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EDITORIAL

The clocks will go back at 2am on Sunday 30th October – which means you have an extra hour in bed that night. The days are getting shorter and with the sun falling back an hour it will be dark earlier although it will be light earlier in the morning. As the temperature drops too it is time for those winter soups and casseroles with dumplings – yummy! With the lower temperatures comes a higher risk of colds and sore throats. Most doctors now offer flu vaccinations to elderly and vulnerable people or it is available from many pharmacies.

The new Community Centre at Beggarwood is almost ready to open its doors and in preparation for the opening events the committee have applied for a 'New Premise Licence' with an extension on New Years Eve – see 8 for details.

There are a lot of events happening locally in the next month. Halloween is on 31 October – please remember that not everyone enjoys 'Trick or Treat' so please respect their wishes.

Farleigh Estate Club is just over the motorway and is a great place for a drink with friends. On Saturday 28th October they are holding a fancy dress Haunted Halloween Dance – everyone is welcome, more details on page 7.

Immanuel Church are holding an activity morning on 25 November and this is for all ages – see page 10 for details. If you would like to learn some new skills, the Eco Workshop at Dummer Down Farm could be the answer. They run lots of amazing DIY skills courses as well as having a small shop full of goodies from furniture to candles and cards – see page 26 for more details.

The Hatch Warren Community Centre Fireworks display is being held on Saturday 4 November. Tickets are on sale for this wonderful event.

Can you help? The Community Centre is managed by the Hatch Warren & Beggarwood Association and they urgently need a secretary to attend meetings every 6 weeks, to prepare the minutes and ensure the work complies with the Charity Commission. Interested and want more information, contact the Centre on 01256 811262.

The fourth Thursday in November (23rd) is when Thanksgiving is celebrated by America. A wonderful event when families get together; roast turkey and pumpkin pie are eaten and a good time is enjoyed by all. Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

The Editor

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

SOUTH HAM SATURDAYS – FAMILY Fun started last month.

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4th Saturday Storytime

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Thursday 12 th October	10:00am	Monday 13 th November	7:00pm
Wednesday 18 th October	10:00am	Tuesday 14 th November	2:00pm
Wednesday 1 st November	7:00pm	Thursday 16 th November	10:00am
Wednesday 8 th November	10:00am		

We look forward to meeting you.

Head Teacher: Mr Charles Applegate
 Deputy Head: Mrs Claire Cooper
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 Assistant Head: Mrs Rebekah Alsey






BASINGSTOKE CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT FELLOWSHIP



The title of the talk by this month's speaker, Iain Kennedy, was "Cuba Libre or not so free yet?" in which he traced the turbulent history of this the largest of the Caribbean islands with an area of 109,884 square kilometres with over 11 million inhabitants. The island was colonised by the Spanish in the 15th Century which resulted in the indigenous Arawak people becoming extinct as they succumbed to European illnesses. The English took control in the 18th Century and exploited the trade in sugar and tobacco but it was not until the early 1900s despite interference from America that it took its first faltering steps to democracy with Fidel Castro eventually taking power in 1959 after the corrupt mafia controlled regime of Fulgencio Batista. World War 3 nearly came about after the Bay of Pigs invasion in 1961 but over the past few years relations with America had been steadily improving under President Obama only now for a very questionable future under President Trump and the pending retirement of Raul Castro. Throughout all this time the one main influence has been the Roman Catholic Church to which the majority of the population still belong, however, will this beautiful Island and its people ever be really free?



The next meeting is on 1st November when the speaker will be Vicky Chulworth from the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance. 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 and outings can be obtained from the Secretary Tony Brazier on 01256 418770 (Answerphone) or Mobile 07715 640171.

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Hatch Warren Runners



Congratulations to all the runners who competed at the 2nd Farleigh Wallop Trail Race. We're delighted to continue to support this event. The water, chocolate and bananas all being very well received.

Top Honours for Kempshott Colleagues

Sokpal Din and Karen Ruffalls from our Checkouts Team, both scooped top awards at our Regional Awards Ceremony, held at The Elvetham Hotel.

