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EDITORIAL

The first ever edition of The Rabbiter announced the opening of the Hatch Warren Community Centre. 25 years on the Centre is still going from strength to strength and much of this is due to the contribution from all the wonderful volunteers and dedicated staff. The Community Association is about to move into a new phase when the centre at Beggarwood opens. Want to know more and how you can help? The Community Centre AGM is on 12 June at 7.30pm – why not go along and find out their achievements, plans and opportunities – see page 18 for more details.

Cranbourne School is 50 years old this year. Local residents who attended the school have been in contact with the school to share their memories and many are looking forward to their 50th birthday celebration on 22 July – see page 6 for more details.

Have you looked at our website recently – www.therabbiter.biz? There are many more interesting articles that we believe will be of interest to local residents. This month you will find articles from *Old Down and Beggarwood Wildlife Group*, *Basingstoke Discovery Centre*, *Basingstoke Civil Service Retirement Fellowship* and *South Ham Library*. We also have a facebook page – The Rabbiter urgently need someone to assist in keeping the page up to date – could you be that person? Your editor is retiring at the end of 2017 and help is needed to keep publishing. Maybe the future is as a website rather than a hard copy delivered to all residents at the beginning of each month. Interested? Contact the editor at editor@therabbiter.biz.

The Courtyard is our local beauty salon based in Moorhams Avenue. On the evening of 20 June they are hosting a Garden Party event in collaboration with Clarins. If you are interested contact the Courtyard on 01256 363417.

Interested in DIY? Want to learn more about upcycling furniture? The Eco-workshop based at Dummer Down is running a number of courses throughout the summer – see www.the-eco-workshop.co.uk.

With summer just round the corner, now is the time to think about getting fit and maybe losing that bit of weight that has built up during the cold weather. How you may ask? There are lots of opportunities locally – cycle with the Hatch Warren and Beggarwood Cycling Club, run with the Hatch Warren Runners, maybe join the gym (Beechdown is just down the road) or take up walking. Cancer Research UK are encouraging people to walk 10,000 steps a day during June – why not join in to get fit and raise money for this well deserving charity. Your editor has signed up for this challenge and you can support her at <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/spinning-jenny>.

Jenny, Editor

County Council Election Results

Stephen Reid	Conservative	3200	Elected		
Ian Edney	Labour	862			
Carl Reader	Lib/Dem	665		Turnout	33%
David White	UKIP	337		Total number of Electors	15,258

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HATCH WARREN BEGGARWOOD CYCLING CLUB



It's been a busy time for the club this month, and with the weather gradually improving we are seeing more and more people joining the regular rides, which is fantastic. The Tuesday evening rides are now running at a number of different speeds, using more varied and longer routes, now that we have the light to do so. The weekend rides have expanded to include an additional social ride every month, a café ride once a month of around 50 miles at a moderate pace, and an additional ride on the second Saturday of every month, which gives our members the choice of longer distances at variety of speeds. Full details of our new ride calendar can be found on our website or in the events area of our Facebook page.

In addition to expanding the regular weekly rides we have seen a large increase in the number of ad-hoc rides our members are organising through our Facebook group. It is great to see friendships developing and for people to make - and beat - their cycling goals. I hear stories of members setting themselves distance challenges for the year and having to increase them, because they have achieved them 5 months into the year! The primary purpose of the club, when we set up, was to bring people together and get them interested in this activity; so they could make new friends and build upon the community spirit within the local area. It is truly wonderful to see this happening.

On the 30th April the club attended the IOW Randonnée, an annual 70-mile ride around the coast of the Isle of Wight, which is organised by the Wayfarer Cycling Touring Club. Approximately 3000 cyclists take part in the day and enjoy this beautiful ride around the island. 25 members of HWBcc signed up and met up on the ferry. The atmosphere at the start of these events is always infectious and we

were all in high spirits. The weather forecast was typical for April —as a result there were some very classically British conversations about what we should and shouldn't be wearing, and if or when it would start to rain... Personally, I love seeing how friendly the group is and how well everyone gets on, especially considering this is a group of people that didn't know each other eighteen months ago. We left the ferry looking forward to a good day's cycling, and after the obligatory group photo we set off and settled into smaller groups at varying paces. The route this year was set to go clockwise around the island, meaning you start with lots of short, but steep, hills. It's a far more challenging route than you would expect, but very enjoyable. The views as you approach the far west of the island are of the type that make you stop and just take it all in. The rain finally found us and the last 30 miles of the ride became more of an adventure around surviving the conditions, getting back to the ferry and a nice warm cup of tea! A wonderful day, spent with great people, in an inspiring corner of the UK. If you get the chance I wholeheartedly recommend you give it a go.

I will close by saying: if you own a bike of any type and keep telling yourself that you should use it more, then join us and make some new friends in the process. We offer rides ranging from social, gentle rides around 8 miles in length through to 50-mile rides at a fast pace. We work hard to ensure there is something organised that will suit you and will support you in any way we can to attain your individual cycling goals.

Chris Healey, HWBcc Chairman

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HATCH WARREN W.I.

