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EDITORIAL

A Happy New Year to all our readers and advertisers. Let us hope that 2022 sees the return of life as it used to be – travel, visiting friends and relatives and good health for all. There has been a lot of activity locally since our last issue. The road to Junction 7 has changed, new houses on Houndsome Fields are ready for residents – the dark brown brick looks rather depressing at the moment especially when you think back to the lovely green fields that used to be there but people do need homes. The Golf Club site is now being dug up for more houses. Work is underway to improve the infrastructure to support all these new homes and it is hoped that the work to upgrade Brighton Hill roundabout will ease some of the traffic issues. However those people needing to travel towards Basingstoke are going to encounter these roadworks and fingers crossed our estate will not be used as a short cut to avoid the traffic.

It is good to see the Café in the Park is open and the regular Community Lunch on the first Wednesday of each month will be starting again on 2 February from 12.15 to 1.15 – jacket spuds with cheese and beans, ploughman's or soup served with a cup of coffee or tea for £4. If you would like to help with preparing and serving the lunch, please contact the office at the Hatch Warren Community Centre.

Basingstoke is lucky to have amazing entertainment venues and they have some wonderful events planned during February – see page 5 for news from The Anvil and the Haymarket. Now the days are getting longer and, we hope, the weather improving getting out and about is more inviting. Basingstoke U3A is a great organisation offering lots of activities or why not join a working party at Old Down – see pages 11 and 12 for more information.

It's Valentine's Day this month and if you are stuck for present ideas the Beechdown Club on Down Grange could be the answer – see page 9.

Sadly we heard this week of the death of Lord Sainsbury. I had the pleasure of meeting him on a number of occasions when covering events for The Rabbiter. He was a charming gentleman. We even featured him on our front cover when the store was open following a major refurbishment and he liked the picture enough to ask for a copy! See the Sainsbury's article on page 13 for a short obituary.

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to Greenhouse Graphics who sponsored the December front cover picture. They kindly stepped in at the last minute to provide the prizes.

So on to 2022. The Queens Platinum Jubilee as well as all the usual local activities. Don't forget to let the Rabbiter know your news and views – newsdesk@therabbiter.biz.

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What's On at the Anvil

THE TIGER WHO CAME TO TEA

Fri 4-Sun 6 Feb The Haymarket

This is a stunning stage adaptation of the classic tale of teatime mayhem, based on the book by Judith Kerr. Join the tea-guzzling tiger in this delightful family show, packed with oodles of magic, sing-a-long songs and clumsy chaos. The doorbell rings just as Sophie and her mummy are sitting down to tea. Who could it be? What they don't expect is a big, furry, stripy tiger!

SPIRIT OF THE DANCE

Fri 4 Feb, 7.30pm The Anvil

The international success Spirit of the Dance celebrates 21 fabulous years with its new spine-tingling anniversary show. Sounding like a runaway express train, not one Irish dance shoe steps out of line as their thunderous feet perform as one. Irish Dance is combined with styles from around the world such as Flamenco, Latin, Salsa, Street, Hip Hop and Techno Can Can.

STARS OF THE WEST END

Kerry Ellis and Louise Dearman

Sun 6 Feb, 7pm The Anvil

Two leading ladies of the West End present an extravaganza of popular musical and movie hits. Accompanied by the fabulous International Film Orchestra, Kerry Ellis and Louise Dearman, with a wealth of credits and awards between them, will perform songs from Wicked, Les Misérables, We Will Rock You, Chess and The Greatest Showman to name a few.

KODO ONE EARTH TOUR 2022

Tsuzumi

Wed 9 Feb, 7.45pm The Anvil

Kodo take the Japanese art of Taiko drumming and give it a thrillingly theatrical edge. Rhythm, tradition, and an energy so powerful that you can feel the air shake. Experience the intense strength and the gentle finesse as the drummers transcend language and cultural boundaries whilst reminding us of the common bonds we share as human beings. This year, more than ever, they want to connect with their audience.

BUMPER BLYTON

Thu 10 Feb, 7.30pm The Haymarket

Delightfully silly and highly entertaining, don't miss this cast of award-winning improvisers as they invent a hilarious adventure, live on the hoof, based on audience suggestions. Cast yourself back to your childhood as the riotous improvised parody, chock full of innuendo and puns, is performed in vintage costume with music and songs in the style of the nation's favourite author Enid Blyton.

CARMEN

Thu 10 Feb, 7.30pm The Anvil

This dazzling production with live orchestra features Bizet's breath-taking melodies including The Toreador's Song, Carmen's enticing Habanera, and Don José's lyrical Flower Song. The story of passion and jealousy unfolds in a setting evoking the stunning architecture of Seville and its main square with Roman and Moorish influences. Sung in French with English subtitles.

GORDON BUCHANAN

30 Years In The Wild

Wed 16 Feb, 7.30pm The Haymarket

One of the most prominent wildlife presenters and filmmakers working today, Gordon Buchannan's journey is a remarkable story to tell. Gordon will look back at his incredible 30 years working both behind and in front of the camera. This will be a rare opportunity to discover what has continued to drive his career and the landmark stories that take pride of his work. He will also take the opportunity to look at what the future potentially hold in our rapidly changing ecological landscape.

ORCHESTRA OF THE AGE OF ENLIGHTENMENT

Thu 17 Feb, 7.45pm The Anvil

The OAE are joined by conductor Antonello Manacorda and violinist Isabelle Faust for Schumann's lyrical and inventive Violin Concerto, and his taut and dramatic Symphony no 2.

EXTC - XTC'S TERRY CHAMBER AND FRIENDS

Fri 18 Feb, 7.30pm The Haymarket

EXTC - the band of renowned XTC drummer Terry Chambers - perform a full set of XTC hits from their adrenalinised early anthems through to the psychedelia-infused rock of later albums, including Making Plans for Nigel, Senses Working Overtime, and Sgt. Rock (Is Going to Help Me). EXTC is also busy writing new material, paying homage to the past while forging an exciting new musical future.

AN EVENING WITH AGGERS & TUFFERS

Tue 22 Feb, 7.45pm The Anvil

Jonathan Agnew and Phil Tufnell deliver a fascinating, entertaining, and no-holds-barred evening for both cricket fans and non-lovers of the game. Tuffers was the bad boy of English cricket in the 1990s, but the best spinner as well. Known as The Cat because of his love of dressing room naps and, rarely seen without a beer and a fag, Tufnell has always been something of a folk hero.

