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## EDITORIAL

As I sit down to write this the sun is shining and the birds are singing, the garden is a riot of colour with yellow iris, purple geraniums and pink pelargoniums – summer is almost here! It was lovely to see the local community spirit as neighbours got out the bunting and enjoyed a mini street party to celebrate the Royal wedding. The Café in the Park have been celebrating too with a splendid tea of sandwiches, scones and cake served with a glass of prosecco. The café is a great addition to our community and is always busy when I pop in for a cup of their splendid coffee. The soup lunch continues on the first Wednesday of each month and in June there will also be a ploughmans on offer – if you haven't visited the café yet, please make sure you try their wares very soon.

It doesn't seem possible that our W.I. is going to be 25 years old in June – see page 12. The W.I. is often seen as an institution for 'oldies' but it is actually a national treasure and enjoyed by all ages. It is a great way to meet new people and have fun. Congratulations to Terri Reid who retained her seat on Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council. Terri works very hard to represent our community and resolve local issues. Results of the election are below.

Please put Saturday 7 July in your diary now for the Big Litterpick – meet at 10am at the Café in the Park – and let's clean up Hatch Warren and Beggarwood!

The Hatch Warren Community Centre is busy arranging exciting outings and events for all local residents – see page 18 for news and details of the upcoming Cider Festival and Summer festival. The Community Centre AGM is on 13 June and all members are invited to attend. They will provide an update on the work they have been doing during the last year and plans for the future.

The Rabbiter is our local publication so please make sure you let us know your news and events – email [editor@therabbiter.biz](mailto:editor@therabbiter.biz).

### Local Election results

Candidate	Party	Votes
HUSSEY Madeline	Liberal Democrat	235
O'LOUGHLIN Daniel Patrick	Labour Party	358
REID Terri Elizabeth	Conservative Party	<b>1,230 ELECTED</b>

### The Editor

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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](http://www.therabbiter.biz)

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## HATCH WARREN SCOUT GROUP

We've just completed our first month since our expansion, and what a rewarding month it's been!

The Beavers and Cubs attended the St George's Day Parade - St George is the patron saint of Scouting – and we were very proud of them parading alongside the rest of the District.

**BEAVERS\*** Well we've certainly kept our Beavers busy this month. The children were particularly keen on knot making given they got to eat their strawberry lace creations. We held an interactive first-aid evening covering simple first aid and discussing what to do if somebody has an accident. We made activity book marks and book covers towards our book reader badges, which will also see the Beavers reading six books at home, and we made Basingstones – painted and decorated rocks - that we will later hide in the local area for others to find.

We held our annual camp, this year in Tadley, and what fun we had! Everyone got stuck into the activities. We worked on our Explorer and Navigator badges with map making activities and with day and night hikes, made apple crumbles (all Beavers kept all their fingers – we checked!), and took part in team challenges and games. As ever, we are grateful to the large team of volunteers who made the camp possible.

**cubs\*** This month, our green-fingered Cubs decorated pots and planted parsley and spring onion seeds, and have been looking after them at home. We also visited our Bug Hotel, previously built by the Cubs at Beggarwood Park. We left some materials there – including some dog fur - and these were later used by a great tit to nest.

We attended the District Cubs Swim Day at Queen Mary's College; this is where the Cubs have the opportunity to complete tests towards their Staged Activity Swimming Badges.

Our highlight of the month was a joint Pack outing to Middlecopse, where we built shelters and invested the 17 new Cubs who have joined since our expansion to two packs.

**SCOUTS\*** The last month started with our Troop Camp down in the New Forest. We started the weekend with a trip down a high and long zip wire. We then headed out for a hike around the local area, stopping for a picnic lunch.

The Scouts made their own individual meal that was cooked on the campfire, followed by delicious cakes baked in oranges. The evening was quite eventful; we experienced two thunderstorms, the second of which the Scouts (and leaders) will not forget any time soon! The torrential rain forced us into the mess tent and with the storm passing almost directly overhead we saw some of the most incredible lightning!

On Sunday, after a "Survivor's Breakfast", it was time for some action with archery and an adventure course on the agenda. It was a lovely weekend with plenty to remember and talk about afterwards! Since camp, we have welcomed some new members to the troop with a night of introductory games and patrol activities. We've been on a night hike during which we invested the latest Scout who has joined from Cubs.

### Call for Volunteers

We need YOUR help. Rewarding volunteer roles are available in several areas, including fund-raising, admin and helping run the sections. We are also seeking assistance from someone with building experience, who may be able to help us with our scout hall plans.

Please contact Joshua Hensman, Group Scout Leader; [gsl@hws.org.uk](mailto:gsl@hws.org.uk)

## THE PORTSMOUTH ARMS

Our dear reader knows that it isn't always necessary to travel miles to find a good hostelry for pub food when there is the Portsmouth Arms on the doorstep.

Madam and I haven't visited for some time so it was with a bit of questioning on our part that eventually we decided to renew our acquaintance with this impressive looking building that in reality is much younger than it appears. On a small brass plaque on a pillar near the bar it explains that it wasn't completed until 1997. It then, of course, had to be rebuilt after a fire caused considerable damage.

