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EDITORIAL

September is always a month of new beginnings. Children starting school, moving into a new year group, changing school, starting university or college or maybe a new job. With the summer holidays over, the life of parents changes now their children are back at school. Gardeners are busy planning the planting of bulbs and studying seed catalogues. In the kitchen jams and chutney are being made to last into the winter; freezers are bulging with crops of fruit and vegetables. Although it is still four months before Christmas, shops are beginning to stock up on cards and the office party is being planned. As summer draws to a close, it is a good time to enjoy the warm days. Perhaps take a walk across Beggarwood Park to enjoy the view, a coffee and cake at the Café in the Park.

The Rabbiter are pleased to welcome a report from SWAG to the pages of the Rabbiter to provide an update on local planning issues.

Brighton Hill roundabout is often congested and Hampshire County Council would like to your views on plans to tackle this issue. A public consultation is being held from 3 September to 1 October. You can comment online from 3 September: go to www.hants.gov.uk/transportsschemes and search for 'Brighton Hill Roundabout' or visit one of four public exhibitions: Tues 4 Sept, 14.00 - 20.00 - Camrose football ground, Weds 5 Sept, 11.00 - 17.30 - Church of Christ the King, Brighton Hill, Thurs 6 Sept, 14.00 - 20.30 - The Warren, Hatch Warren Community Centre, Tues 11 Sept, 14.00 - 20.00 - Camrose football ground.

It doesn't seem possible that our local Sainsbury's will have been open for 30 years at the end of November. There are plans to celebrate this event – see page 10 for more information.

Hatch Warren Community Centre continues to provide heart to our community. This year they will again be hosting the best firework display in the area – buy your tickets now to ensure you are not disappointed – see page 18 for more details. They are also hosting the annual Beer Festival on 8 September – and prosecco will also be available!!

Do you have a couple of hours a week when you could visit someone with chronic or life limiting illness? See the article on page 21 on how you could become a 'befriender'.

The Editor

We need helpers to distribute the Rabbiter. This takes about half an hour a month. Sadly we can't offer any financial reward save the satisfaction of helping our community. The following rounds need a deliverer:

1. Sherwood Close 2. Rycroft Meadow 3. Causton Road



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WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE

Hello, my name is Charlotte, and I am writing on behalf of Denali fund raising group. We are all members of Scouts across Basingstoke and have been selected to attend the 24th World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia next year. There are 5 of us, of which I am the youngest, and we are very lucky to have been selected out of 300 other eligible scouts in Hampshire to be part of one of 4 units to represent the UK and Hampshire. We are all in different units – I am part of the Hampshire Spitties.

For those of you not knowledgeable on all things Scouts, the World Scout Jamboree is a huge international camp and an amazing scouting experience. We will get to participate in the jamboree as 1 of 43,000 scouts and 2,000 leaders from more than 200 countries, but also in a smaller 'Hosted Homes' (HoHo) experience in either America or Canada, designed especially for the UK contingent. The Jamboree will take place for 3-4 weeks in July and August 2019.

Fun Fact: There will be a Scout representing every country, apart from those engaged in conflict, such as Afghanistan and North Korea.

The jamboree will have many activities including high adrenaline adventurous stuff like zip wires and white water rafting but it is also a chance to make friends with other scouts around the world and share our scouting experiences. There will also be aircraft fly overs – which will be a novel experience. The activities will be based on the theme 'Unlock a new world'.

The entire jamboree will be about 2/3 the size of Basingstoke, and will function like a town, with buses to transport people long distances, as well as shops and smaller villages (or subcamps). It is being held in The Summit Betchel Mountain Reserve, in West Virginia, which has already held a jamboree for the Boy Scouts Of America.

This is going to be a huge adventure for us all, from the first minute of our selection camp, to saying goodbye to everyone in almost a year's time, and hopefully it will stretch far, far into our futures.

Each of us needs to raise £3,790 and are working hard together and alone to achieve this.

We have arranged a Bunting's Sausage Sizzle on the 27th August and will be back there on the 5th January. We would really appreciate it if you came along to buy a sausage or a cold drink, or just to meet the 5 of us.

As a challenge, some of us are hiking the 21 mile, 21 bridge walk in London in early September and are hoping to raise funds through sponsorship. All donations, big or small, will be gratefully accepted!

Thank you for all your support in the past, present and future!

