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Message From the Editor:- I could barely watch on the weekend of 20th/21st August when there were some horrific images of the World War 2 in the Far East what brave men and women and what terrible things they put up with, would I be as brave? We take so much for granted and sometimes forget the price that has been paid for us to have so much freedom and a future. There is a wonderful website where people can add their stories of the war. They are of good, bad and incredible times and I would encourage anyone to write their stories for the next generations . There is help available so you can write or tape record there are volunteers help to get them on record the number to ring with any enquiries is 08000150950 and the web site is www.bbc.co.uk/ww2 .

Paul Frankum and I have been really busy writing the web site for Popley Matters and we are adding information nearly every day if there are any clubs or groups in Popley that want to be included write to 405 Abbey Road, phone 819924 or email editor@popleymatters.org.uk

We would like to appeal for more people to help deliver the Popley Matters it could take as little as 30 minutes a month, at the moment it is all done on a voluntary basis as is all the Editorial Team we would like to keep it that way if possible

Next month the Fire Service are holding a “check your electric blanket free” It will be at Popley Fields and you will need to book an appointment so get in early and phone 02380626809.

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Letters to The Editor



Dear Editor; How can we tell who is a genuine workman or not, my elderly friend has just had some men who looked like council workers and they cut some branches off the tree outside her garden then said she would have to pay them a lot of money and they wanted it now. You keep hearing such terrible stories of old and vunreble people being cheated in all sorts of ways. What can we do?

Editors reply These acts of fraud, deception and robbery just make my blood boil. There are however some actions you can take to minimise the risk of becomming a victim of these uninvited callers. Always ask to see some proof of identity and it should have their photo and name, call their boss, the number is on the card if they are genuine they never mind, in fact I have had some compliments when I have asked for proof do not let them into the house while you phone close the door and let them wait outside if they are genuine they wont mind. I never buy any services at the door whatever they are selling, even if they appear to be in a uniform or a smart suit. Another big giveaway is if they only have a mobile phone number this should send alarm bells ringing very loudly, they could easily be people who travel around from place to place they do not have a fixed address or office. The classic cons are tarmacing, gardening, tree cutting, roofs and driveways. You may think you have saved a lot of money but it is usually these people themselves who have told you how much they think it will cost to get the service and they always exaggerate

the cost. When things go wrong you have no one to complain to as they are long gone. They will only come to an area if they can find plenty of gulable people it is not always such a bargain. If you are not sure ring the police 08450454545.

Dear Editor; I just had to write to tell you and everyone, I was out walking my dog and I thought I would take a new route I was passing the underpass by John Hunt School when I noticed what I first thought was graphitti to my surprise it was in fact some fantastic art work with the four seasons a train and row of shops all painted in bright and lovely colours. I asked another person who was waiting near the bus stop and she said that the children had done it with a little help from Junction 6 the Wardens and a few others, she said they wanted to chear it up for people walking through and with the lights on at night that older people would feel safe. I had to write because there is so much said against the youth that when they do something as wonderful as this we should say thank you and well done to you all.

Editors reply I could not agree more. Paul and I were at the launch and the children said they wanted to put something back into their community and they did they spent their school holiday painting the underpass

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

Please send your letters to : The Editor, Popley Matters, 405 Abbey Rd, RG24 9EL or email:

editor@popleymatters.org.uk

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September is a time of new beginnings and change for many people. Some will be starting new schools and colleges to begin new qualifications and others will be entering employment for the first time. It's also a good time to take stock of the past academic year and look forward to how we can help improve the quality of life in Popley over the next year.

The summer holidays have gone really well. Many young people have got involved with activities such as football; dance; drama; snowboarding; cheerleading; volleyball and even salsa and jive dancing! Lots of different agencies have been involved in providing these activities and we would like to say a big thank you for investing in the young people of Popley.

