

WHAT'S ON – APRIL

Do you have an event locally that you would like to tell people about. The Rabbiter reaches over 4000 homes locally so is the perfect way to publicise your event. Just email details to editor@therabbiter.biz

Copy date is the 15th of the month preceding publication.

April Events

Note – From April, Laughter House will be at the Apollo Hotel in Basingstoke.

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| 1 April | Easter Sunday |
| 3 April | Basingstoke Disability ConneXions – 12.30-2.30, Discovery Centre |
| 4 April | Soup Lunch at Beggarwood Community Centre – 12.30 – 2pm |
| 5 April | Celebration of 100 years of the RAF – see page 26 |
| 5 April | WI meeting at Hatch Warren Community Centre – see page 10 |
| 8 April | Farleigh Wallop Woodland Walk |
| 10 April | Film Night at Immanuel – 'The Zookeepers Wife' |
| 12 April | Laughter House at the Apollo, featuring Nathan Caton |
| 14 April | Karaoke Night at Farleigh Wallop Club |
| 14 April | Basingstoke Concert Band & Farnham Big Band, The Elizabeth Hall, Hook (RG27 9HH) |
| 21 April | Pete Harris Blues Band at Basingstoke Railway Social Club – see page 26 |
| 23 April | St George's Day |
| 28 April | Lager Festival, Hatch Warren Community Centre |
| 28 April | Oakley Fun Run, from 2pm, Register online or on the day from 10am |
| 28 April | AFTERGLOW – Genesis Tribute Band, Central Studios, Queen Mary's College |
| 28-29 April | Oakley Bowling Club Taster Days |

Future Events

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| 3 May | Local Elections for Basingstoke & Deane Borough Councillor |
| 5 May | Spring Time Quiz at Farleigh Wallop Club |
| 10 May | Trip to see DREAMGIRLS in London – book at Hatch Warren Community Centre |
| 10 May | Laughter House at the Apollo, featuring Dave Fulton |
| 12 May | Quiz Night at Café Dome – see page 25 |
| 16 May | Run at Down Grange in aid of St Michael's Hospice – see page 10 |
| 16 May | Pamper Evening at the Holiday Inn in aid of the Pink Place – see page 25 |
| 31 May | SWAG Open Meeting |

Hampshire Farmers Markets

Alton – 2nd Saturday of the month

Winchester – 2nd and last Sunday of the month

White Hart, London Road, Basingstoke

Every Friday Improv Comedy Drop-in Rehearsal and Jam
Beginners welcome. £5pp.

Letter... to the editor

I was reading through the Rabbiter and it seems like there's applications for new buildings and houses popping up everywhere. I know this is needed to house the growing population but it feels like all the green space is getting filled up. I feel concerned the habitat is being destroyed for our wildlife. When I moved here 4 years ago it was a lot different. I wanted to ask if anything was being done to protect and conserve the wildlife around us?

I also read about the litter pick you would like to arrange- I think this would be a fantastic idea to get the community together to keep the area tidy for everyone to enjoy and it's also better for the environment and wildlife! If you have a bit of litter pop it in your pocket and take it home! We all have to live in this world, let's keep it nice for everyone.

Thanks, Kirsty

Editor's Note: The SWAG meeting below may be of interest as well as contacting our regular wildlife contributors, Old Down & Beggarwood Wildlife Group, Hatch Warren Nature Group and Kempshott Conservation, who all hold regular work parties.

SOUTH WEST ACTION GROUP – SWAG – SAFEGUARDING FUTURES

SWAG has worked hard over the last five years to influence the Local Plan so that new housing in the South West of Basingstoke benefits residents, present and future. With 50,000 cars a day forecasted for the A30, traffic will be a nightmare. We already have queues at Fiveways Junction and now there are plans for a motorway service station with a flyover adjacent to the Portsmouth Arms.

SWAG OPEN MEETING – Hatch Warren Community Centre - Thursday 31st May 2018 7.00 p.m.

www.facebook.com/BasingstokeSouthWestActionGroupSWAG
or email southwestactiongroup@gmail.com

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 email: odandbwd@gmail.com

Hatch Warren Nature Group,
contact Paul Beevers, hatch.nature@gmail.com

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

Laughter House, laughter-housevpweb.co.uk

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