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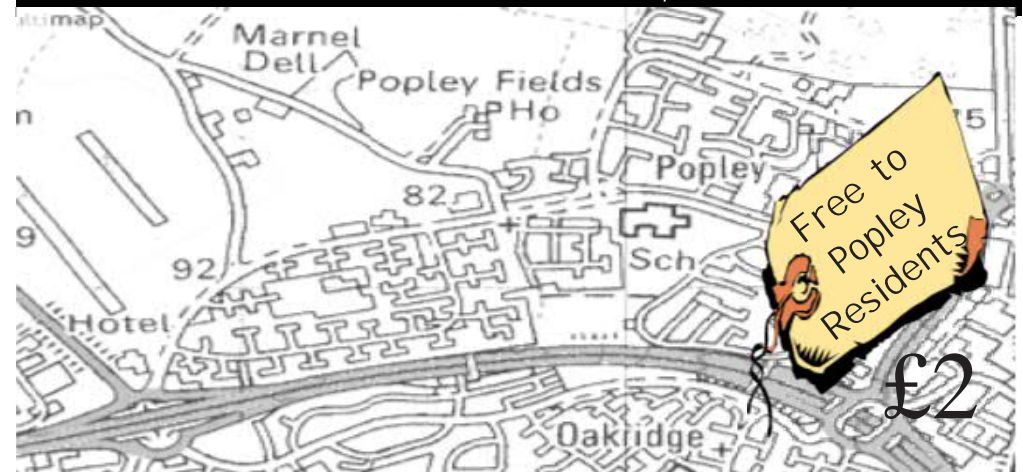
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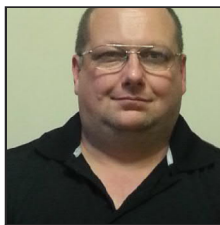


Editor
Jane Frankum

Editor Message:- We would like to thank our wonderful delivery team and especially welcome our new volunteers. It was a bit scary as the printers machine broke down and the manufacturers were mostly on furlough plus the parts had to be ordered from Germany. Martin was getting so worried as he really didn't want to let us down. We may have been a bit late but we got them in and out to you as soon as we could. Thank you Liz who I met at Abbey Road shops for cheering us up when you said "When the Popley Matters came through the door I thought that's great we are getting back to normal again" Liz said she loved reading the magazine.

Exciting news in our centre pages as the SEN school Austen Academy nears completion and will open in April with sixteen children so start with building up to 128 by 2025. These will be special needs children who need extra help and I am sure Popley will welcome the school and help to support it and make it a successful place for children to learn to live independently. We are getting near to Christmas and we have started to get bits and pieces for the Shoe Box appeal Paul and I loved helping to pack and sort the boxes around 500 went to children in Albania, Montenegro, Moldova and Romania who would not get presents at all I saw a video of their faces and reactions a couple of years ago that was real Christmas spirit at its best.

The spraying of the weds and trimming hedges has started on council land it would be good if people cut back the hedges if they are growing across the path it is dangerous when people have to walk or drive their disability buggy's or mums with pushchairs have to go out onto the road because they can't get past be considerate please and trim those hedges back. Contact me at or phone 819924 or drop me a note through our door at 405 Abbey Road RG24 9EL.



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Chineham Library News

Greetings from Chineham Library! We hope you are all keeping well.

Good news – Chineham Library is now open for visitors! Although our hours have been temporarily reduced, we can still offer printing, photocopying, public computers – oh yes, and lots of books! We have fiction books, perfect if you want to discover a new author or revisit old favourites, and non-fiction if you would like to take up a new hobby.

If you would like us to pick books for you, you can join the Ready Reads scheme where we select, you collect! Either ring 01962 454747 or go to www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/library/ready-reads to fill in the online registration form.

Did you know that there is now a library self-service app? Just download the Spydus Mobile app onto your smartphone and enter your library membership number and PIN. You can use the app to check out books from the library, search the catalogue, and much more!

And in an exciting development you can now print documents and pictures from your own phone without having to log onto our public computers – all you need is the correct change!

We can offer a study space (with available power point) if you want somewhere quiet to read or work. To book, either pop into the library or ring the call centre on 01962 454747.

Although some of our regular live activities are temporarily unavailable, there are a number of online 'Learning in Libraries' courses coming up in the next few weeks. These include wine tasting, family history and mindful photography. To find out more and to book a course visit the Hantsweb shop online on <https://www.hants.gov.uk/shop/home.php?cat=369>

And please be aware that we are open on the following days:

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We hope to see you soon!
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On a global scale the aim of this day, on which Lions Clubs around the world conduct various sight-related projects, is to focus attention on the universal issue of avoidable blindness and visual impairment and thus raise awareness about the importance of eye health and the need for quality eye care services for all.

