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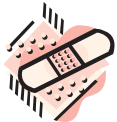
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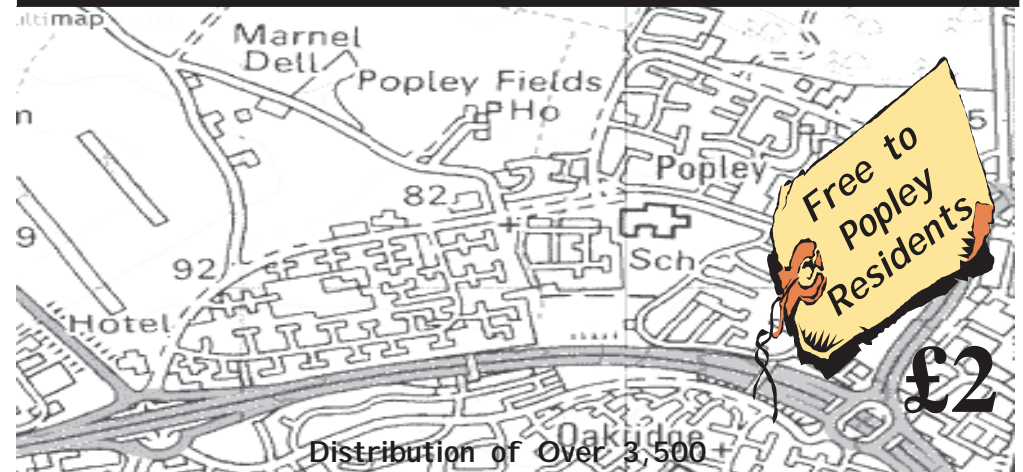
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Message From the Editor:-

Popley is changing so fast, and soon we will have a new school 12 more shops and more homes for people and families who are waiting patiently on the housing list. There is however a price to pay while the building goes on, but it will be worth it in the end. Maybe some of the traffic will actually use the dual carriage way and not use our estate as a rat run?

The centre pages are from Thames Water who will be building a £10mill new sewerage project they will be laying it over the space of some months and it is refreshing to at least have got some notice and the opportunity at the open day to see what provisions they have made to keep the disruption to a minimum. They will do a monthly update in Popley Matters. Refreshing because they don't have to inform us they have a statutory right to just do it like the cable companies etc.

The Marnel Football Tournament was simply amazing and over 300 cars and thousands of people came and had a really great day out. And didn't all the children do just great, they played their hearts out and behaved so well. Report on page 7.

If you belong to a group and want more members why not send us details and perhaps we can let all our readers know about it?

Our new beat officer PC Dan Carter has written introducing himself to you on page opposite.

Read all about the Community Wardens "Proud of Popley" night on pages 12 and 13. What a great night that was, and the room was filled with people who like myself are truly proud of Popley.

If you want to contact me you can phone 01256 819924 write to 405 abbey Road or email me at jane@popleymatters.org.uk

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Letters to The Editor



Dear Editor; I would just like to pass on should as a community consider the my appreciation of the art work on loan to feasibility of a community wind turbine and the North Hants hospital by the pupils of asked if we could have a debate on the John Hunt Community School. They are idea. I appreciate that the very idea of fabulous! I have to pass them everyday on having a wind turbine in the community my travels around the hospital and they will be greeted with a howl of indignation really cheer me up. Mrs Harris from many (particularly those wed to the

Editors reply; I am quite often in john idea of nuclear power) and at the very least Hunt school and the artwork around with skepticism on the part of many others the school is truly amazing. I am sure and maybe this was a reason for keeping it the pupils will be delighted to know out of circulation. Whatever the reason, I that heir hard work is appreciated. I believe we should be exercising our minds

Dear Editor, Your correspondent from and debating through mediums such as Orkney Close (Popley Matters issue 54) Popley Matters ideas, crazy or not, about raised very interesting points about water issues vitally important to future conservation and the harvesting of energy. generations. Maybe, just maybe someone Many of us must share the view that the will come up with something totally new government should lead the way in forcing and exciting and above all workable. developers to put in place in 'new builds' Evesham Walk

methods of producing energy and at the ***Editor's reply; I am sure you will have very least some facility for storing rain read the Old Codgers article and water. The costs could surely not put that realise you are not on your own with great a strain on developers' profits? thinking about the future of our planet All of us who are able should also in some for the generations to come. We would way try to limit the damage caused by welcome our readers writing in with water wastage and environmentally their thoughts on this very important harmful energy production (/but /where oh issue.***

where is the guidance and support/?) I fear ***Editors Note We look forward to reading your letters on all sorts of subjects. We governments will continue to ignore the do not print your name or address if you problems - or simply take whatever seem wish us not to but of course we can not to be easy options, such as nuclear power and desalination plants- both ultimately accept letters that are sent anonymously.***

harmful to our environment and future generations. Please send your letters to :

I raised a point three months ago that we **The Editor, Popley Matters, 405 Abbey Rd, RG24 9EL or email: or phone 819924 editor@popleymatters.org.uk**



Dear people of Popley. I am PC Daniel Carter your new beat officer for Popley West.

