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EDITORIAL

Every so often something happens that restores my confidence in the human race. In March there was a Soup Lunch organised at the Community Centre which raised £83.57 for Sports Relief. Those who came along enjoyed lovely fresh homemade soup with crusty bread thanks to a hardworking band of volunteers and to Sainsbury's who kindly donated all the food. Okay, we didn't raise a fortune, but I like to think we raised enough to help some children have the chance to play football, learn to swim and have some fun. Thank you everyone who helped and to everyone who came along for lunch. We plan to repeat the event in late September to raise funds to buy much needed equipment for our After School Club – I hope you will be there!

Do you support a local charity? Sainsbury's are requesting applications for their 'Local Charity of the Year' (see page 4 for details). Another big thank you goes to local resident PC Simon Williams who has been Crimstoppers Co-ordinator across a large swathe of the south of England for 16 years. Simon is retiring and this role is ceasing due to budget cuts across the Police Service. Thank you Simon for helping to keep us safe.

The film Suffragette has been hugely popular. There is often more to the lives of the amazing women who fought so hard for women to have the vote. Christabel Pankhurst is one of these women and our local councillor, Terri Read, has written a short article on the life of this leading campaigner (see page 8). A longer version of this article will be added to our website soon – www.therabbiter.biz.

The Immanuel Big Knit is going from strength of strength. Local residents have their knitting needles working hard to make squares for blankets for refugees – see page 19. How many squares will we knit before the end of September?

The Hatch Warren Community Centre are always busy adding exciting events and trips for us to enjoy. In May they are planning a coach trip to the BBC Good Food Show in London. Lots of demos, food to taste and buy. If you are interested please sign up asap to ensure a place on this exciting outing.

The monthly film club organised by Father Michael at Immanuel Church is a great night out. No need to get the car out, good company, a lovely cup of tea (coffee or even wine) and great films. Last month we watched The Butler – the story of a how a black American rose from the cotton fields to be butler to Presidents at the White House. I wonder what the film will be in April.

Dummer Golf Club are holding a dinner dance on 30 April – see What's On page. Why not pop into the Club to find out more. You don't need to be a member and there is a very good bar.



As I mentioned last month, the Rabbiter is busy enhancing its on line presence. Longer versions of stories, more details on events are being added to the website and we will make every effort to ensure you are kept up to date on additions to www.therabbiter.biz. We also now have a facebook account – The Rabbiter – and we are on Twitter. Please join us and we will make every effort to keep you informed of news and events.

The copy date for the May edition of the Rabbiter is 15 April. Please let us have your news and views. Right now I am off to find my knitting needles and get another couple of squares made!

Jenny, Editor



Keep an eye out for the web symbol — you can find out more on selected articles at www.therabbiter.biz

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As we near the end of our fundraising year with our current partner, The Pink Place, our thoughts are now starting to turn to the selection process for 2016-2017.

Our focus, when selecting our local charity partner, is exactly that; Local Charity Partner.

Our colleagues will be looking at local charity applications, with a view to inviting them to the store to make a presentation to our Great Place to Work committee.

Colleagues will then select a short list of 3 charities to submit for a public vote. The vote will take place via postal options in our stores and via a dedicated online voting portal.

Applications can only be considered from charities registered with the Charity Commission for the UK, where their work is for the benefit within the UK.

Please send your request for consideration to:

Jason Hill, Store Manager, Sainsbury's Supermarkets, Wallop Drive, Basingstoke RG22 4TW

The Pink Place

The team at the Pink Place are enjoying a tremendous year across the Borough, with the main focus for them now turning to their Summer Picnic on June 11th at Manydown Farm.

The emphasis at this popular annual event is to provide a great family atmosphere throughout the day with plenty of attractions for children as well as a mix of live music.

For more details please visit their website.
www.thepinkplace.org.uk

Sainsbury's in the Community

Our colleagues continue to support your community in some amazing ways. Our Local Hero applications now enter a new financial year, with over 50 applications ready to process.

Many of our colleagues volunteer without asking for any recognition. However, each colleague who volunteers can claim up to £200 as a Local Hero.

Therefore can you please ask your current volunteers if they currently work for Sainsbury's, at any location.

With close to 2000 employees within the Basingstoke area there is a fair chance one of your volunteers is working at Sainsbury's.

Fly Tipping

Our cleaning contractors continue to provide an admiral service when it comes to keeping the Recycling area clean and tidy.

However, could we please ask that respect is given to the purpose of the area and, not used as a fly tipping area.

Fireworks Event

Our support for the Hatch Warren Fireworks event is set to continue for 2016. It is a pleasure to work with the committee from the centre during the year with their events and, in particular, the fireworks extravaganza.

Advanced planning is already being discussed to make the route from the store, to the community centre as safe as possible. It is a very busy time for everyone and, the safety of our customers and colleagues will always come first.

Whilst full details will be released nearer the time, one area which will be monitored closer this year will be the Petrol Filling Station. Pedestrian access to the community centre will only be available via the crossing and footpaths surrounding the petrol filling station; not the petrol forecourt.

Your co-operation in advance is greatly appreciated to continue to provide a safe place for customers and colleagues.

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Hampshire Crimestoppers is continuing the fight against rural and coastal crime by targeting would-be thieves across the county. Crimestoppers is fighting back with a campaign to stop theft of farm machinery and equipment. This may include oil, diesel, batteries, metal for its scrap value, tools, quad bikes, agricultural chemicals, tractors, and even livestock.

Rural and coastal crime costs the country a great deal - an estimated £50 million to £70 million worth of plant and agricultural machinery is stolen nationally every year, and only 5% of this stolen property is ever recovered. Stealing this valuable equipment - some of which is worth tens of thousands of pounds - may have a lasting effect on its victims who may be unable to carry on their day-to-day business without them. Thieves see it as easy to steal from outbuildings on farms or from marinas and beaches, due to limited surveillance and lack of street lighting away from urban areas.

We have a large and diverse coastline in Hampshire and Isle of Wight and this can also occasionally attract incidents of crime, anti-social behaviour and vandalism.

If you have a beach hut, do ensure it is in good repair and make sure it is secured with good quality padlocks and a solid steel bar across the front. Don't leave valuables or alcohol inside, and don't leave anything lying around that could be used to damage or enter yours or your neighbours' huts.

Likewise if you have a boat, never leave any valuables on display and keep your keys somewhere safe - ie not in the boat's ignition! Use strong padlocks or rimlocks on all your hatches, entry points and cockpit lockers.

