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EDITORIAL

It is hard to believe that it is now over 35 years since residents first moved into new build houses on Hatch Warren. There are now over 4,000 houses covering Hatch Warren, Beggarwood and Kempshott Rise. Our local facilities include a local school, Community Centre, shops, pubs and a wonderful café. We are a wonderful community and The Rabbit exists to support the local initiatives and activities. It is delivered free to every house and is available on line. However to ensure that it is fulfilling its objective we need your news and views. We were hoping to feature your Coronation celebrations, but no-one sent us pictures and details from your street. Many local newsletters/community newspapers include a page of items for sale in the Free Ads – we struggle to include one or two items. What can we do to encourage more local involvement?

The local elections were held on 4 May – see the results on page 15. Congratulations to Dan Putty for holding his seat on the Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council for another 4 years. Well done to the other candidates and especially to Stacy Hart of the Women's Equality Party for more than doubling her vote from last year.

Who is your Local Hero? This month we feature Beryl Young, litter picker extraordinaire – see page 15.

The regular updates from CGHB PPG are always interesting – see page 5. They are currently looking for people to join their group to ensure that the service is fit for purpose. There have been positive improvements recently – I even got to see my doctor in person!!

We are a multi-cultural community so it is good to welcome an article on Hindu Festivals to our pages. We would like to ensure that all local cultural groups are included and invite other faith groups to contribute to our pages.

Thank you for all the lovely photographs of your pets – see page 10. Please keep sending them in. Last month we asked local children to draw a picture of King Charles III Coronation. Thank you for your pictures – they are wonderful. The winner will be announced in the July edition.

The Hatch Warren Community Association AGM is on Wednesday 7 June at 7pm – see page 12. Please support the Association who do so much. Their next events are the Lager Festival on 17 June and the Summer Festival on 15 July which is an afternoon of fun for all the family.

Finally The Rabbit has received a letter regarding speeding traffic. This is not a new issue. Please drive with care and consideration around the estate. Parking on main thoroughfares is also an issue especially when it inhibits sight lines for oncoming traffic.

Have a great June everyone..

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Feedback from patients:

March and April comments into the PPG via the email account and other on-line and personal reports revolved around two main themes, DriQ and telephone wait times.

DriQ was mostly received positively when ordering repeat prescriptions but was held in disrepute when it came to trying to contact the surgery for an appointment/call back as the system was often "switched off" during regular surgery hours or call backs were not happening as per the stated timetable. This was particularly annoying as the patient was then forced to ring the surgery and the first message they get is that instead of waiting on the phone for a response from the surgery it was best to use DriQ!!

Call wait times was of course exacerbated by the above and the lack of receptionists to answer the calls in a timely manner. See comments below from Operose about challenges in recruiting surgery receptionists. If you'd like to apply, please contact any of the surgeries for further details about these important roles, either full or part-time.

Google Reviews

It's interesting that if you review the Google rating for the surgeries (just search for CGH partnership using Google and look to the left of your screen to see the reviews) it comes out with a 3.9 rating out of a possible 5. Maybe you'd like to leave a review of your experiences here?

Alternatively you can send the PPG an email to the above address. We would be interested to know whether you feel that the surgery has improved in the last year. Please let us hear your positive and negative comments so we can feed back to Operose.

Volunteering in Surgeries

The project relating to the updating of surgery noticeboards will be pushed back until later in the year because of conflicting initiatives for some members.

One of our Digital Team has agreed to lead the Dr iQ training project and we will

email Operose try to get a consensus of dates when this can happen.

Prescriptions

As we all know the Lloyds pharmacy in Sainsbury's is now closed this will undoubtedly put more pressure on the surrounding chemists. Please bear this in mind when ordering repeat prescriptions and leave plenty of time when ordering. We have also been talking to the local pharmacies and Operose about how they can both help each other to improve this service. We are reassured by Operose that meetings have recently been held with at least two pharmacies and work is now being undertaken to streamline this important service.

Joining the PPG

Membership of the PPG Group is open to all patients of the Operose surgeries. We meet once a month using the on-line tool Zoom with meetings lasting around 60-90 minutes starting around 7 pm. We are particularly interested in recruiting people who are willing to attend the face-to-face meetings with Operose to help take the minutes from the meeting. These are normally held around 4pm on a Wednesday. We are also actively recruiting for our Newsletter Team. If you'd like to speak to us about any of these roles, please drop us an email using the email address above.

Surgeries Update From Operose

Operose advised that the NHS year-end is now complete which will mean that staff workload is somewhat reduced.

Blood tests wait times continue to be a challenge with surgery wait times of 2-3 weeks to get a test and almost the same waiting time through the hospital. Operose advised that there is a general lack of phlebotomists, which is affecting the NHS as a whole.

Staffing

Two new receptionist/administrators have started since the last meeting.

They have made two successful offers to new Clinical Pharmacists and they are

currently going through the onboarding process.

A new nurse manager is currently working her notice period and will join Operose in June.

A Healthcare Assistant has completed her nursing training and has now moved to a Practice Nurse role. They have welcomed a new Healthcare Assistant to replace her previous role.

They continue to have challenges with recruitment, on top of absence challenges and this has deteriorated the call queue slightly, although not to the levels experienced previously. They are awaiting one more new starter on reception at CGH and they are trying all they can to recruit further.

Complaints?

For Beggarwood and CGH complaints, please visit the CGH web site to register your dissatisfaction. The web address is :- <https://cghpartnership.co.uk/about-us/comments-and-complaints/>. Operose employ a full time Patient Experience Manager and so you should get a speedy response and certainly an acknowledgement within 3 working days. If you are not satisfied with the way they have dealt with your complaint, you can contact the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman to review your case on 0345 015 4033 or via their website: www.ombudsman.org.uk.