Hatch Warren W.I. held their AGM on May 4th where we listened to our secretary's annual report reminding us all of the activities and speakers that we have enjoyed over the last year. Members are looking forward to a trip to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard to see the Mary Rose exhibition, there is also a visit booked to the Vedic Society Hindu Temple at Southampton and some members are going to a 'Flower Arranging' demonstration and afternoon tea at Weyhill Craft Centre. Our quiz team is looking forward to stretching their knowledge for the annual quiz to be held at Cliddesden this month.

Great plans are afoot for our annual birthday party to be held on June 1st at Hatch Warren Community Centre, where we will again enjoy the company of our guest from other W.I.s in our group. The theme this year is 'Extravaganza' and we are busy making lots of decorations to deck out the hall.

If you are interested in coming to join in the fun and see if you are interested in joining our W.I. please contact our president Jane on 01256 810255 for more information.



CAP MONEY COURSE FOR KIDS – SATURDAY JUNE 24TH AT IMMANUEL

Following the successes of last year's course, Immanuel Church are running the **CAP Money Kids Course** again this year for Year 6-age pupils. There are a limited number of places available on the course which will be held from 10.30am – 2.00pm on Saturday 24th June at Immanuel Church. A pizza lunch will be provided. This course is free of charge.

This from the CAP literature: 'Did you know that we form spending habits from as young as seven? With credit just a text away, it's vital we give our children a head start in learning how to be money-wise. This course is ideal for helping young minds start exploring the value of money in a fun, engaging and relevant way. Aimed at children aged 9-11 years old, CAP Money Kids meets national curriculum standard. This course sets the foundations of good money management to ensure children grow up to be financially capable adults.'

CAP – Christians Against Poverty are a nationwide charity that provides debt counselling and support for thousands of people every year through their Debt Centres as well as Job Clubs, Release Groups and popular Money Courses. More information is available at www.capuk.org.

If you would like your child to participate in the CAP Money Kids course, please email Fr:Michael at immanuelchurchhwb@gmail.com by 10th June cap banner. We will let all those who have a place by email.

SCOUTS

This month saw our Scouts on their first camp of the year - 'overseas' on the sunny Isle of Wight.

They spent a day around Alum Bay watching glass blowing & sweet making demonstrations, played crazy golf and (bravely for some) took the chairlift down to the beach for lunch. A hike up to the Needles Battery not only gave us amazing views of the coast and The Needles but a spectacular, unique location to invest four new members to the Troop.

On Sunday we had a visit from Haven Falconry who gave the Scouts a chance to see four Birds of Prey close up and even fly a Harris Hawk!

It was a tired but happy Troop that made their way back across the Solent after another great experience.

CUBS

Our Spring term ended with two weeks out of the hall, they had an amazing time scaling Chineham Scout Group's climbing wall. The final week, saw the Cubs working towards their Naturalist badge. They all thoroughly enjoyed bug hunting, searching under logs and rocks for creatures in the woods at Middlecopse. On the 22nd April, we joined together with the other scout groups in the Basingstoke West District to celebrate St George's Day at Richard Aldworth School.

Our new term, will see us visiting an airfield to complete our Air Activities Badge and to continue with our Naturalist badge, amongst many other fun activities.

BEAVERS

The Beavers have an action packed term ahead of them over the next couple of months. We'll be having our annual boat race at Eastrop, a treasure hunt around Tadley and will be visiting Middle Copse for more hot dogs and marshmallows. At the end of June we will be joining the Cubs and Scouts for group camp in Youlbury, taking part in new activities and learning scouting skills in the woods.



On the evening of 10th July 2017, 3rd Kempshott Guides will be celebrating our 40th Birthday at The Scout Hut, Stratton Park. We will be offering a taste of Guiding past and present and looking forward to an exciting future.

We will have crafts and food, sport and healthy lifestyles. We would like to invite our community to join us, so if you have been involved in Girlguiding in the past or are interested to find out what we are doing now, then you are welcome to join us.

Hope to see you then

Letter...

to the editor

Dear Coordinators and anyone keen to support Neighbourhood Watch

I have been asked by our chairman John Dick to ask if any coordinator or scheme member might be interested in helping us in one of two volunteer roles. I know that many of you have already responded to my AGM email and said that you do not have spare time and we appreciate that, and apologise for troubling you again.

The vacancies are

1. Team Secretary
2. Membership Administrator

The roles will not take too much of your time, but will require regular attendance at our committee meetings. Although coordinators are in the main police checked, any member who wishes to apply would need to be police checked before being considered. Computer skills are essential including MS Office.

Hopefully some kind persons out there will be willing to join our team who are all volunteers, and have been giving their time and skills to Neighbourhood Watch over many years. Do please consider joining us to help our residents and police colleagues.

PC Brian.Adams e-mail: brian.adams@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Basingstoke Symphony Orchestra presents A SUMMER SERENADE CONCERT

7:45pm Saturday 24th June 2017, The Anvil, Basingstoke

Come and enjoy an evening of beautiful music in our Summer Serenade Concert. The programme features Tchaikovsky's ever popular Sleeping Beauty Suite, telling the story of Princess Aurora. This is accompanied by the Prince Igor Overture by Borodin, Bruch's Scottish Fantasy for violin and orchestra, Gluck's Dance of the Blessed Spirits, and Fantasia on a theme of Thomas Tallis by Vaughan-Williams.

