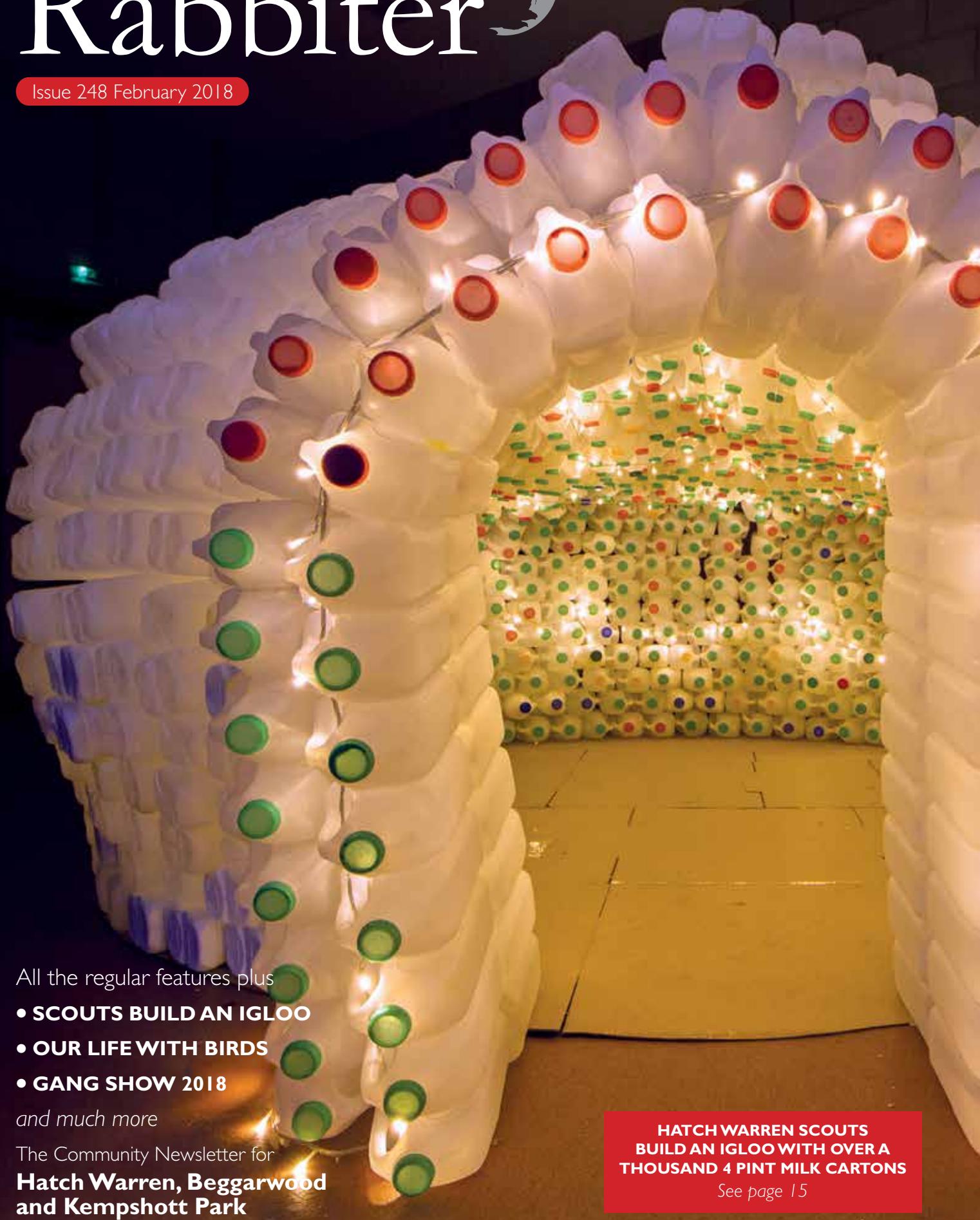


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EDITORIAL

A belated Happy New Year to all our readers.

As many of you will be aware, the production of the Rabbiter has now changed and Greenhouse Graphics will now be responsible for the day-to-day management of our community newsletter. If you have news, advertisements or queries please contact Nick at editor@therabbiter.biz. However, I shall not be disappearing and will remain responsible for reviewing the content, writing the Editorial and for providing support to Nick and his team.

Every new year we make a lot of resolutions for the year to come and don't always manage to keep them to the end of the year. After the excess of spending over Christmas I am on economy – no new clothes, cut down on the housekeeping and use leftovers rather than finding them lurking at the back of the fridge. Do you have any hints and tips on keeping the costs down? One way of raising some cash is to sell your unwanted Christmas gifts etc. via our Free Ads page.

Do you like the cinema? Yes - why not try Film Night at St Mark's – see a great film for a small donation and have a cuppa or glass of wine. On 8 February 'Philomena' is showing, a must see film.

Congratulations to Hatch Warren Scouts for their amazing success in building an igloo. Over 4,000 pints of milk were drunk in order to collect the milk cartons! Well done everyone.

The new centre at Beggarwood should be open very soon. It is sighted at the top of the park close to the car park outside Co-Op. The Rabbiter will be reporting on the opening next month.

If you were planning on attending the SWAG meeting scheduled for February, it has been postponed until more details are available from the proposed M3 service station developer; Applegreen.

There is a lot of exciting activities already in the diary for 2018. Every month we include in the Rabbiter a page showing 'What's On' to help ensure you do not miss any of the exciting events locally. If you would like your local event featured on this page, please email editor@therabbiter.biz.

The Editor



Keep an eye out for the web symbol – you can find out more on these articles and also other articles we unfortunately had no space to feature at:
www.therabbiter.biz

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PROBUS HEARS ABOUT RADIO TIMES

The Probus Club of Basingstoke, the social group for retired professional and business managers, listened with interest about radio broadcasting memories in the era of 1930s - 60s. It was presented by John Pitman, who grew up during WW2 on a farm near Winchester, where the "wireless" was the main form of information and entertainment.

Like many places in those days his home had no electrical supply and the radio was powered by an accumulator, an early form of battery consisting of glass phials filled with acid and it had to be taken away weekly for recharging. Some readers may remember "crystal sets" which were usually homemade and did not require an electrical supply. However radio broadcasting goes back to the turn of the twentieth century after the invention of valves made it possible to receive electrical signals. The first broadcast took place on Christmas Eve 1906 from the New York Metropolitan Opera House but the only listeners were ships moored in New York harbour. 1920 saw the first radio news broadcast by the Marconi Experimental Station at Writtle near Chelmsford in Essex followed two years later with regular entertainment programmes. The British Broadcasting Company, whose main station was 2LO, morphed into the Corporation in 1926 becoming the BBC.

