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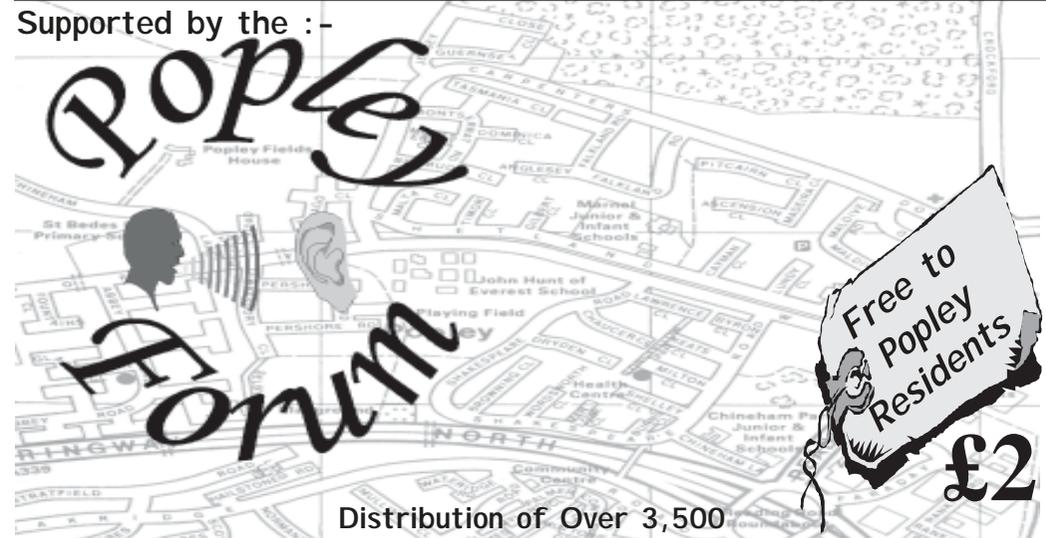
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**Message From the Editor:-** It has been a very special summer for my family, my youngest son Tony and his girlfriend Ame got married on August 14<sup>th</sup> at St Gabriel's Church, Paul my eldest son was best man. St Gabriels had a brand new sound system and the service was absolutely wonderful the music was played on a CD that Vicar Arthur Botham made of all the wedding music they had chosen. Five bridesmaids and three page boys from 3years old to 20 they all looked great. Thank you to all the family and friends that made it so special.

Popley had a lovely "Proud of Popley" litter pick with around 60 people turning up, we were put into three teams I was with the team that did around the Scout hut and playing fields. There was a competition for the "most unusual piece of litter". Our team won with a chemical toilet! We also found a mattress, car parts and lots of the usual litter. When we finished there was a BBQ after washing our hands in the Scout hut we tucked into free burgers, hot dogs and salad. It was such a great success the Community wardens Steve and Lesley are planning another litter pick look out for the notices in your community centers.

There will be a coffee morning at Melrose Hall details on page 20. I have tried the home made cakes and they are delicious and the money raised will go to a good cause. As I write this my dear friend Julie is in hospital undergoing treatment that will take months my thoughts are with her. If you would like to send a message to a friend or family you can always write to me at 405 Abbey Road or phone 819924.

I am pleased to see that the war on graffiti is getting publicity and there have been some arrests if you see any let us know.

You may have noticed some leaflets on lamp posts where there will be some double yellow lines this came about after consulting with residents and a 655 names petition that Andy and I were given. There had been some nasty accidents mostly with young children and the worst was in Shakespeare Road near the school, it makes sense to have lines near the school to protect our children there is ample dropping off places and their safety is more important than wanting to park so close to a school. Most people like me put children a priority. Along with Popley Forum I have campaigned for yellow lines opposite the entrance to Abbey Road shops at last it is on the list to be done also.

Changing the subject of colour from yellow to white lines I asked for white lines to be marked around the estate this will make for more efficient parking as there will guidance so hopefully if we cooperate cars will not take up more than one space. There is also some additional disabled spaces being marked. I would hate to see all our green areas go over to car parking we would be living in a concrete jungle. *Jane Frankum*

To pass back ideas, comments, suggestions, articles or to offer help please write to:- Popley Matters, 405 Abbey Road, Basingstoke.RG24 9EL email: [popley.matters@bopenworld.com](mailto:popley.matters@bopenworld.com) The views in this publication are not necessarily the views of the Editorial Team. Or the members of the committee of Popley Forum/Matters.

