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EDITORIAL

Yet again your editor is thankful for how technology helps us to keep in touch. The first proof of this edition arrived by email today and I have now settled down to write this editorial. I have a glass of cold white Greek wine at my elbow, a fabulous view of the Greek mainland across the Ionian Sea and a blue sky overhead – bliss!!

It is sad to see the loss of the green space between us and the M3, it is vital that we ensure that the proposed developments on the Golf course and Hounsme Fields are 'fit for purpose' and provide the best possible plans – see SWAG and Councillor's reports on page 5 for an update.

Beggarwood Bookworms is going from strength to strength. Wonderful books are being read. Next bookworms on 26 June – The History of Britain in 21 Women by Jennie Murray.

The next Community Lunch is on 5 June and the team will be serving the usual fare plus a new offering, quiche and salad - yummy! Whilst on the subject of food, our roving gourmet has been enjoying lunch at The Queens at Dummer (see page 7). 'Madams' pudding sounds particularly delicious.

The advice from the Hampshire Constabulary Crime Prevention Advisor (see page 6) should be read by all. No matter what we seem to do, these calls continue to happen and are often very worrying. The advice is not to do anything that concerns your money, computer etc.

Congratulations to Councillor Rebecca Bean for being re-elected as one of our representatives on Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council. We hope she will be able to let us have regular updates re her role on Borough Development and Improvement.

Do you knit, sew, patchwork or enjoy another craft? See page 15 for details of Friendship Fridays at the Cafe in the Park.

Finally, the Hatch Warren Community Association AGM is on 12 June (details on page 18). The trustees, Clare and her team, do a wonderful job of managing our centres. They need your help to ensure that this continues so please consider going to the AGM to see what is happening and how you could help.

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. Blunt Road and Terry Close



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SWAG SNIPPETS (South West Action Group)

Housome Fields. Take a look at **BDBC 18/02513/RES** to see the latest amended plans submitted on 10 April for the first phase of housing. SWAG has written to the Head of Planning trying to get the new primary school location reconsidered but has yet again been rebuffed. It seems to boil down to be "too difficult" to change. SWAG would like to see the school moved further away from busy roads. Over 30 local residents have also written to the Head of Planning and our M.P.s on this issue. The Times is currently running a campaign to reduce the exposure of children of Primary School age to pollution. We'll see if they are interested in our problems over the location of this new school.

Basingstoke Golf Club The outline planning application for "up to" 1,100 dwellings has been submitted. See planning reference **19/00971/OUT.** Local residents have already expressed concern over several issues including the indicative location of the Traveller pitch, the amount of car parking provision, the risks of Longwood Copse Lane and Squirrel Drive becoming a car park for visitors to the proposed sports pitches, the viability of still more convenience stores, the loss of valuable stands of trees within the site and the impact of the proposal to erect 5m high acoustic barriers on three sides of the site.

Take a look at the BDBC Planning website and comment. Here is the illustrative layout of the site.



A decision on the outline planning application for up to 3,520 dwellings on **Manydown** did not come forward to Development Control in May, as expected. Watch for it in June.

SWAG Committee and Contact Group Meeting Monday 24th June 7.00 p.m. Hatch Warren Community Centre. If you would like to join our Committee or Contact Group and contribute to our work on the many planning applications in our area, please come along.

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

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COUNCILLOR'S UPDATE

GOLF COURSE

The Supplementary Planning Document will go to the Council's EPH committee on 6th June, so any local residents who would like to attend the meeting to comment on the document may register to do so by contacting Democratic Services at the council. If anyone would like help to register please let me know.

COMMUNITY PLAN FOR HATCH WARREN AND BEGGARWOOD

Enough local people have come forward to form a steering committee for a Community Plan for the area, which is great news. There will be further opportunities to register to be part of this in the next couple of months, and officers from BDBC will be at the Hatch Warren Festival in July.

GOLF COURSE TREES

The tree officer at Basingstoke and Deane has served a Tree Preservation Order for all the trees within the curtilage, which will give protection to the trees and require the developers to work with BDBC before any are removed prior to development.

DIGESTER

After years of complaints about odour from local residents, the new operators of the Digester, Biogen are undertaking a number of changes to prevent odour leaking from the plant, including changing the bio-filter to a different design which they believe might be more efficient.

BEGGARWOOD SURGERY

I am increasingly worried about the future of the surgery as time runs out towards the contract with Cedar Medical concluding in late summer. There is still no confirmation about future plans from the Clinical Commissioning Group who are in charge of GP services in the area.

Cllr Terri Ried



March Meeting

Imagine aging so slowly that you look 41 when you are actually over 400 years old. Would this be a blessing or a curse? This was the topic of the Beggarwood Bookworms March read 'How To Stop Time' by Matt Haig. Tom Hazzard has lived in Shakespearean London, Paris in the roaring '20s, Mid West American during the gold rush and now finds himself back in London as a history teacher at a comprehensive school. To protect the secret of his rare condition he must remain aloof and distance

himself from people but he is drawn to the charming French teacher who is sure she recognises him.

This has been a marmite book for the group, some loving it, thinking it was a beautifully written, tender love story whilst others found it a chore to read, too drawn out and difficult to finish. Making it the least recommended books read by the group so far.

April Meeting

This month's book choice was 'The Keeper of Lost Things' by Ruth Hogan. Since losing his wife, Anthony Peardew finds and keeps lost things. Upon his death he leaves his house and his eclectic collection to Laura, his devoted housekeeper. She is tasked with the job of reuniting the lost things to their original

owners. Interspersed throughout the story are short anecdotes about the previous owners and how they came to lose the items. At times these stories are bittersweet.

The group found this book a charming and very enjoyable read with interesting and likeable characters. The group voted this book into third place on our leader board.

Next bookworms on 26 June – The History of Britain in 21 Women by Jennie Murray. If you are interested in joining our lively and very friendly discussion group you may book your place via the Beggarwood Bookworms Facebook page.

You will be very welcome.

