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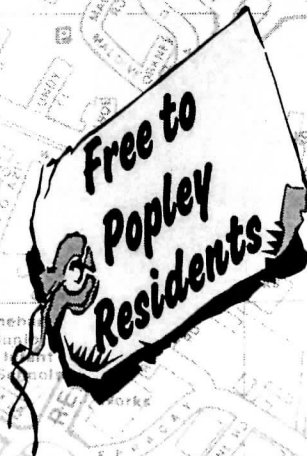
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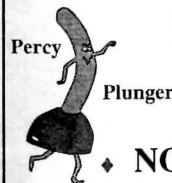
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Boys Brigade 2002

Lots of things happening, as you would expect from this very active group.

The Anchor Boys and the Junior section went to the Fun House for their Christmas outing. Shoes off and in they went, the roof nearly lifting off with all the noise that they produced. We had hired the complex in its entirety, so we didn't have the problem of working out who was who. The boys had a great time.

All the sections are back into their regular routine, with extra events thrown in, just to keep them on their toes.

Numbers have increased and we are looking for more staff to help with the boys. Just pop down to John Hunt on a Monday evening between 6-15 and 9-30. A member of staff is always willing to answer any queries you have.

Lots of events and activities have been planned and we are looking forward to the Popley Festival on May 19th. We shall be doing our bit.

The company has an activity centre at Old Burghclere, (Kingsclere then turn left) and lots of time and effort are being put in there. The Centre is open for anyone to use just let us know if you are interested.

Please see our main advert on page 5 for more details.

Junction 6

A group of four young men from Popley have been working over the past 2 months with me to organise a large music event at Junction 6 Youth Arts Centre.

The "Battle of the Bands" has taken place over 3 evenings at the youth centre successfully involving about 150 young people from Popley and around Basingstoke.

The bands that have taken part include "Lockdown", "Own Devices", "Feedback" and "Not by Choice". They are all made up of young men aged between 13 and 18. The evenings have been a great success so far. The final, taking place on February 1st, will be well covered by local press which has all been organised by the young men.

The organising group have been working on all aspects of organisation including health and safety, publicity, stage management, meeting management and team work. The amount of time and effort that they have volunteered to make the events such a success has been terrific.

It is hoped that the "Battle of the Bands" may become an annual event at Junction 6 and that funding may be secured to enable regular gig nights organised by the young members to be run.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the bands that have taken part and performed so well at Junction 6 and especially thank the organising group - Xander, Otto, Oz and Dean who I'm sure have learned a lot from their experience and at the same time benefited lots of local young people. Blanca Webb Youth Arts Worker Junction 6 ☎359596.

Message From the Editor

I was saddened to hear of the passing away of Arthur Attwood "Mr Basingstoke". Arthur loved Popley and often visited us and wrote quite a few articles for this magazine. We extend our condolences to his family and grandson Andy McCormick who is our secretary for the Popley Forum and Matters. Andy has written an article for us and it is in the centre pages.

The Popley Festival committee are working hard and it promises to be bigger and better this year, We had one of the highest attendances of any event in Basingstoke last year, estimated at 7000. There is still time to book a stall, or join us on the day on the boot sale, book early to avoid disappointment.

Our next Popley Matters, due in July, will mark five years since it was resurrected. It will be the tenth anniversary of the first edition. The Popley Matters Committee and I would like to have some of your stories of living or working in Popley. The idea behind this magazine was to keep the people who are interested in Popley informed of what is going on and to give a chance to let them get involved. We believe Popley is a great place to live and be proud of. What do you think?

Our newest committee member is Andrew McCormick who has stepped in to be our much-needed secretary, thanks Andy. We always welcome any one who is truly interested in making Popley an even greater place to live. We still need more volunteers to deliver the Matters.

We are planning a "Clean up Popley Week" with some fun events and competitions. Look out for notices in the halls, shops, the Gazette and on local radio Kestrel later this year.

Suki Binning is the new Community Development Worker for John Hunt of Everest and she has been going round introducing herself. Suki would like to hear from any one who has ideas to make better use of John Hunt School, feel free to call her on ☎465303

The public auctions held weekly at Melrose Hall are proving to be a great success and are generating funds for the Popley Boys Brigade and Melrose Hall. It is held every Wednesday evening and there are over 300 lots.