If you'd like to donate, our fundraising page can be found here:

<http://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/denali>



Alex, Charlotte, Haydn, Kate & Oceiah (Denali WSJ Fundraising group)

OAKLEY CAMERA CLUB

Oakley Camera Club (previously NHPS) welcomes all those interested in Photography to their Open Evening on Monday 10th September. New members from all age groups, are always welcome at any of our meetings, whether beginners or experienced photographers. Our programme for the coming

SWAG SNIPPETS

SWAG (South West Action Group) is a voluntary group with almost 700 registered supporters. Our mission is to "Inform and Influence" on major planning issues important to the residents of the south western part of Basingstoke and the adjoining villages.

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Here is a brief look at the latest on a selection of the more important planning issues that we know about. To comment on any planning application go to www.basingstoke.gov.uk and click on Find a Planning Application.

If you would like to join SWAG email southwestactiongroup@gmail.com

You've heard of ice cream wars. Well, we may be getting MSA wars!

The latest we know concerning a possible **Motorway Service Area** near Basingstoke is that in respect of the application by Moto for an offline MSA at Junction 6 the applicant is still in discussions with Highways England (BDBC planning reference 17/034877/FUL).

Still no sign of a formal application from Applegreen for an alternative Basingstoke online MSA adjacent to Hatch Warren. But Applegreen, a major operator of petrol stations in Ireland with an expanding footprint in the UK and North America, may have had other plans in the last few months. It has been reported that Applegreen has purchased 55% of Welcome Break making it, at a stroke, one of the biggest UK MSA operators. Fleet MSA is run by Welcome Break while Winchester is Moto. What a tangled web!

A planning appeal has been lodged for a major site of 40 dwellings in **Cliddesden** (BDBC planning reference 16/04690/FUL). You can read all the grounds for appeal on the website but we believe the critical issue to be argued out will be the robustness of Basingstoke's five year housing land supply. Read the document and comment, please. Possible hearing date in October – to be confirmed.

The location of two **Gypsy and Traveller pitches** at Hounsome Fields (BDBC planning reference 18/00873/FUL) is still under consideration. At the moment a halt to the application has been called by the Company that operates the fuel pipeline that runs very close to the proposed location.

A revised version of the **NPPF** (the National Planning Policy Framework) came out in July. This is the document pored over and quoted in detail by planning consultants. There is still the "presumption in favour of sustainable development" and the requirement for target led growth in housing. However they've now added a Housing Delivery Test. If a local authority has failed to deliver at least 75% of its annual target over a rolling three year period then even more sites may need to be found.

Anyone for joining the queue on Kempshott Lane at the Fiveways traffic lights? The Transport Assessment associated with the revised **Manydown** plan forecasts that all roads using Fiveways will be seriously over capacity when Manydown north is completed.

A consultation is taking place on revised **Ward Boundaries**. Take a look at the Local Government Boundary Commission website to see the proposals for Basingstoke. You have until 15 October to comment.

season offers interesting lectures, tutorial evenings, practical nights and competitions. See our web site for our full programme Oakleycameraclub.weebly.com where you can also contact us if you need any further information. We meet on most Mondays 8 – 10 pm from September through to May.

WHAT'S ON – SEPTEMBER

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.

September Events

- 1-15 Sept Basingstoke Camera Club Annual Exhibition
- 6 September An introduction to silk painting workshop
- 8 September Beer Festival, Hatch Warren Community Centre
- 13 September Coach trip – Chicago
Book at Hatch Warren Community Centre
- 15 September Farleigh House gardens open 2-5pm
in aid of Sebastian Action Trust
- 23 September Farleigh Wallop Trail Race

Future Events

- 31 October Halloween
- 1 November Jane Austen
- 3 November Fireworks Spectacular;
Hatch Warren Community Centre
- 7 November Divali
- 22 November Thanksgiving in USA
- 24 November Trip to Bluewater
Book at Hatch Warren Community Centre
- 25 November Hatch Warren Community Centre Craft Fayre
- 30 November Sainsburys 30 years at Hatch Warren/
Kempshott celebrations
- 1 December Trip to Bath Christmas Market
Book at Hatch Warren Community Centre
- 20 December Carols & Mulled Wine, Café in the park
- 25 December Christmas Day!

Hampshire Farmers Markets

Alton – 2nd Saturday of the month

Winchester – 2nd and last Sunday of the month

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 email: odandbw@gmail.com

Hatch Warren Nature Group,

contact Paul Beevers, hatch.nature@gmail.com

Cliddesden, Ellisfield and Farleigh Wallop Horticultural Society

Society, contact Mrs M Smith (01256 462584) for details

Laughter House, laughter-housevpweb.co.uk

Hatch Warren Runners, meet Monday and Wednesday at

7.15, Portsmouth Arms and at the Co-op Beggarwood.