Although it was a sunny day there was a bit of a wind blowing so eating outside was not our choosing although we could not use the dining room on the left of the bar as a funeral wake was shortly expected. As it was getting on for a quarter to two most of the lunch trade had departed so we had virtually an empty bar area to ourselves although others came in later. This is an interesting construction, with the inside of this pub matching the outside olde worlde design. It has large flag stone flooring and many upright wooden pillars apparently supporting the ceiling. Several nooks and crannies, and a raised platform provide room for many tables and chairs. We sat on an old settle which creaked alarmingly.

The menu is a bit different from what you see in most pubs as they have clearly gone slightly up market. There are starters with half a dozen selections from cheesy croquettes through spicy meat balls on toast, which must require a steady hand to bring to the table, to potato skins. What is described as "pub classics" starts with beef short ribs, although they had sold out when I wanted to place our order; coq au vin through to British ham and eggs with the ubiquitous chips. Fish lovers have fish pies, traditional beer battered fish and chips, but interestingly no scampi. There are four types of pies and various burgers.

Madam decided to go for an 8 oz rump steak, medium rare, with garden peas, mushroom, tomato and seasoned chips (£12.75) whereas I, as a second choice having been thwarted with initial selection of beef short ribs, chose lamb tagine. This was Moroccan style braised lamb with spicy couscous, pickled red onion and toasted pitta bread (£12.15). We were both delighted with what arrived at our table and the quality was excellent.

Puddings. Now that is the question – whether to indulge or not. Eventually, and based on the premise that we will not be having much to eat tonight, we both succumbed to temptation. I had a treacle sponge and custard served in a mini frying pan (£5.65) and madam a coffee and walnut panna cotta presented in a small Kilner jar (£5.65). Very enjoyable.

As we had pint of lager and a large diet tonic water we did not need a coffee, although quite a tempting selection was on offer. All in all it cost over £40 for our lunch but we felt it was good value having enjoyed it so much. We could see two dog water bowls so they encourage pets and families to come in. A nice touch.



## WHAT'S ON – JUNE

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

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

### June Events

- 7 June – 8 July The Grange Festival
- 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
- 16 June The Producers, 8pm Basingstoke Blues Club
- 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

### Future Events

- 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
- 7 July Basingstoke Concert Band 6pm  
Sherfield-on-Loddon Village Hall
- 14 July Summer Festival, 12-4pm  
Hatch Warren Community Centre
- 8 September Beer Festival, Hatch Warren Community Centre
- 31 October Halloween
- 3 November Fireworks Spectacular,  
Hatch Warren Community Centre
- 7 November Dwali
- 22 November Thanksgiving in USA
- 24 November Trip to Bluewater – book at  
Hatch Warren Community Centre
- 25 November Christmas Craft Fayre,  
Hatch Warren Community Centre
- 1 December Trip to Bath Christmas Market – book at  
Hatch Warren Community Centre
- 20 December Carols & Mulled Wine,  
Community Café in the park

### Hampshire Farmers Markets

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

## BASINGSTOKE DISABILITY CONNEXIONS

Monthly get-togethers for anyone affected by any type of disability. All welcome, no need to book. Call in for a chat and enjoy a free cup. Meet new people and talk about the issues that are important to you.

### Sessions:

First Tuesday monthly from 12.30pm to 2.30pm  
Discovery Centre (public library in Festival Place)

### Guest speaker topics:

**5th June:** Healthwatch representing your views on health and social care, and Citizens Advice service information

**3rd July:** Mindfulness for wellbeing workshop

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Back from a successful tour to Guernsey, the Basingstoke Concert Band will entertain you with music from around the world – from Canada with Maple Leaf Rag to Africa with 'Out of Africa' and to Brazil with 'Copacabana' to name but a few

### 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 7.00 – 8.30pm Aldworth Science College

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

**Old Down & Beggarwood Wildlife Group**,  
[www.olddownandbeggarwood.org.uk](http://www.olddownandbeggarwood.org.uk) email: [odandbwd@gmail.com](mailto:odandbwd@gmail.com)

**Hatch Warren Nature Group**,  
contact Paul Beevers, [hatch.nature@gmail.com](mailto:hatch.nature@gmail.com)

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

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

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

## THE BASINGSTOKE LADIES CHOIR

The Basingstoke Ladies Choir is an outstanding choir who **"JUST LOVE TO SING"**. Do you love to sing? Do you love music of all genres? If so why don't you come along and join us? The Basingstoke Ladies Choir rehearses every Monday evening. For further information, visit our website at [www.basingstokeladieschoir.co.uk](http://www.basingstokeladieschoir.co.uk). Alternatively, contact: Alwyn Brenchley [alwynb46@talktalk.net](mailto:alwynb46@talktalk.net) (01256 781194) or Pam Verdon [verdons@verdonet.org.uk](mailto:verdons@verdonet.org.uk) (01256 702905).



Apart from the well documented health benefits of singing, our choir participates in concerts both home and away and overseas! We are very friendly, welcoming and inclusive and enjoy a range of social events specifically organised for our members. We also love raising money for charity.

