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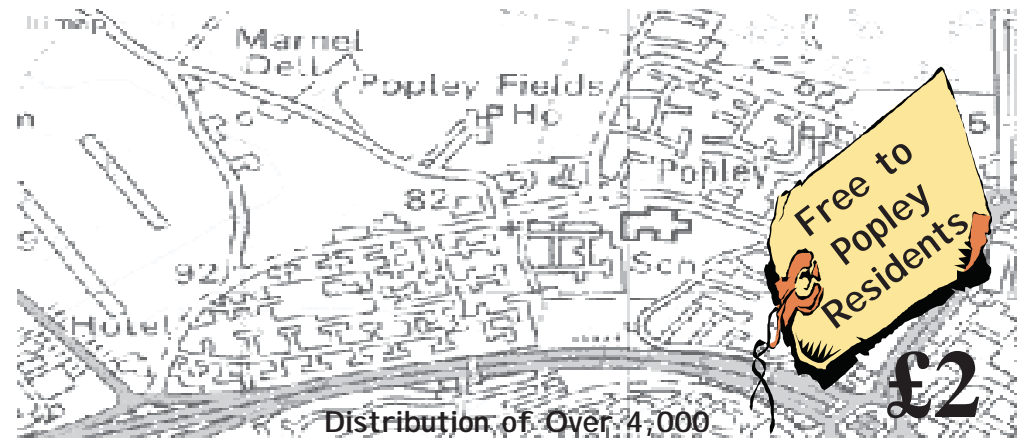
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Editor  
Jane Frankum

**Message From the Editor:-** The travellers are back again, and in a large group. Unfortunately they are on private land so it is up to, in this case, David Wilson Homes After speaking to David Wilson Homes they confirmed that they will be getting them removed from their land. But that still leaves the questions as to where and for how long? Who keeps footing the bill for the many thousands it costs of our money paid in Council Tax we do time after time.

When the proposal for Transit Camps was proposed it was voted out. I think there is a misconception that these would be sites for travellers to live permanently. In truth the normal time allowed to stay is three months. It is not free and at least the mess is in one place not strewn around the town and villages. There would be a specific number of pitches and the police could then move them onto the pitches. This comes under section 61 of the 1994 Criminal Justice Act. Once the allocated number is full then they can evoke section 62 of the same act and move them out of the county. As it stands at the moment the police seem reluctant to evoke the section 61 act and we are stuck with the problem and cost of constantly clearing up after their every move. The whole of Hampshire needs to take responsibility and take a share of the problem. I know there are other parts of Hampshire affected, but none as badly, as I believe is in Basingstoke.

The advice I have now been given is for residents to ring the 101 number when they want to report that travelers have moved into the area. It is then forwarded to all the agencies needed, Police, Council etc and the more reports (as they are all recorded) the faster it is hoped that they will be removed.



Sub Editor  
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# Chloe's Column.



Hello again readers. Many school children and teens will be cheering as the end of another school year has come. We now have six weeks off. Finally! However, parents will soon hear the familiar complaint of "I'm bored!!" So this month I am going to write down just a few things there are to do over the long summer holidays.

First of all though, I do have a complaint. Recently over the past few months many of us have seen the travelers hanging about in Basingstoke, this would not be such a big problem if we did not have to see their mess. They leave a big amount of waste and not all of it is litter. After they are done and have moved on it looks like the sewers and bins have exploded!! It is disgusting. There has to be some way to stop this and it has to be stopped soon before Basingstoke becomes a dump.



Looking back at last month we had Basingstoke Live which featured celebrity rap/grime artist Chipmunk and 1979 band The Beat. There were also over 100 different performers. The festival was a great day out for everyone. It was free entrance and was on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July. It also featured many acts from Basingstoke and John Walls Funfair, so if you missed it this year I urge you to see it next year.

Moving on to this month, there is a Get With activity scheme that goes on all through the summer holidays for 8-17 year olds. There are some amazing courses for 13-17 year olds such as babysitting and car mechanics etc. There will be some activities for younger children as well such as games and sports. Its free and a great opportunity to give the kids something to do. Call 01256 337573 for more details. Another event going on in Basingstoke, as it does every year, is Balloons Over Basingstoke. Entry is free and it will take place on 31/07/09 6.00pm - 10.30pm, 01/08/09 12.00pm - 7.30pm and 02/08/09 12.00pm - 7.30pm. As well as this there are other activities such as swimming, bowling or ice skating at the Leisure Park. On the whole if you have a look around and inquire you can find lots of fun things to do in Basingstoke.

Have a great summer holiday!  
Until next issue,  
Chloe.

# A New Park for Popley

**work starts on 3rd August**

The first phase of the improvements to the park on Popley Way/ Aldermaston Road will start on 3rd August.

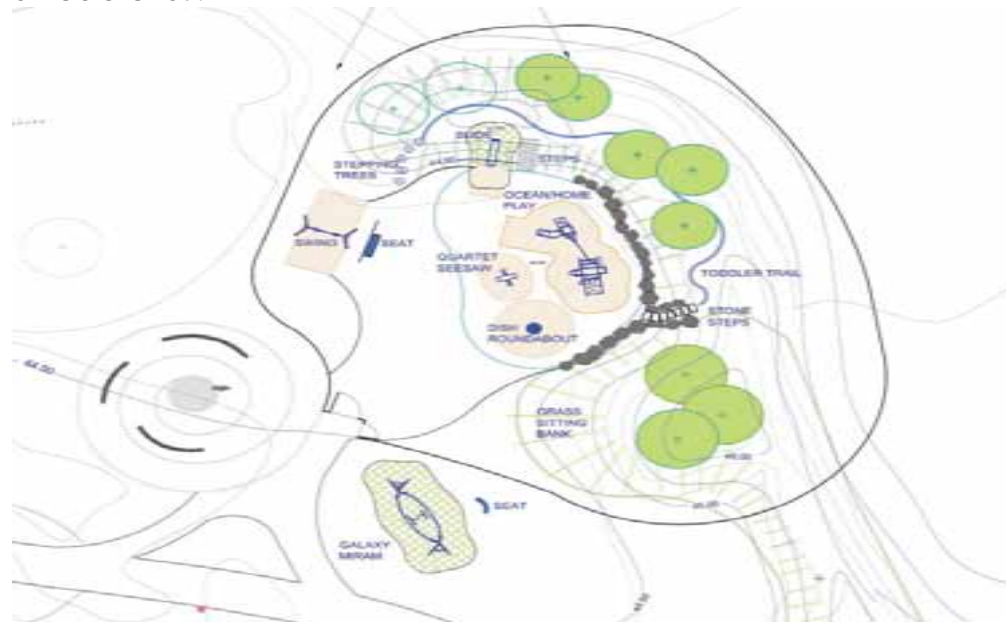
The first phase will be completed before the end of the year. It will have play equipment including:- a Toddler Trail, Stepping Stones, Quartet Seesaw, Slide, Stepping Trees, Dish Roundabout, Ariel Cableway, Ocean/Home Play Area, seats and grass bank seating, and a Galaxy Miram (double skateboarding track) for older children. There will also be a new entrance added to the park from Popley Way and a pedestrian and cycleway link down to the existing footpath/cycleway running along the bottom of the hill.