CAMROSE, GILLIES AND HACKWOOD PARTNERSHIP (CGH) PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

With a growing need for mental health support for the patient population, CGH have put in place a mental health team and resources, which include the following:

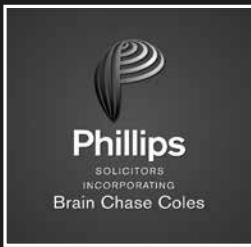
- Employed a GP, Dr. Webster, specialising in complex mental health patient care;
- A mental health nurse (CPN), to support a range of issues from acute crisis to longer term problems;
- MIND clinics run twice weekly for signposting patients and self help support with a Mental Health Adviser from MIND;
- Mental Health Multi-disciplinary Teams (MDT) working with local mental health services and consultants;
- Focus on mental health through staff communications, and training in understanding of the Mental Capacity Act (MCA) legislation;
- Shared resources for healthcare professionals on available mental health support for patients during the pandemic.

In addition, CGH are working with Southern Health to recruit a further Mental Health clinician. We would encourage patients who need support to contact the surgery for appointments, and to make full use of their services.

The PPG are delighted to announce that Matt Holman from Simpila Mental Health is guest speaker at our first PPG/Patient Open Meeting, on a date to be confirmed as soon as Covid uncertainty allows. We will invite patients to come and meet the PPG over coffee and cake, and hear Matt talk about mental health, with a chance to ask him, and the PPG, any questions.

Excellent self help resources we can recommend are: <https://www.simpila.com/news-articles-and-resources/> and <https://happily.com/>

Covid Vaccinations for House Bound Patients, who are vulnerable, have mobility problems, and are unable to attend clinics, can be arranged by contacting the CGH surgery by e-consult or telephone for a home visit.



DON'T FORGET YOUR PET WHEN MAKING YOUR WILL



Claire-Marie Selwood

We have all heard stories of people leaving a small fortune to their pets but is this possible and what about our furry friends themselves?

Whilst it is important to make provision about what should happen to your pet after you die, making a specific gift of money in your Will to your pet would result in a failed gift.

Claire-Marie Selwood, a solicitor in the Private Client Team at Phillips Solicitors, explains why: "The Law treats pets as personal possessions so you cannot leave a legacy in your Will to your beloved pet. After all, pets don't have bank accounts!

It is quite common for pet owners to pass away and not leave their pet with a home to go to but there are steps you can take to ensure your pet is looked after.

It would be unwise to assume that close relatives or friends will look after your pet, without discussing it with them first. Caring for a pet is a huge commitment and you would be imposing an obligation on them to care for your pet for the rest of its life, not to mention the financial obligation.

One option to consider is if you know someone who is willing to look after your pet, you could leave

that person a sum of money in your Will for this purpose.

So there is no misunderstanding about the purpose of the money, the wording in your Will must be clear, which is why we often advise our clients to write a letter of wishes to accompany their Wills.

Whilst this document is not legally binding, it can be a useful guide to inform others how you would like your pet to be cared for. You should be aware that if your chosen carer later decides they can no longer care for your pet there is a risk they may still retain the legacy and spend it how they choose.

Another option to consider, particularly if you do not know anyone who could look after your pet, is to leave a bequest to a charity. You can direct whether the charity should care for the pet or find a suitable alternative home instead. Some animal charities offer after death arrangements for pets.

A final option would be to set up a trust and leave money to trustees to look after your pet. Once your pet has died, the trust would come to an end and any money left over can go to your chosen beneficiaries.

If you need advice about how to make provision for your pet or any other matters relating to Wills, contact Claire-Marie by emailing claire-marie.selwood@phillips-law.co.uk or by calling 01256 854622. When contacting Phillips, please mention The Rabbiter.

BASINGSTOKE CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT FELLOWSHIP

Due to the uncertainty over the spread of the Omicron variant it was with some disappointment that we decided it would be best to cancel the meeting due to be held on Wednesday 5th January. It was a shame as since we had started meeting again back in August attendance had been good and everyone particularly enjoyed the Christmas Lunch at BCOT and the Christmas Party at the beginning of December. We really are hoping that all future meetings and trips for this year will be able to go ahead.

The group's full programme of speakers and trips for 2022 year can be obtained by contacting the secretary at: csrfbasingstoke@gmail.com

THE CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT FELLOWSHIP

Having been in existence for nearly 57 years The Civil Service Retirement Fellowship is a national charity that is dedicated to helping former civil servants

and their dependents make the most of their retirement which we have been doing in Basingstoke since 1970.



The creation of the CSRF on 9th April 1965

In an article entitled 'A Pension Is Not Enough' written in the early 1960s Douglas Houghton MP highlighted the need for an organisation that offered retired civil servants an arena for friendship and companionship. His idea was supported and taken up by J P Wolstenholme, the then General Secretary of The Civil Service Benevolent Fund, and on 9th April 1965 the Civil Service Retirement Fellowship was founded. It opened its first branches in Guildford, Birmingham

and the Solent area and now has over 60 throughout the UK and Northern Ireland. Friendship and support still remain at the forefront of our work today. We provide a range of services that include two national befriending schemes to help combat loneliness in later life, local community groups (providing educational speakers and leisure activities) and we are on hand to offer information, advice and signposting to a wide range of other supportive organisations, easily accessible via our Freephone telephone advice line.

The next meeting of our group is on 2nd February when Mike Brooks will be telling us about Amateur Dramatics and then on 2nd March we will be having our AGM with a presentation from the Cooperative Insurance Services followed by lunch at the Conservative Club.

The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at Brookvale Village Hall from 10am to 12 noon and all retired Civil Servants, their relatives and friends are welcome.

David Cowling



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COUNCILLOR'S UPDATE

This is the first Rabbiter of 2022, so let me start by wishing everyone a Happy New Year.

BEGGARWOOD SURGERY: since my last report, the Clinical Commissioning Group has announced that the operators of the Beggarwood Surgery will be the Camrose, Gillies and Hackwood practice. I think it is fair to say that the Patient Participation Group may have recommended a different solution, but it was the CCG's decision. The Chair and Vice Chair of the PPG have met with the new operators and plans are being made for the changeover. It is worth noting that the CGH partnership, with their associated company Operose, has attracted criticism in the press but the Care Quality Commission marked them as Good in all respects from their inspection in November 2021. From my point of view as a Councillor, the challenge now is to ensure that CGH lives up to its 'Good' rating at Beggarwood and sustains the improvements that North Hants Urgent Care have achieved and I will do everything I can to help them do that.

THANKS TO NORTH HAMPSHIRE URGENT CARE: I am full of admiration for the job that NHUC has done at the Beggarwood Surgery. They took over a practice that was attracting huge criticisms and they turned it round. The values that they have brought to bear represent the NHS at its finest.