Dave Phillips is attempting to do a survey and get together a list of clubs and groups for the youth; if you know of any let him know on ☎323564.

Neighbourcare are always willing to help anyone in need, including help with transport and shopping, their phone number is ☎332424.

The next Popley Forum date has not yet been decided so watch the notice boards and shop windows for posters nearer the time. *Jane Frankum (Editor)*



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Letters to The Editor

Dear Editor; The Police were informed that a neighbour's house had been broken into on Saturday the 2nd February, while the family were away on holiday.

Later I received a phone call from PC Deery asking if I could walk round and check the house, as they had not been able to secure the premises. As I approached the back gate, which was open, and looked into the back of the house a group, mainly female, teenagers ran from the area of the shops demanding to know why I was looking in the house. When I explained the situation their demeanour changed and they became very apologetic. They went on to say that the daughter of the family was a school friend and they had taken it upon themselves to guard the house and they thought I was acting suspiciously, hence their challenge. I assured them that their actions were quite proper, and we noticed the back door was open.

I suggested that one of them accompanied me into the garden while I shut the door and tried to fasten the gate. Not wishing to miss anything they all insisted on coming into the garden while I close the door. There then followed a debate on how best to secure the gate. One young lady who issued instructions to all with an air of authority that would do credit to any sergeant major particularly impressed me! A joint effort managed to close the gate, I returned home and they continued their vigil from the vantage point of the shops.

These young people cannot be praised enough for their public spirited actions, their responsible attitude and their friendly constructive help. *Terry Jones Abbey Road*
Editor; Thank you Terry for sharing your experience with us It goes to show that we do have some really good youths in Popley.

Dear Editor, Once again I read with interest, the latest edition of Popley Matters and found the part about tackling dog litter of interest.

Responsible dog owners clear up after their pets and until you educate people to clear up after them selves (tins, bottles, wrappers etc) you will never solve the problem.

I include the council and their contractors under this heading. Rubbish dropped by the refuse collectors and leaves from the trees. Believe me it is extremely difficult to walk across a 6-inch deep leave and clear up dog litter. Once the litter is cleared up it is then difficult to find a dog litter bin that has not been vandalised or does not have so much glass around it for fear of getting glass in the dogs feet or in the soles of shoes.

The other problem is people feeding the birds. I have no objection to people feeding the birds but I do wish they would not throw out chicken and meat bones. The birds do not eat them and with all the cats and dogs around it can end up with a pet owners with a hefty vets bill.

I know the above matters can be resolved by contacting the council but it takes them so long one wonders if it is really worth it. (I know that the local dog litter bins have been replaced and vandalised on several occasions). If only people could be a little more responsible with their rubbish and their dogs it would make Popley a better place to live. Name and address supplied.

Editor; I think just about everyone would agree and it is something we get a lot of remarks about. It is strange then that this litter appears and nobody seems to own up to have dropped it. The shops are to be made responsible for the litter outside their premises soon.

Editors Note We look forward to reading your letters on all sorts of subjects. We do not print your name or address if you wish us not to but of course we can not accept letters that are sent anonymously.

Please send your letters to :
The Editor, Popley Matters, 405 Abbey
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A Message From Your Local Community Beat Officer

I would like to introduce myself as PC Matt Deery and I am the community beat officer for Popley.

Since I started in Oct 2001 I have been pleasantly surprised, by the help and goodwill I have received from the residents of Popley. there is a strong community and Police rely on your help in trying to reduce crime in your area.

The telephone number for reporting all non urgent crime is 0845 045 45 45.

Alternatively information can be phoned unanimously on CRIMESTOPPERS 0800 555 111.

Basingstoke Police are committed to a local community beat officer walking the streets of your community. I spend as much time as possible walking around Popley, and am sure many of you will have already seen me or my colleagues "WALKING THE BEAT".

Since the last issue of Popley Matters, Popley has seen a large amount of Vehicle crimes in the area.

Please ensure that no valuables are left in your vehicles when parked also there are a large amount of Anti-theft deterrent products on the market which would help in your vehicle not being targeted.

Teams of officers have been targeting the worst hit areas overnight to try and combat this recent trend, but we rely on each and every one of you to keep an eye out for suspicious activities.

On a different note I am pleased to be supporting the "Popley Surgery" on the first Saturday of each month at John Hunt School between 12 midday and 2 pm.

This is a chance to meet and express your views to myself and other local agencies on how you would like to see things happening in your community.

