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EDITORIAL

Last month we asked readers to let us know what they think of the Rabbiter. A very big thank you to all those residents who responded – their kind comments and support makes us realise how much the Rabbiter is appreciated. Our readers like being kept up to date on what is happening locally – and what local groups and people are up to. We have many local groups who regularly send us information on what is going on but there are other activities happening regularly and our community would like to know about them. Not only would residents find this interesting, it may generate new participants and much needed volunteers. Our readers frequently use the Rabbiter to find local trades people so advertising in the Rabbiter is definitely a good move! The replies we received have some great ideas regarding what you would like to see in future editions. However, we still need help to find the stories, enhance our social media presence and write interesting articles about local life – all it takes is two or three hours a month!

An increasing number of local residents want to grow their own vegetables and are on the list for an allotment in the local area. The good news is that Basingstoke and Deane Council are seeking planning permission to provide more allotments for local residents. There are a number of issues and it is hoped that these will be resolved soon.

Concern continues to be expressed regarding the proposed Motorway Station close to M3 Junction 7 – see our letters page. What do you think about this and the ongoing disruption to the roads locally? Let us have your thoughts and views on these issues.

One of the great events of the year is Bonfire Night and this year the annual Hatch Warren Community Centre event will actually take place on 5 November. The Centre are looking for more helpers for this event to ensure it goes off with a big BANG!! The event will take place in the middle of Hatch Warren so many people will walk there, if you are taking a car please respect local residents when parking – see page 22.

The Pink Place, Sainsbury's Charity of the Year, are looking for a volunteers who are qualified in hairdressing, beauty and massage therapies – see page 30 for more details. This is a very worthwhile charity helping people with cancer.

Our soup lunch held recently raised £56 for the After School Club – a big thank you to Sainsbury's for sponsoring the event and helping in the kitchen on the day. Jason who is the PR contact at our branch turned out to be the best vegetable chopper ever!

Going to the movies is not cheap – your editor recently paid over £22 to take her husband to see the new Tom Hanks film! We never managed to see 'Lady in the Van' when it was showing so were very pleased when the film was showing at Immanuel Film Night recently – it was free (we did make a donation) and we had a cup of tea or coffee while the film was running. Next month 'About Time' is showing with one of my favourite actors, Bill Nighy – hope to see you all there!

There is so much to do in November – Bonfire Night, Hatch Warren Craft Fayre, Thanksgiving etc. Enjoy all these wonderful events!

Jenny, Editor



Keep an eye out for the web symbol — you can find out more on selected articles at www.therabbiter.biz

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Jane Randall & Carol Statham

We're tremendously proud to acknowledge the tremendous fundraising efforts of our colleagues, Jane Randall & Carol Statham.

Their mission to overcome fear and skydive in aid of The Brain Tumour Trust inspired many colleagues and customers to donate. I'm delighted to report that following the skydive, an amazing £3000 was raised for the Trust.

Sadly, Jane's father, whose brave battle with this terrible disease, inspired their challenge, recently passed away. Our thoughts and love are with Jane at this time.

Ann Tovey Retires

A Kempshott legend has recently retired after many years of valuable service to Sainsbury's. Ann was our fantastic Store Trainer and, many of you will have seen her during your trips to the store. I'm sure you will join me in wishing Ann peaceful and well deserved retirement.

Giving Back to the After School Club

We recently donated the ingredients

for a Soup Lunch at Hatch Warren Community Centre, raising funds for After School Club.

We had tremendous fun with Father Michael & Jenny in preparing the wonderful soups including, Broccoli & Shropshire Blue, Tomato and Vegetable soups for those who turned up.



A generous £56 was raised during the lunch which the After School Club intends to invest in buying some board games.

The Pink Place

Our partnership with The Pink Place continues to grow with our support at their 1st Partners Evening to launch The Blue Space at The Pink Place. The

Blue Space is a support group for male Partners', caring for a loved one through a cancer diagnosis.

The next session will be hosted in the Café at the store in Kempshott from 7.30pm till 9.30pm on November 8th with information, support and events that encourage friendship and reduce isolation.



To register and gain more information, please contact 07899 970 841 or email info@thepinkplace.org.uk

Waste Less Save More

Our national campaign reached Basingstoke last month with customers receiving free fridge thermometers with their shopping. The initiative was well received across the town with the team from Inspiro sharing the thermometers during one of their popular garden sessions behind Kempshott Village Hall.

Hatch Warren Runners

Our support to help with our friends at the Hatch Warren Runners continued during this last month, with Sainsbury's supporting the Inaugural Farleigh Wallop Trail Race, organised by the runners.

We supplied bags, bananas, chocolate bars and water for over 200 runners.

This partnership strengthens our bond with the runners who we'll also be seeing at the end of November for the popular 24hr Marathon.

Our Values make us Different

HATCH WARREN & BEGGARWOOD CYCLING CLUB

It's been a busy summer and as we ride into November, with the clocks going back we have a change of ride schedule so we can avoid, as best as possible, riding in the dark. We continue with the pattern of Saturday morning at 9am/ Sunday afternoon. With the evenings getting darker sooner the Sunday afternoon rides now start at 1.15pm. As the Rabbiter goes to print, the committee are discussing what we do with the very popular Tuesday evening ride. Watch this space!

In the last month or so we've celebrated our first birthday, continued to grow our membership to well over 100 and ten of our ride leaders have completed the Ride Leadership Award Level 1 course. We've a growing 'army' of ride leaders who are responsible for the weekly rides and without whom we couldn't operate. We're committed to have more trained so that we can continue to ride in all conditions and all seasons.