Locally, from **24th September up to and including WORLD SIGHT DAY on 8th October**, Morrisons shoppers can find a home for their now unwanted spectacles -- prescription, non-prescription, sun, in fact any -- by dropping them in to the clearly labelled receptacle in the store. From here these once useful visual aids will find their way via the Club's partnership with Medico Lions Clubs de France to countries where so many have no access to spectacles.

On **WORLD SIGHT DAY** itself, between 9.30am-4.30pm, members of the Club will be on hand to accept, thank personally and, if wished, explain the work of the Basingstoke branch of Lions International, the largest voluntary association in the world. Perhaps even our mascot 'Lennie' might drop in -- socially distancing of course!

So shoppers, take your unloved, unwanted, unused spectacles with you on your supermarket shop -- or make a special journey anyway (free parking!); they **WILL** find another home. Such a simple act can change the lives of the ultimate recipients beyond measure.

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The start of the school year has seen a return to school for Everest students. It has been great to see classrooms alive again and a real focus placed on learning. We would like to extend a warm welcome to all returning students especially our new year 7's who have joined a year group of 150, our largest intake for some time.

We are extremely proud of the journey our school has been on over the last three years and we will be maintaining the highest educational standards throughout the coming year. Our recent 'good' Ofsted judgement has only served to provide additional drive for improvement. Our aim is to ensure Everest students receive the best experience and opportunities.

Over the coming weeks and months please check our website, Facebook and Twitter pages for the latest information. We had been planning to run an Open Evening in early September but have had to cancel due to the pandemic. Information about the school and what we offer is detailed on our website and we will be sending out information to many local primary schools in the coming weeks. When are allowed to welcome visitors back into school we will be running opening mornings and student tours.



Basingstoke - Old Basing U3A

Our outdoor groups continue to enjoy themselves

Learn, laugh, live

All our activities continue to follow government guidelines, and our outdoor groups are taking full advantage of the autumn! Our cyclists go on a treasure hunt every week; both our 'walkers' and 'walkers with cameras' continue to explore the countryside; and the croquet group play on too.

Indoor fun, a brand new activity, and holiday plans

The reopening of venues has allowed our Badminton and Table Tennis groups to restart - socially distanced of course - but for now many members are still having to meet up with their friends and enjoy their activities remotely. 'Indoor' activities which are currently resuming range from Literature to Environment & Us, and we're delighted to welcome a new Gardening group, starting via Zoom at the end of September. A new Creative Writing group has just started too. Check our website for details: <https://www.basingstokeu3a.org/>

Undaunted by lockdown, our Excursion & Holidays organiser has plans afoot for a mystery coach tour and future visits to Buckingham Palace, SS Great Britain and the Royal Albert Hall. Further afield she has her sights set on trips to Greece and Croatia. Again, details on our website, and all in line with current guidelines.

Uncomfortable with Zoom?

Some of our members have no access to online technology and others don't feel very confident with it. The U3A supports our Zoom meetings nationally by providing us with tutorials and will take any telephone enquiries on 020 8466 6139, redirecting you to us locally. We'd love you to join us - only £5 to take part in as much as you want to the end of the year!

News from the Old Basing Royal British Legion

This year's Poppy Appeal is fast approaching and there will be some changes due to the current Government guidelines.

Face to face Poppy collecting will see volunteers standing behind a table replacing lone collectors with a Poppy Box and Tin. I am looking for additional volunteers to strengthen our loyal band of collectors so if you feel comfortable collecting, please contact me via the email below. All collectors will be issued with PPE to ensure we comply with the guidelines and ensure the safety of both collectors and the public alike.

If you would like to be involved as a Poppy Collector, my email is hampshire.chairman@rbl.community All money collected goes to the Poppy Appeal.

Tim Russell, Poppy Appeal Organiser

County Councillor Report: I had a really productive meeting with Catch 22 and the new Head teacher of Austen Academy, Elizabeth Cooper and Janet Bywater the project manager also David Moran Managing director of the charity that will run the new purpose built SEN school. The school is nearing completion on the old Chineham Park School site. You can read more about it in the centre pages. They have to run a consultation to ask the government to give final permission to run the school for our very special needs children it will be on line and you can fill in the consultation brochure. I will get some and put some in the community centres. I was interested to know about how they would blend in with the Popley community, I was really impressed on how committed they were to being part of our community and want to involve us in the school. Once up and running they will have meetings and events there. I did tell them that Popley is a great community and has a heart of gold and I was sure we will welcome all the children, staff, parents and carers to Popley all of us? To contact me. Cllr Jane Frankum 01256 819924 email:- jane.frankum@hants.gov.uk.