It is very important not to buy anything suspicious 'out the back of a van', at a car boot sale or from a website. You may think you're getting a bargain on that chainsaw, or power tools, but you're actually contributing to the crime - if people didn't buy stolen goods, there would be no point the thief stealing them in the first place. You may also find yourself explaining to the Police and a Court why you thought the cheap outboard motor with no paperwork that you bought from a bloke down the pub was a genuine purchase.

Rural crime affects us all wherever we might live. We all finish up paying the price

with increased insurance premiums and the potential increase in food costs. We would all soon notice if there was no milk because a local farmer could no longer operate his business!

The financial restraints of recent years have increased pressure on rural communities and this makes it more important that people who have vital knowledge have a safe and anonymous way to give information. We understand that rural communities are close-knit and trust is an important part of rural life, so people may be aware of who is committing these crimes but don't feel comfortable giving this information directly to the police. This is where Crimestoppers can help, by providing a route for people to pass on information about crimes anonymously.

If you've information about ANY crime, please call Crimestoppers on 0800 555111, or log on to www.crimestoppers-uk.org. Your call is free, no one will know you called and you may earn a cash reward. You can also follow me on twitter @HantsCrimestopp

PC Simon Wright

LOCAL VOLUNTEERS COLLECTING FOR BASINGSTOKE AREA

The Hampshire/Basingstoke branch of the UK's oldest armed forces charity SSAFA will be out in force at Basingstoke Festival of Transport at The Memorial Park on Sunday 8 May 2016, collecting for local heroes.

SSAFA provides lifelong support for our Forces and their families. Each year the charity helps over 100 people in Basingstoke and area and 50,000 nationally. "These funds are vital if SSAFA is to continue to support those who have served their country and ensure that they are not disadvantaged by their service. We are finding that our cases are becoming increasingly complex with younger veterans coming forward for help in greater numbers. We offer a range of support from practical and financial assistance to emotional care and befriending."

If you would like to know more about how SSAFA can help you or someone you know, or if you'd like to volunteer, please get in touch at 07807 668398 or visit www.ssafa.org.uk.

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As well as SSAFA being able to assist those in need, we have a need for more caseworkers.

There are 7,000 volunteer workers throughout the United Kingdom and on service bases, there are also SSAFA caseworkers in Europe where there are expatriate communities.

Being a caseworker is a voluntary job to undertake at times to suit the volunteer; qualification is by attending a fully funded residential course and working with other trained personnel.

If you feel that you would be able to give a few hours per week to undertake this very rewarding work please contact SSAFA. 07807 668398 - We need you.

RABBITER DISTRIBUTORS NEEDED



We need a few more helpers to distribute the Rabbiter. This takes about half an hour a month. Sadly we can't offer any financial reward save the satisfaction of helping our community. The following are the rounds which now need deliverers:

1. Breadels Field & Breadels Court
2. Britannia Drive & Canberra Way
3. Ferndown Close
4. Gloucester Drive
5. Cropmark Way, Calleva Close and Matilda Drive
6. Monarch Close
7. Blunt Road and Terry Close
8. Cyprus Road and Tamarisk Close

APRIL EVENTS AT THE BASINGSTOKE DISCOVERY CENTRE



To book a place, you can order online from <https://www.hants.gov.uk/shop/home.php>, or visit Basingstoke Discovery Centre in Festival Place, or call 01256 478670. Advance booking is strongly recommended.

To find out more about Basingstoke Discovery Centre and Hampshire Libraries visit www.hants.gov.uk/bsdc
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<https://twitter.com/BasingstokeDC>
<https://www.facebook.com/BasingstokeDC>

Here are a few events for early April, please visit www.rabbiter.biz for the full list

Charlie's Storytelling Parties

Friday 1 April / 10am & 11:15 am / £3
(Adults free) / Ages 2+

Mr Panda

Join children's entertainer and actress Charlie Sanderson for a super interactive 45 minutes storytelling party including singing, a giant parachute, bubbles and more.

Sleeping beauty Pantomime

Saturday 2 April / 2pm / £5 (adults free)
/ Ages 3+

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Board Games for Grown-Ups

Saturday 2 April / FREE / 2pm – 4pm /
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Children's Crafts

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RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION

The North Hampshire Downs Ramblers group, is part of the Ramblers Association, we walk mostly in Hampshire and the surrounding countryside. In the last few months our group has enjoyed both walks and social activities.

The group walk on both Tuesday and Saturday and cover both areas in and around Basingstoke as well as sometimes going further afield.

Our Tuesday morning walks, which are typically 6- 7 miles continues to attract quite a number of walkers. We have recently walked around Hartley Wintney, Frimley Green as well as in the Kingsclere area. We usually end up with an end of walk pub stop, to give people time for a catch up.

Our Saturday walks tend to be longer, with fewer walkers, and can sometimes take most of the day. We recently did a walk from Shawford to St Catherine hill and then picked up the Valley of the Fields walk back to Shawford. This afforded beautiful views back down over Winchester.

As well as the walks, the group also enjoys some social activities, this includes an Annual Summer Picnic, Boys lunches and the group occasionally organise weekends away.

The group have an active path patrol group, who report problems to the local council and also do some work on the paths, which can be as varied as checking waymarking and replacing waymarking discs, minor clearing or even repairing stiles and gates. To date this group has replaced 20 gates in conjunction with the local council. The most recent being the replacement of 4 gates at Cottington Hill, where as well as the gates and steps being erected, some footpath clearance work was done at the same time.

Our walks are graded so you can tell

whether a walk is right for you. The grading is as follows:-

Easy: Suitable for anyone who does not have a mobility difficulty or a specific health problem or is seriously unfit; suitable for pushchairs if they can be lifted over occasional obstructions. Comfortable shoes or trainers can be worn.

Leisurely: Suitable for reasonably fit people with at least a little country walking experience; may include unsurfaced rural paths. Walking boots and warm, waterproof clothing are recommended.

Moderate: Suitable for people with country walking experience and a good level of fitness; may include some steep paths and open country, and may be at a brisk pace. Walking boots and warm, waterproof clothing are essential.

Strenuous: Suitable for experienced country walkers with an above average fitness level; may include hills and rough country, and may be at a brisk pace. Walking boots and warm, waterproof clothing are essential. People in doubt about their fitness are advised to contact the organiser or leader in advance.

If you are interested in finding out more about the North Hampshire Downs group, there is more information on our Website. www.northhampshiredownramblers.org.uk.

If you are new to walking and want to give us a try, or already walk, you would be given a very warm welcome by the Group. We hope to see you soon!

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

AGE CONCERN HAMPSHIRE INFORMATION DAY

Wednesday 27 April 2016

Age Concern Hampshire will be holding an Information Event at St Michael's Church Cottage, Church Square, Basingstoke, RG21 7QW between 10.30 am and 1.00 pm. This is just outside Festival Place behind St Michael's Church.

