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EDITORIAL

The first print run of the Rabbiter was about 1,000 newsletters – it is now over 4,000. It is amazing how Hatch Warren and Beggarwood have grown over the last 26 years and building is continuing. Building will start soon on the development at Hounsme Fields and it is important that the volunteers who are campaigning to ensure that local developments are fit for purpose – see page 5. They are holding their AGM on 17 November and are inviting local residents to attend and join their organisation. This is your opportunity to help our community grow in a sensible and suitable way.

There are a number of important events in the coming month. Our legendary Firework Display is on Saturday 3 November – don't forget to book your tickets in advance and see page 18 for more details. The festival of Diwali is on 7 November and is the Hindu festival of lights when candles and lights are lit in streets and houses. On 22 November our friends across the big pond celebrate Thanksgiving when families come together and enjoy a sumptuous feast of roast turkey and all the trimmings.

It doesn't seem possible that it is Christmas next month – and it is now time to start thinking about present shopping. There are a couple of great opportunities to shop locally with Christmas Fairs being held in Preston Candover Primary School on 1 December, Farleigh Wallop Club on 15 December and the Hatch Warren Community Centre on 25 November. Sainsbury's are promoting their Christmas online ordering. Every year I plan to get organised in advance – and this year I did order my charity cards in August – and plan to get all my shopping completed well in advance. Traditionally Christmas Puddings are made on 'Stir-up Sunday' which is the last Sunday before Advent – this year that falls on 25 November. All the family should stir the pudding and make a wish before it is cooked.

The Community Lunch held on the first Wednesday of each month at the Café in the Park is becoming a well established date in the diary. The next lunch is on 7 November starting at 12.15. Jacket spuds with baked beans and cheese are now on the menu and cost just £4 (including a cup of tea or coffee) – a bargain! Soup is also available. Booking is not necessary – and there are also lovely homemade cakes for available. Hope to see you there!

The Editor

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

1. Sherwood Close 2. Rycroft Meadow



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

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RESCUE DRAMA OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS ON HIGH SEAS

Rabbiter magazine editorial associate Paul Flint with partner Janet Fagg and their friends Richard and Sibyl Wood from Bramley, in the darkness, witnessed a rescue of over 50 people from a rubber dinghy as their cruise ship Sapphire Princess made progress from Ceuta in Spanish Morocco en route to Lisbon.

Paul explained "We were in the theatre when an announcement from the captain around 8.15pm advised that they had spotted a small stationary vessel and following Maritime Law had to stop and check on the situation. Our ship's position was approximately 30 miles south of the Spanish port of Cadiz and it was clear that the small vessel had no lights and did not appear to be capable of making progress."

Looking from their room balcony they were able to watch as the Sapphire Princess (116,000 tons) prevented itself from drifting into the rubber dinghy where people were frantically baling and their outboard engine was not running. The ship used its bow and stern thrusters to maintain a steady position and because of its vast bulk it created a lea shelter from the prevailing wind which made for a much calmer surface.

The dinghy came alongside and was secured by a rope while the ship's crew threw life jackets and blankets to the immigrants huddled together for shelter:

The captain had decided that as there was no imminent danger to life that he would maintain a sheltering position and contacted the Spanish coastal authorities for assistance. They sent out a rescue

boat with strong searchlights which came up to the stern of the cruise ship and then manoeuvred to a position approximately 100 yards to the side of the Sapphire Princess. This was presumably to ensure that there could be no dangerous physical contact between all three vessels.

At this stage the dinghy was cast off from the Sapphire Princess and it drifted towards the Spanish rescue ship. The immigrants could be heard shouting and using their whistles and lights from their life jackets as they drifted away from the cruise ship. All fifty or so were safely transferred to the Spanish vessel which it is believed would take them to the Spanish mainland after which they would be returned to the port from which they departed in north Africa.

The captain said that over the past ten years the crews and ships of the Princess Cruise Lines have participated in over 30 such rescues.



