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Message From the Editor

Thank you to everyone that contacted the team to say how much they had enjoyed the special 10year edition of Popley Matters. If you enjoyed the memories how about contacting us and we could make it a regular feature.

This is now the 25th issue that Paul Frankum and myself have worked on and it has certainly had its ups and downs. The most positive aspect is how much you the residents have become involved in this voluntary magazine, especially those who write articles and deliver Popley Matters. More volunteers are always welcome. Ron Rowe who is one of the few that has been involved with Popley Matters has not been well just lately but is being very positive we all send you our very best wishes.

I noticed in the local papers that Basingstoke was in the 25 nominations for the worst place on Radio4, it was a young girls voice and all she said was that it was boring "what do you think?"

For those of you that have access to a computer we have an Email address so that you can send your articles, advertisements or any constructive comments. The address is popley.matters@btopenworld.com.

It is time again for the Popley Community Award nominations, if you would like to nominate anyone for the Adult Youth or Group award phone me on 819924 or write to 405 Abbey Road RG24 9EL

Don't forget if you want to make your views known the next Popley Forum is on September 23rd at Melrose Hall at 7-30pm.

(Jane Frankum Editor)

To pass back ideas, comments, suggestions, articles or to offer help please write to:- Popley Matters, 405 Abbey Road, Basingstoke, Hampshire RG24 9EL

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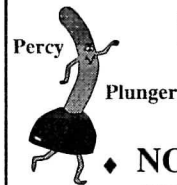
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Boys Brigade 2002

Well, its that time again, the time between me writing this and you reading it will be spent at our annual company summer camp.

All the plans are in hand, we are going to the New Forest this year. We have all the equipment ready, the tents, marquee, cookhouse and all the pots and pans are piled up ready for transportation. Along with the 12 mountain bikes, canoes, sports and orienteering equipment, along with the other 101 items are ready again for the highlight of the B.B. year camp. Outings, events and all activities are planned.

Company section, is for boys of 10 and a half years to 18 years and if we have spoken to you over these past few months about joining, you will now see what you are missing, but the boys who came along, are getting (plus all the food you can eat). Read all about our camp in the next issue of Popley Matters.

As usual over the summer, we have been out and about at various activities and events that we have organised, along with the boys putting up the marquee at St. Gabriel's and Magnolia court summer fetes.

The boys restart in September on their winter session, back at John Hunt on a Monday and as this is the time of year that we promote Boys of the correct ages up to the next section, we will have a few vacancies. Please see our main advert for ages and times.

This October, we have a number of our members receiving various top awards. This event will be held at St. Gabriel's parish church on Sunday October 13th at 10.30am. All members of the public are invited to attend and support your local lads on their achievements.

With the B.B. on Popley getting larger we are also looking for Adult helpers, Male 18+ and Female 16+. For more information, please contact Dave Phillips on 01256-323564. Thank you.

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

Proactive Parents

Proactive Parents (PaP) is a support and information group, which operates for parents and carers of a child with disability, whatever the age or disability of the child. PaP is organised for parents by parents.

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We have approximately 20 members on our books. We organise various social events, coffee afternoons/mornings and have had meetings with various speakers varying from wills & trusts to aromatherapy, we have also been to The Thames Valley Adventure Playground which everyone enjoyed. We send out a bi-monthly newsletter, which includes articles relating to the needs of disabled children and their parents.

For further information please ring:

Sharon Barnes 01256 782276; Julia Brown 01256 355821



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Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council Local Plan Review

First Deposit Draft Local Plan

The First Deposit Draft Local Plan has now been produced and will be published for a 6-week period of consultation beginning in October. The Plan sets out a vision for the future development of the Borough to 2011 and beyond. It contains details of future development proposals as well as policies to guide all types of development in the Borough.

More information on the Plan and the consultation process is given in the leaflet which will be enclosed with the Borough Council's Outlook magazine, due to be delivered to every household in the Borough during the first 2 weeks of October. The leaflet sets out details on how you can find out more about the Local Plan and how you can make comments, as well as showing where new development will be located.

During the consultation period we will be taking an exhibition trailer to various locations in the Borough, and officers will be on hand to answer questions about the Local Plan.