WOODBURY ROAD: I received a burst of emails from Governors and parents at St Mark's School asking if it is possible to have a zebra crossing at the Chicane in Woodbury Road. I think it is a good idea. However, I wrote with some trepidation to the Officers at Hampshire, knowing that there are criteria that have to met before such a crossing is considered. As I feared, the reply confirmed that there are numerical criteria for new zebra crossings based on traffic levels and the number of pedestrians who cross the road. The main times for pedestrian crossings at Woodbury Road is at the start and end of the school day but demand is low at other times, so the officers have advised that it is unlikely that a zebra crossing could be justified. I am writing again to point out that the travel plan for St Mark's School asks people to park at the Community Centre and then cross Woodbury Road. Also, the access to the anaerobic Digester is along Woodbury Road and, although there are timing restrictions designed to prevent HGVs using the road at 'school run' times, nevertheless the extra HGV traffic is there. I fear that this is a going to be a drawn-out discussion!

ROAD WORKS ON A30: South East Water is installing 600 metres of new water main which means digging up the A30 between the Hatch Warren and Kempshott roundabouts. Work has started and temporary traffic lights are in place, which will be moved along the road as work progresses. The project is expected to last four months, and South East Water says it is essential to avoid increases in demand from causing low pressure issues for customers. I fear that the queues generated by the lights will cause some motorists to use Woodbury Road and Beggarwood Lane as a short cut. I am also concerned to watch the quality of the work: poor reinstatement of a road surface can be a recipe for future potholes.

BRIGHTON HILL ROUNDABOUT: Work is also due to start around now on the £20 million project to increase the capacity of the Brighton Hill roundabout. Congestion at peak travel times is significant and traffic volumes will increase as developments along the A30 progress. At the current time the improvements scheme does not include the proposed link road through what was the Camrose Football ground. That idea could be resurrected, depending on the eventual decisions on the usage of that site.

BRIGHTON HILL RETAIL PARK: of relevance to this, this site (the one that contains the old 'Toys R Us' and Currys / PC World stores) is being put forward for conversion to Warehousing and Industrial units. I have spoken with the applicants who say that the retail sector is in decline and the new shopping area next door, St Michael's, has taken up any slack there might be. The empty stores are blighting the site and therefore they believe the best option is to apply for a change of use and redevelop it. The proposers believe that any traffic impacts there might be on the Brighton Hill roundabout will be catered for by the improvements that are about to start. For people who might want more information, the Borough Council has included this site in its list of potential developments: reference BAS053.

WAREHOUSES AT JUNCTION 7: another major story over the Christmas period was that the warehouse application near junction 7 of the M3 was turned down following which the applicants appear to be dropping their original plan. They are expected to submit revised plans which preserve the avenue of trees into the site and that is good news. My strategic worry remains the impact there might be on the potential new hospital site on the other side of the A30. In my opinion, the hospital has to

be the top priority and I would hate to see a warehouse complex absorbing so much road capacity that it makes the new hospital impossible.

TOP HYGIENE RATING: The Café in the Park at the Beggarwood Community Centre is proudly displaying that it has been awarded the top rating - five - for its food hygiene standards by the Food Standards Agency. Opening hours are 10am to 2pm, Wednesday to Saturday.

'GRIDDLE GRANT': Beggarwood Cafe in the Park is updating some of its kitchen equipment and I have approved using part of my County Councillor devolved budget to purchase a new griddle for them. They do an excellent Bacon Butty!

OLD DOWN: I am pressing for the Borough Council to protect Old Down by designating it as a Local Nature Reserve. This status was meant to be decided around 2013, but complications over access to Manydown got in the way. As a result, Beggarwood Park was given LNR status but Old Down wasn't. Now the Borough's emerging plan for the South West of Basingstoke shows entry points to Manydown through Hounsome Fields and land closer to M3 Junction 7, removing the need for access through Old Down. The case is therefore being resurrected for granting LNR status now. There is a petition, if you want to sign, that can be accessed at <https://www.change.org/p/basingstoke-deane-borough-council-designate-old-down-as-local-nature-reserves-lnr>.

UNAUTHORISED ENCAMPMENTS VICTORY: In April 2019 the Borough and County Councils were granted an injunction by the High Court against the setting up of unauthorised encampments within the urbanised area of Basingstoke town and some outlying areas. This succeeded in reducing the number of instances of this kind. It was challenged and many Councils, including ours, appealed. On 13th January 2022 sixteen of them won the argument, meaning that their injunctions remain in place. An unauthorised encampment is when an individual or group of individuals move onto a piece of land that they do not own, without the permission of the landowner. We have experienced instances in Hatch Warren and Beggarwood and I welcome the decision.

Stephen Reid

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PROBUS GETS BEHIND THE SCENES OF EUROVISION SONG CONTEST

Over the years watching the Eurovision Song Competition you probably wondered about the voting pattern of various countries. Gordon Lewis, the speaker at the latest meeting of the Probust Club of Basingstoke, knows that your suspicions are correct. The winning song being voted on by all the countries, is influenced by politics of the day and PR pressure through parties held at the highest social level.

And Gordon Lewis knows what he is talking about because as a journalist he had attended eight Eurovision Song Competitions over the years and had seen these influences at first hand.

Song festivals had long existed in Europe – for example the Sound of Music film showed the situation in Austria in the late 1930s. After the conclusion of WW2, the European Broadcasting Union was set up in Switzerland to help popularise television. At their 1950 AGM, held in Torquay, it was considered that a song festival to find the best song in Europe would help relationships. Current technology prevented this idea progressing until 1953 when the BBC succeeded in broadcasting the Coronation to our neighbouring countries of the Republic of Ireland, northern France and the low countries.

Advances in technology meant that in 1956 the first Eurovision Song Competition was held in Lugano, Switzerland. Seven countries took part but was it a coincidence that the winner was the host country where the headquarters of the European Broadcast Union had been



established to bring harmony to viewers?

The speaker gave many examples of how countries vote for the top award of *douze points*. Greece always supported Cyprus claiming to be because of a common language but in 1999 the free choice of language meant that many songs are sung in English. Geographical and historical connections as seen between Norway and Sweden, Russia and Azerbaijan due gas and oil. While UK and Ireland used to support each other but not so in recent years.

The dreaded *nul points* will always be the case between Serbia and Slovenia because the latter country was the first to break away from the old Yugoslavia which led to the Balkan disaster. Armenia will not support Azerbaijan because of a border dispute and France does not support UK perhaps because of the Hundred Years' War. 2003 saw UK receiving *nul points* because of anger in EU that Britain had entered the Iraq war. Georgia will not vote for Russia because of their invasion and eventual withdrawal but was disqualified from the 2009 competition because their song was about shooting President Putin of Russia.

Direct political influence happened when General Franco needed to boost the tourist trade to Spanish beaches and enlisted the assistance of President Tito of Yugoslavia. Cliff Richard singing *Congratulations* was the clear favourite but was beaten by one point by Spain's entry *La La La* that contained 120 repeats of the title. There is little merit in the winning

song, which was instantly forgettable, but political ends were met.

