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EDITORIAL

Here comes summer! Our gardens are blooming – I've had the best display of roses this year and there are bumper crops coming from the allotment. Many of us have had more time for our outside spaces and the recent sunshine has certainly encouraged us to 'dibble and hoe'. Trips to the Garden Centre for a little retail therapy plus tea and cake outside have been enjoyed by many. Keep gardening everyone as next year the Rabbiter are hoping to hold a Best Front Garden competition.

As many of you will now be aware, Rev May has now moved to another church and our Parish is going to merge with Kempshott. This will not change the Church status of St Mark's school or stop services being held at Immanuel – see page 19 for more information. There is an event planned for 10 July to encourage people from both the Kempshott and Immanuel church communities to input the way ahead for the new parish. You are invited to pop into Immanuel Church between 10am and 12 noon or St Mark's Church between 2pm and 4pm to share your thoughts on the way ahead.

Many of you will remember Kim Robins who used to run the Hatch Warren Community Centre. The Rabbiter would like to congratulate her on being ordained into the Church of England on 4 July.

The Farleigh Wallop Estate Club is open again for 'light' refreshments on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings. Their annual Fun Day is planned for 3 July – see page 21 for details.

Beggarwood Bookworms have continued to meet virtually and read some fascinating books. If you love reading why not join us – details on page 12.

Many local residents are registered with the Beggarwood Surgery and are fully aware of the issues at there a couple of years ago. Tenders have been invited for the ongoing provision of medical services to the surgery – see page 17 for details.

A big thank you to County Councillor Stephen Reid for his update on local issues. The wild flowers growing on the grassy banks around the estate are lovely and The Rabbiter applauds the local council initiative to leave areas of grass uncut to encourage insects and wildlife.

It was hoped that the regular Community Lunches at the Café in the Park would be able to start again in July but this is not now feasible so the plan is to start again on the first Wednesday in September.

The Rabbiter takes its annual holiday in August so the next issue will be at the beginning of September. Please remember to send your news and views to newsdesk@therabbiterbiz to arrive by 15 August 2021.

Have a great summer everyone.

Editor



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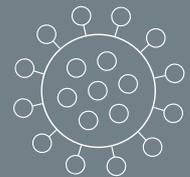
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WHO CARES ABOUT THOSE WHO CARE FOR PEOPLE WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESSES?

If you are someone that cares for a loved one with a mental illness know that you are not alone. The carers of those struggling are often forgotten in the recovery programme for their own personal challenges.

As the carer of a child with a diagnosis of a serious mental illness I can attest to how lonely, isolating and emotionally draining our role can be.

How can we improve? How can we do more to support each other?

As we started to provide updates on what was happening in our own world we were surrounded by amazing friends and family, everyone supporting and offering to help with anything they could. It was heart-warming to know so many cared, but then it got too much.

When is too much too much?

Everyone was asking for regular updates, mostly daily, on progress and how our child was? We would often respond with, you will have to ask her as we do not know. It can be very overwhelming for us to try and keep everyone updated.

So what can we do to support those who we know are going through a challenging personal time supporting a loved one?

- Acknowledge their struggles and don't try to minimise their feelings
- Give enough space to enable them to work through their emotions/feelings
- Check in with short and encouraging messages of support – telling someone you are thinking about them helps us to keep fighting

- Never try to fix the challenges – your good ideas might work for some, but unfortunately they often will not work for everyone – remember we are often fighting hard to access the right support already.

So, let's start and continue with Normal

Whilst the experience of a carer is not normal, we crave nothing more than just trying to get on with our lives in the most normal and best way possible. It's ok to laugh, it's ok to enjoy life, in fact it is really important to focus on more of this. Staying healthy and well as a carer is one of the most important actions in supporting others. My best suggestion is to continue working hard on yourself, your own personal self-care, and do more of those things that help you to continue.

As a carer we are always looking for the magic fix, the solution that will give the person back their life. We want nothing more than our loved one to recover, but we are paralysed by the thought that we are unable to do anything. Being there as a supporter is enough.

This is my perspective, you may have a different view of being a carer. It's ok to feel or see this differently. After all we are unique and individual, and we should never try to change that.

Matthew Holman
Owner Simpila Mental Health
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WHAT NEXT GROUP

It was a pleasure to meet a lovely group of people at the Beggarwood Community Centre (Saturday) who are suffering the loss of close ones and are in a bereavement period. They are just wonderful people and due to lack of professional counsellors have formed this group where they find great comfort, support and emotional well-being.

I'll continue to see whether the doctors' surgeries can provide bereavement counselling. I would appeal to all local doctors' surgeries to do so.

I was pleasantly surprised that Colin Godfrey who had bereavement in his family had formed this self help group and was astounded at the benefit they all derived from each other easing their sadness and pain with like minded people. I felt humbled to be among them and gained some comfort too because my mother passed away at the age of 97 about a couple of months ago.

I would appeal to people to join them if they are bereaved. There is no cost to join and the group meet twice, once at Beggarwood community centre and also next at Beechdown.

Better to grieve in company than on our own.

May this group bring solace, comfort and emotional and psychological support to those who are affected.

Many thanks

Cllr Dan Putty JP



BRIGHTON HILL COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Changes to school life as Covid restrictions relax A student's perspective

It did get annoying having to walk around the entire school to get somewhere that was a metre away. With the recent relaxing of Covid restrictions (at the time of writing) the one-way system is gone! We are now able to go directly to our next classroom and not have to go round the whole Tech block to get to where you need to be. The one-way system is now only for inside buildings.

