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- BUGSY MALONE AT QMC
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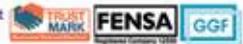


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## EDITORIAL

The summer is beginning to wind down and autumn is on the horizon. Children back to school, university for some and first jobs for others. Gardeners are starting to tidy the garden and bring home the harvest. Before we know it the shops will be selling Christmas goodies and the summer of 2017 will be a memory – did we really enjoy those beautiful long, hot days in June? I enjoyed evening walks in June to reach my 10,000 steps a day in aid of Cancer Research (I raised £400 for this worthwhile charity) and feel a lot better for the exercise. It would be good to hear about other challenges our residents are undertaking. The Rabbiter had a big challenge over the summer to keep the Rabbiter running and can report that a plan is now in place – a big thank you to all the residents who expressed sadness that the magazine may close at the end of the year. So it is business as usual!

The Summer Festival organised by the Hatch Warren Community Centre was an enormous success as illustrated on our front cover – a big thank you to the staff, volunteers and committee. They are now gearing up for the annual Fireworks display on 4 November – tickets are now on sale. And don't forget the Beer Festival on 9 September. However if these events are going to continue to be part of our annual calendar the Hatch Warren Community Association needs more committee members – can you help? Phone Clare at the office for more information (01256 811262).

In July St Mark's School said farewell to their headmistress, Sally Jenkins. Sally has done a fantastic job over the last eight years and will be a hard act to follow. We look forward to welcoming the new headmaster, Charles Applegate, to the school – the Rabbiter plan to meet with him soon.

Congratulations to Jessica Draper who works at Sainsbury's for winning two Gold medals at the recent Special Olympics in Sheffield.

The consultation regarding the proposed development at Manydown continues – see page 7. More houses are needed for local people but we must ensure that there are affordable homes for the next generation, with appropriate access to schools, doctors and local shops. House prices continue to rise and many young people are unable to meet the demands of a 10-20% deposit.

Your editor is a paid up member of 'yarn addicts anonymous' and noted with interest that the next speaker at our local W.I. is an amusing talk on Knitting. If you knit, crochet, sew, spin or weave this might just be an event for you – please support our local W.I.

The copy date for the next Rabbiter is 15 September – please let us have your news, achievements and events. The Rabbiter is distributed free to over 4,000 local homes – the perfect way to tell local residents your news and views.

**The Editor**

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## SUMMER FESTIVAL 2017

The largest free entry event in Hatch Warren occurred again this year on Saturday 8th July. The fields, adjacent to the Community Centre were packed with crowds of people seeking for a fun day in the glorious July sunshine and they were not disappointed; there were over 65 different things to take part in, to see and to indulge in on the field. The Summer Festival ran from 12pm until 4pm and entertained over 2000 people during this time. The central arena showcased local clubs and talents. There were over 30 craft and charity stalls selling their services or products and SCL, Walls Funfair and JV bouncy castles provided fabulous activities. Many of the regular Community Centre users also held stalls around the main arena. The event was attended by the Mayor; Cllr Paul Frankum and the Lady Mayoress, Cllr Jane Frankum, as well as the Rt Hon Maria Miller MP and local borough councillor Terri Reid. The Chairman of the Community Centre, Karen Coomber, said that the event was "another great success, over 51 local volunteers came along to help (made up of committee

members and members of the public) without whom it would not have been possible to put on such a large event. Our thanks go to each and every one."

Would you like to become a committee member? We remain keen to talk with those interested in joining our committee. Karen said, "We are a very motivated team of volunteers who work to support the Centre and welcome all new members to the committee."

## BASINGSTOKE LIONS CLUB

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Mentally and physically we seem to have gone walkabout this month. After the effort and excitement of the preceding three months, our get up and go definitely got up and went. One can only hope that during the lull, ideas for fresh new projects have been stewing in our members fertile imaginations. I'm not holding my breath.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**16/09/2017 The Sussex Jazz Kings**

**at QMC:** One of our most popular events. You can buy tickets direct from our website [www.basingstokelions.org.uk](http://www.basingstokelions.org.uk), from [mauricehockley@hotmail.com](mailto:mauricehockley@hotmail.com) or tel: 01256 421867, or Toucan Travel at the Chineham shopping Centre.

### WELFARE:

**a. The Dove House Project:** Phase I of our joint project with Loddon Valley Lions and Team Rubicon to refurbish and update the interior is complete. We are now looking at the exterior where the gutters are in urgent need of attention. Any financial or physical support would be very welcome. "Contact Us" through our website.

**b. Disport Games:** We have pledged financial and physical assistance. If anyone else is able to help in any way, please contact the Treasurer, Pauline Lentell, on 07721473465. Without further support it will be cancelled.

**LIONS CLUB MEMBERSHIP:** Put your contact details on the "Contact Us" page of our website and someone will get in touch.

## A BUSY SUMMER FOR HATCH WARREN RUNNERS



July was a very busy month in 'Hatchie World' with runners taking part in numerous events across the country. Local park runs were well attended by HWR members. There are always a lot of our runners attend Basingstoke park run, but we also had members run at Bracknell, Brockenhurst, Newbury and Moors Valley park runs this month.

