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## EDITORIAL

Why is Saturday 8 July going to be a big day for Hatch Warren and Beggarwood residents? It is the the 2017 Summer Festival at the Hatch Warren Community Centre from 12-4pm and there will be something to please all the family – bouncy castle, craft stalls, food outlets and a licensed bar. There will be a display of tanks, fire engines and lots more. And entry is Free. Look forward to seeing everyone there!

The Rabbiter aims to let residents and readers know about local events. One such event was an outdoor picnic and play at Dummer Down Farm. On Sunday, 18 June your editor enjoyed sitting on the grass in the evening sunshine, a glass of Prosecco in her hand, watching 'A Comedy of Errors' performed by the Lord Chancellors Men. A fabulous performance greatly enjoyed by everyone. A big thank you to the organisers for a lovely evening – looking forward to next years event!

Jane Austen had many links with Basingstoke, she was born in Steventon, shopped in Basingstoke and attended dances here. As part of the Jane Austen celebrations (200 years since her death) the 'Sitting with Jane' Art Trail has been set up. Twenty four Bookbenches have been positioned around the town and local area, one of these is in Beggarwood Park, 'Regency Life' artist Nick Murley and sponsored by Portsmouth Estates. There is a map showing the sites of all 24 Bookbench locations – [www.sittingwithjane.com](http://www.sittingwithjane.com).

The Rabbiter takes a holiday in August so will be back in September – copy date 15 August. Good luck to all the students who will spend most of their summer waiting for exam results. Happy summer to all our readers.

**Jenny, Editor**

## Letter... to the editor

### SKIN CARE AND YOUR DOCTOR

As the summer progresses we should all remember to cover up. The sun is very powerful, so either cover your skin or use sun-cream to prevent those rays harming your skin. If you should get sun-burnt keep an eye out for any moles that could appear.

The Camrose Medical Partnership surgery in South Ham will be holding special Mole Clinics in September. At these clinics you will be able to have a GP examine any mole that you might be concerned about. It is well worth while having any mole you are worried about examined, as early treatment can easily prevent any dangerous condition occurring.

The Mole Clinics will be held on Friday the 22nd of September from 9am to 12, and on Thursday the 28th of September from 2pm to 5. Just turn up at the surgery and ask for the Mole Clinic. You'll get coffee and cake if you want it, there is only one condition, you must be registered as a patient at the surgery.

The Camrose Medical Partnership is at the St Andrew's Centre, Western Way, Basingstoke, RG22 6ER. For more information go to the surgery's web-site, or ring 01256 324666.

**Brian Simmonds.**

Chairman Camrose Medical Partnership Patient Participation Group.

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# SCOUTS

## HATCH WARREN SCOUT REPORTS

The Scouts have been using the first part of the summer term to get outside, making use of the lighter (although not always drier) evenings. They have had a night in the woods with our Patrol Leaders inventing new games that they ran for the rest of the Scouts. We had an evening of campsite skills as well as evenings at the Gordon Brown Outdoor Education Centre, in Rotherwick, playing laser tag and taking part in some team building activities. Since half term they have been working on the Photography Badge and the Local Knowledge badge.

Finally, congratulations to Raven Patrol who won 'Patrol of the Year' at our recent BBQ & AGM!

# BEAVERS

We've had a varied programme during the last half term, starting with a games night focusing on working as a team. We played a number of relay races including one where they had to build a Lego model, which proved very popular. We then spent a very sticky evening making Rice Crispy Cakes most of which were eaten by the Beavers between the hall and home.

We are also working towards their Disability Awareness Activity badge this term and we had a very interesting presentation on Understanding Autism. We watched a great video and then played a game to help us understand how hard it is to not be able to read people's faces to understand their emotions.

The next week we went on a slightly damp, but very enjoyable walk around Beggarwood Park. We looked at the exercise equipment that is around the park and played a game using Morse Code. Finally the week before half term they learnt how to tie three basic knots using Strawberry Laces and enjoyed eating them once successfully tied.

After half term we enjoyed the Hatch Warren Scout Groups AGM barbeque, later in the term we hold our annual paper boat race in Eastrop Park and much more. I will update you on how it all goes in the next edition.

**Chris Healey**

Beaver Scout Leader

## BEL AND THE DRAGON AT THE GEORGE

100 High Street, Odiham, 01256 702696

Dining at the Bel and the Dragon in Odiham turned out differently to our expectations. Receiving a £100 gift voucher for this establishment, I checked their menu on line and realised that at their price levels this voucher would not extend to having an expansive meal.

The menu for June was enticing but a fillet steak at £33 or sharing a rack of lamb for £63 gave a clear indication that with starters and puddings a bottle of wine would be out of the question.

Booking a table on line was easy and they were very efficient in sending an acknowledgement and the day before a reminder was received. The dining room was a modern rear extension to this old coaching inn, designed in a bistro style with several booths and various sized tables. They must be able to cater for around eighty diners and the Friday night we attended there were only two tables not occupied. A large opening to the kitchen was an interesting feature.

We were placed at a table next to an open door to the outside garden. With a slight breeze it was draughty so a move to another table was accomplished without bother.

Madam had various marinated beetroots with goat's cheese and the delightful presentation was matched by its taste. I had four, fairly thin, grilled English asparagus which were slightly too al dente for my taste.



Our main courses were crab linguine while I had suckling pig which came with duck fat roasted potatoes, a small pot of apple sauce and a miniature jug of gravy. Madam had a side dish of heritage tomatoes, avocado and gem salad and I chose samphire, petis pois and sugar snaps. We both had lemon tart with a shot glass of limoncello, the Italian lemon liqueur. The food was delicious.