This is just Phase One and later will come the Nature area among other features.

We are so excited now that after many years of campaigning we will have the family park so needed and deserved by Popley.

A competition to choose a new name for the park will be launched at the beginning of September and details will be provided in Popley Matters and on the Council's website.

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## Julie's Garden Tips

All the hot weather we had last month really played havoc with the garden. Even though I have used water-retaining crystals in most of the pots, I still found plants wilting badly in the full sun despite being watered earlier in the day.

I was hoping that planting flowers would attract insects, and even though I only have half a dozen planters in bloom, it has certainly worked well. I have seen quite a few bees and hoverflies which I am happy to have, but quite a lot of cabbage white butterflies too. To save the cabbages and broccoli plants, I manually rub off any eggs or caterpillars every few days or as soon as I see them. Just a few caterpillars can decimate a cabbage patch in a few days and make the crop useless. Now they are hearting up nicely, I should be cutting the first summer cabbages next month. There are sprays available to buy, but if you want organic crops or are only growing a few plants, it really isn't worth spending money on. I remember years ago that my Dad would manually pick off the caterpillars along with slugs and snails every evening, and despatch them. He would keep count of how many he got every night in his gardening diary, and over the years you could see the reduction in numbers. I don't know that I will be quite so dedicated to the fight as he was, but I would rather not use sprays.

As I mentioned in my last article, the peas in planters did really well. I have had 3 or 4 meals out of them so far, and they are forming more buds for more pickings in a few weeks. I have seen peas in the supermarkets, but they really are horribly dry and stale before they hit the shelves. The price is quite prohibitive too, so I certainly won't be buying any after this year's experiment. The runner beans and climbing French beans have tiny beans on them now, so next month I should be able to report picking those too. Again, these are in the shops now, but to make their money the growers leave them as long as they can before harvesting. They are usually expensive, tough and stringy, and nowhere near as nice as really fresh ones from the garden. They really are easy to grow whether in pots or in the ground, so if you only grow one vegetable, this is the one if you like beans.

I didn't manage to get all the raised beds set up as I wanted to. I will need to either buy in lots of top-soil, or do it gradually and fill them with a mixture of spent or used compost and soil. I haven't been here long enough to make a compost heap, but that will be done later this summer, and the resulting compost will be mixed into the raised beds next year. I have only been able to fill one raised bed with soil so far, but it is packed with sweetcorn, calabrese (broccoli), white turnips, beetroot and a few lettuces. I painted them with green wood treatment to blend in, although they would survive quite well without it.

I have had a nice little crop of radish from a large pot, and the carrots are now swelling so should be ready by the end of August as baby carrots. Those huge things they sell in the supermarkets really are tasteless in comparison. It's not too late to plant some carrots in pots, but remember to sow the seed very thinly or you will need to pull most of them out to allow the rest to swell. Carrot and beetroot leaves also look quite pretty in amongst flowers, so if you have small spaces try sowing a few seeds and see what happens. Remember you can save seed you don't use this year, just keep them cool, dry and in the dark until you need them. I used to use old film reel pots that I begged from the developers in town – they only throw them away, so it's just another way of recycling something.

The greenhouse is looking good now. I was told you can't grow tomatoes and cucumbers in the same environment because they have different needs in humidity and heat, but I don't think my plants were told the rules. I have cut 3 cucumbers already, and I think I will be giving quite a few away in a couple of weeks. The tomatoes are also growing like trifids and the fruits are forming nicely. Now is the time to start giving them a weekly feed especially as they are in pots. The berry tomatoes I have in wall baskets are fruiting merrily too, grown from seed I saved from supermarket tomatoes. They are really tiny about the size of blackcurrants. I haven't seen the seed in catalogues yet, or the tomatoes in the shop since. They should ripen quite fast, so another thing I should be picking by the end of August.

I think my next mission will be to make sure I have room in the freezer for the vegetables we can't eat fast enough, and dig out recipes for chutney and pickles. Anyone got some empty screw-top jam jars?



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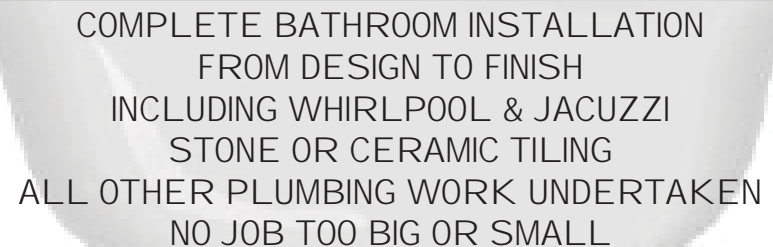
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The new community priorities that have been decided for Popley are: (1) Arson reports in Carpenters Down Woods. (2) Anti-social behaviour on the building sites around Longfellow Parade. (3) Security and potential for ASB/Crime at the new One Stop store, Shakespeare road.

These are the priorities that people in your local area have agreed with the Safer Neighbourhoods team. You can influence these priorities by contacting your team, attending a street meeting or speaking to members of the team when you see them out and about.

#### Action we have taken in relation to your priorities

##### (1) Anti-Social Behaviour in Bourdillion Gardens and Edmund Court

In the last four months all patrolling units have been targeting the core priority areas in order to tackle anti-social behaviour. Previously there were numerous reports of Anti-Social behaviour occurring in and around these streets and inside their communal flat areas. PC Paul Thorne has worked closely over the last quarter with the various housing associations in order to obtain keys to the communal flat areas to increase our patrols and prevent further Anti-Social behaviour occurring. ACSO Richard Owen has also liaised with the housing associations in order to secure the entrances to the communal areas. We are pleased to announce that the reports of Anti-Social behaviour have fallen over the last quarter. However we will continue to patrol these areas in order to ensure that these results continue to fall.