Currently, it is not mandatory to wear a mask in classrooms and it makes such a difference. You can see each other's

faces and you can hear people easier. This means we are one step closer to normality, however this does not mean throw all your masks away. Even though it is not compulsory to wear a mask there is nothing against wearing them to feel safer. Plus, it is still the law to wear them in shops, but we are taking things one step at a time so hopefully it won't be too long until we don't need them at all.

A teacher's perspective

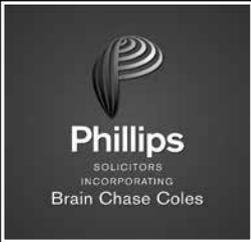
It has been a challenge teaching with Covid restrictions – probably the toughest challenge in my nearly 20 years in education. Adapting lessons to allow for the extra time students need to get round the one-way system, allowing time for them to all hand sanitize as they come in the room and when they leave again, adapting lesson resources to avoid any activities that mean students have to

work too closely to each other or share resources, seating plans where all desks are forward facing and then teaching through a face mask all day.

When we returned to school in March, I was really looking forward to seeing actual faces rather than the icons we had on our computer screens when we were teaching via Teams during the lockdown. It was great to see students 'in real life' but as they wore their masks all you could see was a pair of eyes peering out between Covid hair and their face masks, so it really was a joy to be able to see their faces when face masks were no longer compulsory. Small steps forward but I think it is going to be some time before I am able to eat my packed lunch without it tasting of hand sanitiser!

Have a great Summer everyone.

By Bea H, Student Journalist @ BHCS



CAN YOU GET DIVORCED WHILST LIVING IN THE SAME HOUSE?



Elizabeth Ford

Our Family Law team are often asked "can you get divorced whilst living in the same house?"

The answer is 'yes,' you can, however as you can imagine, living under the same roof during separation or divorce is not ideal and is by no means an easy thing to do. This is invariably an emotional and stressful time, even more so if the costs rise because you have not received the correct advice.

If you want to rely on a period of separation to support an application for divorce, you will need to show that you are maintaining separate lives, despite living under the same roof. To comply with this, you must no longer share day-to-day activities such as sharing a bedroom, joint food shopping and eating meals together.

You cannot use grounds of adultery as a reason to divorce if you have continued living in the

same property for six months or more after you learned of the adultery, unless that physical relationship is continuing.

You may want to consider making a separation agreement if you cannot yet or do not want to apply for a divorce but want to make it clear when your relationship ended. Although not a legally binding court order, a separation agreement can give the court a clear indication of how you wish to deal with financial assets.

If you live in the same property but separate as an unmarried couple, you may both want to consider a separation agreement of 'Deed of Separation.' This can cover on-going maintenance, especially if you have children, and what will happen if you were to sell your home, setting out how the money from this will be divided too.

If you would like to discuss this or any other family legal matters, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Elizabeth Ford, a Solicitor specialising in Family Law at Phillips, by calling 01256 854628, emailing elizabeth.ford@phillips-law.co.uk or by visiting www.phillips-law.co.uk/family

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COUNCILLOR'S UPDATE

BEGGARWOOD SURGERY: North Hampshire Urgent Care has given great service to Beggarwood, running the surgery over the last 18 months. Their contract is coming to an end and the Clinical Commissioning Group for our area is currently inviting tenders for a new operator to take over from September. The Chair of the Patent Participation Group has written to patients advising them of the situation and pledging the PPG to work with whichever new supplier is chosen. I attend meeting of the PPG as an observer and can confirm that at their last meeting, the members made it very clear that they did not want to see a return to the situation that prevailed before. The next PPG meeting is on 8th July, via Teams, where this issue will be discussed again. Maria Miller MP is planning to join the meeting, so this issue has high visibility. One plea though: the tender process is not being handled by the surgery so please don't phone it for information. The best contact is the CCG and an e-mail address to use is nick.brooks3@nhs.net.

HATCH WARREN AND BEGGARWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION held its Annual General Meeting on 9th June, using Zoom for the second time. The Chairman, Nick Elms, thanked everyone who had helped over the year and he was pleased to announce that the Café in the Park was returning a surplus since its re-opening. Sadly, there had been an increase in antisocial behaviour at Beggarwood and the committee had been working with the local police to keep troublemakers away and identify culprits. Replacement benches have been installed outside the building and they are much more difficult to vandalise, so recent problems have centred around glass being smashed and the area being littered. The Warren youth wing has re-opened and is working at capacity. Many of the community groups are restarting their activities. Nick is looking forward to being able to start Association events again and, though imminent ones might still be impacted by COVID-19 restrictions, the Fireworks display in November should be able to go ahead. Nick was re-elected as Chairman. Though he has a strong committee to support him, there are still some vacant places, so if you would like to help, they will be pleased to hear from you.

ANAEROBIC DEGESTER: An easing of planning restrictions has been granted by officers at Hampshire County Council to allow the operators to work across weekends. This will not involve any increases to HGV movements or changes to the hours during which lorries are allowed to move along Woodbury Road. It may deliver some benefits in terms of odour as food waste awaiting processing will be used up more quickly.

WAREHOUSE PLANNING PERMISSION: in a 'David and Goliath' battle, Dummer Parish Council has challenged the lawfulness of the Borough Council's decision to grant planning

permission for the distribution depot near junction 7. The Parish Council is claiming that some of the information given to Members may not have been accurate and it therefore wants the decision to be revisited. Normally that would not be possible, but the parallel decision by local Members of Parliament to ask the Secretary of State to 'call in' the warehouse application has created a window in which re-running the Development Control meeting could be possible. At the time of writing, the Borough Council's response to this challenge is not known and we are still waiting for the Secretary of State's decision on the 'call-in'.