As we're most definitely in Autumn now, our luck with the weather appears to have turned on us with October rides getting a bit wetter! We've dealt with all sorts of conditions and will ride in most; recently some of the rides have started in glorious sunshine and set off to discover the delights of a huge downpour half way through the ride! The latest additions to club kit will ensure people keep warm and as dry as possible. If you're interested in some professional club-branded kit, get in touch.

A special mention to HWBCC member, Graeme Steers, who was spotted in Mexico in full club kit last month – that's over 5,000 miles away from Hatch Warren! The challenge is on to beat that and we look forward to the photographic evidence of members on their travels.

In the coming months we will have a



fresh batch of kit arriving – including winter jackets and long sleeved tops. There will also be a supply of HWBCC hoodies for adults and children; all competitively priced. And of course, we wouldn't be a good club without a decent social calendar so next month we'll be celebrating Christmas in style with our Christmas party in early December!

We'd love to welcome more members; at just £7.50 until the end of March you're able to ride with a group of like-minded individuals get an amazing amount of support on and off the bike and see the glorious countryside that surrounds us. We're working on putting the necessary people and administration in place to be able to welcome younger riders and are always looking for ways to get more people to dust off their bikes! If you're new to cycling or haven't cycled for a while, why not join our monthly 8@8 on a Sunday morning? Setting off from St Mark's School car park for a gentle 8 miles at an average of 8mph (although we'll always ride to the pace of our slowest rider).

Updates and a schedule of our cycles can be found by liking our Facebook group: www.facebook.com/HWBcc/ (Hatch Warren Beggarwood Cycling) or on our website: <http://www.hwbcc.org/>

Come ride with us.

LOCAL DEMOCRACY WEEK

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council took part in Local Democracy Week recently. The idea is to encourage wider interest and participation in local democracy, especially among young people. The heart of this was a debate at Queen Mary's College, with the main participants being the students.

The Council's Democratic Services team arranged the event working with QMC. Cllr Nigel Pierce and I were asked to go along and speak on the role of the local councillor, with Cllr Pierce also speaking about his post as Chair of the Scrutiny Committee. I mentioned my Cabinet role and gave some examples of ward work, but my main point was to stress the importance of young people engaging with the political process, voting and making their voices heard.

We then handed over to the students. They had been set the task of debating the EU referendum. One student put the case for continuing membership, and another for coming out. The students then had a vote which was organised by Democratic Services complete with ballot slips and a voting booth. The students voted by a large majority to stay in the EU.

It is so important for local people to feel a part of the process and for young people to gain the habit of voting and participating. My heart always sinks when I knock on a door and am told that the residents never vote. I've studied the suffragettes and they are very dear to my heart. Democracy and the vote were dearly won and should be cherished.

Very best wishes

Cllr Terri Reid

WHAT'S ON – NOVEMBER

Do you have an event locally that you would like to tell people about. The Rabbiter reaches over 4000 homes locally so is the perfect way to publicise your event. Just email details to newsdesk@therabbiter.biz or rabbitereditor@aol.com Copy date is the 15th of the month preceding publication.

- 3 November Trip to The Bodyguard, London – organised by Hatch Warren Community Centre
- 3 November Hatch Warren W.I.
- 5 November Fireworks Display – organised by Hatch Warren Community Centre
- 10 November Laughter House at Red Lion featuring Johnny Awsum – www.laughter-housevpweb.co.uk
- 12 November Basingstoke Symphony Orchestra Family Concert, The Anvil
- 13 November Remembrance Sunday
- 13 November 'Eternal Light' Hook Choral Society, 4pm St John's Church, Hook
- 15 November Film Night at Immanuel
- 15 November Defibrillator and CPR Training – 19.30 Hatch Warren Community Centre
- 17 November Cliddesden W.I.
- 19 November Quiz Night at Cliddesden Millenium Hall – see Lions Club page 13
- 23 November Trip to Dirty Dancing on Tour; Reading – organised by Community Centre
- 24 November Thanksgiving – a wonderful family celebration from across the big pond!
- 25 November Christmas Shopping Evening, Snapdragons, Old Down Hall – see page 7
- 26 November Advent Activity Day, Immanuel Church
- 26 November Trip to Bluewater – organised by Hatch Warren Community Centre
- 26 November Hatch Warren Runners annual 24 hour run – see page 10
- 27 November Christmas Craft Fayre – organised by Hatch Warren Community Centre
- 27 November Newbury Artisan Market – www.newburyartisanmarket.co.uk
- 27 November Basingstoke Choral Society, Anvil – see page 14
- 30 November St Andrew's Day

Future Events

- 1 December Laughter House at Red Lion – www.laughter-housevpweb.co.uk
- 3 December Christmas Fayre at St Mark's CoE Primary School, 11am – 2pm
- 3 December Trip to Bath Christmas Market – organised by Hatch Warren Community Centre
- 4 December Light up a Life service, 6pm St Michaels Hospice
- 5 December Film Night at St Mark's
- 7 December Defibrillator and CPR Training – 18.00 Hatch Warren Community Centre
- 8 December Hatch Warren W.I.
- 8 Dec – 2 Jan Sleeping Beauty Pantomime – The Anvil, Basingstoke
- 9/10 December Christmas Pantomime – Cliddesden Millennium Village Hall
- 11 December Christingle, Immanuel Church, 3pm