A bottle of fizzy mineral water, (their description) and a 175 ml glass each of house Sauvignon blanc completed our selections. A decision had to be made about having coffee as the evening had been spoilt by a very noisy party of fourteen that made any conversation between us impossible. The waitress and the manager apologised but it was difficult to understand them due to the cacophony. Our initial decision was to leave at that point but we were presented with two LaVanna coffees "on the house". Our bill came to £92 plus optional 12.5% service charge. My voucher having been under spent by £8, I decided, in view of the circumstances, not to make an addition.

No doubt, on another occasion, we would have had a peaceful and therefore more enjoyable experience.

Having published a Trip Adviser post on this visit the management have subsequently offered us a free light lunch as compensation for our poor experience.

## NEWS FROM FARLEIGH CLUB

Will we won't we, keep the government we've got, have a new conservative leader, Jeremy Corbyn as Prime Minister, a soft or hard Brexit, even another General Election, who knows but hopefully by the time you're reading this we will have some idea.

We are having a family fun day in the summer either late July or early August the details will be on our FB page and our website, we are also hoping to have a quiz and organise a skittles evening.

The cricket season is now in full swing so why not come and watch the Farleigh cricket team play in the lovely grounds of Farleigh House, they play on Sunday afternoons and a list of their fixtures can be found in the club.

A little reminder membership subs are well overdue now so if you're still coming into the club and haven't paid please do so ASAP, it's only £10 a year for a single membership which is just under £1 a month, not a lot I'm sure you would agree.

See you soon.

We open at 7pm Monday to Saturday and from 2pm on Sunday till 6pm

Look us up at [www.farleighwallopclub.co.uk](http://www.farleighwallopclub.co.uk) or on Facebook



## WHAT'S ON – JULY/ AUGUST

Do you have an event locally that you would like to tell people about. The Rabbiter reaches over 4000 homes locally so is the perfect way to publicise your event. Just email details to [newsdesk@therabbiter.biz](mailto:newsdesk@therabbiter.biz) or [rabbiteditor@aol.com](mailto:rabbiteditor@aol.com). Copy date is the 15th of the month preceding publication.

- 1 July Disability Awareness in Town Centre
- 1 July DIY in a day – Furniture Painting techniques  
– [www.the-eco-workshop.co.uk](http://www.the-eco-workshop.co.uk)
- 8 July Summer Festival on the Playing Field, Hatch Warren Community Centre**
- 8 July Heritage Light Orchestra at QMC
- 20 July Coach trip to Les Misérables
- 22 July DIY in a day – Basic Woodwork  
– [www.the-eco-workshop.co.uk](http://www.the-eco-workshop.co.uk)
- 22 July Cranbourne Summer Extravaganza
- 23 July Big Wheel on Down Grange  
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- 29 July DIY in a day – Decoupage and Stenciling  
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- 30 July Newbury Artisan Market  
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- 19 Aug DIY in a day – Basic Woodwork  
– [www.the-eco-workshop.co.uk](http://www.the-eco-workshop.co.uk)
- 27 Aug Newbury Artisan Market  
– [www.newburyartisanmarket.co.uk](http://www.newburyartisanmarket.co.uk)

### REGULAR EVENTS

**Hatch Warren W.I.**, 1st Thursday each month 8.00pm  
Community Centre (contact Jane Kerry 01256 810255)

**Basingstoke Knit and Natter**,

Every Monday 6.30 – 9pm, Waitrose Café

**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](http://www.olddownandbeggarwood.org.uk) email: [odandbwd@gmail.com](mailto:odandbwd@gmail.com)

**Hatch Warren Nature Group**,

contact Paul Beevers, [hatch.nature@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://laughter-housevpweb.co.uk)

**Hatch Warren Runners**, meet Monday and Wednesday at  
7.15, Portsmouth Arms and at the Co-op Beggarwood.  
[www.hwrunners.co.uk](http://www.hwrunners.co.uk)

### Future Events

- 9 Sept Beer Festival, Hatch Warren Community Centre
- 5 Sept Basingstoke Bridge Club open evening  
– Tuesday 5 Sept, 7.15pm  
[www.basingstokebridgeclub.co.uk](http://www.basingstokebridgeclub.co.uk)
- 24 Sept Newbury Artisan Market  
– [www.newburyartisanmarket.co.uk](http://www.newburyartisanmarket.co.uk)
- 24 Sept HWR – Farleigh Wallop Trail Race
- 4 Oct Trip to see Matilda organised by  
Hatch Warren Community Centre
- 15 Oct Wedding Fayre, Hatch Warren Community Centre
- 29 Oct Newbury Artisan Market  
– [www.newburyartisanmarket.co.uk](http://www.newburyartisanmarket.co.uk)
- 25 Nov Coach trip to Bluewater,  
Hatch Warren Community Centre
- 26 Nov Craft Fayre, Hatch Warren Community Centre
- 26 Nov Newbury Artisan Market  
– [www.newburyartisanmarket.co.uk](http://www.newburyartisanmarket.co.uk)
- 2 Dec Bath Xmas Market, Hatch Warren Community Centre

### Hampshire Farmers Markets

Alton – 2nd Saturday of the month

Winchester – 2nd and last Sunday of the month

Odiham – 23/7/2017 & 22/10/17

## BASINGSTOKE AUTISM SUPPORT HUB (BASH)



Basingstoke Autism Support Hub is a community organisation that provides support for families with children who have Autism Spectrum Disorders and associated conditions. Such families often struggle to access mainstream activities and so benefit from our inclusive and adapted activity sessions and days out.