As a special treat for this summer concert, members of the wind section will be performing wind quintets in the foyer before the concert starts. Quintessentially Wind are in demand for a variety of functions from weddings to charity concerts. Why not arrive a little early and enjoy a glass of wine whilst listening to the quintet?

Tickets from just £2 for under 16s accompanied by an adult.

For more details please visit our website www.bso.org.uk and for tickets go to www.anvilarts.org.uk or call 01256 844244.



WHAT'S ON – JUNE

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 June Guided Butterfly Walk on Old Down – see page 11
- 4 June Sunflower Appeal & Fete in aid of St Michael's Hospice – see page 26
- 8 June General Election
- 10 June World Wide Knitting in Public Day – Waitrose Café
- 12 June Hatch Warren Community Centre AGM – see page 18
- 12-18 June Carers' Week – see Sainsbury's article on page 8
- 16/17 June Cliddesden Players perform 'Par for the Course'
- 16 June – 9 July Basingstoke Festival
- 18 June Shakespear's Comedy of Errors performed by The Lord Chamberlain's Men
Dummer - Dummer Down Farm. Picnics Welcome! www.tlcom.evenbrite.com
- 24 June DIY in a day – Drill Skills – www.the-eco-workshop.co.uk
- 24 June Lager Festival, Hatch Warren Community Centre
- 24 June Summer Serenade Concert – see page 5
- 24 June CAP Money course for kids – see page 5
- 24 June Meet the Trustees at the Community Centre – see page 18
- 30 June DIY in a day – Chalk Paint Workshop – www.the-eco-workshop.co.uk

Future Events

- 1 July Disability Awareness in Town Centre
- 1 July DIY in a day – Furniture Painting techniques – www.the-eco-workshop.co.uk
- 8 July Summer Festival on the Playing Field, Hatch Warren Community Centre**
- 8 July Heritage Light Orchestra at QMC

JUNE 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.

To find out more about Basingstoke Discovery Centre and Hampshire Libraries visit www.hants.gov.uk/bsdc

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NEWS FROM CRANBOURNE

School days are always so busy! Our recent newsletter is full of reports of educational visits, sporting achievements, not to mention preparation for examinations.

Our 50th celebration on Saturday 22 July 2017 should take all ex-Cranbourners back to their own school days and we are now asking for your memories. The first people in contact with us remembered how the first weeks of Cranbourne had just one entrance and only a few members of staff, the swimming pool without a roof and "lots of laughter".

Do you have your own story to tell? If so, please contact us by email at 50years@cranbourne.hants.sch.uk or write to us or telephone my PA, Susan Sayers on 01256 868605.

The gates will open at 2.00 pm with an official opening (hopefully with balloon release) at 2.30 pm. There will be an arena on the front field with various demonstrations and fun activities going on throughout the afternoon. At 6.00-8.00 pm there will be a concert featuring our students and staff - past and present.

During the day there will be the opportunity to be taken on a tour of the school and we hope to display photos and memorabilia from Cranbourne in the past. We would like to display 'A walk through history' and are asking any ex-students and staff if they would be willing to complete a form – 'Where are you now?' We will then take the information from it for our display. It would be great if we could have a section for each leavers' year – from 1971 onwards! People could then see what everyone is up to now. Not sure how achievable but we want to try! Would you be willing to complete a form? Please email 50years@cranbourne.hants.sch.uk to receive a template.

<https://www.facebook.com/cbecschool>

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It has become very clear that Cranbourne holds a very special place in many people's hearts and still remains at the centre of its community. We are looking forward to an amazing celebration and hope that many of the local community will join us!

Jane Aplin, Headteacher

NEWS FROM FARLEIGH CLUB

Well this year is moving at super speed, June already it only seems like yesterday that we were celebrating Christmas.

The club did the bar for Zack's fundraising event on May 6th. It was a very special evening and thanks to everyone's generosity with either spending money or giving up their time, a lot of money was raised to help this special little boy.

We had our AGM on Monday 8th May. Quite a few members attended which was nice to see. The entertainment committee would love to hear from you with suggestions as what you would like to see happen in the club. Maybe a fun day one Sunday afternoon in the summer, Treasure hunt, quizzes, bingo, discos or live band. Please let us know. We no longer have a dart team so if anyone fancies starting one again and joining the league or if there is another league sport you would like to see the club participate in, again let us know.

We show most sporting events when we are open, Grand Prix, football, rugby and Wimbledon.

Our bookcase has had some new books added just recently, ready for you to take on holiday.

See you soon.

We open at 7pm Mon-Sat and from 2pm on Sunday till 6pm

Look us up at www.farleighwallopclub.co.uk or on Facebook

KEMPSHOTT CONSERVATION GROUP

In Down Grange Meadow we have cut down and removed the dead remains of last year's growth in the three areas that were scraped a few years ago for wild flower sowing. Our petrol driven scythe cutter makes this work so much quicker and easier. We are very much looking forward to another season of colour to remind us of something once commonplace in fields and meadows everywhere.