SWAG SNIPPETS

Come to SWAG's AGM on Saturday 17th November at 3.00 p.m. to be held in Old Down Hall. We would love to welcome new members and anyone who would like to become a member of our committee.

SWAG (South West Action Group) is a voluntary group with almost 700 registered supporters. Our mission is to "Inform and Influence" on major planning issues important to the residents of the south western part of Basingstoke and the adjoining villages.

Follow us on Facebook @BasingstokeSouthWestActionGroupSWAG Here is a brief look at the latest on a selection of the more important planning issues that we know about. To comment on any planning application go to www.basingstoke.gov.uk and click on Find a Planning Application.

If you would like to join SWAG email southwestactiongroup@gmail.com

The planning appeal for a major site of 40 dwellings in **Cliddesden** (BDBC planning reference 16/04690/FUL) took place on 9th and 10th October. Lots of arguments about the increased flood risk for surrounding properties and, most importantly for everyone in the south west, the robustness of the Borough's five year housing land supply and the pace of housing delivery.

The latest on the **Hounsome Fields** application for a construction access on the A30 at the top of the site, opposite the entrance to Basingstoke Golf Club (BDBC planning reference 18/02443/FUL) : Hampshire Highways has asked for more information on vehicle movements, traffic modelling, timescales and a safety audit. This mirrors our concerns over this proposed construction access. Although temporary, still more traffic lights are proposed!

SWAG is still very concerned about the proposed location of the primary school and nursery adjacent to the new roundabout on the

A30. Our concerns become ever more pertinent as new evidence appears on the dangers to health and child development from even modest amounts of vehicle generated air pollution. We await a Reserved Matters application to see if there are any changes to the layout of the development.

A planning application for the **Anaerobic Digester** in Garlic Lane has been submitted to HCC. See BDBC reference 17/01876/CMA. The operator wants the increase in vehicle movements which has been in place for two years to be made permanent. SWAG remains less than enthusiastic about this. Waste is now brought in and taken out by HGVs travelling long distances and accessing the plant along residential streets. That was never the original intention which was to be for a "green" development processing agricultural slurry from the Portsmouth Estate and food waste sourced from commercial and municipal sources within 20 - 30 miles. Comments must be made by 16th November.

The "call for sites" as part of the review of the Winchester Local Plan has resulted in the re-emergence of a proposal to build a new town of **6,000 dwellings at Micheldever** near the Blackdown forest. Watch this space for more news on this proposal which would have far reaching consequences for the south west of Basingstoke and for Junction 7 of the M3.

SWAG submitted comments on the July modifications to the plans for **Manydown**. You can see these under planning reference 17/00818/OUT. We have been told that we can expect a further Transport Addendum in October/November. As Hampshire Highways has put it : "**The highway authority has identified several areas where substantial further assessment is required**". Hear, hear to that!

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 editor@therabbit.biz

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

November Events

- 31 October Halloween
- 1 November Card & Cuppa at Café in the Park – see page 12
- 1 November Hatch Warren WI – see page 21
- 3 November Fireworks Spectacular; Hatch Warren Community Centre
- 4 November 'All Souls' Service at Immanuel Church, 6.30pm
- 7 November Diwali
- 7 November Community Lunch, Café in the Park – 12.15-1.45
- 17 November SWAG AGM, 3pm, Old Down Hall
- 17 November 'Catfish' at Basingstoke Blues Club – see page 7
- 22 November Thanksgiving in USA
- 22 November Card & Cuppa at Café in the Park – see page 12
- 24 November Trip to Bluewater – book at Hatch Warren Community Centre
- 25 November Hatch Warren Community Centre Craft Fayre
- 30 November Sainsbury's 30 years at Hatch Warren/ Kempshott celebrations