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## Letters to The Editor



**Dear Editor;** Myself and many of my neighbors in Pitcairn Close were amazed to read the article in your last issue regarding the youth facility planned for Popley Fields. The article states that "Following consultation with Residents, Youth, Youth Workers, Police and Councillors etc" Popley Fields is the preferred site for the scheme. We would like to know which residents were consulted about this as many of us in Pitcairn Close had no idea this was proposed. There may be steep bank and trees between us but if the residents of Pitcairn had been individually consulted then problems of noise caused would have been highlighted. The reason the local beat officers have had no complaints regarding youths using the courts is that the noise does not come from that area. We are fed up with noisy crowds which can and quite often does go on until 3am. At night when it is still, the noise carries over a great distance and people have to get up for work in the morning. In the past it has been a complete waste of time complaining to the police but we are now determined to phone as many times a night as possible to get something done. It seems to us that building them a shelter with tarmac area and rubbish bins will only encourage them to loiter in the area and cause more annoyance to the people of Pitcairn. Most of them have no respect for property as it is, so how long will this stay in pristine condition? Resident Pitcairn Close

**Editor;** *There have been several entries in Popley Matters articles in local papers, displays in Community centres and a display in a caravan in Pershore Road that officers, Councillors (I was one) and Community Wardens were at. There was a steady stream of residents from all over Popley and some children from the school. The youth group based in Popley Fields were also involved. You say in your letter the noise does not come from the ball courts and the police have said that is*

*where the youth gather then surely it is the best place it is some distance from houses but visible by the Police and Wardens. There is also a great pilot scheme that is being jointly proposed by Hampshire County Council, Basingstoke and Deane Council and the Fire Service. I have asked questions in full council in Winchester as to when or if will the fire station be built, there has been permission to build on that land since 1974, though they call it Chineham it is the triangle of land opposite the Church of Latter Day Saints. I witnessed the Faroe Close, Melrose and the burning down of four houses in Tintern plus there have been many more rubbish and car fires. There is widespread public consultation starting in September for improvements to the fire service for our area and the north of the borough The best way to find out and have your say is to come to the Popley Forum meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 o'clock in Popley Fields or get involved with the workshops and displays in Popley Fields Community Centre and Melrose Hall the will be there from the 20th September*

**Dear Editor;** As a long term resident of Popley, 32 Years, I feel I am entitled to have a moan. Bermuda Close has for some time now, been used as a race track for the local "Boy Racers". It really is beyond a joke, before long someone, be it a child or adult will get hurt.

What we need is some of those unwanted speed humps from Pack Lane, that way we will all be satisfied.

**Editor;** *It is certainly one point of view.*

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

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We are really enjoying our roles as Community Wardens for Popley and we love the challenges and opportunities available to us, together with the projects we have been able to initiate. One of our bigger, more recent projects, is the 'Proud of Popley' initiative.

There was recently a very successful clean up event, which we held at the Scout Hut by Popley Fields

Community Centre on Carpenter's Down, followed by a free barbecue for all who had taken part. It was fantastic to see all age groups from all over Popley getting involved in improving their community.

We also want to promote the many reasons local people are proud of Popley, with art projects and poster campaigns based around this. If you have any pictures or stories which reflect this, we would love to hear from you.

Unfortunately the dropping of litter, fly-tipping, graffiti, vandalism and dog fouling are examples of the kind of undesirable behaviour, by a small minority, that does occur and has a negative impact on the environment for everyone else. Please help us to reduce these activities in the area by keeping your eyes open. We would encourage you to use the Borough Council's freephone Hotline number, 0800 212218, to report any incidents of litter, fly-tipping or graffiti.

Popley has one of the highest proportions of young people in the whole of Hampshire - this is one of our greatest assets as young people bring vibrancy to a community and are our future. There are, of course, lifestyle differences between the generations and that's why some of our projects are aimed at bringing together a cross-section of the community to develop understanding and tolerance.

