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EDITORIAL

It never ceases to amaze me that Christmas promotions start in September – in fact this year I started receiving emails and leaflets in August! One event I was pleased to hear about was the Gift Fair in aid of St Michael's Hospice to be held at Sandford Springs Golf Club on Tuesday 3 October from 8.30am – 4pm (see www.fsmhgiftfair.com for more information).

There are lots of exciting events taking place locally – see What's On, page 6, for more details. Our local Fireworks Spectacular is on 4 November and tickets are now on sale from the Community Centre or can be purchased on the door (see page 18).

A number of organisations are looking for volunteers and Basingstoke Neighbourcare are looking for Drivers and Befrienders – see page 7 for details of how you can help. The local Scouts and Guides are seeking volunteers. Working with young people can be very rewarding and without individuals giving up their time to support these groups they might cease to exist which would be a great loss to our community.

Are you a film addict? Film Night, organised by Father Michael, held at St Mark's School is a great way to see a good film without travelling far. The next showing will be 'Bridge of Spies' on 9th October at 7.30pm – definitely one not to miss!

The Rabbiter is pleased to welcome the new headmaster to St Mark's School, Charles Applegate. We plan to meet up with him very soon!

As I said last month, the future of the Rabbiter is now safe and will be handed over at the end of the year. We hope the handover will be seamless and it is planned that the current team will continue to be involved. The new team will include an expert on social media so our Facebook page will be updated regularly. If you are not following us on Facebook, please do join us and let us know your news and what you think about your local area. A great way to promote your events!

The Editor

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Interested volunteers will be invited to an informal interview and the role is subject to references, simple health checks and DBS clearance.

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HATCH WARREN BEGGARWOOD CYCLING CLUB



It's been a busy summer of riding with Hatch Warren and Beggarwood cycle club (HWBCC). We now have over 150 members.

At the end of July over 40 riders took part in the St Michael's Hospice Big Wheel 25. So called as it was the 25th year of the Big Wheel event with a whole range of rides. The club had riders over all the distances from a club member's 4 year old daughter riding the mini wheel a week after learning without stabilisers, all the way through to a group who did the 60 mile route.



On Sunday 10th September HWBCC celebrated our 2nd birthday. As a cycling club this involved a range of rides all finishing in Oakley so that all abilities could ride out, the short or longer ways to get to the club birthday cakes – yes, “cakes” as cycling seems to create an appetite for eating cake and so all sorts of scones, cakes, teas and coffees were waiting for riders in Oakley.



Whilst most of our cyclists set off on 20 and 30 mile routes, we also hosted the club's first family ride cycling along the multi-use path from Beggarwood Co-op into Oakley. The event has been carefully planned to only involve 2 road crossings and a number of cycle leaders. For a number of the younger children this was their longest ever ride and all should be extremely proud as the weather on the way home was not very kind. The club as a whole is looking into having those who are aged 16 and 17 joining rides and also at the other family safe routes where members can accompany children.

As autumn arrives we will be starting a series of cycling related film and pizza nights. The first in mid October will be about Lance Armstrong (The Armstrong Lie). Just like last winter assuming it is safe to do so, rides will continue on Tuesday evenings and weekends.

Over the last couple of years, since our founding, we have gained a wonderful reputation of being an inclusive and very welcoming, social club. We genuinely welcome all new comers and try to offer something for everyone. If you've got a bike gathering dust in the garage, do think about riding with us – we offer shorter, social rides as well as longer distances. We offer people thinking about joining up to three rides before asking for a commitment to membership. We have a great social diary that offers something for everyone (and plenty of cake). Come ride with us!



St. Michael's Hospice in Basingstoke is celebrating its 25th Anniversary this year and invites everyone to come along and mark the occasion at Winchester Cathedral on Friday 6th October. Guests are invited to arrive for 19:00 and the service will start at 19:30.

The Basingstoke Hospital Male Voice Choir and Ooh Mama Ladies will be performing accompanied by the Basingstoke Heritage Light Orchestra. Tickets aren't being issued but the Hospice asks you to register your interest by visiting their website at stmichaels-hospice.org.uk.