##### (2) Anti-Social behaviour at Longfellow Parade

Police, PCSOs, Community Wardens and ACSOs have actively patrolled the area of Longfellow Parade over the last quarter to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our communities. Sentinel Housing also ensured that after all of the flats were vacant the area leading to the Parade was securely closed. Initially there were several reports of Anti-Social Behaviour at the start of this quarter due to young children attempting to climb through the barricades. We are pleased to announce that reports of Anti-Social Behaviour in Longfellow Parade and the surrounding roads have fallen since the last quarter.

##### (3) Criminal damage across Maldive Road and Faroe Close

Since last quarter's meeting, more residents have moved out from the maisonettes around Maldive road and Faroe close due to Sentinel housing's large re-development of Popley East. The Popley Safer Neighbourhoods team has ensured that high visibility patrols of these areas were carried out in order to prevent further damage occurring. Over this time there was still 2 counts of Criminal damage in these areas but this is a huge drop from the previous quarter where many residents were suffering from Criminal damage. At this time there are still various residents living in the maisonettes and as the area is mostly empty there are likely to be reports of Anti-Social Behaviour occurring. The Popley Safer Neighbourhoods team is aware of the potential problems and are continuing to patrol these areas in order to prevent any ASB occurring. If you would like a free Home Security Check please do not hesitate to contact the Popley Safer neighbourhoods team.

#### Other Issues

The Popley Safer Neighbourhoods Team has been involved heavily with operations so far this year. Operation Nemesis has been set up to tackle burglary and it is a force wide operation.

Locally the Safer Neighbourhoods team are involved in an operation which is set to tackle Anti-Social Behaviour from occurring during the summer months.

#### Street Surgeries and meetings for the next month:

27/07/09 Melrose Community Hall, Popley West 18:00 - 20:00

01/08/09 One Stop store, Shakespeare Road, Popley East 13:00 - 15:00

02/08/09 Melrose Community Hall, Popley West 13:00 - 15:00

05/08/09 One Stop store, Shakespeare Road, Popley East 18:00 - 20:00

These meetings are set up for our residents to attend and express their views of community issues, report crimes, seek advice and meet other community members. Alternatively come along just to meet your local beat team.

#### New PSNT members required:

The Popley Safer Neighbourhoods Team is currently looking for new members to add to our Core Priority group. Our members are a key part of identifying key problems in our community and work alongside Hampshire Constabulary in order to select 3 priorities per quarter for Popley. This is a great opportunity to get involved with your community and work alongside some great community members. If you are interested in joining the PSNT please contact PCSO Phil Rapley 13284 on philip.rapley@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

## Are you clear on your consumer rights?

Do you know what rights you have as a customer? Here we explore three myths that have arisen over the years.

**Myth 1 The shop has to give my money back if I return a purchase because I don't like it when I get home.**

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Whenever you buy goods you are entering a contract with the seller. This gives both you (the consumer) and the seller certain rights. The most important law on the sale of goods is the Sale of Goods Act 1979 (as amended). This is the Act you can quote if you have a problem with goods you have purchased.

If you have accepted the goods you cannot claim a refund. You can claim compensation if the goods are faulty, (this is normally the cost of repairs or replacement.); but if you have changed your mind about the goods, or you get them home and they do not fit your home or match your décor, you have no rights under the Act. Some shops do give exchanges or credit notes but have no legal obligation to do so.

The Myth is therefore incorrect.

**Myth 2 If I sign up to a buy something from a Doorstep sales person I cannot change my mind.**

"Doorstep selling" means buying goods or services ( e.g. double glazing, mobility products, disability aids, gas and electricity supply contracts) away from trade premises, for example, when a salesperson visits your home or place of work.

Goods and services bought through doorstep selling are covered by general consumer protection legislation as well as cancellation rights. If you change your mind about a purchase **above the value of £35**, you have at least seven calendar days to cancel the contract (the 'cooling-off' period). **It does not matter whether you invited a trader into your home or not** . A trader must advise you **in writing** that you can cancel the contract – usually set out clearly in your contract, or given to you separately in writing at the time. If you are not given this information in writing the trader can't hold you to anything in the contract. The trader may also be guilty of a criminal offence, and may be investigated by your local authority Trading Standards Service. There may be other rules for contracts agreed away from trade premises but away from your home – contact the CAB or Consumer Direct for specialist advice in these cases.

The Myth is therefore incorrect

**Myth 3 If I have a problem with any goods and services I buy I will get my money refunded by my bank whether I used either my Debit card or Credit card.**

If a problem arises with goods or services bought for £100 - £30,000 with a **credit card** your credit card company shares liability with the trader; you may be able to get a refund from them (under the Consumer Credit Act 1974s75).

The same does not apply to all debit card providers. Some debit cards will not give you protection if you have problems with your purchase of goods or services. However a Debit card **may** be covered by the card-provider's chargeback scheme, for example, cards operated by VISA are covered by VISA's chargeback scheme. The client should contact her/his bank in order to make a claim. Be aware and check if your Debit card has a chargeback scheme.

The myth is therefore incorrect.

#### Need further information or Help?

Basingstoke Citizens Advice Bureau can help you with queries you have on immigration and employment issues, benefits and debt and consumer rights. We operate a drop-in service 10am-3.30pm Monday to Friday (except Thursday) and Saturday mornings 10am-12pm.

The Advice Line telephone number is 01256 322814

*The CAB outreach service in Popley operates on a Monday afternoon from 1- 3.30pm at the Bermuda Practice, Shakespeare House Health Centre, Shakespeare Road, Popley*

# GET WITH... SUMMER 09

There has been a fantastic response to Sentinel and Everest's Get

With programme that begins 27 July.

However, for children between 8 and 17 that have not yet signed up there are still a few places on some activities.

If you want to showcase your singing talent, phone the Get With team and book your audition time for the X-Factor, and if you are aged 14+ there are still a few places on the DIY Property project that is giving a total makeover to a local Popley property.

For more information and to book an activity please call Dawn Purver, or the Get With team on 01256 337573 now!

## L'école Française becomes Linguatastic

Children attending L'école Française at Christ Church had a busy summer term and a year packed with craft, play, songs, rhymes and various activities, which foster learning in a fun way. They have also learned to respect each other, especially at snack time where they enjoy different types of fruit.

To end our school year and to celebrate Bastille Day, parents, children and staff had a picnic which was supposed to be in natural surroundings, but as usual, the weather was unkind and prevented this. We kept on singing in French, asking the rain to go away and come back another day. Binfields Primary School though, kindly lent us its music room for shelter and we managed to still enjoy our party together.