GRASS CUTTING: this last month saw discussions on the grass cutting in Hatch Warren and Beggarwood. The Borough Council had been experiencing problems and had fallen behind but started to catch up during June. Residents will see that increased areas are being left uncut to encourage insects and wildlife as part of green initiatives.

BRIGHTON HILL ROUNDABOUT: Drivers will have noticed that work was carried out this month on the approaches to the Brighton Hill roundabout. The objective was to divert underground utilities ahead of the major improvement scheme scheduled for later this year. This will see the roundabout widened and equipped with traffic light controls.

DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT: I am pleased to observe that the flooding problem on the A30 near the electricity sub-station has been improved by recent works. Some torrential rain that previously might have forced drivers into the middle of the road to avoid standing water appears to have been managed well by the improved system.

ST MARK'S SCHOOL held a non-uniform day recently to raise funds for the school and it netted £798. In addition, a nearly new sale raised £120. This brings the school's totaliser figure to £18099.92. The money raised is being used to cover COVID costs, and to provide children with additional resources including technology, playtime equipment, stationery, books and more. Friends of St Mark's School are looking for new members. Some stalwarts will be leaving soon as their children move on. FOSM does sterling work in supporting St Mark's and everyone benefits from the funds they raise and the help they give.

REV MAY: At the end of June, Rev May left Immanuel Church in Hatch Warren for a new position, and Immanuel is now merged with St Mark's in Kempshott. I am sure Rev May goes with all our best wishes and thanks for the support she has given to Hatch Warren and Beggarwood.

Stephen Reid

County Councillor.

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NEW YOUTH WEBSITE

One Eighty is designed to be a vehicle that houses a directory of free and low cost activities and things for young people to do, targeted predominately at 8-15 year olds but can host activities for 15+ too. The site has been designed with Youth Commission members, who have told us they want to be able to filter by area and activity, and to have as much detail as possible, for example how to get there and what to expect.

Therefore we are looking to our partners to populate the site with all the open access and available opportunities you are running (including volunteering), to ensure that young people see the page as valuable and something to revisit - they will be able to 'like' their favourites.

The site will be live 365 days a year but we expect traffic to be at its peak in the school holidays. The OPCC will promote the site and highlight activities through standalone Instagram and Facebook accounts, and if we all advertise and encourage young people to use it, the more successful it will be!

In order to list your opportunities please complete this form for each activity, note each submission will generate an email copy of the information, so you can copy and paste the information that is the same for each activity. Please note you will require a google account, however this can be linked to your work email address by clicking the use my current email address instead option.

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We often hear people say that they 'can't do art' but we think we can change your mind. Our workshops and projects introduce a variety of creative activities, often inviting as guest artists, other practitioners from disciplines such as film, music, poetry and performance. We hope our workshops are fun to take part in and give you a wide introduction to creative art practices that will help you to bring your creative work alive.

So, whatever your background or experience, or if you have forgotten the last time you picked up a paint brush or pen, tapped a rhythm on the worktop or danced around the kitchen whilst tea was cooking and generally felt good about life, we have a workshop or project for you. We believe this is an essential part of being who you are.

Alongside our workshops we have a passion in working with people who have survived challenging life experiences. Experiences that may have impacted on mental wellbeing. With a focus on recovery we create safe and supportive creative environments where you can work and get to know other people who understand and 'get it' without

the necessity of words. We find that this provides the ideal conditions for someone to find their confidence, process their experiences, connect with others and start living their lives to the full.

Your life experiences are what make you, and are essential in bringing life and meaning to creative work.

We would like to use this opportunity to let you know about our new project Looking Through The Window. This project is aimed at people who have experienced an increase in levels of anxiety or depression during Covid19. If you feel you have been affected you can be referred by your Social Prescriber at your GP Surgery, Support Services, Secondary Mental Health Care Teams or apply through self referral.

Please take a look at our brand new website to see some of the other workshops and projects we are currently running.

Mental Health Project - This Is My Space is an ongoing project where participants focus on developing their own work as well as participating in group work. Previous partnerships with The Philharmonia Orchestra, London.

Mental Health/Covid19 project - *Recruiting Female Autism - Recruiting Homeless Project - Details TBC*

The Directors and guest artists have a number of lived experiences and learnt skills to inform the creative workshops and projects so you are never far away from someone who 'gets it'. Each workshop is



subtly underpinned with psychological knowledge and approaches as well as an understanding of why art is an essential element of thriving communities.

The core ethos of the organisation is in listening and co-producing work that is participant led. Sculptor and founder Corinne Marsh, has taught art extensively in the UK and Europe. She is passionate about working with you to charge your work and life with vitality, in so doing bring positive change to communities. We'd love to hear from you if you are interested in joining a workshop or project, or just need to find our more information about any of our projects or public workshops.

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OLD DOWN AND BEGGARWOOD WILDLIFE GROUP

Although spring was 2-3 weeks late this year nature seems to have caught up now and as we come into early summer there are lovely displays of flowers with many (but not as many as there should be!) insects around. Butterflies were not around as early as usual and this was particularly true of the *small blue*. The butterfly transect on Old Down shows that on 27 May last year 296 small blue were seen – this year on the same date only 4 were seen! But by mid-June the numbers had significantly

increased, thank goodness. A new species of butterfly for Old Down was recorded in June – a dingy skipper. The common bird's foot trefoil and horseshoe vetch are most often used for egg laying – there is a fair amount of these flowers on both sites. The *Dingy Skipper* has been recorded on Beggarwood before but not every year.