It is hard now to imagine a time when there was no adult hospice in North Hampshire but thanks to the vision and drive of local residents in the late 1980s, the story of St. Michael's Hospice began when a committee led by former borough Mayor, Cllr Margaret Weston, began its work. 25 years later the Hospice has

seen over 5,000 patients on its in-patient unit, 2,000 more have been cared for in their own homes, and countless more have been into the Hospice during the day for therapy. In addition, the Hospice now works supporting local care homes to improve their end-of-life care and has a partnership with Odiham Cottage Hospital to befriend local residents.

St. Michael's doesn't just care for people during their final days but can be there for patients for years; from the time of their diagnosis of a terminal illness through supporting their loved ones with bereavement counselling for as long as they need.

To mark all of this, and to thank the thousands of volunteers and supporters who have made this remarkable journey possible, you can join in the celebrations in glorious Winchester Cathedral.

Diary Dates:

14th October Film and Pizza Night
“The Armstrong Lie”

1st December
HWBCC Christmas Party

23rd December
Mince Pie Ride

Facebook (Hatch Warren Beggarwood Cycling Forum),
Twitter (@HWBCycling), where
all our rides and social events are
advertised.

HATCH WARREN RUNNERS



As summer comes to a close and the nights draw in, Hatch Warren Runners (HWR) will be donning their reflective gear and lights. This is a club rule between 1 Sep-31 Mar, so you will see us coming..... and going!

HWR have made the most of the summer since the last report. Running has continued on holidays to South Wales, North Wales and the Lake District, closer to home (although all 3 are quite some distance away). Those that ventured abroad and braved the heat ran in Malta, Gibraltar, Cyprus, Lanzarote, Dubai and New York.

There has been a fair bit of HWR parkrun tourism taking place all over the country. Too many places to name but Buckingham, Southend, Lands End, Gateshead and the Lake District to name a few. Members also took part in parkrun in New York and Orlando.

As usual our runners continue to take part in many events up and down the country.

The Yateley series came to an end and so did the Dinton Pastures series. Our very own Rory Horseman (see pic) took 2nd male 5k place of the whole series – well done Rory! Rory also took top spot at Basingstoke parkrun on 26 Aug by coming first overall – this man is on fire!!

13 Aug saw 2 HWR teams of 4 take part in the Hart 4k Relay. The idea of this race was to run as many 4k laps in 4 hours; both teams did very well.

Jeff Mitchell took part in Salisbury 54321 50k on 13 Aug and achieved a time of 5 hours and 52 minutes – an amazing achievement!

Other events HWR have taken part in since the last report - 5k Brutal Pyestock, Beat the Train (in North Wales), Maidenhead Half Marathon, Fleetwood Half Marathon, Farnham Pilgrim Trail Marathon, New Forest 10k and Andover Trail 10k, Half Marathon and full Marathon. We also had 3 Hatchies run the Great North Run on 10 Sep,



although they didn't quite catch Mo Farah! On 9 Sep Hossam Ashraf took part in a ½ Iron Man. This consisted of a 1900m swim, followed by a 90k cycle ending with a 21.1k run. This is definitely not for the faint hearted, but Hossam completed this in 6 hours 53 minutes – fabulous!

One notable date in the HWR calendar is the Basingstoke Half Marathon on 1st October. The club is already in training so many of the runners will be taking to the hills as this race is a tough but rewarding one on home ground. If you see us out and about give us a toot or shout out to spur us on!

From the Archives – it was 4 years ago on 3 Aug that the official Hatch Warren Runners tshirt was launched; since then hundreds have been worn across the world and in some high profile races!

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



AUTUMN FAIR

Basingstoke & District Cats Protection are holding their autumn fair at The Ambrose Allen Centre, Franklin Avenue, Tadley on Saturday 7 October 2017. Running from 1.00pm to 3.30pm, it promises to be a fun-filled afternoon for all the family and a chance to start your Christmas shopping!

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 "So far, this year, the branch has rehomed 107 cats and kittens and either neutered or assisted with the costs of neutering for 171 cats and kittens. We have also recently issued 80 vouchers to enable people to get their cats neutered for just £5. So our bills are considerable and we rely on our wonderful supporters that enable us to carry on our work".



After a very enjoyable and relaxing summer holiday we all returned to Beavers for a new and action-packed term. We will be working towards our World Challenge badge, which, as the name suggests, all about the world around us. We will be looking at the people in the community and the jobs they do, the differences between the countries that make up the United Kingdom, religions and customs of other countries, and, finally, the natural world around us. We will also be working on our Space and Safety Activity badges.