WHAT'S ON – JUNE

Do you have an event locally that you would like to tell people about. The Rabbitter reaches over 4000 homes locally so is the perfect way to publicise your event. Just email details to editor@therabbitter.biz

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

June Events

- 2 June Deep Blue Friendship at Hobbycraft Basingstoke - crafting with Katie from Deep Blue Crafting
- 5 June Community lunch
Beggarwood Community Centre
- 7 June WI Meeting Hatch Warren Community Centre (see page 7)
- 12 June Deep Blue Crafting Classes
- see www.deepbluecrafting.co.uk/classes for more details and to sign up
- 21 June Arkday (see page 12)
- 21 June - 7 July Basingstoke Festival
- 21 June Deep Blue Friendship Friday
- crafting at the Cafe in the Park with Katie from Deep Blue Crafting
- 22-23 June Rotary Family Festival, Basingstoke Cricket Club
- 24 June SWAG Meeting 7.00 p.m.
Hatch Warren Community Centre (see page 5)
- 30 June 11-3.30 (doors open at 10.30) Basingstoke Yoga Gathering £5 per adult , yoga sessions and local teachers and therapists.
- 30 June Dummer Fete, Dummer Down Farm

Future Events

- 7 July Deep Blue Friendship at Hobbycraft Basingstoke - crafting with Katie from Deep Blue Crafting
- 13 July Summer Festival 12-4pm
Hatch Warren Community Playing Fields (see page 18-19 for full event listing)

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, crocheters 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 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

, 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

TELEPHONE FRAUD

If you have a caller display facility on your landline and you see what looks like an incoming UK mobile or landline number, please don't take it for granted that it actually is. Fraudsters can 'spoo' number so that people receiving the call think they are dealing with someone genuine.

When this happens with a call made to your mobile phone – it can even show the name as 'Bank' if that is how you have it stored in your mobile, leading you to think it's a genuine call from your bank, when it isn't. Do not confirm anything and do not start any process. This trick is often used when fraudsters will have successfully hacked a person's email or other account, so they can speak with authority about financial transactions you have made recently, leading you to think you are speaking with someone genuine.

The Telephone Preference Service cannot protect you from these types of calls, as they are there to ensure genuine

companies do not make contact if you have registered to opt out of receiving unsolicited calls.

The advice is simple, never enter into any business with someone who you cannot 100% verify. Call your bank using a number you have sourced yourself, or better still, visit your bank in person.

Remember -

- Banks will never call you to get you to transfer money or ask for your PIN
- Police will never call you to assist in an investigation regarding money, jewellery or debit/credit cards
- HMRC will never call you to tell you they have an arrest warrant for you because you have an outstanding tax bill

Visit Action Fraud for more advice and to sign up for alerts on the latest scams.

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QUEEN INN, DOWN STREET, DUMMER, RG25 2AD

It was time we went back as it is about a year since the place changed hands. It was always reliable for good food but would the new people keep up the standard at the Queen Inn?

From our experience the answer is Yes. It was Thursday lunchtime and arriving just after 1.00 pm the small car park was full so we ended up parking in the road albeit in the shade. This fairly ancient hostelry is a warren of small enclaves all with tables and chairs. There is a large fireplace that when lit is a welcoming feature. There is a beer garden used on our visit by several people enjoying an al fresco lunch.

The menu is what has become reliable pub fare. There is plenty to tempt you including sandwiches at lunch time and with the usual children's offerings. Madam decided that the home made burger would have to come sans bun and the chips replaced with a salad. This was not the typical replacement consisting of just a few rocket leaves but with plenty of variety – what she called a proper salad. And the burger was clearly not a catering company offering being a good half pounder. My choice was the beef lasagne which did come with chips

and vegetables. Very tasty it was too.

Blow it, we will have a pudding. Mine was apple crumble with plenty of black currants complete with my choice of a small jug of custard, alternatively I could have had ice cream or cream. Madam went for something a little bit different with the intriguing title of Affogato. This was salted caramel ice cream topped with hot espresso coffee and presented in a small tumbler. It was extremely pleasant.

Our drinks were the usual large diet tonic with a slice and ice and I had a pint of an Italian lager called Birra Moretti. This came in its own special glass somewhat similar in style to that used by Stella.

We didn't bother with coffee and the bill totalled £43.40. We could not complain about anything so will happily go back again, but will make sure it's not too long before our next visit.



NEW LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER AT BOROUGH COUNCIL

The new Leader and Deputy Leader at Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council are focusing on enriching lives and bringing continued prosperity for local people.

Cllr Ken Rhatigan was elected Leader at the Council meeting tonight (Thursday 16 May). He replaces Cllr Clive Sanders, who stepped down following seven years as Leader.

Cllr Simon Bound, previously the Cabinet Member for Communities and Community Safety, is Deputy Leader.

In his first weeks, Cllr Rhatigan is concentrating on what people want most from the council and listening to possible solutions from other councillors, local organisations and businesses to the challenges the borough faces.

He said: "This is a great place to live but it could be even better. My job as the new Leader is to make it amazing, not just for our residents, but for the people who work and spend their free time here.

Together as a strong Cabinet team, we will strive to protect what we have and make the future brighter for all the people in the borough."

Cllr Bound said: "I am proud to have the opportunity to serve as Deputy Leader, supporting the Leader in delivering the things that people most want us to do every day and in the medium and long term. I will be strengthening our links with partner organisations to ensure we are acting as one to make a real difference to the lives of all the people in our communities."