- 18 December Carols by Candlelight, Immanuel Church at 6.30pm
- 21 December Winter Solstice
- 24 December Crib Service, Immanuel Church, 3pm
- 24 December Midnight Mass, Immanuel Church, 11.30pm
- 25 December Christmas Day!
- 25 December Celebration Christmas Communion, Immanuel Church, 10am

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- 5 January Film Night at Immanuel
- 15 January Wedding Fayre at Hatch Warren Community Centre
- 8 February Film Night at Immanuel
- 9 February Trip to Wicked, Hatch Warren Community Centre
- 11 February Race Night, Hatch Warren Community Centre
- 9 March Film Night at Immanuel
- 17 March Trip to The Lion King, Hatch Warren Community Centre
- 4 April Film Night at Immanuel
- 27 April Trip to 'The Girls', Hatch Warren Community Centre

REGULAR EVENTS

Hatch Warren W.I., 1st Thursday each month 8.00pm Community Centre (contact Jane Kerry 01256 810255)

Baby Clinic, 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month Community Centre 10.30 – 12.00 (contact Health Visitor 01256 320567)

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

Hatch Warren Runners, meet Monday and Wednesday at 7.15, Portsmouth Arms and at the Co-op Beggarwood. www.hwrunners.co.uk



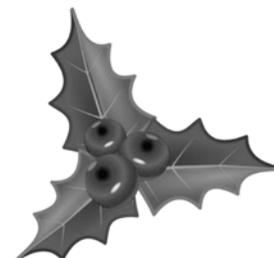
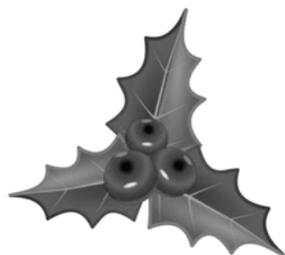
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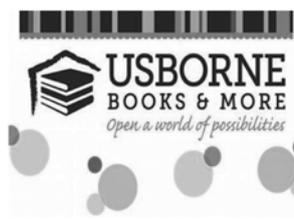
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Looking forward to seeing you there!

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NOVEMBER NIGHTS



Hold a fun evening and at the same time raise money for St Michael's Hospice. We are launching a new campaign called 'November Nights' and we would love you to be involved. Have a Cheese & Wine evening, a games evening, Bonfire Night Party, or a girl's night in being pampered. The list is endless of the different things you could do to be involved.

If you have an idea please let us know, or if you need supporting material to help promote your event, please give Lynne Grimshaw a call on 01256 848845 or email: Lynne.grimshaw@stmichaelsospice.org.uk

COMING SOON KETTLE BELL EXERCISE CLASS

Starting Thursday 3rd November in the Lounge at the Hatch Warren Community Centre is a brand new exercise class using kettle bells. This builds functional strength by engaging several muscle groups at a time that creates strength you can use instead of tone that just looks attractive.

For those not familiar with what a kettle bell is, it's essentially a cannon ball with a handle, and is a great tool for getting strong and toned. Increasing weights are used as your strength improves.



Kirk Stevens of Glacier Fitness is going to run this class every Thursday at 6.45 – 7.45 pm and the first class is a free taster. Thereafter it is £5.00 per session or you can buy a loyalty card at £35.00 for eight sessions.

All ages and abilities are welcome as individual exercises will be modified to suit your level of fitness.

To book a place please call Kirk on 07427 633483



THINGS I WISH I KNEW WHEN I WAS GETTING DIVORCED.....

1. Find a solicitor that is right for you. At Lamb Brooks we are Resolution members, which means that we promote dealing with divorce in a constructive and non-confrontational way. The website www.resolution.org.uk can help you find a Resolution solicitor in your local area.

2. Be aware of divorce myths! Often people look on the internet for legal advice, and fall into the trap of believing what they read online. There are lots of myths that surround divorce – for example, contrary to what is reported online especially surrounding celebrity divorces, there is no such thing as a “quickie divorce”. It is important that you receive accurate legal advice, and at Lamb Brooks we

offer initial fixed fee appointment which is a helpful starting point to know your rights and options.

3. Get the emotional support that you (and your children) need. We will be able to recommend to you local counsellors, family therapists and support groups that you may find to be a huge help, when going through emotionally turbulent times.

4. Know your options. The first thing that springs to mind when thinking of divorce is often court rooms and expensive legal bills. At Lamb Brooks however, we promote Dispute Resolution options, such as Mediation and the Collaborative Family Process. Going to Court should really be considered as the last resort,

and we find that dealing with matters using these other processes is far more effective (from both a cost and emotional perspective) for separating couples and their families.

For more information please contact Ann Davies or Laura Bell on 01256 305596, or email enquiries@lambbrooks.com



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MOTOWN MAGIC

Lou Taylor certainly set the night on fire last Saturday night when he performed for the Basingstoke Lions Club at the Royal British Legion in aid of the Maple Ridge School’s Minibus Appeal.

He started us off with a couple of slow and easy numbers which encouraged us onto the dance floor. Then he unleashed a pulsating blast of rhythm straight out of 1960s and 70s Detroit - “Superstition”, “I heard it through the Grape Vine”, “Sugar Pie Honey Bunch”, “Ain’t no Mountain High Enough”, “Sex Machine”. At this point the fainthearted (mostly men) left the floor and left it to the ladies to show us what it was all about. Wow! If those hips had been on The Great British Bake Off they would have had no trouble beating the egg whites to stiff peaks.