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PUREFOY ARMS, PRESTON CANDOVER

Years ago the local village pub was often the centre of the community – a place where locals met, news exchanged and great beer/food was consumed. Now these places are often closing down and the building left empty for months, or even years. So it is good news when a village pub re-opens its doors and welcomes customers in. The Purefoy Arms in Preston Candover recently re-opened after being closed and it is set to become a local treasure. There is a lovely garden as well as a comfortable restaurant and welcoming bar. The award winning chef Gordon Stott, who was previously at The Sun in Dummer, is in the kitchen. I couldn't wait to try out the restaurant food and was not disappointed! Himself enjoyed the beer battered haddock and chips (the best triple cooked chips ever) with crushed peas and fennel whilst I opted for the vegetarian option - vegetarian Wellington with roast potatoes and hispi cabbage which was amazing – I now wonder why with food like this being served I

am not a full time vegetarian. The puddings were all so tempting – how could I not try the 'Chocolate Box'? To accompany this we had a lovely Chardonnay to drink and coffee to finish. The coffee arrived with a piece of their homemade chocolate truffle – I am pleased to tell you that you can usually buy a small box of these delicious truffles from the pub, they make great presents. There is an emphasis on using local produce being used in the kitchen. The staff are very friendly, welcoming and helpful.

So would I go back? YES! In fact I am about to book for lunch next week to celebrate a birthday. The bar food includes great sandwiches (brie and bacon with cranberry is my favourite) with a small bowl of soup. The Purefoy Arms has already built itself a great reputation and booking is essential. If you are gluten free or a vegan let the restaurant know when you book and they will ensure that the menu includes an appropriate option.

VIKING BADMINTON CLUB

Viking Badminton Club boasts members from all walks of Basingstoke life so as another season drew to a close club members eagerly awaited the local league results. Have the Mixed A team done enough to stay in the Division 1? They hope so. YES - they've done it and come fifth! They've just avoided relegation by one whole point - phew, that was close! In the 2nd Division, Mixed B has also come fifth but with a greater margin and firmly secured their place. The Open A (Men's) have come a respectable fourth. The ladies on the other hand played a blinder and came top of Division 1. This was a remarkable achievement with only six ladies in the entire club!!

Congratulations to everyone who played and helped Viking get through the season to achieve such great results...in the face of adversity. This season we are again on the hunt for new members and are hoping to have enough support for the coming season to play an Open B team.

If you are a club player: played at University or used to play and life got in the way and would like to try a small, friendly club, the season runs from early September through to end April (the first night's free).

For full club details please visit our web site: vikingbadmintonclub.org.uk. And watch out for a very special new member offer!



PROBUS CLUB SUMMER PUB LUNCH 2018

As usual at this time of year the annual Summer Pub lunch of the Probus Club of Basingstoke took place. On this occasion it was at The Poacher Inn in South Warnborough which is situated on the Alton road south of Odiham. Chris Perkins MVO, of



President Chris Perkins MVO and wife Carolyn hosting the event.

Kempshott, being the newly appointed president, selected the hostelry ensuring not to replicate past venues. This is an attractive and welcoming pub with a modern accommodation block, offering good pub food and the party of thirty six, consisting of members and their spouses/partners, enjoyed their time together.

During World War Two, the pub, then called The Plough Inn, was a popular off duty "watering hole" for all manner of air and ground crews from the nearby aerodrome. These not only included the Royal Air Force, but personnel from Canadian fighter squadrons together with Belgian and Free-French trainee pilots from the newly formed Elementary Flying School on the base. Today, renamed The Poacher Inn, it continues to be a popular haunt for many of the helicopter squadrons. The landlady and her team go to great lengths to offer their hospitality to all and have endeavoured to integrate the pub with the local community by providing an ideal venue for meetings and functions.

Chris commented, "As I served for many years at RAF Odiham meant that I was familiar with this establishment and confident that the licensee would be able to cope with such numbers arriving on their doorstep."

He was not wrong. It was a splendid choice and the range of food and drinks on offer were of high quality and competitively priced.

Now in its fortieth year, the Probus Club of Basingstoke has a full programme of activities with monthly speaker lunches for members, who are all retired professional and business managers, with a variety of social outings that always involve the ladies.

Prospective members can find more information on the club's web site www.probusbasingstoke.wordpress.com or phone their secretary, Paul Flint, on 07770 886521 for an informal chat.