Under the direction of our new musical director, Rob Elliot, we are learning a new and varied repertoire so NOW is the time to join. Our last concert in April "A Celebration of Life and Love" in memory of loved ones, raised over £900 for St. Michael's Hospice. The informal cabaret style table arrangement was well received by our guests, including the Mayor and Mayoress of Basingstoke. The venue was packed to the rafters. At the end of the concert the hall was buzzing, with an ovation plus many comments of praise. If you would like to be part of this exciting, progressive choir.

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## KEMPSHOTT CONSERVATION GROUP

### Down Grange delay, but better late than never

After a number of delays and false starts, mainly due to the wet weather in March and early April, grass cutting in strips on Down Grange Meadow finally got underway.

To avoid the ground looking rather bare for a long period over the winter months, this is the second year that grass has been left uncut until the spring. A spring cut when the grass will soon be growing again results in a much quicker recovery and, as the grass has died back over winter, the amount of cut grass to be processed is very much reduced.

The same technique as last year was used with uncut strips being left for the benefit of the many field voles and other vertebrates that populate the area.

### Catch us if you can.....

We have started doing regular "pitfall" trapping to see what invertebrates inhabit our conservation sites. This involves burying a number of small containers, typically the size of a vending machine cup, with the lip of the container at ground level to prevent anything that falls in from climbing out. The containers are then covered to stop vertebrates, such as mice and voles, from falling in.

The containers have a small amount of dilute monopropylene glycol, a safe version of car anti-freeze. This solution quickly kills and preserves the invertebrates, avoiding the real risk of a carnivore, probably a spider, from making a meal of the captured specimens. The traps are left out for 24-36 hours before checking, emptying and identifying the contents.

Our start at the end of April was during the coldest spell for some time. The miserable weather limited the number and variety of "victims" that we caught. Our main interest is in insects, but we caught precious few of these. Our specimens were mainly made up of slugs, woodlice, millipedes, spiders and the odd ant. We also had a few specimens, which could only be classified as "what on earth is that". We think some of these tiny creatures, about 1-2mm long, were Springtails or Collembola. These are not true insects, but they live in the soil in huge numbers. They are very difficult to identify and an ecologist colleague of ours said an electron microscope is needed to identify them down to species level. He wished us the best of luck. A project for the future, perhaps?

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

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The basic rule is that the form (which may be contractually or statutorily prescribed), the content (such as the recipient(s) and dates in the notice), the method of service and the required time for service of a notice must all be correct in order

for a notice to be valid. If there are any defects in the way in which the notice is prepared or served, it cannot automatically be relied upon and may be challenged by the recipient.

The rules are slightly different for every kind of notice and there is a lot to think about, in addition to any conditions that may be required to be satisfied prior to, upon or after service of a notice. As a consequence, we suggest that you should seek legal advice at an early stage if contemplating giving any notice to ensure that you are able to satisfy all conditions, as well to ensure that any notice served is valid. We would also recommend seeking legal advice should you wish to challenge the validity of a notice that you receive.

For further information please contact Bryony Dew, Solicitor on 01256 305553 or email [bryony.dew@lambbrooks.com](mailto:bryony.dew@lambbrooks.com)



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## COUNCILLOR UPDATE

### MOTORWAY SERVICE AREA:

As of now (mid May) there is still no indication of when we can expect a full planning application for the proposed motorway service area close to Hatch Warren and Beggarwood. A parliamentary petition against both this proposal and the one at Junction six was handed in last month, the petition attracted around 3000 signatures, the majority of which were from this area. As soon as any application is lodged, it is really important for everyone opposing it to register comments against. I will keep updating here and in the Gazette.

### PLANNING:

At time of writing Officers at BDBC were expecting the planning application for the development of the Island Site at Beggarwood, which includes proposals for a pub/restaurant as well as older persons housing and care facility, to go to the Council's Development Control Committee for a decision either late May or more probably in June.

Proposals and details are also expected soon for Hounsome Fields, which already has outline planning permission. The development is expected to be around 750

houses plus a primary school, community centre and nursery as well as provision for two gypsy and traveller caravan pitches.

It is believed that the members at the Golf Club, which is also slated for development, are still considering their options following the decision not to move the club to Test Valley, but there is no suggestion that they are likely to change their decision to sell the land for development.

### ROADS:

Hampshire County Council are still working up proposals for changes to the Brighton Hill roundabout as part of the A30 corridor improvement scheme. I will pass on any further details as soon as I have them.

### DIGESTER:

Tamar, the previous operators of the Anaerobic Digester, have sold the business on to Biogen, who have acquired all five of Tamar's facilities. Biogen are now one of the largest operators of AD plants and there is a new management structure in place at the digester. At the time of writing we were about to have a meeting of the Digester Liaison Panel so I will update everyone next time if there is anything new to report.

**Cllr Terri Reid**

## HATCH WARREN BEGGARWOOD CYCLING CLUB



With an air of great excitement and a certain amount of trepidation, twenty brave HWBCC members set out for Belgium this April, for a glorious weekend away. After last year's successful completion of the Flanders course, this year we were taking on the infamous 'Old Lady' one of the hardest and oldest Sportives in Europe.

