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## EDITORIAL

Autumn is here. The days are shorter, leaves are starting to fall and warmer clothes are coming out of the wardrobe. In the garden squash and pumpkin are ripening and will be ready for making pumpkins at Halloween on 31 October. Making pumpkin lanterns at Halloween is a great tradition and it is lovely to see all those pumpkin carved faces lit up on doorsteps and in windows. Children love to dress up and 'Trick or Treat' at Halloween but not all local residents enjoy this tradition so if the door is not opened please respect the owner's privacy. 1st November is All Saints Day and on the following Sunday, 4 November, there will be a service at St Immanuel church to remember those who have left us. For details of the 'All Souls' service see page 21.

We are very lucky to have a successful local school for our children. St Mark's CofE school is looking for a Foundation Governor to join their governing body. Interested? For more information see page 6.

There are lots of ways you could become involved in your local community. If you enjoy our countryside and wildlife please consider volunteering with the Old Down and Beggarwood Wildlife Group – see page 12 for details. The Guide Dogs organisation are looking for people to become a sighted guide to a person with sight loss. To help change a person's life see page 13.

The Café in the Park continues to go from strength to strength. The Community Lunch is on the first Wednesday of each month – come and have lunch with your friends – soup and a piece of crusty bread, a ploughman's or, new for October, a baked potato with baked beans and cheese. On 24 October there is the first meeting of Beggarwood Bookworms. The group will be discussing 'Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine' – a wonderful book which will raise lots of topics for the group to talk about. The Café has new winter opening hours – see page 18 for more information.

The annual Fireworks Spectacular is on Saturday 3 November – get your tickets from Hatch Warren Community Centre now before they sell out. This is an advance ticket only event – there will not be any tickets available on the night. See page 18 for details of this and lots of other exciting events.

The Rabbiter is always happy to publish your news of events and celebrations – email us editor@therabbiter.biz. Our aim is to contribute to the continuing growth of our community. We look forward to hearing from you.

### 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



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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**WHEATSHEAF HOTEL NORTH WALTHAM** Winchester Road RG25 2BB 01256 398282

The question started immediately madam invited her son, his wife and two grandchildren over to our place one Sunday. Where shall we go for lunch? I should explain that our residence is not equipped to comfortably seat six at table so out we have to go. Eventually we settled on the Wheatsheaf Hotel on the A30 that runs parallel to the M3 near Dummer.

I had been there for the occasional funeral wake but not for a proper sit down meal so was quite looking forward to visiting until I saw a few negative comments on Trip Advisor. On more careful reading I noticed that many were several years old so thought that being a Chef & Brewer establishment that any problems would have been sorted out by now. I was not wrong. We were shown to our table which had a reservation notice with our name, time and number of diners. A nice touch. The menu had extensive offerings including their Sunday lunch specials containing four roast joints which all come with Yorkshire pudding. I had the roast beef, well done please, and they supplied, on request, a small jug of gravy for me to pour over my Yorkshire. Madam had the roast turkey, son a butter beef burger with all the trimmings, daughter in law the Asian salad with poached salmon topping, the grandson a 9 oz rump steak, medium rare, and the granddaughter, a slim girl of eleven, had spicy chicken goujons with triple cooked chips and onion rings.

Putty choices ensured everyone had something different. Grandson had hot chocolate fudge cake with vanilla ice cream and his young sister the cookie bake with ice cream and cream. Their mother had vanilla ice cream with raspberry and mango sorbet with cookie dough, while dad had one of the mini puds, a slice of millionaire cheesecake, accompanied by an espresso coffee. Madam had another mini pud, apple and blackberry crumble with an Americano coffee. Traditionalist to the end, I had the Kentish apple and blackberry pie with custard.

Drinks consisted of a pint of Stella for me. Diet tonic with ice and a slice in a wine glass for madam. Son had a pint of Pravha, a Czech Pilsner that so far had escaped my notice, wife a lemonade, granddaughter homemade lemonade and grandson a pint of Coke. Needless to say both grand children and, surprisingly, their mother repeated their drinks orders.

A pleasant occasion, comfortable and clean with no rush to get us out of the door. The food was well presented and good pub quality. Everyone cleared their plates. At £116 for our party the cost was well within what I would have expected to pay, although this was madam's treat. Would I go again? Without a shadow of a doubt.

### SWAG SNIPPETS

There was a good turnout at the various public consultations on the proposals for **Brighton Hill Roundabout** held in early September. HCC's preferred option involves the closure of the Western Way access to reduce the number of arms entering the roundabout and the widening of the gyratory itself to make four lanes all the way round. This would reduce the size of the green space in the middle but retain the underpasses. <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/transport schemes/a30brightonhillroundabout>

HCC is promising to carry out work at Kempshott and Hatch Warren roundabouts as well. That will probably involve still more traffic lights!

SWAG is fortunate to have a hard working representative on the Liaison Committee for the **Anoerobic Digester**. The Liaison Committee is working with the Biogen plant manager to overhaul the highway signage to ensure that the 44 tonne juggernauts visiting the plant can safely navigate their way through the Hatch Warren estate. A number of arriving HGVs are still entering Woodbury Road during the exclusion time (before 7AM). We have requested that HCC move the automatic cameras to the Kempshott Roundabout to record offenders but HCC is reluctant to take action. We hope our local councillors will help to get the cameras moved to a more meaningful location than their current siting half way along Woodbury Road. Odour complaints from the residents of Kennel Farm settlement continue to occur at regular intervals.

The planning appeal for a major site of 40 dwellings in **Cliddesden** (BDBC planning reference 16/04690/FUL) is set to take place at the Council Offices on 9th and 10th October starting at 10.00 a.m.