To provide structured activities for young people, the football project we have been running has become really successful. There is plenty of talent and energy in those taking part, with close to one hundred young people from around Popley playing organised football on a regular basis.

With the proposals for the North of Popley development and improvements to Popley Way, together with new facilities in the area such as the new High School and Neighbourhood Centre bringing in new residents, we are moving towards a period of significant change - but one that will surely be a change for the better. We will talk more about this in our next article.

With summer still with us it may seem a little early, however we are already on the look out for thespian talent over the next few weeks for our Christmas production. If you want to be involved please give us a call on the Community Warden number, which is 01256 845508.

We have found Popley to be a brilliant place, with some wonderful people. The area is also full of mature trees, quality homes and borders some of the best countryside the UK has to offer and it's a pleasure to work here.

**Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have something that is worrying you. We will try our best to help you out, and if we cant we will point you in the direction of someone who can.**

**Have a great day, and we'll see you out and about,**

Stephen and Lesley  
Community Wardens for Popley.



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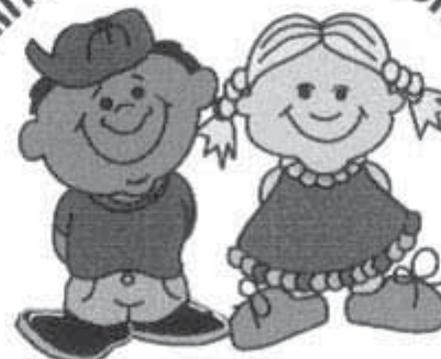
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## North Popley and John Hunt of Everest School – Update

Following the grant of outline planning consent for the redevelopment of the North Popley and existing John Hunt of Everest School sites on 10 June 2004 (immaculate timing given the outcome of the recent local elections), the County Council has been making good progress on the preparation of the next stages of the North Popley project and in particular the detailed scheme for the proposed replacement school.

Early next month we are proposing to submit a detailed planning application for the replacement school which will include the main school buildings, the youth service provision, the enhanced dual use sports, leisure and community facilities, parking, and the required access and servicing strategy for the school. The latter involves the closure of part of Sherborne Road and the diversion of the part of Chineham Lane into the North Popley site. The planning application will be determined by the County Council later this year. It is a complicated application because of the proposed school sites' relationship with the North Popley site and associated planning approval but the detail of the school proposals remain largely unchanged from those presented to the Forum on 19<sup>th</sup> May.

The grant of detailed planning consent for the school project will allow formal contracts to be let for the construction of the replacement school and associated infrastructure to meet the target opening date of January 2007. Initial construction work will commence from January 2005, although the main school contract will commence in earnest in June next year.

In tandem with this work we are also now beginning to make progress on the preparation of a series of masterplan documents for the North Popley and John Hunt of Everest sites to support the initial disposal of land on both sites from Spring 2005.

Finally, following the grant of outline planning approval the project management of the North Popley project has changed and Louise Hague will now be responsible for this project. Louise can be contacted by email on : [louise.hague@hants.gov.uk](mailto:louise.hague@hants.gov.uk). It is proposed that regular updates in Popley Matters will be provided, presentations will be made to the Popley Forum and Popley Partnership as necessary, together with a possible Popley website/magazine/exhibition (we are still working on this) to provide up-to-date information to the residents of Popley on the progress and key milestones for these projects.

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## **Diaries from The old codger**

Well I hope you all had a good summer just sitting watching all the new birds that have fledged their nests. Flowers that fill all the gardens that residents have nurtured over the summer is a wonder to be seen Popley people want to move on, yes as in all communities we will get the few that are not interested in the aspects of keeping the area they live in tidy but that is life. I wonder how many of the Popley residents could make an effort this winter and find in their back gardens a small place to put out seed for the birds, maybe put up one or two nest boxes in the garden, if they are put up now by spring birds will be used to them, and maybe start to nest. It's not much but the decline in our bird population is getting worse we could make that tiny bit of difference. Now on another note I am an oldie but I like to see change for the better some times we get things wrong but not in this case. The new plans for the Popleys should be embraced a school of the 21st century and we are lucky enough to be chosen the new John Hunt school will be state of the art. My children went to the old school one now is a successful manager of a large electrical company, my eldest son went to university and got his degree in bio medical science and my daughter went to college became a nanny before she married and has two great kids. We can only thank the staff at John Hunt for that. The John Hunt staff will I know take all the skills they have forward with them to turn out even more well educated youngsters, as they are our future. Our local councillors have worked hard for this day and I for one hope to be invited when it opens. Until my next venture is under way i.e (the Poets Dell) I will keep you updated.