L'école Française would like to wish those children moving up to their new 'big' school a good start and great success in their continued learning life. We are very much looking forward to them joining us in the after school sessions where learning is progressively more advanced whilst remaining fun.

We also wish to thank all parents for their support throughout the year, be it through enforcing their child's learning at home or through fund raising.

As mentioned in last month's Matters, L'école Française is growing and will now be coming under the umbrella of 'Linguatastic'. Sessions will be running mainly from the new community rooms at the Chineham Village Hall. If you are interested in finding out more about the sessions being offered and/or securing a place for your young one(s) at Linguatastic in the new term, please give Chansopha Biermann a call on 811100, or e-mail info@linguatastic.com. You can also visit our website at: www.linguatastic.com.



## Water Safety.

Young people who drown are often victims of their own misjudgement of their swimming ability. They may view a river or a lake as a tempting means of cooling off in a hot spell, but fail to appreciate the harmful effects that the cold water can have on stamina and strength.

- ✚ Drowning is the third most common cause of accidental death among the under 16s.
- ✚ Spot the dangers. Water may look safe, but it can still be dangerous. You may swim well in a warm indoor pool but that does not mean that you will be able to swim in cold water outdoors!
- ✚ Always take extra care around the water's edge, cliff faces and open mudflats.
- ✚ Take safety advice: always follow the flags on beaches and notices that may warn you of danger.
- ✚ Don't go alone: children should always be accompanied by an adult.
- ✚ Always tell someone where you are going and when you expect to be back.
- ✚ Learn how to help: you may be able to help yourself and others if you know what to do in an emergency.
- ✚ If you see someone in difficulty tell a Lifeguard or go to the nearest telephone, dial 999, ask for the Police or the Coastguard.

### Useful contact points and further information:

Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service: [www.hantsfire.gov.uk](http://www.hantsfire.gov.uk)

Community Fire Safety Department: 023 8062 6809

Email: [community.firesafety@hantsfire.gov.uk](mailto:community.firesafety@hantsfire.gov.uk)



# Big Business Disrespects Popley

I received 2 emails from residents asking if we knew that Tesco had stopped all deliveries of their online shopping service to Popley, and that Tesco had given reasons as being that their drivers were at risk from riots, knife threats, damage to the vans and thefts of the foodstuffs. We sent an email and spoke to Head Office to ask if what we were being told was true, as it seemed one of those things you read in some newspapers that turn out to be totally untrue. An email was received by our own Old Codger saying Tesco had involved the local Police and our MP about the issue. We contacted residents, Police, PCSOs and Community Wardens who all came back saying they had not seen or heard of any such incidents. I then emailed and made a phone call to Westminster and spoke to our MP's secretary, the day after the story was in the Basingstoke Observer front page. I was told that another resident (thanks HH) had been in touch with her as well and that our MP had had no previous knowledge.

Now we were even angrier, and asked Tesco where in Popley they were not delivering, and initially we were told one postcode. In fact it was the postcode for the long demolished pub, The Pen and Parchment, although we have since learned that there had been delivery restrictions in several areas of Popley East. So we asked for proof, as if there were such terrible crimes, there must be incident numbers. We had two answers, one was they were not sure if they had been reported to the police, and much later that there were 4 incident numbers and they would let me know. After many days I got a phone call from Tesco Head Office with "incident numbers". They were carefully written down and I checked that I had the right numbers. I could see that they were probably not genuine and told the caller from Head Office that fact. However, I checked with the local Police again with this new evidence! The answer was that only one had any relevance, and that was by the date only, and that it was that a report that people were hanging around a Tesco delivery van! Hardly what Tesco were relaying as their reason for stopping delivery. During this time it was reported in both local papers and on Ceefax, BBC News Online, Kestrel FM, Berkshire and Radio Hart and even on international websites!

The MP wrote to the Chief Executive to protest that she was quoted as being involved in talks, but after weeks of waiting she has still not had a reply.

We have since received information that Tesco's have now partially reinstated the deliveries, only till 7pm not 11pm as previously.

We also learned in all this, that the deliveries were coming firstly from Newbury are now from West Reading Berkshire even though we have a distribution store next door in Chineham which delivers to the rest of Basingstoke. Hardly "green" or supporting the residents in Hampshire. I tabled a question at the full Hampshire County Council meeting on this and the potential loss of jobs to Basingstoke I await the outcome.

In the meantime I, and several other residents, have pledged to boycott Tesco stores as a protest against their poor treatment of the people of Popley. **Cllrs Paul and Jane Frankum**



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# Merton Junior

Everyone at Merton Junior has been enjoying the fantastic summer weather, with the children learning cricket during lunchtime and many lessons taking place in the cool of the shady trees outside whenever possible.

The pupils have been involved in many different activities: Year 3 learning to play the recorder and Year 4 singing French songs. Year 5 have been gardening at Melrose Hall and Year 6 have been 'on stage' with their end of term production 'Wind In The Willows'.

Year 5 and 6 have recently returned from a fantastic 4 day residential at Barton Hall, near Torquay. Great fun was had by all the children (and accompanying adults). There are many stories of adventures; rock climbing; abseiling; and the 'infamous' zip wire. As a school we continue to make great progress. A recent inspector commented on '...the vibrant and stimulating learning environment' and we have been praised for the 'clear expectations, positive values and very good care and support offered to the pupils.' The staff are working very hard to support all the children in their care at Merton.

Since I joined school last September there have been lots of exciting changes which will continue on into next year. The children are very excited about the new ICT facilities, pupil designed new owl emblem, new school uniform and their brand new adventure play area. The play area is being well used and the children really enjoy it – a fantastic way to spend break or lunchtime. Even the office staff enjoy watching the children as they play as we have a CCTV camera covering the area; '...watching their determined and happy faces I could be tempted to have a go myself...' Mrs Cullinane was heard to recently say...

We are looking forward to our 40th Birthday celebrations in September and I would like to take this opportunity to remind any past pupils to please send us their old photographs and memories to put up on a planned display. (We can take copies and give originals back). We have also found out who the very first pupil was to be registered at Merton, Debra Holder. If anyone knows of her please could they ask her to get in contact.

Please send any information to Mrs Cullinane at the school office or email [adminoffice@merton-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@merton-jun.hants.sch.uk).

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Some of the 'older' Beavers Scouts took part in the District 'sleepover' at Tadley recently. The programme theme was Space so they had fantastic fun with mobiles and rockets but I don't think much sleep entered the programme!! The Colony's end of term treat is a visit to the Bowling Alley with supper in McDonalds. 'They're lovin' it!'

