

WHAT'S ON – SEPTEMBER

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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 Dwali
- 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., Cliddesen 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-house.vpweb.co.uk

Hatch Warren Runners, meet Monday and Wednesday at

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

www.hwrnners.co.uk

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!

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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 Wamborough which is situated on the Alton road south of Odiham.



President Chris Perkins MVO and wife Carolyn hosting the event.

Chris Perkins MVO, of 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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