The summer months are always busy in HWR with events and holidays; many of HWR members continue running whilst on holiday, braving all climates. Holidays to Ibiza, Spain, Cyprus and France to name a few, have not stopped the running this month.

The month started with HWR members taking part in the Bracknell & District Samaritans 5k, followed by the Summer Plod, New Forest 10 mile, Run for Champagne 10k (popular race, not sure why though!), Yateley 10k series race 2, Dinton Pastures 5k series race 3 and Kingsclere 10k Twist, where one of the ladies won a trophy for

being the first lady veteran over the line – excellent running!

On 15 July three Hatchies took part in 'Essex 100'. This a flat 100 mile race covering 12 out and back loops along a flat disused railway line. All 3 runners completed the 100 miles in fantastic times - amazing achievements!



*Rhianna Stanley who won 1st veteran lady at Kingsclere 10K*



*Adam McCartney having run 99K at the Cotswold 24 hour race*

On 22 July one member ran 99k in the Cotswold 24 hour race. The aim of this race is to complete as many laps of a 9km course as possible in 24 hours. It is a test of speed, fitness, endurance

and mental toughness - another huge achievement!

July also saw a number of our male runners taking part in the 'Race for Life' for men – Boys Beating Cancer. The local event takes place in the Newbury Showground and entrants can either run 5k or 10k.

Finally, our popular 'Chilli & Pint' evening at The Fox went well this month. Up to 40 runners either ran a 5 mile trail course or walked a shorter course. Most of the walkers are runners in rehab still wanting be part of the club runs, whilst they become fit for running again, or those that just feel like a walk and social one evening. This was followed by a wonderful chilli at the pub and a pint (or glass of wine in my case). This is always a sell out and a great event for our running community!

### HWR Farleigh Wallop Trail Race update – Sunday 24th September 2017 – 09:30

This event is now sold out with 6 weeks to go until the race! This was such a popular race last year that everyone got in quick this year to guarantee their place. A report on the race will follow in a future edition. All profits from the event will be donated to two local charities. <http://www.hwrunners.co.uk/race/>

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

## WHAT'S ON – SEPTEMBER

Do you have an event locally that you would like to tell people about. The Rabbit reaches over 4000 homes locally so is the perfect way to publicise your event. Just email details to [newsdesk@therabbit.biz](mailto:newsdesk@therabbit.biz) or [rabbiteditor@aol.com](mailto:rabbiteditor@aol.com)  
Copy date is the 15th of the month preceding publication.

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| 2 September     | Breakfast at Immanuel Church  |
| 5 September     | Basingstoke Bridge Club open evening<br>– 7.15pm <a href="http://www.basingstokebridgeclub.co.uk">www.basingstokebridgeclub.co.uk</a> |
| 7 September     | Hatch Warren W.I. – a talk by Joyce Meader on 'Knitting' (see page 8)   |
| 9 September     | Open Day at Loddon Vale Indoor Bowls Club (see page 10)   |
| 9 September     | Beer Festival, Hatch Warren Community Centre  |
| 16 September    | The Sussex Jazz Kings at QMC (see Basingstoke Lions pg 5)   |
| 16-25 September | Basingstoke Green Week (see <a href="http://Basingstoke.gov.uk">Basingstoke.gov.uk</a> green week)                                    |
| 19 September    | Film Night at Immanuel Church, 7.30pm<br>– 'Have a little faith'  |
| 24 September    | Newbury Artisan Market<br>– <a href="http://www.newburyartisanmarket.co.uk">www.newburyartisanmarket.co.uk</a>                        |
| 24 September    | HWR – Farleigh Wallop Trail Race (see page 5)   |

### Future Events

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| 1 October     | Hants & Berks Motor Club<br>Autumn Classic & Sports Car Tour<br>( <a href="http://www.hantsandberksmc.org.uk">www.hantsandberksmc.org.uk</a> ) |
| 4 October     | Trip to see Matilda organised<br>by Hatch Warren Community Centre  |
| 9 October     | Film Night at Immanuel Church, 7.30pm<br>– 'Bridge of Spies'   |
| 15 October    | Wedding Fayre, Hatch Warren<br>Community Centre  |
| 26-28 October | Limelighters perform Buggy Malone at QMC<br>(see page 13)  |
| 29 October    | Newbury Artisan Market<br>– <a href="http://www.newburyartisanmarket.co.uk">www.newburyartisanmarket.co.uk</a>                                 |
| 4 November    | Fireworks night at Hatch Warren<br>Community Centre (see page 22)  |
| 25 November   | Coach trip to Bluewater,<br>Hatch Warren Community Centre  |
| 26 November   | Craft Fayre, Hatch Warren Community Centre   |
| 26 November   | Newbury Artisan Market<br>– <a href="http://www.newburyartisanmarket.co.uk">www.newburyartisanmarket.co.uk</a>                                 |
| 2 December    | Bath Xmas Market, Hatch Warren<br>Community Centre   |

### Hampshire Farmers Markets

- Alton – 2nd Saturday of the month  
Winchester – 2nd and last Sunday of the month  
Odiham – 22/10/17

### Hampshire Breakfast & Banter

Hampshire Breakfast & Banter is a group of ex service personnel who meet on the first Saturday of each month at the Camrose Football Ground. We meet from 9am (breakfast served at 9.30am) until about 10.30. The cost is £7 but most members put in £10 and we give the surplus to a charity nominated by one of the members. It is a very informal meeting with the intention of just having a bit of banter! Anyone who has ever served in the forces is welcome.