We hold a weekly activity session at Café Dome in Brighton Hill next to Asda, monthly exclusive hire swimming sessions at the Sports Centre, and organise days out throughout all of the school holidays. If you have a child with ASD, ADHD, ADD, or a child who is awaiting diagnosis for any of these or related conditions, come and spend some time with people who understand the challenges you're facing. More details at <https://www.facebook.com/BasingstokeASH/>

### Summer holiday plans

We are hard at work putting plans for the Summer holidays in place. We will be holding a weekly Friday night youth club as well as organising lots of days out. Details will be published on our Facebook page as plans are finalised. We welcome new families, so please get in touch with us if you would like to join in.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BasingstokeASH/>

Website: <http://autismsupporthub.com/>

E mail: [help@autismsupporthub.com](mailto:help@autismsupporthub.com)

## HATCH WARREN NATURE GROUP



### Hay Making Anyone?

HNG would like help from a "team" of volunteers for end of season hay making on at least one of the small wildflower meadows we are restoring in Hatch Warren. This is preferable to using a Council machine that cuts and takes away the grasses and wildflowers all in one action thereby "hoovering up" insects and wildflower seed that we want to remain. We need a community "team" because the task has to be done over a short period, weekdays or weekend, at short notice, dictated by the weather. One site should take about 1 days effort if there are 6 people. Haymaking is labour intensive, but good exercise and sociable! Children are welcome if supervised by a responsible parent.



We will use a scythe mower to cut the grass. Seed and insects are encouraged to disperse through hand raking, not necessarily on the same day. Wild-flower seed left on the ground, will either add to or renew the stock of plants in subsequent years or feed overwintering birds, small mammals and other wildlife during the Autumn and Winter. [hatch.nature@gmail.com](mailto:hatch.nature@gmail.com)

## UPDATE FROM YOUR COUNCILLOR

There are a number of fairly weighty issues around the area at the moment. Here's a quick update on a few.

**Beggarwood Surgery** I imagine everyone is familiar with the ongoing problems at the surgery. There have been regular reports from patients of lack of availability of appointments etc. Then we heard that five GPs had left almost simultaneously, and then came the conclusions of the inspection from the Care Quality Commission which raised further concerns and put the surgery into special measures. I have met with the practice manager, who also runs Rooksdown Surgery. She told me that Beggarwood has a clear plan in place to deal with the difficulties, and that she is working with the CCG (Clinical Commissioning Group) to address the problems. There appears to be nothing public about this plan however and I have not been told of a timeline.

I'm still waiting (after a month) for a meeting with the CCG to discuss further. There is a date in the diary for the end of the month but this has been changed previously. I also hope to attend a meeting at Beggarwood Surgery with the Patients group in the next couple of weeks.

If any residents have new or ongoing concerns about the surgery please let me know, it is further evidence in the continuing campaign to get better provision for Beggarwood.

**Island Site** Readers will know that a full planning application is expected from owners Grainger for the site. These plans are expected to include a pub and accommodation for older people. In the mean time however the site has been turned into a temporary car park etc. There was no planning agreement for this. Grainger have put in a retrospective planning application instead.

**Digester** We have reached the end of the year of the temporary permission granted by HCC for the increase in vehicle movements through Hatch Warren to and from the digester. They have now submitted an application to Hampshire to have the temporary increase become permanent. Anyone wishing to view or comment on the application can find it on the HCC website under planning.

**Bookbench** As part of the #sitting with Jane art trail project Portsmouth Estates have paid for a backbench to be installed at Beggarwood Park for the summer. The project celebrates the life of local girl Jane Austen, and money raised will go to The Ark Charity.

**Clr Terri Reid**

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## SHARED PARENTING TO MAKE THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS LESS STRESSFUL

Shared parenting can be tricky at times and it is inevitable that separated or divorced parents may encounter difficulties in agreeing arrangements for the children especially during school holidays. To avoid stress in the summer holidays, a detailed parenting plan or agreed schedule for contact can make life easier for both the parents and the children.

- Plan early – put together your plan for the 6 weeks holidays earlier in the year to allow time to discuss or make changes.
- If you have any family events or you want to plan a holiday away, communicate with your ex-partner promptly to avoid any clashes or issues.
- A detailed plan for the holidays and half terms will also help you organise any holiday you need to obtain from work and also highlight where you may need additional childcare from family, childminders or holiday clubs.

- Agree on holidays abroad – for example how long will you allow for your child to be out of the country, is it one week? Or two weeks? How will you keep in contact whilst away? Are there any countries or places you would not be comfortable for your child to visit? If your children have a different surname to the parent they are travelling with, remember that some airport securities will expect a letter of consent from the mother or father. This is a simple letter to say that you agree to the child being taken out of the country for that period.
- While often a touchy subject, it is important to discuss when it is appropriate to include new partners in holiday time.
- Discuss your child's clothing and belongings. Children may wish to take certain toys, games or devices to the other parent's house. It is important that this is agreed on and that items are looked after and returned. With electronic devices such as phones, tablets or game consoles it is important that both parents try to value the

same rules about usage, downloads and 'screen time'.

- Finances – depending on your financial agreements upon separation, you may need to discuss how children will be financed during the holidays. For example, who will be paying for the holiday clubs?
- If you are having difficulty discussing these points with your ex-partner, Mediation can be a very useful forum to manage and promote positive discussions surrounding the arrangements for your children.

Most importantly is to put the children first and make sure that they are safe, secure and happy throughout their school holidays.

If you would like any advice on co-parenting, divorce, separation or mediation, please contact Laura Bell on 01256 305596 or email [laura.bell@lambbrooks.com](mailto:laura.bell@lambbrooks.com).



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### Local Hero Scheme

We're proud to be supporting the Mayor's Community Chest fundraising during the next year. Our Local Hero Scheme rewards colleagues who volunteer in their own time so, the values behind supporting Basingstoke Voluntary Action sit well.

