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Have you found us on facebook yet? Please like us and start contributing to the discussions and comments. We also have a twitter presence – sadly your editor is not as proficient in social media as she would like to be so if anyone out there would like to help please let us know – it would be good to have a 'chief tweeter'!. We are also updating our website and plan to include longer articles and more 'what's on' information on there.

Despite the strange weather we have been having recently front gardens across the estate are beginning to burst into flower. One of the best ways to see the lovely gardens and admire the green fingers of our residents is to deliver the Rabbiter. There is the benefit of gentle exercise as you wander along delivering our newsletter and it probably only takes about half an hour each month. If you are tempted to join our lovely team of Rabbiter Deliverers please get in touch – see page 5 for a list of roads that need you to deliver!

We welcome Candover Valley Pre-School to our pages this month and look forward to them being a regular contributor. The Rabbiter is eager to publish reports from all our local groups so if you have something to share, please contact us editor@therabbiter.biz.

It is local election day on 5 May and the Community Centre will be the polling station for many residents. However it is hoped that it will still be business as usual for all the normal activities need that take place there – check with the Community Centre office if you need clarification.

A big thank you to everyone who is knitting squares for the Immanuel Big Knit – the finished blankets look amazing. Squares don't take long to knit and research shows that knitting is a great way to relax. If you would like to help but can't knit or crochet, contact the get in touch with the knitters via www.immanuel.co.uk.

Last month the Film Club at Immanuel showed 'Made in Dagenham'. There was much laughter during this film and it brought back many memories to the audience – do you remember 'hot pants', motorbikes with a sidecar for the family and the music of the late 1960s? The film club is free and the next showing will be on 11 May at 7.30pm.

Have you been Spring Cleaning? Are you de-cluttering your house or garage? The Rabbiter free ads are a great way to sell unwanted goods – we will even include a small picture if there is space. Email your ad to editor@therabbiter.biz.

There are two Bank Holidays in May, let's hope the weather is good. Why not visit the Farleigh Wallop Club? There are some lovely walks through the countryside around Farleigh Wallop and you could end up at the club for a refreshing drink at the end of the walk – they are open from 7pm every evening except Sunday. Enjoy!

Jenny, Editor

The Rabbiter is put together each month by Kevin, our wonderful and long suffering graphic designer. Kevin is taking part in the fun run to raise money for St Michael's Hospice North Hampshire. To find out more about what Kevin is doing and why, please visit <http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/KevinJeffery> where you can also sponsor him online.

Don't forget to tick the box to reclaim Gift Aid on your donation if you're a UK tax payer. Virgin Money Giving will pass this on in full to charity, making your donation go even further.

Thanks for your support,



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Over 60% of the coupons we issued were telling our customers that their shop was the same price or cheaper than it would have been at Asda.

So, the money Sainsbury's spent to run the Brand Match scheme has been re-invested into lowering prices of everyday products further still.

You can read the full statement at <http://www.j-sainsbury.co.uk/media/latest-stories/>

Sport Relief

A huge thank you to our customers who helped the store raise over £10,000 for Sport Relief this year.

We welcomed our Chief Executive, Mike Coupe, to the store on Friday 18th March, and some of you may have seen the assault course which colleagues completed as part of our regional fundraising efforts.

Two local projects benefit from funds raised through the Comic/Sport Relief partnership. Sebastian's Action Trust, based at Bluebells in North Waltham and, Inspiro, based behind Kempshott Village Hall.

The Camrose Centre

The store has donated items including T-Shirts, Mugs and 5p bags, to the team at The Camrose Centre.

This will help reduce the cost of obtaining bags to distribute food parcels for the clients who use their services from the Centre.

Cranbourne School

Colleagues from the store and our distribution depot at Houndmills, spent the morning at the school showing pupils various roles from within the sites.

Pupils were shown how we plan our online delivery schedules and were tasked with assigning the drivers to the correct van and shift. They also spent time looking at how we display our produce

and recognising how to spot the deterioration within fruit.

Our depot colleagues spent the morning showing the pupils many varied roles within Logistics and food chain management.

Click & Collect

Our Click & Collect service continues to gain many new customers. Free collection is available for orders below £40 with orders below £40 attracting a fee of £4.

The service is available Monday to Saturday from 8.00am to 1.00pm and 2.00pm and 8.00pm and, on a Sunday from 10.00 to 4.00pm

Saturday mornings are proving very popular with up to 7 orders available for collection per hour. So, please be patient if there is a queue.

Carer's Week

We'll be welcoming a range of organisations from across the Borough during Carer's Week which this year runs from June 6th – June 12th.

If your organisation would like to showcase their services for Carer's please drop us a line via the email contact at the end of this page.

Crazy Golf Day

We're proud to help our friends at Hatch Warren Community Centre by sponsoring the Crazy Golf Competition on July 9th, at the Summer Picnic.

Colleagues at the store will be raising funds for the Community Centre & our charity partner The Pink Place via sponsorship for the Crazy Golf. Our aim is to raise £10,000.

If you would like to join our colleagues in some fun, fundraising please contact us at the store for more details.

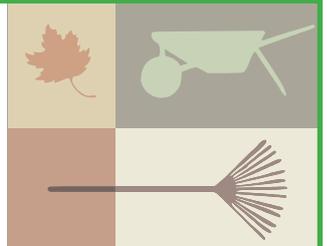
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Hampshire Crimestoppers is continuing the fight against rural and coastal crime by targeting would-be thieves across the county. Crimestoppers is fighting back with a campaign

What we do

The CSPO service aims to reduce antisocial behaviour affecting people and places by:

- **Enforcing** a robust approach to ASB
- **Deterring** ASB through high visibility patrols
- **Reassuring** communities and victims
- **Promoting** measures to reduce risks of ASB
- **Supporting** police and partners
- **Gathering** evidence for remedial action

The council will not ignore antisocial behaviour and it will use its range of powers to take the most appropriate action to address it

How is this achieved?

- High visibility patrolling on foot, bicycle and vehicle across the whole of the Basingstoke and Deane area, dealing with the issues that affect residents the most.
- High profile campaigns targeting the key issues affecting residents (littering at the Leisure Park, Cigarette litter campaign, ASB in parks and Dog Fouling)
- Use of accredited police powers to provide a range of options to best deal with antisocial behavior.
- Close work with partners to ensure the most appropriate action is taken.

How do we operate?

- 12 patrol officers
- Providing coverage throughout all of Basingstoke & Deane
- Geographical points of contact for residents, community groups, elected members, businesses etc.
- Working between 7am-midnight 7 days a week (focussing on the key times antisocial behaviour is occurring)

Introduction to Doorstep Crime

Most people who call at your home will be genuine, but sometimes people can turn up unannounced, with the aim of tricking their way into your home in order to steal your money and valuables.

They may claim to be from well-known companies, organizations or charities. They may be men or women, young or old, and will be convincing and persuasive. They often use 'props' like an identity card or wear clothes with a company logo.

Other people can turn up as builders or gardeners and try to trick you into paying for unnecessary work. You should never agree to having any work done at your home by someone who is just passing or take their word that the work needs to be done at all.

Remember when people come to your door:

If they're there, be aware!

If you're not sure, don't open the door!

Say no, and tell them to go!