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Many of us are returning from Summer holidays at this time of year; unfortunately some people are coming back disappointed as an injury or illness has halted their holiday fun.

Packaged holidays are becoming increasingly popular as there are so many more options available online – whether you are seeking some simple sun or something more adventurous. Booking a package holiday not only takes the stress out of the organising, but also if something goes wrong, it gives you a better starting point than you would otherwise have had in making a claim for compensation.

One of the most upsetting things to happen whilst you are on holiday is becoming ill or getting injured. If this

occurs whilst you are on a foreign package holiday you may be able to claim compensation against the tour operator here in England under the Package Travel, Package Holidays and Package Tours Regulations 1992. Under the regulations a 'package tour' is one where the tour provides both transport and accommodation.

The tour operator has a legal duty to take reasonable care for your safety whilst on such a holiday. If you are put in accommodation where the facilities are dangerous or the members of staff are careless, the tour operator may be held responsible for an accident which causes you injury. This could encompass anything from slippery floors to food poisoning caused in a hotel provided by



the tour operator.

There are strict time limits for bringing package holiday claims, and you must ensure that any claim you bring is within the relevant time limit. You may be able to pay for your legal advice through an insurance policy or a "no win no fee" agreement – which means the financial risk of starting such a claim is greatly reduced.

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CLASSIC AND SPORTS CAR TOUR 7TH OCTOBER 2018

The Berks Motor Club Autumn tour will take place on Sunday 7th October 2018. Commencing from a start point located at Basingstoke Leisure Park. Entrants will find free parking on a tarmac surface and will receive a coffee and breakfast. The first vehicle will depart at 09:00 with subsequent vehicles leaving at 1 minute intervals. The event is restricted to 50 vehicles so please submit your entry as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Vehicles of all ages and types are welcome.

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30th Birthday Celebrations

During the week commencing 26th November 2018, we'll be hosting several events celebrating 30 years at Hatch Warren/Kempshott.

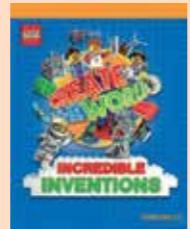
The store was opened on 29th November 1988 by Lord John Sainsbury and, we're delighted that Lord John Sainsbury and our Chief Executive will

help celebrate this anniversary this year, albeit on Friday 30th November, due to diary commitments.

We're therefore spreading invites to all colleagues, past and present, to come and help celebrate our 30th birthday. For more information about our plans just drop an email to prl.kempshott@sainsburys.co.uk

Lego Collectables

Lego – Create the World, Incredible Inventions – is now live within all Sainsbury's Stores. We'll be hosting several Café Swap Events for avid collectors so, be sure to keep an eye out on our noticeboard for more details.



Judging by the fact that, during last year's Lego Event, we sold 500,000 collectors' albums in the first two weeks of the promotion, securing your album as soon as possible is advised to avoid disappointment.

Local Hero

As part of our Birthday Celebrations we'll be gathering together all our Local Heroes for a mass photoshoot at the Store. By November, we'll be close to donating £10,000 from the scheme, back into our community.

If you know any Sainsbury's colleague, who volunteers for your organisation, just get in touch via email – prl.kempshott@sainsburys.co.uk

Food Donations

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HATCH WARREN SUMMER FESTIVAL

On Saturday 14th July from 12pm to 4pm, the 3rd Hatch Warren Summer Festival ran in the fields of the Community Centre, in Long Cross Lane. In the glorious sunshine, a total of 85 activities were set up and arranged to provide entertainment and enjoyment for all of the community and over 2000 people converged onto the fields to join in the fun.

Attractions ranged from static displays of tanks, vintage cars, police and fire service vehicles (including a vintage fire engine!) – to – fun fair rides (provided by John Searle Fun Fairs) and zorbing football (arranged by Hatch Warrens own SCL)!

Over 45 local business and charities held stalls, where everything from handbags to cakes was available to delight the public. There was a central main arena which displayed a number of varied shows to keep guests entertained whilst, Mark Halliday a local DJ kept the music going throughout the afternoon.

Overall, around 52 volunteers worked during the day to help set up the event and to assist in the running of it. Karen

Coomer, the event manager and immediate past chairman of the Hatch Warren and Beggarwood Community Centre Management Committee, said: "It is all about seeing people smiling and having a lot fun, that is why we organise it. My thanks goes to, Clare Britten and Jo Daniels in the office as they provide so much support during the six months of planning, plus of course to all the volunteers, without whom the event would simply not be able to happen."