This half term we have a visit from a local community support officer who will talk to us about his role and will then join us on a litter pick. Then we plan to go on a hike around Beggarwood Park, visiting our Mini Beast Hotel and looking to see what other insects we can find in the park. We will be looking at leaves and using them to make some pictures and do some junk modelling which is always great fun. We have a visitor coming to talk to us about the Diwali Festival, and will be making rice pictures. Lastly we will end with our annual Halloween party.

As always a packed agenda and lots of fun to be had. I will let you know how it all went and what we will be doing in the second half term next time.

Chris Healey, Beaver Leader.



Our summer term ended with a great sleepover at JJ's which included challenges around the play area, races and laser games in the dark.

For the first time, Scouts ran sessions throughout the summer holiday and each week we were joined by a small number of Scouts for a relaxed evening around a campfire, marshmallows to toast and some games in the woods.

This term will be really busy with plans including Emergency Aid, a visit from some polar explorers, an expedition, camping, climbing, a treasure hunt around Portsmouth and a sleepover at the Submarine Museum in Gosport.

Chris Bamber, Scout Leader.

Call for fundraising volunteers

Do you have some spare time to commit to local scouting? Hatch Warren is looking for volunteers to join a fundraising committee.

You'd need to be prepared to commit two to three hours a month. If you're interested in becoming involved, please contact Josh Hensman, Group Scout Leader at gsl@hatchwarrenscouts.org.uk.

WHAT'S ON – OCTOBER

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

1 October	Hants & Berks Motor Club Autumn Classic & Sports Car Tour (www.hantsandberksmc.org.uk)
4 October	Trip to see Matilda organised by Hatch Warren Community Centre
6 October	St Michael's Hospice 25th Anniversary Celebration, Winchester Cathedral (see page 4)
7 October	Cats Protection Autumn Fair, The Ambrose Allen Centre, Tadley. 1pm-3.30pm
7 October	Breakfast at St Mark's (see page 21)
9 October	Film Night at Immanuel Church, 7.30pm – 'Bridge of Spies'
9-16 October	National Libraries Week
12 October	World Sight Day (see page 21)
15 October	Wedding Fayre, Hatch Warren Community Centre
26-28 October	Limelighters perform Bugsy Malone at QMC
29 October	Newbury Artisan Market – www.newburyartisanmarket.co.uk
31 October	Halloween!

Future Events

1 November	All Saints Day
4 November	Fireworks night at Hatch Warren Community Centre
5 November	Remember, remember the 5th of November!
5 November	All Souls Special Service to remember all those who have died (see page 21)
11 November	Basingstoke Symphony Orchestra, The Anvil
18 November	Quiz Night at Cliddesden Millenium Hall, Basingstoke Lions Club
24 November	Thanksgiving
25 November	Coach trip to Bluewater, Hatch Warren Community Centre
26 November	Craft Fayre, Hatch Warren Community Centre
26 November	Newbury Artisan Market – www.newburyartisanmarket.co.uk
2 December	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 – 22/10/17

Hampshire Breakfast & Banter

Hampshire Breakfast & Banter is a group of ex service personnel who meet on the first Saturday of each month at the Camrose Football Ground. We meet from 9am (breakfast served at 9.30am) until about 10.30. The cost is £7 but most members put in £10 and we give the surplus to a charity nominated by one of the members. It is a very informal meeting with the intention of just having a bit of banter! Anyone who has ever served in the forces is welcome.

The Hants and Berks Motor Club

The Hants and Berks Motor Club will be running its Autumn Classic and Sports Car Tour on 1 October 2017. This event is open to members and non-members alike who drive either Classic or Sports cars (or vehicles of interest). The event starts at California Country Park near Wokingham and ends at The Burlesdon Brickworks. For further details see <http://www.hantsandberksmc.org.uk> or contact Neal Day, 19 Belmont Heights tel: 01256333769

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 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
7.15, Portsmouth Arms and at the Co-op Beggarwood.
www.hwrnners.co.uk

BASINGSTOKE CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT FELLOWSHIP

At the meeting held on 6th September the Chairman, David Cowling, welcomed all those present and introduced 3 new members and 2 visitors. The Secretary, Tony Brazier then reported that the Mystery Trip on Wednesday 25th October was fully booked but that the next outing to the Festival of Christmas at Portsmouth Dockyard on Friday 1st December still needed some more people to ensure that it went ahead.