Most people took on the 97 mile route, and a few the shorter distance. All riders deserve a huge amount of respect and of course the fabulous medal we all received at the end.

If you'd like to join the club, our membership year runs from April to April but you can join at any time – its only £15! 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/](http://www.facebook.com/HWBcc/)

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### Sainsbury's Select

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working days when ordering to avoid disappointment.

### Charity of the Year News

As our partnership with YPI Counselling nears an end, we are still awaiting details of selection for our new charity of the year. If your charity would like to apply for this popular association with the store, please drop a brief outline letter to the Customer Services Desk.

As soon as we are in receipt of the details surrounding selection, we'll let you know via our noticeboard so, keep your eyes peeled.

### Community Soup Lunch at Beggarwood Café

We're proud to have supported the launch of this popular initiative during March, April & May. Together with support for the recent quiz night, we're delighted to see our support help to make the new centre a great success.

### Sainsbury's Local Hero Scheme

The latest colleague to be recognised via this scheme is Shelley Preston who volunteers with Pathfinder Dogs.

We're also supporting an exciting initiative across the Basingstoke & Deane Borough called, Basingstoke Time Bank. We'll have more news about this scheme during the summer but, in the meantime, Jason Elton has helped to form this group resulting in £200 being donated from the Local Hero Scheme.

### Basingstoke Young Carers

Jan & Derek visited the store recently to purchase three laptops with proceeds received from the Mayor of Basingstoke Community Chest Grant Scheme. We were delighted to add to the grant, together with generous offer from our friends at Argos. This has enabled the Young Carers to launch a homework club for the children.



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## **PROBUS HEARS ABOUT LIFE AS AN APPRENTICE**

“Learn a trade, son” was the advice Probuss Club member David Wickens received from his father. Like many about to leave school in the Swinging Sixties, he had no clear idea of what to do with the rest of his life. Besides, these were exciting times and there were many distractions.

All around could be seen the Beatles, Elvis Presley, the death of Marilyn Monroe, the assassination of President Kennedy, James Bond films, Twiggy with miniskirts and men with long hair and flared trousers not forgetting England winning the World Cup. But what to do?

An uncle showed him how with the right instruments it was possible to simultaneously test fifty points of a jet engine fan blade. An interest was sparked and the idea of getting an apprenticeship in engineering was forming.

Apprentices have been around for thousands of years as a way of a master craftsmen passing on his secret arts and skills to the next generation. The young person was “indentured” to the master for many years with onerous conditions, any failure of which could have significant repercussions.

Needless to say the restrictions placed on indentured apprentices of yesteryear of not visiting playhouses and taverns, gambling, committing fornication or marrying did not apply to the speaker during his five years with day release at technical college and night school. A company in the Cambridge Instrument group was the benefactor of the speaker's ambitions having told the managing director at interview, that his job looked attractive.

Like apprentices in all trades he was subject to the usual initiations by the “timed served” tradesmen. Sending him for a tin of elbow grease or a bag of bubbles for the spirit levels, having his tools welded to the bench or having parts of his anatomy painted with marking blue dye was all to be endured. The only consolation was that he could look forward to applying the same rituals to the next incoming apprentice.

To enhance his appreciation of how the instruments made by his company were used in the wide world visits were arranged to some customers. The David Brown factory in Newport Pagnell, was home of Aston Martin and Lagonda, the super cars of the 60s. Here he heard about the Aston Martin DB5 used by James Bond in the film



*Dr Nick Waring Probuss President with speaker and Apprentice of the Year, David Wickens*

Goldfinger in 1964 when six body shells were needed for various scenes.

The Royal Small Arms factory in London had produced swords, muskets and from 1895 onwards the famous Lea Enfield rifle which was greatly admired for the interchange ability of parts, its firing range and the competitive cost due to mass production.

The first large scale plant David visited as part of his apprenticeship was to the Dungeness “A” Nuclear Power station. This was a Magnox reactor with a capacity of 500 MW which could power 10% of Britain's electrical needs.

Stewarts & Lloyd's steel works at Corby was almost self sufficient from open cast mining of the iron ore using huge excavators with buckets that could carry 11 cubic metres of ore transported to the blast furnaces for ingot production and eventual tube manufacture.

A visit to Heathrow airport to tour the BOAC Pilot Training School allowed him to try out the Boeing 747 – 136 Flight Simulator and visit the hangers to watch aircraft being serviced using instruments David was training to make.

David Wickens was clearly good at his job, achieving the award of apprentice of the year. To demonstrate some of the skills learned in the early part of his apprenticeship he brought along some of the hand tools he had made in those years

Further experiences were developed in Work Study and Production Engineering, then in the Drawing Office where draughtsmen used pencil and paper well before the advent of CAD technology and eventually into Sales and Marketing. This latter area held him for the rest of his career as he progressed to become Export Manager visiting many manufacturing plants throughout the World.

And it all started the day he saw a fan blade being tested.