Popley West:Schools are back and already we have been contacted about inconsiderate parking with some residents not being able to get into or drive out of their garage, by one school and parking for up to half an hour before pick up time at another. Please also remind your children about road safety sometimes in the excitement of wanting to get home they forget to look or cars are parked and they just can't see round them if the road is clear. The overgrown hedge has now been cutback in Tintern Close at one of the side entrances to the school, after we sent in a load of photos to the council. Some other works have been done and also the spraying of weeds at the entrance to Appleton and Barrington. A tree with dead branches in Selby Walk were cut and removed. There will be a borough wide spraying of weeds starting at the end of the month. The road at the top of Don Allen Drive will have a coned off area wide enough for the students of year eight to use to get safely into school with the new Covid-19 rules. Most residents are considerate about cutting back their hedges especially when they encroach over pathways but some are not. I was unable to stay safely on the paths when travelling in my buggy and had to go out onto the road, prams and pushchairs would have the same problem, it is even more urgent with the children going back to school.

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Popley East:We know how important good local play areas are to families so prior to the lockdown we raised the issue with Officers at the Borough Council as to the poor standard of both the Chineham Park play area and the one in Guernsey Close to see what could be done to improve them. Residents will be aware that neither play area has had any substantial improvements for many years. To enable any works to be undertaken we needed to seek funding and in February we submitted expressions of interest requesting funds from the Borough Council Local Infrastructure Fund. The applications successfully passed to the next stage. During the lockdown we then worked on the preparation and submission of the full applications and we are delighted to confirm that both have been successful and so later in the year we will be working with Officers on some initial ideas for the improvements which are hoped to be delivered next year. Public consultation surveys will also be sent to local residents seeking their opinion on what they would like to see.

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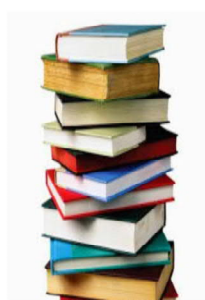
Monday from 6:30pm to 8pm we have kick boxing.



Tuesday night bingo is still cancelled until further notice!

Wednesday is yoga night with Lou Bedford . It starts at 6:15 and finishes at 7:15, for more details ring Lou Bedford on 07753109222 or at www.loubedfordyoga.co.uk

Come along on a Thursday night for street dance and ballet 4:30pm to 6:30pm for details ring Samantha pike on 07811299484



Come back and join us! Measures have been put in place to keep you safe.

The hall is also available to hire for parties at reasonable rates. Ring 01256 363156 for details



Basingstoke police would like to pass on the following information from Hampshire's Trading Standards, who look into and try to reduce any financial abuse involved in the sale of goods or services, which includes doorstep crime incidents and fraud/scam attempts.

Fraud is the most commonly reported crime, and anyone can become a victim, regardless of age, sex, or income. Every year the British public loses billions of pounds to fraudsters who bombard us with online, mail, door-to-door and telephone scams. Fraud occurs when someone lies or deceives you in order to cause harm, most commonly by taking money.

Hampshire Trading Standards would like to warn residents about cold callers at the door offering to clean driveways. The warning is relevant Countywide and Basingstoke police have received multiple reports over the past few months of individuals deceiving residents out of their hard-earned money in return for very poor quality work.

The cold callers are offering to clean driveways and will try to do a demonstration. They are very persistent, and will try to persuade the resident to have the work done, sometimes starting without permission. No paperwork is given before the work starts, and any flyers may contain false information and contact details. Payment in cash is requested. They also frequently offer to drive the resident to a cash point so that they can empty their bank account for them.

Advice from Trading Standards:

- TS strongly advise residents not to agree to work that is instigated as a result of a cold call.
- Residents should obtain multiple written quotes from reputable businesses or traders who are either members of the Buy With Confidence scheme or a recognized trade association.
- To inform Trading Standards about cold calling, please report the matter to the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on 0808 223 1133. Please also try to obtain a name and address for the company.

Basingstoke police would also advise:

- Be suspicious! If it seems 'too good to be true', it usually is.
- Take time to consider offers or deals, do not be pressured into accepting things before you have time to think. Insist on time to obtain advice before making a decision.
- Do not hand over money or sign anything until you have checked the credentials of the company or individual.
- Never send money to anyone you do not know or trust, or use methods of payment that you are not comfortable with.



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School Governor Vacancies

Our Governing Body is made up of Parents, Staff, Local Authority and Co-opted Governors. Co-opted Governors include both parents and members of the community. We currently have opportunities for both Parent and Co-opted governors.