The other members of the Cabinet, announced by Cllr Rhatigan, are:

- Borough Development and Improvement – Cllr Rebecca Bean
- Environment and Enforcement – Cllr Hayley Eachus
- Finance and Service Improvement – Cllr Hannah Golding
- Regeneration and Property – Cllr John Izzett
- Homes and Families - Cllr Tristan Robinson
- Planning, Infrastructure and Natural Environment – Cllr Mark Ruffell

HATCH WARREN WI

Hatch Warren W.I. held their annual general meeting on May 2nd. The meeting was chaired by our vice President. Reports were read by both our secretary and vice president on the events etc that we had enjoyed during the past year. Members have enjoyed a 'Jazz band' at our party, walk in the New Forest, visiting Winchester Discovery Centre where there was a lovely display celebrating the 100 years of Hampshire W.I. with a lunch afterwards. A summer garden party, silk painting workshop. A trip to Kensington Palace to see Princess Diana's clothes and a Flamenco evening with our twin W.I. in Alton. Visit to Winchester Christmas market and a Christmas meal and a fish and chip supper. Members also attended the Spring Council meeting at Portsmouth and enjoyed along the way many interesting and varied talks through out the year at our monthly meetings. Our membership has increased this year and our craft group has been very busy learning new skills. We gave a big thank you to both out going President and Secretary who have completed three years this year and welcomed a new President and Secretary and wish them well.

This month saw fourteen members meet and enjoyed tea and cake at the T Bar and then walked the Basingstoke Heritage walk at the top of town. We were not able to finish the whole walk so we will have another date to complete our trip. This month members will enjoy a trip to Oxford with lunch. We are all busy planning our 26th 'Birthday Party' on June 6th where the theme will be 'All the Fun of the Fair' so if you would like to come to join us at the 'Fair' please contact our new President Lynnette on 01256 780415. We meet at Hatch Warren Community Centre on the 1st Thursday of the month.

Our July meeting will be on July 4th our speaking will be Brian Graham 'A practical demonstration of Candle Making.

5 REASONS TO MAKE A WILL IN YOUR 20s OR 30s

We know that making a will isn't exactly the top of millennial's to do lists but it is something that should be prioritised if you want to save your family the heartache of dealing with your affairs with no guidance after you have gone.

Here are 5 reasons that may inspire you to make a will sooner:

1. We never know when our time is up. Anyone over the age of 18 can make a will. Your will doesn't just reflect what you have now and can be written in anticipation of children, wealth, relationships and property.

2. Ensure your partner is provided for. If you are living with a partner and are not married they may not be looked after as you had hoped.

3. Doing it for the kids. If you have children or anticipate having children in the near future a will allows you to appoint legal guardians should you pass away when they are still young.

4. Protecting Property. If you own a property or are considering buying a property, a will is an important document to have in place to determine what will happen to your share.

5. Set out your funeral plans. Many of us have an idea about what type of funeral we would like to have. Whether you would want to be buried or cremated or if there are specific songs / readings you would like. These can be outlined in your will.

A will is a fluid document that can be

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WORLD BRONZE FOR BARTON

Basingstoke athlete Neil Barton was jumping for joy after winning a bronze medal in the Men's 35-39 Long Jump at the 2019 World Masters Indoor Athletics Championships.

The event, held in Poland, was Barton's first international competition. "It had always been a dream of mine to represent my country in an athletics competition", said Barton, who retired from competitive athletics in 2006 after competing at club and county level throughout his teens and early 20s.

Fast forward 12 years to 2018. Basingstoke & Mid Hants athlete Pete Watkeys – a friend of Barton's and a fellow World Masters medallist himself – persuaded Neil to get back into athletics, and in July Neil took part in the annual Hampshire Grand Prix event at Down Grange. This was his first long jump competition in over a decade: "With basically no training I jumped 5.95m, and was fairly happy with that. The technique was still there, but I'd lost a lot of sprint speed" said Barton.

Pete then suggested that Neil enter the British Masters Championships – a suggestion which he initially dismissed, but later decided to "give it a go". After 6 weeks of training Neil jumped 6.12m to claim the silver medal, just 2cm short of the gold medal. "The fact that I was so close to claiming the British Masters title incentivised me to join Basingstoke & Mid Hants athletics club and start training properly".

Following a decent winter's training, Neil entered the 2019 British Masters Indoor

Championships at the beginning of March, competing in the 60m and the long jump. "The 60m race was OK, but the long jump was awful. The earlier race affected my legs, and I suffered cramp during the long jump. Most of my jumps were below par, but one was OK and I finished with 6.04m". Fortunately for Neil, this was enough to take the gold medal by just 6cm.

A few weeks after clinching the British over-35 title, Neil flew out to Poland to take part in the World Masters Indoor Championships and fulfil his dream of competing for Great Britain. "Based on my recent performances and looking at the results of previous championships, I was hoping to jump around 6.20m and aiming to finish in the top 10".

However, the competition – which was streamed live online – didn't exactly go quite as Neil had expected. His first round jump was measured at 6.47m, smashing his own expectations: "I thought 'I've nailed it in the first round! So no matter happens now I'm going to go home happy!'". The competition ended up being quite close. "I was in third place going into the final round, just 9cm behind the Frenchman in second and only 3cm ahead of the Portuguese athlete in fourth place. With several of us separated by just a few centimetres the final round was incredibly tense!" In the final round, Barton managed to improve his best to 6.52m to secure the bronze medal behind Japan's Hiroto Goto (6.78m) and France's Imad Redouane (6.56m).

"I could not believe it, I had to pinch myself" said an elated Barton. "I'd come here looking for 6.20m and a top-10 finish, I never dreamt of jumping 6.52m and



winning a medal. This time last year I was still in retirement and the last few months have been something of a whirlwind. I can't quite believe I'm now the British Champion and World bronze medallist!" It may have been over a quarter of a century, but it seems that dreams have finally come true for this local athlete.

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We've enjoyed serving you all throughout our Birthday celebrations; thank you for entering into the spirit and fun throughout the week.

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Christmas 2019

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PROBUS SPRING LADIES' LUNCH



The annual Spring Ladies' lunch was the latest formal gathering of the Probus Club of Basingstoke, the social club for retired professional and business managers. Organised once again by Alan and Liliane May they came up with the goods when they arranged this occasion for members and their spouses. It was held at the Test Valley Golf Club. By working closely with the chef they ensured that all forty one attendees received their pre-ordered food – there were four selections available from three courses – and they produced all the printed menus and table name cards as well as the information sheets after they devised two separate quizzes. And if that wasn't enough that also ran the raffle.