### The Hants and Berks Motor Club

The Hants and Berks Motor Club will be running its Autumn Classic and Sports Car Tour on 1 October 2017. This event is open to members and non-members alike who drive either Classic or Sports cars (or vehicles of interest). The event starts at California Country Park near Wokingham and ends at The Buresdon Brickworks. For further details see <http://www.hantsandberksmc.org.uk> or contact Neal Day, 19 Belmont Heights tel: 01256333769

### REGULAR EVENTS

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

### Basingstoke Knit and Natter,

Every Monday 6.30 – 9pm, Waitrose Café

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

### Aldworth Badminton Club,

Thursday evenings 8.30 – 10 Aldworth Science College

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

### Old Down & Beggarwood Wildlife Group,

[www.olddownandbeggarwood.org.uk](http://www.olddownandbeggarwood.org.uk) email: [odandbwd@gmail.com](mailto:odandbwd@gmail.com)

### Hatch Warren Nature Group,

contact Paul Beevers, [hatch.nature@gmail.com](mailto:hatch.nature@gmail.com)

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

**Laughter House**, [laughter-housevpweb.co.uk](http://laughter-housevpweb.co.uk)

**Hatch Warren Runners**, meet Monday and Wednesday at  
7.15, Portsmouth Arms and at the Co-op Beggarwood.  
[www.hwrrunners.co.uk](http://www.hwrrunners.co.uk)

## MANYDOWN | RESPONSES TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

As you will be aware, following 18 months of consultation and engagement with the local community, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council and Hampshire County Council submitted an outline planning application for Manydown at the beginning of the year.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, as planning authority, consulted on the application earlier this year. The project team has now reviewed the comments that were made in that consultation and published answers to frequently asked questions to give further information or explanation. The answers to frequently asked questions are not intended to provide a response to all the concerns raised, nor to justify the proposals and address every objection.

Further discussion is now taking place with Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council as the planning authority, as well as relevant statutory consultees. Updated information will be submitted to the planning authority in the next few months and it is expected there will be a further planning consultation during autumn 2017 to seek feedback on this updated information. This will give an opportunity to comment on the updated proposals prior to the application being determined by the council's Development Control Committee.

The project team will let you know when we have further information on the next consultation. In the meantime, should you have any questions please contact us using the details below.

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## HIGHDOWNS IN BLOOM 2018

The Highdowns floral front garden competition next year will be for residents of Highdowns in Hatch Warren. To be effective we need at least 12 home occupiers to register an interest in the competition. The front garden floral competition will comprise of hanging baskets and containers, shrubs, floral presentations and garden ornaments. A very small registration fee will go to a local charity and if the interest is positive we will invite a celeb to judge to event. We plan to judge the best front garden on the 8th July 18. Any one in the street interested in participating should contact me Peter Effer at 12 Highdowns or [p.effer@btinternet.com](mailto:p.effer@btinternet.com)

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### Our New Charity of the Year Partner

Over 2000 votes were cast during the search for our new charity partner. We're delighted to announce that the charity YPI Counselling, based at The Orchard won the vote.

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### Jessica Draper

You may recall that we recently told you about Jessica planning her participation at the Special Olympics in Sheffield. We're proud and delighted to report that Jess has returned with not one but, two GOLD medals.

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## HATCH WARREN W.I.

Members of Hatch Warren W.I. are having a very busy summer with eight members going to visit the new 'Mary Rose' exhibition at Portsmouth and then finishing with a little shopping at 'Gun Wharf Quay'. A trip to see 'The Girl's' musical in London and a flower demonstration with Michael Bowyer, at Weyhill Craft Centre including a tea and canapés.

17 W.I. ladies visited 'The Hampshire Clinic' where we were given a lovely hot meal before enjoying a very informative talk by Mr. George Goumalatsos a Consultant Gynaecologist.

Our speaker for July was Phil Young 'Tigers' Eyes'. Phil started his three week trip in New Delli and then travelled on to visit the tiger reserves. Phil had many really beautiful shots of not only tigers and wild life but of the Indian people he saw along the way. People washing their clothes, their bodies and praying in the river, lots of lovely happy children and families all keen to be photographed.

We start our autumn programme on Thursday 7th September at 8 p.m. with a very funny speaker named Joyce Meader with her take on 'Knitting'.

We meet on the first Thursday of the month at Hatch Warren Community Centre at 8 p.m. for further information please contact our President Jane on 07798 842487. We look forward to welcoming new potential members who are interested in taking part in our activities.

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## LIMELIGHTERS SPLURGE INTO BUGSY MALONE

BAOS Limelight are delighted to have been awarded the license to perform Buggy Malone at Queen Mary's College in October Half Term 2017.