The Plan aims to strike a balance between the need to provide homes and jobs for Borough residents and the need to protect the Borough's countryside and the environment. 230 sites for development were promoted to us during the previous consultations on the Plan. We asked for views on these sites, and using the comments received, together with a detailed process of site selection, we have selected a number of these sites. We also have some urban capacity sites and some sites that were allocated in the last Local Plan and have not yet been built.

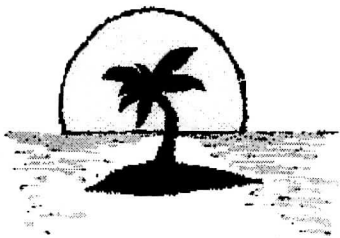
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For more information please contact the Forward Planning Team on:

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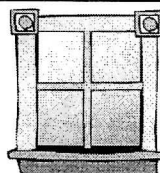
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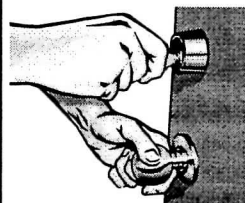
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Letters to The Editor

Dear Editor; Shortly after the team from the Council had gone all around the estate clearing up OUR rubbish I noticed litter everywhere. There is everything from cans, paper and even soiled nappies I get so angry when I hear people complain when it is us residents that dumps it. I pick up the rubbish around my house but I hear people saying that I should not. Well no wonder the estate looks a mess if residents wont pick it up.
Abbey Road Resident

Editor; I agree with you, as do most people on Popley. I am proud to live in Popley, I pick up litter around my house in Abbey Road. What a difference in Popley if we all did.

Dear Editor, Thank you for the special Popley Matters it was a really good read and brought back so many memories.
OAP Falkland Road

Editor; Thank you there were a lot of positive comments and we would love to get more stories and memories of Popley. If you don't want to write them down yourself then just call me on 819924 and I will make arrangements for someone to help you or write down your thoughts.

Dear Editor, You got the date wrong in your article on Abbey Court it opened in 1988. Abbey Court Resident

Editor; I plead guilty and apologize it was my typing error I put 1998 instead of 1988. It was good of George Woodley to write the article for Popley Matters. We would love to have more articles from you in Abbey Court. You must have some wonderful stories to tell. They can be of days gone by or things that you used or have seen

changes in, in Popley or Basingstoke. It is interesting to pass our history down.

Dear Editor, Winter will be on us soon and you will be clearing out all the Summer plants from your flower beds and many of you will be putting them in your dustbins, but please wait and think, have you a small patch in your garden you could put them in? By next spring they will have turned into good compost and could be used in the ground again. The same can be said for your vegetable peelings .I have noticed again that this summer that people have been re-arranging their gardens and I must say how nice they look, but unfortunately the sad thing is that when they take out their old shrubs they no longer want some people for some reason dump them outside the nearest grass verge they can. Please take them down to the Wade road dump and they then turn them into mulch, don't leave them on the grass for children and older people to trip over, just because you are too lazy to take them away This will also cut down on the taxes that we all have to pay for clearing up the Popleys. George Popley Poets.

Editor; Thank you George for the letter with its sound advice. Popley is starting to look much cleaner and it is up to us residents to help to keep it clean. I think most people do act responsibly but we all have to pay for the few that don't.

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 Rd, Basingstoke. RG24 9EL



I'm writing in this issue of Popley Matters as Matt Deery is taking a well earned break, he will be back off holiday soon, refreshed and ready to get stuck in.

As I'm sure you are all aware Matt has being running Community Surgeries on the first Saturday of every month at John Hunt of Everest School between 1200 and 1400 hours. This has been up and running for several months now, I would urge people to use it if they have any issues for Matt, Oakfern Housing Association or your local Counsellor, you may even get a free cup of coffee or tea., sadly no biscuits !!

Recently Longfellow parade has been subjected to Community Nuisance, I would urge parents to know where your kids are and what they are up to. The Community Beat Office is currently running an operation to tackle areas in Basingstoke which are subjected to Community and Juvenile nuisance, where offences are committed persons will be arrested and dealt with robustly.

Another way residents can help the police in tackling community and juvenile nuisance is by setting up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme, Popley is the only area in Basingstoke which doesn't have a scheme up and running, this is disappointing and I know PC Deery would be keen to help residents set one up.