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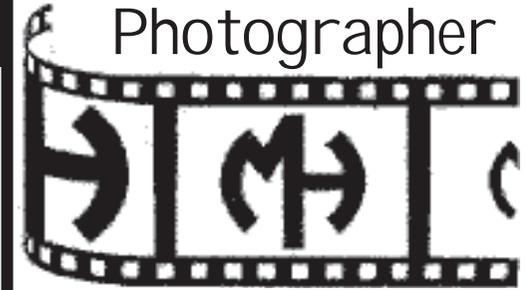
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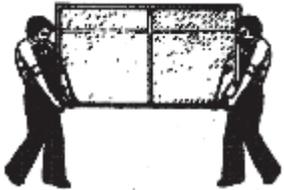
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## Paul Harvey on Education in Popley

It's that time of year when students all over Basingstoke get their results. Whether it's GCSE's, A Levels, or Diplomas, the effort and dedication of years of hard work comes to fruition. It's that next step in life as our young people decide on their futures.

For many it will be the biggest set of decisions they have made so far in their lives, and the opportunity to shape a career, undertake a degree, go for more qualifications or get a job.

John Hunt of Everest is a school with a reputation for caring about its pupils and as so many young people in Popley now face these choices it is reassuring to know that we have a strong teaching team advising and supporting them.

I stood and watched as young people from Popley got their results at Queen Mary's College and BCoT and to see the emotion and relief alongside the tears and feeling of achievement was amazing.

Education is one of those gifts that can define a life, invigorate ambitions, and raise self esteem. With the new plans for the new John Hunt of Everest School going from strength to strength. The new school will be a leading example of an 'Extended' Community School, the first of its kind in Hampshire.

Whether we are talking about the regeneration of Longfellow Parade, the new School, new community facilities like Bermuda Hall, or a new surgery, among just a few things that are changing Popley, the heart of the debate about our future must be about the people of our community and how they have a strong positive future. The results this August for so many of our young people represent another important part of the strength in our community. *Paul Harvey John Hunt School Governor and Portfolio holder for Employment Skills and Learning Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council*

# Popley Conservation Volunteers



Popley Conservation Volunteers is a voluntary organisation set up by Popley residents to clean up Popley and preserve its wild habitats. They meet every last Sunday of the month at 10am in Tobago Close next to Popley Ponds for task duties and every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 7.30pm in Popley Fields.

Popley Ponds is the jewel in the crown for Popley. Few people know where they are and the area is a unique piece of wilderness in the midst of a housing estate.

The ponds are “dry ponds”, which means in warm, dry weather in summer months they can dry out. This makes them unsuitable for fish (or the birds that eat them) but makes them ideal for newts, which thrive in such circumstances free from any predators and competition for food.

The ponds has a population of over 1,000 Great Crested Newts which are a protected species. That means their habitat is protected and only trained newt handlers can touch them: there are hefty punishments for people who trap them.

In the past the ponds have suffered from litter and fly tipping, even old cars. Popley Conservation Volunteers was formed to help protect the ponds and keep them clean. The work is sponsored by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council who own the land, and BTCV who set up the group and oversee our activities.

The group carries out a program of conservation work at the ponds which is overseen by English Nature. We meet at 10am on the last Sunday of each month (except Bank Holidays) at Tobago Close for tasks which include litter picking and surveying. Anyone is welcome to come along.

We also meet every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month, 7.30pm at Popley Fields where we discuss the ponds and plan future work. We are looking at other areas in Popley which could benefit from conservation work such as beside the Health Centre.