Items of Interest/Information Respiratory Support

Asthma+Lung UK - Breathe Easy Support Group meet on the last Tuesday of each month (except December) at : Brighton Hill Community Association, Gershwin Court, Brighton Hill, RG22 4NN from 1:30 to 3:30. The organisation provides support to people with any kind of respiratory disorder.

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When viewing a property make a point of checking for private access roads and shared driveways, private or shared services such as drainage, and other unusual features.

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2 to 8 weeks to be returned by management companies. If your property is subject to a service charge, let your conveyancer know early.

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If your property is leasehold or subject to ground rent, ensure you have your latest ground rent receipt or freeholder contact details available.

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Speak to your bank or financial adviser before making an offer. If you are funding your purchase from savings, check how long it takes to release the funds - a LifeTime ISA can take up to 3 weeks to be released. If you are receiving a gifted deposit, you need to provide information on the source of the funds to your conveyancer and mortgage lender; so submit your paperwork early.

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MAY REPORT

We had a full house at May's Beggarwood Bookworms meeting, with everyone wanting to attend

to discuss our latest read despite being busy in between bank holidays too!

This month's choice was Lessons In Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus, which the group gave an almost-unanimous thumbs up. It's set in the late 50s and early 60s and is a bright, pacey, moving but hilarious look at one determined woman's refusal to be put in the boxes society chooses for her; the single-minded brilliance she puts into her science work, and the way her story changes the lives of thousands of women. We scored it so highly it nearly knocked our reigning champion novel, American Dirt, off the top spot.

Next month's book is The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo by Taylor Jenkins Reid, and since it's another bank holiday shortly some of the group are also squeezing in an extra book sourced for free by one of our excellent members!

You can find future meeting dates on Facebook at @beggarwoodbookworms or on posters at the Beggarwood Café. Come along for drinks, book chat and delicious cake once a month, with all proceeds going to support the café and community centre.



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COUNCILLOR'S UPDATE

A30 ROADWORKS: I have been frustrated, as have others, at the seeming lack of progress on the junction into the Golf Course development. My enquiries reveal that the remaining work includes installing new ducting under the carriageway, resurfacing the road and painting new white lines. This work will be undertaken at night and will require the road to be closed. And that's the key to the problem – the need to close the road. Apparently, the A30 has been part of a diversion route for another scheme (now finished) and it will be the diversion route for traffic off the M3 in the near future, as National Highways have plans for resurfacing works on the motorway. It is obviously not acceptable to have a diversion in place where the diversion route itself is closed. That means the network coordinators have to find suitable gaps in the other works to finish the access into the golf course. The positive news is that they have identified a window of opportunity and currently have the works planned for 22nd May to 4th June, subject to other works completing on time and no unforeseen delays such as weather. Hopefully, by the time you read this, work will have restarted.

BRIGHTON HILL ROUNDABOUT: There are some longer-term restrictions in the use of the roundabout which may involve drivers diverting to the Kempshott or Winchester Road roundabouts. The restrictions are designed to facilitate the resurfacing work on the new layout. The previous use of this model seemed to work as planned, but motorists are asked to allow additional time for journeys. Further details are available on the scheme web page. The restrictions are expected to remain until 30th June.

CYCLE ROUTE: I am planning to attend a briefing on proposals to create a continuous cycle route along the A30 Winchester Road and through the Winchester Road roundabout. Future phases of this route will include improvements west from the Brighton Hill roundabout towards Hatch Warren. One of the comments I receive from cyclists is that our cycle routes are disjointed, so I hope that the plans will improve the situation for local users. I will however, be very concerned if the plans involve yet another digging up of our roads.

POTHOLE REPAIRED: Drivers will be relieved to see that the very wide pothole in Cliddesden Lane, just past the Portsmouth Arms, has been repaired. It was causing drivers to swerve to avoid it.

BROADMERE ROAD ADOPTIONS: Progress is now being made on the work leading to adoption of these residential roads (and not before time!) The work involves identifying the highways land that should be grass or tarmac to enable access to manhole covers leading to soakaways. Some areas have been cleared of vegetation. I was informed by a concerned resident about a tree that was under threat and managed to intervene to stop it being felled, though it has been trimmed back. I feel that the work in the area has been fairly brutal, but hopefully the grassed areas will recover.

CAR MEETS: I attended a meeting with management from Sainsbury's, and Maria Miller MP, to review the operation of the

ANPR cameras and associated parking restrictions. The reports were positive: the store believes that the new arrangements have stopped (or nearly so) the misuse of their car park for car meets. That isn't to say that the problem has been eliminated from the area. Sadly there are still reports of antisocial driving based elsewhere. A notice has been placed on the gates to the Hatch Warren Retail Park (the LIDL car park) warning about mis-use there.

DANEbury ROAD: It seems to me that the 'school run' problem is worse this year and there are periods when Danebury Road is effectively reduced to a single lane for a long distance. The school encourages drivers to use the Community Association car park.

WATER LEAKS: Another leak has occurred, seemingly round a water meter connection once again, in the pavement in Petworth Close. I reported it to South East Water and it was repaired. This is the third instance of which I am aware in a few months and I am getting concerned that the installations have a weakness that is causing them to fail at the same time. One to monitor.

PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP: The next meeting, which I plan to attend, is likely to discuss the Dr IQ app, and how volunteers may help with training users. Also on the agenda are management metrics and a potential annual meeting with patients.

ELECTIONS: Cllr Dan Putty was re-elected on 4th May to represent Hatch Warren and Beggarwood on the Borough Council. He has been appointed as Deputy Mayor, which means that he will be Mayor next year.

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING: The Hatch Warren and Beggarwood Community Association is advertising its Annual Meeting which will be held on Wednesday 7th June at 7pm at the Beggarwood Community Centre. Tickets can be booked via Ticketsource and are free. This is an important meeting as the trustees cannot operate successfully without the continued support of the Association Members. The Association has been through a difficult time and is still navigating the issues thrown up by the pandemic..