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## **HATCH WARREN W.I. OUTING TO WINDSOR**

Hatch Warren W.I. held their AGM on Thursday 3rd May. Both President and Secretary Reports were given as we look back on a very successful year including welcoming many new members. We have enjoyed outings organised by our new social committee and informative talks from our speakers.

Our President attended on our behalf the centenary dinner for Oakley and Deane W.I. Our new craft afternoon has seen members trying new crafts and they have been busy making decorations for our forthcoming big celebration of 25 years in June of the start of Hatch Warren W.I.

On the hottest day so far this year seven members went on an outing to visit Windsor, where they enjoyed lunch and then a visit to the Castle, enjoying St. George's Chapel where they could imagine being a guest at the Royal Wedding. They enjoyed the doll's house which is on a very large scale and housed in a climatically sealed cabinet. In addition there was a wonderful display of dolls which had been gifted by France to the Queen and Princess Margaret when they were children.



May is a busy month with members joining the W.I. walk in the New Forest and the first round of the W.I. annual quiz.

Our next meeting will be held on June 7th at Hatch Warren Community Centre at 8 p.m. when we will welcome guests from other W.I.s in our group to our 25th birthday party, where members will sparkle in silver and dance to a Jazz Band. Many of our members have been with us for twenty five years so we say congratulations to everyone and cheers to the next twenty five years. For more information please contact our President Jane on 07798 842487 if you also would like to become prospective member.



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In 2011 Ms Wyatt brought a financial claim against her former husband – 19 years after the Decree Absolute was granted. At the time of the divorce both had little money and Ms Wyatt continued to live off a low income while caring for their son.

There is a common misconception that when a marriage ends the Decree Absolute brings to a close the financial relationship between a couple. However, this is not the case as in the UK there is no statutory time limit to bring an application

for a financial settlement for a divorce.

The case of Wyatt v Vince shows the potential implications of not pursuing a clean financial break at the time of divorce.

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## HATCH WARREN UNDER FIVES PRESCHOOL



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May was a busy time in preschool, we held a sponsored obstacle course for the children who were all amazing. They were cheered on brilliantly by lots of parents and raised lots of money to buy indoor and outdoor tents to upgrade our “cosy corners”. We also had visits from Drama Tots who spent the afternoon on an adventure with the children, encouraging them to use music and play and lots of imagination. Laura the veterinary nurse joined us in preschool with Dudley the Dog, the children loved looking after Dudley and making him feel better. And we had a great Royal Wedding themed week making flags, invitations, crowns and bunting. The children also decorated biscuits and made sandwiches to have at their own royal tea party. This month we also celebrate Father's Day with doughnuts and bacon sandwiches for all the Daddies that join us to play in preschool.

In staff news, we are delighted to announce the appointment of Lisa Knapp as our Deputy. Lisa has been with us for 13 years and now that her children are all grown up she felt ready to take on more responsibility within the preschool.

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

## CANDOVER VALLEY PRESCHOOL

The Summer term is upon us and we are enjoying plenty of outdoors learning. The children and their parents/carers enjoyed a morning at the local kitchen gardens,

planting sunflowers, potatoes and a vegetable treasure hunt. At pre-school the children have been working hard weeding the veg patch and planting carrots and onions. The children love making potions in the garden with coloured water and natural resources from the garden as well as using the “mud kitchen” at pre-school which is an area of soil situated under a shady tree and with pots and pans to use. Providing children with the “mud kitchen” gives them opportunities to work alone or work with friends, discuss how to make their mud and who has which saucepan. An open-ended activity such as this offers children to make choices, to follow their own ideas and how to work successfully with others as well as involving lots of fantastic communication and maths.

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

I hope you enjoy the Summer days as much as we do at CVP. 01256-389008

## CUCKOO MEADOW PRESCHOOL

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

This half term the children have been looking at people who help us. They received a visit from the local police team and all had a chance to sit inside the van, try on the policeman's helmet and hear the sirens wailing. Fiona, Jo and the team were momentarily locked in the holding cell in the back of the van but soon released without charge! The team spent time with children after the visit talking about road safety and made traffic light sandwiches - yummy. The children also had a great visit from a local physiotherapist and learnt all about the bones in our body. This led to some

very creative art work using cotton buds to represent the bones in our hand. Other visitors included a doctor, vet and another visit from the very popular travelling owls. What a busy few weeks! Thank you to all those who visited and gave up their time to give the children such unique experiences.

As the end of term approaches, the leavers party date has now been set. Before that there will be a special lunch in celebration of the Royal Wedding. Expect crowns and tiaras galore!

Important dates: 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. Please spread the word. 01256 398172

## DANDELIONS PRESCHOOL

On Saturday May 12th we held our Fun Day! This was themed around the royal wedding and we all had a wonderful time! The children and their families carried out a treasure hunt, tried their luck on the various tombolas and lucky dip stalls. Good fun was had by all and the proceeds from the day will be used for new resources in our outside areas for both groups.

