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## EDITORIAL

Our estate continues to grow with new houses being built on the land opposite the Co-op and plans being developed for the Island site. It is understood that this site will include a public house/eatery. The new community centre for Beggarwood is underway. This will be managed by the Hatch Warren Community Association but they will need volunteers to help – could you spare a couple of hours to ensure the facility is a success. A date for your diary is the Community Centre AGM at 7pm on 12 June – see page 18 for more details.

We are very lucky locally to have both a successful running club and cycling club and there are updates on their activities in this month's Rabbiter.

Did you go to Cranbourne School? They will be celebrating their 50th birthday in July and are hoping that as many ex pupils as possible will attend – see page 14 for details.

Spring is always a busy time in the garden – sowing seeds, planting out, pruning and mowing the lawn. Our local gardening expert, Sarah Bailes, gives some great hints and tips for sorting out the garden. I note the reminder to look out for bird nests – last year a blackbird made her nest in the tomato plants in our greenhouse. The nest was doing very well until it was accidentally watered!

With two important elections coming up soon, please make sure that you are able to vote. The date for applying for a postal vote for the County Council Elections on 4 May has passed but there is still time to apply for one for the General Election. It is probable that the final date to apply for a postal vote for the General Election will be 23 May. How do you apply? Contact Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.

The Rabbiter email seems to have lost a few emails again recently so many apologies if you sent an item in and it has not been published. The most reliable email address is rabbitereditor@aol.com. The publication is delivered free to over 4,000 homes locally and is the perfect place to advertise your unwanted goods – and it is free! Just email your copy to rabbitereditor@aol.com

**Help needed!!** We are hoping that there is someone out there who would like to take over as Editor of the Rabbiter. After 25 years (with a short break) your current editor has decided it is time to retire. We would like to work alongside a new team before the year end but if nobody comes forward, December 2017 will be the last copy of the publication. Please do not let the Rabbiter close down – volunteer to help!

**Jenny, Editor**

### **Your Hospice Needs YOU. Volunteers needed for St. Michael's Hospice (North Hampshire) House to House Collection in June**

St. Michael's Hospice is looking for volunteers to help out with their annual House to House collection. If you have a couple of hours to spare in June to deliver and pick up envelopes and would like to be involved then please contact Lynne Grimshaw, Community Campaigns Coordinator on 01256 848845 or email Lynne.grimshaw@stmichaelsospice.org.uk

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## MORE OF THE GOOD STUFF

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"It's two years to the day since I opened my café in a cow shed on a farm" proudly exclaimed Sash Newman as she told us about this venture that consumes her life these days. The cow shed being one of the farm buildings that have been converted for small business use on the Ferguson family farm that also houses the Dummer cricket school.

Madam and I had decided to call in to More of the Good Stuff late afternoon of Maundy Thursday, for afternoon tea. Owner, Sash makes everything herself, cooking at home every night so that everything is freshly made. We hadn't timed it well as she was closing for the Easter weekend for a refurbishment and as it was nearing the end of the day there were only a small selection of fresh cakes remaining. However we could have had a wrap, but not a sandwich, as all the brown bread had been used for sandwiches.

Sash has learnt that business can be quiet over Bank Holidays but as More of the Good Stuff is on popular cycle and walking routes, this is not often the case. Sash appears a friendly and lively character and tells me that on "normal days" typically forty or more people drop in to this very interesting establishment which is also a sales outlet for original artwork, clothing, cut flowers and gift ware.

While the menu appears to be fairly straight forward including sandwiches, wraps, baked potatoes, cakes and biscuits, new "weekly and seasonal specials" will be on offer from May. If you want what might be termed as proper afternoon tea with scones, currently it is advisable to ring up in advance to check it is available.

The previous Friday night Sash catered for nineteen with a four course dinner and on the Saturday afternoon she put on a buffet



for fifty people. Pamper parties for children are increasing in popularity and Pamper Days are planned where adults can come and relax, getting their nails done and enjoy a glass of Prosecco and tasty nibbles. Surprisingly, dogs are welcome too, provided their owners are well behaved.

Sandwich runs in the locality and corporate outside buffet style catering are other strings to her bow.

There are plans for an alcohol licence at the end of May so that in the summer evenings customers will sit outside in the garden with a glass of wine and a snack and enjoy the pleasant view of the countryside. Also planned are film evenings and coming on Sunday 18th June will be the Lord Chamberlain's Men theatre group enacting Shakespeare's The Comedy of Errors. More details can be found on [www.tlcm.eventbrite.com](http://www.tlcm.eventbrite.com) or phone 01256 398312.

It's not what to expect in a converted cow shed and neither is Sash Newman but both are well worth a visit.



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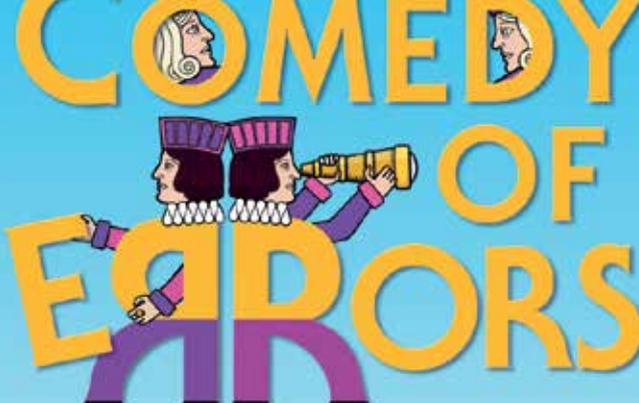
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## HATCH WARREN RUNNERS

April saw many running goals reached by our membership and at the time of writing this piece, we still had 10 HWR London Marathon runners to add to this impressive list. News on that to follow next month.