ST MARK'S SCHOOL has posted its thanks to Tesco shoppers who voted for it to win a community grant. The scheme has now finished and the school was delighted to have come second, which meant it has been awarded £1,000.

CRICKET AT BRIGHTON HILL SCHOOL: In a huge coup for the school, Brighton Hill has been chosen as the official home of Hampshire Cricket's first youth academy in North Hampshire. This is a scheme to allow state school students an opportunity to access elite cricket. Stars from Hampshire Hawks and Southern Vipers came to the school to help launch the initiative and dozens of young people were given the chance to meet them. Cricket fans (I am one!) will be delighted as there has been concern that the sport has been in decline in state schools.

Stephen Reid

County Councillor. Basingstoke South West 07976 310206

HINDU FESTIVALS

Dear Readers, with folded hands, I would like to greet you all with Namaste which means "The Divine within me bows to the same Divine within you".

In this month's article, we would like to introduce to you two important festival days in the Hindu calendar that are celebrated during the months of June and July.

Rathayatra Festival - Jagannath Puri

20th June 2023

Ratha-yatra, or the Festival of Chariots, is a joyous event that has been celebrated for thousands of years in the Indian holy city of Jagannatha Puri, and more recently in cities and towns all



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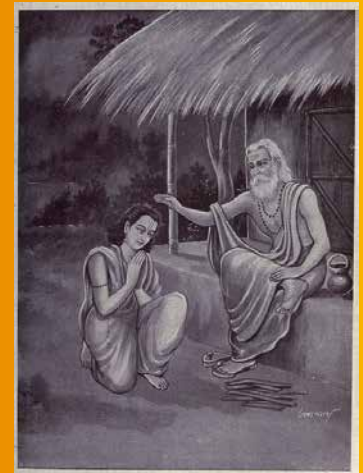
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Guru Purnima

3rd July 2023

Guru Purnima is the festival of reverence, dedication, and respect towards the Guru (teacher). This festival is traditionally observed to honour one's chosen spiritual teachers or leaders.

It a day filled with devotion, love, and piety.



We finish this article with a short prayer, "May there be peace, and may we get blessed by Lord Jagannath"

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Thank you for all your photos this month, we had so many we need to hold some for next month rather than making them all smaller.



Our lovely boy Cody – Carys



Florence, the silly Old English Sheepdog – Nikki



Our lovely little Westie, William – Bridget



Fergie and Bobby waiting for their pint – Stuart



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NOTICE of AGM at Beggarwood Community Centre.

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Members are welcome from 6:30pm

Please book via Ticketsource (no fee)

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hwca/t-avzleqa>

Membership costs £10 per year to support HWBCA

There will be a zoom link available too

We are excited to announce that this years AGM will be held at Beggarwood Community centre and via Zoom to enable the whole community to be involved. **You are invited to attend a short meeting** to support the trustees of Hatch Warren & Beggarwood Community Association. The charity exists to provide, run and manage Hatch Warren & Beggarwood Community Centres and to provide social and educational facilities to improve the conditions of life for the residents of the community of postcodes RG22 and RG23. An update of our achievements and our plans for the future of HWBCA will be reviewed.

HWBCA are responsible for 2 community facilities and we have a lot of dedicated people who have given up their time, but we still need all of you to continue to support your centre. **We need a minimum of 25 HWBCA members** to achieve quorum, to vote on the night to keep us going for another year, please don't assume someone else will turn up on the night. **We can't survive without YOU!** Membership renewal is easy and costs £10 per year per family.

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AGM

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40 seats must be sold for trip to go ahead

This event is being held as a fundraising event for Hatch Warren & Beggarwood Community Association Charity number 1161117

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SUMMER FESTIVAL

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The Warren is open! Booking is essential!

Activities Schedule: Fridays 6pm -7.45 pm, years 6, 7 & 8

Friday 2 nd June	Table tennis competition, hair chalks, hotdogs.
Friday 9 th June	Rounders, Friendship bracelets, craft, pitta pizzas
Friday 16 th June	Musical chairs, Fathers' Day craft, waffles
Friday 23 rd June	Football tournament, bookmarks, smoothies
Friday 30 th June	Selfie challenge, temporary tattoos, chicken nuggets

YOU can make a Difference to the Warren Youth Club.

By making a small voluntary donation you will be helping us to keep all of our youth services running, which we currently offer free of charge.

Our mission is to provide the youth of Beggarwood and Hatchwarren a place where they can express themselves through socialising, sports and creativity. In addition to a range of fun activities we also provide mental health support and relationship advice. We would like to continue offering our services free of charge, but this is becoming more challenging in the face of increasing energy prices and general operating costs.

Please can you kindly help us by donating just £6 per month, or what ever you can afford by setting up a standing order?

Your kind donations will go towards the following, which we are in desperate need of: Craft resources, Sports equipment, First aid & Staff training and Maintenance of existing equipment

Please contact Donna ,via emily@hatchwarren.org and your support will be greatly appreciated by our young people.



The King's Coronation provides justification for a celebration to showcase the Link2 group to the wider community, by inviting residents of Hatch Warren and Beggarwood, the Worshipful Mayor and Local Councilors to celebrate this memorable event. Link2

Members made bunting and posters and they served tea and homemade cakes inside the Warren. It was a lovely sunny evening and over 120 people came, 60 members and their families and an ex members of staff from their school days at Dove House. One member played his violin in the lounge and another set up his disco for summer evening music. Project 94 ran our usual football session and invited any guest to join in the game.

Huge thanks to BDBC for grant funding to allow Link2 Members to host this party, catering for everyone's needs whilst supporting the ethos of the group to boost socialization within Link2 members and like-minded families and members of the local community. It was the perfect social opportunity for Link2 staff to offer peer support guidance and emotional assistance to families, to have a positive impact on adult carers and reduce their reliance on social care, help to reduce social isolation and improve resilience and ensure the family unit can remain safely in their own home, reducing the impact on social care services.