Being a school governor is a challenging but hugely rewarding role. It will give you the chance to make a real difference to young children, give something back to your local community and use and develop your skills in a board-level environment.

Schools need governing boards that have a balance and diversity of knowledge, skills and experience to enable it to be effective. Anyone aged 18 or over can be a governor or trustee (but there are some exceptions) and you do not need to be a parent of a child in the school. There is no requirement for you to have an understanding of the education system, just the necessary skills, character and time to contribute.

Our school needs and would benefit from a range of professional knowledge on the governing board including finance and fundraising, human resources, legal, marketing and public relations, IT and social media, property and estates management, and organisational change.

You should be prepared to commit to the role, be confident in having courageous conversations; curious with an enquiring mind; able to challenge the status quo to improve things; collaborative to build strong relationships, creative and innovative.

For an informal chat about being a Governor please contact Emily Mean, Chair of Governors or Larissa James, Headteacher via the school's email or telephone number above.

Please note all Governors are required to undertake a DBS check as part of the recruitment process.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Emily Mean

Chair of Governors

Headteacher: Mrs Larissa James BA (QTS) NPQH



Basingstoke & District Disability Forum (BDDF)

your local adult disability charity.

The
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Basingstoke & District

BDDF quickly responded to lockdown by moving our services on-line. We focused efforts on tackling isolation for our members by providing support virtually. Offering both weekly coffee & chat and chair yoga sessions.

We also continued to provide our signposting activities which help those with disability related queries.

BDDF are slowly reintroducing face to face yoga, whilst continuing the online sessions - both are free to attend.

We are also excited to announce our brand NEW weekly Walking Group which again is free to attend, open to all abilities and strictly follows Government group guidelines. Funded by 'Energise Me' these social walks are already being thoroughly enjoyed by our members, an opportunity to make new connections whilst getting exercise and fresh air.

Our next annual disability information day will take place in The Malls shopping centre on Friday 26th March 2021. If you are a local disability service or business operating in Basingstoke and are interested in exhibiting do get in touch.

Over the summer BDDF organised Chineham and Sherfield Park's first ever Scarecrow Trail. With 5 awards all voted for by the public, the community spirit shone and competition for the coveted title of 'best in show' was fierce with 91 displays all based around the theme of books.

Our local charity partner for 2020 was the incredible Sebastian's Action Trust who support children and the families of children with life limiting and life threatening illnesses.

We are so grateful to everyone who supported, entered a scarecrow, sponsored and donated raffle prizes and of course our volunteers. Thanks to you all it was a huge success raising over £5k.

The feedback suggests we would be welcomed back. We plan to reach out in the new year to seek volunteers to be part of the 2021 organising committee.

We will always find a way to continue supporting the disabled people in our community. Currently our offerings include weekly virtual Chair Yoga & meditation; Walking Clubs; and Online Signposting and Support groups.

We would love to hear from you whether you have feedback, ideas on how we can best serve our disabled community or if you would like more information on our current services – become a member of our BDDF community follow us on Facebook @BDDForum; email us or call 01256 423869.

Update on behalf of Chineham Medical Practice Patient Participation Group.

COVID-19 has presented everyone with challenges during 2020. The Chineham Medical Practice would like to thank patients for their support, patience and resilience during this time. The practice team are currently preparing to deliver the 2020 Flu Vaccination Programme which is one of the most effective interventions we have to reduce pressure on the health and social care system this winter, particularly as we may be faced with circulation of COVID-19 and flu at the same time.

Those most at risk from flu are also vulnerable to COVID-19. We anticipate that concerns about COVID-19 may increase demand for flu vaccination in all groups this year, and some in at risk groups may have concerns about maintaining social distancing when being given the vaccine.

We have therefore planned our flu vaccination sessions on **Saturdays** starting 26 September 2020 until 24 October 2020. Patients who are eligible are being contacted by text and letters if they do not have a mobile number on their records. As we endeavour to vaccinate more than 400 people per day, the vaccination sessions will operate in the following specific way.

· Vaccination sessions will cover **flu only**. Other vaccines e.g. shingles and pneumonia **will not be provided**.

- We will have 2 practice nurses and 4 doctors working every Saturday from 09.00 – 16.00
- 36 patients will be booked in for every half hour. If you are booked and cannot attend please notify us as soon as possible.
- The car park will be closed.
- We will have 3 marshals on the site to operate a one-way system.
- Patients will be shown where to queue outside the building, entering via the main entrance and leaving via the patio.
- Each patients' temperature will be taken before entering the building.

We hope this approach will ensure all our priority patients can receive the vaccination at the earliest opportunity and thank you for your cooperation and support.



Hello from Popley Fields Community Centre!