Another first for Old Down is the *white helleborine* which is a type of orchid. They like shady spots. Again, like the *dingy skipper*, Beggarwood got there first - this flower having been seen there for the last couple of years. During June there

was a particularly splendid display of wild flowers around the new wild play area on Beggarwood (former site of the maze) – a blaze of *Ragged Robin* and *Red Campion*. There was also a beautiful large bank of *Red Campion* on Old Down.

Work Parties: For Old Down we meet outside Old Down Hall every Thursday 10-12 noon and for Beggarwood 10-12 noon at the café on the first Tuesday of the month. Please come along. Check the Internet address below for up-dates.

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Dingy Skipper



White helleborine



Ragged robin





www.probusbasingstoke.club

PROBUS HEARS ABOUT DOING BUSINESS IN 1980s RUSSIA

Export or die was a common expression, along with permanent complaints about the balance of payments deficit. Yet there were many people involved in trying their best to right matters.

Probus Club of Basingstoke member, Richard Stettner, was one such person and he told of his experiences in trying to find export customers for products made by his employer, Basingstoke based Wiggins Teape, in the 1980s. The company was well known for producing printing and office type papers, but there was a different part to the business, at their mill in Stonehaven, Aberdeen. This was the Industrial Casting Paper section for whom Richard was the Export Sales & Marketing Manager.

This division made specialised paper which was the base material used by other companies in the manufacture of imitation leather for use in the automotive, clothing, shoes and upholstery industries.

The thought was Russia surely held potential? Russia probably operated in a similar way to the other Eastern bloc countries where Richard had experience but what central buying organisations existed in Russia and what protocols needed to be followed?

Based in London, a Russo-British Chamber of Commerce has operated since 1916. Annual trade missions took representatives of British companies to meet the Ministry of Light Industry in Moscow.



"The Russian Embassy in London wanted details of our company and what business I wanted to develop in Russia" explained Richard. "Other than receiving my visa and learning the name of the hotel I had no further information about where, when and who I was going to see in the seven days in Moscow."

At the hotel, each member of the party was given an envelope containing their scheduled visits for the week.

Bedroom keys were handed out by a lady guardian on each floor, to whom they would be returned to each morning. Bedrooms were large and basic with an empty fridge.

"We had been educated by the trade mission about the various surveillance techniques that would be used to monitor our activities", continued Richard. "And we knew the top floor of the hotel was given to monitoring the guest bedrooms."

A taxi was at his disposal each day with the driver noting which offices were visited, duration of meetings and how any spare time was used.

One evening, instead of ballet at the Bolshoi, it was opera and rather than sit through the complete evening colleagues from the London trade mission decided to stay in the bar. They were the only customers while the performance continued except for a young woman. After a while, they asked her what she did for a living. She was a chambermaid at their hotel and worked on the same floor as their bedrooms. It was obvious she was there to monitor their movements that night.

Like all Eastern bloc countries, the Russian rouble was not traded in the West and so hard currencies like US dollars, Deutschmarks and Pounds Sterling were needed for any purchases made by the trading companies. Hard currency shops existed where only Western money could be used, and while \$10 would buy a pack of 200 Marlboro cigarettes their value to the Russian public multiplied many times.

"Let me illustrate this in action," said Richard. "One evening ten of us had a meal together and it was paid for by a pack of 200 Marlboro cigarettes."

Consumer products were in short supply during Richard's eight visits with the Chamber of Commerce, so he used to take products to help maintain relationships - ladies' knickers, sanitary products, toothpaste and cotton wool.

Was any business conducted? "A large order for 400 tonnes of Casting paper was achieved plus a subsequent smaller order, and at £1,200 per tonne was valuable." Richard continued, "As the forestry industry is an important component of the Russian economy there was policy to barter trade with Russian wood pulp, which Wiggins Teape constantly needed in paper manufacturing. We had one delivery of their wood pulp, but it was black and was of extremely poor quality meaning we didn't use it. So that was the end of our relationship."

Other Eastern bloc countries turned out to be more productive.



MAY MEETING



'A Single Thread' by Tracy Chevalier was the novel for this month. It tells the story of Violet who lost her fiancée and her brother in the First World War

and seemed destined to a life of caring for her difficult and demanding mother as this was the expectation of life for a single woman in the 1930s. However Violet had other ideas and moves to Winchester to begin a new life. She joins the broderers group in the cathedral and learns to embroider the intricate kneelers. Defying convention she also sets out on a walking holiday from Winchester to Salisbury on her own.

This book was a slow and gentle peek into the life of women in the 1930s and how some of them tried to make changes to the expectations put upon them. It certainly has lots of local interest and descriptions of the villages around Winchester.

The Bookworms enjoyed learning about the social history of the time and what it was like to be living in the build up to another war. Some are even keen to follow in Violet's footsteps and walk The Clarendon Way 27 miles from Winchester to Salisbury cathedral!

Next month we welcome author Hayley Doyle to our Zoom meeting to talk about her book 'Love Almost'.



Talking about Zoom, it is time to thank Jenny for facilitating all our Zoom meetings through lockdown and a very big thank you to our loyal and highly committed Bookworm members who have been so dedicated over the last year and kept our group vibrant and fun. We can't wait to get Bookworms back together at the Café in the Park, hopefully in September.