The latest on the **Honsome Fields** development is that an application has been submitted for a construction access on the A30 at the very top of the site, opposite the entrance to Basingstoke Golf Club (BDBC planning reference 18/02443/FUL). The obvious issue here is the danger of slow moving HGVs attempting to exit the site

and then turn across the A30 to travel back towards the motorway. SWAG has submitted comprehensive and detailed comments on the July modifications to the plans for **Manydown**. You can see these in full under planning reference 17/00818/OUT. SWAG believes that the modifications still do not address sufficiently the sewerage and transport impacts. Here is a summary of our criticisms.

- Inadequacy of the evaluation of the visual impact of the development on residential areas to the south west
- Lack of a sense of identity as part of the built form to counteract the development being simply an extension of urban sprawl
- Inadequacy of proper planning for the foul drainage infrastructure and mitigation of the risks of flooding
- Inadequacy of the transport and travel plans, especially in the areas of
  - Cycling infrastructure
  - Likelihood of severe traffic congestion at key junctions especially Fiveways
  - Lack of any examination of the potential for rat running as a result of the congestion especially along the narrow road from Oakley to Junction 7 of the M3 known as Trenchards Lane. We hope that Oakley residents are ready for this!
  - Failure to propose any realisable and measurable policies that will drive modal shift. Such modal shift is absolutely essential, as the TA appears to show that this development will result in the total gridlock of the road system to the west of the town.

Finally, come to **SWAG's AGM** on Saturday 17th November at 3.00 p.m. to be held in Old Down Hall. We would love to welcome new members and anyone who would like to become a member of our committee.

## WHAT'S ON – OCTOBER

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.

### October Events

- 3 October Community Lunch at Café in the Park
- 4 October Hatch Warren W.I., Hatch Warren Community Centre 8pm
- 6 October Basingstoke Variety Show – see page 11
- Until 7 Oct British Food Fortnight (see page 26)
- 24 October Beggarwood Bookworms at Café in the Park, 7.30pm
- 31 October Halloween

### Future Events

- 1 November Jane Austen
- 3 November Fireworks Spectacular, Hatch Warren Community Centre
- 4 November 'All Souls' Service at Immanuel Church, 6.30pm
- 7 November Dwali
- 17 November SWAG AGM, 3pm, Old Down Hall
- 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 Sainsbury's 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](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**, [www.laughterhousecomedy.club](http://www.laughterhousecomedy.club)

**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)

## HATCH WARREN W.I.

Hatch Warren W.I. started their new Autumn Programme with a 'Silk Painting Workshop'; members went home with a beautiful silk card which they made. August saw us gather on a wonderful warm evening with a bring and share supper in a member's garden. Loddon Group celebration with supper and dancing for the centenary of Hampshire Federation. Denman College Hampshire Weekend and skittles competition this month. Members will be going on a social outing to Kensington Palace to see the exhibition of Princess Diana's clothes later this month. We will also have our craft afternoon to join in with.

Our next meeting will be held on 4th October when the speaker will be Alan Purkiss 'Motorway thrills and spills and funny bits'. We meet on the first Thursday of each month at Hatch Warren Community Centre at 8 p.m. if you are interested in coming to a meeting and joining in with our fun group of Ladies who are increasing with each month please telephone our President Jane 07798842487 for more information. Don't sit in watching the television come and join us and see what the W.I. can offer you all.



## PROBUS HEARS ABOUT THE ARCHITECTS OF REMEMBRANCE

November sees the centenary of the end of the Great War, the war to end all wars in which the dead from British and Empire forces reached 1,244,000 with more than another 2,000,000 wounded. Many have travelled to see the battlefields to gain a sense of what their forefathers endured during this appalling period in history which cost the lives of nearly 20,000,000 and 23,500,000 injured from all sides over four years.

Even on the morning of 11th November 1918, 853 Allies and 3000 Americans were killed or wounded before the cease fire at 11.00 am.

As well as seeing evidence of trench warfare, visitors have seen the War graves, those silent battalions who lie in such tranquillity. Fewer people realise how these outstanding scenes came about and who were responsible for those temples of serenity so admired today.

Rhydian Vaughan, who is Vice President of the Bramley Royal British Legion, has been Battlefield Guiding since 2000 with eclectic groups, large and small, old and young. Passion is his driving force and bringing history to life: his strap line is "Without a passionate Guide a battlefield is just a field."

The Probus Club of Basingstoke was enlightened to hear about how Sir Fabian Ware, who at 45 was too old to enlist, was, in 1915, leading a Red Cross unit in France. He recognised that no system or process existed for registering the dead who were buried in unconstructed graves near to where they fell. He anticipated future concerns would be expressed by a grateful nation at the lack of respect for the men who had made the ultimate sacrifice. Well connected he was able to influence the establishment of the Graves Registration and Enquiries Commission so early in the war. By 1917 significant progress had been made and the organisation was renamed the Imperial War Graves Commission. Rather than repatriate the dead it was considered better that they were looked after in local cemeteries in individual graves. Until this time the war dead were often interred in mass graves. It set about planning for the creation of hundreds of cemeteries across all the countries where conflict had occurred.

It was felt that because the sacrifice had been in common, the memorial should be in common also. Whatever their military rank or position in civil life, they should have equal treatment in their graves. This brought about considerable consternation that families could not repatriate their loved ones for private memorials to be constructed.

Three great British architects were selected to lead the artistic interpretation necessary to overcome this antipathy. They were Lutyens, Blomfield and Baker; who headed up teams of younger architects. The teams would be men who had served and would understand the solemnity needed to carry out this task.