We were very sad to have to cancel this years' Popley Festival (the first time in 26 years) and also halt all of our regular groups and private hires due to Coronavirus but finally we have some good news!

Since June we have been slowly opening our doors as advice has allowed, with Treasure Island playgroup running from June and the RCS connect for summer event running through August and we are now happy to announce we're ready to open "normally" – well our new socially distanced normal, from September.

We'll be open again for our regular users and are also able to take bookings for private hire, parties etc... (advanced bookings for later on in the year are also welcome). For everyone's safety a simply system is in place to ensure all users of the hall can stay safe. For more information please contact us by e-mail and we'll be happy to help.

Many thanks, Popley Fields Team

e-mail us at: office@popleyfields.org.uk



FREE Advanced Driving Taster Sessions!

The Basingstoke Advanced Motorists Group is pleased to announce that its Observing Team is now back on the road, armed with face masks, hand sanitiser and oodles of driving experience to share with you. Whether you are an experienced driver who wants to update their driving knowledge or correct bad habits, or whether you want to gain road confidence and get more enjoyment out of your driving, we can help you start that journey. Sessions are informal and last about an hour. They can be arranged in an area local to you. There is no pressure to continue on to do an Advanced Driving Course, however if you do, you will get 10% off the course fee and become a member of a friendly local driving group. If you are interested about the taster sessions or just want to know more about the Group please email chairman@iambasingstoke.org.uk, visit our website at www.iambasingstoke.org.uk or ring 0800 2982610 and we will be in touch. We are also on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/basingiam>

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We are pleased to announce a phased return to football, we have all missed it!

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If you have a budding football star, we are looking for players for the following teams, this coming season:

- Under 9s (school year 4 in September 2020) contact – u9@mfcpopleyyouth.co.uk
- Under 10s (school year 5 in September 2020) contact - u10@mfcpopleyyouth.co.uk
- Under 11s (school year 6 in September 2020) contact – u11@mfcpopleyyouth.co.uk

The leagues in which we compete have said that matches are to commence in October. This is to allow for outstanding Cups to be completed from last season. This is however subject to change based on government guidance.

You can get regular updates on Twitter @MFC_PopleyYouth & 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 is an FA Charter Standard Development Club and Nike Partner Club.

Here's to the 2020/21 season!



Hello popley,

With the children back at school and the new social guidelines in place as of Monday 19th September strange times again for us all ahead.

We have been keeping busy with our online Zoom activities and making DVDs for members that do not have internet. We have discovered as a charity that a lot of the older generation do not have the latest gadgets and technology. The members have told us they prefer the good old fashioned telephone although some of our members have mobile phones they are not smart phones and some that do still struggle to try and understand the new technology so we as a charity have worked together with our members and come up with the solution of DVDs we currently have two;- one on seated exercise and the other an entertainment DVD which has poetry, reading, arts and crafts etc the DVDs cost £6 each or both for £10 so am I will be getting these out to our members over the coming weeks. Many tell us they like to read a good book.

Oasis café is still providing a two course hot or cold meal delivered to your door for a cost of £5 per meal. Our members are reporting back how much they enjoy the meals and love the choices.

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If you would like to become a member of our happy group or just want find out what we have on offer please email me at or contact me on my work mobile 07720680403 my working hours our Monday to Friday 9am to 2pm. If you would like more information on becoming a volunteer please get in touch with the above details

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Rotary and the World Celebrate The Eradication of Polio in Africa

We are in the middle of a Covid 19 pandemic and are resting our hopes on a vaccination being developed quickly, so it was a timely reminder of other ongoing work on serious worldwide illness when it was declared, by the World Health Organisation on 25/8/2020, that Polio had been eradicated in Africa. Polio has long been a feared viral infection that mainly affects children for which there is no cure. It causes nerve injury which leads to death or partial or full paralysis. Whilst the last outbreak of polio in the UK was in the 1970's there are still many people in our country that live with the paralysing effects of this disease. British children are still routinely vaccinated against Polio and kept safe from infection.



Polio is preventable with vaccination

Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 30 years. Our goal of ridding the world of this disease is closer than ever.

As a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, we've reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent since our first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979.

We've helped immunize more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries. So far, Rotary has contributed more than £1.4 billion toward eradicating the disease worldwide.

Today, polio remains endemic only in Afghanistan and Pakistan, but it's crucial to continue working to keep other countries polio-free. If all eradication efforts stopped today, within 10 years, polio could paralyse as many as 200,000 children each year.

These agencies have been working since 1996 to try to eradicate the virus from the African continent with sustained vaccination campaigns. Almost 9 billion polio vaccines have been delivered in the eradication programme and this will continue and needs to be funded.