I would also like to introduce PC Magnus Rolfe who is working alongside me in Popley until March 2002.

PC3126 Matt Deery.



MELROSE HALL

We have even more going on now at **Melrose Hall** both during the day and evening.

Monday morning 9.30am-12pm Coffee Morning everyone is welcome.

Baby Weighing Clinic from 2pm-3pm please note that it is only on the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month.

Tuesday afternoon's our ever popular over 18 Bingo club from 2pm till 4pm, there is always room for more new faces.

Tuesday afternoon / evening Petite School of dance 3.30pm-9pm (please note the times).

Wednesday morning's from 9.30am-11.30am Popley Little People, come along meet other mums and dads.

Wednesday lunchtime from 12pm-2pm is the Oasis Lunch Club this is open to anybody who would like to come along. Hot food at a reasonable price.

Public Auction

Wednesday afternoon we start taking the Lots from 4pm.

The Auction starts at 6-30pm every Wednesday evening each week.

Thursday morning 9.30am-12pm Coffee Morning where again everyone's welcome

Thursday evening 7pm-9pm Weight Watchers

Friday 9.30pm-2.30pm is the Loddon Alliance Drop in group

Friday evening Melrose Christian Fellowship Youth Club from 6.30-7.45pm Young people up to the age of 11 From age 11 upwards 8pm-9pm

Saturdays Petite School of Dance from 9.30 till 12.30 (please note new times)

Sunday during the day Melrose Christian Fellowship 10am-1pm

Sunday evening Melrose Christian Fellowship 6.30pm-8pm

Monday from 1pm-3pm there is free computer course.

Saturday 9th March Spring Clear Out Mega Jumble Sale silly prices everything must go 2pm start. Refreshments available

Debbie our Office Administrator is in the office:-

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Tuesday Wednesday and Friday 9.30pm-11.30am

Debbie is available at these times to take any enquiries you may have, or if you want to book the hall for parties, weddings, christenings etc.

We are also looking for some more people to join our committee, we meet on the 1st Monday of each month, please come along and see if you would like help. We need new members too, help us to help you.

Popley Festival 2002

(Festival organised by the community for the community)

The Popley Festival is going from strength to strength. Come and be part of this very successful event.

This year's festival date has been set for Sunday 19th May 2002 from 11am till 4pm, and as in previous years will be hosted by John Hunt of Everest Community School.

Last year the festival had over 7000 visitors on the day and hosted a range of activities for all ages. Participants included Walls Fun Fair as well as a car boot, plant stalls, Go Karting, Craft Fayre, Ferret Racing, Archery, Fire engine, Judo, Burger stalls, beer tent, Gyro Ball, Face Painting, Surfing on the Web (courtesy of BCOT), steel and rock bands playing throughout the day, Land Train, Arena events, dancing and music.

This year it will be even bigger and better.

It is still not too late to have a stall or display at this prestigious event. All you need to do is contact

Suki Binning the School Community Project Manager on 01256 465303 (answer phone from 5pm) or Iris King on Basingstoke 411113 (evenings) to find out more and how to get involved.

**All events and stalls must be booked in advance.
They await your call.**

See you all on Sunday 19th May 2002.

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The Hampshire Bobby Trust

There is a new scheme to help those who have been unfortunate enough to have suffered burglary. This can be a devastating experience causing turmoil, depression and sometimes resulting in stress related illness. For those living alone it may undermine their confidence to continue living independently. The scheme is for the needy, elderly and vulnerable victims of burglary.

The Bobby Scheme is operated in partnership with Hampshire Police and receives referrals from throughout the County. At the earliest opportunity a visit is arranged for a trained fitter to come and carry out a full crime-prevention survey, fitting appropriate locks, spy-holes, door chains and, where practical making good the damage caused on entry by the burglar. The Bobby Fitters are uniformed and carry ID cards to reassure their clients and the service is free of charge.

The fitter spends time with each victim, giving both general reassurance to help them come to terms with the experience and also specific crime prevention advice to improve the safety in their homes.

The aim is to restore victims confidence and enable them to carry on living independently and to restore a sense of security within their own home.

Further information is available by phoning the Co-Coordinator at Gosport station on 02392899056

Want to be a referee or umpire?