It was a lovely community of people all with the same aim, to promote the wellbeing of our young adults

Date for the summer

June 5th Hatch Warren Community Centre

June 12th Bowling and McDonalds

June 19th Hatch Warren Community Centre

June 26th Spruce Goose



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, X-Box or just want somewhere to hang out come on down.

Our youth workers are trained to be able to offer relationship and sex advice to our older session attendants.

For the latest info please keep an eye on our Facebook page or Email our Youth Manager at Emily@hatchwarren.org



RESTAURANT REVIEW

THE TEA BAR

9-13 London Street, Basingstoke, RG21 7NT Tel: 01256 353332

If you are at the Top of Town and in need of a light snack or meal, then the Tea Bar is an interesting place to visit. Lunch times are quiet whereas the evenings, especially Friday and Saturday nights, are apparently a busy scene with varying amounts of live entertainment.

The weekday lunch visit that Madam and I experienced was very quiet and only two other sets of customers were there. But this was no problem for us as we only needed something light and ensured that

the service was prompt. We decided that in the Tea Bar we should have a pot of tea for two. Although we were not asked which type of tea we wanted there are apparently 28 varieties on offer. Ours was traditional English breakfast type tea. There is a full bar service available.

There is an array of light bites on offer and Madam chose a tuna crisp salad which was a delight on the eye while I had a tuna cheese panini which came with tortilla chips, slaw and salad garnish. It was very tasty and filling. Madam also was replete with her salad, so we were not tempted with a dessert. The salad

was £6.25, the panini £6.25 and the pot of tea for two was £4.95.

Their web site could benefit from being updated as their offerings are extensive and are reasonably priced with children's portions there to tempt young families. Afternoon tea is available for walk in customers although the most sophisticated version would be pre-ordered. Sixties background music accompanied our lunch with all the songs being recognisable by us oldies and were the sort that would be possible to whistle to. Just as I like them and matched our liking of the lunch.



KEMPSHOTT CONSERVATION GROUP

We are hosting a Kids' Bug Hunt in Down Grange Meadow, commencing at 10 00 on Saturday, 17th June as part of Green Week celebrations. Bug hunts are a great way to learn about some of the tiny creatures that can be found around us so please do bring the youngsters along for some fun. The meeting point is at the Homesteads Road entrance.

A note of caution. Early signs are that this year may be a bad one for ticks, so please make sure your charges are well covered, especially no shorts and preferably long sleeved tops, irrespective of the weather.

Flora everywhere. We hope you enjoyed the lovely cowslip display in Down Grange Meadow in May. We are hoping for a good display of yellow rattle and other wild flowers in June and July in the areas of the Meadow by the two main paths which were prepared and seeded back in October last year.

Digging for Britain?

If you have your eye to the ground when walking you may spot the tell-tale "volcanoes" of early solitary mining bees. While 'solitary', these four groups - Mining, Carpenter, Mason and Leafcutter bees - are not anti-social and

some species do nest in loose colonies. Mining bees are often parasitized by various flies and even other bees. Living colonially gives them a degree of protection.

All the solitary bees, while they have stings, pose no risk of sting to humans, providing you don't corner one. The mining bees are smaller than the honey bee and their volcanoes can be found anywhere on open or bare ground. Some species like nesting in lawns and for those who like to maintain a pristine lawn, this could be a problem, but just remember that they are great pollinators.



The most distinctive species are also the most photogenic. The Tawny Mining Bee (*Andrena fulva*) (pictured above) has a bush of dark brick red fur on the thorax, while the Ashy Mining



Bee (*Andrena cineraria*) (pictured above) is black with two silver-grey bands across the thorax and abdomen. Both are out and about early in the season and so their volcanoes are easier to spot.

Later in the season, look out for the signs of the Leafcutters. Again, keen gardeners may not like circular chunks being taken from the leaves of roses or other plants but we all have to live!

For more information about our activities on Down Grange Meadow, please call Marion Wolstencroft on (01256) 470171. Alternatively, send an email to kempshott-conserve@tiscali.co.uk or visit us at www.kempshottconservationgroup.org.uk

LocalHeroes

Beryl Young, the lady with the hat in the picture is a retired school teacher and grandma and loves knitting and has been litter picking every morning around Hatch Warren.

If you know someone who deserves to be featured as a *Local Hero* then please send a short write-up and photograph to editor@therabbiterbiz



BASINGSTOKE DEANE ROTARY

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS.

Basingstoke Festival of Transport, run by us, requires a lot of careful planning but also relies on an army of nearly 90 amazing volunteers who work with us on the day to make this event happen. They helped us set up, park up the vehicles, sell programmes and a host of other jobs. We would like to take the opportunity of saying A HUGE THANKS to our volunteers. Without them giving us their time, we would not be able to put on the biggest event in Basingstoke's annual calendar, Thank you!



THE BIG HELP OUT

Where were you on Coronation Monday? Did you join the big help out? Those that did had a whole lot of different experiences. This is what they said – 'They did things they had not done before', 'Met people they didn't know and made new friends' and went home tired and happy with a feeling of well-being. It will not be the last time they volunteer and for many it was a positive experience that they will want to continue.

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A ROADSHOW FOR GREEN WEEK!

As promised, WE are getting straight back to work post-election and this month we're focusing on one of our key priorities: the environment. Basingstoke Green Week is running from 10th to 18th June this year and, in collaboration with the Basingstoke and NE Hants Green Party, we're holding a roadshow on 17th June!

The roadshow will see us connecting with residents to celebrate and promote greener lifestyles and choices, promote groups and local organisations that do environmental work, and hear from locals on how we can all make Basingstoke greener. We'll be visiting various places in town throughout the day and will be in Beggarwood Park from approximately midday until 2pm. Please do stop by – all are welcome! You can find out more exact time and place details once confirmed on our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram feeds @wepbasingstoke. I'll also publish details on my monthly newsletter, WE For HWB, which you can sign up for on the QR code here.