RECLAIMING JANE

Not all Basingstoke residents realise the links we have with Jane Austen in Basingstoke, and those links are strong here on this side of town. Despite Winchester claiming Jane because she died there and was buried in the Cathedral, and Alton claiming her because she lived in Chawton towards the end of her life, she lived for the most part in the nearby village of Steventon, in the Borough of Basingstoke, and wrote *Pride and Prejudice*, *Sense and Sensibility* and *Northanger Abbey* there.

Jane was very active socially in Basingstoke and was a frequent visitor to dances and balls at many of the large family houses such as Manydown House. It is believed that she would walk from Steventon to the coaching Inn at North Waltham to meet the mail coach. This is now the Wheatsheaf on the A30. So we can claim Jane as someone very

familiar with this side of town. She would also take trips into Basingstoke town to attend dances at the assembly rooms at the top of town, or to shop. She bought her writing slope from a Basingstoke company.

Next year is the two hundredth anniversary of Jane's death, and there will be a whole series of events around Hampshire and the South, with many places claiming Jane as her own. But we are determined to establish Jane as a Basingstoke girl, she lived most of her life here and it is time that we claimed her back. There will be many exciting projects over the next year or so, and we begin this year with a weekend of the Basingstoke Festival dedicated to a Women's Literary Festival where many of the events will have a Jane link. Watch out for further updates and events, Jane will be coming back to Basingstoke where she belongs!

Cllr Terri Reid

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4. Monarch Close
5. Blunt Road and Terry Close

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LOCAL ELECTIONS, 5 MAY 2016

There will be local elections for Borough Councillors and the Police and Crime Commissioner on 5 May 2016. The candidates standing locally are:

Basingstoke & Deane Borough Councillor Election

Hatch Warren & Beggarwood Ward
 Spencer John Cleary, UKIP
 James Andrew Mckenzie, Labour Party
 Dan Putty, Conservative Party
 Richard Andrew Whitechurch, Liberal Democrat

Candidates for election of a Police and Crime Commissioner, Hampshire Police Area

Richard James Adair, Liberal Democrats
 Simon Hayes, Independent
 Don Jerrard, Independent
 Michael George Lane, The Conservative Party Candidate
 Robert Andrew Price, Labour Party
 Roy Swales, UKIP
 Steve Watts, Zero Tolerance Policing ex Chief

We need a few more helpers to distribute the Rabbiter. This takes about half an hour a month. Sadly we can't offer any financial reward save the satisfaction of helping our community. The following are the rounds which now need deliverers:

BASINGSTOKE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CLASSICAL MASTERWORKS CONCERT

Saturday 18th June 2016, 7:45pm
The Anvil, Basingstoke

Basingstoke Symphony Orchestra serves up a feast of great orchestral masterpieces. Clarinet virtuoso Òscar Argüelles performs Mozart's wonderful Concerto in A major with the orchestra. The concerto was written in 1791, shortly before Mozart's death and was his final purely instrumental piece. Recently popularised by the film "The King's Speech", Beethoven's Seventh Symphony is indeed a true masterwork. Many classical music lovers consider the second movement of the symphony to be one of the most beautiful pieces of music ever written. Rossini's "La Cenerentola" Overture and the Caprioli Suite by Warlock complete the programme. Come and enjoy an evening of beautiful music performed by your local orchestra. Tickets from £12. For more details please see our website www.bso.org.uk or via the Anvil website www.anvilarts.org.uk

Join us for a pre-concert glass of Prosecco for £4, served by members of the Orchestra! Limited tickets available so please book early to avoid disappointment.

WOOFS AND WELLIES

Sunday 17th April saw St. Michael's Hospice hold its annual Woofs and Wellies walk on the glorious grounds of Lord Portsmouth's estate in Farleigh Wallop. The sun shone brightly on the nearly 300 people who came along to support the work of the Hospice. The event hopes to raise £10,000 towards the £3.8 million running costs of the Hospice.

The winner of this year's Best Dog was the lovely Rosie who was only recently rescued from Battersea Dog's Home.

Two new routes were tackled; a 5 mile option and a challenging 10 miler. Many people walked without dogs, just enjoying the opportunity to view the glorious Hampshire countryside from within the magnificent private estate. There were plenty of children too and everyone enjoyed the cake provided by the Hospice's chef afterwards.

There was corporate support too in the form of Mars Drinks providing all the refreshments; Projected Image supplying the PA system; and, Sentinel HA and BMI Hampshire Clinic getting together teams of walkers. The Basingstoke Ramblers again plotted and planned all the routes, both of which were new this year, and provided the course marshals on both routes.

CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT FELLOWSHIP

At the meeting held on Wednesday 6th April the Chairman, John Lambeth, welcomed 61 members and the Secretary, Tony Brazier, gave details of the forthcoming trips to Brooklands Motor Museum and Hatchlands Park on Tuesday 17th May and Blenheim Palace on Friday 17th June. Christine Broadbent, the Welfare



Officer, gave her report and welcomed back those members who had returned after not being well.

The speaker this month was Iain Kennedy who gave a talk entitled "Liverpool, Capital of the Transatlantic Slave Trade." He described how the shipping magnates of the 1700s saw the great potential in shipping slaves from West Africa, a practice that had been carried out by the Spanish and Portuguese since the time of Elizabeth I. The first ship out of Liverpool to do this in 1700 was called Liverpool Trader and carried 220 slaves which netted £330,000 profit. He explained how sailing from Liverpool was much safer than trying to navigate the English Channel at the time of the Napoleonic wars and how later trade in sugar and cotton as well as supplying slaves for these industries ensured huge profits for the ship owners. This continued

until the Abolition of Slavery Act of 1833 when the owners, having realised that their profitable business was coming to an end used their wealth to create some of the well-known banks and business empires which remain to this day.

At the next meeting on 4th May the speaker will be Jane Komrower from the CAB.

The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at Brookvale Village Hall from 10 am to 12 noon and all retired Civil Servants and their partners are welcome. Further details about meetings can be obtained from the Secretary Tony Brazier on 01256 418770 or at bjmapbr@ntlworld.com and if you would like to join us on any of our trips please contact Kate Lambeth on 01256 328791

David Cowling

HAVE YOUR SAY ON HAMPSHIRE HOSPITALS SERVICES

DON'T miss the chance to have your say on the services provided by Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

The trust, which runs Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital, Royal Hampshire County Hospital, in Winchester, and Andover War Memorial Hospital, is carrying out an engagement programme to help it plan for the future.

Visit bit.ly/HampshireHospitals to complete an online survey. The closing date for responses is 13 May 2016.

Mary Edwards, chief executive of Hampshire Hospitals, said: "We are

continually listening to the public and this survey gives us another way to understand people's views of our services and our plans. It will help us shape what we do in the future."

If you would like to know more about the trust, you can watch short films featuring interviews with senior clinical staff talking about the services they run, the challenges they face and their plans for the future are available at hampshirehospitals.nhs.uk/news-events/news/public-engagement-spring-2016.aspx.

HELICOPTER FLYING IN THE ROYAL NAVY



Retired Royal Navy Captain Mike Sant has experienced a full and varied 35 year career on land, sea and in the air. He gave

a presentation to the Probus Club of Basingstoke for retired professional and business managers, recounting his flight training and operating helicopters around the globe for the Senior Service.