Many memories were stirred as old radio programmes were recalled, *ITMA* (It's that man again – Hitler during the war) with Tommy Handley and Mrs Mop asking "Can I do you now sir" and *Worker's Playtime* was broadcast from

factory canteens. *Have a Go* starred Wilfred Pickles with Mabel at the Table and in later series *Violet Carson*, of Ena Sharples fame, playing the piano. *Ray's a Laugh* with Ted Ray was the fastest joke teller on radio, *Much-Binding-in-the-Marsh*, with Kenneth Horne and Richard Murdoch was broadcast from a fictitious RAF station. *Hi Gang* in the war became in peacetime *Life with the Lyons* with American Ben Lyon with his English wife Bebe Daniels and Vic Oliver. *Take it from Here* starred "Professor" Jimmy Edwards, Alma Cogan with Dick Bentley and June Whitfield playing the dim witted engaged couple whose famous phrase was "Oooh Ron; yes Eth?".

Dick Barton Special Agent was on every weekday evening while *Journey in to Space* with Jet Morgan was on Monday evenings. *In Town Tonight* was a Saturday teatime current affairs and personality show "We stop the roar of London's traffic to see who is in town tonight". Sunday lunchtimes had *Two Way Family Favourites* with Cliff Michelmoore in London and Jean Metcalfe in Germany followed by the *Billy Cotton Band Show* which opened with the phrase "Wakey wakey".

The Goon Show had Peter Sellers, Spike Milligan, Michael Bentine and Harry Secombe while *Round the Horne* had Kenneth Horne, Marty Feldman with Kenneth Williams and Hugh Paddick as Julian and his friend Sandy. *Mrs Dale's Diary* was always worried about Jim and *The Archers* the everyday story of country folk is still on air today.

Who would believe that a ventriloquist's dummy would have a successful radio



show called *Educating Archie!* It couldn't happen today but stars of the day appeared like Beryl Reid as Monica but introduced herself in a Brummie accent "Good evening each, my name's Marlene" and Max Bygraves had two catch phrases "I've arrived and to prove it I'm here" and "Good idea, son".

The New York Opera still broadcasts on Christmas Eve but today over 300 radio stations around the world carry the programme.

For more information about the Probus Club see their web site www.probusbasingstoke.wordpress.com or phone Paul Flint on 07770 886521.



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February Events

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| 1 February | Hatch Warren W.I. – see page 7 |
| 3 February | Valentine Craft at South Ham Library |
| 7 February | Northanger Abbey at Basingstoke Discovery Centre – see page 20 |
| 8 February | Film Night at St Mark's - Philomena |
| 8 February | Laughter House at Red Lion, featuring Scott Capurro |
| 8-17 February | The Gang Show, The Anvil – see page 12 |
| 9 February | 'Mad Hair Day' in aid of St Michaels Hospice – see page 12 |
| 10 February | Board Games at South Ham Library |
| 10 February | Moscow Drug Club at QMC – Basingstoke Lions, see page 11 |
| 11 February | Wedding Fayre at Hatch Warren Community Centre |
| 13 February | Pancake Tea at St Mark's – see page 21 |
| 14 February | VALENTINES DAY! |
| 14 February | Ash Wednesday – Beginning of Lent |
| 17 February | Construction Club at South Ham Library |
| 17 February | The Voodoo Sheiks, Basingstoke Blues Club, Basingstoke Railway Social Club |
| 19 February | The Dahlia Year – Basingstoke Horticultural Society, see page 13 |
| 24 February | Storytime at South Ham Library |
| 24 February | Lloyd and Rose Buck at the Haymarket – see page 10 |
| 24 February | Basingstoke Symphony Orchestra at the Anvil |

Future Events

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| 3 March | Swimathon – Basingstoke Lions, see page 11 |
| 5 March | Film Night at St Mark's |
| 8 March | Laughter House at Red Lion, featuring Zoe Lyons |
| 13-17 March | Fiddler on the Roof, Haymarket |
| 17 March | Murder Mystery at St Leonards, Oakley – Basingstoke Lions, see page 11 |
| 19 March | The Lavender Fields – Basingstoke Horticultural Society, see page 13 |
| 23 March | Sports Relief Day – www.sportrelief.com |
| 25 March | Health, Beauty & Wellbeing Fayre, Hatch Warren Community Centre |
| 30 March | Good Friday |
| 1 April | Easter Sunday |

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- The Warren Youth Club**, Friday evenings at the Warren attached to the Community Centre
- Aldworth Badminton Club**,
Thursday evenings 8.30 – 10 Aldworth Science College
- Cliddesden W.I.**, Cliddesden Village Hall, 7.30pm, third Thursday every month (contact Pat Rampton 01256 461034)
- Old Down & Beggarwood Wildlife Group**,
www.olddownandbeggarwood.org.uk email: odandbwd@gmail.com
- Hatch Warren Nature Group**,
contact Paul Beevers, hatch.nature@gmail.com
- Cliddesden, Ellisfield and Farleigh Wallop Horticultural Society**, contact Mrs M Smith (01256 462584) for details
- Laughter House**, laughter-housevpweb.co.uk
- Hatch Warren Runners**, meet Monday and Wednesday at 7.15, Portsmouth Arms and at the Co-op Beggarwood.
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HATCH WARREN W.I.

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all our readers from the members of Hatch Warren W.I. Our new year started on 4th January when we held our first meeting with a talk by Marianne Tilley 'My Life as an Artist'.

Having studies art at Hornsey Art College Marianne became involved in the charity 'Conquest' which helped disabled people to express themselves through art. Marianne became involved in setting up exhibitions of their work in such places as the Stock Exchange and Festival Hall where she met a young John Major and Lord Snowden. We saw exhibits of what can be achieved by 'doodling' these paintings have been known to be sold for large amounts. Having then moved to this area Marianne for many years taught art at St. Michael's Hospice. We were then given a sheet of paper and we all did a doodle, amazing what some members achieved.

Our Christmas meal at The Sun was well received and we would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for a lovely evening. We have a coffee and bring and buy morning on 7th February and a concert at the Anvil to celebrate 100 years since the end of the First World War. Some members will attend a talk on Loneliness given by Ester Ranzen. We now have been twinned with Holybourne W.I. and look forward to exchanging ideas and visiting each other's W.I.