A big day on the race calendar was Sunday 16th April when HWR runners tackled events including Paris Marathon, Salisbury 10 Mile, Sheffield Half Marathon, Wiltshire Half Marathon, Brighton Marathon and 10k to name a few.

Ten HWR runners took part in the Brighton 10k event. 37 Hatchies then hit the start line at Brighton on an unseasonably hot day. Some were taking part in their first marathon, some with several others under their belt and I am thrilled to say that, despite the searing heat, all 37 completed their runs and some also enjoyed a celebratory toe-dip in the sea afterwards!

The personal triumph in marathon running is something each and every Hatchie has worked hard to achieve during their 16 weeks of tough, disciplined training throughout the winter months.

I know that every single one of them will agree that, without the tremendous and dedicated band of supporters who travelled to Brighton with them and waved flags; held up motivational signs; cheered at the top of their voices; provided water; food; hugs and anything else our runners needed to survive their marathon day journey, it would have been so much harder for them all. As someone who was there to watch and support our runners, I could not fail to be overwhelmed by the sense of affection and genuine camaraderie that exists in our club.

### The Hatchie 5 Minute Interview Andy Meek

**Q.** What's your Job Title?

**A.** Employment and Skills Manager



**Q.** What does this entail?

**A.** Managing locally based contracts that support people with disabilities into employment.

**Q.** What's the most unusual situation you've encountered in your daily work?

**A.** When managing a residential programme I had a mother raise concerns about the standard of mattress her adult son had to sleep on, so I found myself lying on the mattress and testing the quality on a Tuesday afternoon!

**Q.** What made you join HWR?

**A.** I had been running casually for about a year and saw an article in 'The Rabbiter' about HWR a few months after it was founded and liked the idea of running with new people and improving.

**Q.** What's your current running goal?

**A.** To complete the Brighton Marathon this year and a sub 1.50 half marathon, I got 1.50.21 secs in 2016!!

**Q.** If you could run any event, anywhere in the world, what would it be and why?

**A.** New York Marathon- I think it would be 4 hours of sight seeing and am sure the atmosphere is amazing!

**Q.** What's the most useful piece of advice you could give to a new runner?

**A.** To invest in good quality running shoes. I ran my first half marathon in cheap sports shoes and then spent 2 days hobbling around afterwards! Running shoes don't just cushion your feet but also your knee's/back and so on. Also to remember you run against yourself and no-one else.

HWR meet on Monday & Wednesday evenings with runs starting at various locations in Hatch Warren, Beggarwood. For more details visit [www.hwrrunners.co.uk](http://www.hwrrunners.co.uk), email [hwrrunners@sky.com](mailto:hwrrunners@sky.com) or look for Hatch Warren Runners on Facebook.

## HATCH WARREN W.I.

On Thursday 6th April we were given a wonderful talk by Brian Spicer who was the agent for Lord Camrose of Hackwood House. Hackwood House has seen the Romans, Saxons, Normans = Hag Wood = Hawthorn Wood - and there were/are 900 year old trees on the estate. Royal's William and Mary made the 6th Marquis a Duke as he had helped them gain the throne of England. Later, the 2nd Duke helped George I

to the throne - so the family was clearly very powerful. The Canadian army (16500 troops) stayed at Hackwood. Many noted people have used Hackwood House including the Belgian Royal family, Neville Chamberlain and Pavarotti also sought refuge from the press there. The Tin Way ran from Cornwall to Kent, and in our area is known as Pack Lane (due to the pack animals that travelled the road). 72% of Basingstoke was built on Hackwood grounds, there being 22,000

## CHILDREN'S SATURDAY ARTS AND CRAFTS CLUB

A brand new arts and crafts club for primary school children was started in April held in the Warren at Hatch Warren Community Centre, by local resident Vanessa Deakin. It operates one Saturday each month between 10 a.m. and 12 noon. While she is a home education specialist and expects that home educated children will attend the arts club it is also open to traditionally schooled children aged 5 – 11.

"I want the children to make new friends while exploring and developing their creative side." Vanessa explained, and continued "each session will follow a specific theme, for example on 13 May we will be making personalised candles. And in June we will be salt painting, while in July it will be collage and mosaics."

"And I want the children to be in clothes that are OK to be covered in paint or glue. It will be messy, so no Sunday best please."

The cost is £10 per session and details about how to book can be seen on [tinyurl.com/SaturdayArtClub](http://tinyurl.com/SaturdayArtClub) No ongoing commitment is required, so parents can feel free to book the themes and dates they fancy. Pre-booking is essential as there is a maximum of ten children at each session.



acres. It was sold to Quatari business men and all the cottages and land sold off. It is now patrolled by 19 Gurkas.