If you live in Popley and you hear something about a crime but you don't want to get involved there is something you can do without risk.. You can contact CRIMESTOPPERS on 0800 555 111, and provide information anonymously.

Lee McClellan
Community Beat Sergeant



MELROSE HALL

As a result of the June AGM the following people were elected as Management Committee Members: Chair Jenny Bailey, Vice Chair Sue Toomer, Treasurer Sue King, Secretary Kate Lomas, Members Philip & Eve Keeble, Louise Tuck, Ann Souilah, Archie Martin, Bobby Kirk, Rosemary Williams, Claire Prior, Iris King.

Melrose Family Fun Day -- 7th July -- Update

We had wonderful weather for this event, which was just as well as most of the activities were outside of the Melrose centre. It was great to see whole families coming out to enjoy the fun of sponge throwing, crockery smashing, fishing games, football game, bouncy castle and Tombola stalls, If you worked up an appetite doing all these things then you could enjoy the Bar-b-que. Thank you all those who supported this event by enjoying themselves while helping to raise £230 for the centre. But most of all A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to our office administrator Debbie Dainton, who decided to organise, tout for volunteers and co-ordinate both before and at the event. It was her first attempt and didn't she do well. We are all looking forward to your next one Deb's it should be a corker! (So no other committee member gets earache for this item Debs I fully take the blame). Iris King.

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Summer term was a busy one for the school. The Sweet Charity Drama Performance was a great success. The show was very well received by the old and young, with the Mayor attending on the final Friday night performance.

The Community Steel Band is going well with successful performances at the Popley Festival, the Saxon Wood School Fete and the Winklebury Carnival. Their talent is being recognised across Basingstoke. We are looking to form a community band, so if you are interested then give me a call.

The school is always keen to work with local businesses and has, as a result, been selected for a mentoring scheme aimed at Year 8 students. The mentors are all Sony employees with various backgrounds. All Year 8 students have individual one to one sessions with their mentor every fortnight. In addition AWE are continuing their partnership with the school for the third year, seeing year 10 students through to the end of their schooling.

The school bid to the Community Safety Initiative for funding to run activities over the summer, these proved to be extremely successful and consisted of week long workshops in Drama, Dance, Football Coaching and Steel Pans for 11-18 year olds. And thanks to the grant we were able to keep the cost low at £5 for the whole week.

In partnership with BCoT, the school is the venue for a range of adult learning programmes. The new autumn brochure is now ready and includes language courses in Italian, Spanish and Japanese, courses on childcare and for those interested in becoming classroom assistants. There are IT, dance, fitness and general interest programmes such as managing a budget, writing a business plan. In addition, there are a series of Neuro-Linguistic programmes for personal achievement such as communication and influencing skills. There is also a Babysitting awareness-training course for 14+ year students.



Why not come in and pick up a brochure, ring the Community Office, or turn up at John Hunt of Everest School on Tuesday 17th September between 7-8pm to find out more.

In addition the school will be putting on a range of family learning programmes. Look out for more information next term.

Suky Binning
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Councillors Page:

We hope that the new cleansing team that work in Popley are starting to make a big difference, it is amazing how many lorry loads of rubbish that should have been put in bins seem to end up strewn around Popley.

John Hunt School grounds are looking much better since PC Deery, parents and pupils have been clearing up the school site and new signage has been put up.

Shakespeare Road Surgery is now up and running and is a huge improvement on the old surgeries. We are working on what should be done with the old Marlowe and Bermuda Surgeries and if you have any ideas we would love to hear about them, So far suggestions are: Pre School Learning , office space for our beat officer, youth facilities (Drop in Centre, Workshop and Skills Centre and various other groups) What would you like to see do you want to have the buildings brought up to standard and used or should they go for redevelopment?

We were delighted to hear that the garden in Dryden/Chaucer Gardens (Georges Millennium Garden) won a prize for the best new garden. It is a beautiful place that we go and visit and we never see a piece of litter there as the residents keep it clear, it is a credit to all those involved.

Aldermaston Open Space is at last a bit quieter as the signs have gone up to inform people who drive motorbikes around the park that it is illegal and you can be fined £500.