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9 th July	Chalk Pavement Art, Rounders and Popcorn
16 th July	Temporary Tattoos, Human Hungry Hippos & Cake Decorating
23 rd July	SUMMER STREETZ BEGINS!! Water Fight!
Every Thurs 6pm-8pm & Friday 6pm-7.45pm	Summer Streetz holiday programme, activities to be confirmed
Friday 27 th Aug	END OF STREETZ BARBECUE

A big thank you to everyone who has taken part in our sessions since we opened. Our sessions have been fully booked and we are incredibly grateful that everyone is respectful of the new rules we have had to put in place, whilst still having fun! Please remember we are here to support you also, if anyone has any worries with things such as transitioning to secondary school, starting their SATs or GCSE years or any other topics, any of our Youth Team will be happy to sit down and have a chat with you.

Older Sessions

It's been amazing to see so many faces during our older sessions these past few weeks. We will continue to be open Fridays 8pm-9.30pm for young people aged 13 and over. If you want to play pool, air hockey or just want somewhere to hang out-come on down. No need to book, just ensure you bring your details to enable us to track and trace and don't forget your face masks!

For the latest info please keep an eye on our Facebook and Instagram pages or email our Youth Manager Vicky: vicky@hatchwarren.org



We have managed two very successful evenings out at the Spruce Goose and the Dragonfly. 40 members attended staggered sessions and we are grateful to each establishments for their help in the planning.

The following events are planned but dependant on Government restrictions being relaxed. Please text ahead to check if we are still allowed to deliver the same sessions. Dilys 07939 532667

July 5th Outing planned

July 12th Hatch Warren Community Centre

July 19th A summer dinner and dance at the Holiday Inn

August 9th BBQ

August 16th & 23rd Hatch Warren Community Centre



SUMMER STREETZ!

We know you must all be as excited as we are that we are getting closer to Summer Streetz.

Due to the rising cases of COVID and the postponement of Stage 4 in the Government's easing of restrictions plan, we have had to rethink our programme and what activities we can offer safely. We are sorry for the delay but please follow us on Facebook, Instagram or email Vicky to be added to the mailing list to see all our latest updates.

We will be opening both Thursdays (6pm-8pm) and Fridays through the summer holidays. While Fridays will remain as two separate age group sessions, Thursday nights during Summer Streetz will be a single session for both age groups. We are expecting to still need to operate a booking system, maintain social distancing and wear masks for all indoor activities. (This won't get in the way of the fun though!)

Starting year 6 in September? From July 23rd you are welcome to join in the fun on our Thursday or early Friday sessions!! We cannot wait to meet you all.



Hatch Warren
Under Fives Preschool

HATCH WARREN UNDER FIVES

The year has flown at Hatch Warren Under Fives, and it's nearly time to say goodbye to our children leaving for primary school. They've all gained so much confidence and independence and are completely ready for their next exciting adventure... But we've still got lots more fun to squeeze into our final few weeks!

There has been a lot happening this term. Our older children have been focusing on school readiness and independence. We've also had some fabulous weather to enjoy time in the garden, which gave us the idea to make our own beach and collect shells and sea creatures in our buckets. New bikes were delivered this term, so the children are loving zooming around the garden. We also celebrated international oceans day, which included some fantastic coloured water play and ice melting.

We held our annual sponsored obstacle course in June, which was just like our own mini sports day. And of course we made lots of creations for Father's Day and held a bring and buy sale so our little ones could independently choose their very own presents for Daddy.



In a few weeks time our older children will be leaving us for their next adventures at primary school, so we are busy planning their Graduation ceremony.

TRANSITION

Very soon many of the children will be moving on to their new "big" schools. It's an exciting time but we should remember that change is difficult for us all. At Hatch Warren Under Fives we do our best to support the children and help them through the transitions into new schools. Research suggests that transitions are central to young children's development and

emotional well being, and the way in which the first transitions are handled could have a significant impact on the child's capacity to cope with change in the short and long term. At Hatch Warren Under Fives we support the transition process in a range of ways. We help to prepare a child for school by liaising closely with the schools, working with our families, taking the views of the child into account and providing 'school-like' experiences. What is very important to remember is that **TRANSITION IS A PROCESS NOT A SINGLE EVENT.**

We wish all of our children leaving us this summer lots of luck and every success at school!

WE HAVE SPACES FOR SEPTEMBER 2021 – to enquire or to book a visit, please contact our Manager, Angela, on 01256 322788 or email preschoolmail@aol.com.

You can see weekly updates from Hatch Warren Under Fives on our Facebook page "Hatch Warren Under 5s Preschool", where you will see lots of photos and learn our Makaton signs of the week. You can also take a virtual tour of our preschool in the video section.

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DANDELIONS PRE-SCHOOL

After a wonderful half term enjoying the sunshine the children have returned and continued to have fun here in the garden.

They have been exploring different textures and messy play and are particularly enjoying playing with the water.

We have been on a bug hunt and watching the insects in our bug hotel and even built a bird's nest.

It is hard to believe that this our last term and sadly we prepare to say goodbye to our Lions as we wave them off to school.

As always we would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents for allowing us the honour of being such a special part of their child's early years education.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to our families for their generosity in our fundraising events this year as well as local companies who have helped us raise funds to begin the first phase of our garden renovations.

We are so excited to see the results and watch the children enjoy our enhanced area when we return for the Autumn term.