Our next meeting will be held at a member's home and will be our AGM, when we will review the last year and look forward to the following year with lots of interesting speakers and WI related items to attend.

If you are interested in finding out more about Hatch Warren W.I. please contact our president Jane on 01256 810255

## WHAT'S ON – MAY

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](mailto:newsdesk@therabbiter.biz) or [rabbitereditor@aol.com](mailto:rabbitereditor@aol.com) Copy date is the 15th of the month preceding publication.

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| 1 May  | Early May Bank Holiday   |
| 4 May  | Local Election Day   |
| 6 May  | Barn Dance at Farleigh Wallop  |
| 6 May  | Cider Festival at Hatch Warren Community Centre  |
| 9 May  | Film Night at Immanuel   |
| 11 May | Laughter House at Red Lion<br>– <a href="http://www.laughter-house.vpweb.co.uk">www.laughter-house.vpweb.co.uk</a> |
| 17 May | St Michael's Hospice 5k & 10k run<br>– see page 10   |
| 17 May | Kinky Boots in London – organised by Hatch Warren Community Centre   |
| 20 May | Big Bike to Brekkie<br>– Winchester Cathedral – see page 10  |
| 29 May | Spring Bank Holiday  |

### Future Events

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| 3 June           | Guided Butterfly Walk on Old Down<br>– see page 11   |
| 4 June           | Sunflower Appeal & Fete in aid of St Michael's Hospice – see page 26   |
| 8 June           | General Election   |
| 12 June          | Hatch Warren Community Centre AGM<br>– see page 18   |
| 16/17 June       | Cliddesden Players perform 'Par for the Course'<br>– see page 6  |
| 16 June – 9 July | Basingstoke Festival   |
| 18 June          | Shakespear's Comendy of Errors performed by The Lord Chamberlain's Men Dummer Down Farm. Picnics Welcome! <a href="http://www.tlcom.evenbrite.com">www.tlcom.evenbrite.com</a> |
| 24 June          | Lager Festival, Hatch Warren Community Centre  |

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At the meeting held on 5th April the Chairman, David Cowling, welcomed 52 members and said how pleasing it was to see many people who had been absent for a few months. The Secretary, Tony Brazier, gave details of the forthcoming trips to Exbury Gardens on Tuesday 9th May and Waddesdon Manor on Thursday 15th June after which the Welfare Officer, Christine Broadbent gave her up-to-date report.

This month's speaker was Mel Rees who gave a very humorous, amusing and light-hearted look at life including snobbery, the overstated and self-delusions of those who control our everyday lives and children who won't leave home. He gave an account of being born in 1947 and living in Battersea, South London, until he was 21 years of age. Despite being a train spotter he eventually met a girl who he married and they moved to Ash Vale, Surrey, where he continues to live. He is the father of three children but having managed to get rid of two is still looking for any suggestions for disposal of the third which would be greatly appreciated. After writing his first semi-autobiographical book in 1989 (written under the pseudonym Anthony Mann) he was unable to find a publisher so took the bull by the horns and decided to create "Trouser Press" which has so far published 6 of his books - "Brought to Book - My Family and Other Setbacks!", "Brought to Book Too – That's Life!", "And Another Thing I Meant to Say.....!"; "You'll Never Believe It But.....!"; "A Funny Thing Happened On The Way.....!" and his most recent one "Last Mann Standing".

The next meeting is on 3rd May when the speaker will be Jackie Bond on the "Alexander Technique". 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. The year's programme and further details about meetings can be obtained from the Secretary Tony Brazier on 01256 418770 or at [bjmapbr@ntlworld.com](mailto: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**

## BASINGSTOKE LIONS CLUB

Last month I mentioned the possible revival of our moribund annual Charity Cycle Ride. As the Basingstoke Voluntary Association (BVA) was holding a meeting at which charities get a chance to seek assistance from businesses, a couple of us went along to see if anyone would take up our rejuvenation challenge. Sadly no one did. So it's back to our addled imaginations.

Our Swimathon raised around £3700 which was fantastic.

Lenny, the Basingstoke Lion, has been out and about with other members of the Club helping collect for the Marie Curie Daffodil Appeal. Lenny has also made appearances at all sorts of fetes, festivals and foodbanks to the delight of kids of all ages. He seems to vary in size from 5ft 4 to 6ft 3, but I'm sure it's nothing to do with the foodbanks!

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

The weather is warming up so it's time to dust off the **Lions Den** (our putting game) in preparation for the dozen or so events for which it has already been booked. Look out for it from the beginning of May onwards.

**8/07/2017** Sees a welcome return of the **Heritage Light Orchestra** to play for us at QMC. Very definitely one of our most entertaining and interesting evenings.

### WELFARE:

We spent £150 to resolve 2 domestic emergencies and £650 to help 3 small charities with projects.

**PEACE POSTER COMPETITION:** The Lions club are looking for young artists who are between the ages of 11 & 13 to design a poster depicting "The Future Of Peace", they will have until November to submit their finished design. For information and the poster kit please contact John Lincoln 01256 325280 jomolinc@btinternet.com. It is about time we had a Basingstoke winner.

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Lamb Brooks' Ann Davies and Laura Bell are both members of Resolution. Resolution is an organisation of professionals working with families to try and resolve problems during

separation, dissolution or divorce with a constructive and non-confrontational approach.