The speaker this month was Tony King who spoke about "Vanished London". He illustrated his talk with many photographs of places around London that were mainly photographed in the 1800s but that sadly no longer stood today either because of ill thought out reconstruction or through bombing during the war. Many of the photographs were taken by Henry Fox Talbot (1800 - 1877); a British scientist, inventor and photography pioneer; who had the foresight to use his newly found technique to record many of the landmarks of London. Some of the streets have completely disappeared or been drastically changed as was Regent Street whose wonderful colonnades were removed in 1925, many buildings hotels and bridges have been demolished and rebuilt or as in the case of London Bridge shipped to America as a tourist attraction. The coming of the railways was a considerable cause of disruption with 76,000 people being displaced, houses demolished and great new architectural structures being built as railway stations which themselves have undergone changes throughout the years. One place which has, however, survived all of this is The George Inn, Southwark, now owned by the National Trust, where both William Shakespeare and Charles Dickens reputedly drank and wrote.

The next meeting is on 4th October when the speaker will be Iain Kennedy on "Cuba Libre". 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. Further details about meetings can be obtained from the Secretary Tony Brazier on 01256 418770 or at bjmapbr@ntlworld.com and if you would like to join us on any of our trips please contact Kate Lambeth on 01256 328791.

David Cowling

WHAT'S ON IN OCTOBER 2017 AT SOUTH HAM LIBRARY?

We are proud to launch SOUTH HAM SATURDAYS – FAMILY Fun this month. Join us every Saturday morning for drop in fun from 10am-midday. All activities are free of charge. We request that children under 10 are accompanied by an adult.

1st Saturday Craft

2nd Saturday Board Games

3rd Saturday Construction Club

4th Saturday Storytime

**NATIONAL
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9-16 October**



HATCH WARREN W.I.

Ladies of Hatch Warren W.I. started their Autumn meeting with a talk from Joyce Meader 'Knitting – you may be in stitches', and we were. Joyce brought along old knitting patterns, needles and gauges and other relative items used in knitting. Her patterns were from 1800-1945 with patterns for socks, stockings etc. Crochet started in 1840 and ivory knitting needles are worth £40.00. Some patterns had no pictures which made it difficult to imagine the finished garment. Members were asked to bring along their favorite pattern for a competition.

August saw members meet for tea and cake at 'Jolly Olly's' in Oakley for a social evening. Members are organising an outing to Bath this month. Our W.I. and Hampshire County have many interesting talks and workshops to attend this Autumn, some members will be attending a Christmas wreath making workshop in December.

Our speaker on 5th October will be Andy Taylor 'Community Initiatives'. We meet in the Hatch Warren Community Centre at 8 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information please contact our president Jane on 07798 842487. Come and join us this Autumn and enjoy a lively bunch of ladies who have wide interests.

BASINGSTOKE NEIGHBOUR CARE NEEDS YOU!

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BEFIENDERS REQUIRED

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We need people who have time and patience and like talking to elderly people. You need to have good listening skills and be able to show empathy. We will provide you with training and support and match you with one of our clients. Our befriending co-ordinator will take you to your first meeting with our client and support you as necessary.

If you are interested please call us on 01256 423855 or email volunteer@neighbourcare.com. See also our website www.neighbourcare.com for more information about our service.

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Have you considered how your financial affairs or your personal welfare would be looked after if you are not well enough to do it for yourself?

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The Property and Financial Affairs document will allow your attorney to buy or sell any property on your behalf and deal with your bank accounts, shares, investments and pensions and

any other financial investments that you may have. This document may be used whilst you have mental capacity to give your instructions, but can also be used in the event that you lose mental capacity.

The Personal Health and Welfare document will allow your attorney to make decisions about your well-being, but only in circumstances where you do not have the mental capacity to make decisions for yourself.

The documents last for the duration of your life and upon your death, the documents die with you, at which stage your Will (if you have prepared one) appointing your executors will come into effect.

If you decide not to prepare Lasting Powers of Attorney and do not have a valid document in place at a stage in your life when you require one, then your family will need

to apply to the Court of Protection for a Deputyship Order. A Deputyship Order is a formal document which is authorised by the Court of Protection to appoint someone on your behalf to administer your affairs.