Set in Prohibition era New York, the show charts the story of rival gangsters Fat Sam and Dandy Dan as they wreak havoc with the help of custard pies and destructive splurge guns. After penniless ex-boxer Buggy Malone falls for aspiring singer Blousey Brown, will he be able to resist seductive songstress Tallulah and stay out of trouble while helping Fat Sam defend his business? Based on the acclaimed film (1976) of the same name, Buggy Malone features music and lyrics by Paul Williams and a book by Alan Parker.

Among the group, all aged between 12 and 18, are Bryony & Katie Westwood, Theo Gaimster, Brooke Holmes, Emma Kennan, Ellie Rampton, Abbie Stephens, Aimee Fee and James Wood all from the Hatch Warren and Beggarwood area.

BAOS Limelight welcomes experienced young Director, Nick Brannam to the fold and with Simon Eastwood retaining the baton as Musical Director, this is guaranteed to be an energetic and entertaining production.

Buggy Malone will be on stage at Queen Mary's Hall, Queen Mary's College, Basingstoke from Thursday 26th to Saturday 28th October 2016.

The Limelighters will be hoping to repeat the success of their productions of "Grease" and "Into the Woods" which were both runners up in the NODA (National Operatic and Dramatic Association) SE region Youth-West award and received an Accolade for Excellence.

Tickets are priced at £14 for adults and £11 for concessions including college students, and are available from [www.baos.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.baos.ticketsource.co.uk) Family tickets cost £45. For more information and group bookings please contact [baoslimelight@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:baoslimelight@yahoo.co.uk)

## BASINGSTOKE CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT FELLOWSHIP

At the group's meeting on 2nd August the speaker was Rosy Hardy of Hardy's Cottage Garden Plants at Freefolk near Whitchurch who have been exhibiting at Chelsea for 25 years and won 25 RHS Gold Medals. Rosy gave an interesting and informative talk starting by giving a history of her nursery from its beginnings in Camberley and describing some of her exhibits at Chelsea with this year's Circle of Colour being 120 square metres in size. She then went on to explain how important it was to put plants together that enjoy the same soil conditions and having brought with her a variety of plants was able to suggest and demonstrate how to combine different plants for certain areas of the garden. Heuchera for instance come from the North American forest so prefer wet rich soil in semi-shade while grasses like clay soil with sun and plenty of space and hardy geraniums will grow almost anywhere. She also explained how and when cutting down and dividing should be done for the different species she had with her. After a number of questions people had the opportunity to buy some of the plants and obtain a signed copy of Rosy's new book "25 Years of Chelsea".



The next outings are a Thames Cruise to Greenwich on Thursday 21st September followed by a Mystery Trip on Wednesday 25th October and then a visit to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard and Christmas Victorian Market on Friday 1st December.

The next meeting is on 6th September when the speaker will be Tony King on Vanished London. 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 and outings 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.

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## RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION



The North Hampshire Downs Ramblers group, is part of the Ramblers Association. We walk mostly in Hampshire and the surrounding countryside. In the last few months our group has enjoyed both walks and social activities including a 4 day walking break to Paignton, a coach trip to Bourton on the Water and a summer picnic held at Longparish, unfortunately the weather was not great for this but undeterred 38 hardy ramblers had a walk in the rain and the picnic was held indoors in Long parish village hall where a lovely spread awaited us.

The group walk on both Tuesday and Saturday and cover areas in and around Basingstoke as well as sometimes going further afield. We have had some lovely Spring and early Summer walks over the last few months and are now looking forward to the blackberries and sloes in autumn. Also autumn is a wonderful time to walk due to all the changing colours in the countryside.

Our Tuesday morning walks, which are typically 6-7 miles, continue to attract quite a number of walkers. We have recently walked around Hannington, Old Basing and Selborne to name but a few. We usually end up with an end of walk pub stop, to give people time for a catch up.

Our Saturday walks tend to be longer, with fewer walkers, and can sometimes take most of the day. This last quarter we have enjoyed walks from Alton to Basingstoke, our ever popular Mudeford Quay walk (via Hengisbury Head) and a lovely walk from Horsebridge to Stockbridge and back.

If you are interested in finding out more about the North Hampshire Downs group, there is more information on our Website. [www.northhampshiredownramblers.org.uk](http://www.northhampshiredownramblers.org.uk)

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## HEAD TEACHER SALLY JENKINS LEAVES ST MARK'S SCHOOL



The last day of the summer term saw all the children of St Mark's school on Danebury Road in Hatch Warren bid a sad farewell to Sally Jenkins who has been head of this school for the last eight years. Cards, flowers and many kinds of gifts from grateful parents as well as staff decorated her office as a sign of the affection they have for this remarkable and modest, woman.

St Mark's school is by far the largest in the area with 630 pupils from Year R to Year 6 (ages from 4 to 11). This requires substantial staffing levels with 34 teachers, 42 teaching assistants, 5 breakfast club, 19 lunch supervisors, 6 administrators and up to 11 governors.

St Mark's school is a CoFE aided school which means that there is an emphasis on the Christian values of growing and living together with the ethos of Faith, Hope, Love and Forgiveness. Sally, as a member of the governors, has followed the policy that the school was set up for the benefit of the community with living in the catchment area coming before the faith criterion. In fact children of all faiths and none are welcome.