We have been making the most of the good weather and the children have been enjoying searching for mini beasts and playing in the mud kitchen. We are hoping the good weather stays for our Sports Day on the 23rd and 24th. The children will take part in several races and we are even planning one for the parents if they would like to take part!

Our Quiz night is taking place on Friday 8th June from 7.30 at St Mark's Primary School. Tickets are available from Dandelion's priced at £5.00 (Teams of 6). We will be holding a raffle during the evening!! Bring your own refreshments!!

It's a busy time for us preparing for all of our new starters in September. We are looking forward to welcoming the new parents at our Parents Evening on the 3rd July.

Snap Dragons still have spaces available! If your child was born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2016 do please get in touch so you can let us know which sessions would suit you. You can do this by calling Jane on 01256 818857 or e-mailing info@dandelions-preschool.org.uk

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You are invited to attend a short meeting to support the trustees of HWBCA. The charity (1161117) exists to provide, run and manage Hatch Warren and Beggarwood Community Centres and to provide social and educational facilities to improve the conditions of life for the residents of the areas defined by the boundary of the postal codes RG22 and RG23. An update of our achievements over the past year and our plans for the future of HWBCA will be reviewed. Membership is available on the evening.

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Huge thanks to everyone that attended the very first quiz night at Beggarwood Community Centre on 11th May - fundraising has now started to improve the outdoor space at the centre.

Due to popular demand we will be holding another quiz night on Friday 6th July from 7.00pm .... to book your quiz team of 4 or 6 members please email [office@hatchwarren.org](mailto:office@hatchwarren.org) £5 per team member



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- 22nd June Temporary tattoos and nail bar with bacon sandwiches
- 29th June Pool competition and make your own bandanas with banana and chocolate toasties
- 6th July Ian from BRFC rugby session, bingo and fruit kebabs
- 13th July Movie quiz night and waffles
- 20th July Space hopper race, Just Dance competition and chicken wraps
- 24th July **START OF SUMMER STREETZ MORE INFO COMING SOON!!**

**FREE ENTRY FOR ALL YOUNG PEOPLE**

So the sun is making an appearance more and more and the nights are longer meaning we can have more outdoor sessions on Friday evenings, which we love as much as our young people do!

We have been enjoying rugby and rounders, as well as chalk art and a pamper nail bar. We love how our young people are willing to try anything we come up with ... the boys even got their nails done!

Lots of our young people have been doing SATs and exams and we hope they are going well for you all. Do not forget we are happy to listen if you have any worries or stress about them, or anything else ☺



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- 6th July - Smoking; why is it bad?**

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

Natural Basingstoke

We had 2 volunteers from Natural Basingstoke come along with Emily (a BDBC youth worker) recently to show our young people some wildlife related activities, which we all really enjoyed. They are looking to run a project going forward with a group of our young people that will involve pond dipping/bat walks/bug hunts and much more. They would like the young people to post/vlog about their findings.

This is a great opportunity for any budding David Attenborough's out there - if any young people would be interested in this please get in touch with Vicky (our Youth Manager) ASAP.

**We have great young people..**

Huge thanks to Rhys, George and Gracie who gave up their evening to give ideas and feedback on the Basingstoke and Deane Summer Streetz programme. They joined young people from other youth clubs based all over Basingstoke in a lively session and helped shape how the programme will run this summer...well done guys!!



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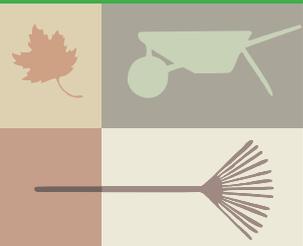
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## ••••• • **SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING**

- The weather seems to have brightened up in recent weeks and hopefully, by the time this edition of the Rabbiter is published we'll be enjoying some summer!
- There will be a good number of young people in the midst of exams and trying to get through the month, ready to breathe a sigh of relief when they're over. Teachers will then anxiously await the results as so much in this day and age depends on how pupils perform under pressure – years of teaching coming down to a couple of hours under very precise circumstances. And then there is the preparing for a new intake and for everything to begin again.
- When I was at school I had a rough time. I hated it and didn't work towards my exams, thinking that shutting myself in my room with books open on a desk would somehow magically shift the information into my head. I'm not a natural academic and still, to this day, find study and memorising things challenging. I'd like to think that if I was able to have coursework contribute to my overall result I would have done a little better – I'm not so sure!
- We place so much pressure on a moment in time. The moment that will decide someone's future potentially. Towards the end of May Christians all over the world celebrated the feast of Pentecost – the moment when the Holy Spirit descended upon the followers of Jesus gathered and gave them the strength and power to go and proclaim the Good New of Jesus. If only revising and exams were that easy!
- Leading up to Pentecost, in the time between Ascension Day and Pentecost there was the national initiative of 'The Kingdom Come' where the church across the country (not just the Church of England but many churches) encouraged people to pray – to pray those first words of the Lord's Prayer 'Thy Kingdom come', acknowledging that much can and could be achieved through prayer.
- I'm preparing a number of children for baptism at the moment and a question I often ask them is 'what is prayer?' It's not a question to catch anyone out but one just to get them thinking.
- We often think of prayer as something quite formal, but it needn't

be. I introduce the thought that many of us have a close or best friend, or number of friends that we would share our thoughts with, share our news and challenges with – and that is how prayer should be; sharing our thoughts, challenges, happiness with God. In prayer we ask for help and guidance on anything. God wants to be that friend, that best friend we can confide in; who is there when we have something to celebrate but also there to guide us during challenging times – we only need to ask.