The Cub section enjoyed District Camp and many members qualified to receive both Nights Away and Outdoor Challenge badges as a result. Bradley Phillips completed his Chief Scout's Silver Award recently. This is the highest award a Cub Scout can achieve and Bradley has done very well to complete all of the six sections of challenge, achievement and participation.

The Scouts had an evening of air rifle shooting recently and are looking forward to attending Hampshire Scouts' Summer Camp at Ferny Croft in the New Forest during the summer holiday break. Links with the Explorer Scout Unit at Lasham continue.

The Annual Meeting for parents was held in July and a new committee formed to take care of administration and finance in the Group and running/maintaining the Group HQ. Chris Oatham was appointed Chairman with Roland Martin and Mike Mullender elected as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Thanks were extended to Sue Shillito and Sue Keetch who were leaving the committee after several years of service. Andy Cullen, District Commissioner for Basingstoke East Scouts attended the meeting and presented a Chief Scout's Silver Award and other badges.

Weekly meetings are now in abeyance during August holidays but will start again from Monday 7th September. The committee will take the opportunity to carry out a 'special clean' of the building including steam cleaning the carpets which are badly in need of attention.

New members welcome in all sections in September. Give the section leader a ring or simply turn up for a free 'taster' evening to see what's on offer. Subscriptions are £1.50 per week payable weekly or per term as preferred.



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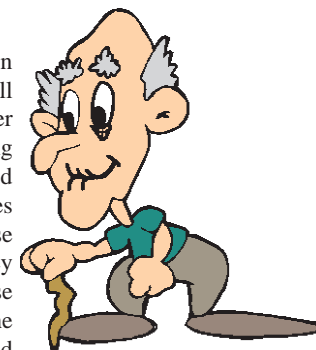
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Boys and girls aged 10½-15  
Monday 7-9pm  
Colin Karslake 410559

## Diaries from the Old Codger.

We all know about the problems that have been going on around the world. Will we ever see an end to them? I don't think we will if it is not religion related. It is greed. This is not just limited to other countries. The amount of people that get taken in by comen, swindling people out of their life savings. I agree we must stand up and be counted for. I agree that people that know they are never going to give monies back to people that have invested deals etc and the market falls these are the people that should get punished, but nine times out of ten they walk away with a short sentence and still have money hidden away these are the fat cats that are the evil of our society. What I do not like is the amount of hardship to places like Naomi House. I feel that there should be a safety net to protect people. Yes they invested offshore as it were to get a better return for their money, on that I do not blame them. What gets me is, this country is very rich. Take no notice that government after government say they need to put up this or that. Why do they not try and encourage more investment with a guarantee in place to get people to keep money in this country? Why do they keep putting up our taxes? To send to counties that are in need when they know it will never reach the people that need it. What about all the clothes and goods that arrive only to end up on the black market? I don't want to ramble on but I am sure you get my meaning. Many of you will relate to my way of thinking.



Back in the thirties just before WW2, many people were out of work and needed to live by hook or by crook. I can remember all the things my Granddad got up to and the things my Dad did when he was in the Navy. Just one thing I can say about Dad, Dad would never tell people what or where he was in the war only snippets. One time he said the men had a good scam going when they went into Irish waters as it was a neutral country. The locals would row out to the ships late at night with cigarettes in exchange for tea. What they did was to keep all the grouts and dry them in the ovens then tin them up. As far as they knew no-one ever cottoned on to the scam. I don't think the captain minded as long as he got his cut. Down the bottom of our road where we were evacuated to, was a farm. The amount of excursions that were made to that farm late at night!
















Many years on a friend of Dad's would pop in to look at Dad's pigeons. They were both very good racers. Nine times out of ten he would turn up with half a side of pork. He was a pig farmer and would say to Dad "Try this, it's a new pork". But we knew it was not. He would do the same to Her Indoors' Gran at Christmas. These were the lean days but we had ten times more days where our bellies needed filling but we all grew strong and like my father, grandfather, my great grandfather we were all strong willed and I have never changed.

Yes in the house if Her Indoors says "What have you done with this or that", or if she bangs her arm I just say "My fault" then she can't have a go. Now you men out there remember that and you can't go wrong, it gets right up their noses. So all over the town a new phrase will be heard when all the men say it. It could be catching.

I do not know if you are worried about this flu that is sweeping the world. Do not be. Look back over the years. I can remember the amount of people died from polio, influenza, small pox, scarlet fever, the list goes on. Just remember to seek advice from your GP. Don't go and see them ring them, but above all stay in your house, do not spread it around. It is flu and, yes, it is a strong strain but they have medication to treat you. Please check that our senior citizens that are on their own are safe. This is important, we do not want to hear that one of our residents got the flu but could not contact anyone.

I have as many know by now been taking photos of the demolition of Longfellow Parade. I am doing this daily and I want to put them on a disc for the Popley history. I will give it to the Willis Museum. They have a lot of records of our local history now, and I hope I can get them displayed at next year's Popley Festival. Take care and be flu free! THE OLD CODGER.