I took over the reins from PC Mathew Deery some six weeks ago.

I have been a police officer in Basingstoke for approx 3 ½ years and since joining the Northern beat office I have felt very welcome by the residents of Popley.

If you have seen me out in Popley in the recent hot spell then you would have seen my pale legs pedalling away. Let me assure you they don't see the light much!

I have been working in Popley with my partner in crime PC Paul Thorne (Popley East) and conducting high visibility patrols whilst also establishing links and priority areas within my beat.

Recently I had the pleasure of attending Magnolia Court on Popley Way. I met with Julie Pior who is the court scheme manager and she introduced me to the fine ladies and gents at the home. I gave a talk at the home about the troubles in Popley with nuisance bikes called mini moto's, I also received feedback from the residents.

In the talk I explained that police have various tactics and powers in dealing with the issues such as Identifying offenders and warning them about their antisocial riding or driving, which may include riding on the pavements, riding without helmets etc. The offender receives what the police call a section 59 warning. If the person is reported again within 1 year they then face having the vehicle that they offend in seized and crushed! + The prospect of being reported for offences such as no insurance etc. and attending court.

I am personally very keen to integrate within Popley and the police together with other agencies are making efforts to improve the safety and standard of life within the community of Popley. I am in close contact with the Popley community wardens David Mason and Sarah Ratcliff and we are quickly identifying problem areas within the beat which we will concentrate on to control and hopefully resolve.

I look forward to meeting you out and about and appreciate suggestions and feedback as to what police and myself as your local bobby are able to do for you to ensure you feel safe and happy within your homes and community.



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The Papercraft Project

We starting on June the 8th at the Bermuda Community Centre and we are going from strength to strength, we have completed lots of papercraft projects.

We now have 18 people attending the classes at the Bermuda Community Centre

We have covered lots of papercraft projects, including box making, gift bags, cards, and different techniques. I know everyone enjoys the group, and I'm amazed at the standard everyone has reached in such a short time. The two hours pass very quickly with everyone working hard on their projects.

We don't stop for a break, but have a cuppa while working around half time, Thanks to Melanie who usually makes the tea and coffee. Thanks Mel what would we do with out you!! And thanks to *everyone* everything is tidied away and things put back in their boxes. Just before 9pm

In July some of us attended the Newbury Stamp show, where there were lots of demonstrations, and lots to see and lots to buy. Needless to say the purses were a lot lighter on return. A very enjoyable day was had by all, and many thanks to Brian, who drove us there in the mini bus.

It is hoped to organize a trip to the N.E.C in Birmingham for the Craft show in November.

We have only held one competition so far, which was won by Melanie for which she received a small craft prize, but we will be running more in the future.

This week will see the introduction of the Charity Box where everyone will be able to make an extra project for the box, when the box is full it will be donated to a local charity. Which includes baby shoe (for birth or christening) the box and romance card, this makes an ideal keepsake. It makes a nice change from the normal card. I'm sure everyone will enjoy making these, although at first glance it looks difficult, It is really easy to achieve a professional finish to the project.

At the end of next month will we will be starting on some Christmas projects, which will see us up to the middle of December.

A very special thank you to all those that attend, you've made it so enjoyable, a few giggles in good company what more could you ask. *liz*

LONGFELLOW PARADE REGENERATION NEWS

September 2006

Sentinel Housing Association have employed Mansell Construction Ltd as the builders for Longfellow Parade and the Shakespeare Rd Commercial Centre. Mansell are experienced in redevelopment work and they have been very successful in building Phase 3 of the award winning Oakridge Regeneration. They also redeveloped Sentinel's Hart District regeneration project at Pyestock in Cove.

A meeting has been held at Basingstoke and Deane BC chambers with the Council Members for the Popley Ward on 10th August 2006 as part of the on going consultation process for the project. The proposed scheme was discussed in more detail and both the original outline plans and a development constraints plan were viewed. The draft detailed plan proposals are now being produced by Sentinels Architects, Harrington Bloomfield.

Following on from this meeting a public consultation event has been arranged to be held at the Chineham Park Primary School on Tuesday 12 August from 3.30 pm until 7.30 pm. Please come view the plans on display and meet the builders Mansell. All comments and suggestions made by residents will be taken seriously and will be incorporated into the design wherever possible. Mansell will also try and answer any questions and concerns that you may have about the Regeneration project and how it will be built. Letters about the Consultation will be sent out to residents of the Popley Poets area shortly. The following programme shows all of the important dates for the consultation on the project:

- 29th August 2006-Pre Planning meeting with Planning Officers at BDBC.
- 4th September 2006-Sentinel Design Panel where detailed design is discussed by Stakeholders of the Association.
- 12th September 2006-Public consultation event at Chineham Park Primary School .
- 14th September 2006-Sentinel Board review the design.
- Preparation of detailed plans incorporating feedback from consultation.
- 29th September 2006-Planning Application submitted.

