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EDITORIAL

The weather is starting to get warmer and spring is definitely here. Just a look at the 'What's On' page shows how much is happening locally. The Film Nights at Immanuel Church are always a great evening – Paddington 2 is showing soon and it's a great film. The Café in the Park at the Beggarwood Community Centre is a great venue for meeting friends for coffee and have extended their opening hours – see page 18 for the new hours. There are delicious home made cakes, great coffee and friendly staff. The first Wednesday of each month is the Soup Lunch – see page 10 for the write up of the Soup Lunch held on 4 April which was attended by Maria Miller MP. The next Soup Lunch is on 2 May – see you there!

Do you knit or crotchet or would you like to learn? The Beggarwood Knitters will meet on a Friday at the Café in the Park at 10.00 – 12.30 starting Friday 4 May. Come for half an hour or whatever – look forward to seeing you there.

The Park at Beggarwood is a wonderful resource for our community and it is important that we keep it that way. Please don't leave litter and make sure that dog mess is collected and placed in one of the rubbish bins around the area. To help keep our Park and surrounding area spick and span The Big Litterpick will take place on Saturday, 7 July – meet at 10am at the Café in the Park. We would like to recruit Litter Collectors across the estate to help keep their own roads clear. If you would like to help, see our facebook page – more information next month.

Planning Permission has now been granted by Basingstoke and Deane Council for additional allotments to be provided as an extension to the existing site at the top of Beggarwood Park. It is hoped that these will be ready later this year. There is already a waiting list for this site but if you would like to investigate the possibility of having a plot in Basingstoke to grow your own fruit and vegetables talk to the Allotment Officer at Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.

The media is full of articles regarding the use of plastic in packaging. The Rabbiter would like to share ideas about how we can reduce our plastic footprint. I recently met someone who takes a glass bowl and lid with her to the butchers and puts her meat straight into that. Let us have your ideas and we will publish them.

Did you sign the Petition? Our local MP, Maria Miller, has been incredibly proactive in co-ordinating a campaign against the proposal to build motorway service stations at junctions 6 and 7 on the M3. The extent of the feeling against these developments has been amazing and the campaigning will continue until we have stopped this threatened development.

Father Michael has now confirmed that he will be leaving us in August – his last service at Immanuel is on 12 August – please put this date in your diary so we can give him a great send off.

The Editor

Cover photo of the Basingstoke Canal

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HATCH WARREN SCOUT GROUP

April saw the launch of our new Beaver colony and Cub pack, meaning Hatch Warren Scout Group is now able to involve more young people in the local community in Scouting. We need your help to do this; rewarding volunteer roles are available in several areas, including fund-raising, admin, and helping run the sections themselves. We are also seeking assistance from someone with property building experience, who may be able to help us to shape our plans for our own scout hall.

Please contact Joshua Hensman, Group Scout Leader, gsl@hws.org.uk, if you would like more information about volunteer roles available.

BEAVERS* Our final meeting of last term was at Micheldever Woods, where we built bivis and played a wide game. The Beavers had to sneak through the woods in the dark heading towards a base. To win, they had to get to the base before the guard's searchlights found them, or otherwise be sent to prison! All the Beavers went home with an Easter Egg to mark the end of term.

The first winner of our Beaver Scout Star award was Alfie Randall, pictured. Alfie won the award last half term. We will shortly be finding out who the next winner is.

This coming term we are working on My Outdoors Challenge Award, Book Reader Activity Badge, Camp Craft Activity Badge and the Hikes Staged Activity Badge. We have planned a fun-packed schedule of related activities, including hiking, minibeast hunting, learning about tents and first aid, having a water fight and making a Bug Hotel.

Ojibwa Beavers will be camping in May, and Chinook Beavers will be camping a little later in the year, in September.

cubs* What do you get if you combine some giant skateboards, a lot of balls, and a group of Cubs? Giant hungry hippos is the answer. Imagine Cubs propelling themselves around the room on their stomachs on giant skateboards, chasing balls, and you'll get the picture!

Our last meeting of the term took place at Middlecopse, where we played wide games and had a campfire.

This coming term, we have lots planned. As well as welcoming our new members and introducing them to cubs, we plan to visit the bug hotel the Cubs made a couple of years ago to investigate what is living there and to do some maintenance.

SCOUTS* The Scouts finished the spring term with a night of Easter Fun that included making Chocolate Easter Nests, various silly challenges and decorating an Easter Egg with icing! What a messy night it was! Not many eggs or nests made it home that night but it is safe to say that the Scouts had a lot of fun!

At the time of writing, we are preparing for our Troop Camp at the end of April which will include Zip Lines, Archery and Backwoods cooking. We'll tell you all about it next month.

As we announced last month, the Group is expanding and the Scout Troop is no exception. At the start of the Summer term we will have some new members invited from our waiting list and we look forward to welcoming them into Scouts!



BASINGSTOKE CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT FELLOWSHIP

There were 55 members at the meeting held on 4th April who enjoyed the usual tea, coffee and biscuits along with some chocolate Easter treats donated by Tesco Metro in Basingstoke. David Cowling, the Chairman, then welcomed everyone and gave a reminder that all forms relating to the new Data Protection Act should be completed and returned by the end of May. Christine Broadbent, the Welfare Officer, gave her report and then Tony Brazier, the Secretary, gave details of the forthcoming trips to Windsor with a river cruise and lunch on Wednesday 23rd May and St Mary's House and Brighton on Wednesday 13th June.