So, as our young people sit in the midst of their exams perhaps not knowing what the future may bring, we pray for God to be with them, to guide them, to lead them and to help them at this time and to help show them the way as well as reassuring them that whatever the results may be our young people are all made in the image of God and are loved by Him.

And for our teachers and all who work in our educational establishments, we thank God for their hard work and dedication and all they do to guide our young people through this stage of their lives. THANK YOU!

As always, there is lots going on at Immanuel – check out our Facebook page for more details ([facebook.com/immanuelHWB](https://facebook.com/immanuelHWB)). On Sunday 17th June we have Bishop David with us at 6.30pm Confirming members of the Immanuel community and on Tuesday 19th June we are showing 'The Darkest Hour' at 7.30pm as part of our Film Nights.

Later in the summer, my last Sunday here in Hatch Warren and Beggarwood is on 12th August. There will be a service at 10am followed by a barbecue to which all are very welcome from 12noon. It would be helpful if we knew people were coming – let us know via our Facebook page or by emailing: [immanuelchurchhwb@gmail.com](mailto:immanuelchurchhwb@gmail.com). I'd love to see you there! I will be licensed as Rector of Winton, Moordown and Charminster in Bournemouth on Tuesday 4th September at 7.30pm.

*Michael*

**Fr. Michael**

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## ••••• • **HOWARD PARK BOWLING CLUB**

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From starting with just 15 members the club quickly established itself and in 1970 became a member of the Basingstoke league.

The club quickly grew, both in playing numbers and facilities. A maximum of 120 players was soon achieved and a prefabricated clubhouse was erected by the members in 1978. This was great

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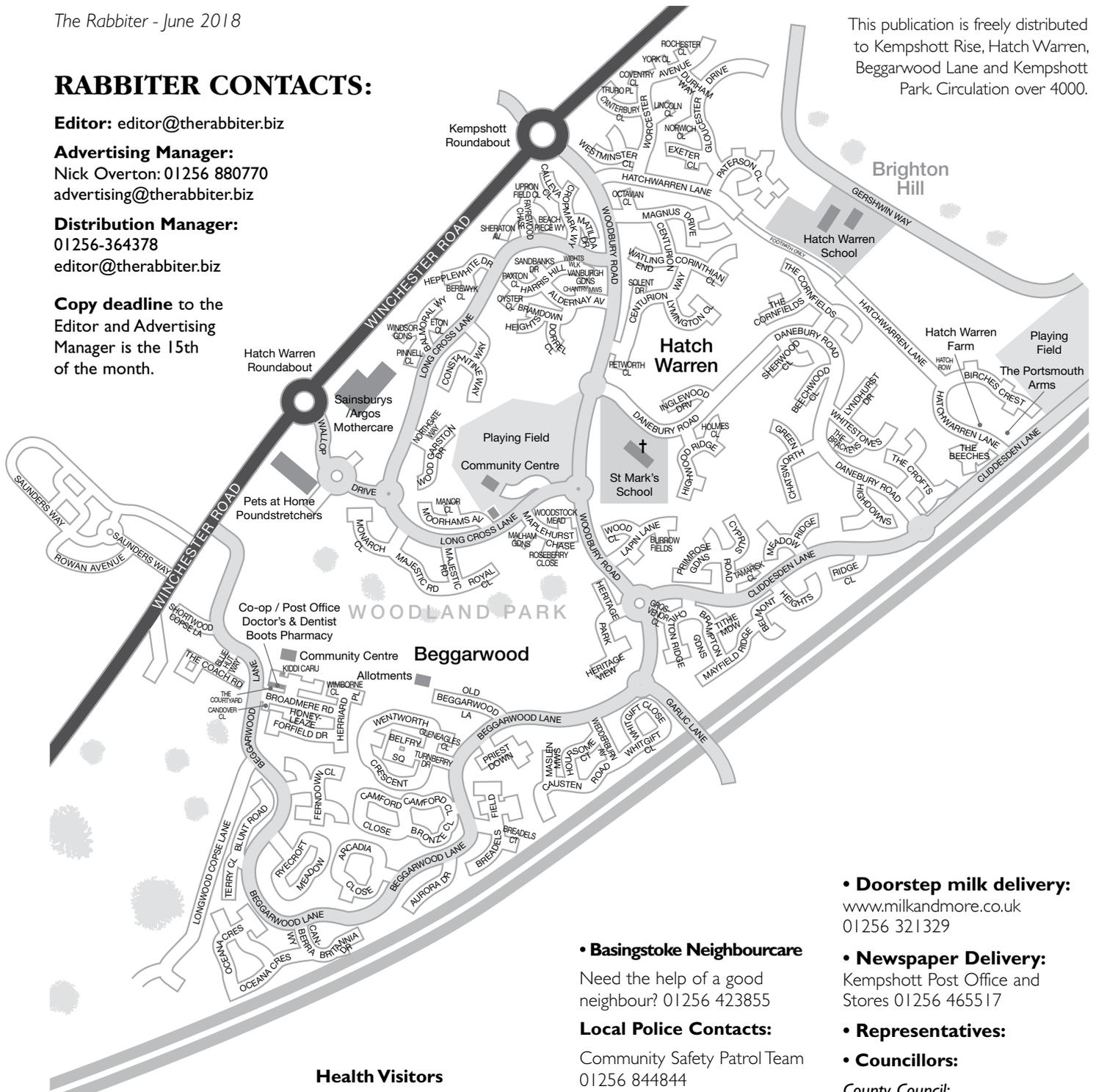
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The next meeting is on 6th June which is our Open Meeting when there will be a buffet and anyone is welcome to come and join us. The speaker will be Paul Whittle on Traveller's Tales. The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at Brookvale 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)