Even though we're still in late summer, the time has come for us to start planning our Magic of Christmas event. Many of you attended last year's event at Melrose Hall and will remember what an amazing evening it was. This year's event is going to be held at Popley Fields Community Centre on Monday 19th December. We will be holding the first planning committee meeting on **Monday 12th September at 7.00pm** in the Community Wardens Office. **We need as many people as possible to get involved** in planning the event, and would love to see you there on the 12th if you can get involved.

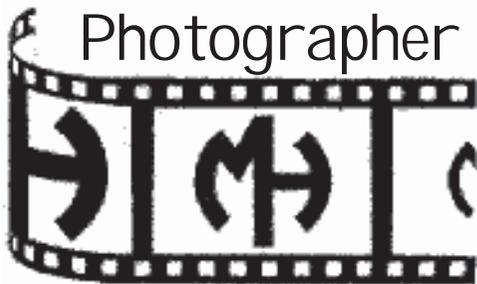
Whilst on the topic of involvement, we'd like to thank everyone who has been helping us to reduce the incidents of crime and anti-social behaviour through keeping us informed about issues in your area. We need the help of the whole community to keep crime at its current low level and drive it down even further, so please call us if something is concerning you and we can let the police know where necessary.

We're available most Thursday evenings at Popley Fields Community Centre where we run the Mocktails non-alcoholic cocktail bar from 6.30 – 8.30pm. From September, we are always going to be available from **7.00 – 8.00pm on the first Thursday in the month** if you want to come and try a Mocktail or chat to us about any concerns you may have. Also, don't hesitate to grab us for a chat if you see us out and about, and we rarely turn down a cup of tea!

Have a great September, and we'll see you soon

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At present the church is surrounded and filled with scaffolding so that the roof timbers and other internal ceiling supports can be put in place. Meanwhile the cloister uprights and roof are going on and the presbytery roof also.

Like many building sites we began with seemingly very little happening, then an observable flourish and now again an apparent slow down. Of course all the time there is an amazing amount of activity on behalf of the contractors, architect and engineers and sub-contractors; but the fruits of their labour are only visible now and then.

I find this an exciting, yet frightening time! Our plans of many years are coming to fruition, yet many decisions have still to be made. And, of course, in a sense this is just the beginning, or another stage in our development. The Church is, ultimately, about people and faith, not bricks and mortar. The latter is to facilitate the former.

So as the building continues so does the work of the wider parish in planning for the future faith life of the community, both in Popley and beyond. Pray for us!!

Father Vincent Harvey Holy Ghost Parish Priest

Popley Advice and Information Drop In

(Formerly Community Surgery)

We are changing our meeting place for the Community Surgery on the first Saturday of the month. We will be in St Gabriels Church and will be the Popley Advice and Information Drop In it started on January 8th still on the first Saturday every month at 1pm - 2pm. You can call in just to say hello or to ask advice on just about any subject. Police, Community Wardens, Sentinel (Oakfern) have your Neighbourhood Co-ordinator and a tenant representative and Borough and County Councillors will also be there, no appointment needed, confidentiality is assured. If your concern can't wait I also have drop-ins on the third Thursday of the month at Oakridge Hall For All and third Saturday of the month at the United Reform Hall. It has been four years since we started doing these surgeries as a new fresh idea of reaching people and making it easier to get help or advice, I have been informed that other areas in England have started doing the same, it is great to hear that it is achieving the goals we set out all that time ago Phone me on 819924 or 07974098131 for more details or if you have any concerns. *Jane Frankum County and Borough Councillor.*

Junction Six Subway Project

After several months of preparation and developing skills 20 local young people took part in the redecoration of the subway crossing Popley Way leading to John Hunt. We were resident in the subway for the whole week painting the young peoples designs onto a now beautiful subway! The themes include the seasons and move through a rural to urban landscape.

Friday evening saw our grand opening where young people, local residents and sponsors and supporters were invited to attend. Ben Lancashire, Carl Saunders and Mark Waldron gave great opening speeches before the ribbon was cut.

The participants talked about how it was good to be appreciated by their community and to be able to contribute towards it. The commitment was great with some young people volunteering up to 50 hours of their Summer holiday time during the week.