Mike joined the Royal Naval College at Dartmouth in 1958. Initially cutting his teeth training as a young naval officer he spent weekends and summer camps learning to fly the legendary Tiger Moth biplane. This propeller driven aircraft from the 1930s was a basic trainer with an open cockpit and most did not have a radio. It was often described as easy to fly but very difficult to fly well.

Then selected for fixed wing flying training Mike underwent joint service jet instruction with the RAF at their Linton on Ouse base in Lincolnshire, but due to chronic air sickness while instrument flying, was re-streamed to fly helicopters. He attended the elementary Royal Naval helicopter flying school at Culdrose in Cornwall and was awarded his Wings in 1964.

Mike illustrated the basic principles of helicopter aerodynamics and its controls describing the many problems he encountered when learning to fly the early types of single engine machines including how to land the aircraft on engine failure.

Posted for anti-submarine duties flying the then new Wessex helicopter, he was on board the aircraft carrier HMS

Victorious in the Far East. The Wessex had a crew of four; two pilots, sonar operator and observer. Operating day and night, he explained how they searched for submarines and what life was like on board an extremely busy, congested ship alongside fast jet aircraft. A Wessex had to be airborne every time a jet took off or landed should one go overboard and the crew needed rescuing.

Promoted to be the Flight Commander on the Frigate HMS Eskimo, Mike and his men flew the single engine Wasp helicopter in the anti-submarine role. Perched precariously on a tiny platform cum hangar at the aft end of the ship, he described operating and managing a team in an inhospitable Arctic Ocean environment.

He was promoted to be the Senior pilot of 819 RN Squadron based at Prestwick, positioned on the west coast of Scotland. They were equipped with modern Sea King helicopters, its main role being an anti-submarine aircraft. However, the base was ideally geographically positioned to support the deployment of nuclear submarines from nearby Faslane together with search and rescue emergency cover for both sea and the Scottish mountains. Mike's last flying job was as Commander (Air) at Portland where he flew Wessex V. If you want to know more about this group of retired professional and business managers there is a wide array of information on the Probus Club website www.probusbasingstoke.webs.com or ring their Secretary Paul Flint for an informal chat on 07770 886521.



HATCH WARREN W.I.

Hatch Warren W.I. met on Thursday 7th April, when it was still light which was a bonus for all our members. Four members attended the Spring Council meeting held at the Guildhall in Portsmouth in March. The first speaker was one of the new women fighter pilots for the RAF. We were able to see footage of her flying her fighter jet, to be able to join in the amazing atmosphere that she enjoys every time she take her plane up in the sky. After lunch we were entertained by Lucy Wordley with a talk on 'Historic Murders'.

Members were given dates when they could attend open days at the new Hampshire W.I. headquarters in Eastleigh and dates when we could attend open days at the London Headquarters of the National Federation of Women's Institute. Members can also go to a 'Glam and Glorious' evening to be held at the Grand Harbour Hotel in Southampton. So look out your party clothes. We had a visit from Valeria and Jean from Loddon Group who brought along the beautiful group millennium table cloth to our meeting, which each W.I. in our group made a panel. Our speaker for the evening was Stuart Judd with a fascinating talk on making the

programme 'Country Ways', which ran for twenty years. We watched a programme showing the area of 'Nutley Down' in May. The ethos was to watch people in the country plying their different trades. Nine hours of filming gives you 25 minutes of programme.

Our next meeting will be held on May 5th which will be our annual meeting where we will discuss and vote on the W.I. Resolutions and vote for a new president and secretary and members of the committee. If you are interested in coming along to a meeting please contact our president Marianne on 01256 325198 you will be most welcome.

WHAT IS CLINICAL NEGLIGENCE?

Lamb Brooks solicitors have been building a Clinical Negligence team over the last few years – but what is a clinical negligence claim all about?

In essence, clinical negligence claims arise where a patient sustains an injury or loss as a result of negligent medical treatment. Unfortunately, errors can be made that can have devastating consequences on not just you but also your family.

The term 'medical treatment' is wide-reaching and encompasses treatment provided by the medical profession – including the NHS, private sector, GPs, Community Health Care Providers or Dentists.

What can be done if you think you have been injured as a result of medical treatment? There are two options:

1. Make a complaint regarding the treatment received. This should be done in writing to the relevant complaints body; and
2. Take advice on whether to proceed with a legal claim. There are two legal tests that have to be proven in order for your claim to succeed. The first is establishing a 'duty of care' – was a reasonable standard of a competent doctor in the relevant area of medicine achieved. The second is 'causation' – what impact has the injury had on you. If

both of these tests are fulfilled you may be entitled to compensation.

For more information about whether you may have a claim and what steps you should take next please contact the clinical negligence team on 01256 305584 or email Clare Gooch, a solicitor in the department at clare.gooch@lambbrooks.com.



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GREENLIGHT FOR LOCAL PLAN AS BOROUGH'S DEVELOPMENT BLUEPRINT

With just some modifications to agree Basingstoke and Deane's Local Plan, the blueprint to guide decisions on future development across the borough, has been declared 'sound' by a planning inspector.

A 'good to go' report on the examination of the Local Plan has just been received from planning inspector Mike Fox, who held public hearings from 5 October to 11 November 2015.

Once formally adopted, set to be at the next Council meeting on Thursday 26 May 2016, the plan will become the key document that will guide how planning applications will be determined up to 2029. This follows a long and detailed process, including extensive public consultation.

To keep the borough a great place to live and work, the Local Plan sets out where new homes should be built, identifies the areas where new businesses should be encouraged to locate, covers what infrastructure is needed and outlines how the environment of the borough will be protected and enhanced.

The council's Head of Planning and Infrastructure Matthew Evans said: "This is a significant milestone for the borough and reflects the hard work of all those involved, including the many people who have taken the time to respond to consultations over the past few years.

"Having a Local Plan for the borough will help to ensure that borough growth takes place in the right way and in line with the views of the borough's residents."

Adoption of the Local Plan in May will mean that the existing Local Plan, adopted in 2006, is formally superseded.

A copy of the inspector's report and more information on the modifications to be made to the Local Plan before it is adopted can be viewed at www.basingstoke.gov.uk/planningpolicy

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2 May	Early May Bank Holiday Monday
5 May	Hatch Warren WI
5 May	Local Elections for local Councillor and Police & Crime Commissioner
6 May	Health Hub Programme at the Warren – Drugs & Alcohol Workshop
7 May	Cider Festival, Hatch Warren Community Centre
7 May	Oakley Quiz Night, East Oakley Village Hall. 07976559434 to book
8 May	Basingstoke Festival of Transport, Memorial Park
11 May	Film Night at Immanuel Church, St Mark's School. 7.30pm
12 May	Les Miserables – Theatre Coach Trip, see Community Centre page
12 May	Laughter House at Red Lion featuring Christian Donnelly – www.laughter-housevpweb.co.uk
13 May	Closing date for Hospital Services Survey – see page 6
14 May	Pure Indulgence Pamper Event, Community Centre
14 May	Farleigh Wallop Garden Fair – see page 20
14/26 May	Basingstoke Art Club Exhibition, Proteus Creation Space
19 May	Trip to see Billie Elliott – organised by the Community Centre
21 May	'The Old School' play 50s and 60s music at the Farleigh Club
22 May	Newbury Artisan Market
26 May	Council Meeting to adopt Local Plan – see page 8
26/27 May	Open Sessions at Candover Valley Pre-School – see page 17
30 May	Spring Bank Holiday Monday