Karen won our Colleagues' Colleague of the Year Award whilst Sokpal not only collected the Customers' Colleague of the Year Award for the store but, scooped the Regional Customers' Colleague of the Year Award, as voted by our Regional management team.



New Taste the Difference Menu at our Café

Customers and Colleagues alike have welcomed our new Taste The Difference Menu, launched on October 11th. Amongst the changes now available are the opportunity to have an All Day Breakfast, as well as Crushed Avocado on Toast.

Be sure to pop along and check out these fantastic additions as well as many others.



HATCH WARREN & BEGGARWOOD CYCLING CLUB



It's that time of year again where the nights are drawing in and the weather takes a turn for the worse (if that were possible) and we know that it can be difficult to get motivated.

One of the hardest aspects of winter training is getting out the door onto the bike in the first place. Even the slightest distraction or reason not to ride, *insert favourite excuse here*, can be enough to return to the warm embrace of your duvet. We have a solution; Come and give HWBCC a try! You're more likely to get out of your warm bed and onto your bike if you've arranged to join a club ride. We run rides throughout the winter in **almost** all weather conditions.

On winter roads, a group of riders is far more noticeable than a lone cyclist. You'll always have someone with you should you run into trouble, and a helping hand with mechanical issues. Riding in a group, with the inevitable banter and friendly conversation, will make the miles and hours pass far quicker too.

Why not give yourself something to aim for to maintain your motivation? This

could be to increase your mileage and pace by stepping up through the various levels of club rides or maybe to enter a sportive. Many of the members enter



these events and so if you have any questions please ask. We also organise club away days throughout the year and in April 2018 we will be traveling to Belgium to ride one of the famous Belgium Spring Classics; Liege Bastogne Liege. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for details of these and other events.

If you are planning to join us, here are some tips to help you make the most of your winter riding:

1. Be Seen

It's illegal to ride a bike in the dark without lights and reflectors so make sure your bike has good lights, fitted where they can be seen. Wear reflective clothing, this could be a full Hi-Vis jacket or a jacket with reflective strips.

2. Clothing

Remember "there is no such thing as bad weather; just the wrong clothing".

Making sure you're warm and dry goes along way to making sure you're comfortable on the bike in winter. Layering is key with a base layer to wick sweat from the body, a light mid-layer

to keep you warm (but can also be removed if you heat up) and a wind-proof outer layer with reflective strips. Invest in good pair of winter gloves. Note that you have to wear a helmet to join us on our rides.

3. Maintenance

Bikes tend to deteriorate more quickly in the autumn and winter months with things becoming loose easily in the wet. To make sure your bike is in tip top shape it's advisable to get it serviced. A good set of tyres will go a long way to prevent unnecessary skidding and they will also lessen the likelihood of you having to fix a puncture in the sleet and rain. There is a wealth of experience in the club and so please ask for advice and recommendations if you are unsure. We also plan to run some basic maintenance sessions in the coming months. These will be advertised on our Facebook page.

Cycling is opportunity for you to meet new people, get out in the fresh air, enjoy the countryside and it's good for you! We hope to see you soon.

For more information, please see our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/HWBcc/ (Hatch Warren Beggarwood Cycling) or visit our website: www.hwbcc.org

Come Ride With Us.

HATCH WARREN RUNNERS



Sunday 24th September saw Hatch Warren Runners (HWR) host their 2nd Farleigh Wallop Trail Race. After the huge success of this event last year, there was no doubt whether to repeat the event again this year. The runners were in for a rather muddy trail race (having risk assessed the course the weekend before)! The 10k (approx) race was run mostly through the Portsmouth Estate, taking in wonderful views of Basingstoke and the surrounding area along the route. This was all made possible by the permission of Lord Lymington, who actually ran the race himself this year. 226 runners were set off by the sound of the vuvuzela and the first male runner to cross the finish line was Alex Hamilton in 38.10 and the first female was Mitch Lloyd in 46.38 – great times for this tough course! All

runners received a medal and goody bag on crossing the finish line and were then treated to tea, coffee and cakes. Members of HWR are fantastic bakers so again put on a fabulous spread. Proceeds from the refreshments were donated to the chosen charities, which were Robbies Rally and The Pink and Blue Place. The final total donated by HWR to these charities this year was £2000. The Race Committee are just confirming the date for the 3rd year which will be confirmed soon. Look out for the flyers and information in the Rabbiter as places for this popular race sell out really fast!