Want to be a referee or umpire of your chosen sport? A programme has been funded, put together and developed by Hampshire Association of Sports Councils, Forums, Hampshire County Council and county governing bodies of sport. This is for ages 14 to 25 who live, work go to school or college or belong to a sports club in the county.

For more information phone Sharon hall, the County Youth Development Officer on 01962846954.

Pain Companions

We are a self help pain management group for people suffering from chronic non terminal pain. Come along and share your problems and worries with other people in a friendly and sociable atmosphere.

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Councillors Page: The new County Councillors Community Surgery started just a few months ago and has already proved to be popular. I have been told it is the first known in the country, there are usually representatives from the Police, Oakfern, Councillors Borough and County, Health visitors, and an Industrial Relations Consultant for union/work related problems. The surgery is held at John Hunt School every first Saturday of the month from 12 to 2pm.

SHOP: The regeneration of the shopping areas in Popley has now started and will take about three months to complete.

PARKING: The parking at the T junctions by the Abbey Road shops has been of great concern to me and the Forum for some time. A letter has now gone out to residents to remind them that it is illegal to park there.

ABANDONED CARS: This continues to be a big problem in the whole of the borough and the council are restrained by legislation to wait 7 days. However the good news is that the government are planning to bring the 7 day wait to 24hrs, and it cannot come quickly enough for me. (Refer to Popley Matters Dec and Outlook)

PLAY AREAS: Up to £30,000 has been put aside as the council wants to know what the public want to do given the amount we have in our budget.

WAR MEMORIAL: I was on the panel and we have never said that we would not mend or protect the memorial, as the daughter of one of the bravest soldiers I know I resented the implication (for purely political reasons) that we did not care. The position is that the memorial has been cleaned and will have low removable railings to protect it. We are also looking as to the best way to maintain the low walls surrounding the memorial and the area for, the benefit of every one including people who like to sit in the surrounding area.

BOUNDARIES: The new boundaries come into force for this years May elections. There will be two wards, East and West. East will be made up of Popley Poets, Hathaway Gardens, Popley Islands and part of Tobago. Popley West will be Popley Abbeys, Specklewood Lane, Magnolia Court and Abbey Court. There will be two Councillors to each ward.

POPLEY NORTH: Planning application notices have gone up for the start of the North of Popley development and there will be some more public consultations. It may be a good idea to have the next Popley Forum on the subject of the new housing.

JOHN HUNT OF EVEREST: there are several ideas including repairing or total rebuild. This would probably mean the new building being fairly near the old. and the old building being used until the new one is built. I think the school may even come before the new houses.

THE MAST IN MARLS LANE (AT THE SIDE OF JERSEY CLOSE): There have been some strong objection to this extension and Andy McCormick our new secretary has been liasing with the protestors and the operators I am pleased to say that a compromise has been reached.

Councillors phone numbers are Jane Frankum 819924; Rob Donnelly 07973765347; Paul Frankum 472496

Public Auctions in Popley

The Auction has re-started after the Christmas break, with slightly different times. Lots from 4-15pm, viewing from 5-45 pm and the SALE now starts at 6-30 pm. This is because from November the weekly lots were approx 300.

There are no lot fees or buyers fees, just 10% of any sales made. The 10% is then split between Melrose Hall and The Popley Boys Brigade. Between its start in mid September to Christmas, over £300 was split between the two groups.

The Auction is held every Wednesday at the Melrose Hall (next to Abbey Road shops). For more information, ring 323564.

Car Boot sales

There is a car boot sale at John Hunt of Everest Community School every Sunday, officially starting at 12 noon. One week it is run by the Air Scouts and the next by Popley boys Brigade. This year Melrose Community association will run a few, along with John Hunt of Everest PTA. The site fee remains at £3 per pitch for the fourth year running.

Popley Festival Car Boot sale will be £5 per pitch payable on arrival

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POPLEY SPLIT INTO TWO

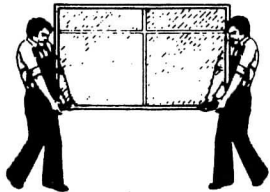
Popley will be split into two in the Council elections Popley East is made up of Popley Poets, Popley Islands, Tobago Close and Hathaway Gardens. Popley West will be Popley Abbeys, Abbey Court, Magnolia Court and Specklewood Lane. The Boundaries Commission decided this. There will be two polling stations in each area, for Popley East they will be Chineham House and Popley Fields. Popley West will use Melrose Hall and St Bedes School.