Even after the break to draw the raffle, the high octane performance by both Lou and the ladies continued and was maintained right to the end when we all went “Dancing on the Ceiling” and “Loco down in Acapulco”. We had enormous fun, and there is no doubt that this event will feature in the Lions Charity Fundraising programme again. Thanks Lou!

Many thanks too, to all who turned up and made it such a successful event. We will publish how much we raised for Maple Ridge in our next monthly activities report which is sent to local newspapers and community magazines.

Philip Wilson

PRO, Basingstoke Lions Club.

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HATCH WARREN RUNNERS – BASINGSTOKE RACES

The last weekend in September was an exciting day for Hatch Warren Runners as we hosted our very own running event for the first time. Starting from Farleigh Wallop, the 10k course was a trail run through the tracks and fields of Farleigh Wallop and Ellisfield. Over 200 runners from all over the county and further afield took part and Home Farm Barn at Farleigh Wallop was transformed into a 'sea of blue and yellow'.

Race day was a huge success with over 110 HWR members acting as marshals and helpers (having been banned from taking part themselves!). Each runner received a stunning medal and trophies were awarded to the first finishers by Lord Lymington. The weather was very kind and even the discovery of a farmer busy ploughing one of the fields on the route an hour before the start was not going to faze HWR! A quick dash to the crop field and a polite request to start the ploughing at the far side of the field, and all was well!

All proceeds from the race are being donated to two local charities - 'Robbie's Rally' and 'The Pink Place'. Donations and sponsorship were generously provided by Barons Estate Agents and Fitique Ladies Sportswear of Alresford as



C25K to Half Marathon in 11 months L to R Emily Hawkins, Jacqui Humphris, Vicky Hurst

well as Sainsbury's Kempshott. And our own club members who run their own businesses helped us out. Thanks to Simon Brown at Wave-Band who managed the radio communications and Julian Croft at Snowflake Group that designed the most amazing medal.

The reviews on Runner's World have been hugely positive with 100% of those taking part wanting to do it again next year. Plans are already in progress to host the race again in September 2017. A special mention to the fantastic team from HWR who organised and ran the day. So much planning goes into organising a day like

this from logistics, talking to local people, advertising, health and safety, managing registrations, medal and prizes, time keeping, first aid, parking and endless other things. Thanks to Sharon Bryan and her wonderful team for doing the club proud.

October 2 was Basingstoke Half Marathon, a firm favourite with local running clubs. We had a number of runners who started running with HWR on our Couch to 5K course eleven months ago who were running their very first half - Emily Hawkins, Jacqui Humphris and Vicky Hurst. Well done – a fantastic achievement. We also had a podium place for Becky Vincent who was the first female in her age group. And, as always, the weather was kind, showing off our beautiful countryside in the best light.

In other news, our new C25k starts on Monday with 25 people signed up ready to start their running journey. The cross country season has started and we are hoping to achieve some great results again this year in the league. Finally, our annual 24 hour run in memory of local school boy Jayden Wilson who lost his battle with cancer two years ago, will take place 25-26 November. Please give generously if you see us collecting outside Sainsbury's Kempshott, or give us a toot of the horn if you drive past us. We'll be running in a relay continuously for 24 hours, doing handovers outside Sainsbury's and raising lots of money for Naomi's House Children's Hospice.

HWR meet on Monday and Wednesday evenings with runs going from various points in Hatch Warren, Beggarwood and town. Members meet, warm up and then break into groups depending on what distance and pace they plan to run.

For more details on HWR please visit www.hwrunners.co.uk, email hwrunners@sky.com or look for Hatch Warren Runners on Facebook



The team that organised HWR Trail Race L to R Shona Brown, Sue Kemp, Nik Bryan, Sharon Bryan, Simon Champion, Lisa Dunkerley





EXCITING AND NEW!

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In the absence of our President, who is currently disporting herself all over Australia, the Business meeting was chaired by Vice President Dianne. Yes folks, having had no women Presidents for 49 years, we're having two in a row. I'm not sure what that says about us. Anyway, our meetings are supposed to last no more than 2 hours. This one lasted 1 hour 59 minutes – 'nuff said!

FUNDRAISING:

Motown: It was spectacular. It put everyone in a great mood to dance (which they did with gay abandon) and Lou Taylor sang his socks off – brilliant! See the full report in the Club News page of the website. It raised £698.50. So that is the minimum the Mapleridge School Minibus appeal will receive.

MacMillans Coffee Morning: It was another diabetes inducing, unbridled cake scoffing occasion interspersed with cups of delicious coffee and strolls round our past President's garden. The sun shone, the bees buzzed and all was right with the world. It raised £230. Not bad for a couple of hours of unalloyed pleasure!

WELFARE:

We spent £382 to resolve domestic emergencies.

The following is part of a message from a Basingstoke resident whom we helped: *"You will recall how the Lions donated to Ready Emmy Walk via a donation and the Swimathon. 7 months later we had raised all the money we needed and Emmy had her operation in St Louis USA on Tuesday. The prognosis is for unassisted walking within a year and a normal life ahead of her. Please pass on my thanks to all the Lions and tell them what a difference they have made again! And that is why we do what we do."*

UPCOMING EVENTS:

29/10/2016 New Orleans Style Halloween Jazz Party at the Viables Community Hall with the **Sussex Jazz Kings**. Contact: jhibberd440@btinternet.com or tel: 01256 461086. Fancy Dress (if you're in the mood) Supper and Dancing – it's worth coming just to listen to the Jazz? And you can even buy tickets on the website www.basingstokelions.org.uk

19/11/2016 Quiz Night at the Cliddesden Millennium Hall. Brilliant brain teasing! Have a go!