To top off such a fantastic event the medal for the Farleigh Wallop Trail Race was voted 'Medal of the Month' for September organised by Running Imp – so proud!

1st October was a big date in the HWR calendar, as it was the Basingstoke Half Marathon; a half marathon on local turf! 64 members lined up to start the race; the conditions were fantastic, although a little wet in places. The club trains on this course throughout the summer, so every

member of the club that ran knew what 'undulations' were ahead of them! The first HWR to cross the line was Simon Brown in 1.29, closely followed by Rory Horseman in 1.30; 30th and 39th place respectively – well done gents! After the race the club were informed that our first 3 ladies over the line had won a team prize. Iona Strachan, Rhianna Stanley and Ruth Hayward attended a ceremony in Basingstoke to receive their trophy for Fastest Running Club Females award – amazing achievement ladies!

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.



WHAT'S ON – NOVEMBER

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.

Late October Events

26-28 October	Limelights perform Bugsy Malone at QMC
28 October	Haunted Halloween Dance at Farleigh Wallop Estate Club
29 October	Newbury Artisan Market – www.newburyartisanmarket.co.uk
31 October	Halloween!

November Events

1 November	All Saints Day
2 November	Pamper Evening with Hatch Warren WI
4 November	Craft at South Ham Library
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)
9 November	Laughter House at the Red Lion Hotel. www.laughter-house.vpweb.co.uk
11 November	Board Games at South Ham Library
11 November	Basingstoke Symphony Orchestra, The Anvil
18 November	Chalk Paint Beginners Workshop – Half day, Eco Workshop, Dummer
18 November	Open Morning at St Nicholas School (see page 13)
18 November	Construction Club at South Ham Library
18 November	SWAG meeting, Old Down Hall, 4.30pm
18 November	Quiz Night at Cliddesden Millenium Hall, Basingstoke Lions Club
24 November	Thanksgiving
25 November	DIY in a day Workshop – Eco Workshop, Dummer
25 November	Storytime at South Ham Library
25 November	10am – 12noon Advent Activity Morning at Immanuel Church (see page 10)
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

Future Events

2 December	Bath Xmas Market, Hatch Warren Community Centre
3 December	3pm – Christingle service at Immanuel Church

3 December Light up a Life service for St Michael's Hospice – see page 16

Hampshire Farmers Markets

Alton – 2nd Saturday of the month
Winchester – 2nd and last Sunday of the month
Odiham – 22/10/17

Notice of SWAG Meeting on Saturday 18th November South West Action Group SWAG – safeguarding futures

SWAG has worked hard to change the Local Plan so that new housing in the South West of Basingstoke benefits residents, present and future. Over the last year we have been talking with and influencing the Council about the design of various sites – Longacres, Fairways, Hounsme Fields, the Island Site and Manydown to name a few. There have been lots of issues, in particular traffic. 50,000 cars a day are forecast to travel along the A30 and we already have queues at Fiveways Junction. There are heavy lorries going to the Biodigester and ratrunning elsewhere. SWAG is safeguarding futures by demanding real solutions to the traffic problem.

Geoff Burnes, retiring chair of SWAG, and the committee have worked tirelessly to make residents' voices heard. There is still a lot more to do. We welcome supporters and residents to the SWAG General Meeting, to ask questions and find out what is happening. Especially welcome are people who can act as advisors or do some of the admin jobs from time to time.

SWAG Meeting at Old Down Hall 3 - 4.30pm on Saturday 18th November, 2017

For more information go to <http://southwestactiongroup.wixsite.com/swag> <https://www.facebook.com/BasingstokeSouthWestActionGroupSWAG/>

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-house.vpweb.co.uk

Hatch Warren Runners, meet Monday and Wednesday at 7.15, Portsmouth Arms and at the Co-op Beggarwood.
www.hwrnrunners.co.uk

Farleigh Wallop Estate Club
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Haunted Halloween Dance
Saturday 28th October
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HATCH WARREN W.I.