Future Events

- 1 December Trip to Bath Christmas Market – book at Hatch Warren Community Centre
- 1 December Christmas Fair, Preston Candover Primary School, 12-3pm
- 7 December Basingstoke Disability ConneXions, Café in the Park – see page 12
- 13 December Card & Cuppa at Café in the Park – see page 12
- 14 December Christmas Quiz Night, Café in the Park – see page 12

- 15 December Santas Grotto at Farleigh Wallop Club – see page 6
- 20 December Carols & Mulled Wine, Café in the park
- 21 December Christmas Raffle and meat draw at Farleigh Wallop Club – see page 6
- 24 December Christmas Quiz at Farleigh Wallop Club – see page 6

Hampshire Farmers Markets

- Alton – 2nd Saturday of the month
- Winchester – 2nd and last Sunday of the month

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, All knitters, crocheter's and spinners welcome
- The Warren Youth Club**, Friday evenings at the Warren attached to the Community Centre
- Aldworth Badminton Club**, Thursday evenings 7.00 – 8.30pm 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**, Meet every Thursday 10-12noon, Old Down Hall. For Beggarwood – usually 3rd Saturday of each month at the Maze 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**, www.laughterhousecomedy.club
- Hatch Warren Runners**, meet Monday and Wednesday at 7.15, Portsmouth Arms and at the Co-op Beggarwood. www.hwrunners.co.uk

NEWS FROM FARLEIGH CLUB

Autumn is upon us, the leaves are falling, days getting shorter; heating is going on and dare we say Christmas is just around the corner.

Here are a few dates for your diary

- Saturday 3rd November Hatch Warren Fireworks, the club is providing the licensed bar again.
- Saturday 15th December Santa's Grotto with Xmas stalls, see poster
- Friday 21st December Christmas Raffle and Meat Draw, tickets will be Available to buy shortly
- Monday 24th December Christmas Quiz
- Monday 31st December New Year's Eve Celebrations
- We are open Monday to Saturday 7pm till 11pm Sunday 2pm till 6pm

Contact us on Facebook or

fwec25@gmail.com www.farleighwallopclub.co.uk



Santa's Grotto

Saturday 15th December
11am till 3pm

Come & visit Santa's Grotto & do some last minute Christmas shopping. Santa will be arriving at 11.30am and leaving at 2pm (returning to the North Pole) to see us for a few hours so book your place so your little ones can meet him. They will be given a present, have their photo taken and receive a personal letter in the post from Santa. Help them write their own letter to Santa & bring it with you.

Cost is £5 per child.

We will also have some Christmas stalls selling their lovely Christmas wares. If you wish to have a stall please book early as space is limited, £10 per stall.

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THE MAN WHO MADE MECCANO (AND HORNBY TRAINS AND DINKY TOYS)

Everyone put their hands up to the question - who had played with some of the brand names in this heading? The man behind such famous products, Frank Hornby, was the subject of a talk given by John Hollands to the Probus Club of Basingstoke.

Frank Hornby was born in 1863 and Liverpool was his lifelong home ending up as Conservative MP for Everton. He was a cashier for a wholesale food business and had a small workshop at home that allowed him to develop some of his ideas. Having been impressed by a book about inventors and their many failures Frank Hornby appreciated that perseverance was the key to eventual success.

He wanted boys to take up useful trades and started to develop a construction kit which he patented in 1901. He hoped it would encourage boys to find suitable engineering employment locally.

Initially called Mechanics Made Easy the name changed to Meccano in 1907. Manufacturing was outsourced and were plain metal and not of the highest quality. The product was refined and eventually painted red and green then blue and yellow.

He started manufacturing himself and quickly growing out of two larger work units it was clear that even larger premises were needed. The famous Binns Road factory in Liverpool was opened in 1914 employing up to 2000, mainly women. After WWI Hornby introduced model trains to compete against resurgent German toy manufacturers. Export markets had decals on the trucks and passenger coaches pertinent to their own countries.

So successful were overseas markets that manufacturing plants were set up in France and eventually after a legal case over 9 years to protect his patents in America, he opened a factory in New Jersey.