All surplus money made from the day is used to enhance services at the Hatch Warren and Beggarwood Community Centres.

The Hatch Warren and Beggarwood Community Association also thank the Rt Hon Maria Miller MP and local borough councillor Terri Reid for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend the event. Thanks also go to Simmons and Sons and Wills Chandler who most generously donated major sponsorship to this event.





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HATCH WARREN UNDER FIVES PRESCHOOL



It's been a GREAT year at Hatch Warren Under Fives. We sadly said goodbye to our older children in July – we wish them lots of luck and happiness in their new schools and we know that they are all ready for their next adventures.

We enjoyed a fantastic leavers day with a trip to Beggarwood Park, followed by our Class of 2018 graduation ceremony and afternoon tea with parents, friends and family. A lovely farewell for our children and families.

There have been so many highlights this year including visits from a veterinary nurse, a tennis coach and drama tots,

to name a few... The children have competed over sponsored obstacle courses... We've had Mums and Dads with us to celebrate Mother's and Father's Days... Hosted Teddy Bears' Picnics and Easter Egg Hunts... Sung and danced at Christmas plays and Preschool Discos and we've even pancake raced around the hall! We have had a wonderful bunch of parents supporting us this year, and local businesses too.

We are now looking forward to welcoming our new starters to Hatch Warren Under Fives in September and hearing all about everyone's summer adventures.

Have a great summer!

Preschool opens for the new academic year on Tuesday 4th September.

For preschool registration enquiries please contact Michelle Tejevo, Head of Preschool, on 01256 322788 or email preschoolmail@aol.com.

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Orchids in the Meadow

The Jubilee Copse in Down Grange Meadow appears to be a source of aberrant Common Spotted-orchids (*Dactylorhiza fuchsii*). Last year, there was one that had a reddish flush that gave it the appearance of a Southern Marsh Orchid. The spotted leaves, however, belied its ancestry.



This year, nearly in the same location, an almost pure white version appeared. Again, the only way of determining that it was a Common Spotted was its tell-tail spotted leaves.

Common Spotted-orchids are notoriously variable in colouring, ranging from deep red with a hint of mauve through to white, with the pale mauve or pink being the version most often encountered. They also come in a variety of shapes, ranging from tall spikes up to 30-40cm high to those that have diminutive triangular shaped flowers that look just like Pyramidal Orchids.

There are three types of orchids, Epipactis (which contain the helleborines, a mainly woodland species), Orchis (including the Pyramidal) and Dactylorhiza (including the Common Spotted) which are mainly found in dry and damp meadows, marshes and fens.

For more information about our activities on Down Grange Meadow, please call Marion Wolstencroft on (01256) 470171. Alternatively, send an email to kempshottconserve@tiscali.co.uk or visit us at www.kempshottconservationgroup.org.uk

PARKS AND GREEN SPACES SURVEY

The Council is consulting on a Parks and Green Spaces Survey. I have just completed it and while to my mind it is not very imaginative it is what we have. This is an opportunity for people who realise that nature is in retreat to make their mark.

The questionnaire, is quite short. Please complete and circulate the link and ask friends, colleagues and members of community groups etc. to respond to this consultation? (You don't have to give your name and address to volunteer!) If you feel inclined ask for a bigger move towards more natural green spaces that are more interesting, support wildlife and encourage learning about wildlife by all ages?

If you agree along with many in Natural Basingstoke that our town should be a much more welcoming place for more nature to thrive and for all ages to learn about and enjoy then please respond to this questionnaire

<https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/parksurvey>

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Fast track tickets are available exclusively to HWBCA members only from 3rd to 28th Sept **from the community centre office** at a discounted price of:

Adult £7

Child/Senior £3 (child 0-15 years)

Family £17 (2 adults plus 3 children up to age 15)

Not a member, then why not join? Annual membership only costs £10 and entitles you to lots of discounts on our festivals and hall hire charges. Membership is available to anyone living in RG22 or RG23 postcode areas - it only takes a couple of minutes to join, see our website for more details.

Fireworks tickets will go on sale to the general public from **1st October** through ticket source, via our website and from the office, all tickets still available will be priced at:

Adult £10

Child/Senior £4 (child 0-15 years)

Family £22 (2 adults plus 3 children up to age 15)

So, for a fab night out with your family and friends get your fast track tickets now!