Our battle with the bramble in the meadow continues. Whilst plenty of blackberries are always welcome, bramble needs to be kept under control by cutting back and digging out roots as it can quickly take over to the detriment of other things.

Why do we have stripy grass in the Meadow? It's because we asked the Council leave strips of grass uncut, an experiment we are carrying out for a number of reasons.

The grass is normally cut in late autumn or even early winter, but leaving it until early spring means the meadow does not look so bare over winter. The grass is about to get into growth so in about four weeks from cutting it will be back to looking like its old self. Also, as the grass has had time to die back over winter, the volume of cut grass to be handled is much less.

Why the stripes? Some strips were left untouched to make sure that disturbance to the healthy population of field voles was minimised by retaining an adequate amount of their natural habitat. As the cutting took place in early spring, the vole population was not in evidence at all. This, perhaps, is another good reason for leaving the job until much later.

Even if we decide to have the bulk of our cutting in early spring, there will still be some cutting done in the previous autumn. This is when we need to prepare the ground for seeding with wild flowers. These do best when seeded or planted in autumn and have the winter to become established before coming up in spring.

For more information about our activities on Down Grange Meadow, please call Marion Wolstencroft on (01256) 470171. Alternatively, send an email to kempshott-conserve@tiscali.co.uk or visit us at www.kempshottconservationgroup.org.uk

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UPDATE FROM YOUR COUNCILLOR

Beggarwood Surgery: At the time of writing I had just spoken to a senior director at the CCG re concerns and rumours around the operation of Beggarwood Surgery. The CCG stated that they are in contact with the surgery and supporting them to ensure that services are maintained. I have requested a meeting between the CCG and local representatives to discuss difficulties at the surgery and future planning. The surgery has just undergone a CQC inspection and the results are imminent.

Planning updates: The applicants for the proposed Motorway Service area close to junction 7 have applied for leave for an enlargement of the footprint of the application. This would mean, most likely, an earlier run off from the motorway, perhaps to offset concerns about weaving distances. It could also mean that the service area could stretch from opposite Hatch Warren, prior to the motorway bridge, to opposite Beggarwood, beyond the bridge.

Grainger developments have held a public consultation on their proposals for the Island site at Beggarwood. The initial plans include a potential new surgery, perhaps providing large premises for the Beggarwood dental practice, older persons accommodation and a new pub. The next step will be for a planning application to be submitted. If the dental practice were to move over to new premises, it would make sense for the Beggarwood doctor's surgery to expand into the extra space left behind and therefore build in extra capacity. This is something I would like to discuss with the CCG at the proposed meeting.

Cllr Terri Reid

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.

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CUSTOMERS' COLLEAGUE OF THE YEAR AWARD

It wouldn't be June without some form of voting happening and, at Sainsbury's Kempshott, we're asking for our customers to nominate their Colleague of the Year.

We've collated many of the wonderful pieces of feedback from throughout the year but, now want you to cast your vote via the official website.

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CARERS' WEEK

A number of community organisations will be visiting the store during Carer's Week, which this year runs from June 12th - 18th. St Michael's Hospice and Parkinson's UK are just two of the organisations offering advice and awareness during the week.

AN APOLOGY – MY COUPONS

No sooner had the last edition hit the doormat, Sainsbury's ended the trial for the mycoupons service. We genuinely had no idea that this service was being withdrawn. Plans for a smarter, local App are being trialled in the Brighton area. Once we have more news; you'll be one of the first to hear.

THE PINK PLACE

A huge thank you to the customers and colleagues from Kempshott who helped to raise over £900 during the last fundraising weekend for the Pink Place.

We still have the collection pots at the store until our new charity of the year is announced in July/August.

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PROBUS VISIT THE MUSEUM OF ARMY FLYING

“Prince Harry trained to be an Apache helicopter pilot here.” John Essery, a Brighton Hill resident who was on Warden Duty, told us the day of our visit to the Museum of Army Flying at Middle Wallop. He had the unusual service record of flying helicopters in the Army Air Corps as a Major and when his service came to an end he joined the RAF as a Squadron Leader to continue his helicopter journey.

A chilly day greeted our group of twenty consisting of members of the Probuss Club of Basingstoke and several wives to the museum on the edge of this airfield. RAF Middle Wallop opened in 1940 as a Fighter Command Station during the Battle of Britain, then used by the USAAF and returned to the RAF after the war. In 1957 when British Army Aviation became independent of the RAF, Middle Wallop was transferred to the new Army Air Corps. It became the school of Army Aviation, to which it remains to the present day.

The museum tells the story of British Army flying from the early days of military ballooning spanning nearly 150 years of military flight to the modern Army Air Corps. The collection was started in 1946 at RAF Andover but later moved to Middle

Wallop and first opened to the public in 1974. Today it houses over 32 types of aircraft, both early fixed wing and rotary, with an array of support machines and memorabilia and charts the history of military flight both at home and the many theatres of operations abroad.

Kempshott resident and Probuss member retired RAF Squadron Leader Chris Perkins MVO was on hand to talk about the exhibits. Aircraft range from a First World War biplane to a Huey Cobra attack helicopter equipped with eight missiles and a Lynx helicopter that could reach 200 mph. There was the famous WWI Sopwith Pup, with later Auster and Chipmunk fixed wing airplanes and examples of every glider from the D Day Landings including one that could carry a light tank.