All together about 50 young people have been involved and the staff at Junction Six hope to continue the constructive relationships that have developed by involving them in future projects.

If you have the chance a quick visit is highly recommended! The rain on Friday has meant not all of the work has been completed but we plan to finish very soon. It is certainly a lot more attractive and inviting place to walk and is something for the young people of the community to be proud of.

Basingstoke District Youth Service as part of Hampshire County Council made this project possible in partnership with the following

- Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council
- who granted us monies from the Environment and Regeneration Fund
- "The Making"
 - Basingstoke and Deane Street Cleaning Department.

We have also had generous support from

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- John Hunt of Everest School

We hope that our work is enjoyed by all for the next few years!

Bianca Webb Youth Arts Worker



POPLEY FIELDS **COMMUNITY FIRE STATION**

Did you know? Hampshire Fire and Rescue service has stationed a Fire Appliance at Popley Fields Community Centre.

When? From April this year *One* Appliance has been placed in a new parking bay at the centre between the hours of 1500 and 2300.

Why? As part of our continuing aim to ‘**Make Hampshire Safer**’ we are trying to improve response times to the North side of Basingstoke. We are also trying to create stronger bonds with the local community.

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NEW CHATTERTOTS AT BERMUDA HALL

A brand new project is being launched at the Bermuda Community Hall on Tuesday afternoons during term times. The first session will be on September 6th between 1.15pm and 2.45pm. It will be known as Chattertots and will cater for Mums, Grandparents, Dads, Childminders and Carers with babies and under school age children they will be able to meet for a cuppa, play and chat

The entrance fee to include tea or coffee, biscuits and squash and use of the groups toys etc will be £1.20 per session or 6 sessions for the price of 5 for the adult and up to 3 children. For any further information call Caroline Jackson 811481

Diaries from the Old Codger

I want to take you back in time for a bit then come back to the present day. In 1917 a cold January night something happened in the East End of London that not only showed how people joined in harmony but no matter who you were or what religion you were every one helped each other. That was the t.n.t factory that exploded 70,000 homes and property were destroyed or damaged you could see the glow of the fires as far away as Brighton. Can you imagine most of Basingstoke being destroyed in a matter of a few seconds? But what happened after it was amazing, people lost every thing in the explosion, they only had what was on their backs as it were. But did that stop them within hours of it buildings were cleared people were found places to stay children were sent to outlying areas, some ended up in country mansions being taught by nuns

They had clean clothes shoes on their feet and full bellies some had never had that before. The whole country joined together by sending food and clothing for the victims. They still don't really know what happened but at one time it was believed to be German sympathisers. Still the East Enders got back to work in a short space of time it was one of the biggest ports in the country at the time so they needed the work force back on line. In 1941/2 another disaster hit London and that was bombs and rockets sent over by the Germans again thousands of homes were destroyed I know my mums old school took a direct hit killing 136 children and teachers. Yet again the country closed ranks around each other giving homes for the children in the country. Coming further up to date we had the I.R.A that thought it would be a good thing to blow up Londoner, this did not deter us we did not go around bashing and abusing the Irish just because of a few. Now to the present months we see yet again bombs in London, has it stopped the people of London NO. We in this country are built on strong morals and those morals get us through day after day, just look at the bombs that went off many were killed and injured but we still went back to work. No one in this country should want to be a so called martyr, in the Muslim religion it preaches peace and harmony if a fanatic dose this then they are not martyrs but will go to their equivalent of hell. So now we hear people are taking out there revenge on our ethnic communities Why? they do not want to be in conflict with you, we in our town have been lucky we have a good diversity of religions here and we have I hope harmony, but if any one wants to destabilise that then swift action should be taken by our police and courts.

If you want, as some have asked to contact “The Old Codger” it is theoldcodger@popleymatters.org.uk

Till next month keep well
THE OLD CODGER

Editors note: The explosion occurred in Silvertown 73 people lost their lives it is known as the biggest explosion in London

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Report from Magnolia Court

It has been a lovely summer and we had several trips out. We are now getting ready for our next fund raising event with residents sewing, knitting and crocheting some lovely items that will be ideal for Christmas presents. We of course will also have our very popular tombola, Bric-a-brac, games good quality clothing and handbags. We will be welcoming the Mayor who has agreed to open the sale for us on 1st October at 1:30pm.