It is no longer possible to make an application to Court to commence financial proceedings, or ask a Judge to make an Order relating to the arrangements for your children without having first attempted a method of dispute resolution, such as attending mediation.

It is important to consider all of your needs (practical, financial and emotional) to determine whether you would (either separately or as a couple) benefit from any counselling or financial advice. This is not intended to attempt reconciliation, but to assist you both as you navigate your separation. Ann and Laura can

provide recommendations to other professionals who may be able to assist you in your separation should you need them.

Should you require any assistance please do not hesitate to contact Ann Davies or Laura Bell 01256 305596, or email [enquiries@lambbrooks.com](mailto:enquiries@lambbrooks.com)



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The unsold stock has now been donated to several playgroups and schools in Basingstoke including Hatch Warren Infants.

### Sad News to Report

It is with great sadness that we have had two popular colleagues at our store, pass away recently.

Sharon Ward worked with colleagues, as part of our Meat and Fish service and Sharon Tyler worked with colleagues in our Grocery Online Department.

Their enthusiasm for customer service was well recognised with both colleagues and customers and, they'll both be missed from the Kempshott family.

### Fundraising Collections at the Store

We'll be welcoming our friends from the Pink Place for their final weekend of fundraising at the beginning of May. The partnership will end during the summer and colleagues and customers will have helped to raise over £2000 during this last year.

We'll report the final figure once all the fundraising ends later in the summer.

In June, whilst there won't be any fundraising collections at the store, we will be welcoming groups and charities from the Borough during Carer's Week. There are still opportunities for groups to showcase their services during the week so, please do get in touch if your organisation is interested.

### Who knew?

Jess Draper from our popular Café team, will be representing South East England in the 2017 Special Olympics. The event is being held in Sheffield with Jess going for Gold in the swimming events.

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## CYCLISTS DON LYCRA TO BIKE TO BREKKIE AND TACKLE GLOBAL ISSUES

Father Michael Smith and the Hatch Warren and Beggarwood cycling club will be winding their way from Basingstoke to Winchester as part in the first ever Big Bike to Brekkie on Saturday 20 May.

The event will see cyclists from around Hampshire / Winchester Diocese setting out from their homes and converging on Winchester Cathedral for Breakfast, in support of Christian Aid Week 2017. Any cyclist or group that has raised sponsorship will be rewarded with a delicious breakfast bun and hot drink of their choice on arrival at the Paul Woodhouse suite next to the Cathedral's popular refectory.

Michael Smith said "I'm delighted that our cycling club can support Big Bike to Brekkie and raise money for Christian Aid Week. Three things that are close to my heart are cycling, charity fundraising and breakfast, so this is an ideal opportunity to get involved. We'll be setting off in several groups that will take different routes – according to the speed and challenge that our members want. We look forward to meeting other cyclists at the Cathedral and sharing stories of our different journeys over coffee and a bacon sandwich."

The Very Reverend Catherine Ogle, Dean of Winchester Cathedral said "I'm really pleased to be able to welcome cyclists to the Cathedral in this the sixtieth anniversary of Christian Aid Week. Right now Christian Aid is tackling poverty in 39 countries around the world, including providing support to refugees and food and water to those on the brink of starvation across East Africa where the lives of 16 million people hang in the balance. Events such as Big Bike to Brekkie provide an outlet for the generosity of cyclists and their sponsors. We can trust that Christian Aid is able to not only reach these people in desperate need but also challenge the causes of poverty and empower people to lift themselves out of poverty at the same time."

Stephen Dominy, who is fresh in post as Christian Aid's Regional Coordinator for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, dreamed up the event with Michael Smith and Winchester Cathedral's outreach group, who are generously covering the cost of any cyclists that have raised sponsorship for the ride. He said "I'm pleased to bring a new event to the local Christian Aid Week calendar that will appeal to families in the Winchester area, leisure cyclists from nearby villages, and enthusiasts from

further afield. I suspect some brave souls will make the journey from even further than Basingstoke. There is a sense in which these journeys will be made in solidarity with those in our world who are forced to make difficult and unpleasant journeys into the unknown, forced from their homes by violence, war, drought and famine."

Christian Aid was born in the aftermath of the Second World War in response to the suffering of refugees scattered across Europe and this year is appealing once again to the public to help it support those people forced from their homes by conflict and crisis in today's world.

More information about Big Bike to Brekkie can be found online at [http://bit.ly/bigbiketobrekkie\\_2017](http://bit.ly/bigbiketobrekkie_2017) or by calling Stephen at the local Christian Aid office on 023 8070 6969

You can help to change the lives of people trapped in poverty and affected by conflict and crisis this Christian Aid Week by donating online at [www.caweek.org](http://www.caweek.org) calling 08080 006 006, or texting 'GIVE' to 70040 to give £5.

The Hatch Warren and Beggarwood Cycling Club was founded by local cyclist Chris Healey and the Vicar of Immanuel Church, The Reverend Michael Smith at the end of 2014 and has over 140 paid-up members. It is a British Cycling affiliated club and its aim is to get more people, of all abilities, out on their bikes. The club has at least two organised rides a week, varying in distance and speeds from 8 miles to 40 miles.