We have invited local organisations to attend and promote services they provide for older people, their relatives and carers in the area. These include the Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service, Princess Royal Trust for Carers, Open Sight, Deaf Plus, Better Balance & Falls

Prevention and many others. Age Concern Hampshire will also be available offering free and impartial advice.

Please come and join us at this popular event and enjoy the delicious, reasonably priced food and refreshments at our Café which is open as usual. There is no parking at the venue but the town centre car parks are within easy walking distance.

If you require any further information, please contact our Basingstoke Office on 01256 423874.



PROBUS HEARS FROM A TV COMEDY WRITER

Writing "gags" for a living is a cut throat business Brad Ashton explained to the Probust Club of Basingstoke. The club for retired professional and business managers was amazed to hear that he had written over 1500 comedy shows for television over a working lifetime and the names he mentioned were household favourites that the audience recalled with ease.

Since his retirement he has been telling his anecdotal tales to passengers on cruise ships about working with the comedy greats. Ted Ray, Tommy Trinder, Jimmy Edwards, Jon Pertwee, Leslie Phillips, Harry Worth and Dick Emery from the early days; Benny Hill, Tommy Cooper, Les Dawson, Frankie Howerd, Tony Hancock, Ken Dodd, Bob Monkhouse, Bernard Bresslaw, Mike and Bernie Winters, Morecambe & Wise and Little & Large were the British stars. And Brad worked with Groucho Marx for fourteen weeks on a UK tour.

Brad's first script was broadcast on the wireless on 28 September 1952, but was unable to listen as it was Yom Kippur: "I come from a traditional Jewish family and my father would not let me turn on the radio during Holy Days, which I respected."

"In the early 50s I found the BBC a bit anti-Semitic so having the Jewish surname of



Abrahams did not help, so for professional reasons I changed my name by deed poll."

Spike Milligan was a witness at Brad's marriage in 1961 and had an office below Brad's for 20 years. They would lunch together with Ray Galton and Alan Simpson, Johnny Speight and others. In fact there were 16 of them in the building and if unsure of a gag or routine they would pop into one of the other offices and try it out on each other. Some comedians were well known for being a little tight over money. Brad gave an example: "I sold a gag to a well known name for £250 but six months later he phoned me to tell me that as he had not used it he wanted his money back."

Brad was asked by Ned Sherrin at the BBC to help decide between David Frost and Brian Redhead who was to be the anchor man on a new topical show called That Was The Week That Was. Initially Brian Redhead was ahead but then Brad saw David Frost

handle a 300 strong audience with top quality political impersonations.

"On the day of the show I would get all the newspapers, sit down by 7.00am and by 3pm I'd have my target of 33 gags. I would read them out to David in his dressing room at the BBC for the show that night and those that excited him, he'd remember. On average he would use at least fifteen in that night's TW3. He was without doubt the most talented person I ever worked with."

Les Dawson was another of Brad's favourites and unbeknown to most, spoke seven languages. At lunch with Brad in a Chinese restaurant Les spoke in Mandarin for twenty minutes with a waiter. He was also a good pianist who by deliberately playing out of tune avoided paying royalties.

Brad went on "Everyone says, having written for all these comedians I must have had an exciting life. I probably did but was too busy to notice as each day I would be at rehearsals and script meetings. I slept at my desk using a satchel as a pillow, but they were marvellous experiences. The best thing about my profession was by not having to be a performer I could watch a good comedian get a laugh, sit back and think, I wrote that!"

See the Probust Club's web site www.probusbasingstoke.webs.com for more information about their activities.

CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT FELLOWSHIP

The Group held its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 2nd March 2016 with 46 members in attendance.

The chairman, John Lambeth, welcomed everyone and in his report thanked the committee and volunteers who had helped to ensure that the group continued to fulfil a programme of interesting speakers and trips. Apologies were received and the minutes of the last AGM were agreed with no matters arising. In his report the secretary, Tony Brazier, thanked everyone for their continued support in making the past year a varied and enjoyable one for the group. The treasurer presented her report and accounts which were accepted. The membership secretary, Sonia Waite, in giving her report said that she was pleased to see that overall numbers had been maintained and that there had been a slight increase in the number of members regularly attending the monthly meetings. This was followed by the welfare officer's report from Christine Broadbent after which the election of officers and committee for the forthcoming year took place. At the end of the meeting a general knowledge quiz was held which was followed by the raffle and lunch at the Conservative Club.

The next meeting will be on 6th April when the speaker will be Iain

Kennedy on Liverpool, Capital of the Transatlantic Slave Trade. The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at Brookvale Village Hall from 10 am -12 noon and all retired Civil Servants and their partners are welcome. The programme of speakers and trips for the year can be obtained from the Secretary Tony Brazier on 01256 418770 or at bjmapbr@ntlworld.com.

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G and S took the difficult decision to separate. They both wanted to limit the financial and emotional cost and ensure that they acted in their children's best interests.

G had an initial consultation with Ann Davies, who identified that G and S's circumstances were suitable for collaborative law. G was enthusiastic and suggested to S that they use the

collaborative approach to resolve matters.

A meeting was arranged between G, S, Ann and S's solicitor to discuss and identify G and S's hopes and expectations. A timetable was agreed for commencing the divorce and gathering financial information before the second meeting.

In the second meeting G and S agreed upon a routine to share the care of their children and work together as co-parents. In the third and fourth meetings the financial arrangements were agreed.

G and S felt empowered by the process, as they came to an agreement

themselves, rather than a Judge deciding for them. Most importantly, G and S felt that they could co-parent and communicate effectively with one another.

If you would like information regarding separation or the collaborative process, or would like to book an appointment, please contact Julia McGuigan on 01256 305596 or email julia.mcguigan@lambbrooks.com.



Julia McGuigan, Laura Bell, Ann Davies

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CHRISTABEL

For my day job I run a small business called Pedlars and Petticoats, a historical presentation company. One of the talks I give is as Christabel Pankhurst, one of the founders of the Suffragette movement and a truly amazing and surprising woman.

Christabel was born in 1880 to politically active and campaigning parents Richard and Emmeline. She had two younger sisters, Sylvia and Adela. After her father died Christabel joined her mother in setting up the Women's Social and Political Union in 1903. Christabel was adamant that their campaign should be far more radical and high profile than those run by other organisations pressing for votes for women. She also targeted the campaign at middle and upper class women only as she did not want to "dilute" their impact by being drawn into discussions about universal suffrage and the lot of the poor. She was behind the strategy of mass protests, bombings and hunger strikes. Christabel drew supporters in with her charisma and drive. She fell out with both sisters who did not approve of the direction Christabel and Emmeline were taking. Sylvia left to form a suffragette movement in the East End with working class women, Adela was banished to Australia.

