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## EDITORIAL

This is the 250<sup>th</sup> edition of the Rabbiter – where have the years gone! We have grown from a sheet of A4, moved on to printing on a green A3 sheet before evolving into the magazine we now publish 10 months of the year. In the early days, the articles were typed up by the editor in her lunch hour at work and glued together to produce the artwork for the printer. Now it is put together by a professional graphic designer to whom we are eternally grateful. We have interviewed local 'celebrities', supported the Hatch Warren Community Centre and our local church, Immanuel. We try to support local campaigns and events. There was even an April fool where it was announced that the decision had been made to turn Woodbury Road and Longcross Lane into a one-way system during the rush hour! In the coming months we will feature some of the events from previous editions – and look forward to the next 250 editions!

There is a lot happening locally – by the time this falls through your letterbox Argos will have moved into Sainsbury's. The Beggarwood Community Centre Café in the Park is open and well worth a visit. There is a great coffee machine serving fresh coffee and the homemade cakes are very, very good. The Soup Lunch was a big hit (see page 7 for a review) – the next one is on Wednesday 4 April.

There is a new restaurant opened on Down Grange – Miller and Carter. They serve the best steak served with delicious sauces. The bar serves amazing cocktails and there is a lunchtime menu at a sensible price – more details and review will be in the May Rabbiter.

With the warmer weather just around the corner, now is a good time to walk, jog, run and raise money for a great charity. St Michael's Hospice is holding a fun run on Down Grange on 16 May (see page 10).

SWAG (South West Action Group) are working hard with our MP, Maria Miller, and local Councillors to campaign against motorway service areas on the M3 between Junction 6 and 7. Local residents who would like to support the campaign can download and sign a petition from the internet and send the signed petition to our MP – see [www.maria4basingstoke.co.uk](http://www.maria4basingstoke.co.uk) to access the petition and read further details.

As we go to press, the Rabbiter office received the following news: 'Fr Michael has announced that he has been offered and has accepted the post of Rector in the parish of Winton, Moordown and Charminster (Bournemouth). This appointment is subject to a range of statutory checks and clearances before it can be made formal. Fr Michael's last day in the parish is Sunday 12th August. He will start his new job on September 6th.' Fr Michael will be greatly missed by us all.

### The Editor



Keep an eye out for the web symbol – you can find out more on these articles and also other articles we unfortunately had no space to feature at:

[www.therabbiter.biz](http://www.therabbiter.biz)

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## BRINGING THE STONE AGE TO LIFE



Probus members were taken back to pre-historic times at the latest lunch meeting when Katy England from Salisbury museum gave a talk about times in early Britain.

The earliest remains were discovered at Boxgrove near Chichester in the 1990s and consisted of a leg bone, two teeth and other artefacts from which it is calculated that they originated from a 6 feet tall and well built male. It was concluded that these remains are at least 500,000 years old. At that time Britain was connected to Europe and had a climate similar to that enjoyed today in the African savannah. This find however did not show any evidence of clothing, habitation or the use of fire and the conclusion was that things were eaten raw. It did prove that the inhabitants used long wooden spears with flint points and hand held flint hand axes.

Experts think that the use of fire developed around 400,000 years ago perhaps coinciding with a change in weather patterns. Over the next 200,000 years, as the weather became colder, the animals changed with woolly mammoths and reindeer roaming freely, the original Boxgrove man developed into Neanderthal man. He was shorter and stockier and more able to cope with the colder conditions.

About 50/40,000 years ago another species arrived from Africa that we call Homo Sapiens. There is some DNA evidence that there was some interbreeding but gradually the Neanderthals died out. There was also development of flint and antlers that could be made into tools including needles which allowed animal skins to be sewn together to create clothing as the climate got colder. Cave painting is thought to have started about 30,000 years ago when ochre and charcoal were used as the basis for colour.

The Great Ice Age came 20,000 years ago and after its departure the sea levels rose thereby creating different land masses as the weather improved to be similar to what we enjoy today. Oak trees and Hazel arrived as well as the formation of lakes and rivers. Mammoths and reindeer were no longer to be seen but there was plenty of deer and wild boar. All these changes became essential to supporting life and with the invention of a form of glue and the development of the bow with the "string" made from animal sinews and arrows with flint arrow heads and flights made from swan feathers the age of the hunter/gatherer became prevalent.

But there then began a significant change of life style 12/10,000 years ago, in a period

known as the Neolithic Stone Age, they became farmers, domesticating plants and animals, created settlements as permanent villages and we see the appearance of crafts

such as pottery and weaving. It is recognised that this is the most significant change in all of human history.



Speaker Katy England & President Dr Nick Waring



Katy England with spear & flint hand axe



Katy England with arrow with flint head and swan feathered flights.

## Letter... to the editor

I just wanted to email to say how happy I was to see the return of the restaurant review in this month's Rabbiter. I think they're great - informative, engagingly-written and they add a nice personal touch to the publication. For me, they're the highlight! Please do feel free to pass on my comments to the reviewer.

Best wishes, Nicola

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#### Argos

Our colleagues from Argos were welcomed to the store as part of the latest – Store in Store – offer from Sainsbury's. At over 5000 sq ft, it is one of the largest in the UK. We're delighted to welcome Gavin and his team to the store.

#### Jason Hill

We bid a fond farewell to our Store Manager, Jason Hill, during April. Jason has accepted a role within Sainsbury's Argos and will be missed by many at the store.