Contact: philipjhwilson@btinternet.com or tel: 01256 352393

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:

1. Breadels Field & Breadels Court
2. Monarch Close
3. Oyster Close, Paxton Close, Harris Hill, Wights Walk, Sandbanks Drive and Vanburgh Gardens



BASINGSTOKE CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT FELLOWSHIP



There were 48 members at the meeting on 5th October who were welcomed by the Chairman John Lambeth. The Secretary, Tony Brazier, gave details of the forthcoming trip to visit the Canine Partners Centre on Thursday 17th November and the Christmas lunch at BCOT on Thursday 15th December for which there were still a few places left.

The speaker this month was Sheila Hills who spent a year in Afghanistan working for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. She explained how she saw a position advertised which exactly required the experience she had gained in the accounts department at Bramshill Police College and was for a 12 month secondment in Kabul. With the backing of her husband and sons she applied for the job, was successful and was soon heading out with 3 retired police officers who were to advise new police recruits on crime scene investigation. Her role was to deal with the expenses side of the operation and make arrangements for different experts to fly out and undertake certain parts of the training. She was able to see a different side to the country after the Taliban had left other than that portrayed by the media. She gave an insight to everyday life in Kabul for ordinary people and illustrated her talk by showing slides and displaying items of clothing that had been given to her during her stay there.

The next meeting is on 2nd November when the speaker will be John Owen Smith on One Monday in November.

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

NOVEMBER EVENTS AT THE BASINGSTOKE DISCOVERY CENTRE



To book a place, you can order online from <https://www.hants.gov.uk/shop/home.php>, or visit Basingstoke Discovery Centre in Festival Place, or call 01256 478670. Advance booking is strongly recommended.

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HAITI HURRICANE RELIEF

As you will all have seen through the news channels, Hurricane Matthew, the most powerful Caribbean storm in a decade has had a devastating effect upon Haiti.

According to the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, there are an estimated 350,000 people in need of assistance.

80% of buildings have been destroyed and sadly the death toll is already over 900 and expected to rise. The already very poor sanitation system has been totally overwhelmed by flooding. A cholera epidemic spread by contaminated water has already killed 6,000 people since the earthquake hit Haiti in 2010 and will kill many more now.

Members of Lions Clubs of the British Isles and Ireland are coordinating with our Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and it has been agreed to supply water treatment equipment directly to help the people of Haiti. Clean water is one of their greatest needs.

The Basingstoke Lions Club will be making an initial donation of £500 and I'm sure that our friends in the other 65 local Clubs will be doing their bit too.

Please donate to this cause if you can.

Thank you for giving this your consideration.

Philip Wilson, PRO Basingstoke Lions Club, Tel. 01256 352393



A member of one of the Basingstoke Freemasons lodges has advised that their national charity has donated £50,000 towards the Haiti appeal

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Letter... to the editor

Is there really a need for another service station on the M3?

If so, why is only so important to have one on the south bound carriageway and not the north? Have Applegreen got their eyes on a corner of Crabtree Plantation for a north bound services, being convenient to junction 6?

Who owns the plot of land in question?

How will employees be stopped from parking in Garlic Lane and accessing the site by foot from there? Will there be a solid 10ft concrete barrier around the perimeter? Will people travelling from the south to work there really be prepared to continue to junction 6 to come back to the service area?

Applegreen have stated that if there was a need, they would be prepared to provide a mini bus to transport staff to the services from the Beggarwood area. How do they think this will operate if say only 3 to 8 people from this area work at different times and days?

If Applegreen are so keen to assist in building more facilities for the motorist, would they not be better placed in looking at the M25 north where the next service area after Fleet is FORTY NINE miles away!! There's a good chance they could fit two in on this long stretch. Or, even look at the M27 east where there are no services at all (as the sign says at Fleet services travelling south - M27 east (No Services))

Are there any facts to show how many times rescue services have been called out to attend when vehicles have run out of fuel between Fleet and Winchester? But not the other way. Surely most motorists will ensure they have enough fuel for their planned journey's these days. Not to mention the assistance of a sat nav to find non motorway services should they require a top up.

Are Applegreen the only company in the driving seat if the proposal is passed or are other developers able to tender?

The only people to fully benefit with this blot on the landscape, will be Applegreen PLC, who will line their pockets and tootle back to Dublin never to worry about their impact on Basingstoke ever again.

AJW, Basingstoke

FILM NIGHTS AT IMMANUEL 2016/17

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By Hayley Eachus
Family Law Department

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Mrs Wyatt went on to make a claim for financial relief from her former husband. Their case was finally settled after several years battling in the courts and is an example of when an unresolved issue returns to haunt a former partner and disrupt their life, in this case for many years.