Sentinel will keep everyone with an interest in the project informed through the Popley Matters Magazine and in the Popley Poets Newsletter about the progress of the planning application when it is finally submitted.

Sentinel 

Councillors Page

The petition against relocating The Mother and Baby Unit from Basingstoke to Winchester has been signed by hundreds of concerned people, you can still sign it, there are copies in the community centers in Popley and the Fastfare shop and chemist or contact Paul or myself at 405 Abbey Road the phone number is 819924.

I was saddened to see that there has been an arson attack on Merton Junior School in the holidays. It is a very serious matter and though there was no one in the building if it had taken hold it could endanger people nearby and our gallant Firefighters. It could have cost hundreds of thousands to repair or replace the school and us the tax payers would have had to foot the bill. It is mindless acts like these that help to keep raising our council tax bills. Thank goodness there were fireproof curtains and that saved the day this time. If you have any information please call 08450454545 or the confidential Crimestoppers line on 0800555111.

Paul and I attended the drop in on the new £10m project for new sewers and put a few questions forward on behalf of us residents. Cllr Jane Frankum

Popley West

With all the building going on in Popley there is bound to be some disruption and we are working together with all the builders to keep it to the minimum. There are set times that they can operate for Marnel Park, Merton Rise. The new Everest Community College they are Monday to Friday not before 8.30am nor after 6pm, Saturdays not before 9am nor after 1pm with no working on Sundays and Bank holidays. The new Everest Community College has added conditions. Where deliveries are coming via Chineham Lane no deliveries between 8.30 and 9 nor between 3.30 and 4pm on normal school days If you have any problems please call on 819924

The Proud of Popley Awards were a huge success and it was a great night out as well. I really enjoyed meeting so many of our great residents and all the winners and people nominated. Thank you to the kind people that nominated me for the Unsung Hero Award I am part of a great Labour Councilor team, and I have a supportive family so it was an honour to be able to acknowledge it for them. Cllr Paul Frankum

South East Water have finally fixed the burst water main which caused extensive flooding to the path running between Bermuda Hall and Marnel Infants school.

I'd like to thank those residents who brought the leak to our attention: the leak was reported in mid-June and was fixed on July 31st some 6 weeks later. The delay was caused by difficulties in detecting the source of the leak. South East water finally pinpointed it with listening devices.

Burst mains can leak up to 10,000 gallons an hour, so in these times of near drought it's extremely important that any leaks are reported straight away. If you spot a leak please call the South East Water leak hotline on 0800 028 3399 without delay. If you then tell us we can chase them to get it fixed.

Other news: * workers are on site on part of the John Hunt playing fields to prepare the way for new houses.

* we are meeting Sentinel about Longfellow Parade and hope to report back soon on their proposals. Andy McCormick, Popley East

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The response from parents for help with redecoration in parts of Headquarters in August was very disappointing leaving the volunteer leaders to carry the burden for both planning activities for young people and maintaining the building. We always hope that August will be a quieter month for leaders to refill their batteries before starting programme planning for the autumn session.

The scouts departed for Hampshire Scouts County Summer Camp on 23rd August with an action packed programme of water activities, cross country cycling, archery, hiking, bivouacking and backwoods cooking to stretch their skills and initiative.

Soon after their return in September the cubs will be off to Foxlease in the New Forest for District Cub Camp. The section autumn programme also includes a special weekend restricted to senior members of the Pack called Pro-Act. The weekend aims to develop their camping and outdoor and activity skills ready for when they join the troop. Beavers have the annual Beaver 'Splash Day' at Cranbourne and an early 'Christmas visit to Paultons Park in November to anticipate and I'm sure Yellow Beaver will have lots of other 'fun things planned look for weekly meetings.

Opportunities for Leader Training in First Aid are programmed for September/October. All leaders are required to maintain an up-to-date First Aid qualification as part of mandatory training requirements.

Weekly meetings for all sections start week commencing 4th September at the usual times.

Boot Sales continue at John Hunt of Everest School on Sundays. Cost from £4 pro-rata for larger vehicles. 'Booters' are reminded that they must not obstruct the public highway and are required to remove any litter, boxes and unsold goods before leaving their 'pitch'

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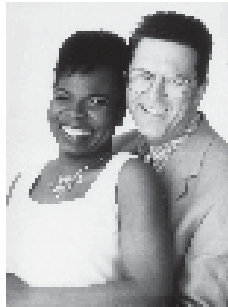
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A big thank you!

This is the first article that we have submitted to Popley Matters. Before now, we have produced our own leaflets and distributed them around Popley. We are pleased to be able to support this publication in this way.