Our next meeting will be held on 1st February at 8 p.m. We will have a fish and chip supper followed by indoor curling. We meet at Hatch Warren Community Centre on the first Thursday of the month and for more information please contact our president Jane 07798 842487, we look forward to meeting new ladies who are interested in seeing what the W.I. might have to offer.

NORTHHANTSMUM

Thank you for your support in 2017!

We now have a team of Volunteers writing, formatting, writing Review posts and providing technical support for NorthHantsMum. These 17 Ladies and 2 Gents have helped me to keep NHM going this year and I couldn't have got through it without their support.

The NorthHantsMum community managed to raise £1.5k for charity this year; which is brilliant! Thank you to everyone who was involved in the "Girl Power" bench #SittingwithJane fundraising campaign. The bench is now available for all to sit on at the Basingstoke Discovery Centre.

Also, thank you for ALL of the lovely feedback that we have received this year. It makes all of our time worth while when we receive messages of thanks and support.

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At the end of 2017 we had what has become a regular 'Mince Pie Ride' which ends up back at Immanuel Church/St Mark's School for mulled wine and mince pies. Nothing is ever simple and the last back were the 30@15 after a fairly hefty mechanical. Despite this, and the enthusiasm for the mince pies and mulled wine, there was still plenty left over for the longer distance riders! As always, there was a fabulous turnout of cyclists dressed seasonally in santa outfits, reindeer antlers, elves outfits etc and tinsel adorned many a cycle!

Not ever needing an excuse for an evening in the pub, right at the end of the year we met at the Portsmouth Arms for our Christmas Jumper evening. A good turnout, a few beers and a ride the next morning to blow the cobwebs away (and perhaps help hangover recovery?!).

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OLD DOWN AND BEGGARWOOD WILDLIFE GROUP

Both Old Down and Beggarwood have a new bird record! In early January 2018 a few members of the Group were on

Old Down carrying out the fortnightly bird count and a *Hawfinch* was seen – the UK's largest and rarest finch. This is the first time a *Hawfinch* has been seen and recorded on Old Down and it is not possible to describe how taken aback and excited the members were to have such a sighting. Then a few days later four were seen on Beggarwood – again very exciting. Although the *Hawfinch* is a shy and wary bird it is quite easy to spot because of the flash of its white-tipped tail as it flies. *Hawfinches* are fairly scarce in the UK, usually staying in central Europe, so these sightings are something special. However, this winter there has been a marked increase in numbers coming into the UK

and as a consequence there have been sightings locally, such as around Romsey and Goring, which is most unusual. As you can see from the photo below, the *Hawfinch* is a very smart brightly coloured bird.

Another first sighting on Beggarwood was a *Wigeon* (!) seen strutting about on the grass near to the new community hall. *Wigeons* are waterfowl that like to be in a flock, so obviously this one was off track and lost and he did look a bit confused and bemused being on his own with no water nearby.

We had snow on Old Down and Beggarwood over the Christmas and New Year season, enough to enjoy and for some children to make snowmen, the remains lasting several days.

By the time you read this, the snowdrops should be showing on both sites. More were planted by the work parties last year so hopefully more will be coming up.

Work parties:

For Old Down, we meet outside Old Down Hall every Thursday 10-12 noon. But always check our website just in case there is a cancellation or change.

For Beggarwood, we meet monthly at The Maze, usually on the third Saturday of the month 10 -12 noon, however the Group is uncertain about the future arrangements of the Beggarwood work parties as the usual leader has left so please check our website for confirmation. If anyone is interested in helping to lead the Beggarwood work parties please contact the Group to discuss. There is a lot of litter around Beggarwood so if anyone is interested getting a litter pick session set up please contact the Group to discuss.

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Hawfinch



Wigeon



Snowdrops

OUR LIFE WITH BIRDS

Leading Bird Experts Lloyd and Rose Buck embark on a UK Theatre Tour accompanied by some of their extraordinary feathered friends.

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You may have encountered this talented pair as they often appear as guests on The One Show and the popular BBC programmes Autumnwatch and Springwatch. It is not unusual to spot Lloyd on screen with one of his majestic eagles or falcons whilst Rose has gained much recognition for appearing with Sir David Attenborough while her Geese followed their speedboat for the Sky TV series 'Conquests of the Sky'.

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BASINGSTOKE LIONS

Our last business meeting was one of those occasions when the use of the Presidential gavel had as much effect as stick of wet celery. There was an end of term feel about the whole evening which was exacerbated by the impaired hearing from which most of us suffer (but won't admit). So it was a high decibel meeting. On the plus side, everyone got fined for their intransigent behaviour which helps to swell our admin fund. Also, after an hour and a half, the President got fed up with us and declared the meeting closed. Fortunately we still managed to conclude our preparations for the festive season i.e. collecting at various retail outlets and organising shifts for our "Sausage Sizzle" at Bunnings on 16th December. Our Christmas community support commitments currently stand at £2400 – so we need your support please.

During the month we had our second biannual quiz which raised £458.30. I

thought I'd set a difficult quiz, but I was proved wrong as 6 teams managed to score over 80 out of the possible 110 points. Who would have thought that so many people would know so much about opera, generals and murders as well as the general trivia?

Our fundraising programme for next year is nearly complete and our first offerings are:

10/02/2018 Moscow Drug Club at QMC – very entertaining. This group are receiving accolades wherever they play and this was the only date they had available. So come and see them with us before they hit the big time.

Contact Maurice Hockley: Email mauricehockley@hotmail.com or Tel: 01256 421867

03/03/2018 Swimathon at Town Centre Pool – This is an early opportunity to get a team together and get "summer" fit. It's a tough event, but the enthusiasm on the night is hard to beat!

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17/03/2018 Murder Mystery at St Leonards Oakley – Well-known and popular Oakley resident Ann Davis is organising the murder and mayhem for us. Her reputation (and that of her local team) is such that Oakley may very well become the next "Midsomer". You can bring your own picnic and we will be running our usual competitively priced bar. Should be fun!

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Details of each event can be found on our website www.basingstokelions.org.uk

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

BASINGSTOKE CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT FELLOWSHIP

The Chairman, David Cowling, welcomed members to the first meeting of 2018 on 3rd January and wished everyone a Happy New Year. The Secretary, Tony Brazier, gave details of the forthcoming trips to either Kensington Palace to see the display of Diana's dresses, or the Science Museum, on Tuesday 20th February and to Oxford, go as you please, on Thursday 22nd March. He also reminded members that subscriptions for the year were due and that nominations for the committee should be sent to him. The Welfare Officer, Christine Broadbent, then gave her up-to-date report on members who had not been well.