The part played by Jonas Salk

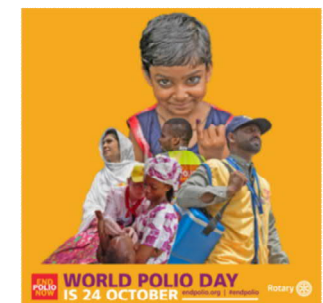
The unsung hero of this battle is a man named Jonas Salk, an American virologist and medical researcher who developed one of the first successful polio vaccines which quelled one of the biggest outbreaks of Polio in the US when it was introduced in 1952. The rolling out of Polio vaccination programmes around the world has been a great success. Joseph Salk has been hailed for his altruism, he chose to not patent the vaccine or seek any profit from it in order to maximize its global distribution and in doing so he gave the world a great gift.



Until we end polio forever, every child is at risk.

Smallpox is the only deadly disease to have been eradicated. This was in 1979. Polio is close to eradication but we will need to continue to fund the programme until it is achieved. Rotary Clubs around the world are committed to continue to fund the vaccination programme. Since the year 2000 The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation have matched Rotary International funding by 2 to 1 to give a huge boost to the programme. We've reduced cases by 99.9% since 1988.

Worldwide scientists are working on a vaccine for Covid 19. Hopefully altruism will play a part so that it will be available to all, not just those who are able to pay but include those in the developing world with less ability to pay

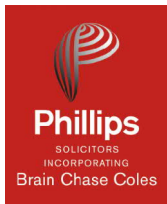


Basingstoke Deane Rotary is a group of 35 men & women from a wide variety of backgrounds. All live locally in the borough but some commute to work outside Basingstoke. Most joined Rotary to help others less fortunate, and they find Basingstoke Deane Rotary adds another extremely enjoyable dimension to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

If you would like to find out more about how we enjoy ourselves, just tune in to www.rcbd.org.uk to see what we have coming up, or contact Helen or Paul above to find out more. We think you'll be pleasantly surprised.

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Planning for the future

When it comes to thinking about the future of your loved ones it is important to have plans in place to cover all eventualities should anything happen to you.

Many people put off planning for the future because it is something they would rather not think about, or choose to worry about it at a later date – after all few people like to face up to the eventuality of their passing.

If this sounds like you, your loved ones could be left with some very complicated issues to resolve at a difficult and emotional time.

It is worth remembering that if you do not make a Will, when you die your estate will be dealt with according to the Rules of Intestacy, where the law dictates who inherits your estate. This may be against your wishes, especially if you are unmarried or live with your partner.

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Merton Junior School



Welcome Back

What a fantastic start to the new term we have had already. Even though school has become a distant memory for some pupils, everyone has returned back to school with huge smiles on their faces and it is such a joy to walk around the building and see all of the children enjoying learning once again.

Our curriculum:

We aim to provide engaging, hands on learning experiences across all of our curriculum areas through some fascinating projects. Here is what is coming up in the next few months for our Merton Junior Pupils:

Year 3 - From Stones to Steel – a fascinating exploration of this time period including a 'real' Stone Age visitor

Year 4 – Blackout – they are getting an exciting look into being scientists and discovering all about electricity

Year 5 – The mystery of history – our pupils will be delving into the life and times of the Anglo-Saxons and their take-over of Britain

Year 6 – Andes Adventure – discovering the rich and wonderful world of South America, our year 6 pupils will be 'travelling' through Peru and exploring this beautiful nation.

A Huge Thank You...

We were amazed by the generosity of some of our families who very kindly purchased a 1 off piece of art work for our school with the proceeds going to support the NHS charities. The artist is Amelia Graham and the piece is called Hope Springs Eternal. It makes a fantastic addition to our reception area and we are so grateful for the kindness shown by our families.

Thank you.



Merton Junior School are accepting applications for school places, please contact our school office for more information and a look around the school or you can email our admin team at admin.office@merton-jun.hants.sch.uk

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Cub Leader	Charlotte Bell	07919148376
Scout Leader	Kevin Pocock	07717108560

As the Beavers & Cubs continue to meet weekly on Zoom here is a look at back at our meetings

Over the School Holiday period the Cubs & Beavers continued to meet in the virtual world of Zoom, taking part in a wide range of activities that included going on a virtual animal safari, where everyone had to put some sort of soft toy in the background of their screen, so it was visible, but not easily seen, we then headed off visiting all the screens to hopefully find and note down what animals we had found, a great time was had by all trying to find all the animals, some were extremely well hidden, just like they would be in the wild

We also had an international night where they had to identify which country different flags were from as well as finding out about the World Scout Badge & what each part of it means as well finding out how many Scouts there are in the world as well finding out that there are only 6 countries in the world without any known form of Scouting, Do you know how many Scouts there are in the World and what countries don't have any form of known Scouting?, I challenge you to find out, Answers next issue