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So if you are a performer who would like to participate in the next festival, a music teacher seeking a good opportunity to provide a student with an opening for performance or if you are interested in helping in some way, please visit the web site <http://www.basingstokemusicandarts.org.uk>. (The next festival may seem a way off yet but the closing date for entries is around the end of 2017 so it will soon be time to think about what pieces you may wish to enter). Basingstoke most definitely has Got Talent!

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OLD DOWN AND BEGGARWOOD WILDLIFE GROUP

We are now into autumn – the summer flowers and butterflies are now over and leaves are turning colour and the evenings drawing in. Many of our bird species will have now migrated to warmer climes – such as swallows, swifts,

reed warblers, sedge warblers and ospreys. You might be lucky enough to see an osprey flying south especially around the Romsey area. But this is the time when many bird species return to Britain – such as geese, swans, great grey strike, fieldfare and redwing. Fieldfare and redwing are winter migrants to Britain and often fly and

roost together and both are often seen on Beggarwood Park and Old Down and around local gardens. The redwing is easily identifiable having a boldly patterned face with a creamy white stripe over its eye and a splash of rusty red on its flanks. Both species feed on fruit such as windfall apples and berries such as hawthorn and rowan.



Redwing



Fieldfare



Rowan berries

The Group is planning to plant more shrubs and trees and bulbs this autumn so please come along to help if you can find the time.

Work parties: For Old Down, we meet outside Old Down Hall every Thursday 10-

12noon. For Beggarwood, we meet monthly at The Maze, usually on the third Saturday of the month 10 -12noon. Always check our website just in case there is a change in dates and also for further information about work parties and events.

www.olddownandbeggarwood.org.uk

Email: odandbwd@gmail.com

Basingstoke Music and Arts Festival



'Let the Writing Begin'... BMAF 2018 Creative Writing Competition Launched



An integral part of the annual Basingstoke Music & Arts Festival – now in its 55th year – September saw the launch of the Festival's Creative Writing Competition.

The Creative Writing competition adult and children's categories include short stories, poetry, articles as well as play scripts and letter writing. Whilst entrants are encouraged to consider something with a local flavour, entries in all categories can be on any subject of the author's choice.

The entry deadline this year will be 11th December 2017. All entrants are automatically invited to attend the awards ceremony that will take place at Queen Mary's College at 2 o'clock on Sunday 18th March. Entries can be submitted on-line via email (address below) as well as by post.

For more information please visit the website basingstokemusicandartsfestival.org.uk then select 'Creative Writing' from the Sections drop-down menu. Alternatively if you would like a printed copy or PDF of the Creative Writing or the overall BMAF competition syllabus, please send an email with your contact details to bmaf@kempshott.plus.com. Otherwise, please contact the BMAF Creative Writing Section Secretary, Tony Corbin, on 07801 166223.

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From a family law perspective it is very important that you plan your contact and visiting arrangements in a timely manner before the hectic Christmas period.

Ideally, start discussing the situation with your children's other parent as early as possible, to give yourself plenty of time to come to an arrangement about times and days to see the children.

If you are on amicable terms with your former partner, sit down together with your diaries to record what is agreed to avoid future disputes.

If not, use an impartial third party or solicitor to liaise over access and put it in writing.

Think about how to divide your children's time over the period. Is having the children over on Christmas Day every other year a good idea or would it be better for your children to have two Christmases; one with each parent?

A little planning well before the holiday season starts can avoid a lot of unnecessary stress and arguments.

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Remember Christmas is only a few days out of the whole year. It can be a time of great joy and happiness for your family, so be prepared to be flexible and try to remember to put the children first.

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HATCH WARREN UNDER FIVES PRESCHOOL

Welcome to a new school year at Hatch Warren Under Fives. It's great to see how much the children have grown over the summer holidays – and to welcome lots of new faces to our preschool too!

Our first few weeks are always about settling in and helping our children make new friends and get to know staff. Our first topic "All About Me" is a great chance for the children to learn all about themselves, their new friends and their families.

We use stories, arts, crafts and songs to help our children discover what is unique and special about themselves and each other. The children have learnt lots of names, created some self-portraits and compared the colour of our hair and eyes. The children have also been cutting out pictures of things they like – animals, flowers and of course lots of toys.