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## HATCH WARREN RUNNERS

The ultimate highlight for most runners is running the Virgin London Marathon. This is a special event in the Hatchie calendar, as not only do our members run for the club, they also run for a number of different charities, often close to their heart, this year was no exception. Eighteen Hatchies ran for charities including Phab Kids, Autism Hampshire, Children with Cancer and St Johns Ambulance. Losing out in the official ballot, three Hatchies won a club ballot place. All 18 runners finished in some amazing times considering the heat during the hottest London Marathon on record, so congratulations go out to them all. As a special treat this year all runners were given a special invitation (organised by another club runner) to be photographed outside Number 10 Downing Street; a unique opportunity. As usual the HWR Cheer Squad were at mile 14/21 giving their club mates the encouragement that was definitely needed on such a hot and sticky day, so well done to them as well.

Not forgetting the Southampton Half Marathon on the same day, 28 of our



club runners ran. Again some amazing times considering the weather, so well done to everyone that ran.

The rescheduled Fleet Half Marathon took place on 29 April; the club had 30 runners pounding the pavements this day. A lot of official number swaps had taken place as those in the original race could no longer make it. Likewise, those who were not originally able to make the race were now able to, so good news all round. Congratulations to all 30 that completed the race in some fabulous times.

Hatchie tourism this month has seen runners in Dublin, Majorca and Greece. Rory and Michelle Horseman were on honeymoon in Greece and even found time to get the odd run in - congratulations from all at the club on your marriage.



On 29 April Kris Garratt and Darrel May ran the Blenheim 7k in the beautiful grounds of Blenheim Palace. Huge congratulations to Darrel who came first out of 1828 runners, in an amazing time of 26.56. Well done also to Kris who finished in 380th position with a time of 43.59.

Massive congratulations must go to Alex Lee who completed the Thames Path 100. The course was 100 miles starting in Richmond and finishing in Oxford, following the route of the Thames. Alex did amazingly well and completed the 100 miles (quite a number didn't finish) in 25 hours and 24 minutes so well done Alex!

Finally, Phil Gordon and Lorna Martin took part in a 106k run, walk or jog, along the Isle of Wight Coastal Path on 5/6 May. They camped on the Saturday night, which was roughly half way.

Don't forget our own Farleigh Wallop Trail Race on Sunday 23 September. Places are selling fast - secure your place at [www.fullonsport.com](http://www.fullonsport.com).

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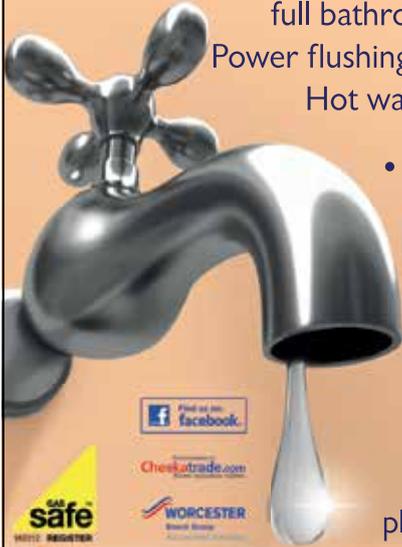
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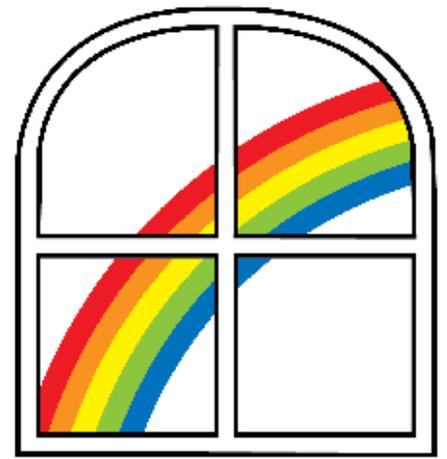


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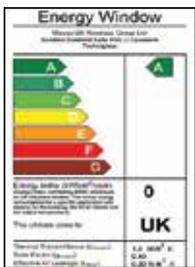
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