On display were early rotary experiments

including the Rotabuggy which was a converted Jeep with helicopter additions and an aircraft tail to aid manoeuvrability. With displays of the Victoria Cross holders, various uniforms, the evolution of the flying helmet and several field guns and support vehicles the museum even has a 1940s house with most domestic items bringing back memories to visitors.

After lunch in the Apache café we then had the privilege of a private showing of a film about the changing role of helicopter operations in today's troublesome world.

More information about the Probuss Club of Basingstoke, the social club for retired professional and business managers, can be viewed on their web site www.probusbasingstoke.webs.com or phone their secretary, Paul Flint, on 07770 886521 for an informal chat.



HATCH WARREN RUNNERS



The last week of April saw lots of Hatchies running yet more marathons. Twelve excited runners lined up at the start of London on a bright and sunny morning. The next best thing to taking part in such events is going along to support your own club runners and, as usual, nothing would stop over 30 Hatchies and their offspring setting off from Basingstoke to set up a strategically positioned cheer-point which meant that we would see all our runners at mile 14 and just after mile 21 too. The roadside became a 'sea of blue and yellow' with music, banners, motivational signs and very loud cheering ensuring that each and every runner we recognised (many from other local clubs) were met with the exuberance normally seen at a premiership football ground. Once again there were experienced runners completing their 26.2 miles but some were novices enjoying the whole atmosphere which makes the London event so special.

There is indeed something uniquely special about the sight of so many runners in their

club colours, charity vests and the huge array of weird and wonderful fancy dress costumes, some of which are certainly not designed for comfort or speed!

One such person, our very own Rebecca Vincent, wore her Minnie Mouse costume in training throughout the weeks leading up to the race.



We are thrilled to say that Becki sailed into the Guinness Book of Records finishing her marathon in full costume, achieving her official attempt at The Fastest marathon dressed as a cartoon character (female) in a superb time of 3hrs:24:28

On the same day, other equally enthusiastic runners and supporters also headed to marathons in Southampton and Dover. Having completed the Southampton Marathon earlier in April, Dave Warman also took part in The Toronto Marathon on the 7th May.

As if this weren't enough, there is another Hatchie who has spent the past few months preparing for a challenge most of

us could never contemplate. Dean Hughes completed 5 marathons in 5 weeks for a charity very close to his heart – C.S.S.E.F. (Chloe and Sophie's Special Ears Fund). His efforts have enabled a local school to fully equip a unit for deaf children. We are very proud of 'Deano' and send him our warm congratulations.



Also on the 7th May, the annual Festival Place 5k took place and 85 members took part, achieving some great times and soaking up the atmosphere of a local event that many now rate as their favourite 5k. The weekly parkrun at War Memorial Park every Saturday morning also remains a firm favourite and has seen a huge leap in numbers since the New Year. May 6th saw a record 596 runners complete the 5k. This remarkable scene is replicated in over 451 locations throughout the UK as well as in many countries worldwide.

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For example, it is legal for a company to have a shutdown period when holiday must be taken or to designate a busy period when no holiday may be taken at all. Many companies only grant holiday requests on a first come first served basis to ensure cover in every department. If you are refused holiday for one of these reasons you need to check what the provisions are in your contract of employment

and check that the company has a clear and transparent holiday usage policy, which it is operating fairly and without discrimination. Simply granting time off on a grace and favour basis is not an acceptable way for an employer to behave.

What other rights might you have for taking time off for childcare in the summer holiday?

Dependant leave – You are entitled to take unpaid dependant leave to deal with emergencies relating to your dependants. This usually means for a maximum of one or two days and would cover the emergency of regular childcare arrangements failing and you needing time to sort out alternative arrangements.

Flexible Working – Whilst the company is not obliged to grant your request, it will be obliged to seriously consider any application that you make formally for flexible working. Traditionally this is to reduce hours or days, but there is nothing to prohibit an application not to work

during all or part of the school holidays. Remember, however, that any flexible working request that is approved is permanent (unless agreed otherwise) and you can only make one request in any period of 12 months whether it is refused or granted.

Parental Leave – After one year of employment you are entitled to apply for up to 18 weeks unpaid leave to spend with each of your children before they reach 18. No more than four weeks unpaid parental leave can be taken in any calendar year. The employer can reject the dates proposed and offer alternatives, but cannot completely refuse the request.

If this affects you or you would like any further information or assistance on these or any other employment issues, please contact Gill Brown at Phillips on 01256 854605 or gill.brown@phillips-law.co.uk where she or another member of the employment team will be happy to help.

THE HATCH

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We hadn't seen our friends for some weeks and so we agreed to meet for Saturday lunch. But, where? Somewhere we hadn't been to before and The Hatch on London Road (A30) at Old Basing was suggested for a Saturday in May.

What a pleasant place it is with timbered ceilings, delightful dining areas and an expansive garden complete with rattan furniture for al-fresco dining with giant umbrellas.