My wife and I would like to say a big thanks to all who nominated us for the award we recently received at the "Proud Of Popley Awards" and to offer our congratulations to all the other nominees and award winners.



Philip and Ewadne

A bit of history

My wife and I were married in 1974 and immediately moved to Basingstoke to run a Sunday School and church at the old Abbey Community Centre. We tried to obtain a house on Popley but because we weren't part of the London overspill scheme we had to look around for a place to buy so we ended up living on Oakridge which is where we are today! We started a children's club in Chineham House, Popley 1 and then later moved that to Melrose. There are now 4 junior and 1 senior clubs running at Melrose, Base 2000, Bermuda Close and Oakridge Hall for All. All Clubs are held on a Friday 6.30-7.45pm for the children and 8.00-9.00pm (or later) for the youth. The church meets on a Sunday at 10.30-12.30 with meetings in homes during the week.

An international church on Popley!

Many people are concerned about a divided society but as Christians from over 20 different countries, it is a privilege to meet together "in Christ" and enjoy one another's company regardless of race, culture or language. Please come and see for yourself!

Pastor Philip Keeble

Do we do enough to support our children's development ? – A personal view...

Summer holidays are over and the children are back to the routine of school. As a parent I always enjoy the school holidays as it allows quality time with my child to do and make things together, visit places and generally to chat and discuss everyday things. This is sometimes hard during school terms when time is at a premium. I like to think I'm doing my bit to help my child become a well rounded person and develop ready for the 'big world'.

Everyone talks about the internet taking over from books and children can get everything they need from the 'web'. I'm not sure this is true. I accept that it is a valuable resource and huge efforts have been made to make it available to children through schools and libraries and more homes now have access. I believe it aids learning but is not the only source. Does this help though when a child is trying to cook something? Or refine their use of scissors in an art project? Or they are actually unable to read?

Children love books from the time they are able to feel, hold and recognise. If it interests them they will learn something from it. I remember being told once by a teacher that if my child didn't like reading the school books it was OK, just find him a book he does like – so long as he reads something and gets practise.

To continue growing my own library at home, I use Usborne Books at Home. I have access to over a 1000 titles from the early year's first words to fiction and reference at Key Stage 3 and beyond. Many of the books are also used within schools and over 200 titles have links on the internet (proving my point that books and the Web can work together). On top of having a brilliant resource library for use at home, I also use this opportunity to earn extra funds and this in turn is ploughed back into activities to help my child's experiences of life.

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John Hunt of
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Autumn 2006

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John Hunt of Everest Parent Group

I would like to introduce us, we are the John Hunt of Everest Parent Group. There are 5 of us in the group. We organize events at the school. We held a very successful talent contest in March and we are hoping to hold another soon. We also do the BBQ at Popley Festival. We regularly hold quiz nights and are hoping to hold a fashion show for year 11's leavers ball so watch this space.

We are always looking for new members, if anyone is interested you can contact us via John Hunt or call me Janette on 07804219408

Community Surgeries

The first Saturday of Month from 1pm to 2pm at St Gaberial Church is the Community Drop In with: Councilors, Police, Sentinel, Community Wardens, Industrial Relations Consultant and parish vicar there is no need to book an appointment just come along. If you require further information call me, Jane on 819924. Community Wardens on 845508

Every Tuesday afternoon from 3-4pm a Community surgery is held in Melrose Hall with your Community Wardens Sarah and David, when available PC Dan Carter and Councilors Paul Frankum and Jane Frankum will also attend.

If you require further info. call me Jane on 819924 or Community Wardens on 845508 To contact Maria Miller Basingstoke MP call 02072195749 or 149d 01256322207 or email millerm@parliament.uk to book an appointment.

M.F.C POPLEY.

On the 30th July Popley had our very first pre-season challenge tournament, held at Carpenters Down playing fields and it was a successful first attempt. To say that nobody had done this before you would never have known. Obviously there are a few problems to iron out, but nothing major. Personally I would like to thank Sentinel Housing for sponsoring the trophies. Thank you to every one that helped on the day, especially Tracy from Popley Fields also my Mum and Auntie Sheila who ran the BBQ and completely sold out, they even had to use one of the raffle prizes (ten packs of bacon) to keep everyone fed.

We only had a few short months to work with our teams and this was our first tournament. I am so proud of all the year groups.

U7's This was the first ever game that the under 7's had played and they went on to Runners Up and earned themselves a trophy each. Well done.