#### Where's the Magazines?

Amongst the many changes you will have seen recently at the store, we've re-located the magazines to Aisle 30 – opposite the Smart Shop and Self Checkout tills. This move has allowed us to bring our Tu Clothing and Home offers nearer to the front of the store and, at the same time, give those areas a bit of a facelift as well.

#### Local Charity Partnership

We're nearing the end of our Local

Charity Partnership with YPI Counselling. During April and May they'll be at the store showcasing their services and collecting funds to help continue their fantastic work.

We'll also be helping YPI at their forthcoming Charity Fashion Show.

Tickets are still available with a fun night guaranteed for all. Join us, if you can, at the Crowne Plaza hotel, Black Dam on May 26th from 7.30pm

#### Charity Collections at the Store

We should know more details regarding future collections at the store very soon. It's likely that we'll also find out details about the search for a new Local Charity Partner at the same time, so watch this space.

#### Local Hero Scheme

We're delighted to continue to support our community via this scheme. Many schemes have benefitted during the last year. We'll be celebrating these partnerships and our volunteers during the next month via our community noticeboard. Check out their volunteering stories the next time your at the store.

## WHAT'S ON – APRIL

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 [editor@therabbiter.biz](mailto:editor@therabbiter.biz)

Copy date is the 15th of the month preceding publication.

### April Events

Note – From April, Laughter House will be at the Apollo Hotel in Basingstoke.

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|-------------|--|
| 1 April     | Easter Sunday  |
| 3 April     | Basingstoke Disability ConneXions – 12.30-2.30, Discovery Centre                 |
| 4 April     | Soup Lunch at Beggarwood Community Centre – 12.30 – 2pm                          |
| 5 April     | Celebration of 100 years of the RAF – see page 26                                |
| 5 April     | WI meeting at Hatch Warren Community Centre – see page 10                        |
| 8 April     | Farleigh Wallop Woodland Walk  |
| 10 April    | Film Night at Immanuel – 'The Zookeepers Wife'                                   |
| 12 April    | Laughter House at the Apollo, featuring Nathan Caton                             |
| 14 April    | Karaoke Night at Farleigh Wallop Club  |
| 14 April    | Basingstoke Concert Band & Farnham Big Band, The Elizabeth Hall, Hook (RG27 9HH) |
| 21 April    | Pete Harris Blues Band at Basingstoke Railway Social Club – see page 26          |
| 23 April    | St George's Day  |
| 28 April    | Lager Festival, Hatch Warren Community Centre                                    |
| 28 April    | Oakley Fun Run, from 2pm, Register online or on the day from 10am                |
| 28 April    | AFTERGLOW – Genesis Tribute Band, Central Studios, Queen Mary's College          |
| 28-29 April | Oakley Bowling Club Taster Days  |

### Future Events

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|--------|--|
| 3 May  | Local Elections for Basingstoke & Deane Borough Councillor               |
| 5 May  | Spring Time Quiz at Farleigh Wallop Club                                 |
| 10 May | Trip to see DREAMGIRLS in London – book at Hatch Warren Community Centre |
| 10 May | Laughter House at the Apollo, featuring Dave Fulton                      |
| 12 May | Quiz Night at Café Dome – see page 25                                    |
| 16 May | Run at Down Grange in aid of St Michael's Hospice – see page 10          |
| 16 May | Pamper Evening at the Holiday Inn in aid of the Pink Place – see page 25 |
| 31 May | SWAG Open Meeting  |

### Hampshire Farmers Markets

Alton – 2nd Saturday of the month

Winchester – 2nd and last Sunday of the month

### White Hart, London Road, Basingstoke

Every Friday Improv Comedy Drop-in Rehearsal and Jam  
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## Letter... to the editor

I was reading through the Rabbiter and it seems like there's applications for new buildings and houses popping up everywhere. I know this is needed to house the growing population but it feels like all the green space is getting filled up. I feel concerned the habitat is being destroyed for our wildlife. When I moved here 4 years ago it was a lot different. I wanted to ask if anything was being done to protect and conserve the wildlife around us?

I also read about the litter pick you would like to arrange- I think this would be a fantastic idea to get the community together to keep the area tidy for everyone to enjoy and it's also better for the environment and wildlife! If you have a bit of litter pop it in your pocket and take it home! We all have to live in this world, let's keep it nice for everyone.

Thanks, Kirsty

**Editor's Note:** The SWAG meeting below may be of interest as well as contacting our regular wildlife contributors, Old Down & Beggarwood Wildlife Group, Hatch Warren Nature Group and Kempshott Conservation, who all hold regular work parties.

## SOUTH WEST ACTION GROUP – SWAG – SAFEGUARDING FUTURES

SWAG has worked hard over the last five years to influence the Local Plan so that new housing in the South West of Basingstoke benefits residents, present and future. With 50,000 cars a day forecasted for the A30, traffic will be a nightmare. We already have queues at Fiveways Junction and now there are plans for a motorway service station with a flyover adjacent to the Portsmouth Arms.

**SWAG OPEN MEETING** – Hatch Warren Community Centre - Thursday 31st May 2018 7.00 p.m.

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### 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.  
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## FIRST SOUP LUNCH AT CAFÉ IN THE PARK

Fr Michael Smith swapped Holy Orders to taking orders for the first "Soup Lunch" at the Café in the Park in the recently opened Beggarwood Community Centre. Together with Jenny Crawford, who these days is emeritus editor of the Rabbiter magazine, they set up and ran a soupathon offering a choice of soups, bread, butter and cheese with either a cafetiere of coffee or pot of tea for a charge of only £3 per person.