During WWI Christabel aligned herself with those calling for more stringent measures to support the war effort and was part of the white feather campaign. In 1918 women over 30 were given the vote and Christabel stood for parliament for the Women's Party, missing being elected by 700 votes. Christabel then spent much of the rest of her life in the USA where she became a campaigning evangelist, making public appearances proclaiming the second coming! She was made a Dame of the British Empire in 1936.

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For events at the Basingstoke Discovery Centre – see page 14

Hatch Warren Under 5s drop in sessions – see page 16

1 April	Charlie's Storytelling Party, Discovery Centre
1 April	Health Hub Programme at the Warren – Social Media
2 April	Sleeping Beauty Pantomime, Discovery Centre
2 April	Board Games for Adults, Discovery Centre
2 April	Children's Crafts, Discovery Centre
2 April	Children's Crafts, Discovery Centre
4 April	Charlie's Storytelling Party, Discovery Centre
5 April	Space Day, Discovery Centre
6 April	Play in a Day, Discovery Centre
7 April	Puppet Show, Discovery Centre
8 April	Blood Donning at Community Centre
9 April	Book to a Play, Discovery Centre
9 April	Discover Board Games, Discovery Centre
9 April	The Heritage Orchestra at QMC – See Lions Club, page 20
12 April	Film Night at Immanuel Church, St Mark's School. 7.30pm
13 April	'Clubercise' exercise class at Community Centre at 8pm – Contact Cheryl on 07770456188 or cheryljp@sky.com for information
15 April	Technical Theatre Workshop, Discovery Centre
16 April	Crime Fiction Reading Group, Discovery Centre
16 April	Quiz Night at Millenium Village Hall – See Lions Club, page 20
18 April	Last date to register with Basingstoke & Deane for voting on 5 May
19 April	Family History Drop-in Surgery, Discovery Centre
23 April	St George's Day
23 April	Mastering Auditions, Discovery Centre
23 April	Discover Board Games, Discovery Centre
23-24 April	Oakley Sports Weekend – For entry form and details see www.therabbit.biz Including Open Weekend at Oakley Bowling Club, Malshanger, RG23 7EY
30 April	Puppet Manipulation Skills, Discovery Centre

30 April	Children's Crafts, Discovery Centre
30 April	Pink Place Spring Ball, Hampshire Court Hotel
30 April	Swing, Jazz and Blues Evening with 'No Strings Duo' at Dummer Golf Club

Future Events

2 May	Early May Bank Holiday Monday
5 May	Hatch Warren WI
5 May	Local Elections for local Councillor and Police & Crime Commissioner
6 May	Health Hub Programme at the Warren – Drugs & Alcohol Workshop
7 May	Cider Festival, Hatch Warren Community Centre
8 May	Basingstoke Festival of Transport, Memorial Park
11 May	Film Night at Immanuel Church, St Mark's School. 7.30pm
12 May	Les Miserables – Theatre Coach Trip – See Community Centre page
12 May	Laughter House at Red Lion featuring Christian Donnelly – www.laughter-housevpweb.co.uk
19 May	Trip to see Billie Elliott – organised by the Community Centre
21 May	'The Old School' play 50's and 60's music at the Farleigh Club
21 May	Coach Trip to BBC Good Food Show – See Community Centre on page 22
30 May	Spring Bank Holiday Monday

REGULAR EVENTS

Hatch Warren W.I., 1st Thursday each month 8.00pm
Community Centre (contact Marianne Tilley 01256 325198)

Basingstoke Knit and Natter,
Every Monday 6.30 – 9pm, Waitrose Café

The Warren Youth Club, Friday evenings at the Warren
attached to the Community Centre

Aldworth Badminton Club,
Thursday evenings 8.30 – 10 Aldworth Science College

Cliddesden W.I., Cliddesden Village Hall, 7.30pm, third Thursday
every month (contact Pat Rampton 01256 461034)

Old Down & Beggarwood Wildlife Group,
www.olddownandbeggarwood.org.uk email: odandbwd@gmail.com

Hatch Warren Nature Group,
contact Paul Beevers, hatch.nature@gmail.com

**Cliddesden, Ellisfield and Farleigh Wallop Horticultural
Society**, contact Mrs M Smith (01256 462584) for details

Laughter House, laughter-housevpweb.co.uk

Hatch Warren Runners, meet Monday and Wednesday at
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HATCH WARREN PHOENIX FC

Hatch Warren Phoenix FC have at last managed to get a few games in following the Christmas break and seasonal wet weather with all teams in the club enjoying some great football. Two of the newest squads the U13 'Flares' and U10 'Heat' have settled back into league duties following on from their great cup run, the interest in the Phoenix club has been so great that plans are already afoot to provide more opportunities to children in Basingstoke with the addition of another U11 (currently U10) side for season 2016/17. If you know anyone interested in joining a forward thinking Charter Standard club with modern coaching ethics for next season please do not hesitate to get in touch for complimentary training sessions in Spring.

With the current U9s Flames & Blaze developing well the club have now added a further U9 side the 'Embers' to the roster who have been competing within the Testway youth leagues, once again Abacus Employment-Services have been immensely generous providing the club with funds to purchase a brand new kit for the new squad. Tom Hartgill manager for the Embers "The players have been very focused in training and the new challenge within Testway league is proving a great opportunity for them to develop, we have started well competing in a ladder style competition which has given us invaluable time to bed in as joining a division mid-way through the season is usually difficult for the players. Overall it's a positive start for the new team and promises to be an interesting time ahead."

Outside of the football Daren Bavister – Club Chairman, Soccer School coach and U9 manager was recently recognised by the Halifax just giving awards for his efforts in starting the 'Intro to Soccer School' now in its 3rd year. Nominated by a parent of an U6 player Daren won the regional heats for Berks & Hants and was presented with his award at a recent soccer school session. "It was a lovely gesture to just be nominated, but to win among such other worthy nominees is terrific. I most certainly don't do this on my own, we have a bunch of parents who are amazing and equally volunteer a tremendous amount of their time to help the club." Daren currently gives up over 1000 hours of his time annually for the Phoenix, alongside the other outstanding coaches and volunteers.