The Sunday evening service on the first Sunday of the month is proving a good success any one is welcome at 6-30 it lasts about half an hour and we have refreshments after and sit around and have a chat

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Councillors Page

You may have noticed that the railings and parapets are being painted along Popley Way, work started on August 22nd after requests for them to be painted some time ago, I know of at least one resident that agreed with me that they were looking neglected and untidy it will take some weeks to complete but it will be worth it. Hampshire County Council workmen chose to start by John Hunt Community School so that their railings can be completed during school holidays.

If you go along to the underpass by John Hunt School you will see some fantastic murals done by Junction 6, youth workers and some other helpers including some of our community wardens. I was privileged to be invited with Councillor Jane Frankum to go to the launch on August 19th the painting was really great. Everyone seemed to have their favourite bits mine was the train as you travelled up the slope away from John Hunt school. The youths made some very good speeches about how much they enjoyed doing something to help the community. The underpass is cheerful and well lit. One of the helpers said instead of "mind the gap" being painted on the wall on the train mural it should be "bridge the gap" and we all thought that was a wonderful idea.

The access road for the builders to use to build the new school has been completed and the next phase begins now. It looks like the school will be renamed Everest Community College after a survey and some questionnaires clearly showed that this was the preferred name by a big percentage.

The police have told me that the incidence of minibikes has decreased and there have been some prosecutions, but still there are some about. You can get a report/diary sheet from the police, wardens or Councillors they have proved to be very useful in identifying the culprits.

The constant selling of cars at busy T junctions has been a particular problem at the entrance to Abbey Road these vans and cars affect the sightlines and make it quite dangerous to try to see around, especially when it is large vans, pickup trucks and there's even been a camper. It also causes people to stop on the double yellow lines and is obstructing the road, they phone a mobile number and wait till the "seller" arrives. They do not have a traders licence but the same mobile numbers keep coming up at a lot more frequent times than someone who is buying a bigger or better car I am sure there are authorities that are now watching them and not just in Popley.

I went on the "Pride in your Place" walkabout on 16th August with some residents, Sentinel, Community wardens and County Councillor Jane Frankum, we reported a some fly tipping mostly in Abbey Road and Melrose Walk, general litter, brick walls with bricks missing all down Abbey Road and damage to paths from tree roots. These were all reported to the right agencies.

Thank you to all the people who were affected by the installation of the traffic lights in Popley Way especially to the residents of Trinidad Close and Specklewood Road the traffic lights were finished well ahead of time and during the school holidays, it is comforting to know that the crossing of the road to school and church will be much safer now.

Popley West Borough Councillor Paul Frankum

Basingstoke Air Scout Group



Beaver scout section (for boy and girls aged from 6 to 8 years)
Meetings: Tuesday 5.30 - 6.45 p.m. Base 2000 Carpenters Down
Leader: 'Yellow Beaver' Eve Alexander 73 Falkland Road, Popley 346510

Leaders have been busy during the summer break helping to redecorate parts of our Headquarters and making plans for the autumn session. Meetings will recommence on Tuesday 6th September. The autumn session will include the Annual Beaver scout 'Splash' and 'Scouts on Fire'. We have a few vacancies so if you're between 6 and 8 years of age and want to have fun, meet new friends, play games and make things do come along and join us!
Enquiries to Eve Alexander on 01256 346510



Cub scout section (for boys and girls aged from 8 to 10½ years)
Meetings: Tuesday 6.30 - 8.00 p.m. Base 2000 Carpenters Down
Leader: Elaine Devenport 87 Saffron Close, Chineham 323453

There have been no meetings during the summer break as leaders recharge their batteries, turn out cupboards and plan next session's activities. The last camping opportunity of the year presents itself at the end of September with District Cub Scout Camp at Lyons Copse where lots of activities are 'on stream'. Several of the cubs will be taking part.