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The section has kept very busy during the past few months despite the absence of their leader on several occasions. Weekly activities have included a visit from the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and making 'bird cakes'; Another evening was devoted to becoming more aware of the difficulties faced by the disabled. They started to learn about braille and spent part of the evening being 'talked' through an obstacle course whilst blindfolded to try to experience what it might be like to have less than perfect sight. The New Year Beaver Scout Party proved a very noisy and lively afternoon playing games and having fun with over a hundred other Beavers Scouts from across Basingstoke. The colony is looking forward to taking part in the District Beaver Scout Easter Challenge in March and an outing to Paultons Park in the summer. New members welcome – enquiries (01256) 410514 or 471354.

Cub Scout section – boys and girls aged 8 – 10 ½

Meetings Tuesday evenings 7 – 8.30 p.m.

Since Christmas the Cub Scouts have been looking at several aspects of the Scientist badge by watching demonstrations and experimenting with hot air, water and simple elements of how electricity works. They experimented with a pin hole camera and made their own 'rainbows' using mirrors and torches. They enjoyed a Christmas disco with the older Scout section and some will move on to the troop in coming weeks. The Pack is looking forward to taking part in the District Football competition and hope to have their own camp again in the summer. The section would welcome more adult help to enable the Pack to extend its programme. Contact Elaine Devenport (01256) 323453 or Jan (01256) 410514 for more information.

Scout section – boys and girls aged 10 ½ - 15

Meetings Monday evenings 7 – 9 p.m.

The troop was delighted to come 2nd in the District Football competition in December and were only narrowly beaten by 7th Basingstoke Scouts. More recently they have been working towards gaining proficiency badges and planning an expedition to qualify for their Chief Scouts Award. Future plans include a taste of sub-aqua diving, canoeing and swimming. Patrol leaders and others will visit Ferny Crofts in the New Forest in February for the annual winter camp. Activities will include cyclo-cross, abseiling, wall climbing, mega slides, archery, juggling and surf board simulation. Older members are looking forward to the introduction of Explorer Scouting which will provide more adventurous activities for those aged between 14 and 18. Enquiries 'Apache' (01256) 410559 or 'Hercules' 07787 340313.

Please continue to support our Boot Sales at John Hunt of Everest School. By co-operation with the Boys Brigade and Melrose Community Hall these are now a familiar feature in the Popley calendar and take place every Sunday at John Hunt of Everest School from 12 noon.

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Charity Reg No : 1052133

Whats' On At Popley Fields

Monday:

Treasure Island Playgroup 9.30-2,12.30-3

Tuesday:

Treasure Island Playgroup 9.30-12noon
Tai Chi 5.30-6.30 pm
CMA Kick Boxing 6.30-8.00 pm
Couples Line Dancing 8.15-9.45pm

Wednesday:

Treasure Island Playgroup 9.30-12noon
Moves Fitness Aerobics 6.30-7.30pm
Silver Wings Line Dancing 8.00-10.00pm
Ladies Self Defence 8.00-9.30pm

Thursday:

Treasure Island Playgroup 9.30-2,12.30-3
Parent + Toddler group 10.00-1.30am
CMA Kick Boxing 7.00-8.30pm

Friday:

Treasure Island Playgroup 9.30-12noon
Family Planning Walk in Clinic 9.30-11.30
*Youth Nights 8 -18yrs 6.30-8.00pm
Free adult computer courses for beginners.
Monday to Friday 9.00-12 ,12.30-3.30

Saturday:

Halls available for hire for Childrens' parties,
meetings, private parties, Wedding receptions,
anniversary parties etc.

Sunday:

New Testament Church 10.30-12.00noon

Halls available for hire for Childrens' parties,
christening parties, family get togethers etc.

Youth Nights will be held on 3 out of 4 Fridays

Call now for more information on any of the
above.

What sports, leisure and social activities and events would you like to see at Popley Fields Community Centre. Yoga? Sports courses? Organised kids parties? Circuit training? Bingo? Holiday activities? Quiz nights? Competitions? More exercise classes?

Let Mark Head, our new Centre Manager know and we will try to put them on for you. Call him with your ideas now on: 01256 414494.