Circumstances can also influence the result. In 1974 France backed out because it was the funeral of President Pompidou. The Italian entry had been expected to win but those countries expected to support the French entry then had to vote for another song and the unlikely winners from Sweden was a group named ABBA with the song *Waterloo*. The rest, as they say, is history.

Such political influence goes back a long way to 1959 when Pearl Carr and Teddy Johnson sang the UK entry *Sing Little Birdie Sing*. Teddy was at a bar when he overheard Italy and the Netherlands agreeing not to vote for the UK entry. This, you will recall, was a song contest with the aim of bringing countries together.

UK last won in 1997 with the song *Love Shine A Light* by Katrina and the Waves. While the backing group, the Waves were British, Katrina is American. She came to live in England as a child when her father was stationed here in the US Airforce.

In recent years some non-European countries have been allowed to participate. Israel and Australia are examples. This is because they are full members of the European Broadcasting Union which allows their entry. New Zealand are upset because their associate membership fails to permit their entry which means they lose the ability to promote their country to the watching millions.

In 2022 the competition will be hosted in the Italian city of Turin. No doubt the same influencing and politicking will continue unabated - after all the Eurovision Song Competition would not be the same without it.

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LIONS CLUBS

Tree-mendous news!

The Basingstoke Lions Club has responded to the call to action regarding the Woodland Trust's partnership with the Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) project in celebration of HM the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Recognising that to do so would be very relevant to the Lions' work for the community, the Club applied for a package of 30 saplings for which, after much investigation, suitable sites were found.

This will result in the saplings (Rowans, Wild Cherry, and Silver Birch) being scattered about Basingstoke at locations that, amongst others, will include two hospitals, several schools, colleges

and various parks. Where wished a commemorative plaque will record the event and/or recipients may choose to detail the planting on QGC's 'Virtual Map'



<https://queensgreencanopy.org/map-education-hub/qgc-map/#/>, a digital record of the Jubilee tree planting projects across the United Kingdom

Either way, we can take pride in having done our bit for the community that "we serve" (our motto)!

'Lennie the Lion', mascot of The Basingstoke Lions Club, lending a hand at the planting of a silver birch by Jubiloaks, an Oakley voluntary group whose aims include the planting of trees and the protection of the woodland and wildlife for the future.

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Following the safety rules as always, u3a members have cycled, danced, sung, sewed and walked into 2022. Lots of our activities are carrying on undaunted, both indoors and outdoors. Our members are dealing with this grey, damp time of year, by having fun together; by playing sports; dancing; taking part in talks and discussions; making things and sharing photography. Indoors, some meet by Zoom, others are meeting up in socially distanced ventilated areas and often wearing masks.

Missing the Great Outdoors?

Walking, cycling, walking football, rounders and netball are all in full flow, meeting outdoors. Check our website for further details.

More Going on Indoors at the Moment of Course

If you prefer exercising indoors, table tennis and badminton groups continue to play (safely), whilst country dancing, line dancing and skittles have all started up again.

For the talkers and learners, Zoom has brought people together to discuss photography; history; science & technology; literature; philosophy and poetry. Environmental studies and Needles

& Pins have met up indoors, imposing strict rules to protect against Omicron.

As always, our trips and holidays are well into the planning.

For just one annual membership fee of £40, you can join as many groups as you can fit into your week, indoors, outdoors or both! Check our website or -

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OLD DOWN AND BEGGARWOOD WILDLIFE GROUP

Generally 2022 has started fairly mild and wet (just the odd frosty and cold day here and there) as has been the case for the last few years. But perhaps February will bring the snow and bright frosty mornings with blue skies.

Work parties on both sites are now in full swing. Do try to join us on either (or both!) Old Down (Thursdays, weekly) or Beggarwood (Tuesdays, monthly) – you will be most welcome. With spring coming up it will be time to plant and tidy up and help flora and fauna flourish on the two sites.

There is a push to get Basingstoke Council to designate Old Down as a Local Nature Reserve (LNR). Beggarwood already has this designation and there is no reason why Old Down should not be treated the same. The push is being led by our MP Maria Miller and County Councillor Stephen Reid



supported by our ward councillors. A petition has been set up to support this and the Group encourages all of you to sign that petition to show Basingstoke Council that residents want to retain Old Down as a green open space for nature and public enjoyment and not be threatened with development or other use. LNR status will protect Old Down from any development and other use, such as a road or buildings. It is rather sad that Basingstoke Council will only consider such designation with a public petition. If the petition can achieve 4,000 signatures Basingstoke Council will be obliged to debate the matter: Please sign the petition to keep Old Down as it is now – open to the public and nature. Go to <https://www.change.org/OldDownLNR>.

If you should see anything interesting on either of the two sites – plants; birds; insects - please let the Group know.

Work Parties: For Old Down we meet outside Old Down Hall every Thursday 10-12noon and for Beggarwood at the café on the first Tuesday of the month 9-12noon. Please do come and join us. Check the website for further information.

<https://sites.google.com/site/olddownbeggarwoodwildlifegroup>
Email: odandbwd@gmail.com
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COUNCILLOR PUTTY

I hope that all of you had a wonderful, happy and merry Christmas and can I wish you all a safe, healthy and prosperous New Year.

I am greatly concerned about our two vital health care providers for residents in Hatch Warren and Beggarwood. The doctors' surgery is being taken over by an American company, I am told. As far as I know they may introduce insurance based health care like in the USA. I hope they won't but if they are market driven, we do not know what will happen in the long run? What assurance can we secure that our doctors surgery will continue like our last operators for the foreseeable future.

As for the Grainger Trust who promised us a new NHS dental surgery and the transfer of the small Beggarwood NHS Dental surgery to The Island site for the community. They stealthily sold the land and they ripped off the master plan which was presented to the planning authority of BDBC. I do sincerely feel for the residents at what is happening with our vital services in our area. The dental surgery has probably closed its book because it is full to capacity. People in the area cannot register there any more. What is going to happen to the newcomers in the area?

Cllr Dan PUTTY JP

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Lots of regular events – please ask at the cafe

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December 2021 Meeting

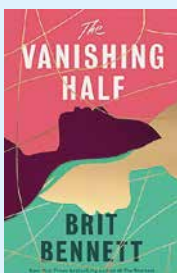
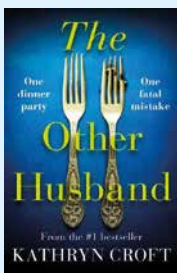
The Bookworms met in the cafe in the park for a pre - Christmas celebration. We enjoyed a complimentary glass of Buck's Fizz and toasted another successful and enjoyable reading year. We also had our secret Santa book swap and a bookworms quiz. Every member was also given a book 'Ruthless Women' by Melanie Blake kindly donated by the publisher Head of Zeus and MDL. This will become our March book choice.