New recruits welcome – both boys and girls aged between 8 and 10 ½ years of age - come along to Base 2000 or contact Cub Scout Leader, Elaine Devenport on 01256 323453



Scout section (for boys and girls aged from 10½ - 14 years)

Meetings: Monday 7 - 9 p.m. Base 2000 Carpenters Down
Leader: Colin Karlake 14 Gilbert Close, Popley (01256) 410559

As Popley Matters goes to press eight scouts will have just returned from Summer Camp at Lyons Copse in August after an action packed programme that will have kept them busy and (hopefully) really tired at the end of the day. The troop plans to be involved in Jamboree on the Internet in October an occasion when scouts all over the world attempt to communicate with each other on the 'net'.

New recruits welcome – simply come to Base 2000 on a Monday evening (first meeting after the summer break on 5th September) or contact Scout Leader, Colin Karlake on 410559

Group News

Pat Brown, Group Scout Leader 0774 609 1919

Parents and leaders spent several days during the summer break carrying our painting and maintenance in the Group Headquarters. Pete Saunders our Quartermaster has been in hospital but is now well on the road to recovery. We shall be pleased to see him back to full strength again.

Six of the leaders will be attending a Food Hygiene course in October as part on the Scout Association's ongoing training programme. John Paul Keetch Assistant Scout Leader went to Brownsea Island in August as part of a national initiative 'Brownsea Re-loaded' to upgrade the facilities on site in readiness for the next World Jamboree in 2007 which is Scouting Centenary Year. J-P will also be part of the Service Team based at Brownsea in 2007 when a large number of foreign visitors are expected to camp on the island.

The Group is proud to present 'Scouts on Fire' for the community at Base 2000 on Saturday 8th October 11.30 a.m.- 3.30 p.m. Side shows, raffle, demonstrations from Popley Fire and Rescue Service ; tombola; BBQ, ice creams, and fun! **All welcome.** This is our first venture into a community event to encourage young people to become more aware of their local community and what they can do to help. Proceeds will be divided between the Group and Hampshire Fire Service Benevolent Fund.

Sunday Boot Sales at John Hunt of Everest School continue with each sale run by a volunteers from a local Popley charity and (weather permitting) are always well supported by 'booters' and buyers alike. 'Booters' are reminded that they must not obstruct the highway at any time and must remove any unsold goods, boxes and litter before leaving their 'pitch'.



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By getting on those walking shoes for a
MEMORY WALK on

Saturday 17th September 2005

Phil Hatto of Kestrel Radio will be joining us and starting the walk at 11.00 am

There will be **3 routes to choose from** (half a mile, 1 mile and 3 miles) all suitable for wheelchairs and buggies. The walk will be in the **Memorial Park, Basingstoke** with parking at the Crossborough Road car park



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News from the Sports Centre

In addition to our mixed gymnasium we have a ladies gymnasium with over 1,000 members. The ladies Gym has been open now for 4½ years, and is a great success.

Weekly challenges, from climbing the Eiffel Tower, to running or walking the London Underground. Group workouts daily, to enhance your fitness levels and inspire you.

The Ladies gym is fully equipped with 'Air Machine' which delivers a comfortable workout without any heavy stack system, a quiet effective increase of resistance at the touch of a button.

The Ladies Gymnasium has been called 'a breath of fresh air', a relaxed happy atmosphere, where laughter definitely is on the programme.

Lean on Me 12-week inch loss programme

Starting Monday 5th September, a 12-week exercise programme to 'shed the inches'!

A personal programme is included, as well as a nutritional guide on a weekly basis.

Fun, motivational workouts with an experienced Trainer in a group (maximum 10) of like-minded ladies.

Group workouts weekly to enhance your programme. We provide fun, great atmosphere and inch loss, all at the same time.

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Ladies Gym



Basingstoke
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John Hunt Everest Community News



The summer holiday activities have gone really well, an average of 40 students attending every morning and afternoon session. Activities have included basketball, football, a surprise sports week which included tennis and go-carting, volley ball where we all went to beech to play on the last day.