The Commission decided that the headstone would be a uniform height of 2 feet 6 inches and 1 foot 3 inches wide and made of white Portland stone. Simple inscriptions would contain the name, rank, number and date killed while regimental symbols allowed for some variation. Each team was responsible for subtle design differences between sites while conforming to the brief of creating the inspiring formation of headstones, memorials and buildings to be seen today.



1. Vice President of Probus, Richard Wood with speaker Rhydian Vaughan



2. Night view of the Menin Gate at Ypres

3. Unveiling of the Cenotaph in Whitehall designed by Sir Edward Lutyens

4. Thiepval Memorial on the Somme



The memorials have the inscribed names of around half a million missing who have no known grave. These include the famous Thiepval Memorial on the Somme and the Menin Gate, Ypres, where tonight, as on every night at 8.00 pm, buglers from the local Fire Brigade play The Last Post.

Kew Gardens had input on the style of the ground work of the cemeteries. It was decided that the individual headstones should appear to be set on flat turf rather than individual mounds. The garden designer Gertrude Jeckyll, was part of the committee as was the poet and writer Rudyard Kipling whose only son was killed in the war.

The Imperial War Graves Commission is today called the Commonwealth War Graves Commission whose headquarters are in Maidenhead. Regional offices are France, Belgium, Cyprus, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. They have research facilities that aid investigation by families making enquiries about the burial site of relatives who lost their lives in the service of this country.

See [www.cwgc.org](http://www.cwgc.org) [www.probusbasingstoke.wordpress.com](http://www.probusbasingstoke.wordpress.com)

## CAN YOU HELP YOUR LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOL?!

St Mark's CofE Primary School is in need of a foundation governor to join their governing body. A governor's role is to support the school and also hold it to account - a 'critical friend'. A foundation governor is someone who is a fully fledged governor, but also represents and looks out for the Christian ethos of the school, and is themselves a regular church-goer in a Christian church (attendance is counted as at least 1-in-4 Sundays!).

Governors play an exciting and important role in the life of the school. They meet about twice per half term, usually around 5pm or 6pm. There is also plenty of training available. If you are interested or would like to find out more, please do speak with Mr Applegate, Head Teacher, by contacting the school at [adminoffice@st-markscofe.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@st-markscofe.hants.sch.uk). We'd be really grateful! Thank you.

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### ARE CHANGES TO THE DIVORCE PROCESS ON THE HORIZON?

Following a high-profile case earlier this year and many petitions, it has been announced that the Government are preparing a consultation on the introduction of a "no fault divorce".

Currently, under the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973 in England and Wales, anyone seeking a divorce must either prove their spouse is at fault through adultery, desertion or unreasonable behaviour, or alternatively if both sides agree, they can part after two years of separation. In the absence of consent or evidence of fault, applicants must wait until they have been living apart for five years.

Concerns relating to the current divorce process have been highlighted by Resolution, who have been

campaigning for a number of years for the Government to focus on and make changes to the outdated and ill-fitting divorce process. The process that is offered currently can lead to conflict, and can create difficulty in reaching a mutually acceptable agreement in relation to the finances or the arrangements for the children.

Our family team experts back the consultation, as it can be clearly recognised in our client base that there is a demand for an amicable and pragmatic way forward, as offered by a "no fault" approach.

Family-focussed approaches, such as the collaborative process and mediation are offered by Lamb Brooks, and so we would welcome any changes to the

divorce process that could harmonise with these methods of dispute resolution.

If you are facing divorce and would like to know more about your options and the process, please contact Laura Bell today on 01256 305507 or email [laura.bell@lambbrooks.com](mailto:laura.bell@lambbrooks.com)



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## Letter... to the editor

I read with interest some of the letters in the last edition regarding the services from B&D.

I felt compelled to share my experiences which have always been positive.

I have reported various things that needed some attention like overgrown pathways, missing road signs and overflowing bins and they have always been attended to.

Reporting these issues is easy on line with their report it function on the website and although I have had to follow some things up they have always been completed.

I think we are lucky to live in this borough and receive such responsive services.

**Alex Nagle**

### OCTOBER EVENTS AT THE BASINGSTOKE DISCOVERY CENTRE

To book a place, you can order online from <https://www.hants.gov.uk/shop/home.php>, or visit Basingstoke Discovery Centre in Festival Place, or call 01256 478670.

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### Sainsbury's Select & Christmas Ordering

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[www.select.sainsburys.co.uk](http://www.select.sainsburys.co.uk)

### Sainsbury Archive

This is a fascinating resource for anyone to delve into. The site is being populated with thousands of images from the past 150 years. Any ex-colleague who wishes to share their photos or memories – who still has an old uniform tucked away? – can get in touch via the website.

[www.sainsburyarchive.co.uk](http://www.sainsburyarchive.co.uk)

### Local Hero Scheme

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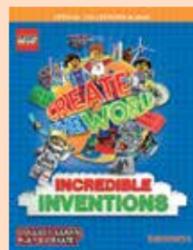
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### Lego Cards

We're nearing the end of the current promotion – 8th October – but will be hosting some swap shop events afterwards to help complete collections. Watch out for notices in our Café for more details.



**BASINGSTOKE Variety Show**

**Saturday 6 October 2018**  
**7:30pm**

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## HATCH WARREN SCOUT GROUP

### BEAVERS

We kicked off the new term with a firm favourite – human hungry hippos. Probably hard to picture, it involves sending your team mate, laid flat on his or her tummy on what can only be described as a giant skateboard, into the foray to collect balls with an upturned washing basket.