CCTV is at last installed in Abbey Road Shops and tapes have already been used to prosecute offenders. The shopping areas in Madeira and Abbey Road look much better but there is still some work to do. Thank you to those of you that filled in the questionnaire on how we can improve them even more.

There are some plans to improve Shakespeare Road and make it safer the work should start fairly soon.

The Play areas consultation should begin soon and I hope you go to the exhibitions and leave your comments and ideas. You have a real chance to have a say in want type of provision goes in where you live.

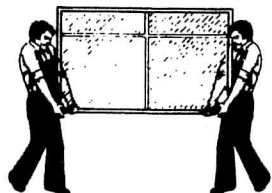
It is good to see so many of you coming to the Community Surgery held on the first Saturday of the month there are usually representatives of Oakfern, Police, Industrial Relations Consultant, Borough and County Councillors, We work together to help you with any problems or concerns. The surgery is in the Summit Room from 12 noon to 1 pm

We continue to work on getting the vacant shop in Abbey Road allocated to the sort of shop that is needed in Popley. We have received a petition and will be handing it in very soon..

Don't forget the Popley Forum on 23rd September 7-30 at Melrose Hall Oakfern will give an update on Popley Partnerships and where we go ahead from here. There will be other speakers watch the community notice boards and in the shops for details. *Cllr Paul Frankum*

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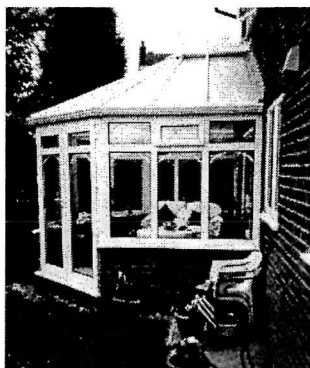
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Diaries from The Old Codger

A doggy friend of my dog, Cj, brought up a very good point to her the other day and he told her he was going to send a letter into the local paper about dog fowling. Cj told me that he said "Why do all the humans keep going on about us fowling?" "If you go out into the country along fields and roads where sheep have been or cows, does the farmer run round with little plastic bags behind them?" "If you go up to the lake district they wander in and out of villages and picnic areas and if they want to go they do." Cj said she would not condone fowling on the foot paths and her friend agreed, but they both pointed out that their droppings were bio-degradable but broken bottles, tin cans and most rubbish is not and they can get cut as well as humans. Small mammals crawl inside tins and bottles then they can't get out. The Popley's should have designated areas for dogs to go in. Cj said "She had been to a couple of holiday parks that have fenced off areas where they could go". "Do you think this type of thing could be introduced on the Popley's, after all we are forward thinking aren't we?" I have told her and her friend that I will put their idea forward to the Popley Forum. Still going on about rubbish, we were out for a walk late the other night and I saw something in the bushes, I went over to the bush and called my master, we saw a young hedgehog. It was trapped, not by any natural thing but on one of those plastic holders that keep four cans of drink together so neatly. The hedgehog had put it's head through one of the loops but the other three were caught on a branch, it would have died if we hadn't seen it. So kids, if you see any of these around take them home and get mum to cut the four loops so it will not happen again. By the way the hedgehog trotted off quite happy after being released.

Editors Note: Many of the doggy walks are shared by people young and old and it is not nice to walk or play around areas covered in dogs mess, so it is not unreasonable to ask dog owners to dispose of the mess properly.

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On 13th July we held an It's a Family Knockout afternoon. It was a free event open to all. The sun shone kindly and well done to those who took part, got wet and had a fun afternoon. We hope this could become an annual gala event. The next event on our calendar will be our Halloween Fancy Dress Family Disco on 26th October. Tickets will be on sale from 7th October..

We have recently moved our Youth Nights to Mondays 6.30 to 8pm. Any amount from ten to sixty, 8 to 18 year olds can turn up and take part in all sorts of sports and activities. With a fully qualified Youth Worker overseeing proceedings, we hope our club will go from strength to strength and start to offer a varied and exciting programme of events and activities. We hope to have held several outings for the youngsters during the summer holidays and next year with plenty of planning and some active fundraising we hope to be a little more ambitious with camping trips and bike tours possibly on the agenda.

