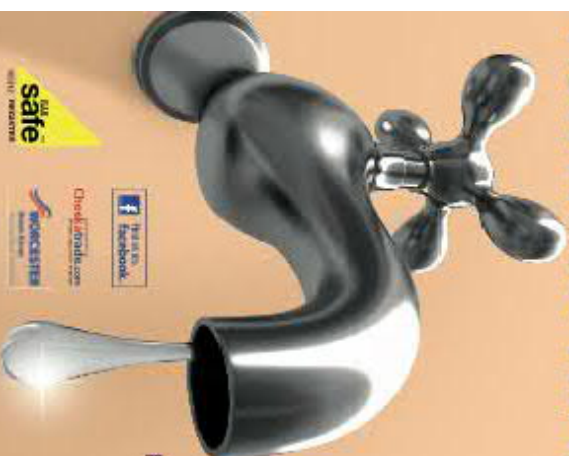
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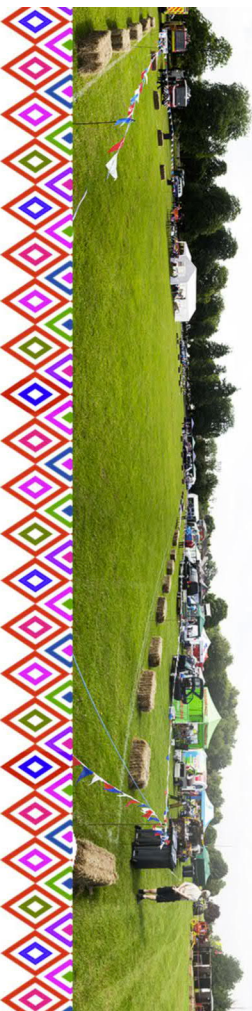
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**Upcoming Dates:**

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**Monday 13th May—GCSE Exams begin**



**UK Maths Challenge**

Congratulations to our outstanding mathematicians who showed their amazing problem solving skills and were awarded certificates for their exemplary performance in the recent UKMT Maths Challenge. Great work guys!



**YEAR 10 Skills Day**

Year 10s took part in an interview preparation skills day. They attended workshops looking at self-presentation skills, teamwork, first impressions and CV writing. After the Easter break they will each attend a mock interview where they will be able to put into practice all the skills they will have learned from the event.

**Year 5 Taster Day**

We welcomed over 300 Junior school students from local schools for a Year 5 Taster Day. The students took part in MFL Lessons, Food Technology, Sport and Art Sessions. Year 10 students acted as school ambassadors' and helped show the students around the academy.



**Good luck to all our Students who are taking GCSE's this Summer**





Spring has sprung! There's blossom on the trees and despite a cold snap, we've seen the sun!

This month a small group, Alan, Sam, Pooja and Jay went out and cleared some piles of brashing (clippings from hedges, shrubs etc) and undertook a litter pick on the site, not the most fun task but something that is entirely necessary until the users of our lovely space can be trusted to pick up after themselves!

It's been welcome news that as the team were working, they caught site of a baby Muntjac, which is a deer. The species was introduced into the UK from China in the 20th Century. They most commonly found in the south east of the country after having been originally introduced in the Bedfordshire area and are gingerly-brown species about the size of a medium dog. Another good sign is that our site is able to sustain a varied ecosystem in and out of the pond.

A larger group should be out in force again next month as the fair weather friends such as myself start to emerge again! If you'd like to join us or have any questions or queries about what we do please pop over to our Facebook Page, Marnel and Popley Conservation Volunteers or drop us an email at [popleyponds@gmail.com](mailto:popleyponds@gmail.com).

## Have a Go at Croquet and Bowls

For the first time in Basingstoke you can play two very different games at the same place. The merger of **Thornycroft Bowls Club** and **Basingstoke Croquet Club** means both games are being played at the bowls green. Most people have a fair idea of how bowls is played, however, croquet is a closed book to most but is a wonderful game that makes you think as well as giving some gentle exercise.

On **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May** we shall be holding an open day at our site which is beside the large car park off St Andrew's Road in South Ham (**RG22 6TP**). You can come and have a go at bowls or croquet or both if you wish. Come at any time between 10am and 4pm. You don't need any special equipment other than flat shoes/trainers to wear on the green.

If you can't come on 11<sup>th</sup> May then for croquet only come any Saturday morning at 10am and you will be made most welcome.

You can find more on our website at [www.basingstokecroquet.co.uk](http://www.basingstokecroquet.co.uk) – we shall be delighted to see you!



## Dear Friends

One of the very great privileges of my ministry as vicar at St Gabriel's is to be invited into the most cherished and sometimes the most difficult of times for families. The past few months have proved to be no exception.

So often I am asked to officiate at a funeral and always in the days and weeks leading up to and following the service, the family conduct themselves with quiet dignity in spite of their loss. For me it is an opportunity to hear about the person's life and times and the stories I hear rarely fail to surprise me. Difficult times, and I don't just mean grief through loss, bring together people of all different ages and backgrounds and there always seems to be very real sense of togetherness of shared suffering with the family.

In April I was invited to officiate at the wonderful wedding of one of our young couples, Cliff and Charlotte! Friends and family had travelled far and wide to share their joy and celebrate their love. After the service what a feast we enjoyed. It wasn't just the food though, it was also the sense of family, friendship and fun that encompassed the whole occasion.