Hatch Warren W.I. are now into their Autumn Programme. We welcomed visitors this month who were entertained and informed by our speaker Andy Taylor on 'Community Initiatives'. Andy spoke about how the Basingstoke Churches are helping the public with their projects. Street Pastors go out on a Friday and Saturday evening to help young people in distress, flip flops for girls, alarms for girls going home on their own, there is also a safe house for people in trouble. Many projects like the Besom centre where people setting up home can get furniture etc that people have donated. Xmas hampers are given to people in need. A money life line for people in debt. The Camrose centre for homeless who can drop in three days a week. Holiday home, Oasis café, English café, Food bank, Cedar Tree counselling, Rewire, Dwelling Place to name but a few.

On a beautiful autumn morning seven members met and travelled to Bath. They enjoyed lunch, the Roman Baths and a visit to Jane Austen centre. Well done to our skittles team who had a fun evening playing against other teams in our group. Members will attend the Loddon Group meeting where the speaker will talk about 'French Impressionists'. There will be another craft afternoon in October for members to get 'crafty' for Christmas.

2nd November will be our 'Pamper Evening' where members will be able to take advantage of different treatments. A chance to try something different. We look forward to our Christmas party dinner to be held this year at The Sun where we will have time to don our party dresses.

If you are interested in coming to join us please contact our president Jane on 07798 842487 we meet at Hatch Warren Community Centre on the first Thursday in the month at 8pm.

HATCH WARREN PHOENIX FC

The Hatch Warren Phoenix FC and Hampshire FA initiative to see more girls enjoying football goes from strength to strength with the success of the Phoenix 'Wildcats'. Moving indoors to the Vyne School every Saturday 9am – 10am for just £2 the girls enjoy an hours football taught by FA Qualified coaches. "Our daughters Molly and Bella have been coming along to the sessions throughout the summer and have really caught the 'football' bug. The coaches teach more than just football, the spirit of sport is really captured with a strong emphasis on team work. I know our daughters enjoy every session mixing with girls from other schools of different ages and abilities. If you know someone who has just an inkling of interest in trying something new as I can't recommend Hatch Warren Phoenix enough." Ross Hadley – father of Bella & Molly. If you or someone you know is interested then please do get in touch either my email info@hatchwarrenphoenix.co.uk or calling Daren Bavister Club Chairman 07811 330070 for more info.



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Unfortunately there is no simple answer; other than 'it varies'. A property transaction is like a jigsaw; all the pieces of the puzzle must come together to complete the transaction.

On average it can take between 6 – 10 weeks to buy a house, but there are various uncontrollable and unforeseeable circumstances that can crop up.

Here are a few ways you can help speed up the process.

1. Preparation

Get organised in the early stages to minimise hold ups. Ensure your finances are in order and visit your bank / mortgage broker early on to obtain your mortgage in principal.

2. Good Legal Team

Instructing the wrong firm of solicitors can play a major part in delays. Good conveyancers will be thorough – you don't want your solicitor to miss anything which could cause problems and expense for you later down the line!

3. Lender Panels

Ensure your firm of solicitors is on your mortgage lender's Panel. Using a firm that isn't on your lender's panel can cause delays.

4. Prompt Paperwork and Documents

Don't put off the paperwork / documents and respond to queries straight away to avoid any delays. The Lamb Brooks Property Law Team Office has its own reception where you can call in to drop off paperwork.

5. Survey Reports

The result of a survey can sometimes cause delay if any serious issues are highlighted in the findings.