The Beavers have been working towards their Health and Fitness Badge, which involved an evening of activities at Beggarwood Park. The Beavers played games and learned about their heartbeats, and how to take their own pulses.

We're looking forward to our upcoming camp in Tadley – more on that next month.

### cubs

Hatch Warren Cubs attended District Camp at Linkenholt, near Andover. The camp was attended by 100 Cubs from across Basingstoke West District took part in climbing, tomahawks, wide games, volleyball, a camp fire, tug of war competitions and much more. A great time as had by all.

We've kicked off the new term with camp fires at Middlecopse. The Cubs got these going themselves in their Sixes, then melted their marshmallows and enjoyed S'mores.

Forty cubs have attended an activity day at Ferry Crofts, where they got to take part in a Gladiator Challenge (high ropes), bouldering (sideways climbing), and adventure course and had the opportunity to learn some circus skills.

And last but not least, congratulations to Ben Worgan who has achieved his Chief Scout Silver Award – the highest award a Cub Scout can achieve.

### SCOUTS

The Scouts finished the summer term with a fantastic sleepover at JJ's Play which included races, challenges & laser games. We also invested our latest two members up on the wobbly bridge at the deepest part of the play area!

Over the summer we stopped our usual programme but continued to hold casual meetings where the Scouts could get out, sit around the campfire or play some

games in the woods. These have proved popular and shown that being outside in nature can still win over the digital life..!

At the time of writing we are just starting our Autumn Term Programme with loads to look forward to including an expedition and Autumn Camp, UK Parliament Week, sign language, climbing, visiting a local adventurer and some nights for the Scouts to learn skills that will prove useful throughout their lives.



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## HATCH WARREN RUNNERS

If you've ever thought about joining a running club, but never had the confidence to try – this month's HWR article is aimed at you! You might be new to running, or have been running on your own for some time. Running as part of a group is rewarding, motivating and a safe way to run as autumn approaches, the days get shorter and the evenings get a little darker – especially when being snuggled up on the sofa with a cuppa and a box set can feel so much more appealing!

HWR offers runs on club nights (Monday and Wednesday evenings) for a range of different paces and abilities; from people who want to try a Couch to 5k programme, to those who are looking to achieve a Personal Best (PB) at their next parkrun or race. Runs start at various times and locations in Hatch Warren and Beggarwood. Other shorter and longer runs are posted on our HWR members Facebook page throughout the week by club members - this does include more targeted training for people trying to improve their speed and/or endurance. You can choose to join as many or few as you want each week. Our key message is, pace does not matter – don those running shoes and hit the road (or the trails) with us. If you're unsure whether a running club is for you, come and join us for a couple of taster runs. There is absolutely

no obligation to sign up if you feel it's not quite right for you.

Achievements are so relative to each and every runner: June and July were tough months for running training; the heat just seems to zap all of your energy. That said, that didn't stop the PBs and race results from coming! On the 23rd June, our most recent Couch to 5k intake graduated in style at Basingstoke parkrun – well done to you all! We saw a plethora of parkrun PBs and also parkrun milestones for Neil Barton (50th) and Sue Kemp and Debbie Moulton (100th).

In June The Hampshire Hoppit saw a number of our runners take on the full and half marathons with Matt Clark finishing third in the half. Eastleigh 10k saw PBs for both Laura and Liam Williams. In July there were so many events including Lulworth Cove 10k, Half, Marathon and Ultra; Yately 10k summer series and Dinton Pastures 5k and 10k series.

Maxine Sugg ran her first ever half marathon at Arran; Alison Ammundsen completed the Hever Triathlon and Colin Thatcher ran 75 miles from Winchester to Brighton to raise funds for The Fire Fighters Charity. Jeff Mitchell and Greg Haynes completed Race to the Stones and Fiona Bone, Kelly Fount and Jamie Lampert completed Race to the King – both races are ultra marathon endurance events over two days across some really tough terrain - you are all truly inspirational.

Proving it's not all about the running and so much about meeting new people and socialising too, the club celebrated in style with their Summer Party at Dummer Golf Course Clubhouse in June.

For more details about joining HWR, please visit [www.hwrrunners.co.uk](http://www.hwrrunners.co.uk), email us on [enquiries@hwrrunners.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@hwrrunners.co.uk) or visit our Facebook page.



Hatchies having completed The Hampshire Hoppit



HWR at Dinton Pastures series race in July

## OLD DOWN AND BEGGARWOOD WILDLIFE GROUP

Hopefully now that Autumn is here more bird species will be seen on Old Down and Beggarwood as many species are now migrating through on their way south to warmer climes, even as far as Africa - such species as Swallows, House Martins and Flycatchers. And some species will be migrating to the South of England from the North such as Fieldfare and Redwing. In the first week of September two pairs of Spotted Flycatchers were seen over the wooded belt at the top of Old Down. This was a very pleasing and rare sighting. As the name suggests, they eat insects (see photo) and mostly catch them in the air. The number of birds recorded so far this year on Old Down has been



Spotted Flycatcher

down on previous years – not sure if this is because of the cold spring and hot summer or the disturbance caused by the adjoining housing development. It is hoped that as Autumn progresses we may see some unusual species such as Siskin, Redpoll and Brambling but these would be dream sightings for the two sites.

### Work Parties

For Old Down, we meet at Old Down Hall every Thursday 10-12 noon. Please come and join us – you do not have to be a commitment to every week – just come when you can. There is no regular meeting on Beggarwood at the moment due to lack of volunteers. If anyone is interested in helping to lead or work on the Beggarwood work party please contact the Group to discuss. Always check the website just in case there is a change in arrangements or dates.