A busy hour saw plenty of customers including Borough Councillor Terri and husband County Councillor Stephen Reid enjoying the occasion.

"It all went very well" said Jenny as she and Fr Michael sat down after service had finished, "and we are grateful to Sainsbury's for once again supporting the community with the supply of the soups and bread."

Fr Michael continued, "We hope that this will become a regular feature in people's diaries offering such good value for money. Make a note to come on Wednesday 4th April between 12.30 and 2.00 pm."

All profits from this venture will be reinvested in the running of this splendid facility for local people. Since opening, the Cafe in the Park has proven very popular with local residents, young and old alike. Although the cafe doesn't open for lunch, this provides an opportunity for events such as the Community Soup Lunch, which, it is hoped will attract those across the community, in particular retired residents.

## MANYDOWN

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council and Hampshire County Council are pleased to announce that Urban&Civic, partnered with the Wellcome Trust, has been selected as the private sector development partner to help deliver the councils' ambitious plans for an exemplar development of new homes on the northern part of Manydown in Basingstoke.

Urban&Civic, the nationally renowned master developer with an impressive track record of creating great places to live, supported by global charitable foundation the Wellcome Trust, was chosen through a comprehensive 18 month procurement process by the two councils, as joint leasehold owners of the land.

Following the selection of the successful bidder, work will now move forward to finalising contracts with Urban&Civic to join the councils in a joint venture partnership to deliver the exciting vision for Manydown, embracing Garden Town principles.

For more information, please visit the development partner section of the project website.

An outline planning application for the northern part of Manydown was submitted by the two councils in March 2017, following extensive public involvement in drawing up a masterplan.

Changes are currently being made to the outline planning application, based on feedback since it was submitted.

The updates that are now being made will need to go out to further public consultation by the planning authority after they are submitted – likely to be later in the spring.

For more information visit the Manydown project website at [www.manydownbasingstoke.co.uk](http://www.manydownbasingstoke.co.uk)

Kind regards, The Project Team

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## EMPLOYMENT LAW & THE GIG ECONOMY

*Employment Tribunals, media and public interest have thrown a number of companies' practices under the spotlight recently regarding the 'Gig Economy'*

So where do you stand if you pay for labour in the gig economy?

The typical 'gig' business model is centred around the 'employing' company acting as a 'go-between', linking the customer and contractor fulfilling the work. App-based systems are a frequent feature often making work opportunities available, allocating work once accepted and taking payment from customers.

More cases are emerging where employers falling foul of the body of employment case law relating to employment status.

While the likelihood of a gigger being found to be an 'employee' is slim, the

prospect of them being deemed a 'worker' is more of a risk because of the lower evidential hurdle.

Although worker status is determined on a case-by-case basis companies wishing to 'go gig' should avoid acting in a way which is inconstant to self-employed working status, for example:

- Don't seek to integrate giggers into the business
- Don't try to control how and when a gigger performs their work
- Ensure that giggers are responsible for submitting their own invoices

The consequences of a worker status finding for a gig economy company involves

a potentially hefty bill in respect to unpaid holiday pay, minimum wage, maternity or paternity pay and sanctions for failures to comply with the Working Time Regulations. With more cases yet to be heard and current cases awaiting appeal outcomes it's a racing certainty this will continue to be a developing area of employment law.

For further information please contact Karen Bristow, Head of Employment at Lamb Brooks on 01256 305508 or email [karen.bristow@lambbrooks.com](mailto:karen.bristow@lambbrooks.com)

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## COUNCILLOR UPDATE

### MOTORWAY SERVICE AREA

Applegreen, the company behind the plans to bring a motorway service area close to Hatch Warren and Beggarwood, have indicated that the planning application may not come forward until May, which means there is nothing firm yet on which local residents can comment. However, a parliamentary petition has been begun against the applications for the proposed service areas at both junction six and junction seven. The petition asks parliament to urge ministers to rule out both applications on the ground of lack of need and the major impact on local people



and roads. If anyone would like to sign, or would like a copy to collect signatures in their local area, please let me know and I can give you a copy and will collect when completed.

### ROADWORKS

The resurfacing of the anti skid strips on Woodbury Road that was scheduled for the beginning of March was postponed due to the big freeze and snow. It is now likely to take place in the new financial year i.e. after the beginning of April, but I don't have a definite date for that yet.

### MANYDOWN

BDBC and HCC have announced their joint venture development partner for Manydown. It is Urban&Civic, partnered with the Wellcome Trust. A full planning application for Manydown is expected soon, and work is likely to begin on site at the north end of Manydown in 2019.

### PARKING MEETING

St Mark's School are in the process of organising a meeting to discuss problems with parking around the school run. I will report back on this.

### ISLAND SITE

At the time of writing I have not seen a date yet for the application for a pub, older persons accommodation, care home and dentist at the Island Site, Beggarwood to go to the Council's Development Control Committee. Grainger the developers were hoping that this would be by May.

### PARKING AT BEGGARWOOD SHOPPING CENTRE

Grainger also own the car park for the shops, surgeries and nursery at Beggarwood and, following complaints by shoppers and patients unable to park, they are looking at ways to control parking and deter builders vans and long stay parkers who are not using the facilities.