There then followed a presentation by Tom and Sheena from Wiltshire Farm Foods. They gave a short history of the company from its foundation in 1992 as Waldens Wiltshire Foods Ltd, its takeover in 1995 by Apetito, getting the Queen's Award for Innovation in 2005 until today where the majority of the business is operated on a local or regional basis by some sixty franchisees. All the food used in their meals comes from known, mainly local, sources and is all cooked at their kitchens in Trowbridge where it is



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immediately fast frozen. Customers then order from a range of over 300 fuss-free meals and desserts for all appetites and special dietary requirements for easy microwave or oven cooking. Uniformed drivers in liveried refrigerated vehicles then deliver even offering a freezer packing service to frail customers who find it difficult to perform tasks such as bending. After the talk members were able to sample a variety of the foods including a selection of cakes and pastries.

The next meeting is on 7th February when the speaker will be Barbara Cummins on Cycling USA. The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at Brookvale Village Hall from 10 am to 12 noon and all retired Civil Servants and their partners are welcome. Further details about meetings can be obtained from the Secretary Tony Brazier on 01256 418770 or at bjmapbr@ntlworld.com and if you would like to join us on any of our trips please contact Kate Lambeth on 01256 328791.

David Cowling

BASINGSTOKE DISABILITY CONNEXIONS

Monthly get-togethers for anyone affected by any type of disability

Guest speaker topics:

6th Feb: Mindfulness for mental wellbeing workshop

6th March: Disability awareness day with local disability organisations

3rd April: Air Ambulance and Will Writing

All welcome, no booking needed.

For more information, please contact:

Telephone: 01256 423869

Email: info@bddf.org.uk

Web: www.bddf.org.uk



HAVE FUN ON MAD HAIR DAY!



St. Michael's Hospice is delighted to announce their fun campaign Mad Hair Day which will take place once again and this year it is on Friday 9th February to raise much needed funds for the Hospice. The local community are encouraged to wear crazy wigs and style their hair in weird and wacky ways all in the name of generating vital money for North Hampshire's only adult hospice.

'Mad Hair Day' is the perfect excuse to go wild and have fun with your hair', says Lynne Grimshaw, Community Campaigns Co-ordinator at the Hospice. 'Maybe you have always wondered what your hair would look like pink, permed or in a beehive, or perhaps ladies, you have always wanted to be brave enough to have your head shaved, or gentlemen your legs or chest waxed.

For more information about supporting Mad Hair Day or holding an event, please call Lynne in the Fundraising Department on 01256 848845 or email lynne.grimshaw@stmichaels.hospice.org.uk for a fundraising pack.



Our Values Make us Different

Sainsbury's

Christmas Update

It seems a little strange to be reporting about Christmas in February but, the store welcomed some fantastic charities to the store during the festivities.

A huge thank you to the customers who donated so generously during December.

We regularly made donations during the festive period to the Night Shelter project and, we now enjoy close working relationships with 6 organisations for donating food waste.



Our Local Hero scheme also helped in donating crackers to the pupils at St Mark's for their Christmas dinner.

Food Donation Point

We're sometimes asked why we don't have a food donation point at the front of the store. In part, the reason is that we are already making regular donations to the main agencies and charities across the borough, through our Back of Store Food Donation partnerships.

We also have strong, ongoing relationships with Basingstoke Foodbank & The Camrose Centre, to ensure that donations are delivered when the need arises and, when there is space at the centres to accommodate the donations.

For example, when Basingstoke Foodbank host their collection day at the store, it always results in over a tonne of food being donated in just one day.

We'll be working closer with the Borough Council and food donation charities during the year to assess how we can launch a food donation point which caters for all the requirements from the charities.

FINISHING TOUCHES BEFORE FEBRUARY CURTAIN CALL



In September 2017 an eager cast, excited producers and many others set to work on Basingstoke Gang Show 2018. Now, nearly 5 months of hard work later, the show is almost ready. The cast are polishing and adding final touches to the show, scenery is having its final coats of paint and the last sequins are being sewn onto costumes.

Basingstoke Gang Show Producer, Kirsty Thomas, commented; "Basingstoke Gang Show is back! This year's cast are absolutely exceptional and I cannot wait for our audiences over 11 performances to see the talent that Basingstoke's youth have to offer. If you like to laugh out loud, enjoy amazing singing and toe tapping dance routines Basingstoke Gang Show is for you."

If you, your family and your friends love great live music and stunning dance performances, don't miss out! The talented cast will take you on an emotional rollercoaster of entertainment with original laugh out loud comedy and romance accompanied by music from the decades.

With the show fast approaching you are running out of time to get your tickets to support a local treasure. The Show will run from the 8th - 17th February 2018 and tickets are on sale. Buy tickets and support the amazing local talent in your area. Adult Tickets are £19 and Children £13, concessions are available.

Anvil Arts Box Office 01256 844244 Fax 01256 366900
Email box.office@anvilarts.org.uk

Charity of the Year Update

- YPI Counselling

We're delighted that colleagues and customers have raised over £1000 so far during our partnership with YPI. We have some tremendous fundraising plans at the store ready for YPI and their final visit at the beginning of May.

Be sure to check their website for more information about the valuable services YPI offer throughout the community.

<http://www.ypicounselling.co.uk/>

Sport Relief 2018

Sport Relief products are now available exclusively at the store. Be sure to keep an eye out for some colleague fundraising during February and March, leading up to Sport Relief Day on March 23rd.

The theme this year is 'Whatever Moves You' and you can order your fundraising pack from the Sport Relief website - <https://www.sportrelief.com/>



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12 – 2pm**

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If you are registered with us and you already know that you no longer require a space, we would appreciate it if you would let us know by e-mail or phone to the address below. Thank you

If you have any other questions, see our website at www.dandelions-preschool.org.uk, call Jane on 01256 818857, e-mail info@dandelions-preschool.org.uk or just pop in and see us!

We look forward to seeing you for lots of fun!

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BASINGSTOKE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

In 2017 we enjoyed talks ranging from climate change in the garden to growing herbs. The next of our monthly meetings are listed below and anyone is welcome attend.

Monday 19 February 2018 Monday 19 March 2018

The Dahlia Year

Nick Gilbert

The Lavender Fields

Tim Butler

Meetings are held at Kempshott Village Hall at 7.30pm

For further details telephone: 01256 324185 or 01256 466281

CHINEHAM BOARD GAMERS

Chineham Board Gamers would like to invite you to our open day on the 24th of March.