We are delighted to say that the author Kathryn Croft will be guest at our next meeting to talk about her new book 'The Other Husband' Members will be able to ask questions and find out about the processes involved in writing a thriller.

We have also been lucky enough to have another book donated to us from Michael Joseph Books for members to read and review. This book is 'When They Find Her' by Lia Middleton.

Future titles for the group include 'The Vanishing Half' by Brit Bennett a tale of identical twins who live very different lives.

As always you can follow Beggardwood Bookworms on Facebook. Read along with us or join us for a book chat, coffee and cake in the Cafe in the Park, you will be very welcome.



Sainsbury's

Our Values Make us Different

Happy New Year

A huge thank you to all our customers for their patience during Christmas and New Year. Our colleagues served record breaking numbers of customers during the festive break – both in the store and through our Grocery Online Delivery service.

Indeed, we've almost doubled the size of our Online operation compared to Pre-Pandemic levels.

Our customers chose to enjoy Christmas at home with families this year in a huge way. This will come as no surprise following the relaxation of Covid regulations and, our Christmas Food ordering service broke all records for Kempshott.

Deliveries from our Online Department reached close to 900 each day leading up to Christmas.

Across the UK, Sainsbury's customers purchased 3.3million mince pies and over 2million bags of sprouts were purchased.

Carrots topped the vegetable most purchased during 2021; 375million portions!

Lord John Sainsbury of Preston Candover

Lord Sainsbury was a frequent visitor to the store at Kempshott. Although his visits were less frequent in the last few years, we were thrilled to see him at our recent 30th birthday celebrations.

Martin Scicluna, Chairman of Sainsbury's said: "We are all deeply saddened to learn of the death of our Life President, Lord Sainsbury of Preston Candover. He was 94 and lived a remarkable life.

During his 40-year career with the company, Lord Sainsbury led the business through a period of great change and had a major impact on retail in the UK in the 20th century. Lord Sainsbury started working in his family's business in 1950, initially taking on a role in the grocery department. He became a director of the company in 1958, followed by Deputy Chairman in 1967, a role which he took over from his father. Finally in 1969, he was appointed Chairman and Chief Executive until his

retirement in 1992.

Under his stewardship we modernised our stores, developed our food ranges and floated Sainsbury's on the London Stock Exchange in what was, at the time, the UK's largest-ever initial public offering. He was knighted by Her Majesty the Queen in 1980 for services to the food retailing industry, made a life peer in 1989 and in 1992 was appointed as one of only 24 Knights of the Garter.

"In recent years, he hosted a visit by Her Majesty the Queen to celebrate the 150th anniversary of our business. He will be greatly missed by the Board and all his friends and colleagues at Sainsbury's. We send our condolences to Lord Sainsbury's wife Lady Sainsbury and the rest of the Sainsbury family."

Halal Meat

Eagle eyed customers may well have noticed that we've introduced a new Halal Meat selection within our Fresh Meat chillers.

The range has been warmly received by many customers already so take a look the next time you're in store.

Helping Everyone Eat Better

Our Spring campaign is highlighting how soup can make a difference to our customers eating habits, whilst helping the planet as well.



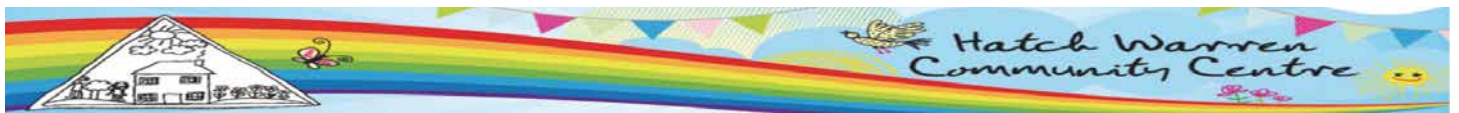
Check out the recipes at <https://recipes.sainsburys.co.uk/scrapbooks/eat-better-make-soup>

Red Nose Day 18th March

This year's Red Noses are our wildest bunch yet. There are eight characters to track down, including the lesser-spotted rare Nose, colourful Cam the chameleon. Just like last year, all the Noses are 100% plastic-free – including the packaging – making them green as well as red.

Digital Nectar

Smart Shop is driven by Digital Nectar. By downloading the Digital Nectar App and Smart Shop App, you'll be able to track your spend whilst you shop and checkout in the quickest and safest way too. Download the Apps at your respective App Store



We are a registered charity run by volunteers - working to make Hatch Warren and Beggarwood a great place to live!



Location: In the Lounge
Date & Time: Wednesday 10:00 – 11:30 am
Price: £3.50 per family
 (adult plus 2 children – additional child £1)

- Informal and friendly drop in session - come along, grab a coffee and make new friends, a chance to be sociable and have fun in a relaxed and stress free environment
- Suitable from birth to 4 years
- Crazy craft, Messy play, Sensory toys – enjoy a juice & snack, all sessions finish with 'song time'
- Our qualified and dedicated staff, led by Louise, have a wealth of childcare experience and bring lots of passion and enthusiasm to the group

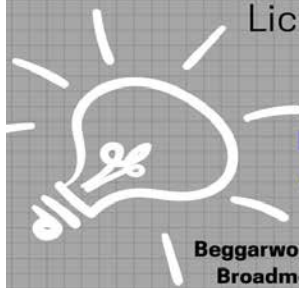


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QUIZ NIGHT

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Activities Schedule:

Fridays 6pm -7.45 pm, School years 6, 7 and 8

Friday 4 th February	Basketball, Sand Art. Workshop: Coping Strategies for Anxiety
Friday 11 th February	Just Dance Competition, Valentines Craft and Doughnuts
Friday 18 th February	Sumo Suits, Canvas Art and Milkshakes
Friday 25 th February	Football Tournament, Uno and Fruit Kebabs

Happy New Year from all of us at The Warren! We hope you've all had a good start to 2022. It's been wonderful to see all of our young people back and we kicked off the year with Laser Tag fun and Hot Chocolates. We were also so pleased with our wellness session, Online Safety, going down so well. Our wellness sessions are important to us, and we just want to thank our young people for always taking part and making them so enjoyable to run.

Thank you

This month we would like to thank all the amazing parents who donated Xbox games and offered us discounts. We are lucky to have so many kind and supportive people in the community around us.

New Benches

We have some amazing new benches for our patio area, and we love them! We love being able to utilise our outside space as much as possible as this makes sure we can offer the maximum number of activities to our young people. We'd like to thank Basingstoke Rotary Club for the grant that enabled us to buy them.