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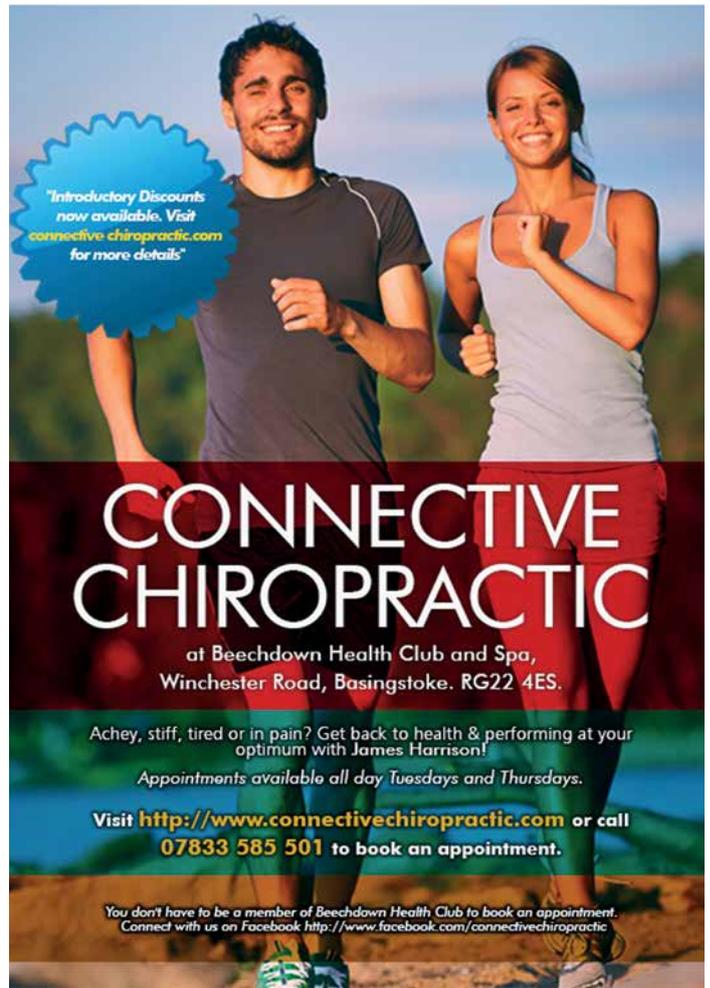

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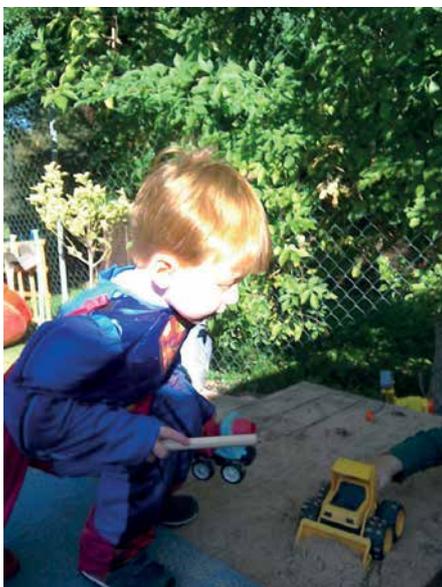


HELLO FROM CVP!

The term is going well for us with many new starters, some of whom are just 2 years old, settling in very well. The benefits of a few "play & stay" sessions where the parent stays with the child helping to build their confidence in a new place and a home visit where the keyperson and myself visit the family at home all contribute to both parent and child feeling ready for the first day. With the support of the keyperson we aim to make each child feel secure and then be ready to play and learn.

Our focus has been Doctors and Nurses and the children have enjoyed the role play area we created. With plenty of stethoscopes, otoscopes (for looking into ears!) bandages and more, the children have been able to recreate their experiences at the doctors. This was greatly enhanced by one of the parents, who is an A&E nurse, coming to pre-school wearing her uniform and chatting to the children about doctors and hospitals.

A farming parent kindly gave us a bag of beans which the children always enjoy playing with and which, within a short time, began to grow wherever they had landed. Children found it fascinating to find beans growing in the oddest of places and to see the roots and shoots from the beans. We re-planted the beans into pots and have all taken an interest in how quickly the beans grow.



Visitors are very welcome so if you would like to see pre-school in action and the fun learning that takes place, please do. A quick phone call to let us know is all that is needed.

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HATCH WARREN UNDER FIVES



They say time flies when you're having fun, and we're amazed at how quickly our first half term has gone at Hatch Warren Under Fives.

The children have been busy, busy, busy learning through play. Our Rising Fives Coordinator, Pam, always takes her planning lead from the children and through her observations this term has introduced the themes of cars and transport; and colours, shapes and numbers. We've had boats floating on jelly, a car wash, we've made traffic light sandwiches and name trains. And to complete our cars and transport theme, the children had a visit from the local lollipop man – he even bought along a child sized lollipop stick for some role play with the children. The little ones have also been mixing colours, painting toast and going on walks to look at shapes and colours in our environment.



At HWU5s we introduce pre-phonics skills through the Phase One Phonics programme. Our early phonics teaching initially focuses on developing our children's listening skills. Angela, our SENCO, has been having a great time with the children on indoor and outdoor walks listening to the sounds in our environment. The children have been listening attentively to the sounds all around them and talking about what they've heard. We've shared rhyming books and had great fun guessing the sounds from the listening box – socks full of marbles, pots full of buttons, squeaky dog balls, jingling bells, and lots more...

The children also joined in with Macmillan's World's Biggest Coffee Morning this year and opened their very own coffee shop. Parents came along for coffee and cake – all served by our preschool waiters and waitresses. The children took all the payments and manned the tills, collecting £112.50 for this wonderful charity.