### BEGGARWOOD COMMUNITY LUNCH

I can thoroughly recommend the monthly community lunch at the Cafe in the Park, great food for a very small price and very good company as well. The next one is scheduled for the first Wednesday in April.

**Cllr Terri Reid**



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## HATCH WARREN RUNNERS

WOW!! What a busy time the Hatchies have had! Not only has London and Brighton Marathon training been taking place, many other races have taken place.

Rob Stait completed the Wokingham Half Marathon on 18 February in 1:40, which is a great time for his 2nd ever half marathon. Dave Warman also ran that day in the Hampton Court Half Marathon, completing it in 2 hours – well done gents!

25 February saw the busiest day in the calendar so far, with so many races taking place and not all of them being run in the UK. They ranged from 10k races locally to a Marathon in Tokyo. Below are a few of the races along with the runners that took part.

- Tokyo Marathon – Andy Brace.\*
- Thorpe Park Half Marathon (a rather cold one I believe) – Claire Esslemont and Verena Hutcheson.\*\*
- Malta Half Marathon (a rather warm one at 18 degrees) – Becky



& Peter Vincent and Lisa & Jamie Dunkerley.

- Brighton Half Marathon (cold but sunny) – Sandy Draper (first ever half marathon in a time of 2.09 and Sandy only completed her first 5k run in July 17 – fab)!
- Winchester 10k – Sue Kemp, Jane Ladenburger, Rachel Ellis, Mark Brady, Tim Hubbard, Colin Thatcher and Rob & Thea Hamlin

If there were any runners left on 25 February, they took part in the last cross country race of the season. There were a total of 6 races and overall Hatch Warren were placed in 11th position out of 24 clubs, so a good result. The highest HWR were placed in a race was 7th and the lowest 12th, so well done to all that took part!

Adam McCartney isn't happy running just one training marathon, he ran two, back-to-back! Training for ultra races, he ran from Basingstoke to London Waterloo, a whopping 52.4 miles! Adam says that he aims to do a run like this every month until the autumn races – hat off to you Adam!

Other overseas places that members have been running for pleasure this month are Reykjavik (Chandri Krishnan) and Austria (Kev Biles and Matt Holman). On 3 March Rachel Wooster also took part in the Cyprus Half Marathon – well done!

Happy Birthday celebrations were in order on 6 Mar as it was the 5th birthday of Hatch Warren Runners. As a Tuesday is not a regular run night members took part in a Run and Talk on 5 March, followed by drinks in the Portsmouth Arms afterwards to celebrate this momentous occasion.

Entries are coming in thick and fast for the 3rd Farleigh Wallop Trail Race on Sunday 23 September. The last 2 years have proved very popular, so get in there quick if you want to take part - secure your place at [www.fullonsport.com](http://www.fullonsport.com).

HWR meet on Monday & Wednesday evenings with runs starting at various location 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.

## ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPICE BASINGSTOKE RUN



**Wednesday 16th May**  
**Down Grange Sports Complex**  
**Registration has opened!**

St. Michael's Hospice has opened registration for its 5 & 10K Basingstoke Run at Down Grange Sports Complex, Basingstoke, RG22 5SN, on Wednesday 16th May 2018 starting at 7pm.

The event is growing in popularity every year and last year saw over 700 runners take part, raising over £25,000 for the Hospice. Registration is quick and simple at [basingstoke-run.co.uk](http://basingstoke-run.co.uk) where you can save money, and avoid the queues, by signing up in advance.

Runners will again be able to enjoy chip timing in both the 5 and 10K events with medals handed out to all participants. Children can register from £8 and prices start at just £12 for adults.

There is always a wonderful mix of abilities from parents and children running together; fun runners, first timers, speedy club runners, with Basingstoke and Mid Hants Athletic Club taking the first three places in 5K in 2017, and everything in-between. The focus is on the community coming together to have some fun, support the Hospice and enjoy an evening run.

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## HATCH WARREN WI

Our meeting on 1st March was cancelled due to adverse weather conditions.

Our coffee morning held to raise funds for our W.I. was a great success, thank you to all members and friends who attended.

We are delighted to now be twinned with 'Holybourne Honeys W.I.' and look forward to be able to visit their W.I. during the year.

Our next meeting will be held on 5th April, when we will welcome back Brian Spicer 'Upstairs and Downstairs – Hackwood House'.

We meet at Hatch Warren Community Centre on the 1st Thursday of the month at 8 p.m. for further information please contact our President Jane on 07798 842487



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## HATCH WARREN SCOUT GROUP EXPANSION - MESSAGE FROM THE GROUP SCOUT LEADER

We've been working hard behind the scenes at Hatch Warren Scout Group and can now share with you that we are expanding! As the group in Basingstoke with the largest waiting list, we're very excited to be able to offer places to more young people in the local area who want to join.

From the 18th April, we will be running an additional Beaver Colony and Cub Pack. Like our existing sections, meetings will take place at Hatch Warren Community Centre. Scouts will remain as one troop for the time being, growing in size with potential to expand and divide into two in the future if required.

We are delighted to be able to engage more of the local community in Scouting, and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our volunteers for all the extra work that they have put in to make this happen.

### Call for Volunteers

Hatch Warren Scout Group needs YOUR help. Rewarding volunteer roles are available in several areas, including fund-raising, admin., and helping run the sections themselves. We are also seeking assistance from someone with property building experience, who may be able to help us to shape our plans for our own scout hall.