Last year we donated over £10,000 via this scheme. If you know of any Sainsbury's colleague who volunteers with your organisation, please let us know.

Two of our colleagues, Margaret Fisher & Gill Gray, volunteer at the Pink Place helping to co-ordinate the client meetings. This has enabled us to donate £400 to The Pink Place.

### Click & Collect

Our Click & Collect service, situated in the Car Park, continues to prove very popular with our customers. Saturday morning is our busiest time, when over 20 orders are catered for between 8am and 1pm.

This can cause some pressure as there are only two collection spaces and, your continued patience is recognised from our colleagues.

### Basingstoke Foodbank

We're welcoming the team from Basingstoke Foodbank at the store on Saturday, July 8th. Their last visit to our store generated a phenomenal tonne of food for the Foodbank.

The team will be handing out a shopping list to our customers for donations and will have information available about their services.

### Food Donation Point

We've been considering how we can manage a permanent Food Donation Point at the store. Discussions are on-going with a number of partner organisations and, we hope to announce details of the scheme shortly.

## HATCH WARREN W.I.

Hatch Warren rang to the sound of 'Extravaganza' fun on Thursday 1st June when Hatch Warren W.I. celebrated their birthday party. We welcomed visitors from other W.I.s in our group and were very happy to welcome the newest W.I. Rooksdown Reverlers to join us.

The theme for the evening was the origins of 'birthdays' across the world and how they celebrate them. Thank you to Sandra, Lynette and Carolyn who organise the entertainment. They unveiled a tree of life of members favourite star's for their birthdays. Decorated the hall with paper chains, paper flowers and balloons. There was a fancy hat competition which Jan won with her hat decorated with cocktail glasses and flashing lights. Maureen Levenson our country chairman also attended. Finger food and a lovely birthday cake was the refreshments for the evening.

Our next meeting will be held on July 6th at 8 p.m. when our speaker for the evening will be Phill Young with a talk called 'Tigers' Eyes'. If you are interested in coming along to our meeting please call our president Jane on 07798 842487 for more information.



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## RECYCLING TAKEN TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Many readers have probably seen the afternoon television programme that gets things from a local tip, refurbishes them and sells them on, giving the profit back to the person who donated the item.

Something similar is going on at Dummer Down Farm, host of the cricket school, where in one of the small workshops, Tony Poetz and his son Will run a business called The Eco Worksp. Their ethos is to turn the unwanted into wanted and they refurbish, repurpose and recycle household articles that may have been destined to end their lives at the tip. The new look item is either sold or returned to the owner who pays for the work that has been carried out. An interesting side to the business is that they run a range of workshops. Tony explained "I recognised the need for



people to learn some basic skills, which allows them to refurbish their own items. This includes basic woodworking, furniture painting, decoupage and stencilling."

The workshops run every Saturday throughout the summer months and are filled with men and women of all ages enjoying practical "hands-on" experiences that cover many common aspects of basic DIY. They are ideal for beginners looking to learn new skills and gain confidence to tackle simple jobs at home.

Recently two local winners of a competition,

Sally Austin from Kempshott and Zoe Matthenson from Dummer made their own decorative plaques and members of the Ladies' Club of Ellisfield were taught decorative techniques.

See the web site [the-eco-workshop.co.uk](http://the-eco-workshop.co.uk) for more details about the workshops and a gallery of items for sale, or phone 07976 559434 and Tony will be happy to provide more information.



## HATCH WARREN RUNNERS



Basingstoke parkrun continues to be a huge success and is the Basingstoke running community's event of choice on most Saturday mornings. The event moves away from War Memorial Park periodically during the summer and the first run at the alternative Crabtree Plantation proved just as popular and a very warm 3rd of June event. It's a lovely course and much of the terrain is grass and gravel tracks, making it a very different challenge, with a couple of cheeky inclines thrown in for good measure!

The month of May saw many HWR members take part in yet more running events right across the country. These included The Liverpool Rock and Roll Marathon, Half and 10k event at which entrants wore 'sixties' fancy dress and enjoyed a music-filled weekend, with a bit of running thrown in too of course. All of those who took part had a memorable weekend and plans are already afoot to repeat the Liverpool outing next year!

That same weekend there were also appearances by members at The Kent Road Marathon as well as Hampshire-based events, including the Purbrook Ladies 5 road race; The Hook 10 mile, 10k and family fun day and in Berkshire, the Green Park 10k in Reading.

June thus far has proved to be yet another event-filled month with HWR making appearances at some unusual and truly challenging experiences.



Endure24, a Friday-Sunday camping and running weekend on the Wasing Estate in Aldermaston is known within the running community as 'The Glastonbury of Running' and for the fourth consecutive year HWR was represented by dozens of members, some running solo, as pairs or teams of up to 8 people. Each runner challenged themselves to run as many 5 mile laps of the off-road course as they could, for a 24 hour period beginning at midday on Saturday. It's a superbly organised event and is a firm favourite with most HWR members.

Meanwhile, in mid-Wales one of our newest recruits, Adam McCartney was away enjoying his own weekend taking part in the gruelling 'Man versus Horse' event. This is a 22 miles off-road race, where only two runners in the events history have ever emerged victorious! Adam finished in a very respectable 5 hours and recommends the event wholeheartedly!

### HWR Farleigh Wallop Trail Race update – Sunday 24th September 2017 – 09:30

Entries for HWR's second event have come flooding in since the running club promotion morning at Basingstoke parkrun and we expect the event to fill well before

the end of August. For full details please go to the race page on our website. And remember, all profits from the event will be donated to two local charities. <http://www.hwrunners.co.uk/race/>

HWR meet on Monday & Wednesday evenings with runs starting at various locations in Hatch Warren, Beggarwood. For more details visit [www.hwrunners.co.uk](http://www.hwrunners.co.uk), email [hwrunners@sky.com](mailto:hwrunners@sky.com) or look for Hatch Warren Runners on Facebook.