If saving the environment is your thing, I also recommend joining Greener Basingstoke, a non-partisan green advocacy group I'm part of who meet monthly and hold regular stalls in town. You can find out more on www.greenerbasingstoke.org.

I hope to see you on 17th June at our Green Week roadshow!

Stacy Hart – Women's Equality Party Basingstoke Leader

HATCH WARREN & BEGGARWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTION RESULT

Candidate	Party	Votes	Elected?
BELL David Ferguson	Labour Party	444	
COOPER Hannah Lilian Jane	Liberal Democrats	144	
HART Stacy Anne	Women's Equality Party	925	
PUTTY Dan	Conservative Party	1,000	Elected



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Sunflower Celebration

Sunday 2 July 2023

St. Michael's Hospice (North Hampshire), Basil de Ferranti House, Aldermaston Road, Basingstoke, Hampshire RG24 9NB

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For more information please visit: stmichaels hospice.org.uk/sunflower23

Registered Charity Number: 1002856





HATCH WARREN UNDER FIVES

We are now into the final stretch of the preschool year at Hatch Warren Under Fives. Up until the end of term we will be putting lots of work into school readiness for our older children and each day we will be having fun with activities to promote number recognition, personal and social skills, listening and understanding, health and self care to name a few.



The highlight of the month has been the King's Coronation. We used lots of red, white and blue in our play and the children made wonderful jeweled crowns and coronation window decorations. We had a special snack time fit for a King, with jam sandwiches, strawberries and cakes, and the children finished off the week with music, balloons, face painting and parachute games. The children chose to continue our theme of special celebrations and decorated pictures of cakes and made lots of sparkly artwork. They also worked together to build a castle, just like the King's. We often see the children playing babies at preschool, so we have introduced a baby role-play corner. The children have been taking it in turns to walk the babies in the pushchairs, they have been putting the babies to bed in the Moses baskets and feeding the babies. They have even been changing nappies!

Now that the weather is brightening up, the children are spending more time outside and enjoying the garden. We are creating lots of new outside areas for the children including a new outdoor area for mark making, a new outdoor cosy reading area and a new and improved water play area.

WE ARE ENROLLING NOW FOR SEPTEMBER 2023. Why not book a visit to look around and meet the team? If you'd like to learn more, please contact us 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

Our King's Coronation Garden party was a huge success.

It was so lovely to see all of our families and some of those starting with us in September joining in the celebrations.

We raised an amazing £182.00 which we have already put towards new resources for the children to enjoy. A huge thank you to everyone who attended and made this such a memorable event.



The children enjoyed our sponsored "Coronation Hunt", where they searched the garden area for pictures relating to the King's Coronation including the King, Golden Carriage and a crown. With all of the the money raised from both events we have bought a bug hotel, worm farm, outdoor climbing steps, musical wind chimes, clambering walls and trikes and bikes.

Once again thank you to all of our families for supporting us and making a difference to our setting.

We have so much left to look forward to over the coming weeks with our "Dad's to Breakfast" to celebrate Fathers' Day and our in-house Sports event.

We have recently invited parents to come in and share their hobbies and talents with the children. We are looking forward to seeing some reptiles and learning some basic French.

We are delighted to announce that we will be continuing our sessions with Sports4kids until the end of the academic year. So far we have listened to the story "The crocodile who doesn't like water" and the children took part in a wide range of activities based around the story. The activities range from balancing skills to colour matching, catching and throwing. We have now moved onto a story about farm animals. They have really helped support the children and their listening skills. It has been great to see the high levels of engagement in the children.

Our sessions for September 2023, are very nearly full so if you are interested in a space please do contact us as soon as possible. We are now also taking registrations for 2024. If you are considering Dandelions for your child's early years, please do contact us as soon as possible. Tel No: 01256 818857 or alternatively e-mail info@dandelions-preschool.org.uk

CANDOVER VALLEY PRE-SCHOOL

Hello from CVP!

There has been so much fun playing in the garden over the last few weeks. The weather has been perfect with rain and sunshine for creating big, soggy, muddy puddles! Lots of jumping, laughing and not to mention dirty clothes...whoops!

The little ones have also been fascinated to discover many mini beasts hiding in the garden and up at the Forest Schools. Worms, ants and slugs, they took good care of the little creatures and made sure



to find them a safe place to live. The children have also been eagerly watching their very own caterpillars develop every day and it is nearly time for them to emerge and be set free. Such an amazing experience for them to watch and learn about growth and life cycles.

One of our leaver activities this term with the older children has been investigating objects that sink or float and confidently predicting the answers by drawing pictures. All the little ones have been so confident with their mark making, copying the adults to sign registers and showing such an interest in phonic sounds to explore writing some words of interest.

Forest School at the farm and meeting the lambs has been such a special treat for some little ones along with swinging in the nest swing or hammocks. Coming up soon is more fun at the farm visit where parents and their families get a chance to hop on the tractor trailer for a tour of the farm.

Lisa Collisson

Pre-School Head, Tel: 01256-389008

www.candovervalleypreschool.co.uk/

CUCKOO MEADOW PRE-SCHOOL

What a great start to the month with the fabulous coronation celebrations, we have had amazing fun preparing for this in the preschool, from designing and creating their own crowns, colouring, and making their own place mats, then the more technical making their own fairy cakes. This was all leading up to a wonderful lunchtime tea for the children and the parents.

After the excitement of the coronation, we are back to mini beasts and making our very own grasshoppers and carrying on the learning of the lifecycles, their habitats and how they live. This has been helped by the flowers and fields growing so well around the preschool, giving great opportunities for the children to get out there and see the mini beasts for themselves.

More and more outside play has been happening, making the most of the games, toys, and equipment that we have available as well as getting the easels out for a lot of painting, but not so much that we haven't had a good amount of dressing up.

We would also like to thank everyone that helped with our latest bags2school collection, the support is greatly appreciated.