But we really need some adult volunteers to help out during our Youth Nights. Can you spare a couple of hours, weekly, fortnightly or even monthly to carry out a valuable role for the community and help to ensure the continuity of the Youth Club? You may be surprised how rewarding this role can be! Please call Mark Head, Centre Manager for more details.

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Popley Forum Meeting

**Thursday September 26th
7-30pm
at Melrose Hall**

Speakers

Linda Phillips on "What we have achieved as a partnership in Popley and what there is still to do"

Senior Officer of Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council on John Hunt School (rebuild?) and the regeneration and future of Popley.

There will also be reports from
Councillors

Police

Oakfern Housing

You also have the opportunity to ask questions or talk about any concerns you have about Popley.

Popley Forum Community Award

Nominations are due for the annual awards there are three categories Adult, Youth and a Group. This will be the third year, it is awarded to people who live or work in Popley for going that one step further to help or improve the area and lives of people in Popley. Past winners have been a community leader, doctor, youths that have helped others, school and group of children who regularly pick up litter and help the vulnerable to do their gardens. The winners are rewarded with a scroll and usually have their photos in the local papers.

Do you know any one in Popley that deserves to receive the award?

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CARERS TOGETHER IN HAMPSHIRE - Basingstoke

DO YOU CARE? Carers Together in Hampshire is a County-based charity supported by Hampshire County Social Services Department. As the name suggests, the aim is to provide a source of information, help and a listening ear to carers within the community. Carers Together aims are to provide a 'voice' for carers. Doris Jones is the Development and Support Worker based in the Basingstoke office at CORNERSTONE, Priestly Road, Basingstoke, RG24 9PU TEL. 01256 489011 or doris@carerstogether.org.uk

WHO AND WHAT IS A CARER? Are you or will you be looking after a relative, friend or neighbour who is unable to take full care of themselves due to illness or disability? You may be a wife, husband, partner, son, daughter, or related in some other way. You may simply be a friend or neighbour.

You will also be a CARER. Maybe you feel this term doesn't apply to you, but try to identify with it. Caring tends to creep up on you. It may be a gradual process, or maybe you are a parent with a disabled child. The Caring process tends to take up more and more of your time without YOU really appreciating it.

As a Carer it is important to look after yourself. Tell your Doctor that you are a Carer.

If you have made the decision to care for someone at home you are NOT expected to care alone.

If you are not sure what services are available, who to speak to about benefits or you need assistance with your caring role, contact Doris, who will do her best to put you in touch with the right people and the right authorities or organisations.

If you, or someone you know, is a carer, contact Doris and ask to go on the Carers Together mailing list.

GROUP SUPPORT

ABC - Active Basingstoke Carers - Earlier on this year a support group was re-activated for carers in and around the Basingstoke & Deane district. We meet every THIRD THURSDAY of the month at Cornerstone in Priestly Road (next to the Royal Mail sorting office). Most months the group consists of carers of all ages - the people they care for have a myriad of reasons why they need assistance - and to be able to relinquish their caring for just two or three hours gives them a chance to meet up, chat, relax over a 'cuppa' and share their experiences with other carers. Most months a guest comes along - maybe from another organisation, or someone to entertain the group, or a therapist to demonstrate their particular alternative therapy treatment. We also have a table to put donated items on (a book, home made jam, bath oil, unwanted nick-knacks etc.) and all names go in a tin to be drawn out

Contact Details of The Borough Council

Departmental phone numbers:-

For any enquires on Benefit Housing or Council Taxes ☎810680

Bus/travel tokens Are you eligible for Travel tokens or half fare bus pass ☎845701

Business Development If you need advice as a small business starting up or you are established the number is ☎845359

Council Tax How much to pay and how when you move ☎358555

Electoral Registration If you want to make sure you are on the list or you are moving or have just moved ☎845264

Environmental Health Issues all issues as listed below ☎845474

Abandoned Vehicles To report vehicles that appear to be "dumped" with a registration number, make and model, colour, location and date shown if there is a tax disc.

Asbestos Any concerns about asbestos in your home or place of work

Bonfires If the smoke is interfering with your own comfort or leaving particles on your washing

Dog Wardens Any enquiries for a dog that looks lost, persistently barking or for dog fouling

Food Hygiene any concerns about food sold to the public

Licenses To apply or find out about licences for pet shops, kennels, catteries, riding schools, dog breeders, electrolysis, tattooists piercing, street traders, taxis, entertainment.