U8's well what can I say about our under 8's all season they have come up against some very good teams and beat them and also lost when they should not have done, but I am more than happy for them to win one week and lose one week. The trouble with winning all the time is that it really hurts when you do lose. Anyway again it was also their first tournament and they also got to the final. The Tornados didn't get beaten till their last game against the eventual winners. Sherbourne, who had a great tournament, winning the pre season challenge trophy. The Whirlwinds held their own against their opposition and were awarded the Sentinel Fair Play Trophy. Well done boys and girls

U9's Things finally started to look up for the boys who have been working really hard to turn around their fortunes. They first came up against Chineham Tigers who when they last met beat them 12-0 and 8-0. But what ever Danny, Clint and Chris are doing in training is defiantly working because when they met up in the tournament we beat Chineham 1-0 and then drew with them, which in my eyes ment they already won the tournament though they didn't.

Winners U7's Tadley Calleva runners Up MFC Popley U8's Winners Sherbourne runners up MFC Popley Under 9's Sherbourne runners up Tadley Calleva

Player of the tournament U7's Ryan MFC Popley U8.s Kallum Brown MFC Popley U9's Tom Sherbourne Team Fair Play trophy MFC Popley Whirlwinds

I would like to say a big thank you to Fastfare who supplied the kit to us in the beginning and who have now got the U9's tracksuit jackets to match. Thanks dev. The U8's have finally got their new kit and jackets sponsored by David Wilsom homes and hopefully we will have a new sponsor for the U7's in the new season. I am in talks with a local business man regarding sponsorship.

PS Thanks also to Russel, Dave, Danny and Chris for all your hard work marking the pitches out on the Saturday, really appreciate it cheers.

Merton Rise and Everest Community College - Project Updates

Everest Community College

Since my last update, there has been considerable progress made on site in respect of the construction of the new buildings. We are now some 7 months into the 16/17 month build programme and as many of you will have seen, the roof (including the metal covering), brick and block work and some windows have recently been installed in the western most teaching block, within which some sample rooms will soon be established to refine the interior design and specification of the fit out of the building which will take place towards the end of the main contract next Spring. Work is progressing west to east on site with most progress made in the main teaching wings and the sports hall and youth wing a little further behind. Overall the programme for completion remains on target for a September 2007 opening - the good weather this Spring and Summer is partly the reason for this, together with the completion of the enabling works last year.

Existing School Site

The first phase of land to be sold on this site has recently been HERAS fenced out following exchange of contracts with the purchaser Linden Homes. The fencing was done with the agreement of the school but it seems inadvertently someone told the car booters who use this part of the school site on a regular basis. Apologies for this oversight.

The fence arrangement is so as to take this part out of school use for the forthcoming term as it is likely, following grant of planning consent (currently under consideration by the Borough Council), that development will commence on this area part way through the Autumn term. The fence marks the extent of the sale area and along the western boundary, a more permanent fence will be erected (and also site hoardings) to provide ball-stop fencing and manage the Health and Safety position on the adjoining school site pending the relocation next year.

As the programme for the new school is now more certain, preparations are now underway to progress the disposal of the remainder of the school site and marketing of this will take place in January 2007.



Merton Rise

(1) General



Continued progress is being made on the implementation of the servicing arrangements for the site, with the commencement of the second contract which will see the construction of the spine road between Chineham Lane and Sherborne Road and the junction improvement to the Sherborne Road/Popley Way junction. These works are due to be completed in May 2007 and will involve the closure of either Sherborne Road or Chineham Lane to achieve

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their completion - but never at the same time. The works on site currently relate to service installation including the drainage and other utilities, together with the widening of Sherborne Road and the revised junction with Popley Way. Towards the end of the year, the closure will flip to Chineham Lane to complete the access arrangements for the school and first housing phase. We are grateful for the patience and support of local residents in respect of any on-going disruption caused by these works.

(2) Phase 1 - disposal

After a successful design led marketing strategy earlier this year, I am pleased to confirm that schemes and offers from 2 parties have been selected for the phase 1 land from Miller Homes and Wimpey Homes. Both developers have met the County Council's vision for a high quality contemporary scheme. Reserved matters applications for this two parcels are to be submitted in September and sales are anticipated before the end of March 07. The first houses could be occupied by this time next year.

(3) Phase 2 (including the mixed use neighbourhood centre)

Marketing of this parcel (a further 300 dwellings) and the centre which will include a range of shops, a foodstore, nursery, and medical centre is programme for October 2006 with purchasers selected next Spring.

We are currently undertaking an "expressions of interest" exercise and a number of local occupiers and community groups have indicated that they would like to have a shop units or other space within the new centre.

Community Events

We are currently in the process of updating our 2 websites, and a new community magazine is being prepared for issue in October which will provide an update on the school and wider Merton Rise project. It is also hoped that a presentation will be made to the Popley Forum regarding the project and in particular to provide details of the scheme proposals from Linden Homes on the existing school site, and also those from Miller and Wimpey Homes on Merton Rise.

And finally...

You will have read recently of the proposed sewer works being undertaken by Thames Water along Popley Way from Chineham Lane to the A30 and beyond. Part of these works relates to off-site utility provision for the Merton Rise site, but the foul sewer scheme will provide a town-wide upgrade to support developments in Basingstoke. Again your continued co-operation in relation to the disruption these works might cause is appreciated.