Taking to the road collectively the club



travelled to the home of Reading FC with over 250 members enjoying watching the hosts play Wolves in the Championship, the children partook in a range of activities creating a guard of honour for the sides, stadium tours and shootouts at half time with their families and friends looking on. "What a great day out" Steve Moria U10 manager "Seeing all those kids on the pitch having a whale of a time was wonderful. This is my first season with the Phoenix and there is a real club feel about Hatch Warren, the trip to the Madjeski is just proof of that, even though the weather wasn't brilliant every one of the children from U6 – U14 seemed to be smiling and having a great time not only on the pitch but featured on the big screen and a full page spread in the match day programme"

It will be fingers crossed for the club as they have once again been shortlisted for a variety of categories at the prestigious Basingstoke & Deane Annual Sports Awards, with finalists in the Volunteer coach, Club of the year and team of the year categories we hope to have more good news very soon.

If you are interested in finding out more about Hatch Warren Phoenix or becoming a player or coach please do get in touch info@hatchwarrenphoenix.co.uk

Yours in Football

Daren Bavister

Club Chairman



SPRING IN THE GARDEN

Spring is the time we want to make a difference, with sudden bursts of unaccustomed strenuous activity after a season of inactivity. Let's prepare and protect.

WARM UP Do some simple stretching or take a short walk.

PACING Don't try to do it all in one session, tissue fatigue occurs at 50 minutes and will not recover until the next day, take breaks every 30 minutes and vary the tasks.

LIFTING Remember to bend the knees and hips, 'sit' into the bend, keep your lower back arched, head up and bottom out. Use a wheelbarrow, wet soil is heavier than dry!

TWISTING Pivot on your feet, hips and shoulders facing the same direction.

REACHING Keep objects close; go on one or both knees, move don't reach.

LONG HANDLES For forks and spades.

WATERING CANS Use hoses or two half filled watering cans to balance.

For further information please contact THE SPINE TEAM on 01256 466 666



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Jo Harris has been running various dance classes for children and adults at the Hatch Warren Community Centre for eight years and will be introducing her new Bounce DanceFit class for adults there on Friday 1 April.

"Bounce DanceFit is a choreographed dance fitness class for women and men that will take participants on a journey that fuses a variety of dance techniques offering a constant, energetic cardio workout for 45 minutes." Jo explained. "We will be enjoying different styles of dance including hip-hop, waacking, voguing, twerking and more so wear work out clothes and trainers."

The class will take place every Friday, starting on 1st April, from 6.30pm to 7.15pm in the Lounge at the Community Centre and will cost £6 per drop in session.

For more information call Jo Harris on 07776 292690.



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HATCH WARREN UNDER FIVES



Last month was very busy with Mother's day and Easter. The children enjoyed making special cards and presents for their Mums. In our Under 3s group they worked especially hard, having lots of fun making cards, a handprint Easter poem and a flower pot with chocolates for their mums. We hope every mum got spoilt on their special day.

HWU5s also held their very own Easter egg hunt on the last day of term. Organised by the Pre-school committee and supported by the staff all the children were invited along with their parents to take part in an Easter egg hunt for just £2 which was held on the field as a fundraiser for the group. There were also some very yummy cakes for sale on the day along with a selection of Easter crafts. The children all had lots of fun and we are waiting confirmation on how much money was raised.

EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGES- EYFS (Part 3)

Prime area 2: - Communication and language

There are 3 elements within this area. For those aged between 22 months – 36 months you might notice some of the following:

1. Listening and attention

- I listen to stories when you make different noises or use different voices as you read to me.
- I can recognise sounds by finding or going to the thing or place.
- I join in with singing songs and rhymes.
- I stop what I am doing, look at you and listen to you when you say my name.

2. Understanding

- When you ask questions like "Who's jumping?" or "Who's sleeping?" I can point to the right picture to show you that I understand action or "doing" words.
- I understand longer instructions or questions such as "Put the bricks away and then we'll read a book".

- I can show you that I understand "who", "what" and "where" when you use short questions such as "Who's that?", "What's that?" or "Where is?" as we look at pictures in a book or play with toys.
- I can point to the right picture or object to show that I understand describing words such as "big" or "small".

3. Speaking

- I can use simple sentences with 3-4 words to talk about what I am doing or what is happening.
- When I am talking with you, I talk about lots of different things – what I am doing, what I like or what I have done.
- I use objects and gestures to help me explain what I mean when I am talking.
- I can ask questions such as "what", "where" and "who" when I am sharing a book or playing with toys.
- I am beginning to use word endings, such as "I am going" instead of "I go" and plurals, such as "babies" when talking about more than one object or person.

Things you can do at home to help with this learning:-

Listening & attention

- Use sock puppets or toy people or animals when you're sharing one of my favourite stories or songs with me.

Understanding

- When we're making a sandwich together tell me what you are doing so I know what to do.

Speaking

- When we're playing with things, use new words to describe what I'm doing with them or to tell me what they are called

Fundraising – Sainsbury's Active Kids Voucher

The new campaign of Active Kids vouchers is up and running. If you shop at Sainsbury's then please accept the vouchers and drop them into our box in reception at Hatch Warren Community Centre. Support your local pre-school in 2016. Help us get fantastic new sports and cooking equipment and help encourage more kids to eat well, move well and live well. You can now collect vouchers and donate them until 3 May 2016.



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE PRE-SCHOOL & OUR PARENT & TODDLER GROUPS:-

Please visit our website <http://www.hatchwarrenunderfives.co.uk/> & give us a like on our Facebook page: 'Hatch Warren U5s Preschool'

Michelle Tejevo - Head of Pre-School
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CUCKOO MEADOW PRESCHOOL

We are based in North Waltham village, which is just a 10-minute drive from Hatch Warren along the A30, and is in a beautiful rural setting. The children who attend come from within the village and the surrounding area including Hatch Warren, Kempshott, Beggarwood and Brighton Hill, and all agree that the location and wonderful caring staff mean that it is more than worth the short journey. Please contact Jo or Fiona to come and see for yourself!

The children have been enjoying learning about Spring and they made some beautiful bracelets and cards for Mothers' Day which were very special. They have also been reading the story 'Run Rabbit Run!' in the approach to Easter and have been making some wonderful crafts on this theme including pictures of ploughed fields, rabbits in their warrens, and rabbit scones – delicious!

Preschool also enjoyed some special visitors just before the Easter holidays – a local falconry brought some owls for the children to observe and learn about. It was a wonderful experience to get close to these beautiful animals, and the children thoroughly enjoyed it.

Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend Parents' evening just before the Easter break. We hope you found it useful to find out what your child gets up to at Preschool and how they are progressing. Thank you also to everyone who donated old clothes (books, toys, towels etc etc!) for the Happy School Bag collection and helped Preschool achieve a record breaking total of over £300. You can be assured that this money will be put to very good use.

We return from the Easter break on Monday 11th April. Enjoy the holiday and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for the Summer term!

For any queries about the preschool please contact Jo or Fiona on 01256 398172.