The talk this month was from Alan Copeland on Eccentric London in which he took us on a photographic tour of the city highlighting many of the unusual buildings and features which are either extremely visible or hidden away in little known places. His examples covered some of the really modern buildings which have acquired nicknames such as the Armadillo, the Shard, the Gherkin and the Walkie Talkie through to old buildings, statues and memorials such as the Burlington Arcade, the Monument and Temple Bar. He particularly examined the Albert Memorial with its many statues and



groups of figures representing Manufacturing, Commerce, Engineering and Agriculture, as well as the four continents. He also told the story of Zimbabwe House which when built in 1908 as the Headquarters of the British Medical Association was decorated with 18 bold sculptures, including male and female nude figures, by Sir Jacob Epstein that had to be mutilated in 1936 when parts starting falling off onto the street. Further details can be found on at www.curiosities.co.uk – click on London.

The next meeting is on 2nd May when the speaker will be Alan Grace on Amazing Berlin 1914 - 1989. 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 and outings can be obtained from the Secretary Tony Brazier on 01256 418770 (Answerphone)

David Cowling



PROMOTING LOCAL CHARITIES AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

Basingstoke Voluntary Action and the Gazette newspaper will commence promoting local organisations next month on the weekly Community page. Any fundraising group interested in having a slot should contact BVA to receive the free application form. This is a great opportunity and you can link to your website, Facebook and any fundraising initiatives with member organisations obviously taking priority.

01256 423816 or email admin@bvaction.org.uk

WHAT'S ON – MAY

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

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

May Events

- 1 May Film Night at Immanuel – 'Wonder'
- 3 May Local Elections for Basingstoke & Deane Borough Councillor
- 3 May Hatch Warren W.I. – see page 7
- 5 May SpringTime 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
- 10 May Ascension Day
- 11 May Quiz Night at Beggarwood Community Centre – see page 18
- 16 May Run at Down Grange in aid of St Michael's Hospice
- 16 May Pamper Evening at the Holiday Inn in aid of the Pink Place
- 9-19 May BATs at the Haymarket – 'Singin' in the Rain' – see page 21
- 16 May – 15 June Ramadan
- 20 May Whitsun
- 23 May Film Night at Immanuel – 'Paddington 2'
- 31 May SWAG Open Meeting

Future Events

- 7 June – 8 July The Grange Festival – see page 25
- 9 June Cider Festival, Hatch Warren Community Centre
- 9 June World Wide Knitting in Public – Waitrose Community Area, 10am – 4pm
- 13 June Hatch Warren Community Centre AGM
- 17 June The Tempest at Dummer Down Farm (Tickets and details from More of the Good Stuff)
- 19 June Film Night at Immanuel – 'The Darkest Hour'
- 21 June Summer Solstice
- 4 July Coach Trip to Strictly Ballroom organised by Hatch Warren Community Centre
- 5 July Film Night at Immanuel – 'Finding your feet'
- 7 July The Big Litterpick – 10am at Beggarwood Community Centre
- 14 July Summer Festival, Hatch Warren Community Centre
- 8 September Beer Festival, Hatch Warren Community Centre

Hampshire Farmers Markets

- Alton – 2nd Saturday of the month
- Winchester – 2nd and last Sunday of the month

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Future dates:

Saturday 16th June

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For further details please contact

Rex on 01256 321837 / mobile 07979 422590 or see our Facebook page –

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DO YOU WALK YOUR PET IN BEGGARWOOD PARK?

Please clear up any dog mess your pet leaves behind. Beggarwood Park is well used by local people and dog fouling is a health hazard as well as unpleasant and unsightly. It is a real shame that some irresponsible dog owners are spoiling this amenity for everyone else, including the vast majority of responsible dog owners and walkers. Bins are provided in the park for any mess so there is no need to leave anything behind. A £50 fine can be imposed on anyone caught leaving dog mess behind in the park.

For more information :

<https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/report-dog-fouling>

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.hwrunners.co.uk

BASINGSTOKE RACKETEERS BADMINTON CLUB

After more than 25 years of playing at Aldworth School, as the Aldworth 8:30 Badminton Club, and after much discussion the club has decided to move location to the Everest Community Academy which has a more modern sports hall facility and provided the opportunity to play for a longer 2 hour session. With the move obviously required a change in club name.

From April 2018 the club became the Basingstoke Racketeers Badminton Club, playing at Everest Health and Leisure Club, Everest Community Academy, Oxford Way, RG24 9UP, playing Thursday evenings 20:00 – 22:00.

We are a friendly, sociable non-league badminton club with a wide range of age, abilities and styles, playing for fitness and pleasure and partake in the occasional competition. We have players of all levels, who enjoy challenging fun games. As long as you are 18+, have played badminton before, even if it was when you were younger, you'll fit right in.

Mark Chilton, Club Chairman explains:

"The essence of the club is to play Badminton in a friendly environment for exercise, and pleasure. We invariably play doubles, both mixed and same sex and whilst we all play to win and enjoy 'being'/'trying to be' competitive we do not take ourselves too seriously. Exercise and fun is what it is about"

If you would like to find out more and join the club please visit our website: www.basingstokeracketeers.co.uk

HATCH WARREN W.I.