Anyone who is interested in joining us or who wants to find out more about us can contact Cliff on Basingstoke 356035 or [kliff2@aol.com](mailto:kliff2@aol.com)

*Andy McCormick*



The previous couple of months has seen the introduction of the new yellow card system implemented throughout the town. This has been brought in to address the problems with anti social behaviour and has had an impact already in reducing it.

The types of incidents that are common and cause nuisance to residents are things like foul and obscene language, litter, alcohol and drug abuse. Also youths gathering in large groups. Attempts in the past to deal with these have often resulted in the problem just moving on into another area. The Police have always tried to educate people and point out that what they may think is OK does cause distress to others. The scheme is designed to give a warning card with what the person is doing and contacting their parents if appropriate. They are then entered onto a data base which can be referenced and if there is an ongoing problem this can be acted on with possible charges being brought.

Over the summer months the schools of Popley are targeted by children on holiday. Extra patrols are put in place and the local beat officers as well as other beat officers patrol school grounds moving on children who for the most part just hanging around. Damage to school property has reduced following operations of this nature.

Underage drinking is more of a problem in the summer months due to the warmer weather and steps have been taken to target shops that sell to under 18. There is steps being taken to raise the age to 21 for off licences which should make it easier for shops to identify anyone under age.

People will have hopefully seen the crimewatch programme that asked for information surrounding the burglary involving the assault of the pensioner and her son in Ascension Close. Any new leads would be appreciated due to the serious nature of the injuries inflicted.

Keeping your house secure and being careful who you let in has always been a concern for people and there is information available from the Police station. If anyone has any concerns then come into the Police station or leave a message for the local beat officer, PC THORNE and PC DEERY who will be pleased to help.

A/PS Robinson

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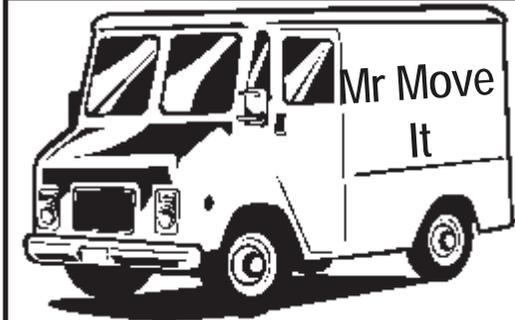
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Dear Friends

I guess by the time you settle down to read this, summer may be drawing to a close and our thoughts will be turning to schools, to work, and the return to the more usual routine. Summer tends to be a busy time in church for weddings and baptisms and St Gabriel's is no exception.

Conducting these services is always a privilege for me as it provides an opportunity to meet and get to know people from the estate at particularly joyful times in their lives, as families and friends gather to celebrate. Those that I have met over the past few months have shown how closely knit the people of Popley are and although the summer has been a busy one it's also been a great joy to meet many of you and to share in your celebrations.

Summer has also been a busy time in the life of St Gabriel's. In July we held our Summer Fayre and it turned out to be one of the best yet! We welcomed many families and friends to share in an afternoon of fun with a bouncy castle, tug of war and balloon race which, incidentally was won by Ashley whose balloon reached Cambridge. Ashley won a prize for himself and his parents –well done!

We've also had an Induction Loop system installed as an aid to the hard of hearing and by the time this goes to press we will have completed some refurbishment of the foyer area.

More importantly, we have now successfully introduced a monthly Family Service. This is held on the last Sunday of the month and is when our baptisms usually now take place. We have also introduced a monthly service of Evensong held in the main lounge of Magnolia Court. This begins at 6.30 and you are most welcome to come and join us at these or indeed any of our services.

In the autumn we are looking to reintroduce our weekly Children's Church and if this is something you may be interested in, either as a parent or helper then please watch for further details.

In the midst of all the daily activity of our busy lives it becomes increasingly important to seek out those quiet moments, to find time just to chill out and be ourselves. King David the author of many of the Psalms in the bible wrote "Be still and know that I am God!"