If you yearn for a challenge beyond Monopoly or Scrabble or wish to try something new then pay us a visit.

The open day will run from 12:00 to 23:00 and is a FREE event for new people.

We are running a 2 hour session for small children 12:00 to 14:00 and will run appropriate games.

Most of our board games will be aimed at 10 year olds and upwards after 14:00.

We will also be joined by local Barista "Cuppa Joe" from 13:00 to 17:00.

Children accompanied by an adult please.

Please find us at Chineham Christ Church, Reading Road, Chineham Basingstoke, RG24 8LT.



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HATCH WARREN SCOUT GROUP

Hatch Warren Scouting has a long waiting list of girls and boys wanting to join. Sadly, many of them remain on the list because we don't have enough adult volunteers. We are always looking out for willing volunteers, so if YOU would like to take on a volunteering role that would provide opportunities to local youngsters, contribute to the community and look great on your CV, please contact us at gsl@hatchwarrenscouts.org.uk. We need leaders and helpers for the groups themselves, as well as fundraising volunteers.

BEAVERS* (6-8 year olds)

As ever, we have a fun packed programme at Hatch Warren Beavers this term. The focus is working towards the Team Work Challenge badge, which requires demonstration of leadership skills as well as the ability to work as part of a team to achieve a task. To achieve this badge, we have played a variety of games and given every Beaver the opportunity to be the leader of their team. We have introduced a new Star Chart to track good and helpful behaviour. The Beavers decided upon the rules for this themselves. The Beaver with the most stars at the end of every half term will take home a trophy, wear the Beaver Scout Star woggle and receive a 'Well Done' badge for their Camp Blanket. To obtain the Teamwork Challenge Badge, each Beaver must achieve at least one Star this term. After half term we will talk about friendship and have a review of the term, talking about what they enjoyed and what to do next term.

In addition to the Teamwork Challenge Badge we will be workings towards our International and Photography activity badges. For the Photography badge, Tim Hills is going to talk to the colony about how to use a camera. We will then go Bowling and ask the Beavers to take photos of us all when we are there, and after half term we'll each create a scrap book using the photos.

The International badge will see us learning about Scouting; foods; and songs and dances from different countries.

Finally we will organise our annual Easter Egg hunt and make some bivouac shelters in Micheldever Woods.

cubs* (8-10.5 year olds)

We have another busy term planned at Hatch Warren Cubs. We will be aiming to complete our pioneering badge. We have been practicing our lashings and using our knots to rescue Akela from the dangerous environment of Hatch Warren Community Centre. We'll also be building a bridge later in the half term. We are looking forward to completing our World Challenge and Fire Safety badge and hope to visit the new Basingstoke Fire Station.

We are very much looking forward to the Scout Fellowship joining us to run this year's 'Super Six' games competition.

Many congratulations to the six Cubs who will be meeting the Mayor to be presented with the ultimate Cub-Scout accolade; the Chief Scout Silver award.

SCOUTS* (10.5 – 14 year olds)

Hampshire Scouts Expeditions (HSX) visited us to tell us all about their upcoming Expedition to Antarctica and a Challenge Badge running alongside.

Keen to supersize their challenge to "Build an Igloo for you and a friend", we borrowed Tadley Scout's HQ and got to work. Since September we had been collecting and washing out over a thousand 4 pint milk cartons which ensured we had enough "blocks" (and that our bones were nice and strong)!

The result of 6 hours building time, with the troop working in shifts, was a magnificent 2.8 metre diameter structure. It included a chair, table and decorated entrance arch. We used 4 glue guns and 400 sticks of glue to hold it all together.

Once complete, the chilly hideout was made homely with fairy lights that glowed through the cartons and really showed off the multi-coloured bottle top interior. The addition of our troop sign personalised our creation.

While the igloo build was the centre piece of our Christmas sleep-over we still managed to find time, and space, to have three craft stations, a games room and a movie on the ceiling! Pizza for dinner, hot chocolate and bacon butties for breakfast kept the tiredness at bay as we collapsed our plastic paradise and started the clean-up and recycling process.

Sharing our progress on Twitter and Facebook got us some unexpected encouragement and praise, even after our completion at 2am. We even have had retweets or replies from Scout Headquarters themselves and Scout Ambassadors, Julia Bradbury, Tim Peake, Dwayne Fields, Steve Backshall and Alistair Bruce. Even the top man, Chief Scout Bear Grylls used us as an example of the great things that happen in Scouting.

Our Scout Leader, Chris Bamber, said he was really impressed by the way we applied ourselves in taking up the challenge but mainly in the enthusiasm shown all night while constructing the igloo!

He added that he is very pleased to no longer have his kitchen and garage full of milk bottles in various states of cleanliness!

The whole 14 hour igloo process can be seen in time lapse at <http://hwsg.org.uk/scouts/igloo-2017/>





HATCH WARREN UNDER FIVES PRESCHOOL

It's been a wonderful start to the New Year at Hatch Warren Under Fives. It's always lovely to welcome the children back to preschool and hear all about their Christmas holidays, what Father Christmas delivered and the special people they spent time with. We've seen lots of festive memories cropping up in the role-play areas, like making Christmas cakes, having dinner with family, and opening presents. This links perfectly to the Department for Education's "Early Year's Outcomes" which says that a typical child aged 30-50 months should be able to "remember and talk about significant events in their own experiences" and "recognise and describe special times or events for family or friends".

In January we spent some time looking at winter and the seasons. We looked at animals that hibernate and we made marshmallow snowmen and had "snow" to play with in the messy trays. We also continue to encourage the children's growing independence in the colder months by practicing putting on scarves, hats, gloves and wellies before going out in the garden.

Our nursery rhyme week was great fun – we got the musical instruments out and sang lots of old favourites and learnt some new rhymes too. And we created some fun activities – cotton wool painting for Baa Baa Black Sheep, making Incy Wincy Spider webs and hunting for the lost toy sheep when Little Bo Peep arrived.

It's all happening at once in February this year - we have Valentine's Day, Chinese New Year and Pancake Day to look forward to, all in the same week!

Pancakes will be a delicious treat for the snack table (and of course we'll have some pancake races too!). On Valentine's Week preschool will be filled with reds, pinks, hearts and flowers for Valentines Day with some lovely crafts and card making activities. There will be more food to sample when we try some Chinese treats. 2018 is the year of the Dog – we have lots of dog lovers at our preschool so we'll really enjoy this Chinese New Year!