6. Chain Reaction

The longer the property Chain the greater the risk of delays or problems occurring. Identify all parties involved at the outset so that you have the full picture.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an application was made to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council for a NEW premises licence under the above Act on 18/10/17

Applicant(s)	Hatch Warren & Beggarwood Community Association	
Address of Premises	Beggarwood Community Centre, Beggarwood Lane, Basingstoke, Hampshire RG22 4FJ	
Proposed licensable activities:		
Sale of alcohol	Monday to Sunday	08.00 to 23.00
Sale of alcohol, Live and Recorded Music	Extension on 31 st December until 00:15	
Activities take place: Both indoors and outdoors		

The postal address of the licensing authority where the register is kept and the application may be inspected is: Civic Offices, London Road, Basingstoke, RG21 4AH. Any person wishing to make representations on this matter shall give notice, in writing, stating the precise nature of such representations to the Head of Street Scene, Parks and Regulatory Services, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, Civic Offices, London Road, Basingstoke, Hampshire, RG21 4AH within **28 days** of the publication date of this notice given above. Further details on how to make a valid representation is on the licensing authorities website www.basingstoke.gov.uk or from the licensing team on 01256 844844, email licensing@basingstoke.gov.uk. It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for the offence is £5000.

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WHO IS THE NEW HEADMASTER AT ST MARK'S?

As many of you will know, there is a new headmaster at St Mark's School – Charles Applegate. The Rabbiter recently went to meet Charles to find out a little about the man behind the headmaster.

Charles was born in Dorset and then moved to California where he lived till he was 11 years old. When he returned with his family they settled in the local area. He is now married and has 4 children – 3 girls and a boy aged from 2½ to 11 and lives in Basingstoke.

The Rabbiter asked Charles a few questions about himself – and this is what he told us.

Do you have any hobbies? I don't have a lot of time outside work and my family. I enjoy seeing friends and fixing technology. I'm not a great football watcher although I do support Liverpool and Southampton.

What is your favourite meal? My wife

makes the best chicken and broccoli bake ever, she sprinkles mini cheddars on the top – it is so delicious! A glass of red wine goes very well with this! For pudding I am very fond of Ben & Jerry's Cookie Dough ice cream.

What sort of music do you like to listen to? I listen to most types of music but particularly like U2 and Toby Mac. I play the piano and guitar.

Where have you been on your holidays? I've travelled to the USA, particularly California, and visited many places across Europe. The holiday I would love is to visit family in Australia.

What is high up on your bucket list? A sky dive!

So why St Mark's? I enjoyed working at Kings Furlong but felt the time had come to move on. I fully support the ethos of St Mark's and the community feel of the school. I would like to help the school



engage more with all the generations across the larger community. It is a big school (630 pupils and 100 staff) and it is hard work – and I am enjoying every minute of the challenge.

A big thank you to Mr Applegate for meeting with the Rabbiter – we think that St Mark's is very lucky to have him running the school!

Join us this Christmas at Immanuel Church as we celebrate Jesus' birth

Saturday 25th November	10.00am	Advent Activity Morning
Advent Sunday: 3rd December	10.00am	Holy Communion for all
	3.00pm	Christingle
Sunday 10th December	10.00am	Holy Communion for all
Sunday 17th December	10.00am	Nativity for all
	6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight (with mulled wine & mince pies afterwards)
Sunday 24th December	10.00am	Holy Communion for all
	3.00pm	Crib Service
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass
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With the Christmas party season approaching, Gill Brown, Head of the Employment Law Team at Phillips Solicitors, has some sound advice about the do's and don'ts for office gatherings.

The most important thing to remember is that at a Christmas Party arranged by your employer, even if it is offsite, is that it is still regarded by the law as time spent "in the course of your employment." This means that even if there is a free bar provided by your employer you have to retain some semblance of sensible and responsible behaviour.

It does not give any excuse that if through excessive alcohol consumption, hidden desires or grudges come to the surface and give rise to any form of harassment, fighting, inappropriate language, unwanted advances or discrimination. It also does not make inappropriate use of the photocopier acceptable!

Another often forgotten, but important point, is that it is completely inappropriate to discuss work matters, other members of staff, clients, suppliers or customers in a social environment. It also does not offer any excuse for drinking and driving. Employees may be dismissed for gross misconduct for things that happen at the Christmas party.

If you are a manager, you should in addition remember that after a few cocktails, it is not appropriate to discuss appraisals, plans, promotions or pay increases,

as there could be a promise made under the influence of alcohol that you later regret.