## Summer Holiday Activities for Families with under 8's

| Monday, 27 July  | Tuesday, 28 July  | Wednesday, 29 July  | Thursday, 30 July  | Friday, 31 July   |
|--|---|---|--|---|
| 1.00 – 2.00<br>Story & Song<br>Time   | Minibus trip to Wellington Country Park<br>Cost £5.50*<br>                       | 9.30 – 11.00<br>Outdoor Sticky Tots Cost £1<br>1.30 – 2.30<br>Footie Fun     | 10.00 – 11.30<br>Coffee morning & rhyme time<br>2.00 – 3.30 Puppet Workshop.<br>Cost £1               | 1.30 – 3.30<br>Family Fun Day<br>Bring a picnic<br>Lots of fun activities for the under 8's   |
| Monday, 3 August   | Tuesday, 4 August   | Wednesday, 5 August   | Thursday, 6 August   | Friday, 7 August  |
| 1.00 – 2.00<br>Story & Song<br>Time   | 10.00 – 11.00<br>MAD Academy at Melrose Hall<br>Cost £2*                         | National Playday at Eastrop Park<br>Come and join in the fun and games!<br>From 10.00   | 10.00 – 11.30<br>Coffee morning & rhyme time<br>1.00 – 3.30<br>Teddy Bears' Picnic at Monk Sherborne  | 1.00 – 2.30<br>Chill & Chat                                        |
| Monday, 10 August  | Tuesday, 11 August  | Wednesday, 12 August  | Thursday, 13 August  | Friday, 14 August   |
| 1.00 – 2.00<br>Story & Song<br>Time   | Minibus trip to Bucklebury Farm Park<br>Cost £7*<br>                             | 9.30 – 11.00<br>Outdoor Sticky Tots Cost £1<br>2.00 – 3.30<br>Parachute Fun  | 10.00 – 11.30<br>Coffee morning & rhyme time<br>2.00 – 3.30<br>Camps & Dens Cost £1                   | 1.00 – 2.30<br>Chill & Chat                                        |
| Monday, 17 August  | Tuesday, 18 August  | Wednesday, 19 August  | Thursday, 20 August  | Friday, 21 August   |
| 1.00 – 2.00<br>Story & Song<br>Time  | 10.00 – 11.00<br>MAD Academy at Melrose Hall<br>Cost £2*                        | 9.30 – 11.00<br>Messy Play<br>Cost £1                                       | 10.30 – 11.30<br>Water Fun   | 1.00 – 2.30<br>Chill & Chat                                       |
| Monday, 24 August  | Tuesday, 25 August  | Wednesday, 26 August  | Thursday, 27 August  | Friday, 28 August   |
| Popley Family Fun Day at Marnel Infant School<br>10.00 – 2.00  | 10.00 – 11.00<br>Stretch & Grow (Fitness session) at Melrose Hall<br>Cost £2*  | 9.30 – 11.00<br>Outdoor Crafts<br>Cost £1                                  | 10.00 – 11.30<br>Coffee morning & rhyme time    | 1.00 – 2.30<br>Chill & Chat<br>10.00 – 3.00<br>Octopus Fun Day  |

If you would like to know more about any of our holiday activities, please contact us at Pebbles Children's Centre. We remain open throughout the holidays from 8.00 am to 6.00 pm.

Many of our activities need to be booked in advance as numbers are limited, and some of them have a fee which must also be paid in advance.

We also now have our Autumn timetable of activities and courses available. Please contact us for information.



## The Sentinel Housing Pre-season Challenge

On 5th July we will be holding our annual Tournament "The Sentinel Housing Pre-Season Challenge" at the Basingstoke Powerleague. All proceeds from the event will be donated to the Samantha Dixon Brain Tumour Trust who fund scientific and clinical research into childhood and adult brain tumours, and also offers support and information to patients and their carers. The Charity has become the largest brain tumour support charity and dedicated funder of brain tumour research in the United Kingdom.

## The Knightmares

We have invited 5 clubs at different age groups to take part and I'm really looking forward to watching the U7s Knightmares.

We only thought we were going to have one team for the U7s for next season, but as time went on more and more came along and we now have enough for two teams, which is great news. We had a freindly with Chineham Tigers and it was such a good atmosphere from both teams and the kids absolutely loved it: the way it should be! Alfie Austen and Jake Lunnon for the Knightmares have been put forward and accepted for the Chelsea FC School of Excellence for two years. This is great news, not only for the boys and parents, but the club and Popley as a whole. Well done boys!

## Marnel School

The Marnel Juniors FC have won the KOFS League beating Southview, Chalkridge and Fairfields to the title, and the trophy was awarded to the boys at Marnel by myself and Mr Jones. The boys have worked hard and have fully deserved it. The players also selected a Players, Player of the Year award. For year 5, Scott Forder won a certificate and medal, and year 6, Nam Jabego, well done boys!

Thank you for your support, united always!

Lee

## Sherborne St John Parish Council

### School Transport to Everest Community College

We can start this article with some good news.

After lobbying from parents in Sherborne St John, the Parish Council and the Head Teacher at Everest Community College, the Hampshire County Council Road Safety Team inspected the route the village and ECC and agreed the route was unsafe for pupils to walk to school. As a result, pupils attending Everest Community College living in the village are entitled to a free school bus service.

### Red Telephone Box, Elm Road

After a "straw poll" in the village, where the outcome seem to show the majority of villagers wanted to keep the Telephone Box, the Parish Council voted to adopt the box from BT at a cost of £1. Once ownership has been transferred, the box will be the responsibility of the PC.

Requirements for repainting/repairing the box, future maintenance and insurance will be discussed when the PC takes over ownership.

PLEASE NOTE there will NOT be a working telephone in the box.

### Repairs to Play Area

Following an annual inspection it was discovered that several items of equipment need repair and the PC will arrange for these to be carried out.

### Chickens on Allotments.

The PC is still reviewing this matter.

An inspection of the allotment area under consideration was carried out by an Allotment Officer from Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council. It was felt that this area, after clearing existing weeds and checking ground conditions, might make a usable allotment. The PC will consider this in view of the waiting list. There is another area which may be suitable for chickens. No decision has as yet been made.

### New Logo for Parish Council.

We look forward to receiving many entries for this competition, which is open to villagers of all ages. There will be prizes. The entries must be in to the Parish Clerk by 1<sup>st</sup> September.

Prior to the meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, there was a presentation from Emily Preston of the Loddon & Eversley Leader Programme (sponsored by HCC).

The Leader Programme is an EU initiative providing funding to PCs, community groups and small businesses for projects, large and small, which will prove to be beneficial to rural communities.

There is a large "pot" available providing grants up to £50k for such projects.

The Parish Council will now consider any projects for which it may wish to apply for funding.

Finally please note that, except in an emergency, the Parish Clerk should be contacted BETWEEN 9.00am and 5.00pm WEEKDAYS ONLY.

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Future meetings

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September - Special Meeting at Everest Community College 7.30

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September – SSJ Village Hall 7.30

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – SSJ Village Hall 7.30

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – SSJ Village Hall 7.30

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### EVEREST COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Over the last few weeks some of the 1st and 2nd year pupils (and some older school leavers) from Everest Community School have been demonstrating/playing their Steel Pans at Fetes around the area. The children learn to play these as an extra-curriculum lesson after school has finished. As our granddaughter is learning to play one of the pans, we have been going to each venue to give support. We would like to say how much we have enjoyed watching and listening to them. The music is definitely much pleasanter outdoors than in the reception area of the school! These youngsters are giving up their weekends to promote the school and they all look very smart in their purple sweatshirts with the PAN EVEREST logo on the back. Perhaps the school could publish an agenda for any future venues in Popley Matters, so that others may have the chance of going to listen to this group.

Listening to comments of people standing around us, they are very well received, with people tapping their feet and smaller children dancing in front of them. So pupils and audiences alike get much enjoyment out of this show. Congratulations to you all.