We have limited spaces available therefore if your child was born between

1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 please do contact us for a registration form or to book a visit on

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CANDOVER VALLEY PRE-SCHOOL

Hello from CVP in Preston Candover!

The Summer term is always full of so many changes!

Our graduation takes place as we say goodbye to the older children who are leaving for their new adventures at school. It is always such an exciting time and we are so proud to send them onto their new adventures but tinged with sadness as we will miss them all so much.

Our garden has had a make over with a bug hunting area, more phonics and maths outside, new water resources and a new planting area where the broccoli, beans, tomatoes and brussels are growing apace in the glorious sun!

Our Forest Leaders are out with the children at our Forest sessions on Monday afternoons and Thursday mornings, exploring and learning about nature, making new shelters, dens and exploring for mini beasts.

We look forward to welcoming you very soon!

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Lisa Collisson

CUCKOO MEADOW PRESCHOOL

Hello from Cuckoo Meadow Pre-School! This month the children have been learning all about animal transformations – including the life cycle of frogspawn to tadpoles to frogs, and also caterpillars to chrysalides to butterflies. This has been even more fun thanks to our very own caterpillars in the Pre-School (we thought frogs may be a bit too... hoppy!) The children have loved to watch the transformations, as well as tell stories about their favourite creatures and paint pictures. With the same theme in mind, we have also been transforming seeds into runner beans – and with a bit of luck we will be enjoying some delicious and nutritious meals.

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On top of all of this every Tuesday Rugby Tots continues, we get to use the meadow and park whenever we like and Emma from Caterpillar Music often visits for a good old sing song, where possible in the sunshine... let's hope July is a little less damp! For the latest news do visit our Facebook page www.facebook.com/cuckoomeadowpreschool.

Talking of luck, we also invite you to take part in the Cuckoo Meadow Pre-School lottery. This lottery has been set up specifically to raise money and make a difference for our children. It's a fantastic way to bring parents, carers, teachers and the wider community together, in partnership with our Pre-School, and at the same time give something back. Visit www.YourSchoolLottery.co.uk and search for: Cuckoo Meadow Pre-School.

Lastly, may we please ask again that you continue to support us – and thanks so much to the parents (past and present) and community members who have been in touch. Please do consider us on www.smile.amazon.co.uk and www.easyfundraising.org.uk. Allocating 'Cuckoo Meadow Pre-School' as your nominated charity on either of these platforms will mean that shops such as John Lewis, Argos and many more donate a % of your purchase price directly to our Pre-School – and at no extra admin for you!

About Cuckoo Meadow Pre-School: We are a small, friendly, Ofsted Outstanding ranked pre-school located in the Rathbone Pavillion, North Waltham. 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. To find out more please contact Jo or Fiona on 01256 398172.

BASINGSTOKE U3A

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Our Activities open up for the Summer

Walking football has started, with Rounders and Netball following shortly. The Badminton, Table Tennis, Line Dancing, Strings & Things groups (musical group) are meeting indoors again, following the "Rule of 6 Indoors". Holiday planning and days out continue and our Gardeners are showing 6 members at a time, round their gardens. Many of our indoor activities still rely on Zoom meetings. Language lessons have carried on; Arts, Crafts Groups have talked about their work; History and Environment Groups have organised discussions and speakers.

Picnics are Planned

We're working with the local council on a couple of 'picnics in the park' during August. If you spot us in Stratton Park, Kempshott or Popley Fields, come and say hello. Once it's safe, the monthly meetings for all members will be held centrally in Queen Mary's College.

Our Meet and Greet Day

If you'd like to meet us in person, we're planning a Meet and Greet Day on September 8th (pandemic allowing), where you can talk to the different group leaders about their activities.

Joining Us

Our membership fee of £7.50 allows you to take part in as many activities as you want, until the end of August. You can sign up through our website, or ring 07787 520 281. There's still plenty you can choose to do over the summer and we keep in touch regularly with every member.

BEGGARWOOD SURGERY PPG

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Lindi LeClerq – Practice Manager

Felicity Greene – NHUC Executive

Chris Stark – Nurse Practitioner

At the May meeting of the Beggarwood Surgery Patient Participation Group (PPG) we were advised by Alma Kilgarriff from Hampshire, Southampton and Isle of Wight Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) that they are now inviting tenders to supply medical services to the Beggarwood surgery from September when North Hampshire Urgent Care (NHUC), the current supplier's contract expires. Felicity Greene, NHUC Chief Executive, advised that NHUC would not be tendering for the new contract.

NHUC has given such great service to Beggarwood over the last 18 months and the PPG will be very sad to lose them as our medical supplier. Beggarwood had an extremely difficult time two years ago when Cedar ran services into the ground and then walked away from their contract and we, your Beggarwood Surgery PPG, do not want to go back to that situation.

Alma wanted to reassure us that the CCG are aware of the position with the problems in the past and both she and Felicity are working to get us through the process needed for a new owner. Alma advised that there are currently two private providers tendering, one local and one national. At this point it is important to make clear that most doctors' surgeries are private providers and are either normally run by a private company or the doctors themselves, both with profits in mind. However, those run by doctors seem to have a better patient/doctor relationship overall. The downside is that these doctor lead surgeries are unfortunately becoming quite rare, as a lot of doctors seem to prefer working for other companies/individuals without the worry of looking after staff, buildings, finances etc.