## FUN AT THE FAIR TO HELP LOCAL CATS!

Basingstoke & District Cats Protection will be celebrating the 90th anniversary of the founding of the charity at The Linda Burgess Memorial Summer Fair at Viabes Craft Centre, Harrow Way, Basingstoke on Saturday 22 July 2017. Running from 1.30pm to 3.30pm, it promises to be a fun-filled afternoon for all the family.

As well as a variety of stalls to appeal to all ages, visitors can treat themselves to some of the delicious homemade cakes available and sit down for a cuppa.

Entry is 50p or a donation of cat food, so please come along and give the cats your support. Fundraising Team Leader, Hilary Wells said "Last year, the branch rehomed 136 cats and kittens and either neutered or assisted with the costs of neutering for 294 cats and kittens. So our bills are considerable and we rely on our wonderful supporters that enable us to carry on our work".



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Gill Brown, Head of Employment Law at Phillips Solicitors is warning all social media users that these boundaries can be easily blurred and could lead you into trouble and even dismissal from your employment.

Misuse of the internet and social media is thought to cost our economy billions of pounds every year through theft of time used engaging in social media instead of working, defamation of businesses and their products and cyber bullying of other people often leading to absenteeism. Your employer has the right to protect itself and although you do have certain rights to freedom of speech and protection from invasion of your privacy, these rights have to be exercised with caution.

The first thing to do is to check

your employer's Social Media Policy. These vary as some companies allow and even embrace it as part of a working day. More commonly, however, there are strict rules on its use during working hours or even a complete ban on its use. These rules are separate of course to your legal duty not to make defamatory remarks about the company or work colleagues, or to make comments, that even unintentionally, might bring your employer into disrepute. Most company policies make it clear that breach of their Social Media Policy will lead to disciplinary action and even dismissal.

You must remember that it is not safe to rely on social media privacy settings because comments can and often are copied, shared or forwarded on and quickly get into the public domain.

Just be aware that in a recent case the Employment Tribunal upheld a company's right to dismiss an employee, who made derogatory

remarks about her company. The employee's defence was that she did not know that her Facebook page could be seen at work and she denied that she was talking about her employer. She also said that the company should have taken into account that she had been with the company for many years and had a previously clean disciplinary record. In spite of all of this, the Employment Tribunal found that it had been within the band of reasonable responses for the company to dismiss her given the derogatory nature of the comment, which was clearly aimed at the company.

If you require clarification on your rights regarding social media or any other employment issue, we are here to help with professional advice. Contact Gill Brown on 01256 854605 or Karen Bristow on 01256 854670.

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## HATCH WARREN UNDER FIVES PRESCHOOL



It's nearly time to say goodbye to our big children leaving for school. It's been a busy year full of adventures at Hatch Warren Under Fives and we've loved watching our children have fun and gain confidence. It's extremely rewarding to see our little ones grow and progress, and we're very proud of all of them.

Over the last few weeks many of the children have been making visits to their new "big" schools. They've been chatting about their new schools and new teachers and playing "schools" in role-play. It's exciting times but we should remember that change is difficult for us all. At Hatch Warren Under Fives we do our best to support the children and help them through the transitions into new schools. We help to prepare a child for school by liaising closely with the schools, working with our families, taking the views of the child into account and providing 'school-like' experiences.

When we look back over the year we realise that we have so many people and organisations to thank, our community put so much into our preschool and really help to enhance the children's' learning experiences. We'd like to thank Tesco for their "Farm to Fork" experience; Asda for the shopping trip invitation and ongoing support; Sainsburys for all of their amazing food donations to our fundraising events; the St Mark's lollipop man for visiting the children and teaching them about road safety; the wonderful music lady, Lucy Barclay, who spent an afternoon singing and playing instruments with the children; the Army



man for coming in dressed in combat gear - so much fun for the children; St Kitts Veterinary Group, who made a fantastic visit to us recently to talk about what we do at the vets, they even bought along Dudley the

lifelike dog, who was expertly bandaged and given fluids and medicine by the children who were of course appropriately dressed in surgical hats and masks!

Other exciting news is that Hatch Warren Under Fives has been selected as Co-op's chosen charity - this is great news as they help us fund raise, which is vitally important for our preschool.

We're looking forward to meeting our new September starters in a few days, we'll be giving them a little taster of preschool when we have our information and play session on July 10th.

Then our last big event of the year is our leavers' day - we'll be spending the morning at Beggarwood Park playing and eating ice creams before heading back to preschool to enjoy afternoon tea with families and friends before a big sing-song and graduation ceremony - something we are all looking forward to.

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

For preschool registration enquiries please contact Michelle Tejevo, Head of Preschool, on 01256 322788 or email [preschoolmail@aol.com](mailto:preschoolmail@aol.com).

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## CUCKOO MEADOW PRESCHOOL

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It's now official, the pre-school has been rated OUTSTANDING by OFSTED! What a great result for all the team. Thanks again to those parents who spoke to the inspector. The quality of care and guidance provided by the close-knit team was noted along with the confidence being instilled in the pre-schoolers who are able to share their thoughts and ideas confidently. The ability of the team to settle new starters effectively was also noted as well as the way in which the children have plenty of hands-on opportunities to learn. Congratulations, what a great way to round off the year!

The full report is available on the OFSTED website.