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Anne, a My Guide volunteer, says: "I had never realised how important the My Guide role was until I volunteered with Guide Dogs. As a My Guide you are matched wherever possible with a client with very similar interests and my first match was a success immediately. The client and I worked together for 14 months usually meeting once a week. Their confidence grew week by week which was really great and satisfying to experience. The client had been trained to use a cane and had me to support them getting a

on a bus into town one of their goals. We would work together to orientate around bus stations, find the lifts in department stores plus various other key places they might need."

My Guide is a service provided by Guide Dogs to support people who are living with sight loss to get out and about, to do the things they want to do. The role involves providing sighted guide assistance around the local community.

This exciting and fulfilling volunteering opportunity would suit someone who likes to get out and about and could spare two to three hours a week. Full My Guide training and ongoing support and supervision are provided. Volunteers must be 18+ and would require a DBS check.

If you would like to volunteer but don't have much time to spare, please consider joining one of our local Guide Dogs groups. A couple of hours spent volunteering at an event is greatly appreciated and welcomed.



To find out more about how you could help towards a person living with sight loss getting more out life, contact Hazel Kelly, Volunteering Consultant on 0118 983 8892 or at [hazel.kelly@guidedogs.org.uk](mailto:hazel.kelly@guidedogs.org.uk)

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**Thousands of people who manage their retirement savings risk facing a financial crisis in the future.**

That is according to a report from insurance group Zurich who warn that four in five retired people who are using a drawdown scheme to manage their pension fund have not set up a Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA).

LPAs are legal documents that allow you to appoint one or more people, known as Attorneys, to make certain decisions on your behalf. There are two types of LPA, one for property and financial affairs and another covering personal health and welfare.

The issue highlighted by Zurich's report, in part stems from when in 2015 the Government scrapped rules requiring people to buy an annuity at retirement.

Now those retiring can choose a drawdown scheme which gives them the responsibility of managing their own income when they retire, rather than automatically receiving a set amount each month.

The concern is that if you do not set up a LPA, your next of kin or if you prefer, close friends, will

not be able to take charge of your finances should you be incapacitated later in life with illnesses such as dementia.

They would not be able to manage your pension, access your bank account to pay bills or allocate money for your care without applying to the Court of Protection, which can be a long and costly process.

The time to set up a LPA is well before you need it and all reputable pension providers and Independent Financial Advisors (IFAs) should be emphasising this to their clients.

By setting up a LPA you will be protecting yourself and the management of your finances if the worst should happen to you.

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## HATCH WARREN UNDER FIVES PRESCHOOL



It was a Royal Welcome back to Hatch Warren Under Fives this month; we had a very special delivery during our first week - a thank you card from the Royal Family! Last year our children made a wonderful wedding card for Prince Harry and Meghan, and we received our own royal thank you card! What an exciting start to the new preschool year!



It was lovely to welcome back our older children and our new children have settled in fantastically! The start of a brand new term can be a difficult time for young children and the first few weeks of settling into a new environment is a time of crucial importance to a child's later happiness within a setting. Our first few weeks are always about settling in and helping our children make new friends and get to know staff. All children are individuals, and while some children will adjust fairly easily and quickly to a new environment and new routines, others will take longer to feel comfortable and secure. At Hatch Warren Under Fives we work hard to ensure that all children settle happily.

Our first topic "All About Me" is a great chance for the children to learn all about themselves, their new friends and their families. We use stories, arts, crafts and songs to help our children discover what is unique and special about themselves and each other.

Our staff training this month was all

about the outdoor learning environment, so we have some great activities planned for extending our children's learning outdoors all year round. We'll also be learning about autumn this term and exploring colours, outdoor sounds and hibernating animals. And we'll be holding weekly cooking sessions and weekly science experiments too.

HWU5s and the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

Hatch Warren Under Fives work to the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) framework in all our activities. The EYFS sets standards for the learning, development and care of children from birth to five years old.

At the start of any new academic year change is ahead for our little ones. Will they see new teachers? Stay at preschool for a longer amount of time without Mummy or Daddy? Will they be starting their school journey for the very first time?

One of the areas of the EYFS is 'PSED' which stands for Personal, Social and Emotional Development. A large part of what we do here at Hatch

Warren Under Fives is to ensure that we bond with your children and encourage their confidence building. We would encourage and observe a little one to see if, between the ages of 22 and 36 months, they can separate from their main carer with support and encouragement and also express their own interests and preferences. If they are not quite ready we work on it together. It is lovely to hear your little ones asking for a particular toy that may not be out on that day...and yes we will get it for them.

To enquire about our waiting list at Hatch Warren Under Fives, please contact Pam Jones, Manager, on 01256 322788, or email preschoolmail@aol.com.

We also manage a sister preschool, Kempshott Under Fives, located a short distance away at St. Mark's Church in Kempshott. Kempshott Under Fives has a few spaces remaining for immediate starts. Read more about our preschools at [www.hatchwarrenunderfives.co.uk](http://www.hatchwarrenunderfives.co.uk)

## 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.

A new term is upon us and the pre-school has welcomed 12 new starters. There were a few tears but mostly from mums saying goodbye, the little ones just got stuck into playing and making new friends. The children will be focusing on shapes this term, getting to know Ollie Oval, Suzy Circle and Tommy Triangle amongst others. They will be encouraged to look out for these shapes when out and about to cement their learning. A daily activity at the pre-school is 'show and tell' focusing on a different letter of the alphabet each week. The children build their confidence by standing up to share the item they have brought in. Children are encouraged to be creative to expand their vocabulary as much as possible.

There are still spaces available at the Ofsted Outstanding ranked pre-school. To arrange you're your visit, please call Jo or Fiona on 01256 398172.