We're also counting down the days to our annual Valentine's Disco on Saturday February 10th. As a charity-run preschool we organise a number of fundraising events throughout the year - our Valentine's Disco is a fun date for all the family featuring face painting, glitter tattoos, glow sticks and of course lots and lots of disco dancing! This event is open to the community so if you'd like to join us please get in touch for tickets.

Don't forget we also run PrePlay, a fun and friendly drop-in baby and toddler group on Friday mornings at 9.15am-10.30am at Hatch Warren Community Centre. £3 per session, suitable from birth – 5 years. No need to book, just turn up and play!

Find out more about our preschool by visiting our website www.hatchwarrenunderfives.co.uk.

For registration enquiries please contact Michelle Tejevo, Area Manager; on 01256 322788 or email preschoolmail@aol.com.

CANDOVER VALLEY PRE-SCHOOL

We wish you all a happy and healthy 2018. Our Christmas celebrations were very successful. The children especially enjoyed listening to The Nativity story and re-enacting this independently with the props. The children visited Father Christmas in his grotto and received a present. They enjoyed music, dancing and party food and ended the celebrations singing the Christmas songs to their parents. Coming back the children have talked about their experiences over the holidays, their presents and shared photos from home through Tapestry (electronic Learning Journey).



One of our focuses for learning this half term is weather. The children have been talking about the weather today, their favourite weather, creating pictures and helping to write some weather words for our display board.

We have been reading the 3 Billy Goats and explored the story tray. Children have been tasked to create bridges for the goats to cross the river and we will use the story to explore mark making, maths and role play experiences.

Visitors are very welcome so if you would like to see Pre-School in action and the fun learning that takes place, please do. Please give us a call or email.

Tel: 01256-389008 Email: cvpadmin@btconnect.com

CUCKOO MEADOW PRESCHOOL

Hello from all at Cuckoo Meadow Preschool in North Waltham! 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.

December was a very busy time for the pre-school with the nativity and Christmas party. From ticket and raffles sales, over £1000 was raised at the nativity! Thanks to all those who came along to support the little ones and to those who donated prizes. It was a great event and all the children sung their hearts out. The end of term party was a roaring success and Father Christmas even managed to take time out from present-wrapping to pay the pre-school a visit! Thanks to a very generous grandparent for funding some great gifts for the children, they all had a magical time.

Thoughts now turn to the year ahead. Chinese New Year will be explored in the pre-school so expect to see lanterns, Chinese calligraphy and lots more. The home corner will also be transformed into a Chinese takeaway and the forthcoming Year of The Dog, will be referenced as well with stories, songs and much more!

If you are looking for a safe, secure and nurturing environment for your little one, more information about the Ofsted Outstanding-rated pre-school is available at www.cuckoomeadow.org.

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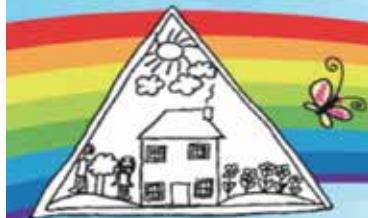
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At the time of writing (Mid-January) the trustees do not have the keys to the new community centre at Beggarwood (we were due to have the centre handed over before the end of 2017). This is due to circumstances completely out of our control. We are hoping that we will have the keys soon and can start the work required to enable us to run a community cafe (Café in the Park). Ground works should have started and by publication of this Rabbiter almost finished. As trustees we are very disappointed with the delays and know that BDBC have been working hard to ensure that we have control of the centre. Watch this space and our Facebook page for updates.

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- Saturday 28th April Lager Festival 7-11pm
- Saturday 9th June Cider Festival 7-11pm
- Wednesday 13th June AGM 7-8pm
- Saturday 14th July Summer Festival 12-4pm (playing fields)
- Saturday 8th September Beer Festival 7-11pm
- Saturday 3rd November Fireworks Spectacular 5.30-9pm
- Sunday 25th November Xmas Craft Fayre 1-4pm
- Thursday 20th December Carols & Mulled Wine in the Community Café in the park 6-8pm

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- Saturday 1st December Bath Xmas Markets

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FRIDAY NIGHT TERM TIME YEARS 6-8

YOUTH CLUB ACTIVITIES (see below)

FEB/ MARCH 2018 Programme 6.00 to 7.45pm

2nd Feb	Cake decorating
9th Feb	Valentines fun
16th Feb	Just Dance and pancakes
23rd Feb	Table tennis tournament with bacon rolls
2nd Mar	“What are healthy relationships?” and soup
9th Mar	Wii sports and super smoothies
16th Mar	Scratch craft and hot dogs
23rd Mar	5-a-side football and ceramic craft
30th Mar	GOOD FRIDAY - CLOSED

FREE ENTRY FOR ALL YOUNG PEOPLE

Happy New year from all of us at the Warren!

We hope you all had an amazing festive break and have had a good start to 2018. We have enjoyed hearing about the fun all our young people have had over Christmas.

It's been an absolutely brilliant start for us having received a cheque for £290 from Waitrose on 7th Jan. Our lovely Vicky went to collect the cheque from Deputy Manager Pete Gough with some of our young people Rhys, George, Charlotte and Gracie. We can't thank them enough, its donations such as this that allow us to keep providing the amazing things we do here.



FRIDAY NIGHT TERM TIME AGES 13+ OPEN ACCESS & HEALTH HUB

Health Hub Programme - 8.00 to 9.30pm

We are open Fridays 8pm-9.30pm for school years 9 and above. If you want to play pool, FIFA or just hang out come on down. We sell food and drinks (including hot chocolate and tea now it is getting cold) and we can also offer you free confidential advice on a whole range of issues including contraception, pregnancy testing and chlamydia screening. In addition to all this we will happily help you with CV's, revision and even job applications. We run focused information nights for 13-18 year olds, our next nights are:

9th February - Am I being smart on Social Media?

2nd March - What are healthy relationships as I am getting older?

If parents have questions about the topics we discuss please feel free to contact us.

We have good news and bad news this month sadly Ria, our Youth Manager, is leaving us and her last session will be on 2nd Feb. Ria has done so much for The Warren and we will definitely miss her. We are sure you will all join us in wishing her well in her future endeavours. Please stay in touch Ria!

On a much happier note Jo Butler is coming back to work with us as a Youth Worker. Many of you will remember Jo from when she was with us before and so understand how happy we are to welcome her back to the team.

We will soon be recruiting for bank staff, watch this space for more info.