Dates for the diary:

-Last day of term is Friday 21st July

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

**Alice Crocker**

## CANDOVER VALLEY PRE-SCHOOL

We have had plenty of fun with our focus areas. We are enjoying our Exercise theme and will be having our Fun Run where the children all run laps of the course according to their age and cheered on by their parents. They all do well and are rewarded with a medal and an ice pop. For our focus on Science the children explored magnets, plants, the weather and really enjoyed playing with different coloured water using pipettes, measures and with being called scientists.

As we draw closer to the end of the summer term, it is a time to feel very proud of the four year old children who will be leaving us for school. We have known most of them since they



joined us at two years old and naturally, close and loving bonds have formed. But we have to let them fly the nest as they are ready for the next stage in their learning, but they will be missed. I hope all children going to school very much enjoy their new class.

This is also the time for me to say farewell. I am taking "early retirement" after 16 years at CVP. As you may know, I am very proud of CVP and the place which is made wonderful by the children, parents and the staff team. I have had an amazing time and I thank everyone who has supported me, worked with me, brought their child to CVP and of course, all the children who have attended from January 2001 to July 2017. I remember you all and thank you. Lisa Collisson my Deputy will, in September, be the new Head of CVP and I wish her and the pre-school the very best for the future.

**Melanie Gill**



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Following our AGM on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June HWBCA has now formed its new Committee and we are delighted that we have welcomed 8 new members. This is wonderful to see, not least does it complement the existing strong team, but the new trustees will bring lots of new ideas and experience.

### **Committee : Senior Officers**

Chairman - Karen Coomber  
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Amanda Wise

During 2017/2018 we will have much to do and so much to look forward to; of course we have all of our usual selection of rich and varied events planned and our fantastic coach trips, but we are also looking forward to opening our new satellite branch in Beggarwood and adding to our existing portfolio of regular users and daily events at both sites. We cannot wait to tell you what we have in store throughout the year and we will be doing this via our website in due course! You can also follow us on Facebook.

If you should have any queries, wish to volunteer, or indeed have a desire to join our friendly and motivated Committee, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us on 01256 811262.

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Friday 14th July	Dance competition and free choice craft
Friday 21st July	Hoopin fun and cheesy fries

**FREE ENTRY FOR ALL YOUNG PEOPLE**

It seems like we have been waiting FOREVER but finally the **SUMMER STREETZ** program is here with things like Bootcamp, Reading Rockets and Graffiti Art we can't wait! We kick off the fun Tuesday 25th July with a water fight so bring towels and water pistols and be ready to get wet ☺



#### Streetz Program 6.00 to 8.00pm Tue-Thur and

Tuesday 25th Jul	End of school water fight
Wednesday 26th Jul	Tile painting
Thursday 27th Jul	Boot camp - hosted by Fitness Flex
Friday 28th July	Football tournament
Tuesday 1st Aug	Jewellery making and sumo suits
Wednesday 2nd Aug	Sand Art
Thursday 3rd Aug	Tie Dye T-shirts
Friday 4th Aug	Reading Rockets
Tuesday 8th Aug	Pamper Night
Wednesday 9th Aug	Street Dance
Thursday 10th Aug	Face painting and Singstar
Friday 11th Aug	Goalkeeper coaching
Tuesday 15th Aug	Rounders team game
Wednesday 16th Aug	Circus skills
Thursday 17th Aug	Graffiti Art
Friday 18th Aug	Nerf War
Tuesday 22nd Aug	Scratch art and zorb ball
Wednesday 23rd Aug	Hula hooping
Thursday 24th Aug	Ceramic craft and Reading Rockets
Friday 25th Aug	End of Streetz BBQ

**Free activities for young people in Year 6 and above.**

**Anyone starting year 6 in September is welcome upto year 11.**

### FRIDAY NIGHT TERM TIME

### OPEN ACCESS & HEALTH HUB

**Ages 13+ from 8pm—9.30pm**

#### Health Hub Programme - 8.00 to 9.30pm

The health hub is closed throughout the summer holidays, however, all activities are open to our year 9 and older members as well as year 6-8. If you need any help or advice during Summer Streetz please speak to a youth worker who will be more than happy to talk to you. Health Hub reopens:

**Friday 1st September : sex and relationships**

#### Calling all new Year 6 ....

If you are a year 5 going into year 6 in September 2017 then from the first day of Summer Streetz (Tuesday 25th July) you can join in the fun at the Warren! We can't wait to meet you all. It's free to join in, no need to book a place, all you need to do is bring a parent or carer to fill in a consent form on your first visit. If parents or carers have any questions then we can be contacted via our Facebook page (The Warren) or by email [ria@hatchwarren.org](mailto:ria@hatchwarren.org) (however, please note this email account is not always monitored daily).

#### A BIG THANK YOU ....

We wish to send out a big **THANK YOU** to

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I'm writing this as the sun is shining and we're set for a beautiful weekend of weather. However, all is not well with the world. It's a week after the General Election where a ridiculous amount of money was spent on another political 'game' that backfired. It's also a couple of weeks after the country was rocked with terror attacks in Manchester and London and a day after a horrific fire destroyed a tower block in west London where enormous wealth sits cheek-by-jowel with the disadvantaged.

There are a great many times when it is perhaps difficult to make sense of the world. Where we question - we question ourselves but also wonder what on earth to make of things in faith or religious terms. The world seems to be a dark place and we naturally have lots of questions.