The Hatch is a Chef & Brewer pub with a menu to suit most tastes. While there is an expansive standard lunch and dinner menu we chose from the daily lunch list which offered plenty of choice for either two or three course selection.

While I declined a starter two had cream of mushroom soup with brown bread and the other pate with toast. For the main course the ladies each had sea bass Florentine which they described as being delicious while we men had cod and chips and scampi and chips. Either garden peas or mushy peas with a pot of tartare sauce completed what was a well cooked and easy to eat plate of food.

Dessert choice was slightly complicated in that two claimed they didn't need a large sweet. Madam and her friend's husband had two scoops of ice cream from the children's menu, the wife pushed the boat out with Millionaire's cheese cake with double cream from the standard lunch menu and I reverted to the daily lunch list and had the Kent apple pie with custard.

Four large cups of Americano coffee completed a well proportioned lunch and the cost, I thought, was good value at £68.88 including drinks.

Would I go again? Without a doubt. The Hatch is a pub/restaurant with a welcoming ambience, a menu within the reach of most pockets and pleasant and attentive staff. With that combination The Hatch has created a position in the family dining market that builds a loyal following.



ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPICE

St. Michael's Hospice in Basingstoke is delighted to announce that well-respected local businessman Andrew Finney has been appointed as Chair of the Board of the Hospice, replacing retiring Chair Anthony Holden, as of May 4th 2017.

Andrew, who was already on the Hospice Board, is Non-Executive Chairman of independent relocation and property-related service company HCR Ltd, Chair of the Board for Anvil Arts, President of Hampshire Chamber of Commerce, and has a background in financial services. In 2014 Andrew was awarded the prestigious honour of the Basingstoke Ambassador Award, validating his longstanding commitment to the area.

Anthony Holden, who has held the role of Chair of the Board since 2011, said "It has been a privilege to lead the Board for 6 years and I am delighted that Andrew has agreed to take on the role of Chair of the Board of Trustees. Andrew is an energetic and dynamic leader who will propel St. Michael's Hospice forward into a new era of palliative care."



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HATCH WARREN UNDER FIVES PRESCHOOL

We've recently enjoyed a fantastic book theme – we discovered lots of new Julia Donaldson books with the children, although the most popular stories still seem to be the old favourites, The Gruffalo and Stickman. Our little ones used their fantastic imaginations by offering alternative endings, they described characters and managed to continue with the rhyming strings. Some of our children even dressed up as characters from their own favourite books for a day and shared their stories with us.

Coming up, we have our preschool trip to Finley Down Farm – always a great day out and a brilliant opportunity to see all of the animals that we learnt about during spring term. We have also been invited to take our older children on a bus trip to Asda. As well as being hugely exciting for the children, it will be a great exercise for school readiness. We can practice some fun literacy and numeracy skills by choosing foods beginning with certain letters, looking at shapes, counting items in our baskets and picking out foods which are healthy.

There is now a great emphasis on school readiness for our older children. Each day we are having fun with activities to promote number recognition, personal/social skills, listening/understanding and health and self care to name a few. Many of our children will also be making very exciting first visits to their new schools!

Dads are very important this month too – it will be all about our Daddies for a week in June when we have our annual 'Bring your Dad to preschool week' to celebrate Father's Day.

For preschool registration enquiries please contact Michelle Tejevo on 01256 322788 or email preschoolmail@aol.com.

CUCKOO MEADOW PRESCHOOL

We are based in North Waltham village, which is less than 10 minutes drive from Hatch Warren, and is in a beautiful rural setting. The children who attend come from within the village and the surrounding areas including Oakley, Dummer, Hatch Warren, Kempshott and Beggarwood and all agree the location and wonderful caring staff mean it is more than worth the short journey. Please contact Jo or Fiona to come and see for yourself.

Following on from the recent Zoolab visit, the pre-school has been looking at creepy crawlies over the last couple of weeks. As well as looking at ladybirds by crafting some painted stones for the garden, the children have investigated snails and caterpillars through magnifying glasses and microscopes. They also talked about concepts of empty and full in the water tray amongst other things which was certainly lots of very wet fun! The children have learnt lots of facts about the natural world and enjoyed the whole experience of getting their hands dirty.

Last week the pre-school was visited by Ofsted. The children were fantastic as usual and the team would like to thank all those parents who took the time to speak to the inspector. We will share the outcome when the report is released in a couple of weeks.

Dates for the diary:

-Half term will be 27th May to 4th June

-No preschool sessions on 8th June as the Pavilion is being used for the general election

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

CANDOVER VALLEY PRE-SCHOOL

The summer term is upon us and we are enjoying plenty of outdoors learning. The children love the "mud kitchen" which is an area of soil situated under a shady tree and with pots and pans to use. Water play is nearby so children can take water and make their own mud which they use for cooking. Chocolate cakes are a popular choice. Providing children with the "mud kitchen" gives them opportunities to work alone or work with friends, discuss how to make their mud and who has which saucepan. An open-ended activity such as this offers children to make choices, to follow their own ideas and how to work successfully with others.