A popular evening involved going on a virtual pirate treasure hunt, this followed the familiar of deciding what path to follow or action to take to progress to the next stage and eventually finding the hidden treasure, there were a lots of discussions about what was the best path to take or even if the best thing to do was to return back to the safety of the holiday complex we were staying at

On the 8th September we paid a virtual visit to the Museum of Army Flying at Middle Wallop and were given a highly informative talk by their Educational Outreach Office, Dan Ball. Dan told us all about the development of Army Flying from the time of the Crimean War with the use of balloons, made from pig stomachs & bladders, for observation to the current batch of helicopters. We were also told about the "Rupert's" or dummy paratroopers to fool the enemy that there were more soldiers parachuting into enemy territory than there really was. Once we get back to "normal" we hope to follow this virtual talk with a real visit to the museum.

On the 15th September keeping with the Air Activities theme we had a quiz to see if they could identify what country an airlines tail Logo comes from & if they knew what the airline is called, how well do you think you could do? Let us test your knowledge – Do you know what Country this airline is from and what it is called, **NO CHEATING** – Answer next issue



A. Fiji - B. Samoa - C. New Zealand - D. Greece

As some Covid-19 restrictions start be relaxed by both the government and UK Scout Association we are busy planning and putting processes into place to enable us to start some form of limited face to face meetings, so watch this space, hopefully we will soon be able to report what we have been doing in the real world rather than the virtual one.

Unfortunately, due to lack of numbers, we have had to temporary suspend the Scout Section, but plan to relaunch again in the New Year, so if you have a son or daughter aged 10 -14 who may be interested in becoming a Scout please contact myself or Colin on the numbers above.

Douglas Gowan
Assistant Group Scout Leader



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A Classic Italian Recipe – Pappa al Pomodoro

For me the beauty of Italian cuisine is its simplicity. This dish is a testament to that. Pappa al Pomodoro (Bread & Tomato Soup) is a real classic from Tuscany, a typical peasant dish like so many of the great Italian staples. It is said to originate from 12th century Florence.

The beauty of this Italian recipe, is that its main ingredients are ones that you'll almost always have in. Tinned tomatoes and bread, but don't be fooled, this simple dish is packed full of flavour. It's pretty versatile too, in that you can enjoy it hot, cold or at room temperature. Making it perfect for any time of year!

Prep Time – 5 minutes

Cook Time – 35 minutes

Serves – 4



Ingredients:

- 2 400g tins of Chopped Tomatoes
- 400g leftover or stale Bread
- 1/2 Onion
- 2 cloves of Garlic
- 250g fresh Tomatoes
- 50ml good quality Olive Oil
- 3-4 sprigs of fresh Basil
- 1 tbsps Balsamic Vinegar
- Parmesan (to serve)

Method:

1. Preheat the oven to 200C.
2. Finely chop the garlic. Roughly chop your fresh tomatoes and place on a baking tray, sprinkle over 1/3 of the garlic. Drizzle with olive oil, balsamic vinegar and season with salt and pepper. Toss then place in the oven for 30 minutes or until nicely roasted.
3. Place a large saucepan over a medium heat. Finely chop the onion, remove the basil leaves from the stalks then finely chop the stalks. Add the onion and basil stalks to the pan along with the remaining garlic and a splash of olive oil.
4. Once the onion has softened, approx 10 minutes, add the two tins of tomatoes. Fill one of the empty tins with water and add too the pan. Bring to the boil and then turn down to a low simmer for 15 minutes.
5. Roughly chop or tear up your bread and basil leaves. After 15 minutes, add the bread and basil to the saucepan. Give it a good mix to get all the bread coated. Keep over a low heat for a further 10 minutes.
6. Remove your tomatoes from the oven and tip into the saucepan, including all the juices, oil and sticky bits. Season with salt and pepper, add the 50ml of olive oil then mix into the soup.
7. The soup should have a thick, porridge like texture with some larger lumps of bread remaining (although they should have softened). If it's too thick you can loosen with a splash of warm water.
8. Serve a generous helping with a light shaving of Parmesan and a light drizzle of olive oil. I like to allow it to cool for 5 minutes before tucking in, so that it's warm but not piping hot.

Find useful tips for this recipe along with many other recipes and food blogs at www.thehomecooking.com



How and Why I Became a GP (S)

Probuss Club member, Dr Nick Waring, many years a partner at Gillies Health Centre in Brighton Hill, tells what prompted his calling.