Our much loved pool table is damaged. This is one of our most popular pieces of equipment with all ages and can be a vital part of building relationships between our young people and youth workers/volunteers during pool matches. We desperately need to raise money to fix it, so if any of our young people, or parents, have any fundraising ideas then please do let us know via email, our Facebook page or during one of our sessions. We have found that the best fundraising ideas come from the young people themselves so get your thinking caps on!!

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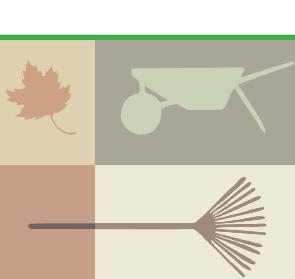
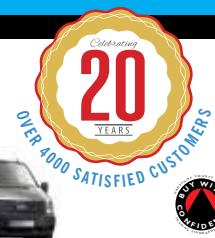


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SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

- Doesn't it feel as if Christmas was a long time ago! In church terms, Christmas doesn't actually finish until Candlemass which is on Sunday 28th January when we celebrate the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. And we then move swiftly on to Lent which begins with Ash Wednesday on 14th February – Valentines Day!
- Valentine's Day might be quite a good clash with the beginning of Lent. When we celebrate love (this is what is said on the origins of St Valentine's day: several martyrdom stories associated with the various Valentines that were connected to February 14, including a popular account of Saint Valentine of Rome which indicated he was imprisoned for performing weddings for soldiers who were forbidden to marry and for ministering to Christians, who were persecuted under the Roman Empire. According to legend, during his imprisonment, Saint Valentine healed the daughter of his jailer, Asterius, and before his execution, he wrote her a letter signed "Your Valentine" as a farewell). Of course, at the end of Lent, we celebrate Easter – Good Friday being the demonstration of the ultimate gift of Love from God in Jesus' death on the cross. The most important weekend in the Christian calendar.
- During Lent the church enters a time of penance – traditionally a time when something is given up or something extra is done. We remember Jesus' time in the desert being tempted by the devil.
- Lent begins, as I've mentioned, with Ash Wednesday; a day when traditionally Christians have an ash cross marked on their foreheads.
- At Immanuel, as with many other churches, we use the ash from the burnt palm crosses of last year. As the priest makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of each person she or he says 'Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return.' – we remember our mortality.
- Nadia Bolz-Weber says this about Ash Wednesday:
- *'In the rest of our lives it seems that we are consumed by the hopeless project of ensuring our own immortality. As though we can live forever or fend off the insult of aging with the right combination of exercise, diet, self-care and if we can afford it, elective surgery. Face creams, hair die, yoga. The offers of false promise are all around us. Luring us into the delusion of endless youth as though we can buy our way out of the foundational truth of who we are. Mortal.....the desert we journey through in these 40 days of Lent. The wilderness of the truth'*

deep within us. A wisdom which is not of this world. We journey with Jesus through the desert of Lent but it's almost as though we have to clear through a whole lot of brush to even get to desert. Lent is about hacking through self-delusion and false promises. Lent is about looking at our lives in as bright a light as possible, the light of Christ, to illumine that which moth and rust can consume and which thieves can steal. It is during this time of self-reflection and sacrificial giving and prayer that we make our way through the over grown and tangled mess of our lives. We trudge through the lies of our death-denying culture to seek the simple weighty truth of who we really are.'

So Lent isn't actually about giving things up! It's about a time of self reflection – and in doing that we may sacrificially give (we may stop doing something if, on reflection, that would be good for us during this time and good for others). I would urge us all to take time out of our busy lives this Lent and reflect. Reflect on who we are, remember that we are mortal, that we won't live for ever; that none of us are Superwoman/superman* (insert superhero's name!) and that we are here, on this earth by the grace of God.

At Immanuel on Tuesday 13th February we're having a Pancake Tea at 4.30pm for all the family; young or not so young and on Wednesday 14th February at 7.30pm we have a service to mark the start of Lent with the imposition of ashes (the signing of the cross on our foreheads). We'd love to see you.

I wish you a blessed and thought provoking Lent.




Fr. Michael

What's on at Immanuel:

Saturday 3rd February:

8.30am - 10am: Community Breakfast

10.30am - 4.00pm: Parish Vision Day

Thursday 8th February: 7.30pm - Film Night; showing Philomena

Tuesday 13th February: 4.30pm - 6.30pm - Pancake Tea

Wednesday 14th February: 7.30pm - Ash Wednesday Service

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surgeries, shops and nursery regarding the proliferation of trade vans and vehicles parked in the car park all day. A representative from the owning company, Grainger, has undertaken to work on the problem.

ROADS: All local BDBC and HCC councillors were invited to a briefing with HCC Highways at the end of January to hear more about proposals to improve travel in the area, I will update in the next Rabbiter.

BEGGARWOOD SURGERY: News of the verdict from the return CQC inspection of the surgery in December is still awaited.

ALLOTMENTS: A planning application for the proposed new allotments at Beggarwood Park is expected soon.

TRAFFIC CAMERAS: The number plate recognition cameras monitoring HGV traffic through Woodbury Road to the anaerobic digester are operating again.

UPDATE FROM HCC: Our local County Councillor is seeking a meeting with Highways officers to develop options on the A30 corridor in the light of development pressures, and especially around the Brighton Hill roundabout.

Cllr Terri Reid



COUNCILLOR UPDATE

NUMBER 12 BUS SERVICE: Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council is working with HCC and Stagecoach to avoid damaging reductions to the number 12 bus service which is used by local residents in Hatch Warren and Beggarwood. I have stressed the importance of this service.

NEWS ON THE MOTORWAY SERVICE AREA: Applegreen, the developers of the proposed Motorway Service Area close to Junction 7, had agreed to a pre-application briefing with Basingstoke and Deane councillors which was due to take place at the end of January. They have refused the suggestion of early engagement with local residents as they say the plans are not far enough advanced, and have also declined to attend a public meeting for the same reasons. I will update everyone as soon as I have any information.

SCHOOL PARKING: Had a very positive meeting with the new head at St Mark's School who is very aware of the problems of school run parking and is keen to work with parents, local residents and representatives to develop strategies to improve things.