Alan has been the Honorary Treasurer of the Probus Club of Basingstoke for over a decade. In that time he and Liliane have become experts at successfully arranging not only this lunch but also the club's Christmas dinner. While these are the two formal events to which wives/lady friends are invited there are many other social occasions during the year when the distaff side of the family are involved.

Guest of honour was Janet Fagg, the President of Basingstoke Ladies' Probus Club, who was welcomed by Vice President Richard Wood. She was equally at home on this occasion as the wives of some members of the men's club belong to the Ladies' Probus Club.

For more information about the Probus Club of Basingstoke see their web site www.probusbasingstoke.wordpress.com or for an informal chat contact their Secretary, Paul Flint, on 07770 886521. For enquiries about Basingstoke Ladies' Probus Club contact Janet Fagg on 07986 133382.

BEGGARWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Our first Neighbourhood Watch drop-in session was held on 1 June at the Beggarwood Community Centre/ Café in the Park. If you missed it and want to find out more about your local scheme you can also find us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/NeighbourhoodWatchBeggarwood>.

Join the UK's Largest Voluntary Movement

If you live in the Beggarwood area and would like to join the scheme, go to www.ourwatch.co.uk, enter your postcode and click search to register.

Crimestoppers

Calls to Crimestoppers really do make a difference. Last year's statistics show that in the Basingstoke and Deane area a number of arrests and convictions were made as a result of anonymous calls. If you would like to report a crime anonymously, call 0800 555 111.

Thefts from Motor Vehicles

Over the past few months there have been some reports of thefts from cars and vans in Beggarwood.

This kind of crime can be reduced by parking in secure areas, preferably well-lit or in a locked garage. Make sure valuable items are removed or not left on display and lock your vehicle.

Phishing Emails and Texts

Action Fraud has flagged a number of phishing emails and text messages purporting to be from HMRC and TV Licensing indicating that the recipient owes money, threatening prosecution or limiting services if payment is not made. This can catch people unaware and make them feel pressurised into clicking a link and giving details away or making a payment.

It's important to listen to your instincts. If you're in doubt about any communication you've received, contact the organisation through official channels and if you believe it to be suspicious, report it to Action Fraud 0300 1232040 or www.actionfraud.police.uk.

Ruth Chappell

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

THE LONGEST DAY WILL BE ARK DAY!



IT'S a fundraising campaign that people in Basingstoke and Deane are at the heart of – and now Ark Cancer Centre Charity has launched a special 24-hour event where everyone in the borough can make a big difference in a small way.

Friday, June 21, 2019 will be Ark Day – a day when everyone in the town and borough can play a part by supporting the charity that is raising £5million to help fund a much-needed NHS cancer treatment centre at Basingstoke hospital.

In 2019, Ark Cancer Centre Charity wants the Basingstoke and Deane community to make a really big difference on Friday, June 21 – the longest daylight day of the year – by raising as much money as possible for the good cause in 24 hours.

Every pound counts – and that's why £1 donations will be at the heart of the Ark Day fundraising campaign. And it's also very much about putting the fun into fundraising as people of all ages are encouraged to have a good time while raising money for the good cause.

"People have the power to make a really big difference with a small donation on Ark

Day," said world-leading liver cancer surgeon Merv Rees, who is a trustee of Ark Cancer Centre Charity, and a driving force behind the cancer treatment centre project.

"Nearly 180,000 people live in Basingstoke and Deane. If everyone donates just £1 on Friday, June 21, then this will make a massive difference to Ark's £5m campaign."

The team behind Ark Day will be organising a series of special events on June 21 – a daybreak golf competition and a sponsored firewalk are already in the pipeline.

It is hoped that local people, businesses, schools and community organisations will support these (please register your support at arkday.co.uk) and also organise their own fundraising activities. There are lots of fundraising ideas at <https://arkday.co.uk/ideas/>

Ark Cancer Centre Charity's £5m will provide a range of support services and complementary therapies, alongside chemotherapy and radiotherapy treatments, in a calm and uplifting environment. The new centre will largely be funded by Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

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DIVORCE REFORM TO END BLAME GAME



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Divorcing couples will no longer have to blame each other for the breakdown of their marriage thanks to a new law announced by the government.

The Family Law team at Phillips welcome a recent announcement from the Justice Secretary David Gauke who said the aim of the new law is to help reduce family conflict.

The move follows a 12-week public consultation which showed widespread support for no-fault divorce.

New legislation will be introduced to Parliament to update the current 50-year-old divorce law which has been shown to exacerbate conflict, working against any prospect of reconciliation as well as being damaging to children by undermining the relationship between parents.

The issue was highlighted in the media last year when 68-year-old Tini Owens' appeal for divorce was rejected by The Supreme Court. She wanted the Court to grant her a divorce on the grounds that she is unhappy with her marriage.

Mrs Owens maintained that her relationship with her 80-year-old husband Hugh had broken down irretrievably because of his unreasonable and controlling behaviour.

However, Mr Owens refused to divorce and denies the allegations from his wife.

The couple who were married over 40 years ago have lived separately since 2015.

Although sympathetic to her situation, The Supreme Court's decision meant that Mrs Owens must remain married until 2020.

The reason for this is that under the current law, unless a person can prove their marriage has broken down due to adultery, unreasonable behaviour or desertion, the only way to get a divorce without a spouse's consent is to live apart for five years.

Welcoming the much-needed changes, Hayley Eachus, who is a family law specialist at Phillips Solicitors, said: "The news will help move family law in this country into the 21st Century."

"The change will mean that separating couples will no longer have to apportion blame for marriage breakdown, which can be very painful not only for the separating couple, but also for their children and wider family."

If you are considering divorcing or separating from your partner, whether you are married or not, please do not hesitate to contact Hayley by calling 01256 854633 or by emailing hayley.eachus@phillips-law.co.uk

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Café in the Park

New this month: Tiger Tree Yoga + Beggarwood Ballet- classes weekly.

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What's on in June?