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- Bluewater shopping trip, Sat 24th Nov, 8am-5pm, £20pp
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FRIDAY NIGHT TERM TIME YEARS 6-8

YOUTH CLUB ACTIVITIES (see below)

SEPT/OCT 2018 Programme 6.00 to 7.45pm

7 th Sept	Manhunt and biscuit making
14 th Sept	5 a side football, chalk pavement art and ice cream
21st Sept	Just Dance competition and Doughnuts
28 th Sept	Giant Games night and chicken burgers
5 th Oct	Basketball, temporary tattoos plus sausage and chips
12 th Oct	Sumo suits and nacho's
19 th Oct	Lip Sync battle, nail bar and hot dogs
25 th Oct	DJ Decks
26 th Oct	Halloween food, craft and games

FREE ENTRY FOR ALL YOUNG PEOPLE

Summer Streetz this year has been incredible, we enjoyed meeting lots of new young people and were delighted to welcome back some familiar faces. We were also pleased that some of the year 8s have made use of the late session running especially for those aged 13+ showing we made the right choice staying open later on Fridays ☺



The first night of Streetz we had a water fight and we were blown away with 100 young people arriving!! (we think having year 6 teachers there to soak might have helped).

We have enjoyed manhunt, graffiti art and tie dye t-shirts plus we had fun with our specialist sessions such as the dance workshop showing us the moves from the Greatest Showman, rugby, basketball and football. Thank you to Happy Feet Dance Academy, Basingstoke Rugby Club, Burghclere Football Club and Reading Rockets. It was all so much fun we can't wait for next year already!



To donate to The Warren please visit mydonate.bt.com/charities/hatchwarrencommunityassociation

FRIDAY NIGHT TERM TIME AGES 13+

OPEN ACCESS & HEALTH HUB

Health Hub Programme - 8.00 to 9.30pm

We are open Fridays 8.00-9.30pm for school years 9 and above. If you want to play pool, FIFA or just hang out come on down. We sell food and drinks (including tea and hot chocolate) and we can also offer you free confidential advice on a whole range of issues including contraception and pregnancy testing. In addition to all this we will happily help you with CVs, revision and even job applications. We run focused information nights for 13-18 year olds, our next nights are:
7th September - Sexual Health Awareness
5th October - Legal High Awareness
If parents have questions about the topics we discuss please feel free to contact us.

THANK YOU!!

We couldn't have run such an amazing Summer Streetz without support from the Clarion Housing Group's Community Grant Fund and Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council and all our fantastic volunteers:- the Teachers from St Mark's School, Anne-Marie, Al, Louise, Karen, Jon, Nat, Nick, Jenny and Charlie, big thank you for giving up your time to sell tuck or assist with activities.

Feedback from our young people during Summer Streetz

'The people are friendly and I had fun with the activities'
Emily Bunce aged 13

'Summer Streetz has been great I've been to most of the sessions. We are lucky to have such a fun and active youth club. My favourite session was the water fight because we were able to get the teachers wet!' *Bella Jones aged 10*

'I just love all of it! Even if I go on my own I know I can make friends! And the youth workers are so nice they make sure we are all happy. The food is amazing. I really love The Warren.' *Joey Skevington aged 10*

LIMELIGHTERS GET KOOKY WITH THE ADDAMS FAMILY

BAOS Limelight are delighted to have been awarded the license to perform The Addams Family at Everest Community Academy in October Half Term 2018 Thursday 25th to Saturday 27th October 2016.

Among the group, aged between 12 and 18, are Abbie Stephens, Aimee Fee, Katy Yarnton, Maisie Gaimster, George Price, Shyla Schuster and sisters Bryony and Katie Westwood who are all from the Hatch Warren and Beggarwood area.

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

Tickets are priced at £15 for adults and £12 for concessions including college students. Family tickets cost £50 and are available www.ticketsource.co.uk/baos

For more information and group bookings please contact baoslimelight@yahoo.co.uk

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SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

On Sunday 12 August, we said our final 'Goodbye' to Fr. Michael Smith, and his family, as he left Immanuel Church to begin his new ministry in Bournemouth. We will miss him and his family very much and we wish them every happiness in their new home and parish. At our Farewell Service, we at Immanuel were delighted to be joined by friends and families from the local community, with whom Fr. Michael worked so closely, and from St. Mark's school, where he was well-known and loved by many of the staff and children. Thank you to all who came to say "goodbye". Fr. Michael loved being part of our community and school, and he was often seen around the Café in the Park, Community Centre and at the school gates welcoming children and their parents and carers. You may also have seen him whizzing around the parish on his bicycle or motorbike!