The school was rated as "Good" in the Ofsted report of 2014 and SIAMS (the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) rated the school as outstanding in 2016.

### Why is Sally Jenkins leaving?

Sally explained, "This is the right time for me to move on as I have seen a complete cohort of children arriving in Year R and leaving at the end of Year 6. I have always sought to do what is best for the children and had to work hard for every child in my time here so that they are involved. This is why we have three different performances each year that allow all children to take part. Years R, 1 and 2 have the Nativity play, Years 3 and 4 the Crucifixion and, as many parents saw in the last full week of term, Years 5 and 6 put on splendid performances of Beauty and the Beast." Sally feels it is important that new blood with new thinking is necessary to ensure that St Mark's continues to make progress.

Graham Robins has been chair of governors for the last four years. He was a member of the interview panel that appointed Sally to the headship and they have worked very closely over the years addressing difficult issues, both with pupils and staff, and lately with the financial pressures that all schools currently face. "In all these discussions" Graham said, "whilst a solution has not always been obvious, Sally would always say – I have a plan – and usually she would have an innovative solution."

"During her time at the school, Sally has made many changes, not for the sake of change but always to improve the school, its results and always to enhance the pupils' experiences and enjoyment of the school. It was therefore with some sadness that I accepted Sally's decision to leave, as in her words, she felt that she could not improve the school anymore, and it was therefore time for her to move on."

Graham was fulsome in his praise, "I, for one, will miss Sally but I wish her well for whatever the future holds for her, and I thank her for everything she has done for St Mark's."

The Rev'd Michael Smith is also a governor, being appointed on his installation as vicar of Immanuel Church which is based in the school building. He remembers vividly meeting Sally Jenkins as she was part of his interview panel and was immediately struck with her

warmth and the welcome she gave him when he became involved with St Mark's school.

"I was conscious that a few fences needed to be mended between church and school but Sally made this easy and we began a wonderful three year partnership. I spent most Mondays and Tuesdays in term time stood at the gate with Sally saying hello to parents and carers as they dropped off the children. This time was valuable in catching up with Sally with discussions about family life, the church and school life."

Fr Michael was impressed with the school from the first day he walked into it. "It has a warm feeling and the Christian ethos that ran through it – not rammed down anyone's throat, because that's not Sally's style, but a steady thread that ran all the way through.

The children were always pleased to see Sally. Throughout it was clear that she was driven by what is best for the children. They took priority; it was as simple as that." What's the future for Sally Jenkins and St Mark's school? Sally is to become a schools inspector for SIAMS whose principal objective is to evaluate the distinctiveness and effectiveness of church aided schools.

The new head teacher of St Mark's school is Charles Applegate who comes from King's Furlong Junior School in Basingstoke where he was head teacher. He has a hard act to follow but no doubt he will strive to build on Sally Jenkins' reputation which can only be good.

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## KEMPSHOTT CONSERVATION GROUP

In **Down Grange Meadow** the drought conditions during May and June with a very warm spell in mid June meant that flowers were very slow to get into growth and this had a knock on effect on the early butterflies. However, for butterflies things started getting into their stride by the end of May. Our first flush of Small Blues was recorded in the meadow on 28th May. While our friends at Old Down record a lot of this uncommon and priority species, we are finding more and more of this charming little butterfly, albeit in small numbers. As the season developed it was clear that we have our own (very) small breeding population.

As the weather turned wet, at long last, the flowers started growing. Bird's-foot-trefoil (*Lotus corniculatus*) was appearing in places in the meadow that have not been seeded and existing clumps were expanding where we have scraped and seeded. B-F-T, as we'll call it, is an important plant with a number of species of butterflies and moths that use it exclusively. It can often be seen growing as a mass of yellow flowers in roadside verges around the town. It can, fortunately, cope with the ravages of regular cutting.

It was a great year for orchids with them popping up in places where we expected them as well new sites scattered across the meadow. The two triangles that were scraped and seeded in 2014 looked a picture this summer, demonstrating that it takes 3-5 years for a newly seeded flower meadow to come into its own.

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](mailto:kempshott- conserve@tiscali.co.uk) or visit us at [www.kempshottconservationgroup.org.uk](http://www.kempshottconservationgroup.org.uk)





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At Hatch Warren Under Fives we recognise that sometimes we can all overestimate a young child's ability to cope with transitions. The lure of the toys doesn't always compensate for the security of the main caregiver! The experience can be overwhelming for some young children, especially if they have not had experience of another form of care outside of the family.

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The new term at Cuckoo Meadow will start on Monday 4th September. Each week, the pupils focus on a different letter of the alphabet, starting in September with A. This is a great way to enhance the children's vocabulary and generate some discussion. It can get a bit tricky when you get to X and Z however but can generate some creative ideas! Think X marks the spot on a pirate's treasure map and you get the idea!

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The Scouts enjoyed a variety of activities, including a 30ft abseil, a Jacob's ladder challenge, woggle-making, a knee-trembling crate stacking team-game, and a camp gadget game that saw them compete to construct a contraption that would hold a full bowl of washing up water.