Meccano magazines were published monthly aimed at boys initially featuring articles on Meccano construction. Frank Hornby was the editor for many years. Over time Meccano Magazine became a general hobby publication aimed at "boys of all ages".

The factory began making model figures to complement the train sets. Using the same scale as the trains they were called Dinky Toys. Vehicles were added to the railway layouts and thus began the third string of this toy manufacturer. No doubt every boy of a certain age, and many girls, enjoyed playing with Dinky Toys.

Increasing competition in the 1960s and 70s for die cast toys came from Mettoy's Corgi and from Match Box toys made by Lesney Products while Mattel developed their "Hot Wheels". Dinky Toys partly responded by expanding their Dinky Supertoys range which included the Mighty Antar transporter made by Thomycroft in Basingstoke.

Meccano Ltd was taken over by Lines Bros in 1964 with Hornby Dublo trains sets combining with the Triang name. Production was moved to Margate in Kent where it continues to this day.

The high cost of manufacturing in Britain took its toll and the Binns Road address closed in November 1979. Within a few years their competitors suffered the same fate.

Today Dinky Toys, especially with original boxes, command extraordinary prices at auction.



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So what will this mean for couples and the law?

A civil partnership is a legally recognised relationship between two people that offers many of the same benefits as a marriage, including the same inheritance rights.

Some feel that marriage promotes more "traditional" gender roles, where men and women are not seen on an

equal footing. Whereas there is the view that entering into a civil partnership provides a message of equal unity.

Cohabiting couples are often left unprotected when it comes to inheritance and tax provisions, so entering into a civil partnership may be something to consider for those not wanting to get married.

You can still protect your interests before entering into a civil partnership and there is still a process to follow if a civil partnership should break down.

For further advice please contact Laura Bell, Associate Solicitor on 01256 305507 or email laura.bell@lambbrooks.com

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NOVEMBER EVENTS AT THE BASINGSTOKE DISCOVERY CENTRE

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Store Opening Hours

Watch out for next month's issue when we'll have the finalised dates for all our services during the festive period.

Black Friday – 23rd November

Our colleagues at our Argos store are really looking forward to this event; it's the highlight for their trading year. The store is bound to be busier than usual so, please take your time when visiting during the weekend.

We've plans to help everyone get their parcels and collections on time, in a friendly manner.

Hatch Warren Runners – Naomi House

We're delighted to continue to host the Hatch Warren Runners to the store as they launch their 2018 fundraising for Naomi House, with the 24hr run.

This event is now a firm favourite with both our colleagues and our customers so, remember to bring some loose change!

30th Birthday Celebrations

We've been delving into the Sainsbury Archive as we continue our plans for our 30th Birthday.

The sculpture on the roundabout was designed by Cara Evans and Melissa Godfrey and, the photograph shows the sculpture being prepared for assembly.

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Our "Back on your Bike" rides are ideal for beginners and those new to cycling who wish to join a group for a leisurely cycle ride around Basingstoke. Still not sure.... Let's see if we can give you some reassurance with our frequently asked questions.

Q: I don't own a road bike will I be able to join a Back on your Bike ride?

A: Yes you can, these rides are mainly on cycle paths and quiet roads, and we often use the multiuse path out to Oakley and back which is ideal for hybrids and mountain bikes.

Q: I am not a member of HWBCC do I need to sign up?

A: No, as a club we offer 3 free trial rides before we would ask you to consider joining.

Q: I am so slow I don't think I would be able to keep up...

A: Stop right there, no one is ever too slow to join our Back on a Bike ride. We ride to the slowest pace so no-one is left behind. We will usually have two British Cycling level 1 certified ride leaders, one at the front of the group and one at the back keeping us all together.

Q: I don't own any cycling clothing, what do I wear?

A: The mandatory requirement for all of our rides is that you must wear a cycling helmet. Other than that make sure you wear comfortable clothing, appropriate for the weather conditions, and shoes (trainers are ideal)

Q: What if I get a puncture I don't know what to do?