Regards

Louise Hague - Merton Rise Project Manager

Longfellow Parade Regeneration Consultation Afternoon

In March, Sentinel wrote to all Longfellow Parade residents about the Housing Corporation grant funding for the regeneration of the area. The letter explained that the funding to develop Longfellow Parade is still a possibility however it has not been agreed by the Housing Corporation at the moment.

Although we have not received funding, Sentinel's Board has decided that we should still start with the redevelopment work as funding may be easier to obtain once work has started.

Over the next six months, Sentinel will work closely with building contractors Mansell plc to draw up design plans and will be looking at how the new homes can be built in order to have minimal impact on residents.

In order for residents and other interested parties to have the opportunity to see and make comments on the proposed design, a consultation afternoon will be held at Chineham Park Primary County School, Shakespeare Road, on Tuesday 12 September from 3.30pm to 7.30pm.

Anyone with an interest in the regeneration project is welcome to come along and have their say or ask questions about the proposed design.

Following this consultation, a detailed planning application will be drawn up and submitted to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council. It is expected that the development work will be carried out in three phases, starting at Marlowe Close during the early part of next year and will end at Dryden Close up to four years later.

For more information please contact Sentinel's Regeneration Liaison Officer Lynne Thomson on 01256 338800.

Dear All, What a great day to look forward too, the Basingstoke & Deane 'Young at Heart' Over 55s Forum International Day. The theme will be "Taking Part in the Community". It will be held on Saturday 30th September 2006, at Queen Mary's College, Cliddesden Road, Basingstoke. 1.00pm to 5.30pm.

Guest Speaker will be Mr. Ian Balding (Ex Race Horse Trainer) from Kingsclere, also The Mayor Cllr Tony Jones.

Activities you can take part in.

Short Mat Bowls.... IT... Armchair Aerobics.... Health Walk, Reminiscing.... Badminton... Photoshop.... Art Project (Textiles).

1.00pm Registration with Tea.

2.00pm Opening Speeches from Mayor and Guest Speaker.

2.30pm Moving Off.

2.45-3.30pm First Activity Session.

3.45-4.30pm Second Activity Session.

4.30pm High Tea.

5.00pm Entertainment from Basingstoke Tappers.

5.20pm Sing-Along

5.30pm Closing Speech.

Open to all Over 55s in the Borough, if interested please register your attendance with Marion 845239 e-mail marion.knight@basingstoke.gov.uk If you have care needs, these must be arranged in advance with your carer. They will need to accompany you to and from the venue and stay with you while you are on the college premises.

Come and join us and have an afternoon of fun.

Gerald.L.Merritt (Secretary)

Magnolia Court Report

Popley Awards Ceremony what a great evening seven residents and myself from Magnolia Court came along and thoroughly enjoyed it a lot of hard work had been put in to make it a very successful event. I would like to thank the Community Wardens, staff at Popley Fields Community Centre and the people of Popley who entered the competitions and for all the nominations.

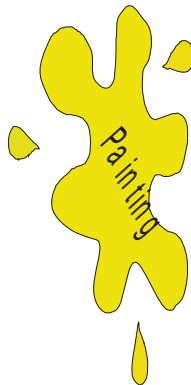
Magnolia Court, Retirement and Care Services are holding an open day on the 26th September from 11am-3pm come along to see what we offer there will be display stands of all our Schemes in the Western Region and leaflets for you to take away, refreshments will be provided.

Kind regards, Julie Pior Retirement & Care Services Scheme Manager



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POP ZONE The summer has been busy for many young people. Courses have been run on First Aid, Alcohol Awareness, Road Runners, C.V's workshop, fire safety and many others. In conjunction with this there have been trips all over the place offering a wide range of different experiences.

A few young people have been on very successful fishing trips over the summer with one young person landing a 17lb fish on his first time fishing! We just hope he won't be disappointed in the future when they aren't all that big!

In September there will be a new programme of events for the winter evenings but if you have any particular things you would like, please let us know and we will see if they can be arranged.

And any adult volunteers willing to give up any amount of time would be most welcome!

Popley Pre-season Football Challenge: This seemed to be a great success and plans are in place to make it bigger and better for next year.

Proud of Popley Awards : What a fantastic night and well done to all the winners who thoroughly deserved their awards. And what another great example of the great community spirit in Popley!

Quiz Night: Our next Quiz will be held on Friday 29th September starting at 7.45pm. All are welcome but under 18's must be accompanied by an adult. Teams must be a maximum of 8 people and a minimum of 2. It only costs £1 per player with loads of great prizes on offer. And the bar will be open to help lubricate the brains! We look forward to seeing loads of you there so ring early to book your tables!