5th Community Lunch

7th Tea and Talk - 'Holiday' theme

14th Card & a Cuppa

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Thursday: 10-2
Friday 10-2
Saturday 8.30-4
Sunday 10-4

HOWARD PARK BOWLING CLUB



On Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th May we held our Open Weekend at Howard Park Bowls. Our members gave their time promoting the event by advertising in the area and giving out leaflets to shoppers at local Supermarkets. We were very pleased with the response with eleven new members signing up on the weekend plus others who showed interest to come along on our "club nights".

Our Club nights are on a Tuesday 6.00 pm – 8.00pm, also drop in sessions are every Monday 1.00pm – 4.00pm.

So come along and have a go - you can be assured of a warm welcome.

We received very positive comments from our visitors who were impressed with our new Clubhouse and hospitality on the weekend, with homemade cakes and refreshments.

By the time this goes to print we would have played our first friendly/social bowls game with Disability Bowls England on Saturday 11th May which proved very successful.

If you would like to find out more about our Club please contact:- Alan Tait on tel. 01256 329493 - mob. 07392064252.

Or Email a.tait1@hotmail.co.uk.

There is equipment for you at the Club and our members are keen to help new comers.

We look forward to seeing you. www.howardparkbowls.co.uk

BASINGSTOKE CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT FELLOWSHIP



The group's meeting on Wednesday 1 May opened with a plant sale which included 40 pots of bedding plants kindly donated by Wyevale at Dummer. This raised £68 which will go towards group funds. In welcoming everyone the chairman, David Cowling, thanked all those who had both contributed, and bought plants, at the sale. After this the secretary, Tony Brazier, gave details of the forthcoming trips, and the Welfare Officer, Christine Broadbent, gave an update on those members who had not been well.



The speaker this month was Dr Becky Peacock from the Mid-Hants Railway which is known as the Watercress Line. She gave a history of the line which was formed in 1861 when the Alton, Alresford and Winchester Railway Company was authorised to build a new railway to connect to the existing lines at Alton and Winchester. It was opened on 2 October 1865 as the Mid-Hants Railway with trains being operated by the London & South Western Railway which eventually purchased the line in 1884 after it went bankrupt. It was mainly a freight line and obtained the nickname "The Watercress Line" as this was a large part of its business from the Alresford area. The line was closed by British Rail in 1973 and bought in 1975 to reopen as a heritage line in 1977 running a 10 minute journey from Ropley to Alresford. It now runs the 10 miles from Alresford to Alton and has many special events and themed days throughout the year.

Bookings are now being taken for the trips to -

- Tea on the Watercress Line on Thursday 13 June
- Bosham Arts & Craft Centre on Wednesday 10 July
- Isle of Wight during Cowes Week on Thursday 18 August.

The next meeting is on 5 June which is our open meeting with refreshments and the speaker is Deborah A Brady on "My Life as a Journalist". The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at Brookvale Village Hall from 10am to 12noon and all retired Civil Servants, their relatives and friends are welcome. Further details about the group and information about our trips can be obtained by contacting csfbasingstoke@gmail.com.

David Cowling

CRAFTING

The mental health benefits of crafting are all over the place at the moment, including the news and social media.

If you are a crafter, you may well have experienced the therapeutic benefits of crafting for yourself. Having a hobby allows you to take time out from the stresses of every day. Focusing on creating can help to refocus your brain and allow you to enter a slower brainwave state, or a state of flow where time seems to pass without you noticing!

Whether or not you believe that you are a "natural" crafter, there are plenty of opportunities to try out different options without huge expense or having to buy lot of equipment. There is a craft for everyone, even if you don't think you are creative! Some crafts will be fun, and others may make you want to tear your hair out, but it is worth persevering and continuing to explore, as different activities suit different people and personalities.

Would you like to give crafting a try? If you have no idea where to start, then why not come along when there is a crafting session at the Friendship Fridays at the Cafe in the Park? The Deep Blue Crafting sessions will have card-making opportunities, and there may well be other crafts on offer at different times. The cafe would like some new table numbers, so until the set is complete we will be painting wooden spoons for them to use to make them more visible when the cafe gets busy. Why not come along and give it a go, and help your local meeting space at the same time?

Katie

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HATCH WARREN UNDER FIVES PRESCHOOL



We're now into the last couple of months of our preschool year at Hatch Warren Under Fives – the year really has flown by!

Over the last few weeks, and up until the end of the school year, we are putting lots of work into school readiness for our older children. Each day we are having fun with activities to promote number recognition, personal and social skills, listening and understanding, and health and self care to name a few.

It's been really exciting to learn which schools our children will be going to, and this month many of our children will be making their first visits to their new school – such an exciting time for them all.

It's been lovely to feel the weather getting warmer, so we've been making the most of the garden with lots of outside play. The sunny weather is also a perfect opportunity for us to hunt for mini beasts and learn lots about nature and flowers.

Earlier in the term we learnt about the lifecycle of caterpillars transforming into butterflies – the children loved making daily checks on our butterfly garden to watch our caterpillars grow and transform, and it was wonderful to release the butterflies into our garden. This sparked lots of curiosity to discover more little creatures that appear in the garden at this time of year, so we made a fantastic bug hotel. The children are really enjoying adding new resources to attract mini beasts to their hotel and checking each day to see what new bugs and mini beasts they might find.

We're having lots of fun with our weekly cooking and baking sessions; the children made some amazing ladybird biscuits after finding ladybirds in the garden and they made some very yummy pitta bread pizzas too! Our weekly science experiment is as popular as ever, as is our weekly play dough gym and yoga session.

As a charity run preschool, we hold lots of fundraising events through the year. Coming up in June we have our sponsored obstacle course race – just like a mini sports day! Some of the children will be changing independently into their PE kits as part of their school preparation, and then parents will be cheering them around our super fun obstacle course.

This month we also celebrate Father's Day – we'll be hosting a special day for our Dads and Grandads, complete with doughnuts and bacon sandwiches. Perfect!

Hatch Warren Under Fives is now enrolling for the 2019/20 academic year. To enquire about a space at Hatch Warren Under Fives, please contact Michelle Tejevo, Area Manager, on 01256 322788, or email preschoolmail@aol.com.

www.hatchwarrenunderfives.co.uk



We have been keeping ourselves busy here at Dandelions with lots of fun activities.