**Alice Crocker**

## CANDOVER VALLEY PRE-SCHOOL

The children have been having so much fun exploring our refurbished garden. The new sand pit is so big the children can sit in it to play! The children are so engaged in their play using the mud kitchen/ investigation station, water tray with pipes and guttering and climbing tower with places to hide as well as climb and slide down. We have already noticed the increased vocabulary and imaginative play being used outside this term.

Outdoors learning is so important and a vital part of everyday life and this term we will also be focussing on our own 'outdoor



learning sessions'. Over time this type of learning leads to an increase in self-esteem, confidence, learning capacity, enthusiasm, communication, problem-solving skills, independence and emotional well-being. We have 3 Forest School sessions booked in for the Autumn term with our Forest School Teacher, Julie. The woodland area and pre-school top garden have been cleared for use and refurbished by a group of charity volunteers and the new pre-school allotment is also undergoing a transformation and should be ready for planting next year.

Visitors are very welcome so if you would like to see Pre-School in action come along to one of the open sessions or please contact us to arrange a visit.

**Lisa Collison** Pre-School Head  
01256-389008

## DANDELIONS

As we begin the new school year we would like to welcome all our new children and their parents, who will join us at Dandelions throughout the year. Also it is lovely to welcome back all those who are returning to us this term; we hope you all had a very happy summer holiday

Last term we planted pumpkin and carrot seeds in the garden. Over the summer these have grown very well. Soon the children will be able to dig the vegetables up to make soup.

We are making lots of exciting changes to the setting with new equipment and learning materials for the children to play and learn with.

On Wednesday 26th September we are joining Bag2School. The company specialises in good quality clothing that can be re-used and is collected from the Pre-school. All bags are weighed and we will be paid on the total weight collected. If you would like to join in please pop in and collect a bag from the office.

Dandelions and 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](mailto:info@dandelions-preschool.org.uk)



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## HATCH WARREN INFANTS

Here at Hatch Warren Infants have had a wonderful start to the school year with the Year R team going out to visit all the new Reception children at their homes. They have started school all looking incredibly smart in their red bunny jumpers! The children have had a gradual start learning all the routines in small half a class morning and afternoon sessions and we have already started building their muscles in our daily Dough Gym. We will be becoming portrait painters producing a display of all the children in the classes. Twiggle the Turtle and his friends have visited each class, helping us to think about all our feelings and being a good friend.

This half term Year 1 have enjoyed working on their pirate topic. They have produced a fantastic collage of a pirate ship and made portraits of themselves as pirates. Great fun was had by all. We have discussed friendship as part of friendship week and have enjoyed

pirate maths and literacy challenges in our newly developing outside space. We are very much looking forward to the Open Box theatre workshop, where we will be transformed into pirates for the day, learning all about life on the open sea and singing some pirate songs to perform to our parents. The first Year 2 topic is 'It's Good To Be Me'. So far we have explored data handling in maths and found out what each class favourite ice cream flavours are. Each class has produced a newspaper with articles about all our exciting adventures during the beautiful summer holidays. We have got to know our new classmates by sharing our 'All About Me' collages that we were challenged to make at the end of last year; we now all know a lot more about each other. In our continuing drive to be a super healthy school the children we will be learning how to eat a rainbow of fruit and vegetables and having a breakfast café with homemade nutritional cereals.



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26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Halloween food, craft and games
2nd Nov	Buzz competition on the Play Station, mosaic pendants with burgers
9th Nov	Pamper night, FIFA tournament, stress ball making and chocolate fondue
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**5th October - Legal High Awareness**  
**2nd November - Self Harm Awareness**

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

**Fundraising**

We are looking into different fundraising options so that The Warren in 2019 can be even better than it's been in 2018. As we are a charity, we rely on fundraising in the local community. If any young people or their families have any ideas that would help us please get in contact with us. We welcome any contributions. We are also very keen to speak to anyone who works for Sainsbury's Kempshott. If you are a parent or carer who is employed by Sainsburys, please get in touch with Vicky at [vicky@hatchwarren.org](mailto:vicky@hatchwarren.org)

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**Spooky Streetz:** good news, we are able to open for an extra session during the October half term! We will be open on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October in addition to our usual Friday night session.

We have loved hearing everyone's back to school stories. Even though summer is over, we are happy you still want to come down and see us! Both our older and younger sessions have been brilliant. Manhunt and Ultimate tag have been our favourite activities although it was a lot of fun singing along to Greatest Showman on our movie night!

As the nights get chilly and dark the fun doesn't stop in The Warren, we still have plenty of activities planned.

Also don't forget no matter what our food specials are, we still always sell tea and hot chocolate to keep you toasty! (We also sell toasties ☺)



**Fireworks**

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov is the Community Centre's popular fireworks extravaganza. Our staff and volunteers will be selling snacks, drinks and glow sticks. Be sure to come say hello to us! Any profit is put towards activities and equipment in The Warren.

**Just a reminder ..**

The Warren is an open access youth centre so we are unable to stop a young person from signing themselves out of the centre. Safety is very important to us and so we advise young people and their parents/carers always have an arrangement agreed in advance so everyone is safe and happy.

### WHAT'S ON IN SOUTH HAM LIBRARY?

By the time you read this our amazing summer will be a distant memory and we will be well into autumn. So why not pop down to the library to get some lovely new recipes to take you through the colder months. Maybe you have been inspired by Bake Off or you want to enjoy soups and casseroles as the days get cooler. Some of you may be already thinking about Christmas so we have some craft ideas for presents or decorations for your homes.