The general rules relating to discrimination still apply in a Christmas party environment. For example, respect must still be shown to those who do not drink, have specific dietary requirements or have a disability. If this applies to you then be sure to notify your employer in advance so that they are able to cater for you appropriately. Remember that jokes that you would not tell in the office because they might cause offence are just as likely to cause offence in a party situation even if they do get a laugh from all concerned.

Getting home afterwards is also important. Check whether your employer is arranging transport back from the office party and if not ensure that you have arrangements in place so that you do not under any circumstances drink and drive.

Have fun, enjoy the party season, keep safe and make sure you turn up for work the next day, even if you do have a hangover!

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HATCH WARREN UNDER FIVES PRESCHOOL

We've had a great first half term at Hatch Warren Under Fives – our little ones have adjusted well to new staff, new friends and new routines and have thoroughly enjoyed our first topics.

We had brilliant fun with our theme of hospitals - the children loved bandaging and nursing our poorly teddy bears, they practiced mark making by 'writing' observation charts and prescriptions and also looked at bones and body parts, learning lots of interesting new words such as arteries and esophagus.

During our restaurants and cafes week, we set up different cafes and restaurants every day and all of the children prepared food, peeling and chopping vegetables; they used chopsticks to pick up and count and explored cereals and noodles in the messy play tray.

Our recent theme is autumn. Some of the children have spoken about seeing hedgehogs in their gardens, so to extend their learning we included hibernation as part of our autumn topic (being able to talk about the natural world and show concern for living things is an expectation for a typical child aged 30 to 50 months). Conkers, pine cones and leaves are a great resource at this time of year – the children have been bringing in conkers they've collected, leaf painting and looking at seasons and the changing colours on the trees. We've also been listening to the sounds of leaves crunching underfoot on our autumn walks. And of course this month we have firework night – lots more sounds and noises for us to explore, and lots of colourful fireworks crafts too.

Our first event took place before half term with our annual Teddy Bears Picnic. Children from Hatch Warren Under Fives went down to the woods with family and friends (and of course their favourite teddy bears), and enjoyed a teddy bear trail, face painting, and games and there was even a prize for the best-dressed teddy! A big thank you to Sainsburys, Hatch Warren, who kindly donated picnic food for the event – generosity from local businesses is always hugely appreciated by our charity run preschool.

Our preschool fundraising quiz night is coming up soon – Saturday 18th November at the Hatch Warren Community Centre. If you'd like to grab a team and join us for an evening of fun and trivia, tickets are available to buy from preschool.

Don't forget we also run a fabulous drop-in baby & toddler group. Our PrePlay group runs on Friday mornings during term time at 9.15-10.30am at the 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

CANDOVER VALLEY PRE-SCHOOL

The children have had so much fun already this term. The brand new furniture has meant the children can easily access the toys, so they have been choosing many more puzzles and board games throughout the day. The home corner 'the castle' is such an exciting place to play and is a fantastic area for our daily Letters and Sounds activities as well as stories at the end of the day.

We celebrated National Fitness Day on 27th September with a mini Boot Camp and focussed on Healthy Eating. The children made fruit kebabs, vegetable and cheese wraps, fish fingers, flapjacks and smoothies. Our display board was created with the children's pictures of healthy foods and treats and we were so impressed with their knowledge and understanding around food choices.

Our annual Winter Farm visit was, as always, a huge success with the children. They got to see the combine, play in and grind grain as well as brushing William the pony. We followed on from this at Pre-School with sensory farm trays, tractor painting tracks, cotton wool sheep, creating chalk animals outside and baking hedgehog bread.

Visitors are very welcome so if you would like to see Pre-School in action and the fun learning that takes place, please do. Please give us a call or email.

CUCKOO MEADOW PRESCHOOL

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.

The pre-school held their AGM recently, thanks to all who came along. As well as reviewing the numbers and hearing from Fiona and Chair, Claire about all that has been achieved in the past year, Mrs Jones, reception teacher from North Waltham Primary School attended to give an insight into how best to prepare little ones for big school. Get practising with the knife and fork! It was also great to see that so many mums and dads have signed up to get involved with the Pre-School Committee without which the Pre-School could not operate. I'm sure they will have lots of great ideas for the year ahead. Thank you in advance for your support!