About Cuckoo Meadow Pre-School: We are a small, friendly 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

LODDON VALE INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

At the Leisure Park in Basingstoke have now introduced short mat bowls to compliment our long mat.

We have 8 rinks to play bowls on at our friendly club, which is not affected by the weather, as our club is located indoors and air conditioned. We have also recently installed an air filtration system. We are open all year round, and only in the summer closed on a Monday and Friday.

We have a limited offer for under 18s who can now play for free, subject to numbers and availability. Also for the following summer months there is free membership for long mat for all.

All abilities are welcome. Free coaching available for beginners. You can join us in roll ups, friendlies, leagues or play in any of the major competitions we are involved with. No pressure, whatever takes your fancy.

We have a superb hall, bar and skittle alley for hire too.

For more information e-mail info@loddonvaleibc.co.uk, or telephone 01256 356507. Please leave a message on our answerphone if no one picks up, and someone will get back to you

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You may be interested to hear there is a new church and we would be thrilled to welcome you. King's Church is a growing family church that has recently moved to meet at Manor Field Junior School on Brighton Hill.

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2. look out for and take great care of each other
3. are committed to those around us

We meet every Sunday at 10:30 (coffee served at 10:15) except for the first Sunday of each month. Our services are designed to be engaging, inspiring, and relevant to life, and we welcome people of all ages, backgrounds, and cultures.

If you are considering whether God is true, looking for friendship, seeking to deepen your faith or new to the area we invite you to come and experience the warmth and welcoming spirit of our family church.

If you would like to know more please feel free to call Dave or Rachel Rebbettes on 07741 856437 or visit our website at www.kingschurchbasingstoke.com



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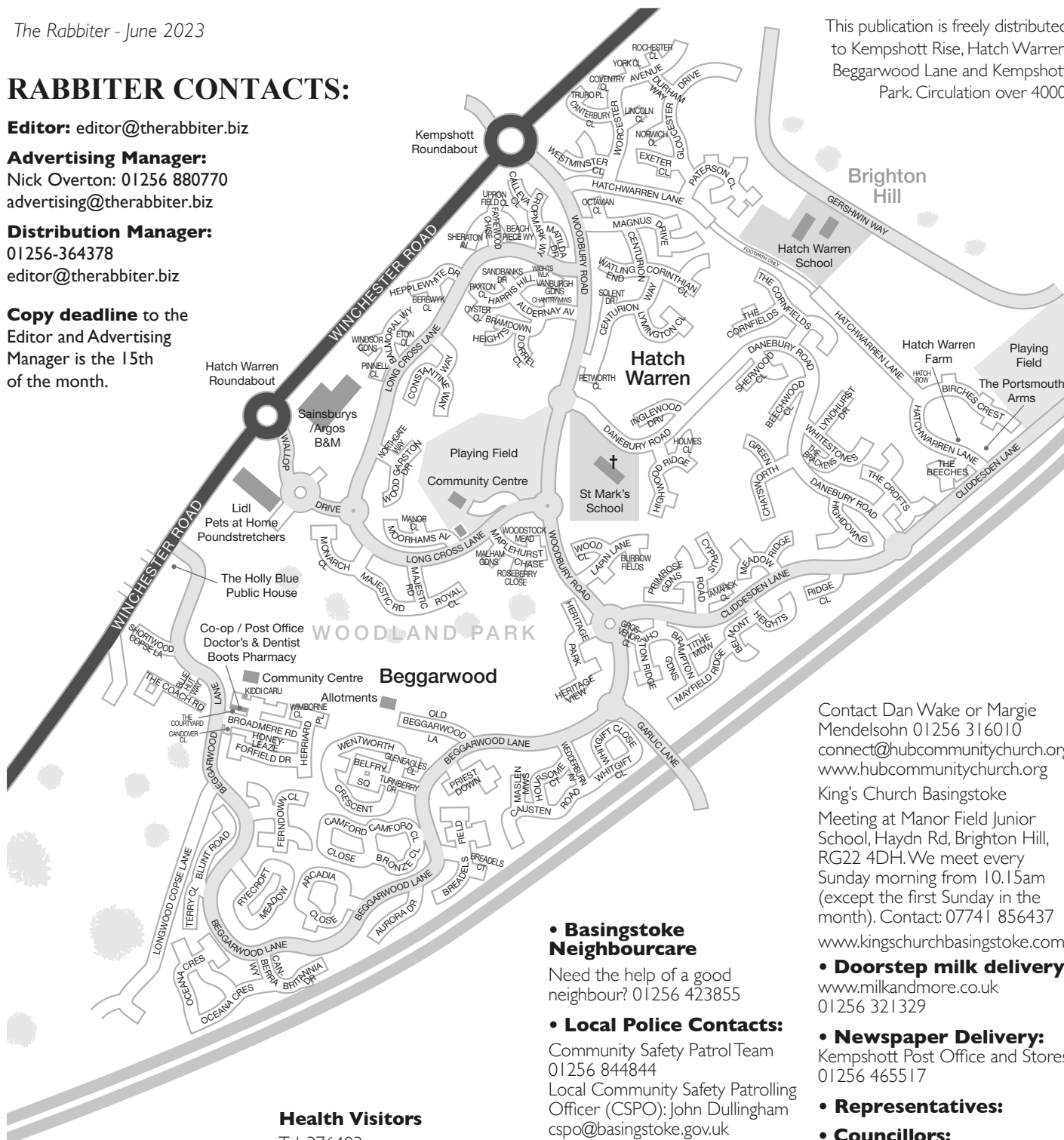
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BASINGSTOKE CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT FELLOWSHIP



At the meeting held on 3rd May the Chairman, David Cowling, welcomed 47 members and 2 visitors when Coronation celebratory cake was enjoyed to have with the usual cup of tea or coffee. Our thanks go to Pam's daughter Maria for the flag cake and David's daughter Claire for the cup cakes. Both of which, I can personally confirm, were delicious. Tony Brazier, the Secretary, confirmed that the May trip to Swindon Outlet and Steam Museum had been cancelled due to lack of interest but that the trip to Exbury Gardens would be going ahead and bookings for the Russell Cotes Museum and Bournemouth, and The Kennet & Avon on are still open.