I am reminded of the last letter that was never completed of a particularly saintly man who founded a religious community determined to seek peace amongst Christians and in the world. The day after he dictated some of the letter he was murdered during evening prayer surrounded by the brothers of the community and thousands of young people gathered as a 'pilgrimage of trust on earth'. This is what Brother Roger of Taizé has to say:

*"I leave you peace; I give you my peace."*

*What is this peace that God gives?*

*It is first of all an inner peace, a peace of the heart. This peace enables us to look at the world with hope, even though it is often torn apart by violence and conflicts. This peace from God also supports us so that we can contribute, quite humbly, to building peace in those places where it is jeopardized.*

*World peace is so urgent in order to alleviate suffering, and in particular so that the children of today and tomorrow do not live in distress and insecurity. 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.*

*What captivates us in those words? The fact that they transmit this luminous conviction: God did not send Christ to earth to condemn anyone, but for every human being to know that he or she is loved and to be able to find a road to communion with God.*

*But why are some people gripped by the wonder of a love and know that they are loved, or even cherished? Why do others have the impression that they are neglected?*

*If only everyone could realize that God remains alongside us even in the fathomless depths of our loneliness. God says to each person, "You are precious in my sight, I treasure you and I love you." Yes, all God can do is give his love; that sums up the whole of the Gospel.*

*What God asks of us and offers us is simply to receive his infinite mercy. That God loves us is a reality sometimes hard to comprehend. But when we discover that his love is forgiveness above all else, our hearts find peace and are even transformed....*

*All who choose to love and to say it with their life are led to ask themselves one of the most compelling questions of all: how can we ease the pain and the torment of others, whether they are close at hand or far away?*

*But what does it mean to love? Could it be to share the suffering of the most ill-treated? Yes, that's it.*

*Could it mean having infinite kind-heartedness and forgetting oneself for others, selflessly? Yes, certainly.*

*And again: what does it mean to love? Loving means forgiving, living as people who are reconciled. And reconciliation always brings a springtime to the soul....*

*In the heart of each person, Christ still whispers today, "I will never leave you all alone; I will send you the Holy Spirit. Even if you are in the depths of despair, I remain alongside you."*

*There are times when all of us are shaken by a personal trial or by the suffering of others. This can go so far as to undermine our faith and extinguish our hope. Rediscovering the trusting of faith and peace of heart sometimes involves being patient with ourselves..... Seeking reconciliation and peace involves a struggle within oneself. It does not mean taking the line of least resistance. Nothing lasting is created when things are too easy. The spirit of communion is not gullible. It causes the heart to become more encompassing; it is profound kindness; it does not listen to suspicions.*

*To be bearers of communion, will each of us walk forward in our lives on the road of trust and of a constantly renewed kind-heartedness?*

*On this road there will be failures at times. Then we need to remember that the source of peace and communion is in God. Instead of becoming discouraged, we shall call down his Holy Spirit upon our weaknesses.*

*And, our whole life long, the Holy Spirit will enable us to set out again and again, going from one beginning to another towards a future of peace."*

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## BASINGSTOKE CAMERA CLUB

A new exhibition of photographs will open on Saturday 26th of August at the Basingstoke Discovery Centre in Festival Place Basingstoke. The exhibition, entitled "New Perspectives": Basingstoke Camera Club Annual Exhibition" comprises over 40 photographs from the UK and abroad, taken by members of Basingstoke Camera Club. Images range from wildlife pictures and abstracts through to landscapes. The exhibition is open during normal Discovery



Centre opening hours. Running till Saturday 9th of September, this free exhibition is a must see for anyone in Basingstoke interested in photography. Basingstoke Camera Club welcomes photographers whether novices or

advanced. The club meets every Thursday at Oakridge West Community Centre. For further information on Basingstoke Camera Club visit the website: [www.basingstokecameraclub.co.uk](http://www.basingstokecameraclub.co.uk)

### Robin White

Publicity Officer

*Office Building Abstract by Mike Wines*

## BASINGSTOKE LIONS CLUB



Liz Howe of the Dwelling Place/ Night Shelter attended our business meeting where she was presented with a new computer and software to enable her to both run her charity and encourage her visitors to engage with technology. Our resident whizz kid will be on hand to help her deal with any glitches.

### LIONS CLUB MEMBERSHIP:

Everything we do is to support our community. But, we're not Saints, we really do it because we enjoy it. Take a look at the pictures on our website. It is a sociable activity which allows you to use your talents and learn new ones, exchange ideas (and sometimes even implement them) and generally have a good time. You can easily check us out at a business meeting or a dinner meeting. Just put your contact details on the "Contact Us" page of our website and someone will get in touch. Give it a go!



## HWB CYCLING CLUB

On Wednesday 14th June the club held its first AGM, with over 35 members and 2 guest speakers in attendance. In under two years, the club has come a long way.

After the club presented its financial report, future plans and committee election, with all the formalities associated with an AGM completed we then honoured 4 of our members with our first club Awards.

Most Improved rider – **Anousjka Selders**

The Unsung Hero – **Mark Watson**

The Chairman's Award – **Steve Wheeler**

The Members' Member – **John Embleton**

Our first guest speaker, Steph Catlin, from "Food is Life" gave us an insight into nutrition to fuel rides. Simon Orr, from "SoPhysical Physio and Sports clinic" presented and talked about effective pedaling & cadence.

HWBCC would like to extend its thanks to both for offering their time and support to the club.

### Did you know?

- HWBCC currently has 105 members
- 12 British Cycling Level 1 Ride Leaders
- 47 biggest turn out of cyclists on a club ride
- 30 members joined after the Big Wheel 2016
- British cycling affiliated

Along with the benefits of cycling for health and fitness we also enjoy the social aspect of the club and have a number of events planned over the next few months. The Committee are regularly reviewing what the club offers its members to ensure that we continue to be a popular, friendly and welcoming club for all riders across a range of abilities.