The Scouts also participated in a wide game themed around a hunt for the Seven Dwarves. The leaders playing the roles of the dwarves did a great job, both at hiding well, and in the case of Grumpy, living up to his namesake.

Saturday night saw a group wide camp-fire and singsong. It wasn't all games though – everyone participated in making and breaking camp, as well as washing up.

A big thank you to all the Leaders who gave up their precious time to plan and attend the camp. A great time was had by all, as

evidenced by the **SCOUTS** number of kids that didn't make it to the main road before falling asleep on the way home.

### Call for fundraising volunteers

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## PROBUS FIRST LUNCH OF THE 2017 SEASON

Dr Nick Waring, the new President of the Probus Club of Basingstoke, had an interesting first lunch of the new season at the Test Valley Golf Club. The Club had twin guests of honour; the Worshipful the Mayor of Basingstoke & Deane BC, Cllr Paul Frankum, and also his mother Cllr Jane Frankum who is the Lady Mayoress. On behalf of the Probus Club Dr Waring presented a cheque to the Mayor in aid of his charity appeal. The speaker was retired RAF Wing Commander, Bryan Jenkins, from Sherfield on Loddon, who gave an audio visual presentation about his experiences as an engineering officer in the Cold War at a RAF Vulcan station.

Bryan, himself a member of the Probus Club of Basingstoke and president of the Basingstoke branch of the RAFA, told about his years at RAF Waddington in Lincolnshire which along with nine other RAF stations in eastern England was home to the V bomber nuclear strike force in the early/mid 1960s. The Avro Vulcan, with its famous delta wing design was joined by the Handley Page Victor and the Vickers Valiant.

Probus members were alarmed to hear about the change of UK government defence policy in the swinging sixties. Pre 1960 they had the land based Blue Streak intercontinental ballistic missile. This was cancelled in February 1960 going instead for an air craft based system using the Blue Steel air to ground missile. The Blue Steel was easily fitted to the Vulcan. However this was cancelled after two months when the UK decided to buy the US built Skybolt missile. But this was cancelled by the US in December 1962 in preference to a submarine task force that would be able to fire the Polaris intercontinental ballistic missile. The UK had to follow suit and the



Royal Navy took on the role of nuclear deterrence in June 1969 with nuclear powered submarines that could launch this sea to land missile. The V bomber nuclear defence programme was abandoned, the planes re-rolling with tactical nuclear weapons and conventional ordnance.

However before this final change of direction there were interesting and occasionally alarming times at RAF Waddington. Of 27 Vulcans based at this station three were on constant standby fully fuelled and loaded with nuclear weapons ready to be in the air within the famous four minute warning. The Vulcan flight crew of five officers were not allowed off base during their period of duty. All three crews lived, ate and slept adjacent to their aircraft.

On one practice scramble the pilot could not unlock the door to enter the Vulcan. This was because the lock had frozen so he had to do what many motorists had to do in the winter back then, he warmed the lock and key with his cigarette lighter. It beggars belief what would have happened if he was a non-smoker and this was a real emergency.

And yet RAF Waddington was selected to be an airfield that could accept civilian aircraft that had developed in flight faults. This meant having to spread foam on the runway to help planes land when their undercarriage would not go down securely. It could then take up to eight hours to have the runway clear and ready for the Vulcans to take off. Fortunately they never experienced a four minute warning during these episodes.

Even though they did not always carry nuclear bombs, the Vulcan could carry twenty one 1000 lbs iron bombs and it was necessary to undertake regular bombing practice. This was usually without ordnance and the Vulcan would be airborne for five hours at a time. To ensure the highest skills and keep up morale there were regular bombing competitions against the USAF. The famous attack on Stanley airfield in the Falklands was made by a Vulcan using conventional 1000 lb iron bombs and the plane was refuelled mid flight by converted V bombers, the Handley Page Victor.

All Vulcans had the capability to refuel in flight and they even went nonstop to Australia which meant in flight refuelling operations, some at night. There was a problem in that although the refuelling probe was illuminated by a spot light for the pilot of the Vulcan to guide it on to the trailing drogue, it really was not bright enough. Bryan had to find a solution, but had to use existing kit and was not permitted to go outside to obtain the ideal solution. No doubt the MoD was conscious that they must not over spend their budget.

The last Vulcan squadron was disbanded in March 1984 leaving only the display team to fly on for many years.



See [www.probusbasingstoke.wordpress.com](http://www.probusbasingstoke.wordpress.com) for more information about the Probus Club of Basingstoke.



## THE SPICE RESTAURANT

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"Let's go for a curry." That oft' used expression heard after a night in the pub could not be the excuse for eating at the Spice Restaurant on Pack Lane in Kempshott. There is not a pub in sight of this Indian restaurant and it's set in the middle of domestic property on what is recognised as one of the best roads in the area.

My son and daughter in law came with madam and I the last Saturday night in July. The pleasant dining room could probably accommodate getting on for forty covers but on our night it was only half full. However there were a couple of customers waiting for their take away selection. Perhaps it was because it was the start of the school holidays, or, because we arrived at 8.00 p.m. other diners may have come and gone already. The fact that this Indian restaurant has been here for twenty four years shows that it has a good following. And quite right, too.