After the Service we all enjoyed a delicious Barbeque. A big 'Thank you' to everyone who kindly donated food for the BBQ and to all who cooked and helped make it a farewell to remember. Fr. Michael and his family were then presented with farewell gifts, flowers and a family cinema ticket. Tears were shed and hugs were shared but everyone was there to show their appreciation of all Fr. Michael has done for the church, community and school and to wish him and his family well for the future.

We all live in a changing world and we will face changes throughout our lives. There will be new homes, new jobs, and new relationships and, particularly for children who are currently starting new schools, the need to make new friendships and to settle in well. These can be very scary times.

Through the bible, we are encouraged not to worry about these things. We are reminded that:

²⁵ Jesus said: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?"²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them; Are you not much more valuable than they?²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?" (Matthew 6:25-27)

If it is your custom to pray, here's a prayer that you might wish to offer when you feel anxious or worried:

"Dear God - Everything is changing around me – my life, my circumstances and, it seems, the whole world. Help me not to be afraid of change but teach me to embrace it each day. Lord, give me strength to meet each day's challenges and the courage to overcome my fears."

Services at Immanuel continue as usual. Everyone is welcome!

Our best wishes to you all from the church family at Immanuel Church

DON'T LEAVE IT TOO LATE. BE AWARE OF YOUR PROSTATE!

Every hour a man dies from prostate cancer. That's 10,900 deaths a year. In the next twelve months 44,000 men will be diagnosed with the disease. The number of men diagnosed per year has already overtaken the number for breast cancer. By 2030 prostate cancer is set to become the most common cancer overall in the UK.

Most cases occur in men over fifty. One in eight men gets prostate cancer. Black men have a one in four chance of getting the disease. If there is a family history, these risks increase even more. These are stark and worrying statistics.

There is a lot of ignorance about the prostate. It is a very small gland, about the size and shape of a walnut. It sits under the bladder and surrounds the urethra – the tube through which men pee. It's no surprise therefore that one possible worrying symptom is the need to urinate more frequently and at night. But sometimes there are no symptoms of the disease at all!

Like all cancers, early detection can save lives. The answer is simple: know the symptoms, get checked if you are worried. A simple blood test is all that it takes. Become more familiar with the disease before it becomes too familiar with you. Look at the information on the Prostate Cancer UK website; it will give you everything you need to know.

If you, or someone you know, is already one of the 400,000 sufferers, then why not join your local support group? The North Hampshire Prostate Cancer Support Group (NHPCSG) helps men and their partners whose lives are affected. The Group meets monthly, offers friendship and support and has talks on health matters. Members share their experiences and feelings. As an old advert says "It's good to talk".

Looking after your health and general fitness can be especially valuable in combatting some of the effects of the disease and of its treatments, like fatigue for example. Members can take part in

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Letters . . . to the editor

Should cyclists use the cycle path on Cliddesden Lane?

When I cycle along Cliddesden Lane between the junction with Danebury Road and the Beggarwood Lane, I choose to use the road in preference to the cycle path. Occasionally this elicits protests from motorists who indicate that I should be using the cycle path. Unfortunately I never get to speak to them as they are usually passing me from behind and shouting at me as they pass, or gesticulating from the opposite side of the road when they have to wait at the pinch point for me to come through. I therefore thought I would try using The Rabbiter to explain why I choose to ride on the road, in the hope that they will read it, understand and stop protesting.

When riding along that section of Cliddesden Lane I will normally be travelling at between 15 – 20 mph and because there are cycle ways through the pinch points, I don't have to slow or stop until I get to Beggarwood Lane. If I chose to use the cycle path I would be sharing it with pedestrians and other cyclists (including children) so I would have to reduce my speed quite considerably. I would also have to slow and/or stop at the junction with Meadow Ridge and Cyprus Road to give way to traffic, as well as cross over the road just before the Beggarwood Lane roundabout. Therefore it is much easier and quicker for me to ride on the road.

There is no law against cycling on the road when there is a cycle path. The Highway Code says: "Use of these facilities is not compulsory and will depend on your experience and skills, but they can make your journey safer." It is true that some cycle paths can make your journey safer but in my view not in this case, as I have to cross three roads and negotiate various other path users. It is safer, in my experience, to be on the road going with the flow of the traffic.

So the thing is I choose to use the road instead of the cycle path, as is my right. So why do some people get so upset about it. Without speaking to them I can only guess that it is one of two reasons: Either they are so concerned about my safety that it upsets them to see me taking what they consider to be unnecessary risks or they just want to keep cyclist off the roads for their own convenience.