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 30th March:

Easter Family Night Disco

Friday 19th April—Sunday 21st April

Walls Fairground

Friday 19th April

Karaoke Disco

Monday 3rd June

Golden Jubilee Family Funday

Saturday 13th July

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Saturday 26th October

Halloween Fancy Dress Family Disco

Tuesday 31st December

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Steel Pans in Popley

Since September, John Hunt of Everest Community School has been the centre, in North Hampshire, for Steel Pans workshops. The school has a good collection of steel pans, which so far have only been available for pupils at John Hunt of Everest Community School and those in local primary schools.

Our pupils have discovered that playing the pans can be enormous fun and a great way for people to get together and **MAKE MUSIC.**

John Hunt of Everest Community School is keen to become more involved with the local community and be a centre for learning for all. If you are interested in having a go on the steel pans we have some excellent tutors who would be more than happy to run some workshops. Why not give us a call on Basingstoke 465303 and speak to Suki Binning, the School Community Project Manager.



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Popley Forum report 28th January

The last Popley Forum was convened at Melrose Centre, 7.30pm on January 28th. We had Blanche Miles, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council litter warden, talk to us about litter problems in the Popley area, and what can be done about them.

Problem areas such as shops and flats with small chutes that easily block, have at least 2 collections a week, sometimes daily. Blanche is considering serving notices on 6 shops in the borough for litter problems, one of which is

in Popley.

As always, leaves were a big problem round about October/November time, but these were cleared away in December: not all the leaves have fallen by the end of November.

Anti-social litter, e.g. garden waste, fridges, broken glass, is a big problem. If you have any neighbours that dump these things outside, please phone Blanche Miles (number is at the bottom of this article), and if possible let her know who they are and where they live. If you are unsure who it is, find out what you can and let Blanche deal with it. Currently the Council receives about 500 requests a week to remove waste such as 3-piece suites.

The best way to combat litter is through peer pressure. A lot of young people volunteer to do litter picking e.g. at the Melrose Centre.

A question was taken from the floor about bins. The green bins have seen a large increase in the amount of waste being recycled, and the Council has been struggling to cope. Green collections will continue to be every 2 weeks for the time being. You can always get a larger/smaller green or black bin from the Council if you need one.

Also present at the meeting were a group of residents from Jersey Close, where there is a pending application for a new mobile phone mast at Marl's Lane. The mast is less than 50 metres from their homes, and the new one will be 24 metres tall.

The police were also present to explain recent policy changes since September. You will expect to see more of your beat officers now that their duties have been ring fenced. Beat bobbies are an important link in getting to know the area, spotting trends, and trying to prevent crime happening in advance. Beats are walked rather than driven due to Popley's high population density.

Oakfern had a representative who took questions from the floor about neighbourhood issues such as overgrown shrubs and parking problems.

Councillor Jane Frankum was also present and took questions from the floor on youth nuisance, especially late at night or with motorbikes, plus when are we going to get a bus from one end of Popley to the other again. This may not happen for quite a while as Stagecoach have just had their contract renewed, but there is a Community Car scheme run by Neighbourcare.

Andrew McCormick (Secretary Popley Forum)

For Litter problems phone the Council on 844844 and ask for Blanche Miles.

Youth Council

This information has been designed as a starting point to learning about the purpose for Youth Councils and how to go about establishing one. It also includes a list of contacts from which further, more detailed information can be sought.

What Is A Local Youth Council?

The British Youth Council defines a local Youth Council as a locally based group of young people who meet regularly to discuss and take action on issues which concern them and to identify and publicise the needs of young people in their area.

What's The Point Of Local Youth Council?

It is a chance for young people to have a say on issues that affect them within their own communities. Being heard in this structured way add credibility to the opinions held and also allows the views to be fed into National organisations and agencies.

Youth Councils have a proven track record of influencing local decision makers in order to improve community services important to young people.

How Would I Start Establishing A Local Youth Council?

1. Get a small group of young people who think it is a good idea.
2. Arrange an open meeting.
3. Discuss The idea of Youth Council
4. Brainstorm the possible issues to be tackled
5. Establish a group structure
6. Organise a launch event
7. Encourage new members to join.
8. Prioritise which issues you want to tackle first and how to do it.
9. Try and encourage relations with the local media.

Who could I contact For Further Information?