**As we return to the more normal routine of life the daily focus tends to be on meeting our physical and emotional needs but it's more important that we do not neglect our spiritual needs too. So when those quiet moments occur take the opportunity to follow King David's example and be still before the one who created all things.**

**Why not come and join us at 10.30 a.m. on a Sunday morning.**

**Hope to see you soon.**

**Arthur Botham.**

**Councillor Page:** There are some exciting schemes for Popley with a grant to John Hunt School to have some garden type furniture in the grounds of the school where pupils and teachers can "chill out" they will be moveable when the new school is built, it is planned to be opened in January 2007. I became involved with the request for a new school in early 2000 I was concerned about the state of the building, the falling results and the fall in pupils. Something radical needed to be done. Rob Donnelly was the Leader of the council and he suggested rebuilding the school. You can bet it met with some scepticism as only one other secondary school had been completely built by Hampshire County Council in nearly three decades. The new school and community facilities will cost anywhere from 21 million to 26, so it has to be paid for without putting the council tax up. The land that John Hunt stands on would be sold for housing to give a large part of the cost. With over 4600 applications for houses the houses are badly needed. Some families are living with parents in cramped conditions some are families living in one bedroom accommodation. It is easy to say we don't want more houses when you are saying it from the comfort of your own home.

After complaints from myself as County Councillor Jane Frankum and Councillor Andy McCormick plus a site visit from officers of Sentinel, the garage area in Marlowe will be cleared up, the damaged garage doors will be repaired and replaced. The "puddle" of oil treated and the abandoned car will be removed. We will be making a further visit probably before this Popley Matters is delivered. If you know who is causing the damage and mess you can contact me in complete confidence on 819924.

I have asked questions at full council meetings in Winchester about the provision of fire cover for the north part of Basingstoke and for reducing rapid response time in getting to the fire. Also what has happened to the new fire station, that first got planning permission in 1974. A pilot scheme (Popley will be the first in the country) has been proposed and we are all able to make known our views. There have been many fires in Popley from having to demolish four houses in Tintern to fires in Melrose Walk, Faeroe Close and other properties also many cars and rubbish fires. Hoax calls are costing vital time and are expensive. Come to Popley Forum on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> of September at 7'o clock where we will all be able to find out more about the scheme and make comments. There will be displays in Popley Fields Community Centre and Melrose Hall and the chance to be involved in a workshop and find out what exactly is proposed first hand straight from the horses mouth as they say.

As I have said before I have lived in Popley for over 33 years and I am always available phone 819924 or 07974098131 or call on me I live at 405 Abbey Road and for those who prefer to Email [cllr.jane.frankum@basingstoke.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.jane.frankum@basingstoke.gov.uk)  
*County Councillor Jane Frankum*

## **Crossroads Service for Basingstoke Carers**

**For the last three years, a Crossroads Steering group has been fighting to get a Crossroads service into Basingstoke and Hart areas. We are still fighting but in the meantime Newbury Crossroads have come up with an ideal that may help.**

**For those of you who have not come across Crossroads- they are a specialised Sitting service who offer excellent quality care in the home, meaning that the carer can get out and have a well earned break. They pride themselves on the training of their staff and they try to ensure continuity of carer. Having a new carer each time can be very confusing to a sick child or a confused dementia sufferer.**

**Newbury Crossroads have agreed that for the next 6 months they will provide carers into the Basingstoke area. For the time being the cost per hour may seem slightly higher than normal but because their carers are travelling from the Newbury area this adds to the total cost. They would hope to get enough hours from Basingstoke to start recruiting local staff thus reducing travelling time and cost.**

**The scheme is open to both individual carers and Care managers alike. The idea would be that once Basingstoke area is up and running the scheme would 'creep' across into the Hart and Rushmore area.**

**Those of you in generic groups eg the Parkinson's Society may like to start thinking about the possibility of fundraising to set up a respite fund. This could then be used as the Basingstoke Alzheimer's Society does to subsidise the hourly cost to the carers. Those of you on Direct Payments could also purchase your hours direct from Newbury Crossroads. For anyone that would like more advice on Direct Payments please contact Sylvia Phillipps at Carers Together at their Romsey office on 01794519495 or e-mail [sylviap@carerstgether.org.uk](mailto:sylviap@carerstgether.org.uk)**