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Sundowners Social Club

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Morning: 10.00am to 12.30 £12.00,

Afternoon: 1.00pm to 3.30pm £12.00

Lunch (if required): £6.00 if not staying all day

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Booking is required to assist with catering, so please call 01264 359223 and one of our friendly staff will take your details. You can also email Kim Francis at kimfrancis.rcs@gmail.com



Oakley CC are looking for U9 players

Is your son or daughter interested in playing cricket? Oakley CC are looking for U9 players to play for their team.

U9 cricket is open to children who are in School Year 3 through to Year 4.

From 18th April training will be outdoors at Oakley CC on Monday evening 6.15pm to 7.15pm with games run on either a Saturday or Sunday. Training sessions will go on until end of July.

Set in the North Hampshire countryside, Oakley CC has a proud history as a local village club featuring two Saturday teams, a Sunday friendly team and a thriving Junior set up from U9's to U11's, U13's right through to under 15's. Our aim as a club is to provide a sociable and friendly environment for local cricketers young and old. Both Saturday teams won promotion last year.

The Junior section of our club has grown in recent years and is a fundamental part of our future. Our Saturday league teams now feature many players who have come from the junior section and Oakley CC currently has three juniors representing North Hampshire and we have had a success in the past providing U9, U11, U13 and U15 players.

We are looking for the next group of players to join Oakley CC and we would love to see your child join us. Please do email or call to let us know you are interested or have any questions. If you would rather come along and find out more then we would great to see you and your child love to see you on 18th April.

Gordon Hossick - Oakley CC Juniors Manager
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By Ben Pearson

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Current national policy is therefore fairly clear: when it comes to Small Claims, even where there are complex issues to be dealt with, claimants are financially incentivised to act in person (without lawyers). That is coupled with the fact that starting a claim is easier than ever: claims can be issued online now which is cheaper and more efficient than the paper based alternative. However there are still plenty of pitfalls for the Litigant in Person.

The Court process is not straightforward at the best of times; we regularly deal with Claimants that find themselves in difficulty by having made mistakes that can stall or undermine their claims – whether it is understanding the legitimacy or quantum of a particular claim or dealing with procedural matters, it is important to get it right if you are to succeed. Issuing a claim in person can be a false economy if the claim is a non-starter in the first place or legal advice is needed later on to rectify matters for instance by amending a claim.

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Can you knit or crochet? Would you like to use your skill to help Immanuel Church make blankets for refugees? Read on...



Through an online community called Woolly Hugs, Immanuel Church are launching an initiative to provide homemade knitted blankets for refugees. Woolly Hugs have groups of people affiliated to them who knit or crochet squares which are then joined together to make lovely colourful blankets which are distributed where needed, all over the UK and the rest of the world! In addition to blankets, they also welcome donations of homemade knitted hats, mittens, gloves, cardigans and jumpers of any size, for adults or children.

Until the end of September, we will be holding The Immanuel Big Knit! and would like to ask those that can, to knit or crochet squares and put them in the collection tub at the back of the church. We will then sort them by colour/pattern and join them into lovely blankets.

We hope that many of you will get involved in this worthwhile initiative as it is something that we can all do together, and which both young and old can support.

If you would like any more information, please get in touch via our dedicated Facebook page facebook.com/The-Immanuel-Big-Knit or at immanuelchurchhwb@gmail.com

NEWS FROM FARLEIGH CLUB

The club was the venue for Anna & Steve Williams leaving party, held on 5th March. Friends gathered to wish them well for their move from Basingstoke. We are sorry to see them go but look forward to visits from them in the future.

Saturday 21st May we have the welcome return of "The Old School" band who will be playing 50s & 60s music. They are a really good band and like to get everyone involved. Come dressed to impress and dance till late.

We are going to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday on 11th June, so if you have any ideas for this wonderful celebration I'm sure the entertainment committee would love to hear from you.

Please could you pay your Membership for this year, if you haven't already done so. You could set up a standing order to make it easier, if you wish. Just speak to Jenny or Debra and they can sort it for you.

Hatch Warren runners held their meeting in the club in February and have left information about the run they are organising in September which will start in Farleigh Wallop. If you would like more information about this please pop in the club for a flyer or look on our FB page.

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APRIL IN THE GARDEN

April is such an exciting time in the garden because you can finally get out and start the jobs. With the daffodils starting to stop flowering, dead head them in your garden to give the leaves energy to store for next year's growth.

After dead heading them give them a good fertilizer with a general feed. A granular brand is best as it will release the energy over time and allow the daffodils roots a chance to soak it up from the surrounding soil naturally.

Plants in the garden can do with a tidy up now. After leaving the growth on certain plants over the winter months to protect the new growth, they can now be cut back. For example, Fuchsia, Bujelia and Hydrangeas can have their old heads chopped off now, and allow the new growth to take over. Hellebores need their leaves cut away to show off the last of their flower blossom. Make sure your roses and other trained plants are still attached to walls and have not received any damage over the winter months.

Other areas of the garden will benefit from a good fertilizer feed too. Plants such as Roses, Raspberries and Fruit trees should receive a good granular fertilizer at the base of the plant or in their pots. Acidic loving plants such as Blueberries, that are in pots will especially appreciate this treatment. There are lots of fertilizers out there and lot of brands. You want to look for a fertilizer with Nitrogen, Phosphate, and Potash. These three ingredients will help to promote shoot growth and provide your roots with a boost for structure. If you have a good healthy plant it will help to guard against drought or diseases.

Now is a great time to start planting seed based vegetables. If space is limited you can plant onions and garlic in pots around the garden. Seed potatoes are also now available for Chitting. You should always buy seed potatoes if you are hoping for a good quality crop. It's very tempting to save last year's potatoes or use shop bought ones that have sprouted in the cupboard. They will still produce you some potatoes, but you will have a lot less, and they will be prone to rotting in the ground before you have a chance to harvest them. Chitting them before putting them in the ground helps the eyes develop and you will get a better crop from them. Place them in a tray in a warm, light place that's frost free. Within a few weeks you will see them starting to sprout.

Towards the end of the month you can plant out your potatoes. If you are planting directly into soil dig trenches about one spit depth and place out your potatoes about 1 foot

apart. Cover the potatoes with soil, making sure you have space for a small trench either side of the rows. This is so you can heap the soil when the leaves start to show through to protect against potential frost damage. If you are planning to plant your potatoes in pots, fill them with some multipurpose soil about two foot deep. Place your potatoes in the tub and cover over with soil. Try to leave some space at the top so when the leaves start to poke through you can top up with soil, covering over the leaves and once again protecting them from frost.