Future Events

2 June	Hatch Warren WI
7 June	Ramadan begins
7 June	Film Night at Immanuel Church, St Mark's School. 7.30pm
8 June	Community Centre AGM, 7.30pm
9 June	Laughter House at Red Lion featuring Adam

	Bloom – www.laughter-housevpweb.co.uk
11 June	Pink Place Summer Picnic, Manydown Farm
11 June	Queens 90th Birthday Party at Farleigh Club
17/18 June	The Cliddesden Players at Cliddesden Village Hall
18 June	Basingstoke Symphony Orchestra, The Anvil
18 June	Wrestling – Hatch Warren Community Centre
19 June	Fathers Day
20 June	Summer Solstice
23 June	EU Referendum voting
7 July	Hatch Warren WI
9 July	Crazy Golf Competition, Community Centre, sponsored by Sainsburys
9 July	Summer Festival – Hatch Warren Community Centre
14 July	Film Night at Immanuel Church, St Mark's School. 7.30pm
14 July	Laughter House at Red Lion featuring Mike Gunn – www.laughter-housevpweb.co.uk
20 July	Blood Doning at Community Centre
31 July	Aladdin – Theatre Coach Trip – see Community Centre page
29 August	Summer Bank Holiday
1 September	Hatch Warren WI
8 September	Laughter House at Red Lion featuring Ben Norris – www.laughter-housevpweb.co.uk
	Late September Soup Lunch at Community Centre in aid of After School Club

REGULAR EVENTS

Hatch Warren W.I., 1st Thursday each month 8.00pm
Community Centre (contact Marianne Tilley 01256 325198)

Basingstoke Knit and Natter,
Every Monday 6.30 – 9pm, Waitrose Café

The Warren Youth Club, Friday evenings at the Warren
attached to the Community Centre

Aldworth Badminton Club,
Thursday evenings 8.30 – 10 Aldworth Science College

Cliddesden W.I., Cliddesden Village Hall, 7.30pm, third Thursday
every month (contact Pat Rampton 01256 461034)

Old Down & Beggarwood Wildlife Group,
www.olddownandbeggarwood.org.uk email: odandbwd@gmail.com

Hatch Warren Nature Group,
contact Paul Beevers, hatch.nature@gmail.com

Cliddesden, Ellisfield and Farleigh Wallop Horticultural Society, contact Mrs M Smith (01256 462584) for details

Laughter House, laughter-housevpweb.co.uk

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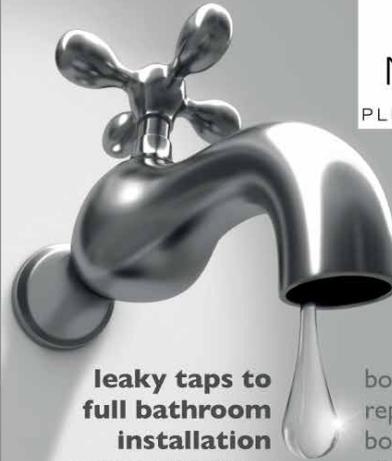
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OLD DOWN AND BEGGARWOOD WILDLIFE GROUP

The Annual General Meeting was on Tuesday 5 April at Old Down Hall. Not a huge turn-out but all enjoyed the homemade cakes and the presentation of photo slides – “Birds of Old Down”. There were reports on the achievements of the work parties and its representations to Basingstoke Council on various matters relating to Old Down and Beggarwood. If you were unable to attend but would like to be more involved then please do contact the Group (see below) – we are always in need of new faces and ideas. We particularly need assistance with recording flora on the two sites and birds and butterflies on Beggarwood. On Beggarwood last year 18 species (367) species were recorded but certainly there were and are more; just need some more recorders! Following a survey by Basingstoke Council about 11 trees have been felled and several have had work done to them. It is sad to lose trees but safety is paramount and the resultant space may help regenerate beech trees.

As reported last month, the consultation regarding Beggarwood Park's declaration as a Local Nature Reserve is over however we still await the results from Basingstoke Council.

Spring has sprung and early flowers are showing. The winter birds (such as *Fieldfare*) are now away and the summer migrants arriving, for example *Chiffchaff* and *Whitethroat*. The Chiffchaff has a very distinctive call, which does sound rather like - “chiff-chaff”. Several species of butterflies have been seen - *Brimstone*, *Comma*, *Red Admiral* and *Small Tortoiseshell*. As summer approaches the ‘hirundines’ are arriving; this is the family that includes *Swallows* and *Martins*.

If you should see anything interesting at either of the two sites, such as plants, insects, bird species or bird behaviour; please let the Group know (see below) and photographs are always welcome. The Group is on Facebook where photos are regularly posted.

Work Parties: Please come and join us. For work on Old Down, we meet at Old Down Hall every Thursday 10-12 noon; for work on Beggarwood, we meet monthly on the third Saturday of the month 10-12 noon. Check the website for further information.

Internet: www.olddownandbeggarwood.org.uk

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Small Tortoiseshell



Chiffchaff

MAY EVENTS AT THE BASINGSTOKE DISCOVERY CENTRE

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Oakley Quiz Night



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To Book tickets and reserve your table or for any questions please contact

OakleyQuizNight@hotmail.com or call Tony on 07976 559434

DOUBLE JOY AS CHARLIE FINDS HIS FOREVER HOME AND IS REUNITED WITH HIS FIRST OWNER

In July 2015 Cats Protection's Basingstoke & District Branch received a call about two cats that had been left behind after their owners had been evicted. With a bit of detective work they tracked down their owners and they signed them over to the branch.

Gayna Ballard, Branch Co-ordinator said: "We decided it would be best to home the cats separately. Stella soon found a home but poor Charlie didn't have much luck. Twice we thought we'd found the perfect home but each time it fell through. Then in November, we had a call from a lady called Debbie who was looking for an older cat, and Charlie had caught her eye. They were the perfect match and he settled in straight away.

"When Debbie's sister-in-law, Michelle, met Charlie she couldn't believe her eyes. It turned out Charlie was her cat Sox, who had gone missing five years earlier! They compared photos and he had the same face, eyes, markings and character. When Michelle called his name, he started rubbing himself round her legs. Isn't that incredible?!"

Sox wasn't microchipped by Michelle, so unfortunately she couldn't be traced. He is microchipped now, thankfully, so if he did ever go missing he could be reunited with his new owner, Debbie. It certainly demonstrates the importance of microchipping.



Thousands of cats go missing every year and research conducted by Cats Protection found that almost half never return, so the charity recommends microchipping as a safe and permanent method of identification. The charity reunites 3,000 cats with their owners every year across the UK.

Microchips contain a unique identification number and are inserted under the cat's skin between their shoulder blades. The number is linked to a database containing details of the pet, as well as the owner's contact details. When a scanner detects the microchip, a simple phone call can ascertain the owner's details and the pet can then be quickly returned home.

"However, it is very important pet owners keep their details up to date so owners should check their certificate, which will tell them how to do this," said Gayna.