Another big thank you to all those who submitted an addition voluntary contribution to the Pre-School. These donations mean that the children will benefit from some great treats including the popular ZooLab team who visited last year. I know the team are all hoping that the tarantula is rested this time so he can come along too!

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

LIGHT UP A LIFE

St. Michael's Hospice would like to invite you to their Light up a Life service, taking place on Sunday 3th December at 18.00hrs in the grounds of the Hospice. The service, led by The Reverend Tom Honey, chaplain at St. Michael's Hospice, will give time for reflection, remembering precious memories of loved ones who cannot be with us this Christmas. If you would like to make a dedication in memory of a loved one, please visit stmichaels hospice.org.uk/events or for further information please contact the Fundraising Hotline on 01256 848848.

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Come and join us for "Community Carols" at the **NEW Beggarwood Community Centre on Thursday 21st December**. This will be the very first time the centre is open to the community and we'll be offering mulled wine and mince pies (to raise funds for new kit for the centre). Carol singing starts at 6.30pm and will run until 7.30pm. Let's open the centre and raise the roof! You are all very welcome, singers and shouters alike!!

Get ahead and enjoy some early Christmas spirit with our shopping coach trip to Bluewater on 25th Nov £20pp, pick up 8 am at the community centre and head back at 5pm. To book or for more information email office@hatchwarren.org

Save the date our next Wedding Fayre will be held on Sunday 11th Feb 2018 from 11am until 3pm

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17th Nov	Basket ball and homemade veg soup
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1st Dec	Christmas themed cupcake decorating plus rugby with Ian
8th Dec	Christmas mug decorating and football fun
15th Dec	Luxury hot chocolates and table tennis tournament
22nd Dec	Christmas craft and party food

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On 6th October Adrian, Hum and Emily, youth workers for Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, visited us to work with our young people and find out how our youth centre runs. They will be doing some detached and outreach work in the area so be sure to say hi if you see them about. It was great to meet you guys!



Health Hub Programme - 8.00 to 9.30pm

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We run focused information nights, for ages 13-18, our next nights are:

Friday 10th November: Legal highs 'the dangers' - did you know that just because a drug isn't technically illegal yet it definitely doesn't mean it isn't dangerous? Join us for an open discussion about legal highs and how much danger the people taking them can be putting themselves in.

Friday 15th December: Alcohol and the festive season - never is alcohol around more than during the festive season. So why is it bad? Let's talk about what happens when you drink alcohol.

If any parents have questions about the topics we discuss please feel free to contact us.

What an absolutely fantastic start of introducing Touch Rugby on Friday October 6th. Over 25 young players joined in with one of our taster sessions. Great fun was had by all.

"My name is Ian Fletcher and I have recently undertaken the role of the new Community Rugby Coach (CRC) at Basingstoke RFC. I have resided in Beggarwood for the past 15 years. I've been fully involved with Basingstoke RFC for over six years in both a coaching capacity and as a team manager. As the CRC, I see my main responsibility as delivering grassroots rugby education to local children with the ultimate aim of encouraging and promoting involvement in Rugby as a lifelong sport".

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I was late in turning over the pages in the calendar that is on the wall above my desk. When I did turn the page to the correct month (October), I was delighted to see the picture for the month of my favourite Icon; 'The icon of friendship'. The friend in the icon is believed to be St Menas and is thought to date back to the 8th Century and is on display in the Louvre in Paris.



November is a time of remembrance. We celebrate All Saints Day with a service on Wednesday 1st November at 7.30pm as well as in our Café Church service (Refresh@Immanuel) on Sunday 5th November. On the evening of November 5th at 6.30pm we remember our loved ones who have died in a special 'All Souls' service. If you'd like the name of someone you knew read out and remembered, please let me know either via our facebook page or by email (immanuelchurchhwb@gmail.com). We also have a sheet at the back of church to add names to. We will be reading out the names that are entered in our book of remembrance too. If

you come to the service there'll be a chance to light a candle(s) in memory of loved ones.