As the weather changes we're beginning to think about autumn and exploring colours, outdoor sounds and hibernating animals.

Our yearly event planning is already well underway, with our first fun event planned for October. The children from Hatch Warren Under Fives will be getting together with Kempshott Under Fives for our annual Teddy Bears Picnic - lots to look forward to for the whole family, a picnic, teddy bear trails, craft stalls and lots more.

We have new staff to welcome this month – Rhian Cooper joins us as our Preschool Leader, bringing a big smile and a wealth of experience with her. And our lovely Head of Preschool, Michelle Tejevo, has stepped up to an Area Manager role between Hatch Warren and Kempshott Under Fives. Vanja Martyn has also joined us as an Early Year's Practitioner to cover Nicola's maternity leave.

HWU5s and the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

Hatch Warren Under Fives work to the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) framework in all our activities. The EYFS sets standards for the learning, development and care of children from birth to five years old.

At the start of any new academic year change is ahead for our little ones. Will they see new teachers? Stay at preschool for a longer amount of time without Mummy or Daddy? Will they be starting their school journey for the very first time?

Don't forget we also run a fabulous drop-in baby & toddler group. Our PrePlay groups run on a Friday mornings at 9.15-10.30am at Hatch Warren Community Centre. A great place to meet local Mums and little ones - no need to book, just turn up and play.

To enquire about our waiting list at Hatch Warren Under Fives, please contact Michelle Tejevo, Area Manager, on 01256 322788, or at preschoolmail@aol.com. We run a sister preschool, Kempshott Under Fives, located a short distance away at St. Mark's Church in Kempshott.

You can read more about our preschools at www.hatchwarrenunderfives.co.uk

CUCKOO MEADOW PRESCHOOL

Hello from all at Cuckoo Meadow Preschool in North Waltham!

We are based in North Waltham village, which is less than 10 minutes' drive from Hatch Warren, and is in a beautiful rural setting. The children who attend come from within the village and the surrounding areas including Oakley, Dummer, Hatch Warren, Kempshott and Beggarwood and all agree the location and wonderful caring staff mean it is more than worth the short journey. Please contact Jo or Fiona to come and see for yourself.

First of all some staff news as we welcome Mrs Kat Andrews who has joined our permanent staff and thank goodness as this term is set to be a busy one! The children will be exploring themes from some favourite books so look out for some great creations, inspired by the stories. The children will also be creating Christmas cards over the next two weeks for parents to purchase and send to friends and family – never too soon to get organized!

The pre-school is registered with easy fundraising so if you do any online shopping you could help raise much needed funds to benefit the children. All you need to do is to sign up and support us at www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/cuckoomeadowpreschool it is extremely easy to do and helps boost preschool funds.

Dates for the diary - two week half term, breaking up on Friday 13th October and

returning on Monday 30th October.

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

CANDOVER VALLEY PRE-SCHOOL

I am delighted to write my first Editorial as the new Head of Candover Valley Pre-School in September. It was especially emotional this year with the retirement of our marvellous Head of Pre-School Melanie Gill who will be missed so much by the children and parents. We have not let her go that easily and she will be joining our lovely Bank Staff team.

During the fabulous weather, this Summer we had lots of fun with water play outside to keep cool, as well as spending a lot of time planting and growing in our vegetable garden. The tomatoes and strawberries are doing well, and hopefully there will be a bountiful harvest at the start of term for the children. At the end of the Summer term at CVP we also celebrated with our annual Summer Party. Becky Lane our Dance Teacher provided music and dance followed by a ceremony for our 4 year old Leaver Children who are transitioning to school. We will miss them all but wish them well, with lots of happiness and fun on the next part of their journey.

Over the Summer holiday Melanie and I, along with Committee Members, have worked hard to continue our plan of improvements. Last Summer, the whole pre-school benefitted from a fresh coat of paint and a coat storage system. This year we have purchased new home corner furniture, art and craft area, toy storage, play den and welly rack. Outside we have replaced the astro-turf with some wet pour flooring and a newly painted entrance with shelving. This has brightened and freshened the pre-school both inside and out and will help to improve the learning opportunities accessed by all the children. These improvements have all been thanks to the money raised this year by our very supportive Parents and Committee.