Cats Protection's Basingstoke & District Branch operates a Lost and Found register; for more information please visit: www.basingstoke.cats.org.uk/basingstoke/lost-and-found

ADULT POP CHOIR STARTS AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE



There was a fantastic start to Hatch Warren's own adult Pop Choir at their launch night on Wednesday 13th April at the Hatch Warren Community Centre. Claire Holmes, who has lived in Hatch Warren for nearly nine years with husband Marco and three teenage daughters, has been running instrumental and vocal classes for children and now has responded to requests from parents to start an adult choir. So she opened up a brand new session in the newly extended Lounge area after looking for a group of local people, men and women, who enjoy singing.

The evening saw 20 people attend, all mixed abilities and ages who came together to start creating their first musical experience as a team. What a fantastic night it turned out to be!

The group was broken down into three sections responsible for different parts of the song starting with some rather odd noises for the first group, some pretty ooooo's and ahhhhh's for the second group and then moving on to the main lyrical part for group three. Everyone had a role to play in what turned out to be a masterclass and everyone had a smile on their faces too.



FANTASTIC OPENING NIGHT FOR CLUBBERCISE

Cheryl Price, a resident of Belmont Heights in Hatch Warren, has run various fitness classes at the Hatch Warren Community Centre for many years and has changed the Zumba class she ran on Wednesday evenings to the exciting Clubbercise dance fitness activity.

She held a free launch night on Wednesday 13th April and was completely astounded by the response when approximately 130



people came to try this new venture. There was so much interest that Cheryl's mum, Sylvie, who was working on the door was busy selling glow sticks and signing all

the eager participants into the event. The main hall was packed with people in their trainers and fitness clothing having a great time working out to club anthems from the 90s to current chart hits. It was made even more exhilarating by the hall being in darkness, illuminated by disco lighting and all the participants waving rave glow sticks. "It's more like a night out at a club than an exercise class" Cheryl expounded, "and waving the glow sticks in time to the beat is good exercise for your arms as well as being great fun."

"I am hopeful that at least eighty will turn up on following Wednesdays when the entrance fee is £5 payable on the door. Participants can also buy a pair of battery

powered glow sticks for only £4 to really feel part of the occasion."

Since the launch, Cheryl has been overwhelmed with interest and has a huge waiting list. So she has now introduced an online booking system to manage this busy class. This allows participants to manage their own bookings and even add themselves to the waiting list. You can join in the fun and book on line at <http://bookwhen.com/cpfitness> This is for Cheryl's Clubbercise only, all other classes remain walk in.

So if you are at a loose end on Wednesdays between 8.00 and 8.50 pm you know that there is a great time to be had at the Community Centre; and going there will really be good for your body and soul.



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HATCH WARREN UNDER FIVES

The summer term is now upon us, here's hoping the weather will reflect that and we can spend more time outdoors. We not only have access to the pre-school garden but also enjoy going out on the field with the parachute and the tennis courts with footballs.

The Easter egg hunt on the last day of term was a huge success, run by our committee of parents. Lots of fun was had by all those in attendance and they raised over £300.

SUNDAY 12th JUNE 2016 – Please save the date! You are invited to our annual 'Open Day' between 9am and 12.30pm. Why not come along and see who we are and what we do?

EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGES- EYFS (Part 4)

Prime area 3:- Physical Development

There are 2 elements within this area. For those aged between 22 months – 36 months you might notice some of the following:

I. Moving and handling

- I can run without bumping into things or tripping up.
- I can squat down on my knees to play and can get up without using my hands.
- I can climb up a ladder on a small slide or climbing frame or onto a sofa or armchair.
- I can kick a large ball.
- I can turn the pages in a book. Sometimes I might turn over more than one page at a time.
- I can hold a small jug and pour my own drink
- I can hold a chunky crayon, pencil, pen or paint brush and makes lines that go across, up and down or round and round.
- When I walk up and down stairs or steps I hold onto the hand rail and move one foot at a time on to the next step until both my feet are on. Then I do the same to get to the next step.

2. Health and self-care

- I am beginning to choose to hold objects in one hand more than in the other.
- I can hold a spoon to pick up my food and put it into my mouth to feed myself.
- I can drink from a cup with no lid and not spill my drink as I put the cup to my mouth.
- I can tell you when I need to use the potty or toilet.
- I know how far I can climb up the stairs, the slide or the climbing frame on my own before I need to ask you for help.
- I can put on my hat, unzip my coat and take off my unfastened shoes/boots and cardigan/shirt by myself.
- I am beginning to be able to wash and dry my hands by myself.
- I am beginning to be able to sit on a potty or toilet by myself.
- I can use a set of steps to help me reach the sink or toilet by myself

Things you can do at home to help with this learning:- Moving & handling.

- Play ball games with me.
- Give me lots of ribbons that I can wave around me.
- Let me try and dress my teddy or doll with different types of clothes, like coats, jumpers and dresses, and different types of fastenings, like buttons, Velcro and zips.

Health & self-care

- Let me help get lunch ready by cutting the cheese or bananas.



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Messy Play: Drop in Session – Friday Afternoon 1.15pm – 2.15pm £2.50

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE PRE-SCHOOL & OUR PARENT & TODDLER GROUPS:-

www.hatchwarrenunderfives.co.uk/ Like on our Facebook page: 'Hatch Warren u5s Preschool'

Michelle Tejevo - Head of Pre-School
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CUCKOO MEADOW PRESCHOOL

Hello from all at Cuckoo Meadow Preschool in North Waltham! We are based in North Waltham village, which is just a 10-minute drive from Hatch Warren along the A30, and is in a beautiful rural setting. The children who attend come from within the village and the surrounding area including Hatch Warren, Kempshott, Beggarwood and Brighton Hill, and all agree that the location and wonderful caring staff mean that it is more than worth the short journey. Please contact Jo or Fiona to come and see for yourself!

It has been lovely to welcome back the children for the Summer term, and after all the chocolate and fun over the holidays they are ready for another busy term. Before the Easter break the children enjoyed a very egg-citing Easter egg hunt after a special visit from the Easter bunny. The bunny theme continued with the children acting out the story of 'Run Rabbit Run' – this was lots of fun and involved them hiding in a barn and running from one end of the playground to the other to get away from the sly old fox! They also managed to make the most of some fine weather to get outside for a walk around the meadow looking for daffodils and snowdrops. They then completed some wonderful still life and chalk pictures of the beautiful flowers.

Undoubtedly the highlight of last term was the owl visit. The children were very lucky to see a barn owl, spectacled owl, tawny owl and even an eagle owl. They all



thoroughly enjoyed the visit and learnt lots from getting up close to these beautiful animals. They produced some owl puppets and pictures, and a fantastic poster with their thoughts and favourite moments.

There are lots of dates to remember for the summer term. Preschool will be closed on Thursday 5th May and Thursday 23rd June as the Pavilion is being used as a polling station for the local and European elections, and it is closed for an INSET day on Friday 24th June. Also don't forget the bank holiday on Monday 2nd May! Half term is from Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June, and the end of term is Monday 18th July when there will be a party for the children.

On Thursday 19th May the photographer will be at Preschool to take individual portraits and a leavers photograph. This is a wonderful memento if your child is leaving Preschool this summer. The photographer will also be available for family photographs from 3pm onwards. Please contact Preschool for more information.

For any queries about the preschool please contact Jo or Fiona on 01256 398172.

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Open Sessions:

Thursday 26 May, 1.00pm - 2.30pm

Friday 27 May, 9.30am – 11.00am

Hello from CVP!