At our April meeting we welcomed three new potential members and raffled two beautiful Easter hampers for funds. Members this month have been very busy attending both the

Loddon Group meeting where the speaker was Rosie Hardy from Hardy's nurseries. We also attended the W.I. AGM held at the Guildhall at Portsmouth, where we enjoyed a very interesting and fun talk from Anton du Beke from 'Strictly Come Dancing' We all went home with a spring in our step.

One member has written a very informative report on the origins of Hatch Warren, which will be included in the 'Village Book. Members are looking forward to an outing to Windsor this month to see the arrangements etc for the Royal Wedding, we are looking forward to visiting the Castle and a good lunch.

Our speaker for the evening was Brian Spicer with his talk 'Up Stairs Down Stairs' at Hackwood House. Brian was the Estate Manager for many years. Hackwood House was built in 1683 to replace Basing House which was destroyed by Cromwell. Lord Camrose was the last occupant of the house and due to his owning many newspapers and magazines would often give sanctuary to prime ministers and people in public office who needed a bolt hole away from the public domain. The house was sold on his death and is now a consulate .

Our next meeting will be held on May 3rd at 8 p.m. this will be our AGM and social evening. Due to polling day please contact our President Jane on 07798842487 for information of the venue for this meeting. We are now busy getting ready for our big birthday party in June. Many interesting project to look forward to over the summer, so why not come and visit us to find out and perhaps get involved.

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SPRING EMPLOYMENT LAW UPDATE

- **Gender Pay Gap Reporting** – all employers with 250 employees or more (as at April 2017) should have already published their first gender pay gap data. This is now an annual requirement and may lead to an increase in equal pay claims being brought if employees believe that they are not receiving equal pay.
- **National Living/Minimum Wage Increases** – With effect from 1st April 2018 the National Living Wage for workers aged 25 and over increased to £7.83 per hour and National Minimum Wage rates increased to £7.38 per hour for workers aged 21 to 24, to £5.90 per hour for workers aged 18 to 20 and to £4.20 for workers under 18 who are no longer of compulsory school age.
- **Family Friendly Statutory Payment Rate Increases** - With effect from 1st April 2018 the weekly rate of statutory maternity, paternity, adoption and shared parental pay increased to £145.18.
- **Statutory Sick Pay Rate Increase** - As of Friday 6 April the weekly rate of SSP increases to £92.05.
- **Statutory Redundancy Pay Increase** – As of Friday 6 April the new weekly cap used to calculate the statutory redundancy payment increases to £508.
- **Tax Treatment of Notice Payments** – As of Friday 6 April 2018 there has been an important change to the rules relating to taxation of termination payments.

This change means that it is no longer possible to pay a departing employee's payment in lieu of notice (PILON) as a tax free sum under the £30,000 tax exemption rules if there is no PILON clause in their contract, no custom and practice of paying PILON or implied right. Whether or not the employer has a contractual right, all PILON payments are now taxable and the £30,000 exemption will no longer apply.

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COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Hampshire County Council is a £2 billion business. Many of the services it provides are not high-profile but nonetheless essential, especially so for the members of our community and their families who receive them.

Adult Care takes a huge slice of the budget and Children's Care takes another. These are statutory responsibilities, and over the last decade we have been increasing the proportion of the County budget that is spent in these areas.

We try to support our older citizens in their own homes for as long as possible, which means they can be secure without having to move into care homes. Looking after children whose family lives are difficult or who need specialist care is another vital part of our work.

As the highways authority, Hampshire is responsible for the roads and planning for new roads. At the moment, potholes are a major concern, brought on by the extended freezing weather than only ended a few weeks ago. I recently reported some very awkwardly placed ones approaching the Kempshott roundabout and they have been temporarily filled.

An issue on which design work is being carried out is improving the capacity of the A30 from the M3 to the Ring Road. This stretch is likely to get busier and the Brighton Hill roundabout is congested at peak times.

Although Hampshire doesn't collect your household waste (the Borough Council does that) it is responsible for disposing of it. Hampshire runs the recycling centres and also the incinerators. The incineration policy means that only a very small proportion of Hampshire's waste goes into landfill, and the incinerators generate electricity for feeding back into the Grid.

As a County Councillor, I control a devolved budget of £8,000 per year. I can use this to support good causes. Last year I was pleased to help the new Beggarwood Community Centre purchase a coffee machine and the Kempshott Village Hall to finance part of its refurbishment. If you are involved in a cause that helps the people of this area, I might be able to help. The scheme starts again in June.

Regards

Stephen Reid

County Councillor, Basingstoke South West
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LOCAL POLITICIANS SUPPORT SECOND SOUP LUNCH

The second "Soupathon" at the Café in the Park at Beggarwood Community Centre held on Wednesday 4 April was supported at all levels of democracy in the presence of Maria Miller MP, Stephen Reid Hants County Councillor and Dan Putty Borough Councillor for Hatch Warren and Beggarwood. In the kitchen providing a helping hand with other volunteers was Terri Reid Borough Councillor for Hatch Warren and Beggarwood.