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Nov Programme 6.00 to 7.45pm

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17th Nov	Basket ball and homemade veg soup
24th Nov	Mario Kart competition

FREE ENTRY FOR ALL YOUNG PEOPLE

We hope you have all enjoyed going back to school and those who have started at a new school we hope you have settled in and found your way around!

We had a massive 1005 young people through the door during summer streetz! This is incredible and we are truly over whelmed by its success.

We couldn't have done this without our volunteers who so selflessly give up their time to come down and help us. So a big thank you to; Sam, Lee, Nic, Julia, Kira, Nat, Jon, Jenny and Nick for giving up your evenings for us - without our wonderful volunteers we would not have been able to accommodate this number of young people - we are truly grateful ☺

Don't forget we have Streetz over October half term ending with a spooky Halloween night on 27th—hope to see you all there.

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At the end of August, I attended Greenbelt at Boughton House in Northamptonshire as I have for the last 7 or so years. Greenbelt describes itself as a 'faith and arts festival'. It's a coming together of a broad spectrum of people; those who have faith, are having challenges in their faith and of no faith, at a beautiful listed site. The programme is mixed and varied; speakers, arts, singers and theatre. Everything stops on Sunday morning and the site gathers for communion; 12,000 or so people gathering in and around the large, central, circus tent to share and remember the last supper Jesus had with his friends.



This year the theme was 'bring a body'; recognising that our bodies are all different and that whatever their shape or how they manifest themselves, we are all made in the image of God. The worship itself was led by those with disabilities; the reading transmitted from the house of someone with ME that is so debilitating that the reader is often confined to their house. This is what Greenbelt had to say in its introduction to the service:

"Our whole nature, extending from the first to the last, is, so to speak, one image of Him Who is." (Gregory of Nyssa)

Christians say, sometimes lightly, that we are "made in the image of God." What do we mean by that? Sometimes we speak as if God's qualities are amongst the colours in the palette from which we are painted. Gregory of Nyssa teaches us to think quite differently.

The image of God is not a characteristic, like our height or our blood group. Instead, the whole of each person expresses the whole image of God. I am the picture: God is all the colours. God is all the ingredients in the recipe that is me. So if I am tall or short, male or female or something else, my height and gender speak of God. I may be a body that people deem to be perfect; or I may be profoundly disabled by the standards and practices of my culture. Either way, my body fully reflects the body of God.'

The sermon was delivered by Becky Tyler who is almost 15 years old, who has Cerebral palsy and talks through a computer generated voice (like Stephen Hawking). Becky talked about how, when she was younger, she didn't think that God loved her because when she read the bible she couldn't relate or find mention of anyone

like her; but when she was directed to a passage in the book of Daniel that talked of God on a throne with wheels she was able to relate to God in a wheelchair!

The main thrust of Becky's talk, though, was that she found out that her condition was as a result of a mistake at her birth, but she did not let this define or restrict her. She told us *'please don't let your mistakes stop you from giving your best to Jesus, he can even use your mistakes for His glory.'*

We are all made in the image of God. There is so much pressure on us and in particular our young people to conform to a certain image, to perform to a certain

academic standard – and in all of this we might sometimes forget to affirm each other when perhaps things are quite as we expect or things go wrong (however significant or insignificant). Whether you have a faith or not, to paraphrase Becky, please don't let mistakes prevent you from giving your best. Mistakes can be used for glory.

With blessings,

Michael

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Wednesday 1st November:	7.30pm: All Saints' Communion Service
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You'll no doubt recall that in March we raised funds to help the Basingstoke Bluefins (Disability) swimming team represent the South Region at the **2017 Special Olympics** in Sheffield. The team performed superbly. Their overall medal haul was 5 golds, 4 silvers and 2 bronze with 19 personal bests out of 23 swims. That is a truly fantastic achievement. Well done the Bluefins!

Not to be outdone, our immediate past President abseiled off the Spinnaker Tower in aid of the ABS Charity and raised £1470. The Club optimistically nicknamed the event "The Spinnaker Splat", and when

she asked how she might cushion her fall, cynically offered her a whoopee cushion. We're all heart!

The Basingstoke Breast Cancer Self Help Group ran a super fundraising skittles evening at the Conservative Club which a group of us attended. We weren't much cop at the bowling, but we did win a bar of chocolate in the raffle.

MacMillan's Coffee morning is coming up soon. We'll be supporting – will you?