### A few key Diary Dates for 2017:

- 23rd July – Big Wheel
- 19th August - HWBCC BBQ
- 10th September – HWBCC 2nd Birthday celebration
- 1st December - Christmas Party

Combine cycling with our friendly reputation, plus the social aspect of HWBCC, we as a club would love to see more of the community - "Come Ride with us"

### Jane Ladenburger

HWBCC Social & Events Officer



## BASINGSTOKE CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT FELLOWSHIP

The Group held its annual open meeting on 7th June where 40 members and 2 visitors were welcomed by the Chairman, David Cowling who also expressed thanks for the large number of raffle prizes which had been donated. The Secretary, Tony Brazier, then gave details of the forthcoming trips to Beaulieu and Buckler's Hard on Monday 10th July and Stourhead on Thursday 10th August for which there were still places available. He also reminded everyone of the Thames river trip to Greenwich on Thursday 21st September, the Mystery trip on Wednesday 25th October, Portsmouth Dockyard and Victorian Market on Friday 1st December and the Christmas Lunch at BCOT on Thursday 14th December.

The speaker this month was Professor Alix Booth who gave a full history of The Punch and Judy show which has its roots in the 16th-century Italian commedia dell'arte. The figure of Punch is derived from the Neapolitan stock character of Pulcinella, which was anglicized to Punchinello. He is a manifestation of the Lord of Misrule and Trickster figures of deep-rooted mythologies. With help from her many puppets she recreated the show which evolved as we know it today in the Georgian period. She included many of the traditional characters such as Judy's ghost, Hector the horse, Pretty Polly, the Doctor, Joey the clown, the Constable, Jack Ketch and the Crocodile and went on to explain how following a slight decline in popularity at the end of the 19th century a revival came with the railways and bank holidays when people went to the seaside and the Punch and Judy show followed.

The next meeting is on 5th July when the speaker will be Mark Watts on Winchester Prison – Past and Present. The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at Brookvale Village Hall from 10 am to 12 noon and all retired Civil Servants and their partners are welcome. The year's programme and further details about meetings and outings can be obtained from the Secretary Tony Brazier on 01256 418770 or at [bjmapbr@ntlworld.com](mailto:bjmapbr@ntlworld.com) and if you would like to join us on any of our trips please contact Kate Lambeth on 01256 328791.

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Today Syria has become an international proxy war with US, Russia, France, Turkey and the EU involved; sometimes in military action but also attempting a diplomatic solution. This is hindered by 1500 factions either for or against the Syrian government and also fighting amongst themselves. The statistics of this conflict, now in its seventh year, are staggering. 300,000 dead, 1,000,000 wounded, half the population, 6,300,000, living in refugee camps in Syria and 4,900,000 refugees in neighbouring countries.

It was never a straightforward situation in Syria and the surrounding Middle East. This whole region was divided up by the French and British after the First World War following the fall of the Ottoman Empire. Syria was further sub-divided by France to include an area dominated by the Kurds. The Second World War saw Syria support the Palestinian cause with later increasing Russian influence, both militarily and commercially where Syria adopted a Marxist command style economy. Over the years various types of relationships were developed in the region by the dividing powers with increasing support from US.

Syria felt betrayed that Egypt signed a peace accord with Israel and thought it necessary to strengthen ties with Iran. Similarly Iraq was supported by the US. And there were all kinds complicated cross supporting alliances that if charted looked more confusing than an electrical wiring diagram.

After the end of the Cold War and the collapse of the Soviet Union, Syria was left almost isolated and needed to develop relationships with western countries. It had helped that they had supported the allies in the Gulf War. When President Assad died and his eldest son having previously been killed in a car crash, the second son, Bashar, was in London training to be an ophthalmologist. He returned to Damascus to become leader of the Ba'ath Party and President.

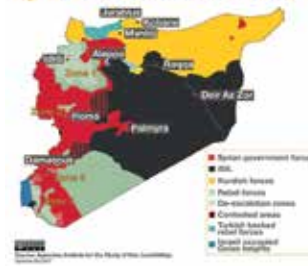
With the rise of the Arab Spring movement in 2011 across several countries it soon became the turn of the Syrian government to defend its position. At that time the US considered that Assad should not benefit from any western assistance as Russia was increasing their influence and Iran wanted to keep him in power. Then Turkey and Qatar and the Muslim Brotherhood put in their pennyworth but this upset Saudi Arabia.

Today, with direct Russian military support Assad appears to have turned a corner in this highly complicated conflict. Looking at a map of the current situation appears confusing to the layman but the reality is that while ISIS and their acolytes occupy 75% of the land mass it only contains 25% of the remaining population whereas Assad controls 25% of the land, mainly by the coast, and this is the important bit, 75% of the population.

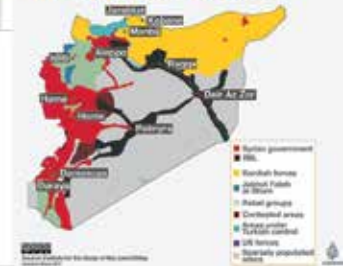
In recent times there has emerged an international feeling that Assad might stay in place and therefore should be involved in the diplomatic process of finding a solution. Any US/Russia joint initiative has hit a snag because of a US law that prohibits cooperation between these countries. There then comes a question of who will be in charge of those parts of the country after ISIS has been defeated. Shades of



Syria's de-escalation zones



Syria: Who controls what?



Iraq and Libya where there was a failure to have a proper exit policy. The toll on Syria, both culturally with the destruction by ISIS of World Heritage sites like Palmyra and economically, has been substantial. Only time will tell if it ever recovers.

Adrian Sindall summed up the overall situation that Syria is rather like a Rubik's cube when compared to a cross word puzzle.

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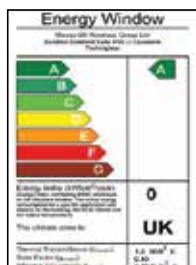
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