**It is Craft Club on Saturday 6th October, drop in between 10-12 noon for our Autumn Leaf Animal Craft and there will be an extra crafts with a Halloween theme on the Wednesday 24th October 10-3pm. During half term we will also have a themed Treasure Hunt, come and join in the fun.**

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### ••••• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

A coachload of us from Immanuel Church travelled to Bourmemouth to see Fr. Michael Smith, our vicar for the past four years, installed in his new parish there. What a lovely, warm welcome he received from his new congregation as well as from several representatives from schools, churches, the Jewish community and members of the local council. It was a beautiful church and service, and we met some really lovely people there. We said our final 'goodbyes' to Fr. Michael and wished him and his family every success in his new parish.

When a vicar moves to another church, the parish left behind moves into what is called an 'Interregnum' – the time between one vicar leaving and the appointment of the next vicar. During this time we will take stock of where we are and look ahead to our future and we begin to prepare for the selection of our new vicar.

It is a time for 'pulling together' and a time for 'letting go' and saying 'farewell' to the past - almost a time of Bereavement, because when we lose somebody, through death or absence, we hurt. As Christians, we have hope in our suffering because Christ walks with us. We, in turn, long to walk alongside others who are hurting because of the loss of a loved one. If this is you, we would love to invite you to our

#### ••••• 'All Souls' Service on Sunday 4th November at 6.30 p.m.

This is a reflective service where we remember our loved ones who have gone before us. Names of the departed will be read from Immanuel's Book of Remembrance and you will also be able to light a candle in their memory. The service will last about 45 minutes. If you would like to know more about this service, or ask for a loved one's name to be included in our Book of Remembrance, please contact us at immanuelchurchhb@gmail.com.

### COUNCILLOR'S UPDATE

#### BEGGARWOOD SURGERY:

I am picking up concerns again from some patients at Beggarwood surgery, mainly around the new booking system and am in dialogue with the governing Clinical Commissioning Group on this. If anyone has any worries re the surgery please let me know.

#### BRIGHTON HILL ROUNDABOUT:

Proposals for an upgrade to Brighton Hill roundabout were shown at various local venues recently to gain feedback from residents. Hampshire County Council's preferred option includes widening and signalling the roundabout, as well as preventing access onto the roundabout from Western Way. Drivers would still be able to drive into Western Way from the roundabout. This solution is dependent upon an access being granted through the proposed new development on the Camrose football ground site, which is privately owned. Feedback will be collated and then summarised along with the detailed options analysis which should then go to a decision at HCC later this year for implementation in 2020.

#### HOUNSOME FIELDS:

An application to make a construction access for Hounsme Fields leading off Trenchard Lane (off the A33 going towards North Waltham) has been received by the planning department.

Immanuel church will continue with its work as usual during the Interregnum. It may also be worth saying that our church services and midweek activities take place as usual. These are:

Sundays	10 o'clock <b>Holy Communion</b>
1st Sunday of month	- "Refresh Sunday". Breakfast from 9.30 a.m. and at 10 a.m. we have an informal 'Family Service'. - 6.30 p.m. <b>Holy Communion</b>
Wednesdays (Term time)	10-12 a.m. 'Create Pray' – Explore the joy of creating in a safe, relaxing space.
Thursdays (Term Time)	'Little Angels' – Group for parents/ carers and pre-school children. 9.45-11.15 Hatch Warren C. Centre.
Thursday 9 a.m.	Our Communion Service is being held at St Mark's Church, Kempshott during the interregnum.
2nd Friday of month	10-noon 'Golden Years' – Friendship Group for the Over 60s.
1st Saturday of month	'Saturday Breakfast' at 8.30 a.m. for the community. Talk at 9 o'clock with guest speakers.

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

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#### MOTORWAY SERVICE AREA:

Still no update on the proposals for a Motorway Service Area near junction seven. The full application for an MSA at junction six was still not progressing at time of writing and I imagine it is unlikely that the junction seven will come forward in detail until there is some clarity on the other application.

#### DANEURY ROAD:

No waiting lines are too be extended along Danebury Road close to the junction with Woodbury Rd in response to concerns around parking at school run time.

#### DIGESTER:

An application to make permanent the current, temporary increase in HGV traffic through Woodbury Rd to the anaerobic digester in Garlic Lane is likely to be put to Hampshire County Council this autumn. I will update as soon as I know if this is confirmed.

#### COMMUNITY LUNCH:

We will be back with another community lunch at the Beggarwood Community Centre on the first Wednesday of next month, 3rd October, from 12.30pm. Look out for details of a special Christmas community lunch nearer the time.