His father was involved with the St John's Ambulance Brigade and the fact he also manufactured surgical needles encouraged

Nick Waring's interest in medicine joining the Welsh National School of Medicine in Cardiff in 1966.

He recalled instances during student training that showed that practicing on patients was part of the curriculum. There was a saying "see one, do one, teach one."

The first baby he delivered as a student arrived the evening man landed on the moon. It was a boy and, of course, named Neil.

His first job was in Southampton working for Prof Donald Acheson, who became the national Chief Medical Officer and then to work for WHO. Even though now qualified as a doctor, training involved two more years in various jobs in hospitals followed by another year as a trainee.

In 1972 he started in Basingstoke as a GP. His personal list grew from 0 to 3,500 in eighteen months. They had an on-call rota system working one night in five with a full day's work either side. The Hantsdoc co-op came just in time as most GPs were on their knees.

Hand written patient records gave way to computerisation with today, ancillary staff taking on more of the roles traditionally carried out by a GP. It is a different job to the one he started out with.

Retiring in 2007, he is aware of how difficult it is to know when to seek medical help. He appreciates how problematic it can be for people to decide either self-care or use the medical service responsibly. But it is better to call unnecessarily than not call at all when you need to.



Dr Nick Waring: convinced of advantages to the GP

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NEW SEN SCHOOL PLANNED IN BASINGSTOKE FOR CHILDREN WITH SOCIAL COMMUNICATION NEEDS

Background

The Austen Academy is a Special Educational Needs (SEN) school that has been proposed by Hampshire County Council and sponsored by Catch22 Multi Academies Trust (MAT).

The Academy will offer full time education and therapeutic support to 125 pupils aged 4 to 16 years old with Social Communication Needs (SCN) associated with a diagnosis of Autism and who cannot be adequately supported to access education in mainstream schools. Located in Basingstoke, the pupils attending the school will be nominated by Hampshire County Council. The Academy will be based at Shakespeare Road, Basingstoke, RG24 9BP in a newly constructed building on the site of the old Chineham Primary School. It is planned that the Academy will open in April 2021

Our Vision and Ethos for the Academy

Catch22 MAT provides young people with a full-time educational offer to enable them to progress and succeed in sustained education or employment.

We believe all children and young people have the capacity to learn regardless of their life situation. It is our role to unlock that learning potential. As well as providing the opportunity for young people to achieve academically, the school will provide personalised therapeutic support which will enable children and young people to build the confidence and the emotional resilience they need to manage their everyday lives, and develop the language and communication skills necessary to **engage positively in the community and eventually to live an independent life through employment and further education.**

Education & Curriculum

The school will follow the National Curriculum for all age ranges, reflecting our aim to provide a strong focus on academic attainment for all learners.

Led by the Headteacher Liz Cooper (M. Ed) (*Photo attached*), the academy team will include qualified teaching and learning support staff and advocates who will work with other specialists such as Educational Psychologists, Special Educational Needs Coordinators (SENCOs), Speech and language therapists and Occupational Therapists. Together they will work not only with the young people, but their families and agencies too.

The Primary Curriculum will provide learners with a solid foundation in literacy, numeracy and other national curriculum subjects, as well as a focus on emotional well-being and social understanding and interaction.

Compulsory subjects at Secondary level are Maths, English, Science, Information and Communications Technology, Personal Social and Health Education, Physical Education and Religious Education. There will also be opportunities to develop more practical skills in art, music, drama, food technology and design technology. Students will be taught how to manage their anxiety and emotional regulation and develop a better understanding of the world in preparation for adult life. There will be an emphasis on developing skills for employment and students will have the opportunity to study additional vocational subjects depending on interest and ability. Work experience placements and opportunities will be sought for the students as appropriate.

Admissions

The Austen Academy will specialise in providing places for learners with Social Communication Needs associated with a diagnosis of Autism identified on an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

There will be places for 125 pupils aged 4 to 16 of all genders who will be offered a full-time place.

For a young person to be admitted, the school must be named, by a local authority, in the child's Education Health and Care Plan ('EHCP'). Catch22 will collaborate with the Hampshire County Council's SEN team to ensure that the school is the right place for the prospective pupil. Parents wishing their children to benefit from our provision should contact Hampshire County Council.

The Austen Academy is committed to equal opportunities and all pupils will have equal access to the curriculum

Public Consultation 14 September 2020 until 01 November 2020.

Information and survey available online.

In summer 2018, Hampshire County Council selected Catch22 Multi Academies Trust to be the sponsor of their proposed free school and to proceed to the pre-opening stage.

As part of this planning process Catch22 MAT has a legal obligation to consult interested parties on whether the Secretary of State should sign a Funding Agreement which will enable The Austen Academy free school to open.

Full details including a link to consultation brochure

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