We had a visit from Millers Ark Farm and the children enjoyed it so much we decided to arrange a trip to Finkley Down Farm. We had a wonderful time seeing all of the animals. Some of the children had a snuggle with the bunnies and had a try at grooming the ponies. We visited the reptile encounter which some of the Mummies were not quite so keen on!! but all in all a fun day.

The children are enjoying the opportunity to be outside and looking at different types of plants and insects. With this in mind we would like to say a huge thank you to St Mark's Primary School for giving us the grass area behind Dandelions and for kindly fencing it off for us. This allows the children to have freedom of play and continue to extend their outdoor learning experiences.

We are holding our Maths parent session on Wednesday 15th May. We will be providing a range of activities to help the children enjoy learning about numbers and improve their counting skills.

Fingers crossed for the sunshine for our up and coming sports day. Our Lions will be racing to be the winning team!! Activities

will include the sack race and the egg and spoon as well as a race for the parents!

As it is Father's Day on the 16th June we will be inviting Daddies to come to Dandelions for breakfast. Dads can enjoy toast and jam, croissants, muffins and fruit for breakfast with their children and see what we all get up to!! We will be busy making and creating some special surprises ready for them to take home and enjoy.

In order to raise funds for the Pre-School we are planning a Car Boot Sale. This will be held in the car park of St Mark's Primary School. Once we have confirmed a date we will be advertising in the local area.



HATCH WARREN SCOUT GROUP

A hugely successful Easter Fun Day was held at the Portsmouth Arms on Saturday 13th April. Our stalls and activities went down really well with all the attendees, and let's not forget the Easter Egg Hunt and the special visit from the Easter Bunny himself. Over £900 was raised towards our goal of building a purpose-built home for the Scout Group. A big thank you to everyone who was involved in organising the event and in running it on the day.

We were very proud of our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts when, on the 28th April, they behaved impeccably as they paraded through Festival Place in the Basingstoke tri-district St George's Day Parade. Everyone renewed their promises and heard speeches from MP Maria Miller and County Commissioner Martin Mackey.

BEAVERS

Both Beaver groups have been busy busy busy! The Beavers showed an astonishing amount of creativity when they made superhero puppets and created and performed their own puppet shows. We discovered we were Master Builders at a Lego session hosted by Brickies; the leaders were as keen as the Beavers to show off their building skills. Not only did everyone have lots of fun, we completed our Builder

Activity badges. We've also completed our Skills Badges and developed our team-working skills by building junk model robots. And not forgetting our trips to Atmosphere for a session of trampolining and to the District Swimming Gala.

cubs

The Cubs have attended a District Hockey Night and a trip to Go Outdoors, and have taken part in Tomahawks and Archery activities. In June we are looking forward to our District Cub trip to Brownsea Island, the birthplace of Scouting and Guiding.

Hike, bike and a big parade

Baden-Powell referred to St George, the Patron Saint to The Knights of the Round Table. He said: 'He is also the Patron Saint of Scouts everywhere. St George was typical of what a Scout should be'.

Although we not yet had Dragon Slaying on our programme, the legend's attributes have been on our minds. To mark St George's Day we paraded through Basingstoke; three districts took part, finally gathering together at the amphitheatre. This rare outing in full uniform followed some work we have been doing on, what it means to be a scout, our conduct and the skills we need to reach our potential.

We've had opportunity-a-plenty to practice our team work with a cycle orienteering event and some spring evening hiking keeping, our lungs full of air, our maps close to hand and our uniforms in the cupboard.

RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION

The North Hampshire Downs Ramblers group is part of the Ramblers Association. We walk mostly in Hampshire and the surrounding countryside. In the last few months our group has enjoyed both walks and social activities, including a Ramble and Roast and Christmas Lunches.

If you are interested in joining the Ramblers we suggest you come along for a couple of walks with the group first to get a taster. Membership details are available from the Ramblers' national website: www.ramblers.org.uk

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Hatch Warren Infant School
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We had a very exciting package arrive in Year R last week. Each class had a pot with some tiny creatures inside; they have looked carefully at them through our electronic microscopes to see the changes that are happening daily. We can't wait to see what will happen next with them and what they might turn into! Being excited by these creatures has sent us on a hunt around our outside and wildlife area to explore what other minibeasts we could find. After discovering an escargatoire of snails behind the sheds, we invited them in for some lettuce soup, observing how they eat and then writing about all their hundreds of teeth. With the arrival of the sunshine it has inspired us to look at some beautiful artwork of blooming gardens. The children transformed into the impressionist artist Claude Monet and created on both a small and large scale our very own Waterlily ponds trying out a mixture of paint brushes made from pompoms, pegs and cotton buds, to practise the technique he used, of dabbing on paint to create pictures.

This half term Year 1 have been learning about castles. They have had fun training to be knights and spent the day exploring Porchester castle, climbing to the top of the keep using a very tall spiral staircase. The children found out lots of fascinating information about who lived in a castle and have been creating their own shields at home as part of our half termly home challenge. At the end of the topic parents were invited in for the morning to enjoy various activities with their children including medieval dancing, jousting and art activities to create their own medals and jewellery.



Even though this half term has been short, Year 2 have been very busy learning lots of new things. The children have been History detectives, finding out all about the life of 'Isambard Kingdom Brunel'. What a busy man and a great engineer he was! They learnt all about the tunnels, bridges and railways he built and how some of them are still used today. In science we have been learning all about forces and how the force can make things move, this lead onto us looking into cars and lorries. We were lucky to have a lorry come to visit and talk to us about road safety around lorries. All the children had a chance to sit in the driver's seat and experience what a lorry driver can see. The children then went on to design their own vehicles in preparation for making them. The amazing vehicles were then tested to see who's travelled the furthest, with our very own races!

Do you have some spare time in the summer? Would you like to listen to children telling you about the exciting books they have read as part of the Summer Reading Challenge? If so, and you would like to help, please visit Basingstoke Discovery Centre and ask the staff for further details.