Commencing with papadoms and a selection of pickles two of us chose a starter of sheek kebab and the other two onion bhajees. The secret here is that the onion bhajees, which are almost the size of tennis balls, come in pairs and so do the kebabs so we all had one of each. For our mains my son had madhu maugh (fillet of chicken in a special sauce of cream, honey and cashew nuts), daughter in law chose lamb passanda, and I had chicken tikka masala with the three of us having plain rice. Madam had lamb tandoori with salad and naan bread.

Our drinks consisted of two pints of Indian lager, a pint of diet coke and a large glass of Pinot Grigio.

We were amply replete and so we ignored the dessert selection consisting of various ice cream concoctions.

Coffee afterwards completed a very enjoyable meal which I felt was good value for £93.40 plus tip considering the pleasant atmosphere, attentive service and high quality food. And the heated towel for each diner was a nice touch.

## HATCH WARREN BEGGARWOOD CYCLING CLUB

It's been another busy summer for the club. We've continued our regular schedule of rides on a Tuesday evening and every weekend. We currently have over 140 paid up members

and we continue to welcome new and guest riders to see what the club is all about. We've also been out and about in the community, having stands at St Mark's School Summer Fayre and at the Community Fun Day. We also had a significant number of members riding The Big Wheel. Our gazebo was a hive of activity...which had nothing to do with the mounds of cake on offer, of course! There'll be write ups in future editions of the Rabbiter. We also have a great bunch of members who, when they fancy a ride or doing something in addition to club-organised events get others from the HWBCC cycling family to join them. This month, Tracy and Richard write about two such events.

The HWBCC away day to the Surrey Hills took place on Friday 30 June, it was first posted as a training ride and introduction to the Surrey Hills for those partaking in the London 46 and 100 this year in July. This started out as an invite from Lorraine Munt, which was then posted on Facebook to see if she could find some company. It then turned into a club away day when 16 people said they wanted to join in, of which 14 were club members. With the assistance of Paul Allen a route including Box Hill, Ranmore Hill and Whitedowns Hill were included. He kindly offered up his residence as a meeting and parking point in Guildford, explaining how much he loved the club atmosphere and that's why he had renewed his membership this year. Simon Coster managed to find the local cafe prior to starting, allegedly carb building for the hills!

A fantastic day was had by all, with in excess of 3000 feet of climbing and around 45 miles in length completed. John Embleton was, as ever, amazing, encouraging the riders, and riding back down hills, to encourage those still climbing upwards. He and Simon also assisted when Paul suffered, thankfully, the only puncture of the day. The group remained together and worked well, helping each other throughout the day,



encouraging each other and showing the true HWBCC spirit. There was only one slight accident when Claire Allen had an almost stationary fall whilst negotiating a barrier; however, thankfully, she only sustained a flesh wound, and she smiled through the rest of the ride. A well deserved stop was had at Box Hill where everybody partook of refreshments, ready for the return ride up Bagden Hill, a mere 20% gradient. Then the final leg back to Paul Allen's residence, before everyone's final journey back home via 4 wheels rather than 2.

Full details can be found on-line of the trip Richard very kindly organised to the Dorset Hills.



We've some great events coming up for members, their friends and families; a film and pizza night on Saturday 2nd September, we celebrate our second birthday with a ride and cream tea on Sunday 10th September, and looking forward to our club Christmas Party in December with double the number of members joining in the celebrations.

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You may have heard the Warren was broken in to and vandalised. However here at the Warren things don't get us down for long!! We had always planned a big water fight to kick off our summer, so we took the opportunity to raise some money. Not only could you donate to soak a youth worker but we had some teachers and even a member of HWBCA who bravely volunteered to be soaked.

We raised £120 which replaced the money that was so upsettingly stolen after the break in.

A MASSIVE thank you to our youth workers, our HWBCA Chairman Karen Coomber, Mrs Stone, Miss Durling and Miss Goddard and everyone who has donated.

Streetz has been so awesome and this is not only thanks to the youth workers and volunteers but to all the people who have come to share their skills with us so a big thank you to:

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• In the aftermath of the feeding of the 5,000 (somewhat 'fake news' as that number was only the number of men there), Jesus took time out up a mountain and sent his disciples off into their boat.... *'When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'*



• Peter answered him, *'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.'* He said, *'Come.'* So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, *'Lord, save me!'* Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, *'You of little faith, why did you doubt?'* When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, *'Truly you are the Son of God.'*

• There's a book by John Ortberg titled 'if you want to walk on water, you've got to get out of the boat.' I have to confess that it's on my Kindle, having joined a queue of others that I'm still to read! However, I like the title and it's something I've reflected on recently.

• We live in a rather sanitised society; how often are we encouraged, or do we encourage others, to 'get out of the boat'? In the passage above from St Matthew's Gospel, the disciples, who were fishermen and used to storms, were crouched, scared of the storm. It was Peter, who so often opens his mouth and says what everyone else is thinking, who has the courage to ask Jesus to 'command me to come to you on the water...'. Jesus commanded and Peter walked.