Tea Dance The Tea Dance at the Anvil was attended by about 120 people and was a great success. The Christmas Tea Dance will be held here again this year on Friday 8th December from 2pm to 5pm so remember to get your tickets in plenty of time.

Call 01256 414494 or pop in if you want to find out more about any of the above.



Proud of Popley

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certificates were also presented to the twelve winners of the photography competition, for which the theme was 'Places or people in Popley that make you proud to be here'. These photographs will now be used to produce a 'Proud of Popley' 2007 calendar.

A huge number of nominations were received and it was great that so many people took the time to sit down and put pen to paper. The nominations were then closely studied by the eight members of the judging panel.

All involved were invited to attend the presentation evening which started at 7:30 pm and went on until the late evening. Guests were firstly greeted at the door by the Popley wardens and invited inside for a glass of champagne in the reception area. Shortly afterwards the guests were all invited into the main hall to take their seats. Sincere gratitude goes out to the very hard working team at Popley Fields Community Centre for the delicious buffet.

The presentation of awards brought tears to so many eyes as we watched so many well deserving members of the local community get recognition for their work in Popley.

The event was the original idea of Stephen Bate, one of the very first wardens to work in Popley, Stephen has now moved on to work as a warden in Winklebury. He has certainly left the Popley wardens with an absolutely amazing project to work on for next year!

The 'Proud of Popley Awards', which took place on Friday 4th August at Popley Fields Community Centre were a fantastic opportunity to acknowledge the heroes of Popley. The evening was hosted by Stephen Bate, with the awards for each of the five categories being presented by Cllr Elaine Still.

Certificates were also presented to the twelve winners of the photography competition, for which the theme was 'Places or people in Popley that make you proud to be here'. These photographs will now be used to produce a 'Proud of Popley' 2007 calendar.



The photographs show just a part of the sumptuous buffet provided to the many guests. Top photo opposite is Iris King winner of the Good Neighbour Award. Middle is Dev and Nayna winners of the Judges Special Award bottom Phillip and Evadne Keeble Unsung Hero Award

cliff walk down to the pub outside the holiday camp between Sheerness and Minster. Us kids would play in the open park by the camp and now and then stick our heads in the door of the pub for another drink. We had a hump backed woman that lived nearby and she would play the piano, a number of men could play the spoons or bones and every one got up and sang. In the day it was out in the thick mud banks getting cockles that my uncle would boil up in big pots, also we had trot lines out and most days had a few eel's that he would jelly. These holidays were the best I had in my young life, no trouble every one mucking in doing their bit cooking, cleaning and bathing the kids, it was fun. We would often go to Leysdown all silver sands, not like the rocks in Minster, but you had the problem of gnats they would bite like mad you could end up sometimes smothered in bites. Still that was our holidays and we made the most of the time, by the way no TV just the radio, The Archers and Sunday Family Favorites overseas music for the Forces and not forgetting Uncle Mac for the children.

I would like to thank the reader that sent in a letter to the editor re rain, it has helped to know what they mean now. If you can get "Her Indoors" out in the garden once a month with a fork to aerate the lawns this way means if it rains it can penetrate down instead of running off. You also asked about energy, well this is one of the items that I have been going on at the council and planners about, they inform me that energy efficient houses are being built as per government spec, however the last meeting on houses in our area that I went to I gave a list of proposals for energy, in it I said can we not divert any extra energy to the grid or separate banks of batteries and light our streets with it at night, this can only happen if we fit solar panels to all new developments including factories that are built, the costs will pay back in the long term, but as with all things they only think short term because of costs. Wind power is another way that could be used but you keep getting people stand up against this. They will continue to do so until they find they have no option. It would be ok if we had no wind "Her Indoors" can blow hard, I know! I have been with her for getting on three life terms in goal now. Yet another way to produce energy is by burning waste, but up till now we have problems with the by products that they give off if only they could sort that out. In Southampton they have driven deep bore holes and it produces steam again this could be done in most areas I may stand corrected on that but it is just putting ideas across for people to think about. One other thing is the cars in the area; most homes have two cars nowadays so why not if you are a mum just pottering around town shopping or taking kids to school invest in an electric car, remember the old milk floats they were all electric. Talking of milk how many remember when the milk cart came round in London and you took your jug out to be filled up each day, or the meat man came round he only had to shout meat, meat and cats and dogs came from every where but I am digressing again.

That's it for this month, keep well

The Old Codger



Diaries from the Old Codger

Last month I told you I was going to a prize giving at Milestones, the nurse I had nominated won a prize in the ED department and her citation was read out by the nurse manager. Most of the stories people told by nominating staff were very emotional to say the least; even the old codger had a lump in his throat. I reacquainted with old friends that I had worked with. The whole evening was well organised, and the hospital should be proud of such wonderful dedicated staff, the teams and nurse individuals for all the time they give to their jobs. At the end of the day they see the patient or relative smile, yes there will be some very sad moments but some people say “well they get paid to do a job”, they feel for patients and sitting down holding a hand is comfort for most people.