Life and death in all its colours of joy and thanksgiving and sadness! For me it was a reminder of what my Christian faith is all about. For we are Easter people! The great sadness of the suffering and death of Jesus is replaced three days on by the joy and celebration of the Resurrection and our hope can rest secure in the knowledge that those sad partings are only temporary and that a greater joy awaits us in heaven.

Jesus said 'I have come that they may have life and life in all its abundance!' And He knew what he was talking about! He too experienced all that it is to be human; He celebrated at a wedding at Cana in Galilee and wept at the grave of His friend Lazarus. Today He shares in all your joys and your sorrows. Wherever you have been, wherever you are, Jesus knows and has been, and is, there! May you catch a glimpse of the resurrection hope of Easter and may He transform your life.

### With every blessing

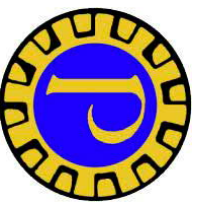
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## Probus Hears about the RFC and RAF in WW1



Probus Club member, retired RAF Wing Commander Bryan Jenkins gave a presentation about the growth of the Royal Flying Corps during the Great War.

Military thinking in 1910 was that aeroplanes had no potential use in war. General Haig thought in July 1914 that reconnaissance was the cavalry's role. By September this changed when basic aerial reconnaissance enabled the British Expeditionary Force to win a critical battle.

Aviation had to rethink its design and production. There was no domestic production with much reliance on French aircraft and engines.

Failure to fire through the propeller was overcome by having the propeller at the rear of the pilot. By 1915 the German Fokker Eindecker monoplane had overcome this technicality and had superior aerial performance than any British design. Manfred von Richthofen flew a Fokker tri-plane credited with 80 "kills", becoming known as the Red Baron.

Early aerial battles were not successful. Our planes strafed enemy infantry and bombed airfields, factories and transportation facilities. Average life expectancy of a pilot on the Western Front was only 23 days, some for only three days. Of 10,000 RFC airmen who lost their lives, 4,000 died in training, 4,000 in post training and only 2,000 killed as a result of enemy action.

Aircraft production increased but the front line was always waiting for replacements due to insufficient engines. By 1918 there were over 4,000 planes in storage waiting for an engine.

In 1914 the Royal Flying Corps had 2,073 personnel. By 1919 there were 4,000 combat aircraft and 114,000 personnel in 150 squadrons. Eleven members of the RFC were awarded the Victoria Cross.

The RFC started with very little, poor equipment. At the end they had better machines, better engines and better pilots than existed anywhere in the world. On 1st April 1918 the RFC became the Royal Air Force.

See [www.probusbasingstoke.wordpress.com](http://www.probusbasingstoke.wordpress.com)



A HUGE well done to our MFC Popley Youth U15s, who have been crowned Peter Houseman Youth League Division 1 Winners 2018/2019 after remaining undefeated all season!

The Club are extremely proud of this fantastic achievement!

**The Triple has been achieved!!**

MASSIVE congratulations to all the lads and management at our MFC Popley Youth U16s on a truly wonderful season.

East Berks League Winners, Hampshire County Cup Winners, with a solid 4-0 performance against Eastleigh FC, AND East Berks Cup Winners.

The team played with passion, pride, discipline and composure - leading by example in every aspect, the Club could not be any prouder! Well done to the players, coaches, parents and supporters!

We are seeking new players from year groups 8-9 ( in September) to join what will be our U14s team for the new season.

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/](http://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**





## Basingstoke Crime Priority Survey Update

Basingstoke North – Popley and Norden  
Beat Officers

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Contact us via 999 in an emergency, 101 for non-emergencies. You can report a crime on line using [hampshire.police.uk](https://hampshire.police.uk)

Many thanks for all of you who have helped us with our recent Community Priority Survey. We received 634 replies, which is an amazing return. Many of you remain understandably very concerned about burglaries, theft from motor vehicles and criminal damage within your local area. I accept that these are areas that we must be fully aware of, but I am also aware that reporting of all three types of these offences appears to be lower than the figures in our last quarterly review. In making a decision on what type of crime we should focus on in your local area, I have to use the resources I have in the most effective way I can. I also have also have to look at what our own, wider priorities are and what our current figures tell us about crime in Popley and Norden. While crimes of violence or serious harm still remain relatively low in Basingstoke, our principal focus, as you may well be aware, centres on preventing the most serious types of violent offences, whether they are linked to knives, drugs, domestic violence, the sexual and criminal exploitation of children and the protection of other types of vulnerable people, such as those who are repeatedly being reported as missing. Given this, I have decided that focus for this quarter in Popley and Norden will aim to reduce the overall number of violent offences resulting in injuries to victims. Please do continue to report all types of crime. Your local beat officers will continue to act to reduce the number of all types of offences in your local area and we will continue to monitor any emerging trends in offences.

Inspector 2157 Richard LANE

## EMOTIONAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR CARERS

# DO YOU CARE FOR SOMEONE?

Starting on the 17th May  
Roger Morris Centre, Eastrop  
£5.00 per week

**FRIDAY AFTERNOONS 1 - 3.30PM**

An 8 week emotional support  
group for those who care for  
others

**Time and space for you**

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