Every October the children at Hatch Warren Under Fives spend a week in the great outdoors. Woodland week is a firm favourite on our activities calendar and the children had a great time discovering bugs, eating barbeques, making dens, and collecting some lovely autumn leaves and pine cones. And while we were down in the woods this year, Hatch Warren Under Fives and their sister preschool Kempshott Under Fives, hosted their own Teddy Bears Picnic for siblings, friends and families. We had an amazing afternoon and the children and their favourite teddy

bears enjoyed a teddy bear trail, face painting, games and there was even a prize for the best-dressed teddy! Sainsburys Hatch Warren showed fantastic community spirit by very kindly donating the teddy bears picnic – gestures and local support like this are invaluable to our charity run preschool.



You can find out more about our preschool by visiting our website www.hatchwarrenunderfives.co.uk. Please like our Facebook, "Hatch Warren U5s Preschool".

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We need people who have time and patience and like talking to elderly people. You need to have good listening skills and be able to show empathy. We will provide you with training and support and match you with one of our clients. Our befriending co-ordinator will take you to your first meeting with our client and support you as necessary.

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St. Michael's Hospice would like to invite you to their Light up a Life service, taking place on Sunday 4th December at 18.00hrs in the grounds of the Hospice. The service led by Richard Harlow, Rector of Tadley with Pamber Heath and Silchester and Area Dean of Basingstoke, will give time for reflection, remembering precious memories of loved ones who cannot be with us this Christmas. If you would like to make a dedication in memory of a loved one, please visit stmichaelshospice.org.uk/events or for further information please contact the Fundraising Hotline on 01256 848848.



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| Sunday 11th December | 10.00am Holy Communion for all-ages 3.00pm Christingle |
| Sunday 18th December | 10.00am Nativity for all 6.30pm Carols by Candlelight (with Mulled Wine & Mince pies afterwards) |
| Saturday 24th December | 3.00pm Crib Service 11.30pm Midnight Mass |
| Sunday 25th December | 10.00am Celebration Christmas Communion |

God showed how much He loved us by sending His one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through Him.

1 John 4:9

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PROBUS CLUB HEARS TELLING TALES

Amusing anecdotes kept coming when Susan Howe gave a talk to the Probus Club of Basingstoke, the social club for retired professional and business managers, about what she called her canter through a funny life. This had nothing to do with anything equine but was about her wide experiences of life and with the ability to recall minute details that made the talk so interesting.



She had been working as a cook on a yacht in the Mediterranean in the 60s when she met Bridget Bardot's ex-husband, Gunter Sachs, who was one of the original playboys. She went to work for him and his celebrity guests in his chalet in St Moritz. During her time there she met several well known people including the Formula 1 World Champion, Jackie Stewart, the film director, Roman Polanski, several members of the Bismarck family and the last king of Morocco. Susan admitted

"I couldn't really cook but the good thing about very rich people is that they dine out a lot."

In the early 70s Susan worked for Sir John Betjeman, soon to become Poet Laureate. She stood in for his long-standing PA for a year and met his famous teddy bear, Archie and Jumbo the toy elephant. A well known eccentric John Betjeman had many visitors including Mary Wilson, wife of Prime Minister Harold Wilson, who was a published poet. Barrie Humphries of characters Dame Edna Everage and Sir Les Patterson fame was a regular caller.

Various men of the cloth came seeking financial support for their particular church. If they were from what he considered to be the lower sects of religion, Methodists or Baptists, he would not let Archie sit in on their discussions in case it affected its thinking. On another occasion Susan recalled that the great poet had made a theatre booking with pre-performance supper for himself and Archie. That night he didn't think that Archie was feeling up to it so Susan had to change the bookings.

When John Betjeman got married he arrived, on his wedding night, at his bedroom door wearing a long nightshirt and carrying Archie and Jumbo under each arm. When his new bride commented about what she saw he made it very clear to her that she was very much in fourth position in his life. When Susan left his employment he bade her farewell with

"Gosh we've had fun – what a shame you couldn't type!"

During this time she shared a flat in London with Jan who was the daughter of a vet in Thirsk called Donald Sinclair. He was the partner of the vet who used the pen name James Herriot to write "All Creatures Great and Small" that became a successful TV series. Apparently Jan knew he was so incensed by the character Siegfried Farnon, played by Robert Hardy, that he refused to watch the programme.

After completing the notoriously demanding two years course she passed the exam set by the London Tourist Board, qualifying as a Blue Badge Guide which enabled her to guide at all the major London sites. London Blue Badge guides can also guide in other parts of UK which meant she could be away for up to three weeks. She accompanied an amazing array of specialist groups

ranging from Hymnologists studying hymn writers to Mills & Boon authors specialising in the Regency period, and from Debt Collectors to the American Bar Association and the 200 strong Yale Alumni choir. Immediately prior to her visit to Probus she had accompanied the Bishop of North Dakota around London.

Not content with acting as a guide in Britain she has taken painting tours to Zanzibar, riding tours in the Rockies, wildlife tours in Africa and tiger tours in the jungles of India.

Her wide interests match the experiences of the members of the Probus Club, and their web site www.probusbasingstoke.webs.com gives more information about their activities.

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Years 6 to 8 from 6pm—7.45pm

| NOV/DEC Programme - 6.00 to 7.45pm | |
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| Friday 4th Nov | Hot dogs and firework safety |
| Friday 11th Nov | Pool tournament and cake decorating |
| Friday 18th Nov | Bingo and bacon rolls |
| Friday 25th Nov | FIFA 17 tournament and make your own pitta pizza |
| Friday 2nd Dec | Temporary tattoos and Wii Olympic games |
| Friday 9th Dec | Wool craft and pitta pizza |
| Friday 16th Dec | Last session before Christmas - Christmas party food and activities |

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Health Hub Programme - 8.00 to 9.30pm

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We also run focused information nights, our next nights are:

Legal High Workshop—Friday 11th Nov
Sexual Health Workshop—Friday 9th Dec

Please remember we will happily help you with CVs, revision or job applications, all you have to do is speak to one of the team.