The summer term is upon us and having come back rested after the Easter holidays the children are ready to be busy and keen to learn.

Our focus for the start of term will be Springtime and Growing. In the first weeks, one of our parents will bring lambs to the preschool for the children to feel, make up the feed and give bottles to the lambs. We will also have a visit to a local farm where there will be lambs, a tractor to sit in and a Shetland pony to groom. What wonderful opportunities for our young children to experience and enjoy.

We will be sowing seeds and planting vegetables and sunflowers to grow at preschool and in the children's gardens at

home. We'll use them to learn how plants grow and when tall enough, we will start measuring them.

I am delighted to say that our frogspawn has hatched and we have little black wriggly tadpoles which we all find very exciting.

Melanie Gill

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COLLABORATIVE LAW: A BETTER WAY TO SEPARATE



Rob Parker

Rob Parker, family solicitor at Phillips, explains 'collaborative law', an alternative approach to sorting out family disputes that is increasingly being taken up around North Hampshire.

Why collaborative law now?

The way family law works in England is changing; the legal system is developing from an adversarial approach to a more collaborative approach which brings the separating couples together to agree matters of importance.

How does collaborative law work?

The collaborative process deals with family disputes in a non-confrontational way. Both parties instruct their own specially-trained collaborative lawyers and everyone agrees to abide by the Participation Agreement. This means that:

- Neither party should, where possible, go over past events
- The children and their welfare must be the priority
- There should be complete transparency in dealings with financial matters
- All discussions are regarded as "privileged", which means they cannot be brought up later in a subsequent court case

Both parties and the lawyers will sign the agreement. Matters are then resolved in a series of 'four-way' meetings involving both parties and their solicitors, all in one room together.

Is it suitable for everything?

Not all situations will suit collaborative law, such as where there has been domestic abuse or a party is not willing to be honest and transparent.

How does collaborative law differ from mediation or going to court?

Mediation is a voluntary process where both parties sit in the same room as the mediator who is impartial and who is not there to give legal advice. You must both agree on solutions or there is no agreement. During the confidential sessions the mediator will help you and your former partner to identify all the issues that need to be resolved and reach a settlement that is acceptable to both of you.

With collaborative law you each have your own solicitor to represent your interests, important in cases where one party may feel less confident about how to address matters. Your solicitor is also on hand to give you legal advice at all times, including during the face-to-face negotiations.

Whilst in mediation and collaborative law the couple arrives at the agreements themselves if you go through the court process, a judgment will be imposed on you by a third party (ie a judge).

Why does collaborative law work?

It works because it's non-confrontational and you will be dealing with competent, trained lawyers who are sympathetic, approachable and understand what you are going through. The priority is to resolve matters your way, not how the lawyers think it should be.

What's the best possible outcome?

Resolving matters through collaborative law can be quicker, cheaper and more dignified. Where there are children matters can be resolved in a calm way to retain an agreeable, working relationship as co-parents in the future.

For more information on Collaborative Law Rob Parker is contactable at rob.parker@phillips-law.co.uk and 01256 854 604. Further details about collaborative law in the area can be found at the North Hants Collaborative Pod website: www.resolution.org.uk/northhantspod

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MAY IN THE GARDEN

May in the garden is when the spring flowers have ended but the next colourful flowers are coming into their own. The threat of frost has passed so you can sow as many seeds as you like. You can directly sow annuals like Zinnias and Foxgloves in your beds. Not forgetting your autumn bedding if you want to start it from seed such as Bellis and Wallflowers. As your seeds start to germinate thin them out to prevent competition from other seedlings. Vegetable seeds can be sown directly into the soil and containers now. Runner beans and climbing French beans make great arch ways with the help of bamboo canes to provide support. These can also be mixed in with Sweet Peas and Nasturtiums to create beautiful scent and colour. Don't forget you can also eat the Nasturtium flowers as well as Marrigold. You can use the flowers as decorative garnishes on salads in the summer months. You can now plant out your summer bedding too like Sweet Peas. A fun way to display them is by making 'wig wams' and creative shapes, tying in the Sweet Peas to the canes creating all sorts of shapes and even arches. Courgettes can now be planted out but make sure you leave lots of space as they get very big. Courgettes are also very heavy croppers so think of some great ideas to use all the produce. Courgette bread and Courgette cake are some great ones to try out. Plant out your tomatoes outside now and ensure that you pinch out the side shoots and support them with canes. Once the tomato plant has reached the top of the cane pinch out the top shoot to stop it from growing higher. This puts energy into the fruits rather than the growth.

Seeds you can sow now are Butternut Squash and Pumpkins as well as your bedding plants ready for the autumn. Herbs can be sown now too. Start off Basil, Coriander and Lemon Grass from seed. These herbs like the warmer months, with a sowing temperature of about 15 degrees plus so shouldn't be placed outside until the temperature is warmer. Keep them in a green house or on a warm window sill but check for watering daily and make sure they get lots of fresh air to help keep diseases and pests away.

Fruit trees should be in full flower now so make sure you feed your trees and keep them watered to ensure you get lots of fruit set. You can also pick your first Raspberries and the last of the Rhubarb, as well as any early Strawberries. Strawberries need as much sun as possible to ensure they are sweet. They also need watering as much as possible to make sure they are juicy. Watch out for slugs and snails and keep picking off as many older leaves as possible. Keep an eye

out for the strawberry plants setting runners and 'nip' them off. This will encourage more flowers to grow and form more fruits.

You can also turn your attention to your lawn now as well. You can sow grass seed on patches and start to water them when needed. Keep an eye on all of your seedlings as the sunshine in the afternoon can dry them out. Keep the patches well watered. You should now be mowing your lawn about once a week but still keeping the mower on a high setting to help the grass recover from the winter months. If you are rejuvenating areas, make sure you barrier these areas off for about two weeks to give the grass a chance to germinate and establish.

May is also the best time of year to harvest the last of any wild garlic before the flowers come through. When foraging for wild plants you must be sure what you are collecting with the correct identification. All foraged greens leaves and flowers should be washed well before eating. Wild garlic is particularly delicious when stirred into pasta and rice dishes during the last minute or two of cooking, when added to sauces for meat and fish dishes. Wild garlic can be used as an alternative to parsley, and also cooked with nettles as an alternative to spinach. It makes an excellent pesto sauce. Rocket, Dill and Tarragon as well as other green salad leaves can add different flavors and textures. Other things to watch out for whilst walking the country side. Fox gloves will be setting seed soon. Foxgloves seed is used in heart medication so ensure children stay out of reach of the seed and if you have lots of young children in the garden its best to pull out the foxgloves or ensure you chop off the flower spicks after flowering.

Keep an eye on any shrubs that have finished flowering such as Forsythia, Ceanothus and Clematis. Now is the best time to prune them back ready for next year's flowers. Plants that flower in spring time set their flower buds on the previous year's growth after the winter so this is an ideal time for any shaping or restructuring you feel needs doing along with any tying in. Keep an eye on other shrubs in the garden and for any additional pruning that may be needed. Look out for birds nesting in shrubs and trees and ensure they have left the nests before pruning and disturbing the wildlife.

Happy Gardening.