This was the first time I had been to Milestones, “Her Indoors” and I had a good look round, I could remember a lot of things that they had in it. One thing I saw was a steam roller. I say steam roller because as a small lad they were driven on coal and the smell was wonderful, looking it took me back to the time when our road exploded due to the violent storm we had back in the 1950s. It lifted all the manhole covers and washed the wood block road down the hill, lucky in those days only one or two people had cars in our road. we had no money to buy one, mind you they were all poor at that time after the war years, when we went to the local park they had a duck pond and the ducks fed us!

How times have changed over the years. When we went to our local for a drink we all had a great time sitting around chatting or having a sing song, yes now and then some one had too much but they were soon shown the door, the landlord would just say you’re barred for a week and that was that. Now when I go to town I see one or two security guards on most pub doors, to me this tells me don’t go in this place as you always get trouble. Very, very sad that people cant go out and just enjoy themselves anymore without someone getting drunk, or drugged, and starting trouble.

Our Sub Editor as you know by the papers has had a bad time of things, lets hope he is well on the mend now. I would like to say a few words on this before we go on, Paul works very hard for his constituents and helps run this magazine, he still got Popley Matters out on time for the readers after all he had been through. We should take our hats off to him, well done Paul not only from the Old Codger but all your friends and constituents.

A lot of you take on board what is needed in the area, give blood every time they come round, it only takes a short time to do and by giving that red stuff you could be saving a life maybe one of your families. They also need more of the ethnic groups to help as well, so carry a donor card in your pockets I know I sound morbid but you can make a difference.

When we as a family took our holidays, and I mean all the family up to twenty of us, it was a two bed house on the Isle of Sheppey at Minster. We would take the



The nomination winners are as follows:

Good Neighbour Award Iris King of Tintern Close.

Unsung Hero Award Phillip and Evadne Keeble of Stratfield Road.

Job Well Done Award Chris Speed of Martin Close.

Most Beautiful Garden Award Moira Gowens of Browning Close.



Judges Special Award

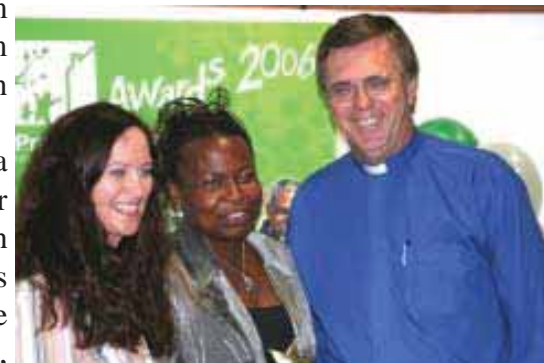
Dev and Nayna Vyas of Glastonbury Close.

The photography competition winners are as follows:- Charlotte Chandler of Merton Juniors, Charlotte Gardner of John Hunt of Everest, Emma Harmer of John Hunt of Everest, Ian Dingley of John Hunt of Everest, Jake Todd of John Hunt of Everest, Jake



Gooden of Bermuda Close, Katrina Wheeler of Marnel Juniors, Paige Sawyer of Marnel Juniors, Rebecca Bingham of Merton Juniors, Rev. Arthur Botham of St. Gabriel’s Church and Stephen Bate of Community Wardens

We would like to say a special thank you to the following for all of your help with the event:- Stephen Bate, Cllr Elaine Still, Tracey Rogers and Popley Fields Community Centre staff, The Community Warden team, The nominators, The nominees, The photography competition entrants, The Apollo Hotel, Sentinel Housing Group, Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council and Download Housing Association



A new sewer for Basingstoke

Thank you to all those who visited our drop-in session at the John Hunt of Everest School.

We are building a new sewer to meet the needs of new development in Basingstoke.

The path of the sewer will run from Popley Way, along Shetland Road, under the A33 and the Railway line. From here, it will continue through Old Basing to join an existing sewer to end up at our sewage treatment works.

We are working with Hampshire County Council and Basingstoke and Deane District Council to build a new surface water sewer that will collect rainwater.

We are also assisting with the installation of ducting for Scottish and Southern Energy for when they upgrade their energy network. By doing this we can minimise the disruption when future improvements are needed.

We realise that there will be some unavoidable disruption during this work and on behalf of the project team would like to thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation.

If you have any queries about this work, please call us on 0845 9200 800, quoting your address and our reference number **BB716903**. Our lines are always open.



Useful information

- Work is due to start on 11 September 2006 and is expected to last for 1 year.
- J Murphy and Sons have been appointed to carry out this work on our behalf.
- The speed limit on Popley Way will be reduced to 30mph (currently 40mph).
- Shetland Road will be closed for the duration of the work, access will be maintained for residents only.



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Over the next few months we will keep you updated on the progress of the project.

Next month –

How are we going to do it?