Despite it being a wet day there was increased customer levels and the kitchen ran out of soup by 1.30 pm. Organiser Jenny Crawford, was delighted with the turnout.



"It was really pleasing to see so many customers so I hope this increasing interest in this monthly "Soupathon" will go from strength to strength. At only £3 for coffee or tea and a choice of three soups, bread, butter and cheddar cheese and then fresh fruit is especially good value."

The next Soup Lunch will be on Wednesday 2 May from 12.30pm until 2.00pm with the promise of greater supplies to meet the expected further increase in demand and will again be supported by Sainsbury's supermarket.

1. Organiser Jenny Crawford with Maria Miller MP
2. Stephen Reid, Hants County Councillor, Maria Miller MP & Dan Putty, Borough Councillor for Hatch Warren & Beggarwood
3. Maria Miller with Keith Bastion a Rabbiter distributor



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Customers, using our award winning online delivery service, may have noticed a slight addition to our offer.

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This is an exciting new offer for our customers and now means we boast a fleet of almost 20 delivery vehicles leaving the store each day.

Indeed, on the Thursday before Easter, we successfully delivered 627 orders in time for Good Friday, which was a record breaking day, not just for Kempshott but, for the company!



HATCH WARREN RUNNERS

Another busy month for the runners, with so many races to report on.

First and foremost though congratulations go to Rory Horseman and Darrel May. Both took top spot at Basingstoke parkrun within weeks of each other; Rory on 10 March with 17.37 and Darrel on 24 March with 17.23. These are amazing times so well done lads!

On 15 March Adam McCartney took part in 'Vertical Rush' in aid of Shelter. He scaled the 932 steps of city of London Tower 42 in 9.06 – well done Adam!

The weekend of 17/18 March was supposed to be a busy one race wise with Fleet Half Marathon, Reading Half Marathon and Eastleigh 10k. Unfortunately the snow fell, so all 3 races were cancelled. Those that were able to run on this weekend included Rob Kershaw, who achieved 2.42 in the 20 mile trail race in the New Forest. Rory Horseman and Rhianna Stanley also competed in the New Forest events, running a half marathon; Rhianna taking 2nd place for the ladies – well done! Shona Brown and Liam Williams also managed to run on 17 March in the Windsor & Eton 20

miles at Dorney Lake in fantastic times.

HWR members have travelled all over this month running in Pittsburgh, Zurich, Spain, Budapest, Greece, Brittany and Cornwall closer to home. Running doesn't stop for the club whether on business or pleasure!

25 March was a busy day for Hatchies with 9 running the London Landmarks Half Marathon (Helen Brooker, Jodie Gibson, Paula Parker, Wendy Cornelius, Jason Fakes, Lorna Martin, Simon Parker, Nicola Lawrence, Ellen Mirabita) and 3 taking part in The Coombe Gibbett (Jeff Mitchell, Greg Haynes, Rob Stait). The Coombe Gibbett is a stunning 16 mile cross country race through the Berkshire and Hampshire countryside.

1 April saw Iain Gordon running a 50k trail ultra marathon, who completed it in 6.39. 7 weeks previous to this event Iain had a tibia stress fracture so well done Iain for your achievement!

There were 4 events the runners took part in on 8 April. A number travelled up north to Manchester for the Manchester Marathon (Jamie Lamport, Kirstin Llewellyn, Paul



Simpson, Rob Kershaw, Diane Clark, Paula Parker, Simon Brown, Graham Collins, Vickie Richens). Others went south to Bournemouth to take part in a 10k (Rachel Ellis, Dean Ellis, David Shearer, Joe McAuley, Sue Kemp) and half marathon (Andy Williams, Victoria Williams-Smith, Dan Hatton, Claire Reid, Annie Winfield-Shearer, Verena Hutcheson, Colin Thatcher). Finally 3 went west to Salisbury to take part in the Salisbury 10 mile race (May Hart, Dave Warman, Rory Horseman).



Don't forget the 3rd Farleigh Wallop Trail Race on Sunday 23 September. Get in there quick if you want to take part - secure your place at www.fullonsport.com. HWR meet on Monday & Wednesday evenings with runs starting at various location in Hatch Warren & Beggarwood. For more details visit www.hwrunners.co.uk, email hwrunners@sky.com, or look for Hatch Warren Runners on Facebook.



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PROBUS HAS A TASTE OF THE VYNE

The history of this local Tudor Palace, situated south of Bramley, and its much publicised roof project were the subject of a talk given by Chris Burrows to the Probud Club of Basingstoke, the social organisation for retired professional and business managers.

Oakley resident Chris, is a member of the Basingstoke Archaeology Society and he has been a volunteer with the National Trust since 1991. He has been involved in previous surveys at The Vyne and once found a flint knife. Earlier surveys had been conducted by the eminent archaeologist Sir Mortimer Wheeler.