Scouting is just as fun for the Leaders and supporters as it is for the young people; look out for our volunteer profiles beginning in the May edition of the Rabbiter find out what our volunteers think of being part of Scouting!

**Joshua Hensman**, Group Scout Leader, [gsl@hws.org.uk](mailto:gsl@hws.org.uk)

**BEAVERS** The Beavers have started to create scrapbooks this month. The aim is build up a record of their time at Beavers by recording any the badge work undertaken at home as well as any events attended such as camps and days out. We've already recorded our fancy dress photography, guess the leader, guess the leader activity and Bowling party in them and look forward to seeing them grow with all the exciting things we have planned for next term.

Despite missed meetings due to the snow and half-term, we've been busy. We had a friendship themed session in which the Beavers talked about what it means to be a friend and spoke about times when they have been a good friend. The final activity towards our completing our international activity badges saw the Beavers trying foods from around the world. We are all looking forward to the last week of term when we are going to Micheldever Woods to build bivis and take part in an Easter Egg hunt.

**cubs** We will be working towards a number of badges next term, including My Outdoors Challenge, Book Reader, Camp Craft, and Hikes.

Did you know that a Coke can is recycled into a new coke can within 6 weeks, but takes 500 years to rot if it's thrown into landfill, and that, in England we produced 23 million tons of waste last year and less than half was collected for recycling? Our Cubs learnt this, and many other facts, in our recycling themed session. The group learnt about important things we can all do to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle, played a recycling game, and were able to go home and remind their families about the importance of recycling. The Cubs also enjoyed building their own bird boxes; like

the recycling theme, this was part of our work towards the Environmental Conservation badge. We're looking forward to birds nesting in the boxes come the Spring, if it ever arrives!

We made homemade bath bombs and cards which we were able to take home ready for Mothers' Day.

And last but not least, the pack visited Flip Out indoor trampoline park. We had great fun on the trampolines, and some of the Cubs even tried the Ninja Wall.

**SCOUTS** Scouts have had a fairly quiet month (by our standards) but are still packing a lot in, even if the snow at the start of the month did force us to cancel a meeting.

While the amazing GB athletes were competing in Pyeongchang, our Scouts took on a series of games and challenges based on the Winter Olympics, including indoor Curling, Ice Hockey (well, Unihoc) and 'Skiing' outside on the field. After totalling up the scores across the events the Gold Medal went to Panther Patrol.

Along with all of the outdoor and adventure that we do throughout the year, Scouting also looks at other life skills which this month has included the start of our Digital Maker badge.

Scouts have looked at the working components of modern computers (including the Raspberry Pi) and worked out the design of a basic digital game.

The Scouts also looked at how to create detailed instructions (as an introduction to programming). In our case it was to instruct a leader to make a Jam Sandwich which resulted in some very messy sandwiches – and leaders!



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have a negative impact on the marketability or even the value of your property. It may seem that by instructing a solicitor you are escalating a dispute, but in most cases it is the best way of moving towards a solution quickly and calmly. Dealing with a difficult neighbour directly, perhaps over the back fence can make matters worse.

Where disputes become heated it can be sensible to avoid a direct approach and seek professional help.

Cases all turn on their particular facts; we will be able to advise you clearly as to where you stand in law and what your options are. We advise that the best way to resolve disputes is by focussing on practical solutions and where possible to avoid litigation.

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## HATCH WARREN UNDER FIVES PRESCHOOL



Happy Easter from all at Hatch Warren Under Fives.

We've had a busy term learning about spring and looking at baby animals and life cycles. We've also had lots of fun looking at the weather... And as if by magic, during our weather topic came the snow, we couldn't have timed it better! This was the first proper snow experience for many of our little ones and they all had so much fun.



There have been so many celebrations over the last month – but one of our favourites of the year is Mother's Day. We had a great turnout of Mums and Grandmas who came in to join us for afternoon tea to celebrate Mother's Day with their little ones. We also had a very busy week at the craft tables making beautiful Mother's Day cards and special clay tokens with red hearts, created by the children's thumb prints. Definitely a present to treasure!

Our Easter activities will continue after the holidays when we will be hatching our own chicks with our sister preschool Kempshott Under Fives. This is a hugely exciting project for us and the children can't wait to receive the eggs and watch for signs of our baby chicks emerging!

When we're not chick watching this term, we'll be enjoying a focus on healthy eating and exercise. We're busy planning a mini

Olympics and will ask children to come to preschool dressed in PE kits. This also ties in with getting ready for school – because this month many of our children will be finding out what school they will be going to in September. We'll be getting many other preparations for school underway including lots of mark making and activities that strengthen little hands for handwriting. Our older children will be focusing on writing names and the numbers 1-10.

To enquire about a space at Hatch Warren Under Fives, please contact Michelle Tejevo, Area Manager, on 01256 322788 or email preschoolmail@aol.com.

Don't forget we also run PrePlay, a fun and friendly drop-in baby and toddler group on Friday mornings at 9.15am-10.30am at Hatch Warren Community Centre. A great place to meet local Mums and little ones. £3 per session, suitable from birth – 5 years. No need to book, just turn up and play!

## CANDOVER VALLEY PRESCHOOL

Hello from CVP!

Happy's Circus is coming to Pre-School on Sunday 13th May '18!

In anticipation of our fundraising event with Happy's Circus the pre-school children

will be taking part in some activities this half term. We will be using hoops and balancing like acrobats, using music and movement to express animal movements, 'tin can' style games, decorating clown biscuits, circus painting and some online research.