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A NOTICE OF AGM FOR HATCH WARREN AND BEGGARWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION ON WEDNESDAY 12TH JUNE 2019 AT 7PM

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

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What's on June/July

- 3rd June Vegetable painting and animals in soil / playdough with glitter
- 10th June Father's Day crafts / decorate a biscuit
- 17th June Chalk on pavements / moon-sand
- 24th June Ladybird craft / dinosaurs in coloured water
- 1st July Wimbledon bats and balls / ice cubes and jelly
- 8th July Cornflour 'gloop' / painting with car wheels
- 15th July St Swithun's Day weather pictures / animals in water
- 22nd July Summer Party

Crazy craft, messy play, sensory toys, dedicated baby area - juice and snack, finishing with song time - suitable from birth to 4 years, no booking required

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**FRIDAY NIGHT TERM TIME YEARS 6-8
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JUNE/JULY 2019 Programme 6.00 to 7.45pm

7th June	Pool competition and quiz night
14th June	England vs Argentina Women's World Cup, Father's day craft and milkshakes
21st June	CLOSED FOR BAG PACKING : young people required
28th June	Lip Sync Battle, football games and sausage rolls
5th July	Science experiments and chicken burgers
12th July	Man hunt and sausage rolls
19th July	Buzz, hair chinks and loaded fries
Tue 23rd July	SUMMER STREETZ STARTS !!

FREE ENTRY FOR ALL YOUNG PEOPLE

Anyone else excited it's summer? We love how many more activities we can do with you all over the summer with the light evenings and warmer (but sadly not always dry) weather!

This past month has educated us in sign language, decorated us with temporary tattoos and burnt off our energy with dodgeball and Nerf Wars. As well as a lot of delicious food. Never a dull moment here at The Warren 😊



We need YOU!

We are incredibly lucky to be able to provide the activities over Summer Streetz that we do, at absolutely no charge to the young people. However, we can't do so without the help of our wonderful volunteers. This year we are looking for people to help sell tuck and drinks to our young people between 6pm and 8pm. Not only do you get to give back to your community (looks great on a CV) and have fun, but our youth workers make an excellent cup of tea! Please email vicky@hatchwarren.org for more info.

**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. We run focused information nights for 13-18 year olds, our next nights are:

- 7th June - Relaxation & Stress reduction techniques**
- 5th July - Social Media awareness**

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

Summer Streetz

Our Summer Streetz programme is nearly ready for us to reveal to you all! We can't wait to show you everything we have planned. We can confirm though, as in previous years, we will be kicking off Streetz on **Tuesday 23rd July with a massive WATER FIGHT** ... yes, we are excited too. Some of the many activities we have confirmed are:

- * Dance with Happy Feet
- * Zorb Balls
- * Lip Sync Battle
- * Graffiti Art
- * Laser Tag

And SO much more!! Keep your eyes peeled for more details coming soon. Remember, if you are going to be starting year 6 in September 2019, then from 23rd July you are welcome to come and join in the fun. Just ensure you have a parent or guardian fill in a consent form before or when you first come down.

Don't forget Asda are allowing us to have a session "bag packing" with them on Friday 21st June. The Warren will be closed that night and we are looking for young people who can volunteer packing people's bags in return for a small donation.



HOW MUCH COULD YOU RAISE WITH £50 IN 3 MONTHS FOR YOUR LOCAL HOSPICE?

St. Michael's Hospice are inviting local organisations to put their money-making skills to the test with their first ever Accumulator Challenge. Each participating team will be given a £50 loan and three months to find interesting and innovative ways of accumulating their pounds to make as much profit as possible, all of which will be donated back to St. Michael's Hospice.

The three-month challenge kicks off with a launch night on 2nd September where teams will collect their £50 cash loan, as well as receiving lots of fundraising ideas to help generate their money. They will also be taken on a tour of the Hospice to learn how their money will make a difference to local people suffering from a life-limiting illness. The challenge will culminate with an awards evening in December, where the top teams will be awarded for their fundraising efforts.

Laura Holmes, Events Manager at St. Michael's Hospice said, "We are very excited to launch our brand-new challenge for 2019! This is the perfect team building activity for companies, groups and societies, schools, colleges, family and friends who'd like to do something fun to raise vital funds to support our Hospice. We can't wait to meet the teams at our launch event and see all the innovative ways they choose to raise money for our Hospice. We're expecting competition to be fierce amongst our local supporters so don't miss out, sign up today!"

To register for St. Michael's Hospice Accumulator Challenge, please visit: www.stmichaelsospice.org.uk/events

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This week I had a great day out in London with a friend. We wandered round Covent Garden, had lunch and then popped into St. Paul's Church – the actors' church in Covent Garden. There we saw a night watchman's box in their old graveyard, from the days when there were grave robbers trying to dig up bodies to sell to the local hospitals. The night watchman patrolled the graveyard from dusk to dawn – hence the 'Graveyard Shift'! A wonderful statue of St. Paul stands in the garden too, showing St. Paul being blinded and falling from his horse. Inside there are many memorials of famous actors, performers, singers and the church is well worth a visit. Best of all, was the wonderful welcome we received in The Actors' Church which I have adapted below. This is because at Immanuel we welcome everyone to our church and we guarantee everyone a very warm welcome.