Well done Everest for doing so much to turn the reputation of the school around; it is certainly a school to be proud of now and will, hopefully, remain so into the future.

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The summer holidays are upon us again. To help keep the kids entertained why not bring them along to the play scheme? The scheme is run by Basingstoke Play Council and runs from 10th August until the 14th August 2pm-4pm. We have now had our community gardens judged for Basingstoke in Bloom and South East in Bloom - we have to wait until September for our results!

However, there is still lots of work to be done in the gardens so if you can spare any time to plant, dig, weed, litter pick etc.. or have plants you would like to donate, please contact Vicki in the office.

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9.30am-2.30pm Marnel Early Years
- WEDNESDAY: 10.00-11.30am Popley Little People, Mother and Toddler group  
9.00-11.00am Quit Smoking Clinic  
12-2pm Oasis Lunch club
- THURSDAY: 9.30am-12pm Friendly Café
- FRIDAY: 6.30-7.45pm MCF Youth Club - age 5 to 10 years  
8.00- 9.15pm age 11 plus.
- SATURDAY: 9.00-12.30pm Petite School of Dance
- SUNDAY: MCF - Contact Pastor Phillip Keble on 462351 for times of services.

Melrose Community Hall is available to hire for birthdays, wedding receptions and conferences. Please ring Vicki Jackson on 01256 420676 for more information or e-mail us at Melrosehall@tiscali.co.uk.

Phone: 01256 414494

Fax: 01256 418529



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popleyfields@hotmail.com

**Youth club**

This will continue running on Monday evenings during the Summer holidays, for all those who are members.

Let's hope we get some nice weather for some outside activities.

Youth club will be closed on 31<sup>st</sup> August as this is a Bank Holiday.

**Aerotone Goes Bikini Blitz**

Come and join the Aerotoners in shaping up for summer, new aerobic routine every 5 weeks for age 16 and over to get you into tip top holiday condition. Be ready to work it, tone it and lose it! Classes run every Thursday 7.45 to 8.45pm you will need to bring a mat or towel and a drink. All abilities welcome for fun workout in a relaxed environment. Current offer £4.00 per session, 5<sup>th</sup> one free. Call Louise for more info on 07896 757125.

**Free Computer Classes**

Free computer courses begin again at Popley Fields Community Centre on the week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> September 2009. Courses include beginners computing: internet & email: digital photography; and more.

For more information please call QMC 01256 417517 or pop into the Community Centre for details of course times and days.

**MAD Academy**

This high energy dance group for under 4s is continuing in popularity but there are always spaces available. Come along on Tuesday mornings from 10.15-11.15am and speak to Cathy. Starts again in September.

**Silverwings Line Dancing**

There is a beginners Line Dancing class held here on Wednesday evenings from 6.30-7.30pm in our Large Hall. A more advanced class meets on the same evening from 8.00-10.00pm. Come along and give it a try.

**New Testament Church of God – Coffee Morning for over 50s**

This popular get together is held here on Thursday mornings from 10.30am until 12.30pm. Come along with your old friends and make some new ones

This will not be on during the month of August but starts again in September

**Dynamics:**

Baton twirling takes place on Thursday Evenings 5.00 to 7.00pm.

Popley Fields Community Centre is also available for hire for conferences, meetings, private parties, weddings and under 12s children's parties all at very reasonable rates. Call now for more information on any of the above or to find out more about any of the other activities which happen at the Centre every week.

Tel: 01256 414494 or email popleyfields@hotmail.com

# 1<sup>st</sup> Popley Scout Group

Based at St Gabriel church      Group est.: 14/10/1968      National Scout Registration Number 44826



Another year has past and what fun we have had, at last night's meeting the children were given all the badges that they have earned this term, how pleased they were with them, hope to see them all sewn on for the new term. As next week will be our last meeting before the summer break, the whole group are having a water fight and games night with a BBQ to end this year of hard work. Next term there is a full programme just waiting to start, there is a group camp for a weekend, as they enjoyed the district camp so much they can't wait to go again. To make the most of light evenings they will be out and about, learning, having



lots more fun and gaining even more badges and hopefully grow even bigger, there are about 18 cubs at the moment but still room for a few more. The scout section will also be growing in September as some Cubs will be moving up, we have a new Scout leader that is full of fantastic ideas and a full programme just waiting to start. The Scouts have gained a few badges this term and will earn loads more out and about doing scout stuff, like getting stuck in and having fun too. Angle our new Beaver leader has been with us now for five months, she has got to grips with leading the beaver colony with a balanced programme they are earning there badges too, hopefully will gain more Beaver in September.

Meetings are held at St Gabriel's Church Hall, Tewkesbury Close.  
Tuesday evenings, (term time only).



Boys and Girls 6-8 yrs  
5pm – 6.15pm



Boys and Girls 8-10 1/2 yrs  
6.30pm – 8pm



Boys and Girls 10 1/2-14 1/2 yrs  
6.30pm – 9pm

For more information please contact:

Brigitte Cleall 01256 412307, John Talks 01256 414168  
(cubs) Sarah Wallington 01256 325819

Or just pop along to your age group meeting.

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# Merton Rise – an update

Many of you will have read the article titled *Merton Rise and the “Credit Crunch” – Update* in the March edition of Popley Matters. It highlighted some of the issues that we have experienced since the “Credit Crunch” occurred and the unsurprising impact this had on the development of Merton Rise.

Since then I have become the new Project Manager for the delivery of this development and, together with my project team, we are doing a number of things to ensure that this project can take advantage of market recovery when it occurs. The programme of primary infrastructure installation, including the new east to west Spine Road plus utilities and a Sustainable Urban Drainage System, is now complete. We are now embarking on discussions with the Local Planning Authority at Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council to identify the way forward to formulate a new planning strategy.

In the meantime, we are continuing with the sizable task of managing the site. We are aware of some of the local concerns about gypsy and traveller encampments and have taken various steps to try and prevent further incursions. We have completed some boundary fencing along the western edge of the site adjacent to the A340, along Don Allen Drive and on the eastern edge where the site abuts the Miller and Taylor Wimpey developments. We have also blocked the highway adjacent to the second phase of the Miller Homes development. Hopefully these measures will discourage further itinerant incursions.

As the planning and disposal strategies progress, we will aim to give you further updates.