**The costs per hour at the moment work out as follows:**

**Weekdays, normal hours £15.83**

**Weekdays, evenings £17.24**

**Weekends £20.06**

**This is a temporary state of affairs until we see what demand is like-probably for 6 months.**

**Because of the distances involved, Newbury Crossroads have asked for a minimum order of 3 hours per time. However you do not have to have those hours at the same time each week- you could double them up one week and have none the second week. Again this is where the flexibility of Direct Payments is important. Obviously the aim is to purchase as many hours as possible as a total from Basingstoke, and to speed up the introduction of the reduced rate per hour.**

**For more advice please contact Jane Halls, Carers Together in Basingstoke 01256 353290  
Or e mail [jane@carerstgether.org.uk](mailto:jane@carerstgether.org.uk)**

# connexions

Dear community, young people, families and friends

After working here for almost four years I wanted to write a personal letter to let you know that I am leaving the Popley community.

Most of you know that I have worked with many families in different job roles and in many of your homes. I thank all of you for being welcoming, frank and honest with your private concerns.

I will still be working in Basingstoke but in the community of Winklebury and with young people from all ages. I will be supporting young people who have been excluded from various schools and provision and helping them overcome personal obstacles.

I have enjoyed the friendships, the fun and all the help that the young people of Popley have given in the past and I know will continue to do so in the future. I hope that some of the young people will continue to support Bianca and Junction 6 now that she is back after having her baby.

I wish all the new workers and the old ones who will carry on best wishes and support for the future. Please keep in touch! I look forward to my replacement having the great community support and job satisfaction that I have had.

Take care of the community, yourselves and each other!

Shola Cameron  
Inclusion Co –Ordinator Basingstoke Plus



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Basingstoke Air Scouts, based in Carpenters Down, now have room for some new members to join the group. Meeting on a Monday evening for a few hours, we have lots of varied activities on offer. Coming up this next few months we are having a visit to the Fire Station at Odiham Airfield. A weekend 'Backward' camp, where you will be shown how to cook meals on an open fire, and how to make a shelter for the night. Jamboree on the Internet weekend, where you will be able to chat to other Scouts world wide. Oh, and because we are Air Scouts we get to go flying sometimes.

So if your up for any of that, why not phone me and I'll tell you more. But ask your parents first!

Phone me Colin, (Leader) on 410559



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MONDAY	9.30 -12PM COFFEE MORNING	1PM-3PM FREE COMPUTER COURSE
TUESDAY	10am-12pm Play2gether (Young parents Group) Free!	2PM - 4PM BINGO 4PM PETITE SCHOOL OF DANCE
WEDNESDAY	9.30 -11.30 PARENT & TODDLER GROUP	12PM - 2PM OASIS LUNCH CLUB 4.15PM ONWARDS CHARITY AUCTION 7PM SALE STARTS
THURSDAY	9.30-12PM COFFEE MORNING	7PM WEIGHT WATCHERS
FRIDAY	9.30-2.30PM LODDON ALLIANCE	6.30PM YOUTH CLUB
SATURDAY	9.30 -12.30 PETITE	SCHOOL OF DANCE
SUNDAY	11AM MELROSE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP	6.30PM MELROSE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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Play your part in 'the BIG recycle' and recycle as much of your household waste as possible. For further information on the national campaign check out the website [www.recyclenow.org.uk](http://www.recyclenow.org.uk)

In Basingstoke and Deane we are currently recycling about 16% of household waste collected throughout the Borough but with the average wheelie bin thought to contain 70% recyclable material there is still a lot more to be done.

There are a variety of recycling opportunities throughout the Borough. The kerbside recycling scheme allows mixed paper and card, plastic household bottles and food and drinks cans to be collected from the kerbside. There are also over 50 recycling sites taking a combination of materials including glass, textiles, aluminium foil, paper and card, plastic bottles and food and drinks cans making recycling easier and more convenient for local residents.

Every day we all produce huge amounts of waste. It is thought that the average person uses two trees worth of paper each year, that's over 125,000 trees worth in Basingstoke and Deane alone, by recycling all your paper this requirement could be greatly reduced.

Diverting recyclable materials out of the waste stream produces a resource from which new products can be made. Plastic bottles can be recycled into new bottles, garden furniture and compost bins even fleece clothing and sleeping bag filling. Cans are recycled into new packaging and save huge amounts of energy that would otherwise be required to turn the raw materials into these items and also helps avoid the need to keep using these precious resources.