World Sight Day is on Thursday 12th October: We will have our usual stall in Festival Place. So please remember to bring your redundant spectacles to us and we will ensure that they have a second life helping some of the poorest people

on earth to achieve a better life. There will also be people on hand to advise on sight related matters.

Quiz Night at Cliddesden Millenium Hall on 18 November: Contact Philip Wilson philipjhwilson@btinternet.com to reserve your table for 4 at this mental masochists' marathon. Remember we can only accommodate 22 teams and several teams have already booked.

Disport Games: I'm sorry to report that they had to be cancelled. It is hoped to re-instate them next year. We'll keep you posted.

LIONS CLUB MEMBERSHIP: Put your contact details on the "Contact Us" page of our website and someone will get in touch.

PROBUS CLUB HEARS ABOUT BRITISH FORCES BROADCASTING



The Probus Club of Basingstoke enjoyed a presentation by Alan Grace about the life of a programme maker living with our armed forces whose broadcasts allowed them to maintain morale by keeping contact with families in UK and also provided them with much needed entertainment.

Many people of mature age will remember Two Way Family Favourites on Sunday mornings. Then known as the wireless it was broadcast on the BBC Light Programme. It was claimed that this was the only radio programme that had the smell of roast beef and Yorkshire pudding. The German end was run by BFBS (British Forces Broadcasting Service) with Jean Metcalfe there and Cliff Michelmore in London.

In World War 2 both the German and Russian military had radio services for their troops and after the Americans joined the war effort the British War Office was persuaded by Col David Niven and supported by Glenn Miller that our troops would benefit from a similar operation. The first military broadcast services saw life begin in Algeria in 1943 and run by the Army Welfare Service. The only drawback was that there was no money, no equipment and no staff. And it was firmly established that editorial control was to be independent of the Ministry of Defence and the armed forces themselves. By some miracle they were on air in seven weeks. It was set in a former harem but the fully glazed floor and wall tiles had to be draped in army blankets to deaden the appalling acoustics. The first requested record was the famous German wartime song, Lily Marlene.

In the following years over 100 radio stations were set up from Aden to Zeltweg. Some of the earlier stations

were mobile housed in ten ton trucks with transmitters, generators, record library and studio. They followed troops through the Italian campaign and then into mainland Europe. Fixed sites were based in a range of extreme locations from the magnificent Musikhalle in Hamburg that had escaped bombing, down to an old cow shed in Cyprus, tents in the Canal Zone and shipping containers at Camp Bastion in Afghanistan.

Some of the people involved became household names. Cliff Michelmore, Frank Muir who was a photographer but volunteered to be a writer, Peter Sellers, Brian Moore who went on to become a top sports presenter with ITV, and Roger Moore who was told that as he could not act he should go back to being a male model for knitting patterns. He later sent a postcard to the producer who had dismissed his talent which said that although he could not act he had still had a good life and signed it 007.

In 1957 Alan Grace started working with what then was BFN in Cologne as an announcer and sports producer, while a national serviceman in the RAF. Over the next four decades he experienced life throughout the world's trouble spots where British forces were involved. Such places of conflict had radio and then television services provided for service personnel and their dependents worldwide. Places of interest included Palestine, Cyprus during EOKA, Kenya in Mau Mau times, Aden with terrorist troubles, Cyprus, again, during the Turkish invasion, Hong Kong, The Balkans, The Falklands, Gulf Wars 1 and 2 and Afghanistan.

For more information about the programmes enjoyed by the Probus Club of Basingstoke, the social club for retired professional and business managers, see their web site www.probusbasingstoke.wordpress.com or phone their secretary Paul Flint on 07770 886521 for an informal chat.



Announcers at the Army Broadcasting Service in Graz, Austria rehearsing a play.



Cliff Michelmore and Jean Metcalfe in the studios of BFN Hamburg in 1949.



Bill Crozier the longest serving presenter of Two Way Family Favourites in the studios of BFN Cologne in 1961



Alan Grace (far right) with others during a pause in Exercise Lionheart in 1980.

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Heather Rainbow

chair of SWAG

fighting unsustainable development

<http://southwestactiongroup.wixsite.com/swag>

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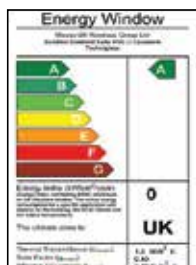
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