The talk this month was by Colin Pawson titled "The Tootler" in which he gave a history of stage coach transport through the ages when at the beginning it was expensive, dangerous and uncomfortable but as roads improved in the 1820s it became more common until the advent of the railway in the 1830s and 40s. The title refers to the calls made by the stage guard on the coach horn to warn of the intentions of the coach. He demonstrated some of the tunes on a horn by taking us on an imaginary journey between Basingstoke and Whitchurch. Added to this Colin was splendidly dressed in the costume of a guard.

Our next trip is to Exbury Gardens on Thursday 29th June when the cost is £38 to members and £40 for non members and then on 20th July the trip is to Russell Cotes Museum and Art Gallery and Bournemouth. On 10th August there is a trip on the Kennet & Avon Canal.


Our speaker for 7th June is Tony Stafford with a talk titled 'Bishops, Sex and Money' and on 5th July we have Marie Bowes from the Cinnamon Trust.

The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at the BrookVale Village Hall from 10 am to 12 noon and all retired Civil Servants, their relatives and friends are welcome. Further details about the group and information about our meetings and trips can be obtained by contacting csrfbasingstoke@gmail.com

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• If I asked you to name the 12 disciples, could you name them?

• Who might you know?

• Judas-the betrayer – I'm sure you'd get him

• Peter, the denier – and probably him too

• Judas betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver:

• But what about us?

• How do we get betrayed?

• We too often get betrayed by people we love or are close to us.

• Some people have been abused by family members or close friends. Those who should be loving and protecting them.

• I know two people who were jilted (or betrayed) just before their wedding and the effects are quite catastrophic. One did remarry but it ended in divorce and the other never quite trusted anyone enough to try again.

• All these things play into our everyday lives and everyday situations. How we deal with them, makes a huge difference to ourselves as well as to other people. We need to avoid retaliation and revenge.

• We need to forgive and that's not as easy as it sounds.

• I once watched a video where a woman whose son had been killed in a knifing said, "I must pick up the cup of forgiveness every single day. Forgiveness is not just a one-off event. I must keep on doing it. Otherwise, I sink into wanting retaliation."

• On the cross Jesus says, "Father forgive them for they know not what they're doing." So, He has forgiven the people who've beaten him up and Peter for denying him and I suggest this means that Jesus did forgive Judas too.

• When Jesus was arrested, Peter denied knowing Jesus three times just as Jesus predicted he would.

• Ponder upon the behaviours, attitudes or situations in our everyday lives which we deny or ignore?

• But what happened to Peter?

• The resurrected Jesus had a meal of fish on the beach with Peter and the other disciples.

• In the Gospels it tells us that Jesus asked Peter three times "Do you love me?" And Peter says "Yes, Lord, I love you" but by the time Jesus asked a third time, Peter is obviously a little bit miffed at this, because he says "Yes, Lord, you know I love you".

• Jesus asked Peter three times. Is it Jesus merely making a point saying, 'You denied me three times. So, I am going to ask you three times to make you squirm'.

• No, it's much more than that. Jesus is healing Peter: Jesus is showing him the way forward. He is taking away all the hurt.

• He is doing it by asking him three times. He's taken away the three denials just as he takes away our wrongdoings if we only lay them before him.

• The important thing for us about these stories is that we are forgiven for all our betrayals and denials.

• We are forgiven by Jesus. He is so much better at it than we are. We find it difficult, and we want to retaliate, but Jesus didn't.

• We are healed, restored and forgiven.

• **Debbie Veel**



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ACTIVITIES FOR OLDER PEOPLE AT BASINGSTOKE LEISURE PARK

Basingstoke Leisure Park offers a great selection of activities for older people. For something active visit the Aquadrome for a swim or take part in one of their health groups. Loddon Vale Indoor Bowling Club has walk-in sessions for new bowlers.

If bingo is your thing, visit the spacious Buzz Bingo hall which also offers slot machines, live entertainment and food and drink throughout the day for those aged 18 and over.

Catch one of the latest movies at Odeon cinema whilst indulging in an icy, hot or sweet treat.

Enjoy a day out with the family at Milestones Living History Museum where you can travel the cobbled streets of yesteryear finding buildings, shops and vehicles recreated and restored as they would have been in olden times.

You'll find ample free parking and places to eat too.

HATCH WARREN WI

We arrived at the Community Centre for our May meeting to find the hall draped with red, white and blue bunting. No surprise, as it was only a few days after the coronation of our new King. Glasses (of non-alcoholic) bubbly were raised to his majesty and we enjoyed some Coronation Cake – an amazing creation by a member's daughter. Everyone was jostling for position to take a photo of this stunning cake.

It was our 'Annual Meeting', when we elect the committee for the coming year and reflect on the speakers and activities we enjoyed during the past year - chocolate tasting, bell-ringing, handwriting analysis and an afternoon tea on the Watercress Line to name but a few – as well as our regular coffee mornings, craft get-togethers, pub lunches and trips to the theatre. It's been a busy year. You can do as much – or as little – as you want to at our WI, that's the great thing about our group. And we're very friendly and quite informal; no Jam or Jerusalem here! Why not try us out? You can come to a couple of meetings before deciding if you want to join. Next month (Thursday 1st June, 7:30pm) we'll be celebrating our 30th birthday with buffet food, more bubbly and some great "pearl-themed" entertainment. For more information please contact our President Shirley on 07979 217220.

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PROBUS CLUB ANNUAL LADIES' LUNCH

This yearly event is one of the many occasions when the members of the Probus Club of Basingstoke treat their wives and lady friends to a delightful lunch as a way of thanking them for allowing the men in their lives to enjoy the company of other likeminded men in social discourse.