A: We ask that you bring at least one spare inner tube suitable for your bike. The leaders are able to assist with changing an inner tube and will guide you through the process.

Q: How far will we be cycling?

A: The Back on a Bike ride is usually around 1 hour in duration and we can cover anything from 6 to 10 miles in that period. So what are you waiting for ... come ride with us.

For further details please visit our Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/HWBcc/> or our website <https://hwbcc.org/>



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13th December

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HATCH WARREN UNDER FIVES PRESCHOOL



We've had a great first half term at Hatch Warren Under Fives, the children have been cooking, experimenting and welcoming lots of interesting visitors.

We had a fantastic emergency services themed week - a fire engine visited and the children had an amazing afternoon climbing



aboard and meeting the firemen, a police officer came in and had a lovely chat with the children and a nurse visited and taught the children lots of skills, they particularly enjoyed the bandaging!

A big thank you to our other visitors this term who add so much to our children's learning and development – Louise Weston from Hatch Warren Infant School visited our children for play dough gym, a super fun activity that helps children develop the core muscles they need for writing. And "Debutots" captivated our children with wonderful story telling and drama activities - such a great activity for preschool children, by exploring our stories vocally and physically we really help with their literacy and communication development.

We continually promote British values at preschool, but this term we've had great fun



with "Democracy". This month the children have been voting each day for which book to read

at circle time, they have loved casting their votes and learning about different choices.

Our science experiments are a firm favourite with our children. So far, we've made volcanoes, blown up balloons with bicarbonate of soda and vinegar and learned how rain is formed.

Autumn is one of the most wonderful seasons for children to explore and is always one of our favourite themes. 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 – we've been on walks in the woods where the children have collected lots of natural resources and looked at the changing colours on the trees. We've also been listening to the sounds of leaves crunching underfoot on our woodland walks. And of course coming up soon we have firework night, so there'll be lots more sounds and noises for us to explore, and lots of colourful fireworks crafts too.

To enquire about our waiting list at Hatch Warren Under Fives, please contact Pam Jones, Manager, on 01256 322788, or email preschoolmail@aol.com.

Kempshott Under Fives, our sister preschool, has a few spaces remaining for immediate starts. Read more about our preschools at www.hatchwarrenunderfives.co.uk

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 its AGM recently which was well attended and a great opportunity for parents to meet the team and hear the highlights of the previous year. Claire, the chair of the Pre-School Committee, spoke passionately about the wonderful learning setting that the children benefit from and gave highlights of some of the additional activities the children had enjoyed throughout the year. This included a term with Rugby Tots as well as special, up close encounters with birds of prey and the brilliant Zoolab's collection of creepy crawlies. All these unique experiences were hugely popular with the children

and are planned again in the future. Fiona, the Co-Manager of the pre-school then gave her perspective on what clearly had been a chockablock year! From organising innumerable crafty creations, to welcoming guests to teach the children all about Chinese New Year, to preparing those leaving for big school in how to get ready for PE, it was clear, that the team had been busy! For those who attended, it was also a great opportunity to touch base with the relevant key worker to see how new starters had settled in. Next task, nativity preparations....

There are still spaces available at the Ofsted Outstanding ranked pre-school. To arrange you're your visit, please call Jo or Fiona on 01256 398172.

Alice Crocker

CANDOVER VALLEY PRE-SCHOOL

The children have been exploring the changes Autumn brings. Painting leaves and mixing different colours for their art. During OWLS (outdoor woodland learning sessions) the children have been creating some transient art using sticks and treasures they have collected.

We have had pumpkins to explore with our hands and all the rich language this creates. The children have used golf tees in the pumpkins to balance pompoms (great for fine motor skills) and used the seeds for counting. The children have drawn their own pumpkins free hand by looking at the shape of the pumpkins and decorated to create features.

For Diwali the children will watch a short animation film to explain the story as well as decorating our tea light holders with sequins.

