

## WHAT'S ON – FEBRUARY

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### February Events

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| 5 February  | Chinese New Year  |
| 6 February  | Community Lunch   |
| 7 February  | Hatch Warren WI (see page 7)  |
| 13 February | Anaerobic Digester meeting<br>(see SWAG report page 5)  |
| 14 February | Valentine's Day   |
| 14 February | Laughter House at Apollo Hotel –<br>see <a href="https://laughterhousecomedy.club/">https://laughterhousecomedy.club/</a> |
| 15 February | Mad Hair Day in aid of St Michael's Hospice –<br>see page 20  |
| 27 February | Bookworms at the Café in the Park   |

### Future Events

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| 1 March     | St David's Day  |
| 2 March     | Dandelions Open Day – see page 17   |
| 9 March     | Community Plan meeting  |
| 5 March     | Shrove Tuesday  |
| 6 March     | Community Lunch   |
| 14 March    | Laughter House at Apollo Hotel –<br>see <a href="https://laughterhousecomedy.club/">https://laughterhousecomedy.club/</a> |
| 15 March    | Comic Relief  |
| 17 March    | St Patrick's Day  |
| 19-23 March | Made in Dagenham at the Haymarket   |
| 31 March    | Clocks go forward   |
| 31 March    | Mothering Sunday  |
| 3 April     | Community Health Walk   |
| 11 April    | Laughter House at Apollo Hotel –<br>see <a href="https://laughterhousecomedy.club/">https://laughterhousecomedy.club/</a> |

14 April	Palm Sunday
19 April	Good Friday
20/21 April	Art Exhibition, Sherbourne St John Village Hall
21 April	Easter Sunday
23 April	St George's Day
27 April	Festival Night at Hatch Warren Community Centre – see page 18

### 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, All knitters, crocheter's and spinners welcome
- 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**,  
Meet every Thursday 10-12noon, Old Down Hall. For Beggarwood – usually 3rd Saturday of each month at the Maze [www.olddownandbeggarwood.org.uk](http://www.olddownandbeggarwood.org.uk) email: [odandbw@gmail.com](mailto:odandbw@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/](https://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)

## BEGGARWOOD BOOKWORMS

Anne Marie and I decided to launch the Beggarwood Bookworms in October from our love of a good book and a natter. We are both trustees of the Hatch Warren and Beggarwood community association and are passionate about the new centre that has opened in Beggarwood.

We knew there were enough groups for young families and children, but we were keen to have some low cost and commitment adult groups and thought that a book group fitted that bill. The centre in Beggarwood is the perfect space, and we can have a glass of prosecco or a lovely coffee whilst we meet and chat about the book.

Our first meeting was a huge success and we have had so many bookworms join

us. We had a glass of celebratory fizz and created our book leaderboard à la strictly come dancing complete with a lot of glitter! The bookworms are very informal and it doesn't matter if you haven't read the book or can't finish it. We have a Facebook group where bookworms can suggest new books and swap the ones from the reading list. We have joined on the libraries group lending scheme and have been fortunate enough to have some publishers send us some proof copies straight from the authors.

Our first book was 'Eleanor Oliphant is completely fine' which is a novel about loneliness and one young woman's struggle. It's a book which we all enjoyed and promoted a great discussion amongst the group.

Our second book was more of a challenge and not one which many would have chosen to read. 'A Gentleman in Moscow' tells the story of a count in Russia who is put under house arrest in the Hotel Metropole in Moscow. This is what the bookworms is all about, trying a different book.

Our book for February is the 'Tattooist of Auschwitz' so you have time to get reading and enjoy a book that you may not have considered reading.

We tend to meet on the last Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm and would love some new bookworms to come and join us!

**Hannah Cuff**