This lunch was held at the Test Valley Golf Club and although there was reduction in the attendees compared to previous years this was due to the illness of four members and two others away on holiday. The event was expertly organised by Oakley residents, Alan and Liliane May. This will be their swan song as they have overseen this lunch and the Christmas festivities since 2008. Club president, Alex Marianos, thanked Alan and Liliane for their superb expertise developed over the years and which all members were fully appreciative.

The Probus Club has been in continuous operation since it was founded in Basingstoke forty-four years ago and has had an extensive array of members over the years with the criteria that they be retired and like the name of the club, Probus, that they had professional or business experience.

The clubs' executive committee is a prime example of the diversity of the working lives of the membership. The president, was a civil engineer who built bridges over the M4, the vice president was a nuclear scientist, the secretary was a solicitor, the outings organiser was an officer in the RAF, the speaker finder was an engineering sales manager, the publicity officer had a small printing business, the welfare officer was a civil servant and the remaining member of the committee was another RAF officer who is about to conclude his year of office as the Mayor of Basingstoke & Deane.

If you are considering joining, see www.probusbasingstoke.club for more information.



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200g butter
300g golden syrup
350g rolled (porridge) oats

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- Melt butter and syrup in a pan and remove from heat before they bubble
- Pour the butter over the oats in a large bowl and mix
- Place mixture into a baking tin (any square one will do) and press gently so that the mixture is flat
- Put into the oven and bake for approx 30 minutes
- Cut into 12 portions and eat!
- If you want to add dried fruit, seeds or nuts to this recipe - they work too!



HATCH WARREN BEGGARWOOD CYCLING CLUB



Hatch Warren Beggarwood Cycling Club is a community club that prides itself on being inclusive to cyclists of all abilities that are over the age of 18.

We aren't a racing club; we are a community of people who enjoying cycling and the very occasional piece of cake. HWBCC have always been and continue to be part of our local community. We are equally proud of the support that our members offer each other whether they are friends they have known for years or new members.

Over the past few years there have been obvious challenges with getting groups of people together; but we all feel that 2023 is the year when riders, new and old, get together to enjoy the beautiful countryside that surrounds Basingstoke.

We hope that during 2023 that HWBCC can welcome new riders to the club. Did you get a bike during COVID? Do you want to enjoy new routes? With new People? And enjoy loads of different cakes? Then please get in touch with HWBCC.

Our motto has always been 'Come Ride With Us' and we'd love to see you at one of our club rides. We ride at 6:30 pm on Tuesdays and 9:00 am on Saturdays from St Mark's School on Danebury Road. The pace we ride it is best described as 'Social' meaning that we ride to the speed of all riders, no one will be left behind, and our leaders, and members, will make sure that you have an enjoyable ride at a pace that suits you.

Our membership fee for 2023 to March 31st, 2024, is only £5 for a limited period only reverting to £15 from 2024 onwards.

For more information, please visit facebook.com/hwbcc

We hope to see you on one of rides over the Summer.

COUNCILLOR DAN PUTTY

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LOCAL HISTORY SNIPPETS

LOCAL STREET NAMES

Most people living in Hatch Warren and Beggarwood will have noticed some themes with local street naming. There are clusters of roads with Roman connections, perhaps reflecting the small archaeological finds of Roman artefacts during excavations prior to building, and many street names which refer to the farmlands and meadows which used to be here. In Beggarwood there is a cluster of roads close to what was the Golf Course which carry the names of famous golf courses. But there are some more specific local references.

Paterson Close is named after Rex Paterson OBE. An agriculturalist, he farmed the land here and was recognised as a pioneer in dairy farming, trialling new methods and developing new equipment with Taskers of Andover such as a buckrake for grass gathering and a fertiliser spreader.

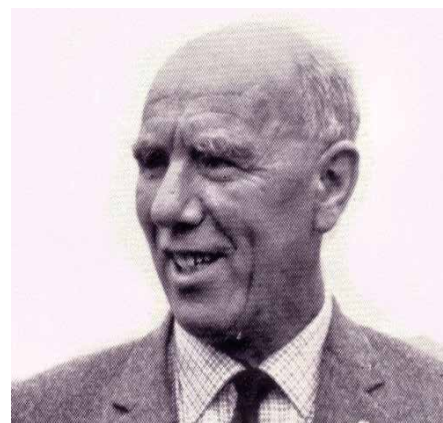


Wild garlic (CountryLife)



He was awarded the OBE in 1964. His farm buildings (close to the Portsmouth Arms) are now in use as a nursery, gym, offices.

Garlic Lane leading to Farleigh Wallop was named relatively recently – the name was chosen from a shortlist as it reflects the astonishing amount of wild garlic that grows along both sides of the lane at this time of year.



Rex Paterson (Wikipedia)

Blue Hut Way refers to the old Blue Hut Café that used to sit on this side of the A30 on Kempshott Hill. It used to be a favourite meeting place for motorcyclists.

Wallop Drive and the Portsmouth Arms refer to the Wallop family, the Earls of Portsmouth, the previous owners of much of the land here. Once based at Hurstbourne Park near Whitchurch, and Farleigh House just over the motorway in Farleigh Wallop. John Charles Wallop, the 3rd Earl of Portsmouth was a contemporary of Jane Austen who danced at balls at Hurstbourne, and was well known to Lord Byron. The 3rd Earl was the subject of a scandalous insanity trial in 1823. Perhaps more of that another time!

Letter... to the editor

I would like to raise an ongoing issue in Beggarwood.

There is big problem with speeding residents, in particular Ferndown Close. They seem to want to see how fast they can get out of their driveways and up to Beggarwood Lane.

I have nearly been hit by a neighbours' car countless times and am worried for my children's safety when they are crossing the road as they are less visible!

Thank you for your support.

Anonymous (Name supplied to Editor)



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