Sarah Bailes - Deputy Horticultural Training Manager for Share Community

BASINGSTOKE LIONS CLUB



As you possibly know by now our website won an award at the Lions Clubs District Convention. Many thanks to everyone who supported our bid both by voting and visiting our website which gets about 2000 hits a month during which 5000 pages are visited. That's not bad going for a bunch of amateurs.

District Convention is a get together of the Clubs (65 of them) at which ideas are exchanged and business proposals made. The latter are appropriately (given their origins and content) called "motions". Otherwise it's an excuse for a jolly.

Fundraising:

Our **Annual Swimathon** was held on 5th March. Fourteen teams took part in this relay event. The financial outturn won't be known for a while yet as sponsorship money tends to arrive in dribs and drabs.

The Heritage Light Orchestra played for us for the fourth year in succession on 2nd April. We keep bringing it back because the members are brilliant and a true reflection of the talent that abounds in Basingstoke. Every year their Director, Neil Streeter, puts together a really marvellous selection of music with a theme. This year it was the music of Paris and London performed by 38 musicians and 7 singers. They played a fantastic array of well known pieces and rounded the evening off with everyone joining in to sing all the hit songs from "My Fair Lady" with gusto and accuracy. Neil had provided everyone with song sheets.

Welfare:

We donated £800 to two major cases requiring assistance and £174 to 3 minor cases.

Upcoming Events:

The Lions Den, our popular putting game, will be doing the rounds in support of other charities and schools open days throughout the Summer. Have a go if you see us. But dads, please don't enter into competition with your kids unless you're into humiliation. You can book it for your event by contacting email: bazmore@virginmedia.com

Our Website Events calendar now shows all our planned events for the year including a couple of totally new ones. Please, take a look. www.basingstokelions.org.uk

FARLEIGH WALLOP GARDEN FAIR

in aid of Wellbeing of Women

Saturday May 14 2016 10-4pm

2016 sees this popular Garden Fair, now in its 16th year, return to the grounds of Farleigh House near Basingstoke, Hampshire. Come and browse and buy amongst the large mix of garden and gift stalls, explore the 12 acres of gardens and then relax with tea and a cake in the vintage tea tent. With Millers Ark joining us with a selection of animals, this is a family event not to be missed.

Guest Speaker – Bunny Guinness 'Transforming your Garden'

Talk starts at midday in the dining room of Farleigh House, drinks reception from 11:30am. Tickets £25 per person, which include Fair entry. Contact Fiona on fw@farleighwallop.com for tickets.

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Find us on Facebook @ Farleigh Wallop Garden Fair May 14 2016 and online at www.farleighwallop.com

BASINGSTOKE ART CLUB EXHIBITION

The exhibition at Proteus Creation Space runs from 14th-26th May and will feature the work of local artists in and around Basingstoke. There will be many new paintings and most are for sale.

It is open from Mon – Fri 10am-5.30, and Saturdays 10am – 2pm but is closed Mondays from 1.30pm-2.30pm and Thursdays from 10.30am-12pm. To check opening times and to avoid disappointment, call Proteus on 01256 321621. We are always looking for new members and have a range of activities which can be found on the website.

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If you would like to have a go – no previous experience required – come to Down Grange on a Saturday morning from about 10.00am.

The lawn is up the hill to the left of the Toby Carvery entrance as you look at it.

For more details have a look at our website www.basingstokecroquet.co.uk or e-mail Charmian Harrison at info@basingstokecroquet.co.uk



HATCH WARREN & BEGGARWOOD CYCLING CLUB

Spring has sprung! As a result of the improved weather we've seen more people join the club for Saturday morning or Sunday afternoon rides. We've been able to revert back to a 2pm start on a Sunday afternoon and our 8@8 ride on Sunday morning once a month is proving very popular for those who like a gentler pace or are getting back in the saddle after a break.

The weekly rides (alternate Saturday mornings and Sunday afternoons) are proving very popular – 30 miles at an average pace of 15mph (30@15), 20 miles at an average of 13mph (20@13) and 15 miles at an average of 10mph (15@10), although we will always cycle at the slowest pace. There are also casual rides organized by members throughout the week. It doesn't take long to get out into the beautiful Hampshire countryside and discover the ups and downs of nearby country lanes (sometimes, although it does feel like there are more hills up than down!).

HWBCC members have also taken part in Sportives with a number participating in the recent New Forest Sportive and a couple braving the cobbles of Flanders last month in the Tour of Flanders. As an official

cycle club, we were also allocated 1 mixed team space (2 men and 2 women) for the 2016 Prudential Ride London-Surrey 100 Club Challenge. On the 1st May seven members of the club will tackle the Isle of Wight Randonnee – a round the island cycle of either 55 or 100kms. Let's hope the weather's kind to them!

Recently introduced membership has proven very popular. Guest riders are very welcome to join us – the only thing we ask is that after three guest rides a commitment is made to join the club. It's only £15 for the year and simple to join through the British Cycling website. Club kit is available, the first batch has been ordered and will be looking splendid on various members once it arrives we have no doubt.

Check us out. We are a cycling club for the community wanting to be able to offer rides for cyclists of any and every ability. We look forward to seeing more people on two wheels out and about in Hatch Warren and Beggarwood soon!

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Hatch Warren Community Association on 8th June 2016, 7.30PM

at Hatch Warren Community Centre, Longcross Lane,
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You are invited to attend a short meeting to support the trustees of HWCA. The charity (1161117) exists to provide, run and manage Hatch Warren Community Centre and to provide social and educational facilities to improve the conditions of life for the residents of Hatch Warren, Beggarwood and Kempshott Rise. An update of our achievements over the past year and our plans for the future of HWCA will be reviewed.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Elections - Thursday 5th May

Pure Indulgence Pamper Event, Sat 14th May

11-4pm for more information please call Sue on 07584 437426

AGM - Wednesday 8th June @ 7.30pm

We can't survive without YOU!! If you aren't a member but want to have your say or join the committee you can sign up on the night. Free glass of wine or beer.

Wrestling - Saturday 18th June

for more info & tickets please call 07717 858 226 or visit www.wrestleforce.com

LAGER FESTIVAL - Saturday 25th June, 7-11pm

THEATRE COACH TRIPS

ALADDIN THE MUSICAL - Thurs 6th Oct - £65 per person, deposit £45 due by 28th April, balance due by 31st July. Coach departs at 16:45 from our car park
DIRTY DANCING ON TOUR (READING) - Wed 23rd Nov - £50 per person, deposit £35 due now, balance due by 5th Sept. Coach departs at 18:00 from our car park

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SUMMER FESTIVAL- SAT 9 JULY - 12-3PM

This is a FREE ENTRY event and our way of saying thanks to the Community. Our regular users and local businesses will be providing entertainment on our field. We can now confirm that thanks to RAF Odiham there will be a Chinook on display - a great opportunity to sit onboard and take some photos, as well as meeting some of the team. Other activities confirmed so far, include: Zorb Football, Crazy Golf, Licensed Bar, Stalls, Tombola, Climbing Wall, Bouncy Castle, Ice-creams, Meet Characters and Messy Play. See website for more details.