Community Development Team, Leisure Services, Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council, Civic Offices, London Road, Basingstoke, Hampshire, RG21 4AH. Tel: 01256 844844

British Youth Council, 65-69 White Lion Street, London, N1 9PP. Tel: 0207 278 0582

Hampshire association of Parish & Town Councils, St Thomas' Centre, 20 Southgate Street, Winchester, Hampshire, SO23 9EF. Tel: 01962 841699

What are the aims of the Four Lanes Trust?

The Four Lanes Trust gives money to people with ideas and projects which will improve life in Basingstoke and the surrounding district. The Trust's interests lie mainly in three particular fields: Social and Community Action Education The Arts Grants mostly range from £500 to £1,000 but in some cases we give considerably more. The important thing is to provide the right amount of money for the project.

We have given grants to a whole range of different groups: working mothers, community centres, sports clubs, music societies, playgroups, schools, theatre groups, village halls and youth organisations. It's worth trying any good idea on us. How to apply for a grant The Trustees generally meet three times a year, in March, June and November, to decide on applications and priorities. Naturally, they require as much detail as possible about each application so they can make a decision and, although every application will be different, there are certain things they will need to know about any project.

First who will benefit?

Second how much money is needed and exactly what are we being asked to pay for? (We don't give to general appeals or individuals.) We do need care-ful costings for any project ie., estimates for equipment, exact figures for salaries etc. (We do not pay for things which have already been bought or clear debts.)

Third who else have you approached for money? In particular have you asked the Basingstoke and Deane Borough council if your idea is the sort of thing they give grants for?

Fourth who is going to be responsible for running the project?

Our Director, Leonard Treglown and Secretary, Valda Martyn, are there to help people work out their ideas.

There is no official application form, so, if you have an idea, contact The Four Lanes Trust on Basingstoke (01256) 781978 (Tel and Fax) Email: fourlanes@treglown.idps.co.uk or write to: Leonard Treglown, 5 Caithness Close, Oakley, Basingstoke, RG23 7NG.

A New Partnership for the Future of Public Transport

A new partnership has been launched to improve transport in Basingstoke and Deane.

The quality Bus Partnership sets out closer working relationships between the Borough Council, the County Council and Stagecoach in developing more reliable, high quality bus services, with the longer-term goal of relieving traffic congestion.

The Quality Bus Partnership will mean that local bus users can expect to see improvements to local services in the future. The following are some of the improvements that may be made locally: the provisions of high-quality, easy to understand timetables and route information improvements at bus stops to benefit accessibility, especially for people with limited mobility and the installation of new, illuminated bus shelters the development of future real time travel information systems future ticketing initiatives including smartcards integration between bus and rail services.

"We can see this as a way forward for the future of transport in Basingstoke and Deane," says Councillor Ron Hussey, Cabinet Member for Environmental Sustainability. "We need to work together to improve the accessibility of the bus, and I'm sure that this will be a positive and proactive partnership."

The County Council's Executive Member for the Environment, Councillor Keith Estlin said, "Significant improvements in public transport area a priority if we are to tackle increasing congestion successfully. The County Council's aim is to provide an attractive and efficient alternative to the car by working in partnership with other local authorities and transport operators."

Arthur Attwood MBE 1916-2002

It is with great sadness that I must announce the passing of Arthur Attwood, also known as "Mr Basingstoke", on Tuesday 19th February, aged 86. His death was swift and sudden. A well-known and much loved figure, he was a stalwart servant of Basingstoke for many years, and will be sorely missed by a very great number of people.

Arthur was born in Basingstoke on 13th January 1916. At that time, George V was on the throne, and Britain was in the first half of the First World War. The tank had not been invented, electricity was still a novelty, and motor cars were the preserve of extremely rich men.

After living in Essex Road, Arthur moved into rented accommodation at Lower Brook Street when he was 4 years old. He remained at that address for the rest of his life, buying the house in the 1960's.

Arthur went to primary school in Brookvale and secondary school at Fairfields. At the age of 14, he was struck down with a bout of pneumonia which nearly killed him.

He joined the St Michael's Church Choir aged 12, where he remained as a chorister for over 73 years, during which time he would have sung over 20,000 hymns.

In 1934, at the age of 18, he became Badge Secretary for the Basingstoke District Scouts. It was a post he was to hold for Basingstoke and later Basingstoke East District, for over 67 years, right up until his death. For his services, he was awarded the Silver Acorn in 1977, with a bar added in 1998.