Prior to the restoration

Built originally in 1268 the building was added to over the years. Sir William Sandys, despite being a staunch Catholic, managed to hold on to his position as Lord Chamberlain to King Henry VIII after the creation of the Protestant Church of England following the refusal of the Pope to the King's divorce of Katherine of Aragon. He had developed the property into a Tudor palace, and had the honour and great cost of being a recipient of the

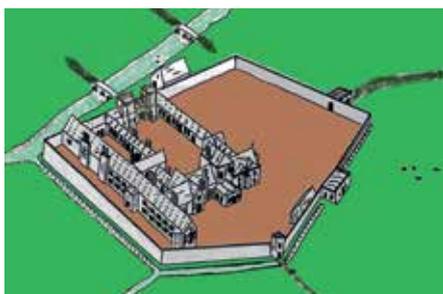


Illustration of the Tudor palace at the time of the visit of King Henry VIII



During the restoration

King Henry VIII and Queen Anne Boleyn's "progress" in 1535. Many portraits of the Tudor period can be seen today in the Oak Gallery.

Also to be seen today in the Stone Gallery is a terracotta plaque of the Roman Emperor Probus who introduced wine making into England. It is thought that it is possible that this plaque was obtained in the 16th century and may have contributed to naming this residence, The Vyne. There is no connection between this emperor and the Probud Club which is simply a joining of the first three letters of Professional and Business managers.

Baron Sandys endowed the Holy Ghost chapel in Basingstoke and is buried there. The painted glass windows from the chapel were installed at The Vyne, some of which underwent restoration in 2016.

Chaloner Chute, a lawyer and politician, bought the Tudor palace in 1653 and demolished it in 1665, rebuilding in the Palladium style. In 1767 John Chute began further modernisation and installed the grand staircase that can be seen today. The Chute family continued to own The Vyne, with most male descendents named Chaloner; and was lived in until 1939 when it was taken over by Tomore prep school after it was evacuated from Deal in Kent. It was bequeathed, by Sir Charles Chute, to the National Trust in 1956.

With a building this old there was always plenty of remedial work needed to keep the fabric secure but over the years of patching up the extensive roof it was decided that

the complete removal and replacement with modern standard of insulation was the best course of action. The work started in 2014 and is just coming to an end. It has involved the erection of a cover over the whole building including a lift for materials and passengers. Some chimneys were taken down so that a walkway could be constructed around the complex for the use of just under 150,000 visitors. The last visitors were on 28 February 2018 when the walkway was removed so that the original chimneys could be rebuilt.

Pre Tudor timber roofing was discovered, including the use of part of a staircase which proved that recycling was in vogue hundreds of years ago. The lead from the gullies has been reformed and reused and new parapets and finials been carved. Lime mortar has been used throughout the restoration as it will match the original construction. Special provision has been made for the bats so that they can continue to occupy parts of the roof.

70,000 handmade tiles have been used of which nearly 13,000 were bought by visitors in the "Tagatile" scheme allowing personal messages to be written and raising £64,000 toward the cost of this project of £5,400,000.

It will take three months to remove the roof covering and 41 miles of scaffolding to reveal the highly skilled workmanship to the rest of the world. Without the use of a helicopter or aerial photographs no one else will be able to wonder at the skill levels used by the renovation team over the last four years.



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If the tenant refuses to leave the property once the notice expires then you will need to apply to the Court to obtain a Possession Order.

Unfortunately court cases are not always quick, due to the workload of all courts, so the sooner you issue a notice and deal with matters the better. If the tenant does not leave the property once a possession order is made, then the Court can instruct a bailiff to carry out the eviction.

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HATCH WARREN UNDER FIVES PRESCHOOL



After enjoying lots of chocolate eggs over the Easter holidays, the children of Hatch Warren Under Fives started the new term with the exciting project of hatching some real eggs with our sister preschool, Kempshott Under Fives. It has been a brilliant experience for the children to follow all of the stages from egg to chick over the past two weeks. The eggs were hatched in an incubator and then the chicks moved into a special heated box where the children could feed them and watch them grow! Our little chicks have now gone off to enjoy some more space at the farm.

There has been more excitement for our older children who have recently found out which schools they will be going to in September; it's been lovely to hear all about the "big" schools and who is going where. So this term is when our "school readiness" begins. We will begin to introduce lots of activities to prepare our bigger children, for example, can the children change into their PE kit by themselves? Can they independently wash their hands and open the food in their lunchbox? We'll also start to focus much more on numbers, health and self-care and communication and language.

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

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

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

- Can actively learn and creatively and critically think

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

At Hatch Warren Under Fives we work hard to ensure that our staff are trained to the highest possible levels so that we create high standards of education and care for our children. As part of our commitment to providing the best care possible, we have recently applied for Millie's Mark – the gold standard in early years first aid. The aims of Millie's Mark are to keep children safe and minimise risk and accidents by raising standards in paediatric first aid; increasing numbers of first aid-trained staff; increasing competency in applying first aid; enabling staff to respond quickly in emergencies; raising the quality and skills of the early years workforce and helping them with day-to-day first aid issues, such as allergies; and providing reassurance to parents.

The rigorous application process for Millie's Mark takes three to six months and involves intensive support from a mentor; completion of an audit, risk assessment and spot checks.

We are very excited about our application and will keep you updated with our progress!

Other exciting staff news is the appointment of Pam Jones as our Preschool Manager. Congratulations to Pam, a wonderful member of staff, who has been our Deputy for many years!