**The Three R's.** It's not all about recycling though. Much of the rubbish we want to dispose of could be avoided by following the three r's of waste minimisation: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. Say no to carrier bags that you don't really need or use reuseable ones. Avoid single use items such as disposable razors, and batteries. Avoid over packaged products, buying in bulk often represents better value for money and there is less packaging to throw away afterwards, also choose items that have easily recyclable packaging. Finally support the market for recycled products and choose items made from recycled material.

### **Is once enough?.....RECYCLE**

To find your nearest recycling site please look at our website [www.basingstoke.gov.uk](http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk) and click on recycling information, alternatively call the Council's customer contact centre on 01256 845474.

# Young Parents Group

Come along to our Young Parents Group at  
Melrose Hall

Every Tuesday 10am to 12 Noon

The group is run FREE by the Preschool Learning alliance and is part funded by the Basingstoke Teenage Pregnancy Partnership.

It is for young parents and their children from  
0 to 5 years old.

Come and have some fun meet people and make  
friends

There is a lot of things to do, from play activities  
to craft

Parents can join in, we encourage their  
participation in the choices of what to do.  
You don't have to join in you can sit relax and  
enjoy a cup of tea and coffee and have a chat.

The Preschool Learning Alliance will also be  
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Lesley Allen

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Activity	Day	Time	Duration	Start
Health and fitness!				
Family Football & games	Tues	7 - 8pm	30 wks	20th Sept
Aerobics for Families	Mon	6 - 7pm	30 wks	20th Sept
Looking Good & feeling good	Tue	10-12	5 wks	21st Sept
General Interest				
Family Quiz nite & craft fayre	Mon	7-10pm	1 wk	22nd Nov
Supporting Parents of Teenagers	Wed	6.30-8.30	8 wks	3rd Nov
What shall we tell the kids	Wed	7 - 9pm	3 wks	9/16/23rd Nov
Creative arts!				
Family Steel Pans	Thu	6-7.30pm	20 wks	23rd Sept
Family Dance	Thu	6 - 7pm	30 wks	23rd Sept
New for 2004!				
Family Boat-making	Sat	9.30am-3.30pm	2 wks	9th/16th Oct
Family Woodwork	Thu	6.30-8pm	6 wks	23rd Sept
Spanish for Families	Wed	6-7.30pm	8 wks	22nd Sept
Family Interior-Design	Wed	6 - 8pm	15 wks	22nd Sept
Family Aromatherapy	Wed	6.30-8pm	15wks	22nd Sept
Family History	Mon	6—8pm	6 wks	20th Sept

John Hunt is offering a range of programmes to encourage a healthy lifestyle, leisure activities and opportunities to learn something new!

**Family Football and Games**-This course will get parents and children off the couch and onto the pitch. Improve your game with sporting techniques and keep fit exercises.

**Aerobics for Families**-Keep yourself fit this autumn with bums and tums. A fun way to get toned for the whole family. (10 years and up).

**Looking good/feeling good**-This course will look at clothes, style and colours which suite you best, you will also look at diet and exercise.

**Family Quiz nite and craft fayre**-test your general knowledge, teams of up to 8, adult and children rounds, all ages welcome, There will be a small fee per team. And a chance to do some early Christmas shopping.

**Supporting parents of Teenagers**-This course is for parents. Do you have a 'Kevin or Perry'? At times, we all need someone to talk to. Learn new techniques for dealing with teenage issues.

What shall we tell the kids-a course for parents and carers of young people designed to build confidence with sons and daughters about sexual health, feelings and relationships. Course is lead by health professionals.

**Family Steel Pans**-Come along and experience the joy of making music together.

**Family Dance**- Learn new dance moves and enjoy keeping fit together, whilst learning some maths along the way!

Family Boat making in two weekends!- Come along and build a boat in two weekends. A fun family activity with the opportunity to learn new woodworking skills along the way.

**Family Woodwork**-Come along and plan, create and decorate your own birdhouse or bookend together.

**Spanish for Families**-This class gives beginners the opportunity to start learning a fun new language now!

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