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 had a very good lead up to Christmas with a dinner disco at the Portsmouth Arms.

Unfortunately, I felt that we could not go ahead with the Pantomime booking at Christmas. This disappointed many of the group but with only 8 days to Christmas and Covid raging, it did not seem the responsible thing to do.

Looking ahead to a very busy period, we are hoping Covid will be kind to us so we can keep socialising, organise events to help reduce isolation and provide support in all areas of family life for our members.

Feb 7th Hatch Warren youth club

Feb 14th Bowling and McDonalds



Older Sessions

Don't forget if you're in year 9 or above we are open 8pm-9.30pm every Friday! 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! We can also offer you free confidential advice on a range of issues including contraception, pregnancy testing, drugs and alcohol. We are now able to offer focused Emotional Wellness and Issue based sessions again.

February 4th: Coping Strategies for Anxiety

March 4th: Harmful Substance Awareness



HATCH WARREN UNDER FIVES

It was lovely to welcome the children back to Hatch Warren Under Fives after the Christmas break and to hear about their adventures and their Christmas presents. We also welcomed some new children into preschool who have all settled in brilliantly.

Last term we spent time looking at winter and the seasons, so all of our outdoor activities this term will continue to enhance our children's understanding of the world with more weather and seasons activities in the garden and on our walks. We are also continuing to encourage the children's growing independence by practicing putting on scarves, hats, gloves and wellies before going outside.

February will be a busy month for us - we have Valentine's Day, Chinese New Year and Pancake Day to look forward to. 2022 is the year of the Tiger and we will have lots of activities to celebrate Chinese new year. We'll be food tasting, eating with chopsticks and we have the author of the Gigi and the Giant Ladle children's books coming in to read the first book in the series, The Dancing Dragon. Valentine's week will be full of arts and crafts and making special creations for loved ones and pancake week will involve pancake racing and pancake treats for the snack table.

We've had fun with the role play area this term – the children really enjoyed our doctors' surgery. The children could

tell us how they were feeling and we also learnt all about body parts – for example identifying a heart and placing it in the right area of a doll's body.

We are continuing with our small group work each week with Write Dance, a super fun session and a fantastic way to build motor skills and introduce writing skills; we are still having fun with our science experiments and makaton signing. 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.

Hatch Warren Under Fives and the Early Years Foundation Stage

Within the EYFS we look at how children develop their imagination. At Hatch Warren Under Fives we love observing children in the role-play areas and seeing how they use their imaginations throughout the day. Here are some examples of typical behaviour we might expect to see:

- Notices what adults do, imitating what is observed and then doing it spontaneously when the adult is not there.
- Engages in imaginative role-play based on own first-hand experiences.
- Builds stories around toys, e.g. farm animals needing rescue from an armchair 'cliff'.
- Uses available resources to create props to support role-play.

Captures experiences and responds with a range of media, such as music, dance and paint and other materials or words.

We still have a few spaces remaining for this academic year, to enquire about a preschool place at Hatch Warren Under Fives, please contact Angela Blomquist, Manager, on 01256 322788, or email preschoolmail@aol.com.

We also manage another lovely preschool, Kempshott Under Fives, located a short distance away at St. Mark's Church in Kempshott.

Read more about our preschools at www.hatchwarrenunderfives.co.uk

DANDELIONS PRESCHOOL

We are making the most of our extended outside area and the children have been exploring the natural environment and observing the effects of cold weather.

At Dandelions we are exceptionally lucky that our outside area allows children to develop an understanding of risks; such as climbing trees and using natural resources to build their own obstacle courses in our woodland area. The outside provides numerous learning opportunities and the children have recently used sticks to create different shapes and patterns which then soon became a camp fire.



This is just a small example of how children learn through play. If you would be interested in finding out more about the setting and how we encourage learning through in the moment play please do contact us to arrange a visit to avoid disappointment.

We have limited spaces available for this academic year and we already building our waiting lists for the next two years so please do contact us for a registration form if you would like to consider Dandelions for your child's early years on 01256 818857 or alternatively e-mail info@dandelions-preschool.org.uk



CANDOVER VALLEY PRE-SCHOOL

Hello from CVP!

During this month we have been reading Monkey Puzzle linking this with our sensory story tray full of the different animals Monkey met while looking for his Mummy. A lovely story to explore different emotions and how we feel when missing our parents.

We have also introduced some communication activities to work on the children's understanding of prepositions along with exercise sessions and playdough gym to work on fine and gross motor activities.

The little ones have been so excited to play on our new indoor climbing frame and it is fantastic to have an indoor slide to whizz up and down. Plus further excitement when our new outside gazebo and role play structure arrived, a huge benefit to the children's imaginative play.

About CVP:

We are situated in the beautiful village of Preston Candover, only 5 miles from Basingstoke and Alresford. We are a long-term Ofsted **OUTSTANDING** setting providing a child-centred approach with exceptional care and learning.

If you are interested in coming to view the Pre-School, please contact us for a Socially Distanced Show Around. We are still also offering our usual Settling-In sessions for parents to meet their child's Key Person, ensuring children feel confident and happy when they start with us. We also offer 15 and 30 hour funded places. You can find lots of photos and information via our website or our Google listing online.

We look forward to welcoming you very soon!

Best wishes,

01256-389008 cvpadmin@btconnect.com

Lisa Collisson

CUCKOO MEADOW PRESCHOOL

Happy New Year from Cuckoo Meadow Pre-School!

We are all back at Pre-School after a wonderful rest over the Christmas

period – and now the children and teachers alike are chomping at the bit to get stuck into some play, crafts, singing, sport and much much more. However we would like to take a moment to say something about last term... from the bottom of our hearts we'd like to thank you for all the support you've shown the pre-school with our Christmas Raffle. We raised over £800 which will be such a great help to us this coming year. As a charity run pre-school, fundraising plays a vital role in ensuring we continue to offer the best care, fun and support for our little people. Also a big congratulations to the lucky families who won prizes!

Looking ahead, this half term our theme is going to be 'winter' and winter animals - look out for some unusual creatures coming your way! In our first week we have had lots of fun adding tusks and whiskers to Walruses, taking time to colour in their funny faces and fantastic flippers.

Date for your diary – we will be holding our regular clothing collection via Bags2School on 3rd May if you miss that one! – please donate your unwanted clothing to us. Your donations will be weighed and then the Pre-school will receive a cash payment per kilo of clothing donated. For more detail on what we can take please visit the Cuckoo Meadow Pre-School Facebook page.

Finally with normal life (hopefully and cautiously) opening up we would like to invite "People who help us" to come and meet the children and tell them all about their jobs. In past years we have had the fire and police service say hello, to the joy of Pre-Schoolers and teachers alike! If you would like to get involved, please contact the Pre-School.