I would welcome the views of others on this subject, especially those who protest so vehemently.

Ian Bailes

Hatch Warren Resident

Letter addressed to Melbourne Barrett, Chief Executive at BDBC

Hello Mr Barrett. Your profile as CEO would suggest you are in overall charge of all services delivered by BDBC. Therefore my complaint is best aimed at you as you have overall control of the day to day runnings of the council.

Since BDBC have announced we are to be getting new waste and recycling contractors to empty our bins and collect garden waste, it would seem Veolia have taken the news very badly and are making the council tax payers of BDBC suffer in not having our bins collected on time. For many weeks now I have not had my bins collected on the correct day. My green recycling bin was only collected yesterday, 1 day late. My garden waste which was due to be collected yesterday is still sitting outside the front of my house as I type. Clearly there is a problem with Veolia and I can only assume it

is because they have lost the tender for the renewal of the contract and are not bothering to provide the service that I, as a council taxpayer, have paid for.

I would like to know why it is that BDBC are not holding Veolia to account and ensuring the level of service they are contracted to provide is maintained. It seemed that when they were secure in their BDBC contract, the service was very good. But how things have changed since the announcement that they have lost the contract. Almost every day there is a problem with collections when I check the BDBC website to see what other areas of Basingstoke have not had their bins collected.

I would like to know the following:

- Are there any financial penalties in the current Veolia contract that BDBC have imposed for poor service?
- Are there any financial penalty clauses in the new contract for the new provider to ensure we get a good service all of the time?
- What is the reason for Veolia suddenly having so many issues with collection vehicles and what are they doing to put it right?
- As CEO, what are you doing about this?

Mr Cleary

The Crofts

Reply from Cllr Terri Reid

Dear Mr Cleary,

I'm not sure whether you have had a reply yet from Mel, although I am sure that you will receive a response as soon as he is able.

I can certainly comment on the bin service which is wholly unacceptable at the moment. I understand the reasons given are failure of equipment in the extreme heat, although I believe that new vehicles have now been procured by Veolia, and difficulties in staff availability, especially casual staff to cover for absences. I have been informed that one of the reasons why this has suddenly become crucial is that many of the bank of casual staff were from Eastern Europe, and many of them have now left the country due to concerns around Brexit. Apparently it is increasingly difficult to recruit drivers and casual labour at the moment.

I also understand that discussions with Veolia are ongoing in terms of how they address these issues and improve the service until the contract begins to crossover in the autumn.

Best wishes

Cllr Terri Reid MA FRSA

Deputy Leader

Member Hatch Warren and Beggarwood

Letter addressed to Councillor Terri Reid.

The hedgerows around the children's playground at Oceana Crescent were not cut back this year; so the view out of my window in which I can usually see across the playground is none existence. It would be nice to see out while the rest of the summer is here.

Yours M.Digweed



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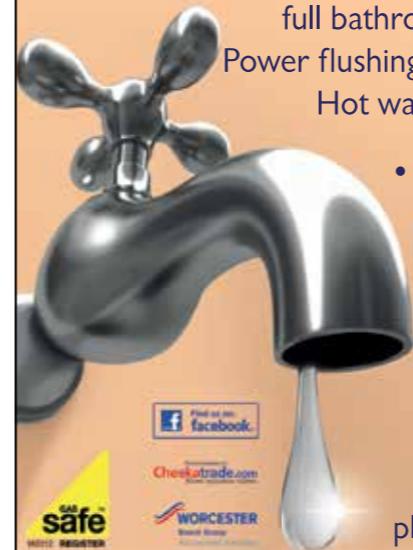
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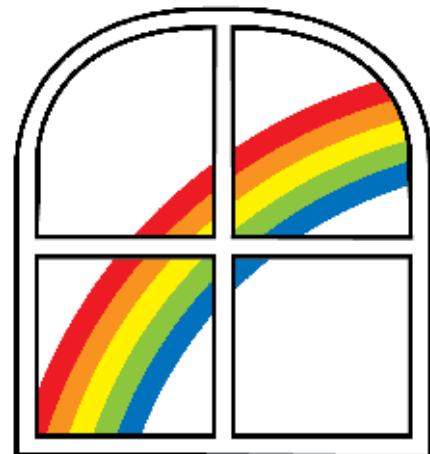
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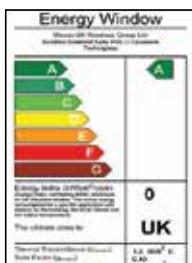
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