To enquire about a space at Hatch Warren Under Fives, please contact Michelle Tejevo, Area Manager, on 01256 322788 or email preschoolmail@aol.com.

www.hatchwarrenunderfives.co.uk

CANDOVER VALLEY PRESCHOOL

Hello from CVP!

Over the Easter period the children have had great fun taking part in creating chocolate egg nests and decorations as well as taking part in some egg hunts, finding numbers as well as eggs and of course chocolate! The children have particularly enjoyed playing with dinosaurs and animals which we incorporated into water and sensory play to widen their experiences.

We have a busy half term ahead with our local farm visit to see the lambs, planting sunflowers and the eagerly awaited Happy's Circus. Happy's Circus is coming to Pre-School on Sunday 13th May '18!

In anticipation of our fundraising event with Happy's Circus the pre-school children will again be taking part in some circus style activities this half term. We will be using hoops and balancing like acrobats, using music and movement to express animal movements, 'tin can' style games.

This event is open to all so if you would like to attend please follow the link:

<http://www.pta-events.co.uk/cvp>

Open Sessions:

Thursday 24th May, 1.00pm - 2.30pm

Friday 25th May, 9.30am – 11.00am

There's always lots going on at Candover Valley Pre-school and you are very welcome to visit us at our Open Sessions or a time that suits you better, so please give us a call. 01256 389008

Lisa Collisson

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.

With the promise of some sunshine, the summer term is upon us! If your child already attends the pre-school, don't forget to pack the sunhat and apply plenty of sunscreen. The children can then enjoy using the outdoor space as much as possible.

This half term the pre-school will be looking at people who help us and are hoping to be visited by a policeman, doctor, physiotherapist and a vet. If you have some time to spare to share your professional experiences that the little ones may find interesting, please get in touch with the team. The pre-school will also have a return visit from the very popular owls. Feedback from previous events has been overwhelmingly positive. Thanks to the

generous voluntary donations of parents for making this possible.

Important dates: end of term Friday 25 May; return to pre-school Monday 4 June; last day of term Thursday 19 July; leavers party and presentation Friday 20 July.

Remember, there are still spaces available for this September at the Ofsted Outstanding ranked pre-school. 01256 398172.

Alice Crocker

MILLER AND CARTER

If, like me, you worry about 'drink and driving' you will welcome the arrival of a restaurant that you can easily walk to and have a special priced lunch menu! I recently met a dear friend for lunch at the newly opened 'Miller and Carter' restaurant on Down Grange – I wanted to try their fixed price lunch menu, £10.95 for two courses or £13.95 for three. A gentle walk across Down Grange brought me to the door of the newly refurbished restaurant. I often wonder about the history of this lovely building – was it once home to a family? (Note to self, find out about the history of Down Grange.) It was about 1.45pm when we arrived but the restaurant was still fairly busy – booking is advised (www.millerandcarter.co.uk). We ordered the obligatory glass of wine – the Malbec is very good – and considered the menu. The wine eventually arrived and we ordered our lunch. The starters arrived in good time, Salt and Pepper Calamari and Baked Mushrooms were both hot and good – I usually avoid calamari as it can often resemble fried rubber bands but these were soft and juicy. The mains took a little longer to arrive – I like to think that they were being cooked freshly to order by the chef. The Chicken Schnitzel with skinny fries and salad was tasty and my friend tucked into her Beef Dripping Glazed Steak with relish. We didn't have a pudding as we were both already rather full but did have coffee. The bill arrived and with a tip to our lovely waiter the cost was £25 each – perhaps next time I will have a small glass of wine and no coffee!

Miller and Carter have a great reputation. Their steak is good and well cooked. I am told that they can trace the meat back to the farm where it came from which is impressive. However the service was rather slow so not the place to go for a quick lunch – it was after 3.30pm when we left.

HATCH WARREN BEGGARWOOD CYCLING CLUB

"Didn't we have a lovely time the day we went to Bournemouth, a beautiful day we had lunch on the way".....the opening part of the chorus to the well known Fiddler's Dram song, Daytrip to Bangor, could have been written just for us! Alright, a bit of poetic licence with the destination, but the sentiments are spot on – we had a great time, and some of the nicest weather so far this year.

Who would have known that a casual conversation between a couple of members would have turned into an amazing 82 mile adventure for twelve HWBCC members. Well we should have....the fusion of Ed's ideas and experience with Dave's finely tuned organisation and "Admin" skills was always likely to deliver something special – a cycling "Tour de Force" ending with a sea side fish and chip supper.

So it was that, following weeks of intense preparation (thank goodness for modern technology and social media), we set off for the coast, for what would be the longest ride that most of us had undertaken. Actually, for a few of our number this was their second trip to the coast, having had an extremely early start to drop off vans and cars for the return journey...now that only 2 bikes are allowed on each train, logistics had become critical.

Boyed by the prospect of lunch at 42 miles, we made good early progress through Overton, Whitchurch, Stockbridge and Romsey, following and criss-crossing the River Test for some truly wonderful scenery, arriving at The Honest Kitchen in Marchwood at the allotted time. Quite a crowd to descend on a small café all at once, but the wait was helped by being able to sit in the sun, and the quality of the fish finger sandwiches and coffee.