**Cllr Terri Reid**

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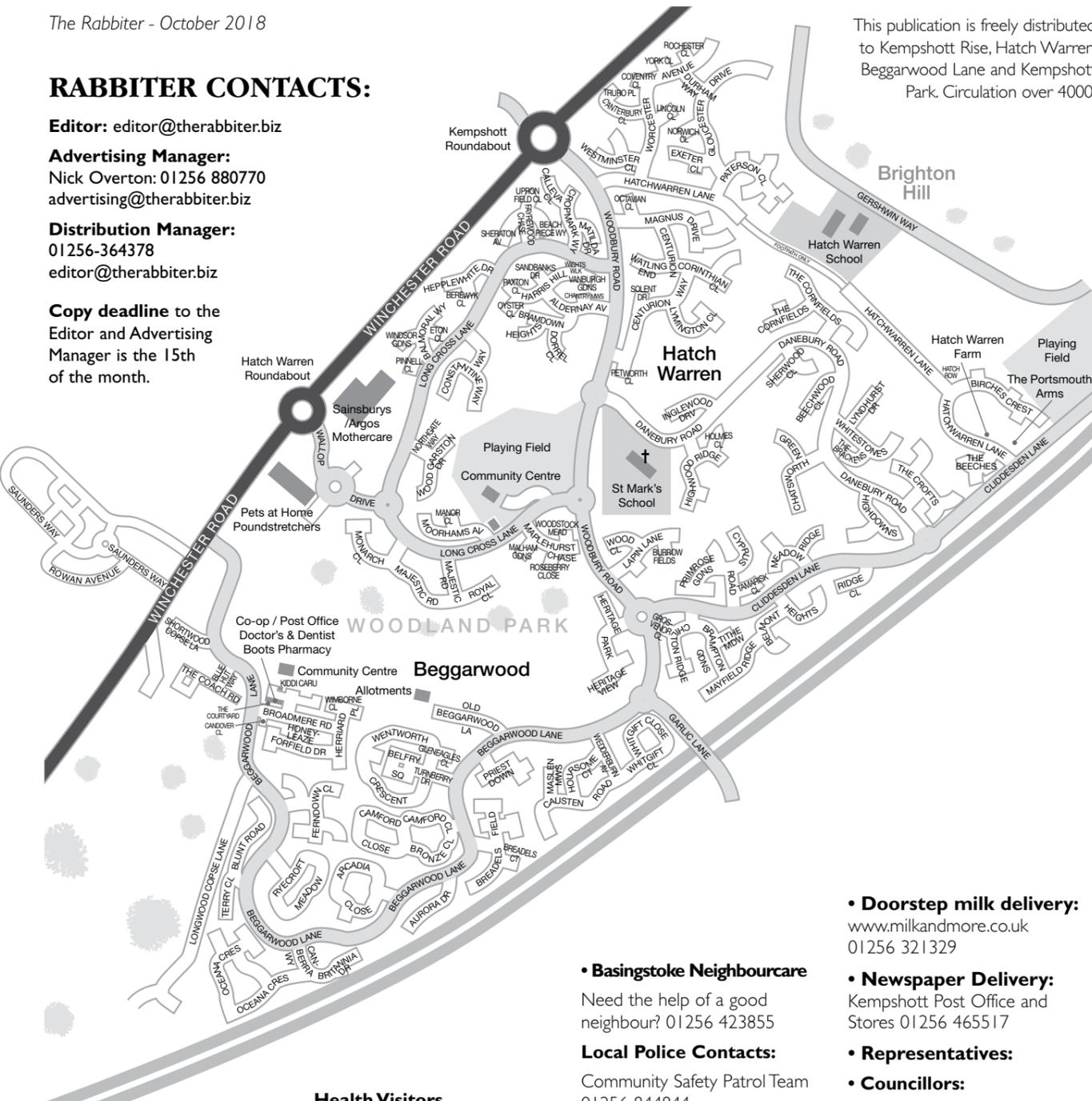
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The speaker this month was Eric Marsh who gave an interesting talk on Victorian Sports. He said that it was during the Victorian era, and as a result of the Industrial Revolution that gave most workers Saturday afternoons off, that sports that had previously been amateur started to become professionalised. One of the first events, in April 1860 was a bareknuckle fight held at Farnborough between Tom Sayers of England and John Heenan of the United States which lasted 39 rounds, and involved a lot of gambling. Rugby League and Association Football soon followed and was initially based in Northern England. He went on to tell members that the first University Boat Race was held in 1829 at Henley



and was switched to Putney in 1836. Cycling started to catch on in the 1870s and the Cyclists' Touring Club was formed in 1878, and instigated penny-farthing races at Herne Hill. The Open Golf Championship started at The Royal & Ancient Club in 1860. Captain Matthew Webb swam the English Channel in 1875, taking 22 hours; it is now completed in around 13 hours. In horse racing, The Grand National had started in 1839, and the modern Olympics were first held in 1896 with just 9 sports.

The next meeting is on 3rd October when the speaker will be Malcolm Nelson on Forty Years Catching Smugglers. 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. Details can be obtained from the Secretary Tony Brazier on 07715 640171 and for information about our trips please contact Kate Lambeth on 01256 328791.

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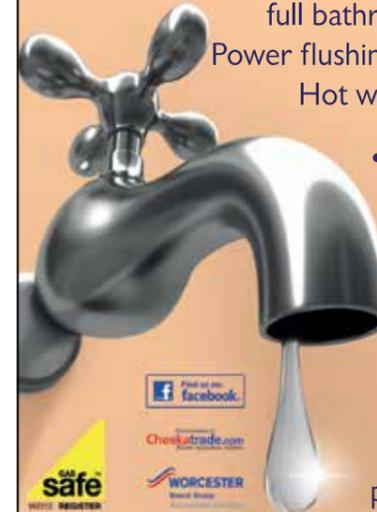
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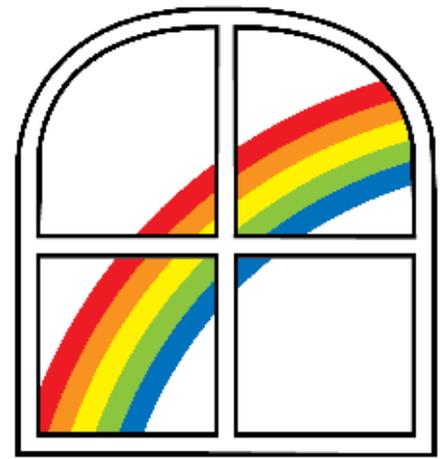
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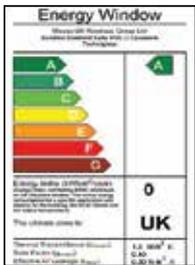
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