Craig Hedges

Merton Rise Project Manager

**Further details about Merton Rise can be found at:**

[www.mertonrise.co.uk](http://www.mertonrise.co.uk)

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## Over 55s Forum

Our next Open Forum meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th August at Carnival Hall, Council Road, Basingstoke, 10.00am to 1.00pm, Guest speakers will be Graham Howlett and his dogs (Hampshire Arson Task Force Officer - Fire Investigator & Search Dog Handler); Mike Woodhouse (Basingstoke Savers/Hampshire Credit Union); and Peter Chambers Soldier Sailor Air Force & Army (SSAFA). Anyone wishing to join or would like to see what we are all about, are welcome to attend.

Our International Day will be held on Saturday 26th September 2009 at Queen Mary College, Cliddesden Road, Basingstoke. We are again staging a Variety Show with the following acts: Basingstoke Male Voice Choir; Basingstoke Tappers & Jazz; Everest Steel Pan Band - 2 Young musicians from the Hampshire Youth Orchestra; Drumrunners; Carnival Chorus and a Sing-a-long with Jane Marie Cole. Doors open at 1.30pm. The Show starts at 2pm and Finishes at 5pm.

Tickets are £4 and can be purchased from Gerald, 30 Dartmouth Walk, Basingstoke, RG22 6QS. Cheque payable to B & D Over 55s Forum, please send a stamped addressed envelope. Thanks, Gerald (Secretary)

# Sentinel

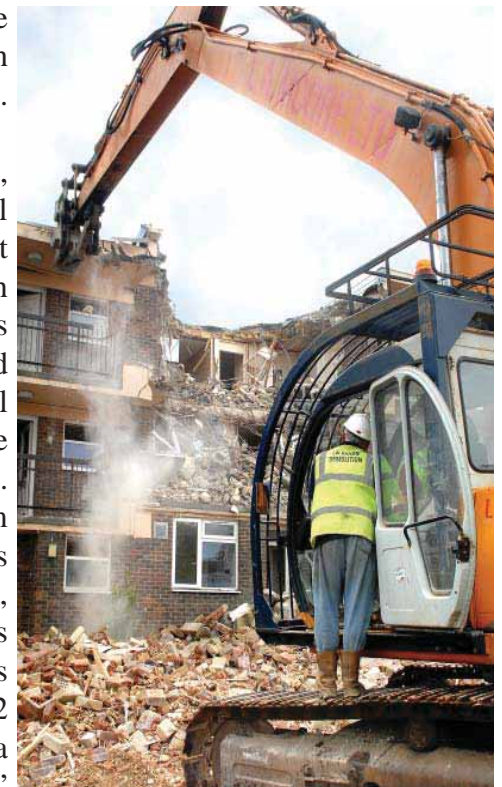
## Popley says goodbye to local eyesore

POPLEY RESIDENTS have seen their wishes come true this week after workmen began demolishing a block of flats that has become a magnet for antisocial behaviour.

Demolition experts moved in on Wednesday to start bulldozing the unpopular block of flats in Longfellow Parade on the Popley Poets estate, heralding the start of the final phase of a £15m community regeneration project.

The block of 50 flats and three shops was until recently home to the local One Stop convenience store, but since Sentinel Housing Association relocated the branch to a prime site off Shakespeare Road, the landlord’s contractors Mansell have been preparing the site for safe demolition.

Sentinel’s Chief Executive, Martin Nurse, said: “We’re very pleased to see the final phase of this regeneration project get underway. We’ve worked closely with local residents over the last 18 months to keep disruption to a minimum and although this is a lengthy project, it will be a tremendous improvement for the community and the people living here. We’ve had really positive feedback from everyone who has moved into new homes in Marlowe Close and Shakespeare Road, and the newly located One Stop shop is already seeing an increase in trade. This final phase will provide a further 42 affordable homes for local people and a big step forward for Popley residents.”







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For general information about the Award, see [www.dofe.org](http://www.dofe.org)



## POPLEY CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS

The Popley Conservation Volunteers held their AGM at Popley Fields on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June.

The group was formed over 5 years ago and aims to look after local wildlife habitats in Popley, such as Basing Wood, Chineham Park, and White Horse Ponds, aka Popley Ponds, a Nature Reserve which is home to over 4,000 amphibians including the protected Great Crested Newt.

In a built-up area like Popley, you would not believe just how much wildlife is just beyond your doorstep!

Our work is varied but has become increasingly ambitious over the years. Typically this involves coppicing, dead hedging, brush and ivy removal, plus plantation of new species and bottle trapping of amphibians for population monitoring. Our work is undertaken under the watchful eye of qualified experts. We are currently putting in place and reviewing a program of 5 year management plans for our wild habitats.

We receive grants from the Council in recognition of the voluntary work we do on public land that otherwise would be relied on the Council to do. We have money to spend and a large inventory of tools, plus permits and insurance to work on Council land.

But what we are lacking is people! We are holding an EGM in the next 3 months to recruit more people and get them involved in the running of the organisation. To this end we are suspending our £3 annual membership fee this year.

We would be particularly interested to hear from young people e.g. students, pupils and members of youth organisations which do conservation work, e.g. scouts. We have some fantastic opportunities for conservation work and scientific study, plus access to a wide variety of training courses.

Cllr Andrew McCormick, Treasurer



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## Cornerstone Nursery News - Summer 2009

We have had a busy few months at all three of the Cornerstone Nursery sites during the last month with many activities going on that all the children have loved...

Cornerstone Miss Muffets in Popley Road had a fantastic farm visit, which actually came to the nursery for the afternoon for our school-leaver's party. The children had a fantastic time and enjoyed petting all of the animals.

We also enjoyed a social visit to Roke Farm where we had sole use of the facilities and enjoyed stroking and handling the animals and even got to meet 13 new baby piglets!

Cornerstone Nursery in Priestly Road have been doing lots of cooking activities and enjoyed trying new dishes. We had themed food days from around the world and this month we had "America" and the children made REAL Hamburgers from Hampshire Beef for lunch.

The garden has been renovated with a little help from our parents and children at our "gardening day" where we created a new Play House and vegetable patch to go with our wonderful quarter acre landscaped garden complete with willow dome and digging and sand pits.

We said goodbye to our school leavers with a party themed as a medieval banquet for little knights and princesses!

At Cornerstone Sunrise at Aldworth Science College we have been developing our garden space. We now have a fantastic sand pit and an area for planting where we have been planting lots of different flowers, and will be planting herbs and vegetables.

Finally, in August there is a fun day in Popley for all our children to raise money for Brain Tumour UK - we would love to welcome any parents in the local area with children up to the age of 5. Please call 01256 81 81 18 for more information.

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