Noise Complaints loud noise and music late at night persistent loud noise from a building

Pest Control to report sightings of rats, mice, bees, wasps etc

Refuse Collection To report bulky items most of which are move free of charge or your bin has been missed

Street Cleansing To report any broken glass or fly tipping

Graffiti. To report graffiti on street furniture, bus shelters, phone boxes, public buildings and peoples houses

Highways all issues as listed below ☎845334

Car Parking. All issues concerning vehicles parking

Drainage Enquiries for Land/Sewer/Highway

Dropped Kerbs to apply for a dropped kerb for disabled access

Roads & Footpaths To report concerns on footpaths and roads you could be given another number as there are various agencies that could be responsible i.e. County Council or other statutory body i.e. gas water electric or cable company.

Street Lighting remember the number on the column ☎01256 845334

Housing: waiting list enquiries ☎845393

Homelessness Enquiries ☎01256 845250

Mayor's office ☎845591

Planning For all issues concerning planning including appeals ☎845427, applications ☎845416 and enforcement ☎845307

Opening hours of The Civic Offices are Mon to Thurs : 8.30am - 5.00pm, Friday : 8.30am - 4.30pm Except on Bank Holidays. Exceptional changes to the opening hours will be posted on the website homepage.

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- ◆ Oakfern Housing
- ◆ Police

The Community Surgery in John Hunt School will celebrate it's first anniversary in November. The surgery was the first of its kind in Basingstoke and the country.

There have been all kinds of concerns and issues that have been brought to the volunteer agencies at the surgery, everything from youth nuisance, abandoned cars, mobile mast sightings, crime reports, overgrown hedges, school issues, parking, speeding, housing issues, road safety, employment, planning and many more.

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during the session. So every month you can go home with a little something.

19 September - Morning ABC from 10.30a.m.-12.30p.m. Guest to be decided, but possibly Doris can persuade Geoff (our Gardener's Question Time expert) to come along with a few slides and plants. He is a retired horticulturist and his expertise was much appreciated at our Relaxation Day in July.

17 October - Afternoon ABC from 1.30p.m.-3.30p.m. Janet Chierchia, Chair of our Board of Trustees is coming to meet everyone and answer carer's questions. Maybe we can persuade another of our therapist friends to come along and demonstrate on one or two carers - watch this space.

21 November - Morning ABC from 10.30a.m.-12.30p.m. Doris would welcome suggestions for a guest! Ring her on 01256 489011 and leave your suggestions, please.

19 December - Afternoon XMAS ABC from 1.30p.m.-3.30p.m. Bring your 'table' donation wrapped in Xmas paper! Let's get into the festive spirit...

UPDATE NEWS FROM BASINGSTOKE - We did not have a group meeting in July. Instead thirty-one carers attended our Relaxation Day at the Audleys Resource Service centre on 20 July. Eleven therapists, five 'catering' volunteers, staff and Board members of Carers Together in Hampshire all worked tirelessly to provide the carers with a day of pampering and caring for THEM. Tai Chi, reflexology, aromatherapy, nail and hand beauty, Indian Head massage, Reiki healing, make-up and beauty from The Body Shop, flower arranging, crafts, IT lessons and Gardeners Question Time were all on offer. The BBC sent a cameraman along and transmitted a lovely piece on South Today news that evening, and the local Gazette printed an article, with picture, too. Over £93 was raised from the coffee shop and a raffle (prizes included therapy sessions donated by some of the therapists who had already given their time on the day!) and this was donated to Naomi House and CLIC. Carers comments included 'What a lovely day' - 'A very "caring" day for me - 'Absolutely wonderful and relaxing' - 'Loved it all' - 'Thanks for a fantastic day' - 'Excellent, brilliant. Can't wait until next year' - 'Please, please do a day like this again'.