## HATCH WARREN & BEGGARWOOD CYCLING CLUB



On 1st April 2017, 14 members of the Hatch Warren and Beggarwood Cycling Club (HWBCC) rode part of one of the most famous and epic cycling 'sportives' around: the Tour of Flanders, in Belgium.

The 147km (89mile) circular route from the picturesque town of Oudenaarde in the Flemish Ardennes was a challenge to all of the riders in some respect or another: whereas most will have done a similar distance, the cobbled roads ('pavé') throw up an additional challenge.

I joined HWBCC only 18 months ago, after a 25-year hiatus in cycling. I started on slower-paced, short rides on a hybrid moving to buying road bike which allowed me to join longer and hillier rides, at a higher speed, in larger groups. However, I'd never done more than 25 miles in one go. When I was asked to join the club in Flanders back in November I immediately thought: "I can't do that!" Over a period of a few weeks my fellow club members persuaded me, by showing me such support and confidence in my ability.

When the time came to actually cross the start line I had a bit of a 'wobbly'. I thought to myself: "What am I doing here? It's full of fit people who seem to know what they're doing. I can't do this".

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## OLD DOWN AND BEGGARWOOD WILDLIFE GROUP

The Group held its AGM on Tuesday 11 April. Sadly there were very few attendees but those that came heard about the Group's activities during 2016/17 and enjoyed a presentation of some interesting photographs of wildlife taken in the Kempshott area and a few other places. They also enjoyed tea, coffee and some tasty homemade cakes.

Basingstoke Council has marked some trees within the Old Down woodland belt – red spot denotes pruning and red cross denotes felling. Some of the trees are diseased and so need to come down for safety reasons. Hopefully the work will not take place until Autumn so as not to disturb nesting birds.

The Group will be holding a guided 'butterfly walk' on Old Down on Saturday 3 June meeting at Old Down Hall at 2 pm, taking 1-2 hours depending on weather

and what is seen. A donation of £2 would be most appreciated. We hope to see amongst others – Large Skippers; Small Blues, Common Blues; Large Whites; Green Veined Whites; Small Coppers; Green Hairstreaks. It would be lovely to see you so please put the date in your diary. Of course, if a rainy day, the walk will have to be cancelled as butterflies do not like the wet!

### Work Parties

For Old Down, we meet outside Old Down Hall every Thursday 10-12noon. For Beggarwood, we meet monthly on the third Saturday of the month 10-12noon at The Maze. Please come and join us. Always check our website just in case there is a change in dates and also for further information about work parties, walks and events.

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### WIFE OF 39 YEARS FAILS DIVORCE APPEAL



Alastair Yapp

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This was highlighted in a recent case that went all the way up to the Court of Appeal in London.

It involved a woman called Tini Owens, who wanted to divorce her multimillionaire husband of 39 years, Hugh Owens.

Mrs Owens had asked the Court of Appeal to overturn a Family Court ruling which refused to grant her a divorce last year.

The Family Court had heard that Mrs Owens felt the marriage had broken down, but Mr Owens did not agree as he said they still had a "few years" to enjoy.

The judge felt the facts set out in support of the application for

the divorce were not sufficient to show that the marriage had broken down irretrievably. He thought the allegations, that the husband had been "insensitive" and "mistrustful," were either not proven or were "of a kind to be expected in a marriage."

The decision means Mrs Owens will have to remain married, although after five years of separation she would be eligible for a divorce, even if her husband still objects to this.

You may well ask what do you need in order for a divorce to be granted?

In general, the person who wants the divorce must show that the marriage has broken down irretrievably and must prove this by establishing one of five grounds.

This case shows the importance of careful drafting of the divorce

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## NEWS FROM CRANBOURNE

Cranbourne had a very busy and successful Spring term. The Ski Trip took place in February half term. Staff and students had a fantastic time and



it was a pleasure for staff to receive many compliments on the behaviour of our students. In March we were delighted to welcome our Dutch Exchange Visitors – this is the fifth year that our Dutch



friends have visited Cranbourne and the link gets stronger each year. Cranbourne students spent a day in Portsmouth with our Dutch friends and had a great time building friendships while enjoying fun activities. Also in March a group of Year 8 students spent a week-end visiting the Battlefields of France and Belgium. This trip proved to be a very



moving one. The aim of the trip was to enrich students' knowledge of the battles of WWI whilst emphasising the importance of remembering fallen soldiers in the First World War and beyond. Our term ended with a fantastic Spring Concert.

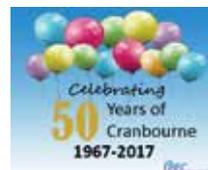
We are delighted that Cranbourne is celebrating its 50th Birthday this year and we are calling all Cranbourners—past and present - to help us celebrate. We are holding a summer extravaganza on Saturday 22 July 2017 in the school grounds. The fun will start at 2.00 pm and continue into the evening until 8.00 pm.