We had various forms of dance including salsa, jiving and cheerleading. The sessions are tied in with the Sentinel Housing 'Get With' scheme, so the children have been accruing points for attending and being punctual, leadership skills, and for being generally helpful and well behaved. Tony Ludwig staff have been delivering a substantial part of the programme and they have been great.

We have had Southampton Football club in running their annual summer football week and the school ran their successful literacy and numeracy weeks for students joining us in September.

At the point of writing this the year 11 are waiting anxiously for their GCSE results, we wish them the best of luck.

The family learning programme for September has been circulated, we are again running a range of keep fit activities such as the family aerobics, line dancing and football; in addition there is the new family judo course. Other family learning opportunities included the steel pans, Spanish and creative arts programme.

Year 10 and 11 students and their families can join the GCSE child development or Statistics courses. We are again running the SPOT (Supporting Parents of Teenagers) and for those with younger children The Confident Parents/Confident Kids courses.

In partnership with Hampshire Caterers and the PCT we are running a six week healthy cooking course, families will be able to try out a range of recipes.

For information on these or other family learning courses ring Suki Binning, at the JHE Community Office on 01256 338725/6.

Suki Binning School Community Manager



WHATS ON AT MELROSE HALL

MONDAY	MORNING 9.30 - 12PM COFFEE MORNING	AFTERNOON 7.30 - 10.30 Healing & Holistics
TUESDAY	9.30am - 11.30am TINY ACORNS CHILDMINDERS	4-8.30 PM PETITE SCHOOL OF DANCE OF DANCE
WEDNESDAY	9.30 - 11.30 PARENT & TODDLER GROUP 9-45AM-11-30 STOP SMOKING CLINIC	12PM - 2PM OASIS LUNCH CLUB
THURSDAY	9.30-12PM COFFEE MORNING	7PM-8.30PM WEIGHT WATCHERS
FRIDAY	10AM 3PM LODDON ALLIANCE	6.30PM YOUTH CLUB
SATURDAY	9AM - 1PM PETITE SCHOOL OF DANCE	
SUNDAY	10AM MELROSE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP	6.30PM MELROSE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

For information on any type of booking call Coo Cook on 01256 420676 for information or booking or Email melrosehall@tiscali.co.uk

Sunday Outdoor Boot Sales at John Hunt Community School the boot sale will run throughout 2005 comencing at 9 am

Mum's Dad's and kids. Aldworth Science College have Leisure and Learning courses for all the family including (*fitness, cooking, pottery, guitar, childcare and more*). We shall be running a 10 week computer course at *Melrose Hall* starting Monday 19th September 2005 at 1.00pm-3.00pm. For more details about this and any other courses due to start in the Autumn

Term contact Kathleen on 01256 473698.

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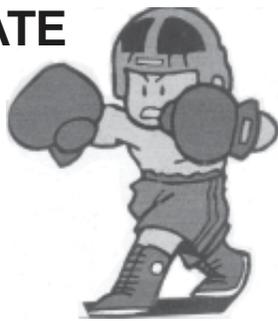
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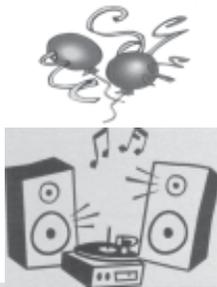
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Viking Badminton Club



John Hunt of Everest School Sports Hall

has been the base for **Viking Badminton Club** for more than 15 years. The club started in the Sports Centre in 1970. It is a small, but very competitive, group of dedicated badminton players. We have six very successful teams in the Basingstoke and District Badminton League, which is affiliated to the

Hampshire Badminton Association and to Badminton England. The two Mens teams, the Ladies team and the three Mixed teams play in the First and Second Divisions of the League, against teams from other venues in Basingstoke, and the surrounding area, from Winchester in the south to Aldermaston in the north. We all enjoy our badminton but we all love winning too, so all the players support each other in League matches and in the tournaments, which take place in February, March and April each year. We are a friendly bunch of people of a wide range of ages, who enjoy social gatherings and "fun badminton evenings" throughout the season. There is always room for new members, who are welcome to come along to John Hunt of Everest Sports Hall, for a free introduction, on any Tuesday evening at 7.30pm, starting 6th September.