The Candover Valley Pre-School is a registered charity and relies on additional income raised from fundraising events throughout the year to improve its resources and maintain its outstanding environment for the children. This event is open to all so if you would like to attend please follow the link:

<http://www.pta-events.co.uk/cvp>

There's always lots going on at Candover Valley Pre-school and you are very welcome to visit us at our Open Sessions or a time that suits you better, so please give us a call. 01256 389008

**Lisa Collison**

## DANDELIONS



What a busy time we've had! Due to the 'beast from the east' we had to postpone our Open Day, which took place on Saturday 17th March. We would like to thank all our families that came to visit us on that day! If you were not able to get to us and your child was born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2016 do please get in touch so you can let us know which sessions would suit you. You can do this by calling Jane on 01256 818857 or e-mailing [info@dandelions-preschool.org.uk](mailto:info@dandelions-preschool.org.uk) In February our friend Laura from St Kitts Veterinary Practice came to visit us. She showed us how to keep our pets healthy and happy and we even did some dressing up and wound bandaging on our faux animal friends! Thank you Laura for coming to talk to us.

We also had our Sponsored Story week in February. Thank you to all our parents for your support of this event, it really does help raise vital funds for the group. We have allocated this money to improving our role play and dressing up for your children. It is so important to encourage a love of stories for the children and we hope the children are enjoying their Treasury packs that went home with the Lions. These are available from the Library to all children over 3 so if you didn't get one and your 3 year old would like one please pop into South Ham Library or the Discovery Centre in town.

On the 8th March we invited all the Lions Mummies to come in for a special tea treat. Before they came in we had talked with the children about how special our Mummies are and each of the children gave us a particular reason why their Mummy is so special, it was most insightful! We then had a special tea, with rock cakes made in the group, and we do hope you all enjoyed your treats, made especially for you by your children on the day itself.

### Spring Plans

This is an exciting time of year with new life and longer daylight hours. With the children we will be looking for signs of spring. This will include planting some bulbs in baskets, looking at the leaves returning to the trees and looking for other signs from the animals that it really is Spring. Then, as the Summer term gets underway our major outside project is to add a mud kitchen to our outside space. We know the children are very excited for this!



On May 12th we are holding a Fun Day! This is themed around the very exciting news of a royal wedding and will include a bouncy castle, stalls and activities, games and lots more! This is open to everyone so please drop in for some fun – and will be able to inspect our new mud kitchen! More details will be on our website at [www.dandelions-preschool.org.uk](http://www.dandelions-preschool.org.uk) nearer the time so please keep checking and feel free to contact us!

## 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.

In spite of the chilly weather, the children have been looking to spring and enjoyed a snowdrop walk around the meadow. Inspired, they made some lovely crafted snowdrop pictures and have apparently been taking every opportunity to hunt for snowdrops! The children also enjoyed making and tossing pancakes and of course, they enjoyed eating the fruits of their labours.

Looking to the coming weeks, the children will be enjoying an Easter egg hunt, making crafted Easter chicks and whipping up some hot cross buns! After the Easter holiday the children will be looking at people who help us, if you are able to share your professional experiences by paying the pre-school a visit, please get in touch.

**SPACES AVAILABLE** – There are spaces available for the September term at the Ofsted Outstanding rated pre-school, to arrange your visit, please contact Jo or Fiona on 01256 398172.

**Alice Crocker**

## BASINGSTOKE CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT FELLOWSHIP

As members arrived for the meeting on 7th March there was the opportunity to look at a variety of artwork done by John Howson which included some of his WWI pen and ink drawings that had been on display at the Willis Museum last year. He also had greeting cards for sale which featured various aspect of his work.



At this meeting the Group held their AGM and the Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and commented on the help given to him by both the members of the committee and all the others who helped at the monthly meetings. This meant that the group had another successful year with a wide range of speakers and outings while still maintaining a steady membership and ensuring financial stability. The Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and Welfare Officer all gave their reports and the officers and committee members for the coming year were appointed.

After the formal business was concluded Claire Eastick a Consultant Nurse in Frailty from Southern Health gave a presentation on Frailty Awareness. She gave details of the campaign being carried out by the North Hampshire Clinical Commissioning Group which highlighted why it is so important to be able to identify frailty not only in oneself but others so that

something can be done to avoid it getting worse. The campaign is backed up by talks, literature and a web site at [www.frailtyfocus.nhs.uk](http://www.frailtyfocus.nhs.uk). She then went on to talk about the ReSPECT process

which is a Recommended Summary Plan for Emergency Care and Treatment and gives people the right to have their wishes carried out in times of illness or accident. She followed this up by giving information about the new "RED BAG" initiative in the area whereby when a care home resident is admitted to hospital all their details, medication and belongings are kept together in the bag. Funding for this project has up until now been provided by Brightaway and Basingstoke Rotary but it is hoped that other organisations will also contribute in the future in order to expand the scheme to make this provision available for more people.

Our next outing is to Chartwell House on Thursday 26th April and at the next meeting on 4th April the speaker will be Alan Copland on Eccentric London. 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.

**David Cowling**



## RAMBLERS ASSOCIATION



The North Hampshire Downs Ramblers group, is part of the Ramblers Association. We walk mostly in Hampshire and the surrounding countryside.