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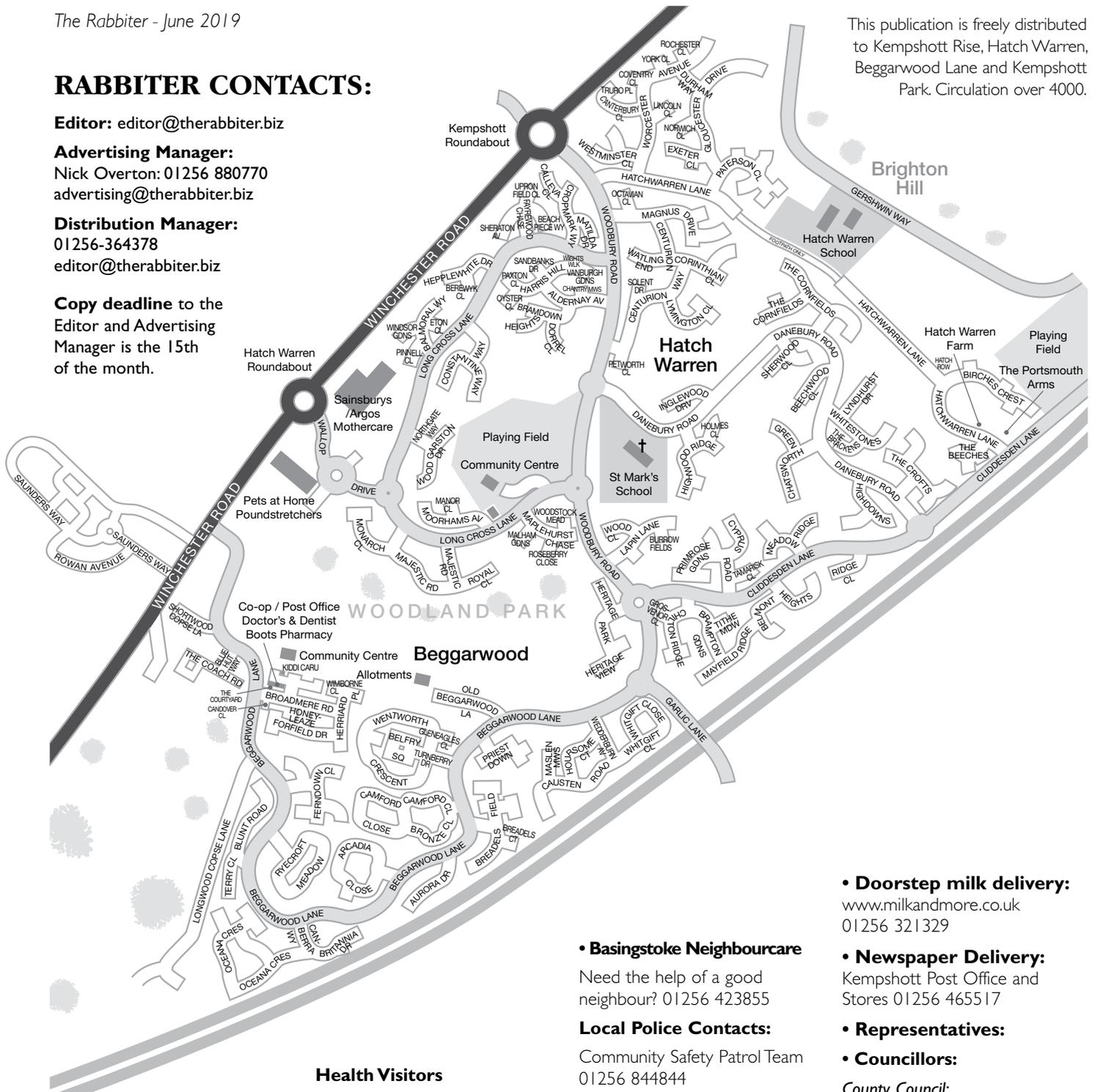
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On Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 June get involved with an alien interaction. Don't forget to also check out what's on at Anvil Arts, Proteus and Hampshire Cultural Trust as part of the festival.

The packed programme also features a series of outdoor cinema screenings showing popular movies with tickets for Moulin Rouge! and Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again still available.

The festival builds up to the popular B LOVE festival- Basingstoke's biggest weekend of live music, packed with a variety of exciting performance, art and fantastic family fun, in the War Memorial Park on Saturday 6 July and Sunday 7 July 2019. This year's B LOVE will see an incredible line-up of local music and art talent as well as international headliners on a number of stages. Headliners announced to date include Toploader and a Faithless DJ set by Sister Bliss, and many more will

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There's plenty of opportunities to get involved in wonderful family activities and events including thrilling outdoor performances, beat-boxing workshops, and pop-up theatre or explore the Magical Forest created for festival goers aged 12 and under, with face-painting, arts and crafts, games, and storytelling.

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We hear a lot today about youths and the negative side of things. Across the country Rotary Clubs are helping develop youth talents through a number of initiatives.

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Other initiatives include Young Chef where entrants plan and cook a three course meal, develop their food presentation skills and gain experience in high pressure situations and Young Photographer among others.

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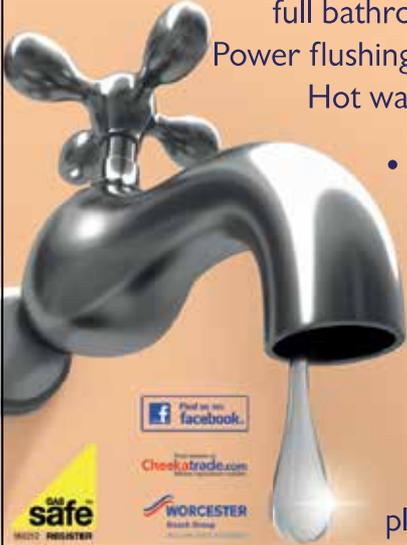
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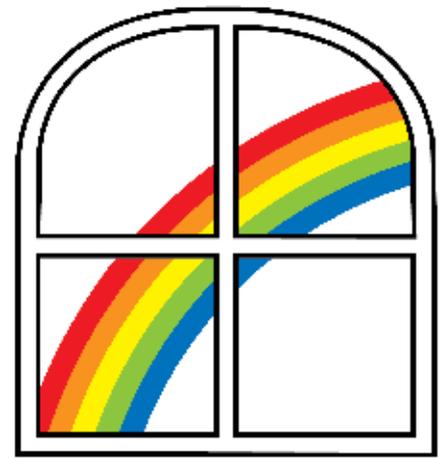


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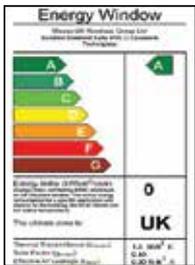
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