Please telephone Ruth Cairns on 326364, or Diane Cooper on 771794 beforehand. We hope that Viking Badminton Club will continue to enjoy success in Popley in the future.

Basingstoke and Deane has a variety of wardens working in its communities, all of which aim to make our streets safer. But what do the different wardens do? What powers do they have? And how do you get in contact with them?

Here's a brief explanation of who does what:

Community Wardens

Now in its second year, the Community Wardens Scheme is led by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, in partnership with Kingfisher Housing Association and Sentinel Housing Group. Ten wardens, working in pairs, patrol five different areas to help improve the local environment and engage residents in helping to resolve issues and help to make your community a place to be proud of. The wardens patrol Tadley and Bishops Green, South Ham, Oakridge, Popley and Kempshott and Buckskin, wearing distinctive green tops. They do not have enforcement powers, do not make arrests or prosecute people, issue cautions, or intervene in violent crime. The Popley wardens are Stephen and Sarah and they regularly hold the Mocktails evenings, and get involved with various community events. The wardens can be contacted by calling 01256 845508 or by e-mailing community.wardens@basingstoke.gov.uk

Accredited Community Safety Officers (ACSOs)

There are seven ACSOs working in Basingstoke and Deane as part of a pilot project run by Hampshire County Council. Patrolling on foot and in marked vans, the uniformed ACSOs act as a deterrent to anti-social behaviour and aim to prevent low-level crime. The ACSOs do carry some powers of enforcement – the Community Wardens do not. They can issue £50 fixed-penalty notices for such things as littering, graffiti and fly-tipping. The ACSOs work closely with the local police, community wardens and other local agencies. You can contact the ACSOs by calling 0845 600 1747 or e-mailing community.safety@hants.gov.uk

Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs)

The PCSOs started patrolling the town centre earlier this year. Two civilian PCSOs are being employed by Hampshire Constabulary to assist in tackling anti-social behaviour and minor offences. Wearing police-style uniforms, they have the power to detain suspects for up to 30 minutes until a police officer can attend, as well as being able to issue fines for certain minor offences. PCSOs are being introduced right across England and Wales.

Hampshire Constabulary

In Basingstoke and Deane, we have 20 local community beat officers patrolling urban and rural locations. They are dedicated to local policing issues, working with partners to address local issues of concern and are backed-up by hundreds of police officers operating across the force. Easily recognisable in their standard black and white uniforms, the beat officers have all the usual police powers to deal with crime and disorder. You will usually see the beat officers patrolling on foot or on their mountain bikes, wearing high visibility reflective jackets. You can contact Basingstoke Police by calling 0845 045 4545 or, in emergencies only, on 999.

BASINGSTOKE NEIGHBOUR CARE

DO YOU HAVE TIME TO CARE?

I am sure that, like me, you would happily offer to drive a friend or relative to a hospital appointment or the doctor, foot clinic, dentist, etc. or help them to do their shopping.

Basingstoke NeighbourCare is a Charity set up a few years ago to help people who do not have anyone to help them. As a Volunteer, I know that there are many people in Popley who are in that position. They cannot use public transport so they have to ask a charity such as Basingstoke NeighbourCare.

The number of requests for help is increasing every month but the number of Volunteers is not.

By volunteering just a few hours of your time each week or even each month, you would not be committing yourself to doing more than you want to do. You may always refuse a job if you are too busy but how ever little time you have would be spent helping people with a genuine need. You would be helping the Clients, helping other Volunteers and helping Yourself with the 38p mileage allowance you can claim.

Most of all you would receive the very grateful thanks of the people you help.

If you are interested, please telephone the Office on 01256 332424 or, if you would like to know more about being a Volunteer, please telephone me on 01256 324107. Ann Basingstoke NeighbourCare Volunteer

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