The nights are getting darker and the weather is getting cooler and damper but this hasn't stopped us! We are so happy to be seeing so many of you every Friday. We have done so much again this month. Our favourites were the cake decorating (we LOVE food), sand bottles and of course street dance.



A huge thank you to Mia and Grace from Happy Feet Dance Academy for coming down and teaching us some moves.



Member's Profile
Name: *Charlie Elms*
Age: *11 (Year 7)*
Why I come to the Warren: The youth club is a great place to go every week and meet friends. Especially now some of us go to different secondary schools. The youth workers are really responsible and caring. Also the activities are different every week so it doesn't get boring!

WELL DONE JULIA

Our brave youth officer Julia abseiled down the Madejski Stadium in a zebra onesie to help raise money towards a new TV and drinks fridge for our centre.




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••••• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

• I love books and I love cooking but rarely have time to read or cook! In my study there is a pile of books collected from various places over the course of the last six months or so just waiting to be read. There are some authors who do take priority and as a result their books are read fairly quickly. Other books, which I have bought because they look interesting or on a subject I'm interested in often lie around before making the transition to my over-full bookshelves. There are plenty of books that are still waiting to be read!

• One book that I bought a little while ago and read quickly was 'Accidental Saints' by Nadia Bolz-Weber. This is the second book I have of Nadia's and it was read quickly; I've seen her speak and she's somewhat of a hero of mine; heavily tattooed with a mouth that uses expletives rather liberally. She's also a Lutheran Pastor and leads a church called 'House for all sinners and saints'.

• The book begins with Nadia explaining that early on in her church's history, they began a tradition of making 'saint cookies' on All Saints' Sunday. She goes on to tell of an experience where she had discovered that another woman, at the turn of the century had planted a church in Denver; years before her church had been established.

• She says; 'I didn't know of many women who had set out to start churches all by themselves, much less at the turn of the twentieth century, so, desperate as I was for someone I could place in the category "hero" and "role model" (since I too, was setting out to be a female pastor of a new church in Denver), I pulled out my phone and Googled. "Alma Bridwell White was the founder and a bishop of the Pillar of Fire Church" I went on to read that in 1918 she became the first female bishop in the United States. She was noted for her feminism (yes!) and her association with (wait for it. ...) the Klu Klux Klan, her anti-Catholicism, anti-Semitism, anti Pentecostalism, racism

and hostility to immigrants (f***)."

"The next day I called my Episcopal friend Sara to tell her the story of how I though I had a hero only to find out she was just a lousy racist. Sara's response? "Email me her name, I'll add her to the Litany of Saints along with all the other broken people of God....I didn't want her name on the Litany of Saints...I want racists to stay in the 'racist' box. When they start sneaking into the 'saint' box it makes me nervous. But that's how it works. On All Saints Sunday I am faced with sticky ambiguities around saints who were bad and sinners who were good."

At the beginning of November the church celebrates the festival of All Saints. We also remember, at the end of October, all those who have died at our All Souls service. It's a time of remembering and as Nadia Bolz-Weber describes, saints aren't or weren't actually perfect human beings; they've all got their faults. You see, God works through all of us as imperfect beings. He chose one of the most vicious early Christian persecutors in Paul to become the person who travelled far to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. Paul who had hunted down Christians to try to put an end to this early sect. Even Peter whom Jesus said was the rock on which he would build his church denied Christ three times when it really mattered and asked some really stupid questions.

So, as a church we remember all the saints; their faults and their gifts. We remember before God that we are all set aside and chosen by him because we are who we are. And so, at this time, I'd ask you to think of who the saints are in your lives. Give thanks for them and rejoice that they are who they are.

I'd also strongly recommend Nadia Bolz-Weber's book; 'Accidental Saints'. The language is strong, but it's all about real life.

At Immanuel, at the end of November things will be getting a little busier. We've the Advent Activity Morning for all on Saturday 26th November from 10am and a busy Christmas Season (see our poster for full details). If you've lost a loved one in the past and would like to remember them by lighting a candle, we're having our All Souls service at 6.30pm on Sunday 30th October. All are very welcome. Full details are on our website and Facebook page. We'd love to see you.

• Have a blessed, restful and peaceful November:

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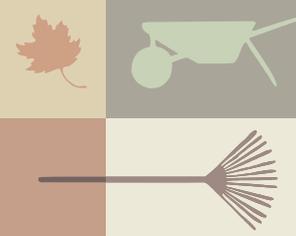
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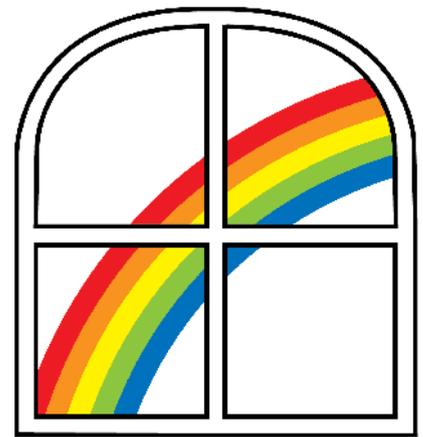
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