We have been delighted by the contact we have already received from previous members of the Cranbourne Community. This has included Cranbourne's first school secretary who came to visit along with one of the original Art Teachers. We have also had communication with relatives of the family of the Head of Holland House who was also a Languages' Teacher and the first Head of English. One of the original Maths Teachers, Mr Edney, has recently donated a fantastic piano to the school. We were delighted that he was able to attend our Spring Concert and hear several of our students play the piano! We know that several other teaching staff, from the early days of Cranbourne, are still living locally. We do hope that we can involve as many people as possible. It is our intention to set up a working group who can take responsibility for the detailed planning of this wonderful event. If you would like to be part of this group please email: [50years@cranbourne.hants.sch.uk](mailto:50years@cranbourne.hants.sch.uk).

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## HATCH WARREN UNDER FIVES PRESCHOOL

We're now into the final term at Hatch Under Fives Preschool and the children are refreshed and raring to go after the lovely Easter break.



We had a great end to last term – we looked at "Our Senses and Our Bodies" and the little ones had a fabulous time exploring all five senses with activities such as food tasting (sweet and sour – lemons were very popular!), baked beans and gloop for touch, listening activities, Kim's game (sight) and flavoured playdough/flowers (smell). The children also learnt some interesting words like "Oesophagus" during their experiments about how the lungs work and how food travels to the stomach (questioning why things happen and how things work is a "Speaking" Early Learning Goal for a typical child aged 30 to 50 months).

We also enjoyed a theme of sport – the children completed obstacle courses, football games and basketball competitions. They also had a go at table tennis, golf and skateboarding (showing increasing control over an object in patting, throwing, catching and kicking is a "Physical" Early Learning Goal for a typical child aged 40 to 60+ months).

Our Easter egg hunt was a brilliant way to end the spring term, we had a great afternoon following the Easter egg trail, the sun was shining and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. A big thank you to Tesco, Co-op, Asda, Sainsburys and Waitrose who all kindly donated eggs for prizes, a great support for our preschool. In the lead up to the Easter egg hunt, the children did a duck hunt around the preschool (of course we had to find who had laid the eggs for the Easter trail!)

This term is when our "school readiness" begins, so we will begin to introduce lots of activities to prepare our bigger children for school. Can the children change into

their PE kit by themselves? Can they independently wash their hands and open the food in their lunchbox? There'll be a big focus on numbers, health and self-care and communication and language.

School readiness is described in the foundation stage as "Children reaching a good level of development in the prime areas and literacy and mathematics".

Some of the expected characteristics that should be displayed by a child to show school readiness;

- Independent in toileting
- Able to dress themselves
- Understands expected levels of behaviour
- Confidence and self-esteem
- Can take turns and share
- Can sit still for a short period
- Can separate from parents/carers
- Communication and language skills needed to communicate needs and listen to others
- Can actively learn and creatively and critically think

Some of these characteristics may of course be difficult for all children to achieve and this shouldn't leave parents or practitioners concerned that a child isn't school ready.

We're also looking at life cycles and baby animals this term. We have some exciting new residents at preschool – baby caterpillars – the children are fascinated with how quickly the caterpillars are growing and they're waiting patiently for them to change into chrysalides and then complete their transformation into beautiful butterflies to release into our garden.

At the end of May we'll be holding a mini Olympics sports day for our little ones using sports equipment kindly donated by Sainsbury's. We're hoping the children learnt some good techniques during our sports week! There might even be a parents' race too.

For preschool registration enquiries please contact Michelle Tejevo, Head of Preschool, on 01256 322788 or email [preschoolmail@aol.com](mailto:preschoolmail@aol.com).

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Please note – preschool is closed on Thursday 4th May.

## CUCKOO MEADOW PRESCHOOL

Hello from all at Cuckoo Meadow Preschool in North Waltham!

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The children enjoyed a visit from Zoolab recently, an organization that aims to bring the natural world to life for pre-schoolers. The children had the chance to get up close and personal with a giant snail, a hissing cockroach, an English field rat and a dragon lizard. Did you know that snail slime has anti-wrinkle properties and is in most handcreams?! It was a great visit and you can just imagine the looks on the children's faces as each cage was revealed! Some of the grown-ups may have taken one or two steps back however... The visit was made possible by the generous donations of parents which have enabled some great treats for the children. More to come in the summer term.

The craft table has been busy in the lead up to Easter with Easter bunnies, carrots and rabbit hutches all being produced. Chocolate nest making has proved popular as was the Easter egg hunt. The children have been on their best behaviour in an attempt to keep the Easter bunny on side too. Comic Relief was supported in the pre-school with children getting dressed head to toe in red and making red nose cakes to take home. Thank you to those who donated.

Watch out for more information in the next issue about the Summer Toddle to be held in June.

### Dates for the diary:

No preschool sessions on Thursday 4 May as the Pavilion is being used for local elections.

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| Friday 16th June                  | Basketball with Jacket Spuds & Cheese             |
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If you need some down time on a Friday, we are here to offer you some chill or even an ear for you to talk to if you have any worries. We have been having fun with our new kitchen equipment, and have made some yummy chilli tacos for the first time to go along with our nachos. So thank you to everyone once again who helped us raise the money. We look forward to showing you more of our food creations soon.



**Member Profile**

**Name:** Reuben Galloway

**Age:** Year 7, age 11

**Why he comes to the Warren:** Because it is a lot of fun and we get to meet new people and hang out with my friends.

**Favourite thing to do at The Warren:** Playing football and Playstation.

**Hobbies:** Ok, I obviously like sport and similar things, but I do like doing arty things at home, and craft stuff too 😊



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## • • • • • SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING • • • • •

• Spring has sprung!