DINKY DANCERS WITH CATHY

Due to popularity we have a new Wednesday session at 10am in the Lounge for Dinky Dancers as well as our Friday sessions in the Conservatory (two sessions 9.30am & 10.30am). Sessions are suitable for walkers through to 4 years. £6 drop in, £20 pre-pay for 5 weeks. You must book your space, please call 811262 or email office@hatchwarren.org

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**FRIDAY NIGHT TERM TIME
OPEN ACCESS & HEALTH HUB
Age 13+ from 8pm-9.30pm**

MAY/JUNE Programme - 6-7.45pm

Friday 29th April	<i>Young People's Choice</i>
Friday 6th May	<i>Chinese Food & Chinese Activities</i>
Friday 13th May	<i>Movie Night with Nachos & Popcorn</i>
Friday 20th May	<i>LIPSYNC & Make your own pitta pizza</i>
Friday 27th May	<i>Warren Bingo and Hotdogs</i>
Friday 3rd June	<i>Quiz Night</i>
Friday 10th June	<i>Watch the Euro Cup & England craft</i>
Friday 17th June	<i>Mini Euro Cup & Father's Day Craft</i>
Friday 24th June	<i>Dance Competition & Chicken Wraps</i>

Health Hub Programme - 8-9.30pm

Friday 6th May *Drugs & Alcohol Workshop*

HEALTH HUB PROGRAM

If you (or someone you know) are 13 or older please remember The Warren runs sessions from 8pm-9.30pm on Fridays. During this time you can just come in, hang out and use our facilities. You can also use our Free Confidential Advice on a whole range of issues including contraception, pregnancy testing and chlamydia screening.

Good luck to all our young people who are sitting exams over the next couple of months. Please remember we are happy to help you review, talk about your next steps after your exams or give you hints, tips and a helping hand if you want to find part time work over the summer.

FREE ENTRY FOR ALL YOUNG PEOPLE

SPRING TERM....

We hope you all had a great Easter, we certainly did! The Warren Easter Egg Hunt being one of the highlights! The Warren are excited that the evenings are getting lighter, this means we can start doing more outdoor games. Also the Euro Cup starts next month, so look out for posters advertising our very own mini Euro Cup.

The most exciting thing about summer getting closer is Summer Streetz, we have so many awesome ideas for you guys. This summer is set to be an absolute belter! BUT we still need YOUR ideas, get thinking and let us know what YOU want to see this summer.

SPORTS RELIEF

March 18th was Sports Relief so to raise money our young people paid a pound to take part in a football tournament. It was a little cold and damp but this didn't slow down the young people or our youth workers Joe and Emilie! Thank you to all who took part, we raised £30 which will go towards all the good work that Sports Relief does.



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••••• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

I love this time after Easter where we hear the various stories of the disciples of Jesus encountering him after his resurrection. It reminds us that the disciples and close friends of Jesus, whilst called to proclaim the Good News and carry on Jesus' work were ordinary people with faults and flaws.

There's Thomas who, for over 2,000 years has been tarred with the nickname 'Doubting Thomas'. Thomas didn't have much of a mention in the gospels but that one moment of him wanting to see and touch Jesus' scars has meant the unfair (in my opinion) labelling of his belief! Then there's Peter: Such a key figure in the church but someone who would speak first and think later: It was Peter who denied that he even knew Jesus three times at a time when Jesus needed him the most. But still Jesus would refer to him as a 'rock' on which his church would be built.

In the early days of the church, the infamous Christian hunter; Saul who was to become Paul had a conversion experience on the road to Damascus. He then spent the rest of his life proclaiming the Gospel. From chief persecutor to leading evangelist.

At the end of April at Immanuel five people (two young people and three adults) were confirmed. They confirmed their faith for themselves and committed themselves to following Jesus. As a church community we

rejoiced as Bex, Phillip, Julia, Emma and Fe made their commitments. God calls them as he calls you and me. God has a calling for us all and walks with us each and every step of the way. It's good for us to remind ourselves that we are not expected to be flawless, to be perfect; because God knows us and calls us because of who we are. In following Jesus we step out trying to live better lives but also aware that we will make mistakes along the way and that life is far from perfect.

This wonderful passage from Isaiah 43 is a great strength: 'But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.'

God has a calling for us all just as he called Thomas, Peter, Paul and many others before us. How will we respond to His calling?

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••••• THE IMMANUEL BIG KNIT

In last month's Rabbiter there were details of the community project led by Immanuel Church to send blankets via the Red Cross to help refugees. There's been an amazing response and so far there have been enough knitted and crocheted squares to make four or five blankets (each blanket uses over 80 squares). Two blankets have been sent to Woolly Hugs to send on to the Red Cross with the others in progress.

A big thank you to all who are helping and knitting squares – we've even had a bag of squares from some pupils of St Mark's who knitted squares on their way to Alton Towers during the Easter holidays! If you'd like to help and are able to knit some squares, details of the specification can be found on the Immanuel website (www.immanuel.co.uk) or the Big Knit Facebook page (just look for 'The Immanuel Big Knit').

And if you'd like to learn how to knit a square or just some company whilst you knit, there's a knit & (k)natter at Immanuel Church on Saturday 30th April from 10.00 – 11.30am. Coffee, tea, cakes and biscuits on offer to help things along!



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Paris marathon finishers



supporters met in Basingstoke to travel in convoy to Ebbsfleet where we boarded the train for Paris. After a quick bag drop at the hotel we headed to the Exhibition Centre to collect running numbers. A night of pasta (and prosecco for the non-runners) was the perfect way to prep for the next day's activities. With the runners leaving early, the supporters

were left to put the final touches to their banners before heading off for coffee and croissants. The morning rapidly warmed up providing challenging conditions for the runners – and rather pleasant weather for those supporting. Paris is generally less well supported than London so despite there being over 60,000 runners, the supporters could move about easily and managed to catch all our runners at both mile 3 then at mile 16, before our final rendezvous at Arc de Triomphe. Although not many of the runners achieved the times they were aiming for due to the heat, everyone finished safely without injury. We had 15 finishers, with 3 people running their first



Reading half marathon competitors

trails around the villages of Farleigh Wallop, Cliddesden and Ellisfield. In true HWR style, all proceeds from the event will be donated to charity. We'd love to see as many local people as possible. Visit www.hwrunners.co.uk for more information.

HWR meet on Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:15pm with runs going from the Portsmouth Arms and the Co-Op in Beggarwood. Members meet, warm up and then break into groups depending on what distance and pace they plan to run.

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The Hospice is also delighted to announce the return of 'Little Wheel 5', designed for children aged 2-7 years unable to take part in the main event. Bring your trike, bike or scooter and don't forget your helmet! All children taking part will receive a medal upon reaching the finish line.

Big Wheel is a true family event and a great way to get fit whilst spending time together raising money for North Hampshire's only adult Hospice, who provides specialist care and support to patients suffering from life limiting illnesses. We advise you register before the event to save time, avoid long queues on the day and it is also cheaper.

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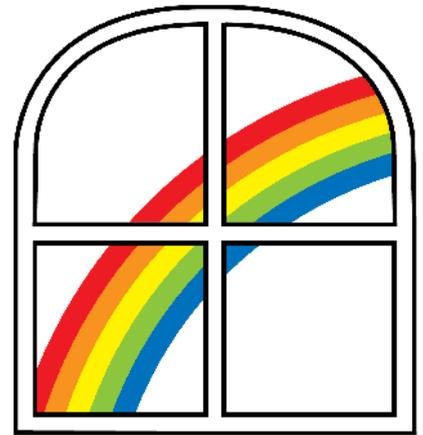
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