The PPG asked if Operose had tendered and expressed concern about them. Alma advised that under the terms of the procurement process she is unable to divulge which companies had tendered but our concern was noted. She made it clear there are certain protocols to follow when issuing invitations to tender and they cannot be seen to be leaning towards any particular applicant. They are however aware of our needs and whilst they cannot prevent companies like Operose from tendering they will always carry out due diligence. We also discussed the issue that legally any company that has failed in its contracts in the past can be precluded from the tendering process by the CCG.

This communication is to make patients aware of the ongoing situation. We have been in contact with the CCG's Communications and Engagement Manager Nick Brooks, and he has advised that this is a fluid situation, which is subject to change. We shall keep patients updated as things progress, via the online neighbourhood sites and the local magazines – The Kempshott Courier and The Rabbiter.

We must make clear that this tendering process is nothing to do with NHUC so **please do not phone the surgery for information about this issue**. If you have any concerns or views to put forward, please contact Nick Brooks, Communications and Engagement Manager, Hampshire, Southampton and Isle of Wight Clinical Commission Group nick.brooks3@nhs.net or Alma Kilgarriff. If you are interested in joining the Beggarwood PPG, please use the form on the surgery website or drop your contact details into the surgery for this purpose. We will contact you in due course.

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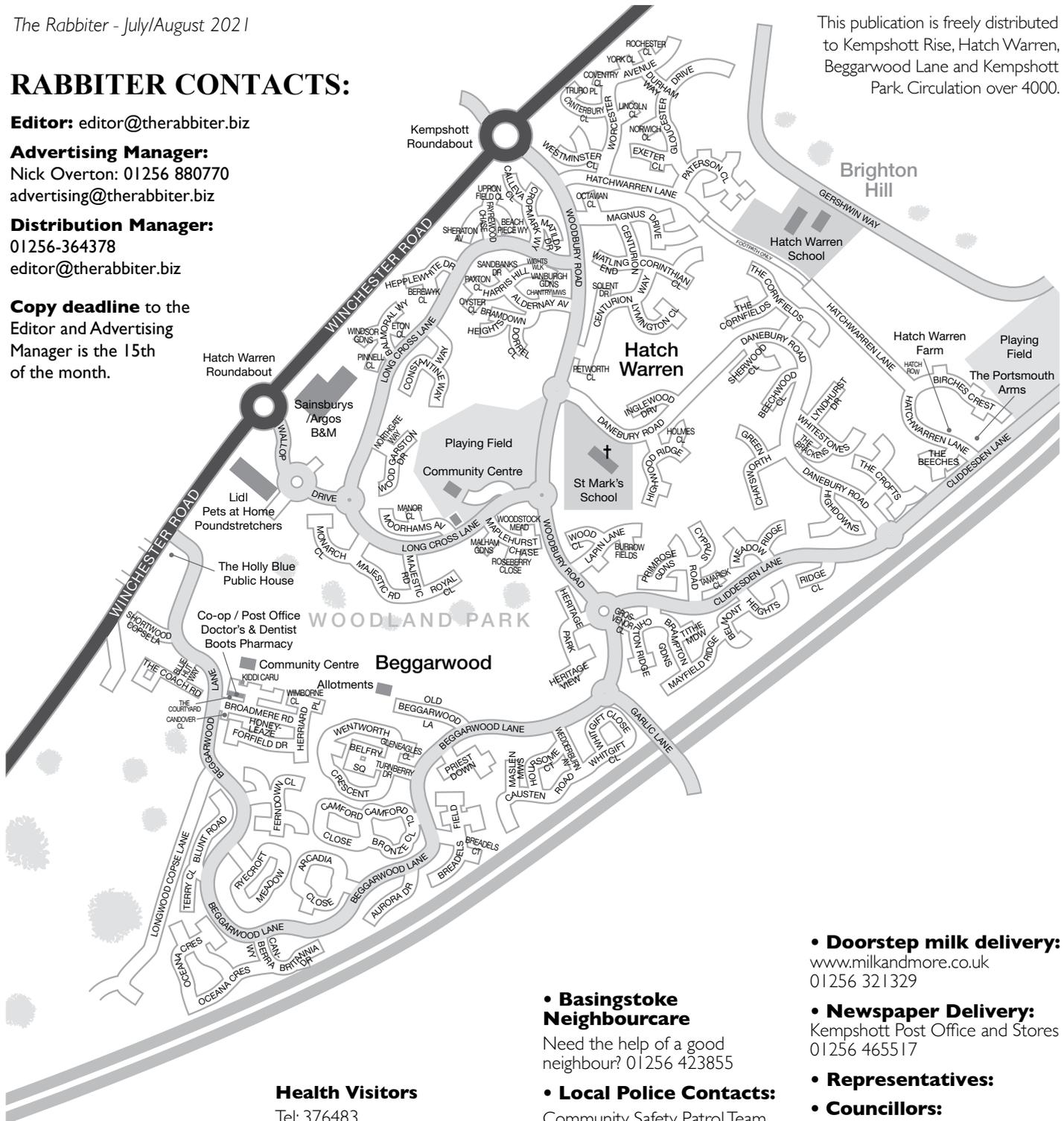
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LOCAL ELECTIONS

The Rabbiter - July/August 2021

Following the recent local elections we would like to thank all that participated in the Election by voting, for whichever party, and a special thanks to those who volunteered to support the election process.

The Labour vote gave us a good foundation to build on in the reconfigured Ward of Hatch Warren and Beggarwood. We will be listening to people's issues and concerns, as there are real problems to be dealt with that need a change of approach.

Have a great Summer and take care.