It's always difficult to get going again after a stop (particularly a long one like this), but knowing that we were over half way helped, as did the promise of cake.... for those of you who know HWBCC, this will come as no surprise, and the conversation quickly turned to where we would stop for this next refuelling. Great planning by Ed had given us a range of options....options for cake, what more could we ask for?

The eastern edges of the New Forest including Beaulieu and its lovely river, provided the post lunch back drop to get our legs spinning again, as we headed



onwards towards Lymington and the start of our run along the coast. In the end, Highcliffe and its Cliffhanger Café provided a welcome break for coffee and cake, and some tremendous views of the Isle of Wight and the Needles – what a great spot!

Our adventure was nearing its end, with the sun going down, as we wound our way through Christchurch and approached Southbourne, our final destination. With bikes loaded and clothes changed, tired but very happy we made our way to Ashley's Fish & Chips for the long awaited rendez vous with our motivation – and boy was it good!



Our new membership year clicked over last month and as always we welcome new members, so if you are interested in joining, please go to the membership section on the British Cycling website. Simply type "British Cycling Hatch Warren" into Google. If you are not ready to commit just yet, why not come along for a trial ride. For more information on our scheduled rides, please see our Facebook page - www.facebook.com/HWBcc/. We're a very sociable and friendly club – we just want to see people out on their bikes!

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- 1st June Rugby with Ian from BRFC and doughnuts
- 8th June Lip Sync battle and sausage and chips
- 15th June World Cup night (including showing first 1/2 of Portugal vs Spain!) Father's Day craft and burgers
- 22nd June Temporary tattoos and nail bar with bacon
- 29th June Pool competition and make your own

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Thank you to all in our younger group who took part in the healthy relationships quiz recently. We feel it went really well and enjoyed having some good discussions. If you feel like there are topics we haven't covered in our younger session, but would be helpful to you and your friends, please do let us know. We also had a great movie night with you all and hope you enjoyed the craft.



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- 4th May - Healthy minds and bodies, ways we can look after our mental and physical health**
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If parents have questions about the topics we discuss please feel free to contact us.

Summer Streetz

Vicky met with Ed from Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council and chose some equipment for Summer Streetz. We cannot wait to tell you guys what we have planned!

Please remember if you any session ideas for Streetz we are happy to hear them and will try to make as many happen as possible!

We are also looking for Bank youth staff and volunteers for the summer period, so if you know anyone aged 18+ who wants to spend their summer having fun with young people while providing a safe place for them (looks really good on a CV) please get in contact via Facebook, email or phone the centre. We provide your DBS check and any training.

World Cup

Are you looking forward to Russia 2018? As in previous years we are planning to show any of the matches that are on Friday evenings during the tournament. Our sessions will continue to start and finish at their normal times and for those who are not into football we will have other activities on offer!



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• Up and down the country last month Church of England Parish churches had their Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).
 • One of the 'joys' of being part of the Anglican Church is the need to comply with the legal requirements of the Established Church (do you know that all Church of England law goes through Parliament and is therefore civil law too?).

• It's not any different however large or small the church or parish is. Everyone must have an APCM. It is a chance to look back on the past year and forward to the year and years coming. The meeting is divided into two parts that are enshrined in history and therefore seem, at times, to be a bit unnecessary and 'odd'!
 • The first part, known as a 'Vestry Meeting' is for the election of Churchwardens and Sidespeople. The former are positions appointed by the Bishop and carry legal status. In theory, anyone from the parish can attend a Vestry Meeting – here that could be almost 11,000 people!

• This was my fourth (and final) APCM and in looking back and reviewing what has happened, as a church we have always sought to reach out to the community. Our mission is not to 'bible bash' people into submission – or into church, but to do what we are asked by Jesus to do – to be servants in our community; to love others as ourselves; to take care of those who need care.

• Jesus said, *"This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you. There is no greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."* God sent Jesus as a reminder of his great and unending love for us and we are asked to love one another.

• As a church community, we're a relatively small group of people but we do what we can – we run a group for those who are retired – Golden Years. And we have a monthly community breakfast. I am proud of the welcoming nature of the church community, the living out of the Gospel as we welcome new people on a Sunday to our worshipping community and the hospitality we provide.
 • It is part of the 'Christian presence in every community' that the Church of England provides. We don't ask people to be members before they can 'use' our services – legally we have to baptise those in the parish who ask for it, marry those in the parish

• who want to be married in church and conduct the funerals of those who die in the parish. This, for me is a real privilege – to be involved with people at some of the most important times of their lives; to provide a service that isn't dependent on anything, but a desire to connect with the church at an important time. And with all of this comes a free pastoral care service – a service that can be called upon at any time.

• Four years ago, when I was licensed in Hatch Warren and Beggarwood, I was given the 'cure of souls' by the Bishop of Winchester. It means that I am here to offer pastoral support and care for anyone who lives in the parish. And that is an immense privilege and one that I don't take lightly. As I look back on the work of the church here in this community, I thank God that we've had that privilege, that we've got involved in people's lives and will continue to do so – will continue to do so long after I have gone!

• Our film nights continue. We have a few new dates:

Tuesday 1st May	Wonder
Wednesday 23rd May	Paddington 2
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• All film nights start promptly at 7.30pm. We provide tea and fresh filter coffee, but please feel free to bring something a little stronger if you wish. Film nights are completely free of charge but donations towards running costs are very welcome.