• We've enjoyed some good weather so far in the first few months of this year and seen the wonders of creation and nature around us. I'm often reminded of the beauty of our countryside that is so near when I get the chance to ride with our cycling club. It's a wonderful opportunity to have a good natter as well as a decent stretch of the legs out into the wonderful Hampshire countryside!



• Another reminder of the beauty of creation was when I helped the Reception classes at St Mark's School hatch four ducklings. We did have more eggs but a number just didn't do anything, but to have four ducklings emerge was amazing. Unfortunately, I will learn from this experience as my timing was poor and the ducklings all hatched the day after school broke up. The ducklings, however, will spend some time back in the class for all the children to enjoy!

• As we emerge from Easter, we move into the time when we prepare for Jesus' ascension into heaven at the end of May on the 25th. We celebrate this time with an evening service at 7.30pm – it is a time when we remember that Jesus' time on earth was a relatively short one and that he was never destined to be with us for long. But of course, his life had such an impact on the world and his teaching and preaching taught us much.

• For me, Jesus' life and ministry was all about showing and telling the world how much God loves us and how much we need to love each other. On the night he was arrested, Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment: "I give you a new command: Love each other. You must love each other just as I loved you. All people will know that you are my followers if you love each other."

• At times, it seems that there's not a great deal of love in the world. As I write this, North Korea are flexing their muscles in the direction of the United States as the latter has just boasted in dropping the largest bomb in Afghanistan. The posturing from world leaders is like a couple of children in the playground,

• neither wanting to make the first move, but one ready to use violence on the other to 'solve' things.

• 'Love each other' – it isn't as easy as it sounds often. There is a great diversity in our society and we don't always agree with others – we often don't agree with our spouses or friends, but when we take the bold step of trying to love each other we also are empowered to gain a greater understanding of the other. I am frequently reminded of this quote which I think says so much: *'In his Gospel, in a dazzling intuition, Saint John expresses who God is in three words: "God is love." If we can grasp only those three words, we shall go far, very far.'*

• And so let us all love more and we will all go far, very far.

• In terms of the church calendar, we continue with our regular film nights and now as we move into the summer, projecting films becomes more of an issue with the light. However, we have a 55" television that we may use in order to continue showing films into the summer months. Our next film, on Tuesday 9th May is 'Spotlight' - The true story of how the Boston Globe uncovered the massive scandal of child molestation and cover-up within the local Catholic Archdiocese, shaking the entire Catholic Church to its core. A powerful film and strongly recommended. We serve tea and coffee but there's often a glass of wine on offer too. Everyone welcome; no charge but donations welcomed.

• On Saturday May 20th I'm also taking part in 'Bike to Brekkie' – a mad idea between a friend who works for Christian Aid and me! The Hatch Warren and Beggarwood Cycling Club members will be setting off from St Mark's School at 8am and taking one of two routes to Winchester Cathedral where we will be met with a bacon roll and coffee! I will be setting up a Just Giving page for any donations towards the work that Christian Aid do. Keep an eye out on the cycling club's and church's Facebook pages for more details.

Michael



I look forward to seeing you soon.

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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 hard frosts has passed so you can sow as many seeds as you like. 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 Marigold. You can use the flowers as decorative garnishes on salads in the summer months. You can now plant out your summer bedding such as Sweet Peas with out the fear of the frost. Corridors of Sweet Peas and Runner Beans can make amazing entrance ways in to your garden to walkways

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 put energy into the fruits rather than the growth. Tomatoes are very hungry plants so giving them some extra compost or manure can give them a great start. They also like regular amounts of water at regular point if possible. You can buy drip feeder hoses pipes that run off of water butts or water fillers that will last for at least four hours when filled in the morning.

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.

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.

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

## BEAVERS

The Beavers have had a great mix of activities this half term. There were artistic challenges, such as making clay hedgehogs, Easter-themed cookies, and rabbit bookmarks. Outdoor activities were: toasting marshmallows to make smores, learning how to safely light a candle, and exploring Middle Copse during our Easter egg hunt.

We were also joined one night by the District's Scout Fellowship members. (Fellowships are groups of adults who wish in some way to provide 'active support' to local Scouting.) They have been running a competition called "The Fellowship Challenge" and have visited every Beaver colony in the district. The Fellowship members played a number of games to test the Beavers' scouting knowledge and will announce next term which colony has won.

Next term we are going to be working on our navigation and communication skills. I will let you know how we get on.

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Being a single mother with a job as a stock controller at Porsche (GB) in Reading she needed to supplement her earnings so she started a market stall selling knitting wool. This proved successful and encouraged by her friend they opened a shop selling the same product range. However overheads meant that there was not sufficient profit to pay both of them. So what to do? Seeing a job advertised working from 5.00am to 9.00am meant that while Jackie's children could be looked after by her friend, she could continue with the shop and Jackie helped out at the weekend.

This part time position was with British Rail as an on train assistant ticket examiner. After initial training the guard almost prevented her

from boarding the train in the sidings on her first week on the job. "Clearly he didn't want me to do the job and told me to sit in First Class and read the newspaper. By Friday he had relented and I started at the front of the train and we met in the middle. I was off and running."