For the children leaving us to go to school in September, we plan some adult led activities and we help them to practise writing their names. We also ask them to bring in a PE bag so that they can practice changing their clothes ready for a PE lesson. There is a skill in keeping their clothes in one place so they can find them easily after the PE lesson! These are all helpful tips for going to school. 01256-389008



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Friday 2nd June	Bulldog and Mocktails
Friday 9th June	Bullying/Friendship Quiz and chicken fillet burgers
Friday 16th June	Basketball and hotdogs
Friday 23rd June	Circus skills with wedges and dips
Friday 30th June	5-A-Side football and waffles
Friday 7th July	Game of splat and nachos
Friday 14th July	Dance competition and free choice craft
Friday 21st July	Hooping fun and cheesy fries
<u>SUMMER STREETZ STARTS</u>	<u>ALL AGES WELCOME YEARS 6-11</u>
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Thursday 27th July 6-8pm	Boot camp - hosted by Steve Dennis from Fitness Flex
Friday 28th July 6-8.30pm	Football tournament

FREE ENTRY FOR ALL YOUNG PEOPLE

Congratulations to all the year 6's who completed their SATs. It's a testing time and we are all so pleased you have come through it.

We are also thinking of all of you sitting your GCSE and A-level exams, we know it can be tough but you are nearly there. We hope you all enjoyed chilling out at the end of SATs week with our movie night, as much as we did, watching Trolls and having a little dance on the patio area.



We have also enjoyed cooking our old favourite 'pitta pizzas' with our new kitchen equipment.

FRIDAY NIGHT TERM TIME

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We have a very special member profile this month

My name is Emilie, I am a youth worker at The Warren. I used to come to The Warren when I was younger, so when I needed to volunteer for my Duke of Edinburgh award I thought it would be a great place to choose and I've never left!!



I have been a volunteer and bank staff, now aged 18, I have just been employed as a permanent member of staff. I get to interact with many young people with lots of diverse personalities. I like that young people choose to talk to me about anything and everything. It feels good to be trusted and know I am someone who they feel comfortable with.

The staff are also amazing you feel like you are part of a little family. I feel so lucky that I have been given so many opportunities to go on training courses and gain some brilliant skills and qualifications even when I was only a volunteer. The Warren has really helped with my confidence over the years and is a great place to work. They are definitely not going to get rid of me anytime soon 😊

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••••• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

The image on the right has been doing the rounds on my Facebook page news feed. As we approach the General Election and having recently had local elections, the turnout for which wasn't spectacular, there's speculation as to what the turnout for the General Election might be and that the public may be suffering from 'voter fatigue'. Whether we like it or not, those who turned out for the referendum voted to leave the EU and as a result, the next government must negotiate with the rest of the EU on our exit. There's been some posturing already and the battle lines seem to have been drawn. But the General Election is not just about Brexit. It's about our country, our relationship with nations around the world and our future. And we should be encouraging as many people as we can to turn out on June 8th. Those of course who don't turn out and vote won't really have a leg to stand on if they don't like the government that is elected!



The Archbishops have written a letter to parishes and congregations. Unfortunately it's quite wordy, but worth a read (it can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/klk47cb>). Some may argue that religion and politics don't mix, but I don't buy that – I believe that they are intertwined as they affect how we live and how others are treated. In his recent blog, the Rev'd Iain McFarlane, makes the following observation:

'In 2016 more people slept each night on the streets London than can be seated in both Winchester and Salisbury Cathedrals alone, this year that number looks to be filling half of Guildford Cathedral too. On average, homeless people die at just 47 years old; which is what I will be this year.

How does that make you feel as representative of Christ's love and justice in the world?

I was hungry, and you formed a humanities group to discuss my hunger.

I was imprisoned, and you crept off quietly to your chapel and prayed for my release.

I was naked, and in your mind you debated the morality of my appearance.

I was sick, and you knelt and thanked God for your health.



I was homeless, and you preached to me of the spiritual shelter of the love of God.

I was lonely, and you left me alone to pray for me.

You seem so holy, so close to God but I am still very hungry – and lonely – and cold.

Does it bother us or are we indeed so heavenly minded that we are of no earthly use.'

That is how perhaps those who believe that religion and politics don't mix might respond to what Jesus has to say in Matthew's Gospel: *'[The Kingdom of heaven] It is yours because when I was hungry, you gave me food to eat. When I was thirsty, you gave me something to drink.'* Jesus' life and ministry was about directing people to those who, in society, were at the bottom end of the social scale. Pointing towards how we love and care for others and society. It is, of course, very easy, to live in our own bubbles and not to think of those whom we don't see. To give to charities that do good works. To put some food in the collection box for the local foodbank (which continues to provide emergency food parcels to more and more people).

We need to think about who and what we are voting for: How it affects not just us, individually, but those around us, the poorest of society, the marginalised. Let's ensure that for the next five years we have a government in whom we trust and know will do the best for the country – not the best just for the richest and the privileged, but for everyone. To conclude with the rest of the passage from St Matthew's Gospel:

"Then the godly people will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and give you food? When did we see you thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you with no place to stay and welcome you into our home? When did we see you without clothes and give you something to wear? When did we see you sick or in prison and care for you?' "Then the king will answer, 'The truth is, anything you did for any of my people here, you also did for me.'