On leaving school, Arthur had a choice of three jobs to go to, but he finally settled for an apprenticeship at Thornycroft's truck manufacturers, where he became a turner on the centre lathe. Such was his skill as a turner that he progressed on to experimental work, being able to machine parts to well under a thousandth of an inch tolerance.

He met his wife Nellie as a teenager and they married on 23rd December 1939. Their domestic arrangements would seem curious today in that Nellie had to share a house not just with her newlywed, but also the in-laws, as Arthur's parents still lived at Lower Brook Street at the time! He had a daughter, Betty, born in 1940, and a son, Robin, born in 1949.

During the Second World War, Arthur joined the Thornycroft Home Guard, where he became a corporal and a Lewis gun instructor. He was often called out on watches to guard the factory, which worked round the clock manufacturing army/RAF trucks, cranes, Bren Gun carriers, torpedoes, depth charge throwers, and amphibious vehicles.

Thornycroft's had an Operatic Society which was to become the Basingstoke Amateur Operatic Society, which Arthur became keenly involved in, becoming Secretary until his retirement in 1976. His daughter Betty became an enthusiastic convert to the BAOS cause, and it was at rehearsals that she met her future husband Walter McCormick.

In 1951, Arthur became a Governor of St John's Church of England Primary School, a post he held for 49 years. At the time, St John's stood in Church Street, but it moved in 1968 to a new site in Kingsmill Road in order to make way for the new Town Centre development. His daughter taught there and two of his grandchildren were pupils.

Arthur was heavily involved in aspects of running the town by this time, and his name features in studies conducted to lay out the New Town in order to accommodate the London Overspill. Arthur was always one to welcome new people to the town, and with

his already considerable local knowledge, he was a valuable friend and ally to many people moving to Basingstoke for the first time, helping them to put down roots and make Basingstoke feel like a real home. He was always interested in the development of communities such as Popley and Brighton Hill, with his son and daughter involved in setting up churches there.

Arthur is probably best remembered for his journalistic talents. His interest in journalism began with reporting football matches for the Evening News. He was soon also reporting for the Hants and Berks Gazette. With the arrival of AWRE Aldermaston, Lansing Bagnall, and other industries into the area, there was intense competition for skilled labour. Arthur was quick to realise that the world was changing and that Thornycrofts was in danger of losing out to this increasing competition. In the 1960's, he took a calculated risk and left Thornycroft's to take up a full-time post at the Evening News. In 1970, with the Basingstoke office earmarked for closure, he was offered a full time post at the Hants and Berks Gazette, where he produced a variety of articles, including "Know your neighbour", the Gazette Crossword, Flashbacks, and, of course, his much-loved weekly history article which later went on to incorporate "Ask Arthur".

In 1980 Arthur published his first book: "Basingstoke: Arthur Attwood's Look at the Past". The book was an instant success, and was quickly followed by a successor "Around Basingstoke: Arthur Attwood's Look at the Past", which dealt with the outlying villages. The later book is now extremely rare and a much sought-after collectors' item. More books followed, and his last book "An Illustrated History of Basingstoke" sold out on its initial print run and is expected to go to a second impression imminently.

If he was any other person, Arthur would have retired aged 65 in 1981. His response: more work! He started teaching local history classes in the evenings, which became increasingly popular.

In 1989 Arthur became Freeman of the Borough of Basingstoke and Deane, an award of which he was immensely proud. This gave him yet more commitments: mayoral dinners and engagements. He also joined Probus, where he met a lot of high-ranking local dignitaries and businessmen.

Higher awards were yet to come: in the 2000 New Year Honours List, he was awarded the MBE in recognition of his outstanding services to the local community. Never was such an honour more richly deserved.

Life was tough for Arthur in his later years. In 1981, he was diagnosed with diabetes. He never let this stop him doing what he had always done. His daughter Betty died of cancer in 1982, and this affected both him and Nellie deeply. Following Nellie's death from cancer in 1993, his family were worried that he might struggle to look after himself, but after 53 years of marriage, Arthur adapted to the task well. In the last few years, as diabetes and old age meant he could not do what he always used to do, he remained fiercely independent, and only with the greatest reluctance did he ever give anything up.

It was always Arthur's wish to remain in Lower Brook Street until the bitter end, and he got his final wish, dying suddenly in his home following a fall. He leaves behind a son, Robin and six grandchildren, plus an extended family of several thousand friends and residents of Basingstoke.

Andrew McCormick (grandson of Arthur)