Now is the perfect time to continue seed sowing, pricking out, and potting on larger seedlings. It's always a juggling act to find space, getting everything ready to go out. To prick out your seeds they need to have germinated so the first set of leaves have fully formed. You may be concerned about the size of the leaves to prick out, but you need to move them out of the seed tray as soon as possible. This is because seed soil only has a very basic nutrient content and the seeds will soon start competing with each other for what nutrients are left, as well as space, water and light. By potting on into smaller cells you can be sure they are getting good nutrients, and can fully root out before going outside. I like to use a multipurpose soil at this stage and then add any fertilizer when watering if needed. You can tell if your seeds need fertilizing because your leaves will start to go yellow and sometimes the edges start to roll over.

To prick out a seedling carefully place a thumb and finger on to one of the leaves. Using a Dibber, or bamboo cane, scope out the soil around the base of the seedling ensuring you get as many of the roots as you can. Lift the seedling out gently. Make a hole in the seed cell tray, and place the seedling in, ensuring you cover all the roots and the plants leaves are sitting just above the soil surface. If you can grade your seedlings making sure larger ones are at the back. This will help with light competition. Keep a close eye out for pests as well. Aphids and white fly love a nice young leaf to eat. You can help prevent this by spraying your plants with a solution of water and washing up liquid. Coating the plants in a thin layer of solution that makes it difficult for pests to cling to them. You can also put out yellow sticky traps which attract the pests to the colour rather than the plants. Once they get trapped this attracts further pests, trapping more of them. Make sure you change these as they become full. These pest yellow sticky traps are great for Scarred Fly.

Have fun and see what you can grow this month. Happy Gardening

Sarah Bailes - Horticultural Consultant



BASINGSTOKE LIONS CLUB

Sadly we had to say goodbye to David Side on the 19th February. As a Doctor and as a 47 year member of our Club he was truly a man who devoted his life to community service. He held us together in tough times and his wisdom, wit and warmth are sorely missed. There wasn't a dry eye at the end of the service which concluded with "The Carnival is Over" by the New Seekers.

Fundraising:

The Sussex Jazz Kings gave us a superb evening's entertainment at QMC. Their presence on stage is remarkable as is their proficiency with their instruments. The evening raised £964. The great news is that they are returning to play for us at a New Orleans style Jazz party to be held later in the year.

Welfare: Four instances of assistance were approved for a total of £750.

Upcoming Events:

9/04/2016 The Heritage Orchestra will be taking us on a musical tour of Paris and London probably via the Seine, the Moulin Rouge, Bow Bells, the Old Kent Road and the Albert Hall. One of our best evenings entertainment. Venue: QMC 7pm for 7.30. Tickets: mauricehockley@hotmail.com or tel: 01256 421867 and tel: 01256 325280 or jomolincoln@btinternet.com

16/04/2016 Quiz Night at the Millenium Hall Cliddesden 7pm for 7.30 start. Book your table with philiphjwilson@btinternet.com or tel: 01256 352393 Remember we can only take 22 tables of 4.

The Lions Den, our popular putting game, will be doing the rounds in support of other charities and schools open days. Have a go if you see us. But dads, please don't enter into competition with your kids unless you're into humiliation. You can book it for your event by contacting email: bazmore@virginmedia.com

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DEFIBRILLATOR NOW ON SITE

We now have a defrib machine in our foyer, this was given to us by the BHF. We will be running regular training sessions for the community - to find out more please visit our website. This vital training may help you save someone's life.

THEATRE COACH TRIPS - DEPART 16:45

Les Misérables - Thurs 12th May - Price £62 per person, full payment due now.

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SUMMER EVENT - SAT 9 JULY - 12-3PM

Following the success of last years Summer Event it will be returning again this July. This is a FREE ENTRY event our way of saying thanks to the Community. Our regular users and local companies will be putting on a wide range of activities including Zorb Football, Climbing Wall, Crazy Golf, Bouncy Castle and much more. **KEEP THIS DATE FREE - MORE INFO COMING SOON.**

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Age 13+ from 8pm-9.30pm**

APRIL/MAY Programme - 6-7.45pm

Friday 1st April	<i>Easter Egg Hunt & Craft Safety Social Media Quiz & Muffins</i>
Friday 8th April	<i>Xbox Sports Team Game Competition</i>
Friday 15th April	<i>Decorating Mugs & Pitta Pizzas</i>
Friday 22nd April	<i>Basket Ball Games & Chicken Wraps</i>
Friday 29th April	<i>Young People's Choice</i>
Friday 6th May	<i>Chinese Food & Chinese Activities</i>
Friday 13th May	<i>Movie Night with Nachos & Popcorn</i>
Friday 20th May	<i>LIPSYNC & Make your own pitta pizza</i>
Friday 27th May	<i>Warren Bingo and Hotdogs</i>

FREE ENTRY FOR ALL YOUNG PEOPLE

POP QUIZ ON BULLYING

We recently held a bullying themed quiz night for our younger session. We know bullying is a big issue for all ages and can be a difficult subject to talk about. The quiz was very informative and helped our young people recognise that they can comfortably talk to us, their families and each other about bullying. But don't take our word for it:

"We enjoyed the quiz, even though we lost we were surprised that more than 10% of children are bullied." *Charlotte, Emily, Sherelle & Jessica*
"We thought it was good and we learnt a lot, we didn't realise there was that much bullying going on" *Lilly-Bell, Charlotte*

Health Hub Programme - 8-9.30pm

Friday 1st April	<i>Social media - what is and what isn't acceptable</i>
Friday 6th May	<i>Drugs & Alcohol Workshop</i>

HEALTH HUB PROGRAM

If you (or someone you know) are 13 or older please remember The Warren runs sessions from 8pm-9.30pm on Fridays. During this time you can just come in, hang out and use our facilities. You can also use our Free Confidential Advice on a whole range of issues including contraception, pregnancy testing and chlamydia screening.

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••••• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •••••

As I write this, in mid-March, we're enjoying some respite from the rain which we seem to have had far too much of and enjoying pleasant spring days, the sun is shining and the daffodils are out. By the time you read this, Easter will have been and gone, the schools will be on their Easter holiday break before the long summer term.

There is still much going on. There's plenty of aggression still going on in the world and we watch what is going on across the Atlantic in America in preparation for their presidential elections and the very likely possibility of Donald Trump being the Republican candidate. I think Pope Francis hit the nail on the head when he said of Donald Trump

"A person who thinks only about building walls — wherever they may be — and not building bridges, is not Christian.....This is not in the Gospel!"

We are watching a campaign run on aggression and fear. Protesters at his rallies are being violently ejected and the words from his mouth encouraging violence, things like "I'd like to punch him in the face, I'll tell you." And "if you see someone getting ready to throw a tomato, knock the c*** out of them would you?". No where in the life of Jesus, the man who Christians follow, was such violence ever suggested or advocated. Christ was a man of peace who was nailed to a cross because he challenged the norms of the day and spoke of love for all.