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This year is our **50th ANNIVERSARY IN BASINGSTOKE**. So we thought we'd have a special birthday party. Our President asked local businesses if they would be kind enough to donate raffle prizes. They were very forthcoming and our thanks to all who donated are recorded on our website. Over 100 guests, including the Mayor, came to help us celebrate. As a result the raffle raised over £2500 which is a very significant boost to our Charity Trust Fund. Many thanks to all, and to the charity **Helping Hands for the Blind** which provided the disco free of charge. To top the month off, our Club was given an award for innovative community service at a recent Lions Convention.

EASTER EGGS: I reported earlier that we placed big chocolate ones in pubs to be raffled. They raised a phenomenal £3212.72 from which 18 charities have already benefited. Many thanks to all the pubs and their customers who contributed so generously.

SWIMATHON: The proceeds are now helping 7 families to send their children to the Special Olympics in Sheffield.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

The **Lions Den** is now out and about. So look out for it from now onwards at all school fetes and festivals.

8/07/2017 Sees a welcome return of the **Heritage Light Orchestra and supporting singers** to perform for us at QMC. It is very definitely one of our most entertaining and interesting evenings. The theme this time is music and lyrics relating to the sea and sea travel. There will be signature tunes from a number of radio and television pieces, songs from Shows, Films, and Gilbert & Sullivan that are set by, on, or even under the sea! You can buy tickets direct from our website if you don't know any of us personally.

WELFARE: In addition to the £1300 already donated via the Easter Eggs, we spent £193 to resolve 2 domestic emergencies and £1310 to help 5 other charities.

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Supported by parents, the Basingstoke boys arrived on the Friday night, staying at the Ilfracombe Holiday Park, where instructions were outlined as to how the weekend would be organised. Saturday morning saw them taking part in team building exercises then travelling by coach to Victoria Park in Bideford where all the matches would be played. Each team played three games on Saturday before returning to Ilfracombe. Self catering was the order of the night followed by all assembling later in the bar.



Sunday started with swimming and then on the coach to Bideford for three more matches. All the Basingstoke players received a commemorative certificate and medals were awarded for special achievement, four to each team. This was a great weekend for the boys and the experience gained will stand them in good stead next season and they are looking forward to returning next year.

Sunday evening saw all the boys, coaching staff and parents enjoying a carvery meal paid for by the team management which ensured the weekend ended on a high note.

HATCH WARREN PHOENIX FC



Once again it's been a busy season for Hatch Warren Phoenix FC with not only the established teams enjoying themselves the new sides formed over the summer put their stamp on the respective leagues.



Renewed support for the Phoenix Fire U11s with thanks to Lawnmaster

With over 250 children now participating through age groups from U6 to U15 the club were honoured with the highest accolade from the FA as recipients of the FA Charter Standard Club of the year for season not just for Basingstoke but the whole of Hampshire.

This kick started our season wonderfully, up against some very established clubs it was with immense pride that we accepted this acknowledgment at a wonderful event at St. Marys the home of Southampton FC.

The 'Intro to Soccer School' Firestarters have once again enjoyed a bouyant start under the lively stewardship of coach Greg

Brockbank and other qualified coaches, moving outside for the spring and enjoying the freedom this brings everyone of the children have been developing they core skills as they move towards September and forming the new U7 sides. Hatch Warren Phoenix have recently ventured on a new and exciting project to offer girls only football, considering that recent research found that 4 out of 5 girls don't feel confident playing the sport and only 3% of all teams are girls only in conjunction with Hampshire FA the Phoenix had undertaken to address this shortcoming and offer girls only football coaching. This takes place at Hatch Warren Community Centre Fields, Longcross Lane Saturdays 11-12 as a pay and play session of just £2. "Whilst we already have girls playing within our teams we really wanted more to enjoy all that the sport can bring, the information given to us by the FA really opened our eyes to just how many females are missing out" Helen Harris – Phoenix Child Welfare Officer

Phoenix Flames, Blaze & Embers U10s have all had an outstanding start to their final season as 7v7 with the Blaze making their way to the PHYL cup final. Meeting Winklebury Wizards in a thrilling finale which ended 0-0 after the final whistle taking the children into the dreaded penalty shootout which once again led to a draw and ended with the painful sudden death penalty shootout ending with a narrow victory for the Wizards.

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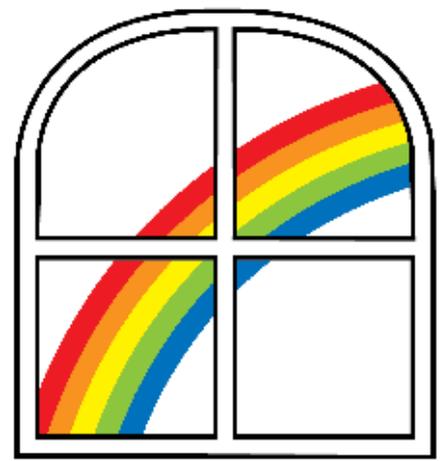
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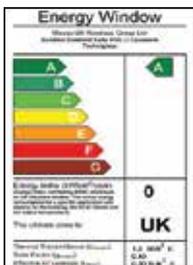
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