• It is so easy for us in this day and age to hide behind 'health and safety' and risk assessments and play safe and not take chances, to be a little foolish or even reckless. Of course, it's not recommended all the time, but sometimes we need to take that metaphorical step out of the boat into the unknown and trust that everything will be ok and that we'll come through the experience.

• And of course, it is often in difficult experiences that we learn the most. Often when we are faced with challenges we do come out the other side having discovered more about ourselves. Those of us who are Christians or have a faith, might look back on these experiences and reflect that during those times we have felt the closest to God or felt God's presence with us more.

• In the Gospel passage, it is only when Peter takes his eyes off Jesus that he begins to sink and it is Jesus' outstretched hand that reassures and saves him. It is important for us in our lives to have a focus – and I would suggest that if we focus on Jesus then we have the reassurance of a constantly outstretched hand for us to guide and help us and in those moments when we start to sink, to pull us up.

• This month there are plenty of people who will be stepping onto the water out of the boat. The start of a new school year will mean that lots of children will start new school years with a new teacher and there will be those who are moving to new schools. At Immanuel we will be praying for all those in this position. Candles will be lit and we will remember the young people of

our community as they take this big step. There will also be teachers starting new schools or taking on new responsibilities as well as newly qualified teachers.

At St Mark's School we enter a new era with Charles Applegate taking up the position of Head Teacher following Sally Jenkins' departure at the end of last term. We will be holding him and the school community in our prayers as he builds on Sally's successful time at St Mark's. I would ask you to pray for the school community too. You can read more about Sally's time at St Mark's elsewhere in The Rabbiter. I was privileged to have worked with her since beginning my ministry here three years ago and I look forward very much to working with Charles.

In other Immanuel news, we're delighted that our toddler group has a new leader in Pippa Barrowclough. Little Angels meets in the Community Centre every Thursday morning from 9.45am – 11.15am in term time. It's an amazing group that's been going for over 20 years and over that time great friendships have been formed. If you'd like more details about the group, it has its own Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Little-Angels-Hatch-Warren-1663126760591968/>.

We're also really conscious that there are people in our community who are alone during the day. We offer as much support and help as we can to those who have retired, including our monthly 'Golden Years' group that meets at Immanuel on the 2nd Friday of each month from 10am. More details of this group on our website: [immanuelhwb.co.uk](http://immanuelhwb.co.uk).

For all those starting something new in September and stepping out of the boat, you will be in my thoughts and prayers. Blessings in your new beginnings.

*Michael*



**Fr. Michael**

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- Thursday 31st August: 7.30pm: Film Night 'Eye in the Sky'
- Saturday 2nd September: Breakfast@Immanuel from 8.30am – 10.00am
- Sunday 3rd September: Refresh@Immanuel (Cafe-style worship with breakfast), followed by a time of prayer for Charled Applegate at Basingstoke Community Church, Aldworth
- Tuesday 19th September: 7.30pm: Film Night 'Have a little faith'
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## OLD DOWN AND BEGGARWOOD WILDLIFE GROUP

The wildflowers on both on Old Down and Beggarwood during June and July have again been fantastic. Indeed the increase of wildflowers on Beggarwood compared to last year is really noticeable and that has meant an increase in butterflies, bees and bugs. It is particularly lovely to see more butterflies and this July there is definitely a good number around on both sites. Beggarwood is looking really good this summer due to the wildflowers becoming well established – such as banks of *rosebay willow herb*, a substantial patch of *pyramidal orchids*, groups of *orange hawkweed* and a mix of *knapweed* and *ladies bedstraw*. Here in the South, Orange hawkweed has the local name of 'fox and cubs' (in other areas known as 'grim the collier') - surprisingly it is rare to see on Old Down but seems to have taken to Beggarwood.



Orange Hawkweed



Ladies Bedstraw and knapweed

The LNR (Local Natural Reserve) designation for Beggarwood is imminent and may actually be in place by the time this report is published. The Group and the council work together on site management plans and have recently agreed a two year 'cut and clear' rotation for most of the site with a few areas needing an annual rotation. 'Cut and clear' encourages the wildflowers and strengthens bushes and shrubs and, of course, keeps paths clear. General cutting back and tidying up and also the spreading of flower seeds is carried out by the work parties – so please try to come along to help out as the Group is rather short of hands for Beggarwood.

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

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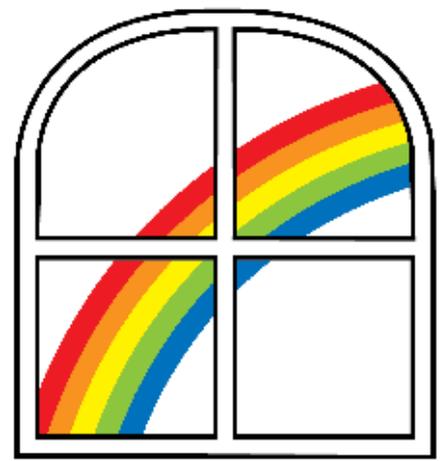
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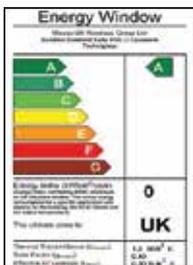
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