SO IF YOU ARE A CARER, TAKE HEART - TAKE TIME OUT AND COME AND JOIN US. RING DORIS AND ASK TO BE ADDED TO THE **CARERS TOGETHER** MAILING LIST FOR REGULAR NEWSLETTERS SENT OUT FROM OUR HEAD OFFICE AND DO NOT BE AFRAID TO ASK IF WE CAN HELP YOU WHEN YOU DO NOT KNOW WHO TO GO TO. We will do all we can to provide the information and contacts you need. **Ring Doris on 01256 489011** (Voicemail available when the office is unattended).

Basingstoke Air Scout Troop

The troop was invited to join Wiltshire Air Scouts to help at the annual Kemble Air Day in June. Kemble is half-way between Swindon and Gloucester so the troop embarked Friday evening and received a warm welcome on their arrival. This was followed by a quick tour of the site leaving just enough time to erect tents before it became too dark. Our pitch was just a few hundred yards from the runway.

Having set their tents for the night the scouts took time out to meet up with new scouts from other Groups and the leaders were invited to 'check-out' the new OGRI Motor Cycle Club House for light refreshments and a briefing of the weekend's events. OGRI Mcc took charge of the catering for us all during the weekend except for breakfast on the Saturday morning. Later that evening having settled the scouts down for the night (?) the leaders chatted for a few hours round a makeshift campfire (camping stove !) getting to know some of the other leaders. Some scout groups have travelled for well over four hours to attend the event.

Saturday began predictably early with the scouts chattering (what's new !) and the sun shining brightly. Sadly, within a short time the skies clouded over and down came the rain. What's a camp with no rain! Just an hour later it was nice and sunny again, so it was time for a fried breakfast. Saturday proved the more relaxing day watching the display teams running through routines ready for a public performances on the Sunday. One of the most impressive was the Royal Netherlands Air Force F16 solo display team, putting on an action packed display showing the F16's capability. Later in the afternoon we had more detailed briefings on who was doing what and when on the Sunday and safety procedures on what to do and where to go in the event of an emergency. Later in the afternoon, rumour had it that the Red Arrows were on their way and, sure enough, at about 16:30 they turned up, all ten of them, which is unusual as they normally only fly in a formation of nine to the shows. They performed a short display and then landed and were soon followed by the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight. These too put on a small show before landing and what an impressive sight they were! In the evening we had to walk round the airfield, checking fencing and barriers and we were allowed to go and have a look at the Lancaster, from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, and the Red Arrows planes.

Nobody was to late to bed on Saturday night - most were fairly worn out anyway. Sunday saw a really early start after being woken by the Air Cadets doing their morning drill at about 05:30, but we had to get up early anyway ! Off for breakfast and a 'cuppa', then to collect our radio's and go to our location for the day. I was covering a crossing point between the main car park and the main spectator area. The Scouts were taking it in turns to sell show programmes, do the car parking and various other jobs around the site. Nevertheless everyone had time to look round the stalls and watch the flying displays in the afternoon having diligently carried out their service tasks.

After a hard days work, it was back to the campsite to pack up and be fed again. There was just time for a de-briefing and then the 'good bye's' before wending our way back to sunny Basingstoke. Everyone had a wonderful time and the best bit is - we get to go again next year! 'Apache' (Colin, Scout Leader) (01256) 410559.

Basingstoke Air Scout Cub and Beaver scouts

Several senior cub scouts attended the annual Pro-Act Cub Scout Challenge weekend at Gordon Brown Centre in July and had a very busy weekend learning camping skills and trying out supervised activities such as archery and shooting with air rifles. This is a selective event with only a limited number of places so the Air Scout Cub Pack were particularly pleased to be able to attend as they had missed out last year.

Other cub scouts spent several weeks nurturing the butterfly farm they had won in a national competition last year and many were intrigued to see the caterpillars turn into chrysalis and then into beautiful butterflies and were sad when it eventually became time to release them.

A full coach load of cub and beaver scouts went to Gilwell Park in June for Fun Day and had a very tiring day trying out abseiling, wall climbing, swimming and go karting. The beavers scouts also went to Paultons Park and spent a lovely day on all the rides and had time for a photograph with the Paultons Park owl. They also had a lovely time at a special Queen's Jubilee Party with the scouts and cubs where they designed and made pennants and flags with a jubilee theme. Enquiries: Cub scouts-Elaine Devenport (01256) 410514 Beaver scouts-Cori Keenan (01256) 417606