Thereafter she became the first female station manager at Henley. This sounds grand but in reality meant that as well as selling tickets she could keep the station clean and tidy.

Then came privatisation. Working at Paddington for six months she won promotion to area Training and Development supervisor then became Engineering Manager in Reading, where, after fifteen years she took redundancy. A phone call encouraged her to take a different role as the interim manager of the Rail Industry Training Council where after several months she took on the position of Chief Executive. She was the first female CEO across the privatised rail industry which was steeped in male imagery from Stephenson's Rocket through the Fat Controller in Thomas the Tank Engine stories and burley men driving monstrous smoke belching steam engines. In the 80s there were still times when passengers refused to board a train that had a woman driver.

Arriving at her first board meeting with the heads of all the rail companies she was mistaken for someone to serve the coffee. She summed up all her courage to face these men down.

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Dealing with union leader Jimmy Knapp and government minister John Prescott MP was part and parcel of the job, receiving tremendous industry and government recognition during the seven years she was in charge.

The Paddington rail crash caused Jackie to review her life. She normally used that train but was on holiday. For the last thirteen years she has run her own company in Reading called the Ironing Lady with a sister business the Cleaning Ladies, with twenty two staff and seven vans. She was the Sue Ryder Business Woman of the Year 2013 and in 2016 was winner of Barclays Bank south England heat of the Female Entrepreneur Icon Category. There are few men who could achieve what Jackie Chappell has done.

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A community fun day was organised by the family who have run Kempshott Post Office and convenience store for the past 20 years. There was a DJ, face painting, and lots of food tasting as the shop has increased its product range, including a fresh bakery and hot food section and Costa Coffee. There were goody bags for the first 200 customers and giveaways. There was also a raffle for a 32 inch television.

The popular store is run by Postmaster Pauline Mendez, her husband Robert McGregor and their two sons Brian and Darren McGregor.



## ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPICE



St. Michael's Hospice (North Hampshire) has opened registration for the 25th Big Wheel event taking place on **Sunday 23rd July 2017** at 9.00hrs. Riders will spend a glorious summer's day riding through the beautiful countryside of North Hampshire to raise funds for North Hampshire's only adult Hospice.

Last year over 1,000 cyclists enjoyed a variety of routes and we are anticipating a record turnout this year. The very popular Advanced Level 65 miles is back for a second year and, to celebrate the Hospice's 25th Anniversary, there will be an Intermediate 25 mile route. And with a Challenger 39, a Beginner 15 and the Family 5 mile routes there is something for everyone.

Those not ready to take on 5 miles yet, will be able to enjoy the Little Wheel event which takes place on the grass at Down Grange Sports Complex where all entrants will start and finish and everyone can enjoy a cold drink and hot food. All finishers, from age 2 to 72, will get a lovely medal to commemorate their efforts.

Big Wheel is a true family event and a great way to spend time together outdoors raising money for St. Michael's Hospice, who provide specialist care and support to patients suffering from life limiting illnesses. Prices start from £8 and full details are available on our website. To save time, avoid long queues and get the discounted entry price, we advise you to register beforehand. However, you can also register on the day and these prices will be between £2 and £5 more.

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## SUNFLOWER APPEAL & FETE Sunday 4th June

St. Michael's Hospice invites to you their annual Sunflower Fete on Sunday 4th June held within the Hospice grounds.

Starting from midday, the traditional fete is a great day out for all the family with free entry. The fete will feature a wide selection of stalls with gorgeous plants and handmade craft items. To keep the kids entertained there will be plenty of games and prizes to be won.

The Hospice has also launched their Sunflower Appeal, giving people the chance to remember a loved one by dedicating a sunflower in their memory. Before the Sunflower Fete begins, a special blessing will be held when you are invited to view the dedicated sunflower memory markers. Sunflowers will be displayed in the Hospice gardens throughout June for people to visit and take time to reflect.

You can make your sunflower dedication in memory of a loved one at [stmichaelshospice.org.uk/meadow.html](http://stmichaelshospice.org.uk/meadow.html)

For more information on the Sunflower Appeal and Fete please visit the website [stmichaelshospice.org.uk](http://stmichaelshospice.org.uk), email [events@stmichaelshospice.org.uk](mailto:events@stmichaelshospice.org.uk) or call the Fundraising Hotline on 01256 848848.



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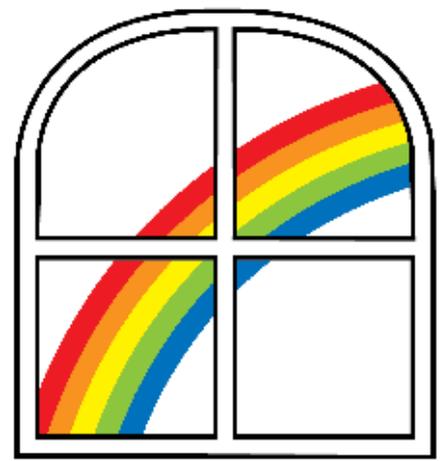
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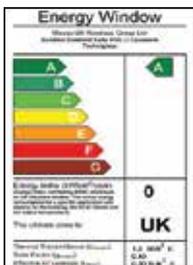
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