At the end of November we begin our Christmas preparations. On Saturday 25th November from 10am – 12noon we have our ever-popular Advent Activity Morning; everyone is invited to come and make Christmas crafts. On the afternoon of 3rd December we kick off our Christmas services with the Christingle Service.

Everyone is assured of a very warm welcome at Immanuel. We'd love to see you.

With blessings,

Fr. Michael

Michael



What's on at Immanuel: November 2017

Wednesday 1st November: 7.30pm: All Saints' Communion Service
 Sunday 5th November: 6.30pm: All Souls' Special Service to remember all those who have died
 Monday 6th November: 7.30pm: Film Night – Hacksaw Ridge
 Saturday 25th November: 10.00am: Advent Activity Morning
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St Menas was an Egyptian and is perhaps the most well known of Egyptian saints. He was an Egyptian soldier who was martyred as he wouldn't renounce his faith. We celebrate him on November 11th.

Many icons have a lot contained within them that one has to look for:

They are used in mainly Christian Orthodox churches and worship as a 'window' to God – and icons when they are created are written as opposed to painted. It is an art that takes many years to perfect.

Back to this particular icon! In the icon, if look carefully, Jesus (the figure on the right as you look at the icon) has his arm around his friend – St Menas; this for me is the most important aspect of the icon and is one of the reasons why I love it so much. Jesus' arm around the shoulder of a friend, but he actually represents each one of us. Jesus does not face Menas, rather he stands alongside him; He accompanies him, sharing in the burdens of life just as he shares in our burdens in life. Jesus walks besides each and every one of us and accompanies on our own journeys.

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Dale Greenwood, a qualified Blue Badge guide is a man also very much involved in historic railways, gave a talk to the Probus Club of Basingstoke which was about a local subject; the Basingstoke to Alton Light railway. Most people will have seen the small section of railway track in the centre of the roundabout at Viabes and possibly wondered about it. It was laid very close to the original position of the light railway that was opened in 1901 between Basingstoke and Alton. The line was the first to be constructed after a decision in Parliament to allow light railways to be built, with great savings in costs, as a way of increasing economic activity in sparsely populated areas.

The original idea that the London & South Western Railway Company had was to open up a route to Portsmouth. Passengers could travel from Waterloo to Basingstoke, then on the light railway to Alton and thence on to Portsmouth.

Light railways had restrictions, being built, as the name suggests, to a lower standard than traditional routes, which meant that only lighter engines could be used and were restricted to a top speed of 25 mph. Our light railway was mainly single track with, initially, only three trains in each direction daily. Stations were built at Cliddesden, Herriard, Bentworth & Lasham and Butts Junction outside of Alton. While all the stations had sidings only Herriard had two platforms. The stations were hardly close to their village names and most of the cottages seen today close to them were built for the railway workers. The cost of the venture was £50,000, being a quarter of the typical budget had the line been laid to the usual standard.



Basingstoke - Alton Light Railway Engine



Basingstoke - Alton Light Railway Cliddesden Station

The total distance was only 12 miles and because of the stops and speed restriction the journey would take 45 minutes. During WWI the tracks were removed for use by the army in France. The company hoped that it would never reopen but due to public pressure the line was relaid and opened in 1924. It was never a commercial success and passenger services ended in 1932 but a goods service continued from Basingstoke as far as Bentworth & Lasham until the line eventually closed in 1936. The whole of the line was dismantled except for short stubs at either end – from Basingstoke in to the Thorneycroft factory (now the site of Morrisons supermarket) and from Butts Junction to Alton Park, the Treloar Hospital. These short stretches were used for goods traffic until 1967.

The railway was used for the filming of the 1929 film "The Wrecker" and the 1937 film "Oh, Mr Porter" which starred comedian Will Hay and featured Cliddesden station as the fictional Buggleskelly.

For more information about 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

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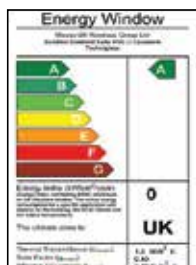
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