The group walk on both Tuesday and Saturday and cover areas in and around Basingstoke as well as sometimes going further afield. We have had some lovely Autumn and Winter walks, enjoying the changing landscapes and of course the snow just recently. We are also expert at walking round mud and trying not to take too much of it home on our boots.

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

If you are interested in finding out more about the North Hampshire Downs group, there is more information on our Website. [www.northhampshiredownsramblers.org.uk](http://www.northhampshiredownsramblers.org.uk).



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- 6th April - Alcohol Awareness, what happens to my body when I drink?**
- 4th May - Healthy minds and bodies, ways we can look after our mental and physical health**

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

We know the summer seems so far away when you're sat in school, but for us the planning for Summer Streetz has already started. We are open 4 nights a week through summer and like to provide a variety of activities. In the past we have had: dance lessons, water fights, basketball with the Reading Rockets, circus skills, graffiti art, human hungry hippo ... the list goes on and on!!

It's important to us we provide experiences for everyone so if you have an idea now is the time to tell us! We can't promise to make it happen, but we do take your ideas seriously so don't be afraid to ask.

We are also looking for bank youth staff and volunteers for the summer period, so if you know anyone aged 18+ who wants to spend their summer having fun with young people, while providing a safe place for them (looks really good on a CV), please get in contact via Facebook, email or phone the centre. We provide all essential training.



**New Team Members**

We are very excited to announce not one but two new Bank Youth Workers. A big warm welcome to Faye and Sophia (you may remember Sophia from volunteering with us in the past).



We are sure you will join us in welcoming them to the Warren.

We are so happy the evenings are getting lighter, we love being able to make more use of our outside space with activities like chalk graffiti art and rounders. We know the weather doesn't always go along with our plans, so if an activity is rained off, do not fear we always have a backup plan! As you can see we had a lot of fun over the last few weeks with things such as our traditional pancake day, quizzes and face painting being a highlight for our young people and staff ☺



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**• APRIL FOOLS!**

- Easter Day this year is on April Fools' Day. Ash Wednesday was on Valentine's Day. It's an interesting coincidence that hasn't escaped me along with a good number of my clergy colleagues! We've spent Lent preparing for Easter – some have given something up, others have done something extra; I've been using the Church of England's 'Live Lent' app that has provided a Bible reading and reflection each day of Lent. It's been a time of thinking and reflecting more on my relationship with God and others have been doing the same.
- I always remember on April Fools' Day the lengths some businesses went to try to catch people out. The ones I particularly remember were those from BMW; spoof ads about some amazing technical advance that they had made; one year they proposed a wiper for their badge so the BMW marque would 'never be marked', and in 2006 'uninventing the wheel' (more of these imaginative ads can be found here: <http://www.bmwblog.com/2009/04/01/bmw-april-fools-ads-since-2000/>)
- So, April Fools' Day, 2018 and the celebration of Jesus rising from the dead. How is this linked?
- Jesus bucked convention. He lived his life preaching and teaching at the margins. Associating with the outcasts of society, those on the edge. And that first Easter was no different. The first person to meet the resurrected Jesus was Mary Magdalene. It won't have escaped your notice that Mary was a woman. In Jesus' time men were top of the tree and women very much second class citizens. But here was the Son of God appearing to a woman (and one who was one of his followers of whom 'seven demons had come out' so would have been very much on the edge of things) and asking her to go and 'tell my brothers'. Mary was being asked to go and tell a group of men!
- The men of course, didn't believe Mary and had to see for themselves (did they think this was the April Fool of its day?).

**HATCH WARREN BEGGARWOOD CYCLING CLUB**

Hatch Warren & Beggarwood Cycling Club was formed just over 2 years ago, and has grown to over 160 members. We have group rides suitable for all cyclists over the age of 18 whatever their level of experience, starting at 8 miles at an average speed of 8 mph, right the way to routes that can be over 50 miles in length. Leading these rides, we have 28 leaders, all of which, after completing a British Cycling Leader Course, are responsible for making sure everyone enjoys our rides in a safe, interesting and inclusive manner.

On Saturday 10th March, a small group of leaders joined Howard from British Cycling who took us through the ropes of leading a group ride, I think we were all nervous as it was a bit like taking our driving test again, just how many bad habits had we picked up over the years!?!

The day was a mixture of classroom and practical learning with Howard taking us through how to devise a route for a ride, to understanding how to evaluate each rider in the group to making sure that every rider could cope with the ride and more importantly enjoy it.

At one point if you were to walk past the school you would have seen 11 fully grown adults cycling round in circles trying to "High Five" someone and then looking over our shoulders trying to count

Jesus often did the unexpected and my message this April is for us to expect the unexpected! God works through the most unusual people and has been doing since the beginning of time. This Easter, amongst the chocolate and commercialism that has taken over; don't forget that first Easter and the message that Jesus had that was definitely no April Fool – a message of love for all, a message of hope for the world, that God so loved the world that he gave his only son.....a son that gave his life as a sign of God's amazing love for us all. Each and every one of us, without exception. May you know that love today and always.

This Easter may you have the encouragement of the risen Christ. The courage to step out into the world confident that God has a plan and loves for each and every one of us.