Trish Case and Tom Cusack



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• Immanuel Church

• Immanuel Church life continues with a range of activities to be involved with. On a Wednesday morning Create & Cuppa meet during term time at Immanuel Church from 10am – 12 noon and bring along crafts to do over a tea or coffee. It is a great way to share craft ideas and learn from one another and they would love more people to join the group. Our Oasis friendship group also meet once a month at the church on a Friday from 10am - 12 noon. There are quizzes, talks, games, tea, coffee, biscuits and lots of fun. New members are very welcome. The much loved Little Angels toddler group, which is held at the Hatch Warren Community Centre, will be starting up in September. The group meets on Thursday mornings during term time from 10am – 11:30am. It is an ideal place for parents, grandparents and carers to bring their babies and toddlers to a warm, friendly and caring environment. The weekly charge is £2.50 per family and drinks and biscuits are provided. There are lots of toys for the children and a weekly craft activity and messy play. They also have story time and singing. All are welcome.

• To find out more about any of these groups, please contact Immanuel Church.

• Services at Immanuel will continue on Sunday mornings at 10am. Chris and Primrose, the churchwardens, will be looking after Immanuel Church during the interregnum, the time without a vicar. We are aware that some people think Immanuel Church will be closing but this is not the case. Over the coming months, the Diocese of Winchester are looking to create a new single parish that unites Immanuel Church, Hatch Warren and Beggarwood with St Mark's in Kempshott. The Reverend Nicola Such, who is currently Vicar at St Mark's Church, will become the Vicar. We pray that together the two churches can find a new way forward that continues to build on the close relationship that Immanuel Church has with the local community and St Mark's School.

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Hatch Warren W.I. held their 27th Birthday meeting by Zoom on 3rd June. Sandra took a look back through the archives to put together a wonderful talk on our past parties which over the years have been notorious for their innovation. All the Fun of the Fair was unfortunately the last party before coronavirus. Some of our more recent members were fascinated to see what we have achieved in the past. What fun we will have thinking up more new ideas to try and forgetting the wonderful cakes that have been made to celebrate the themed evenings.

It has been mentioned that you can only join the W.I. if you can make cakes, are interested in craft and be of a certain age, all myths. Anyone can join the W.I. we are here for all ages and interests, so come and give us a try and you might find that we don't bite and are a very friendly group of young ladies. For more information please contact our deputy president Jane 01256 321258 who will be more than happy to talk to you about our group.

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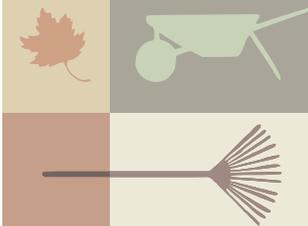
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Madam decided that for my birthday she would take me to dinner. After so long being under lockdown regulations it was to be somewhere special. Oakley Hall was the selected venue for this intimate fine dining experience. Since last visiting this establishment it has undergone extensive expansion and now boasts four stars. We really looked forward to our evening in their 1795 bar and Glasshouse restaurant.

The bar was a modern sophisticated design ideal for a pre-dinner gin and tonic, and we could hear noise from the adjacent Glasshouse restaurant giving the impression it was well attended. It turned out to be not as expected. Clearly the attendees were residents of the hotel during the half term break. The immediate impression was that this was a family dining space frequented by young families, some with pre-school toddlers that continued to scream during the entire time we spent there.

The menu immediately dispelled the anticipated fine dining experience promoted on their web site as it was an all-day menu on a one-sided wipe clean card that would not have been out of place in many a gastro pub but with restaurant wine prices.

As it is in season, we both had asparagus as a starter. This was presented with a small poached egg and hollandaise sauce on attractive plates. A bottle of Merlot proved very palatable and ignoring the burgers and shepherd's pie type offering we selected the special sharing dish of Côte de Boeuf at £60.

This is a T-bone steak cooked and sliced accompanied with three pots of sauces together with triple cooked chips and some minute mushy type vegetables that were nothing like that illustrated on their web site. The waitress advised that this steak could not be cooked less than medium rare, and we opted for the next level up. While it was well presented on a specially designed wooden platter with a hot plate the meat was only just warm, so we sent it back. It emerged a short time later apparently having been placed in the oven but being rather rarer than we had expected perhaps is the reason for the lack of internal temperature.

For dessert I had a chocolate tart that came with raspberries and a similarly flavoured ice cream and Madam had the cheese board that had five small selections and pretty slices of bread but no butter. As it seemed to suit the waiter, we ordered coffee at the same time as making the dessert selection, but the coffee came first and was drunk prior to the arrival of the desserts. Madam had a second cup to finish off her meal.

When the bill arrived, I noticed that the bar drinks were not showing and after the waiter went to check said that he could find no record on their system so it could be ignored. Perhaps as well since despite voicing our complaints about the food there was no discount from the total of £124. We did not leave a tip.

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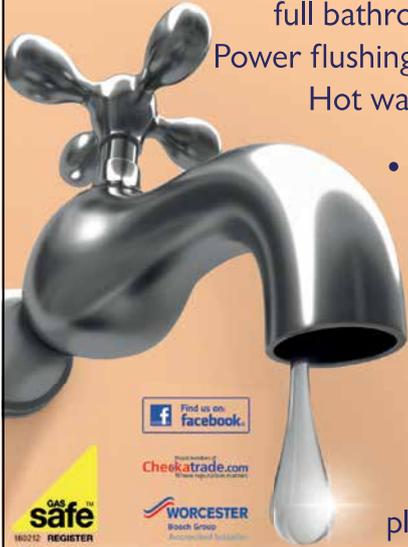
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