PARKING AT BEGGARWOOD CENTRE: I have made continued representations to the owners of the car park serving the

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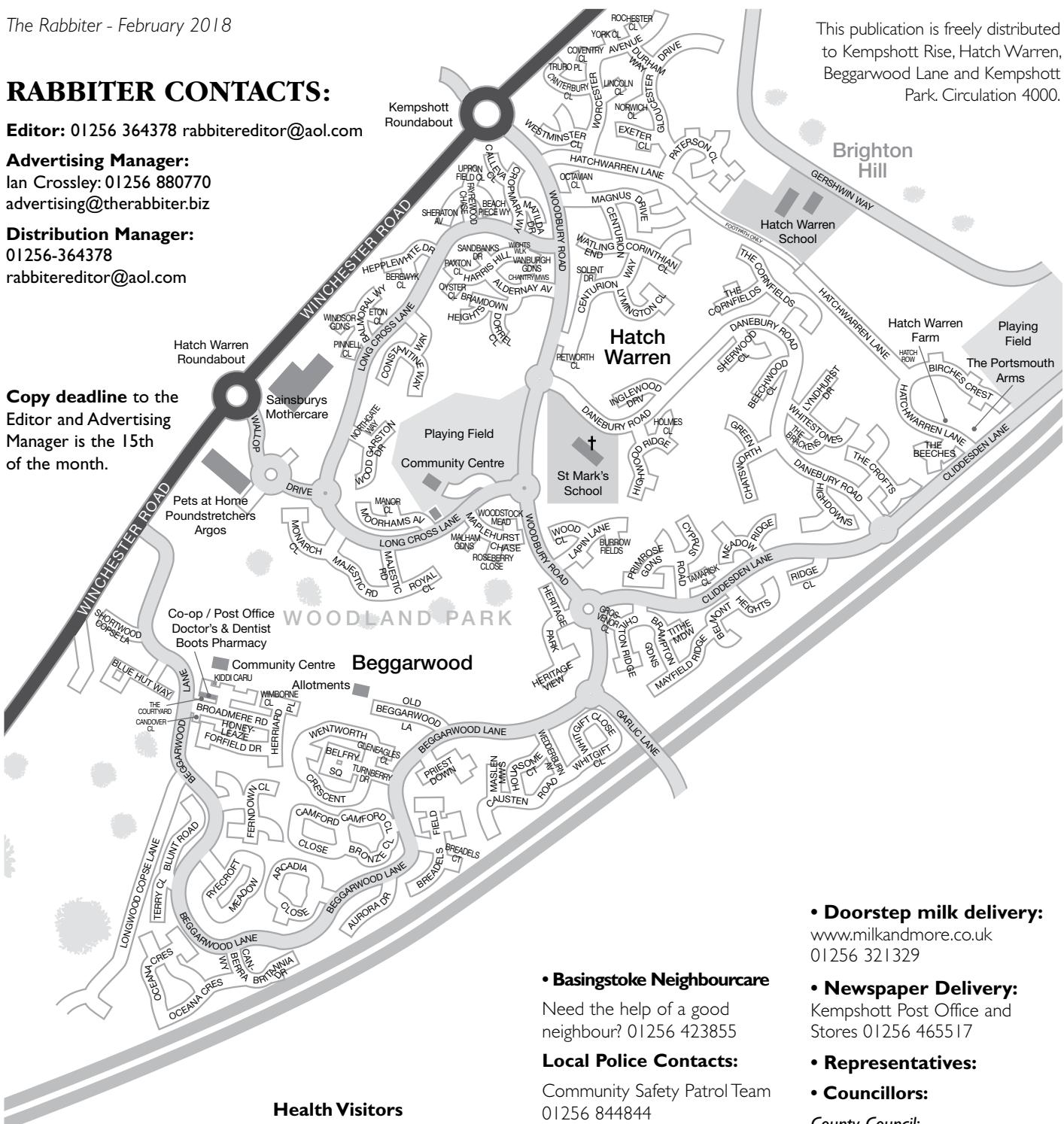
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At the end of November Colin Thatcher took part in the Cyprus 4 day challenge in aid of Tiny Ticklers charity. Over the 4 days Colin ran a 6k race, 10k race, 11k hill climb finishing with a Half Marathon – great achievement Colin !

Rory Horseman, one of our Wolfpack runners took the top spot at Basingstoke parkrun on 16 Dec, coming first in an amazing time of 18:21 – great running Rory !

In the run up to Christmas, members got into the 'Christmas Spirit' and supported a number of charities. In November they supported 'The Pink and Blue Place'. Runs were organised from the Market Place in town and those who took part donated money to the charity. In December the charity was the 'Sarum Hill Night Shelter'. The night shelter is a warm place for the homeless to go to at night if they choose. Again the runs were organised from the town centre. Donations from the runners included tea, coffee, non-perishable food, fruit juice and money.

Over the past couple of months members of HWR have taken part in the

Gosport Half Marathon, the Christmas Day parkrun and cross country events at Farnham and Lord Wandsworth College. A group also went down to Southampton to run the Southampton 10k. Big shout out to David Shearer who completed his first 10k at Southampton. Back in January David broke his shoulder at parkrun, having only just graduated from the C25k course. When he recovered from his broken shoulder, he redid the C25k on his own, then gradually built up his mileage to be able to run the 10k at Southampton – well done David !

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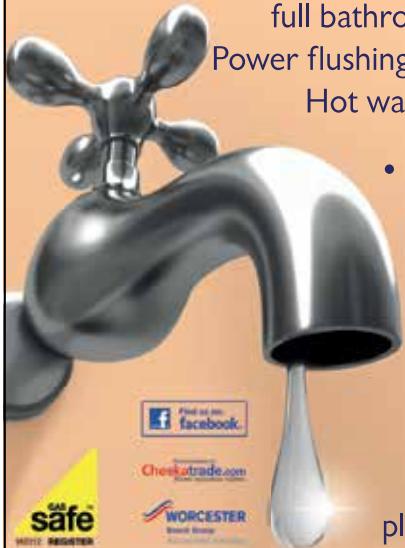
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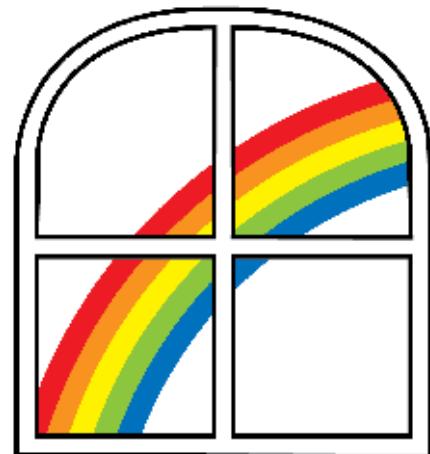
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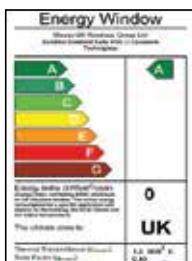
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