*Michael*

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**Immanuel will be having a full schedule of services and events this Easter and leading up to it:**

Sunday 25th March: Palm Sunday 10.00am: Procession of Palms and worship for all

**HOLY WEEK:**

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**Good Friday** 10.00am: The Easter Story for all, activities and Hot Cross Buns 12noon: The Three Hours. Meditation and contemplation

**Easter Day, 1st April** 10.00am: Celebration Communion Service followed by cake and prosecco

Tuesday 10th April: 7.30pm: Film Night – The Zookeepers' Wife

how many fingers that person was holding up. Luckily that part of the lesson didn't take long!

We ventured out on to the road around the school allowing us to see how other traffic worked with us in a group, and how we could interact with that traffic so that everyone, cyclists, drivers & pedestrians, would be safe.

Following the practical sessions, we were back into the classroom for more discussion, dealing with topics such as confrontation, social responsibilities, inclusion, and where in a ride to fit in a visit to a cake shop!

In the end all of the leaders on the day passed 'with flying colours', and I think we all learnt a great deal, with first rate advice given by British Cycling. All of the leaders are now looking forward to leading their next rides, and meeting all our members, new and old, soon!

Our new membership year starts on the 1st April; we are already accepting applications, so if you are interested in joining early, please go to the membership section on the British Cycling website. Simply type "British Cycling Hatch Warren" into Google. If you are not ready to commit just yet, why not come along for a trial ride. For more information on our scheduled rides, please see our Facebook page - [www.facebook.com/HWBcc/](http://www.facebook.com/HWBcc/). We're a very sociable and friendly club – Come ride with us!

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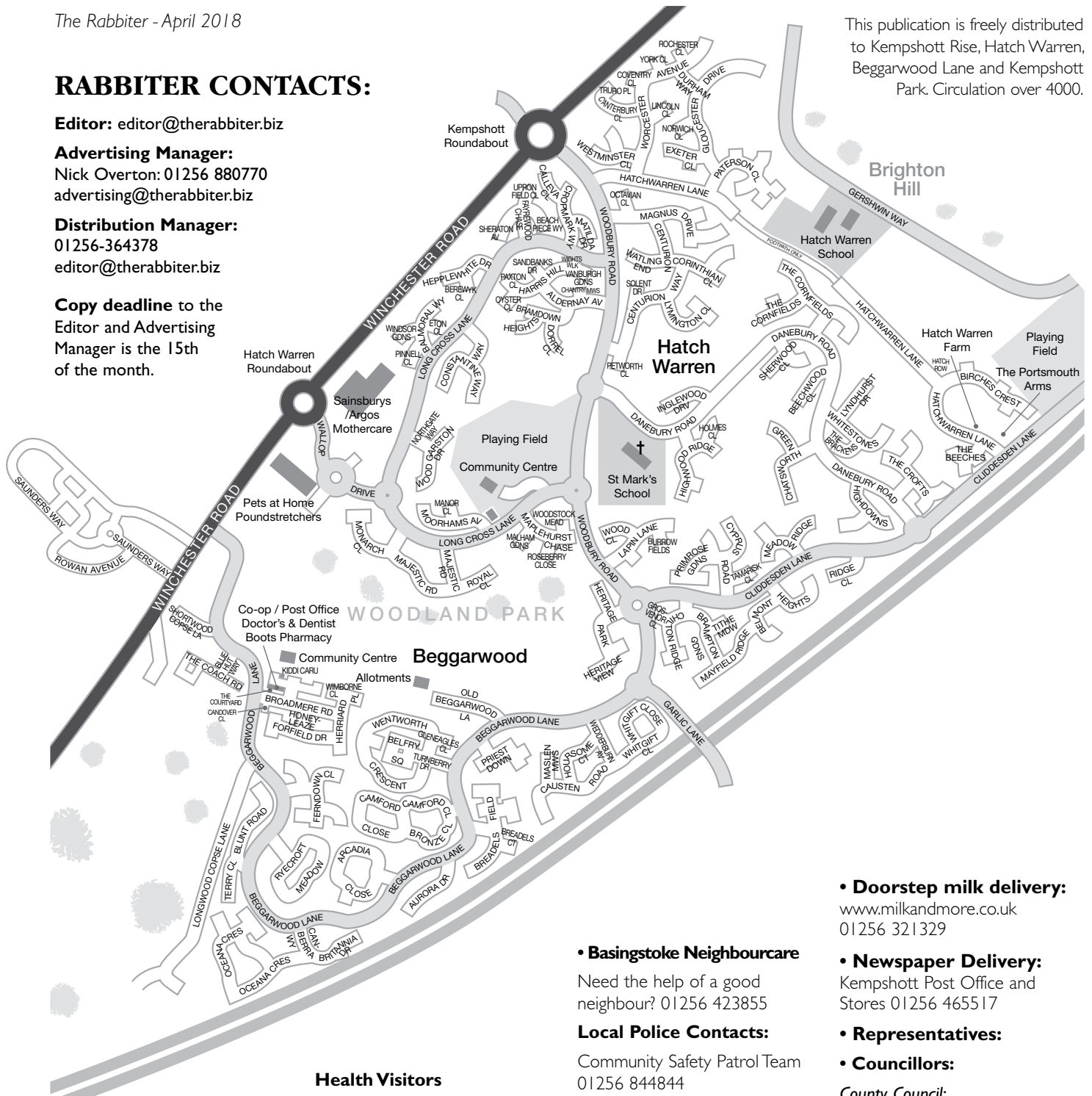
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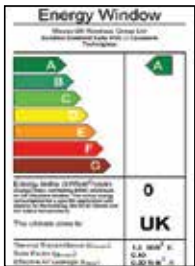
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