Easter is a time when we remember the death of Jesus as a physical demonstration of God's love for humanity. The end of a life and ministry that talked of love for our neighbour. Of turning the other cheek. Christianity is all about thinking of others first. Of looking after the rest of humanity before ourselves. It is really quite frightening when a person standing to be president of one of the most powerful nations on the planet talks in the way Donald Trump does. He does not speak of anything Christian in what he says.

Whatever happens in the world, let us remember that it is up to us to look after each other and to care for the world we live in. At Immanuel, we've started 'The Big Knit' (read more about it elsewhere in The Rabbiter); doing something to help those less fortunate than ourselves. To provide blankets made with care and love to help those fleeing their homelands. It's a small gesture but each blanket will go with much love from here.

We remember; together, in our community what it means to love our neighbour. What it means to care for each other. And to take this message from a 20th Century spiritual leader:

'in his Gospel, in a dazzling intuition, Saint John expresses who God is in three words; "God is love." If we can grasp only those three words, we shall go far, very far.' (Brother Roger of Taizé).

Let us pray that peace will conquer all and that we can grasp those three words of Saint John.

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••••• SOUP-ER DAY FOR SPORTS RELIEF •••••

Rabbiter editor, Jenny Crawford and Fr Michael Smith vicar of Immanuel Church held a fund raising lunch in the Hatch Warren Community Centre with the proceeds going to Sports Relief. On offer was a choice of three homemade soups, French bread and butter, scones and fruit with all the provisions kindly donated by Sainsbury's Kempshott store.



"We were delighted to see local mums and young children" said Jenny, "together with Sharon Glenn the wife of the chairman of Hampshire County Council and local borough councillor Dan Putty. We prepared everything on site during the morning and people were very complimentary about the quality."

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HATCH WARREN RUNNERS – REFLECTION ON THE LAST YEAR

As the spring season gets underway our runners have been very busy prepping for the big events coming up. The first half marathon at Fleet is coming very soon, closely followed by Reading. Last weekend was particularly busy with many of our runners putting in some fabulous performances at the Surrey Spitfire 20 / Tempest 10 and the Salisbury 10 mile Road Race. And we were incredibly proud of our runners who graduated from the 5-10k course at a run in Prospect Park Reading in aid of the Stroke Association. Many of the team started the C25K course together and then joined the 5-10k course. Over eight weeks their coach, Jay Smith, and his volunteer helpers have put the group through a rigorous training programme including interval sessions (with much complaining from the participants) and runs slowly building up the distance. He even took to hiding treats in the bushes to keep them going and took them all out for a carb feast before race day. The picture illustrates what a fabulous support they have become for each other. As they crossed the line each runner ran back over the course to the last runner – “Start together and finish together” being their motto. They really encapsulate the spirit of our running club.

Our AGM was held in the last month. Reflecting on the last year we have much to celebrate:

- 260 members
- 20 members qualified as Leaders in Running Fitness
- 100 C25K graduates
- £65,000+ raised for charity
- 20 London Marathon finishers
- Largest represented club at local events like Brackenwood 5k, St Michael's Hospice 5 and 10k and Basingstoke Half Marathon
- Excellent performance at this year's Cross Country race series
- Blind runner guiding

We are also proud to have reached the finals in two categories at the Basingstoke Sports Awards - the club as Sports Club of the Year and Jay Smith as Volunteer Sports Coach of the year. Sadly, we didn't win, but were very pleased to have reached the finals in these prestigious local awards.

Hatch Warren Runners are very excited to announce that we have been granted permission from Lord Portsmouth to hold our own 10k trail race in Farleigh Wallop on 25 September 2016. Hopefully we can bring you more news on the planning for this event in the coming months.

HWR meet on Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:15pm with runs going from the Portsmouth Arms and the Co-Op in Beggarwood. Members meet, warm up and then break into groups depending on what distance and pace they plan to run.

For more details on HWR please visit www.hwrunners.co.uk, email hwrunners@sky.com or look for Hatch Warren Runners on Facebook

GOODBYE TO CRIMESTOPPERS AS WE KNOW IT



The Crimestoppers report in this edition of the Rabbiter is the last one we can publish. This is due to the retirement at the end of March of PC Simon Wright after 27 years in the Hampshire Constabulary. Simon has been a Basingstoke resident for some 30 years and of Hatch Warren for twenty.

Simon Wright has been the Crimestoppers Co-ordinator across a vast swathe of southern England since the year 2000. As well as being totally responsible for all activities in Hampshire, Isle of Wight, he has also been overseeing Wiltshire, Dorset, Devon, Cornwall, Channel Islands and Isles of Scilly together with the co-ordinators in Surrey, Sussex and Kent. As part of this demanding role he has written monthly reports that are sent to 120 publications.

His position as the Crimestoppers Co-ordinator actually came to an end last Easter and he was transferred to other Police duties in Winchester due to the extensive budget cuts across the Police service. In fact over 800 officers have left the Hampshire force since the financial cuts began and have not been replaced. However Simon has carried on unofficially overseeing Crimestoppers and voluntarily writing the monthly updates and articles in his spare time, however he recognises that once he retires from the Police Force he cannot continue in this vein.

Crimestoppers as an entity continues, where the public can give information about crime anonymously either by phone or online. The huge response to Simon's articles has made Hampshire Crimestoppers one of the most successful regions in the country, both with the number of calls made to Crimestoppers and the results achieved with that information.

Simon can look back on his Police career with pride in his achievements. Early on he was heavily involved with the Policing of the construction of the Newbury bypass and all its problems with public protesters who featured regularly on television news. The High Sheriff of Berkshire awarded Simon a Shrievalty commendation certificate in recognition of his contribution to policing the event. The High Sheriff of Isle of Wight nominated him to attend a Buckingham Palace garden party as thanks for his Crimestoppers work on the island and the current Home Secretary, Theresa May, presented him with a certificate for his outstanding work with Crimestoppers.

Local personalities have also been involved in his work; the late Shaw Taylor, for many years the presenter on TV of Police Five who lived on the IoW, Dr Hilary Jones and Alan Titchmarsh have supported his efforts to get the public to report suspects in a completely anonymous way that has helped the law have an impact on many miscreants.

What does the future hold for this law supporting figure? 'A rest and some serious gardening before embarking on a new yet-to-be-discovered project'.





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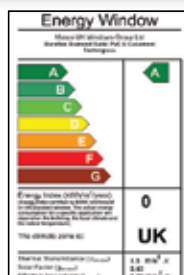
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