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.



HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM BHCS!

To round off 2021, BHCS students put their My World learning about being a citizen and their role in the community into practise by doing what they could to show they are thinking of others in the community both globally and locally.

- As a whole school community we raised more than £950 for Children in Need!
- Y7s collected items for the shoebox appeal – over 40 boxes were delivered to the Entertainer!
- Y8s designed Xmas cards and then wrote jokes and poems in the winning entries; over 250 were distributed to Kings Kids, St Michael's Hospice (the students' chosen charity), the residents of Newman Court, Raglan Court, Malmesbury Fields, Dashwood and elderly residents in the villages in our catchment area!
- Y8s also filled nearly 70 shoeboxes for Spotlight Basingstoke!
- Y9 decorated Xmas tree baubles which were distributed with the Xmas cards!
- Y10 collected over 270 items for Basingstoke Foodbank!

Additionally, these projects enabled students to demonstrate the 4 pillars of our school: Kindness (by giving up their time for the benefit of others), collaboration (the Y10s co-ordinated a marketing campaign in groups), courage (Y8s and Y9s to share their creativity) and commitment (by all YGs to meet the deadlines set). As a school, we believe that these pillars will give our students the characteristic needed to become effective citizens and we are very proud that our students are embracing them.

Wendy Moore

Whole School Values Lead

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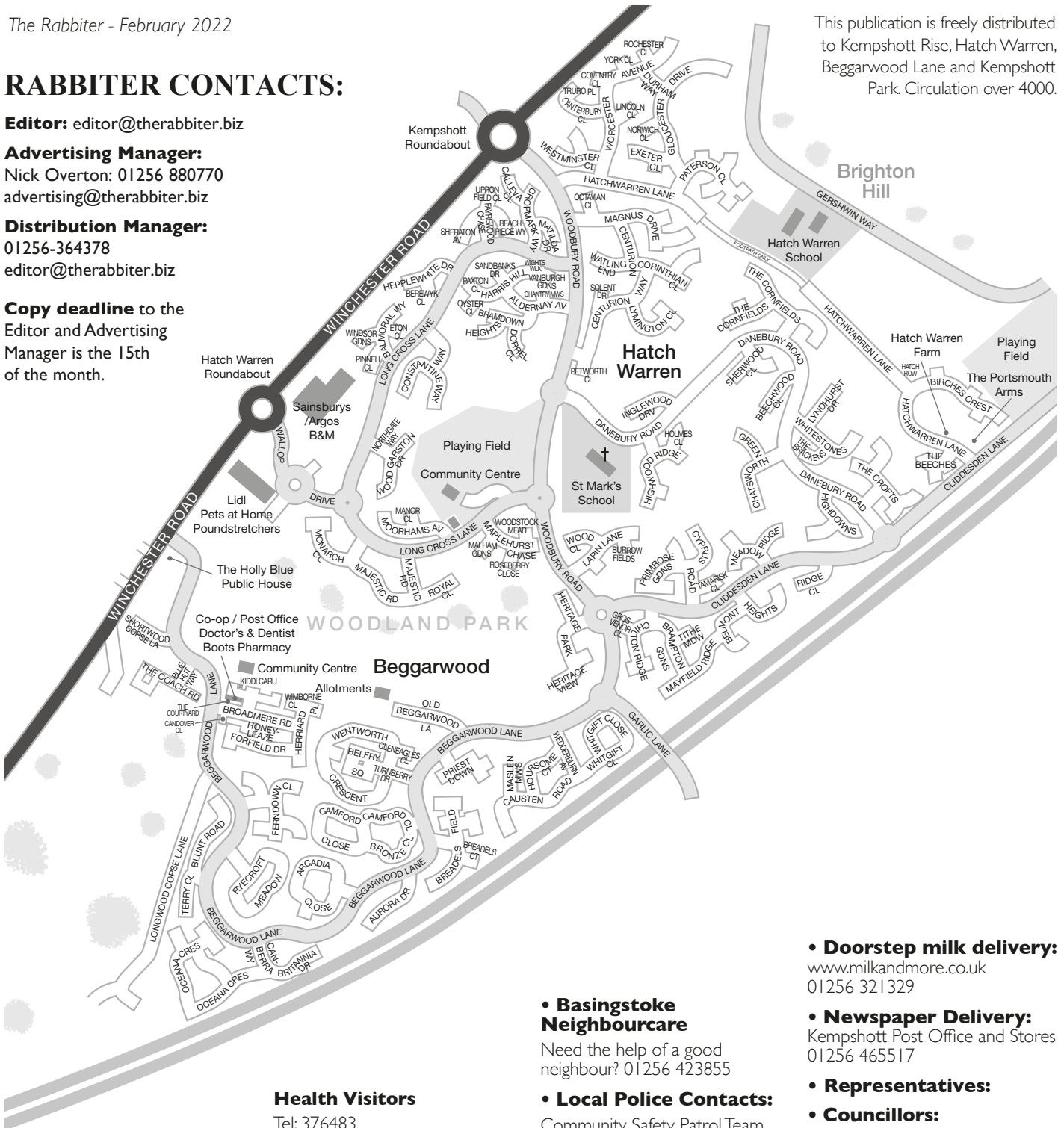
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CITIZENS ADVICE BASINGSTOKE

Managing affairs for someone else

This is information for people who want to manage someone else's affairs. It also has information if you want someone else to manage your affairs for you

Managing someone else's affairs can mean a number of things, including:

- looking after their bank accounts, savings, investments or other financial affairs
- buying and selling property on their behalf
- claiming and spending welfare benefits on their behalf
- deciding where they live
- making decisions about their day-to-day personal care or health care

You might want to manage someone else's affairs because they:

- are ill or disabled, either temporarily or on a long-term basis
- are out of the country for a while
- are unable to make decisions for themselves, because of mental illness or other reasons

Different ways of managing someone's affairs

There are different ways of managing someone's affairs. Choosing the right one will depend mainly on the circumstances of the person whose affairs you want to manage, and whether or not they have mental capacity

You can look after someone's affairs in one of the following ways:

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• "Inclusive?" – "Me? Of course I am!" (Thinks - "how hard can it be anyway?!")

• Actually, it can be very hard to be truly inclusive of everyone and it is not really an instinctive way of behaving towards others. The desire to want to be with people that "look like me" is very deep seated; it is a tribal behaviour that has divided societies for thousands of years.

• There are so many reasons for differences such as religion, coming from different parts of a country, schools, sexuality, skin colour – the list is endless.

• The point is that almost any single characteristic of a person can be used to categorise them, and thereby diminish or enhance, the rest of their entire character and their full range of abilities. So often we take a look at a person and within minutes have put them into various categories. The old saying "don't judge a book by its cover" springs to mind but I'm sure we all do it.