• As many will know, I am leaving Hatch Warren and Beggarwood for pastures new in the summer. My last service will be at 10am on Sunday 12th August and I will be Collated (licensed) as Rector in the parish of Winton, Moordown and Charminster (Bournemouth) on Thursday 6th September at 7.30pm.

• I look forward to seeing you soon.

Michael

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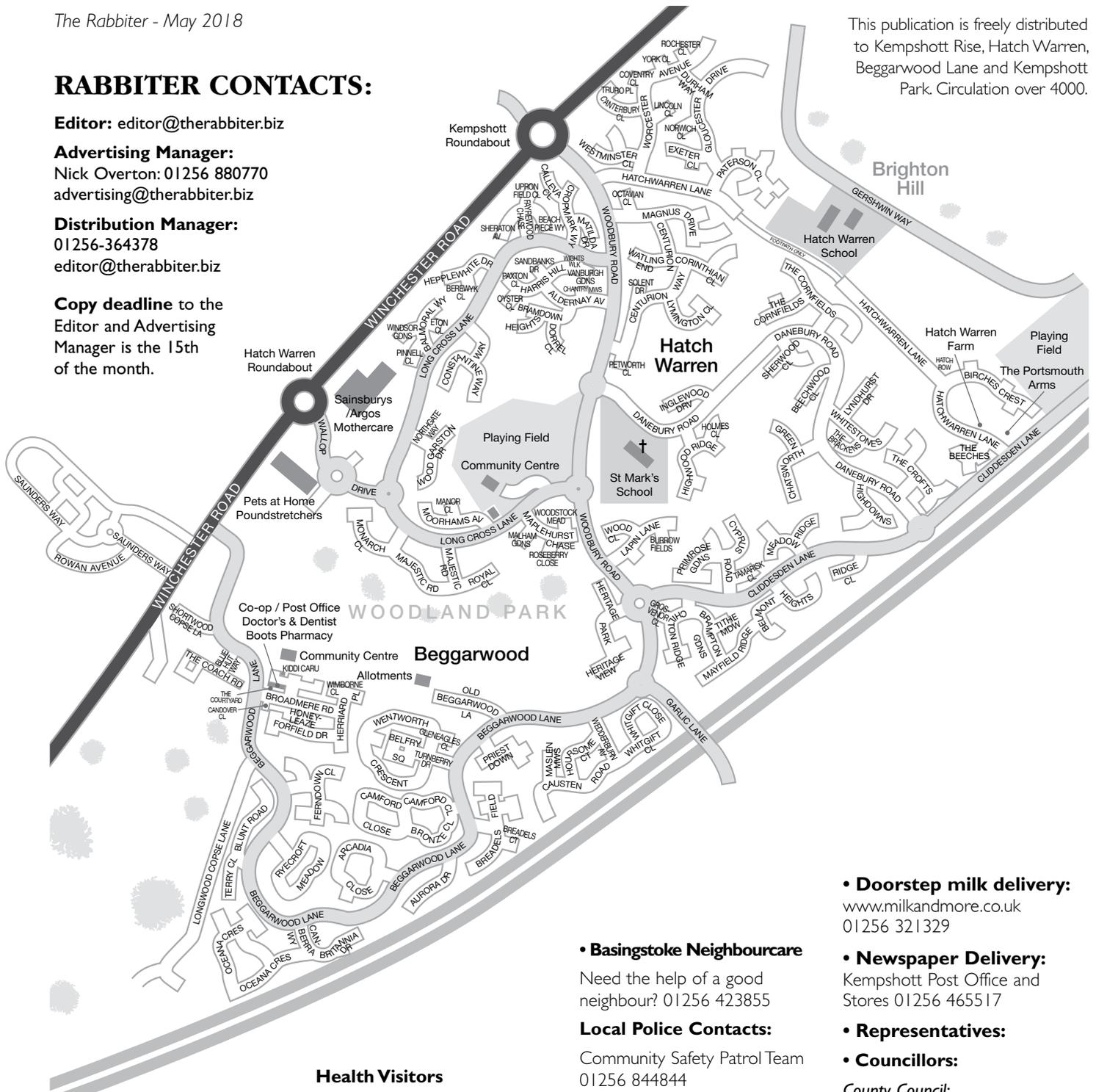
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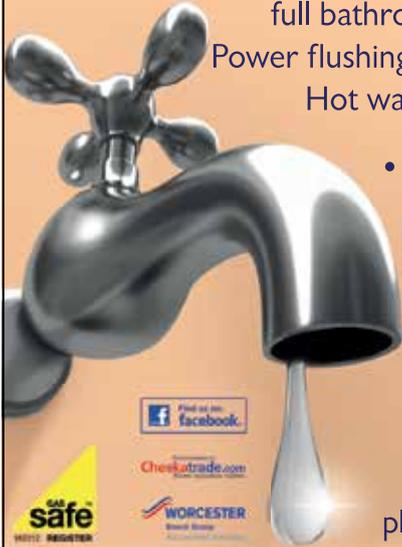
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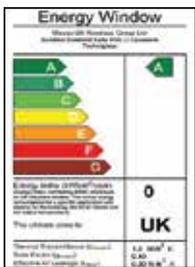
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