• Personally, I've always believed that each of us is in a minority of 1 because every human being is different. We have some things in common but in the end, we are all unique. There has never been another person exactly like you and there never will be.

• I'm sure that most people want to think that they are inclusive of others or at least give the impression that they are. Indeed, these days in the business world it is compulsory if you want to survive. Ethical investing decisions are now not just based on corporate behaviour towards the environment and climate change but on proof of diversity and inclusion as well.

• What exactly do we mean by being inclusive? For me, it means going beyond my feelings or the personal consequences of a situation, to build an awareness of the welfare of others. It is the ability to look beyond myself, those closest to me or those that look like me; the ability and willingness to be concerned with and take responsibility for others. It is recognising and respecting their emotions, expressing empathy, compassion and understanding.

• In short, just like Christianity, the foundation of inclusive behaviour lies in.....kindness.

• However, it's all too easy to talk the talk but another to walk the walk. I believe that only God can fully love and completely understand everybody but as Christians, surely we must try our best to do the same.

• At Immanuel we aim to be a truly welcoming church—nurturing and valuing of all equally, developing deeper connections with all people and including everyone no matter what means or characteristics other people might use to categorise and discriminate against them. We hope that everyone who visits Immanuel will feel that they have been personally welcomed and encouraged, and that they have encountered God in some way. We are working to uphold our belief that strength lies in differences not similarities. Please visit us to see if we are living up to our aims and practising these values!

• **Laurence Besemer (St. Mark's) and Chris Welton (Immanuel)**

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Lou has worked alongside some of the top names in the music industry supporting artists such as Boy George, Alexander O'Neal, Edwin Starr, Martha Reeves, Gino Washington, Bitty Mclean and Peter Andre.

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CO-OPERATIVE FOOD STORES

Convenience stores across Hampshire will be selling selected products past their 'best before' date as it relates to quality, not the safety of the product.

With the aim of keeping more food in the human food chain, Southern Co-op has expanded its Reducing Our Foodprint initiative with products being reduced to just 20p.

Now available in more than 100 Co-operative Food stores across the south of England, the waste reduction scheme aims to keep as much produce as possible in the food chain and reduce the amount sent off for anaerobic digestion.

All store waste is currently diverted from landfill with food broken down to produce biogas and bio-fertiliser.

Simon Eastwood, Chief Operating Officer for Retail at Southern Co-op, said: "Customer feedback from the trials of this scheme has been largely positive with many of the products being snapped up as soon as they get reduced.

"There are a large number of products that are still good enough to eat past their 'best before' date - many of us are already familiar with this in our home environment so this just takes it one step further.

"The first stage in the fight against food waste is to make sure there aren't products reaching their best before date. But if they do, we will now be reducing them to 20p to try and keep them in the food chain and improve sustainability."

The initial trial of the Reducing our Foodprint initiative took place at 13 stores run by the independent, regional co-operative and proved a success with the majority of products being sold within a day of being reduced.

Between April and September 2021, there were 16,862 items processed at the 20p price point across 11 of the 13 stores.

Fresh products will be sold up to two days after their 'best before' date and ambient products will be sold up to seven days after their 'best before' date.

Examples of products included in the reduction initiative include tinned fruit and veg, dried pasta and rice, confectionery, selected condiments, sugar and sweeteners, coffee, tea and jams as well as chilled products such as soft fruit and fruit juices.

The Food Standards Agency (FSA) advises that products past their 'best before' date are safe to consume but may not be at the optimum quality intended by the producer.

Southern Co-op is currently working towards ambitious science based targets to cut direct and indirect greenhouse gas emissions from the business by 2030, supported by a climate action pathway of planned activity and an initial investment of £5.8m.

To view Southern Co-op's long term strategy including its commitment to climate change and responsible business, visit www.thesouthernco-operative.co.uk/our-plan/.

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This was our first visit to the Hoddington Arms and only came about after I had read about its reputation in another publication. I suppose it was also unknown because Upton Grey is not on any regular route of mine through this part of rural Hampshire to the south of Basingstoke.

We met my son and daughter-in-law for a Sunday lunch and enjoyed good food in the very pleasant surroundings of this old inn. The reputation is well earned.

To start, two of us had warm breaded Tunworth cheese, one had local vodka and dill grilled chalk stream trout and one grilled goat's cheese and beetroot salad.

Main course choices were two of the Stoke Marsh Farm rump of beef, a slow roasted Wiltshire pork belly and a slow roasted Wiltshire lamb shoulder. It really was melt in the mouth stuff.

Dessert was only for three, with two choosing the rum and raison crême brulee and one Hodd sticky toffee pudding.

A small drinks order for a pint of King John ale, half of Carlsberg lager, a diet coke and a diet tonic, with three coffees and a tea to finish ensured the bill for good quality fare was very acceptable at £137.00.

This is a popular establishment, and you are best advised to make a booking.



BASINGSTOKE DEANE ROTARY

SUPPORTING A LOCAL CHARITY

Towards the end of 2021 we were proud to help Besom Basingstoke, a local charity, by contributing funds towards the purchase of a new van. Besom are a group from local churches who bring together those who have items to donate and those in need. They provide the essential service of helping people who are re-housed or given accomodation but have no furniture or household goods. Those benefitting may be women escaping domestic violence, homeless people, refugees, and families or individuals living in extreme poverty. They also provide food hampers.



It was heart-warming to hear from Besom Basingstoke that they were able to use their new van to deliver 800 hampers during December to people around Basingstoke who needed help to make Christmas special. The van is being well used!

To find out more about Besom Basingstoke, see www.thebesominbasingstoke.org

CHRISTMAS LUNCH FOR CAMROSE CENTRE

Our Rotary group were delighted to be able to organise Christmas lunch on 16th December for the clients, volunteers and staff of the Camrose Centre, who work with the homeless and vulnerably housed from the Basingstoke area. We were fortunate to engage the services of volunteer chef, Richard Clarke-Weller (BCoT trained) as part of our team. Thank you Richard. We were able serve up a full traditional Roast Turkey lunch with Christmas pudding to follow.



Ingredients were donated by Sainsbury's through their 'Neighbourly' scheme. (They also provided training and certification in food hygiene, for two Camrose client volunteers!) It was great to welcome these two volunteers who

joined our team to help on the day. Donations were supplemented with gifts of goodies from Tesco, ASDA and Morrisons too. Many thanks to Jason Elton from Sainsbury for his help.

Invited to the event by Camrose, The Rt. Hon. Maria Miller MP became our distinguished helper on the day. Maria chatted with the Camrose clients, volunteers and staff and got stuck in with the serving and clearing up.

All Camrose clients were also able to leave with a Christmas 'goody bag' donated by individual Rotarians.

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