Bonfire Night is always a great talking point at group time as the children recall their experiences and build up their knowledge and understanding of the world. Fireworks will be created through painting, sticking and junk modelling activities. In our daily letters and sounds activity the children have been using their voices and instruments to represent the sounds of fireworks.

Visitors are always welcome at pre-school if you would like to see CVP in action.....

Opening times: Mon –Thurs 8.30am – 3.15pm Fri 8.30 – 11.45pm

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We are embracing the seasonal changes in Year R by going for an Autumn walk looking at all the beautiful colours in our surrounding areas and our wildlife area. The children have met all the Oxford Reading Tree Family and have made their very own first reading books to start them on a wonderful journey into what we hope will be a life long love of reading. Year 1 have been enjoying their topic on Pirates. Last week Pirate Pete came on a visit to answer the children's questions about life on board a pirate ship. We have also been busy making clay ships and being historians researching more about the Titanic disaster. During an outside maths session the children explored the actual size of the real lifeboats, we measured out and drew the boats on the playground so we could sit inside and see how many of the Year 1 children could have been saved if we had been aboard the Titanic. Now we are fully fledged pirates we sang some sea shanties to our parents whilst they came in to look at all our amazing pirate themed work.



During this term Year 2 have flown across the world all the way to India and immersed themselves in some of the cultures and festivals celebrated there, we have compared India with Basingstoke noticing the similarities and difference. Great fun was had by all when we learnt Indian dance moves and were fascinated to find out how Diwali is celebrated. One of the children's favourite stories, 'The Bog Baby' came to life this term when the children created their very own bog babies from clay and other natural objects from the school grounds. Through their writing they have created a description of their Bog Baby and will be taking them home to look after. The whole school are taking part in The National Outdoor Classroom Day at the beginning of November. We are all hoping for some crisp Autumn sunshine so everybody can enjoy spending all day learning outside. Year R will use this time to introduce the children to Big Build, where they have a chance to build with logs, bricks, planks, sticks, crates combined with all our large construction. The children can then take a journey through paint on many different vehicles, making giant modern art work. Year 1 will be using their creativity to make potions and pies from things they can collect from outside, then writing a recipe. Using inspiration from natural artist such as Antony Gormley they will also create giant leaf collages. They will be going on a spider web hunt, looking at the shape and structure and then making their own spiders webs. Year 2 will be on a Maths treasure hunt around the grounds. They will then be using all the knowledge they have gained this fall term on India and pattern to create real chalk Rangoli patterns on the playground.

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Annual Christmas Fayre on Saturday 24th November from 1:30pm to 3:30pm at the Viables Craft Centre.

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- 9th Nov Pamper night, FIFA tournament, stress ball making and chocolate fondue
- 16th Nov Bullying awareness quiz, hair chalks and mocktails
- 23rd Nov Uno night and pitta pizzas
- 30th Nov Table tennis competition, sand art bracelets with Chinese food
- 7th Dec Just Dance and fish finger sandwiches PLUS 5-a-side Football
- 14th Dec Quiz night and special hot chocolates!
- 21st Dec Christmas craft and food

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So, as it gets even colder and darker it is hard to deny winter is on the way! However that also means the Christmas season is fast approaching us! We can't wait, it's our second favourite time of year (the first being Summer Streetz of course).

The last session at The Warren will be Fri 21st Dec and we will reopen on Fri 11th Jan 2019. We will fit in loads of Christmas fun before then with a quiz night, special hot chocolates and of course Christmas Craft!

These last few weeks we have enjoyed tattoos, basketball, sumo suits and seeing our young people showcase their talents in so many crafts ☺



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7th December - Stress and anxiety awareness
If parents have questions about the topics we discuss please feel free to contact us.

A very BIG thank you

We have had a number of games donated to us (including FIFA 19!!) by a local company so we can keep our young people entertained on these chilly nights. We are always grateful for any donations that help us offer the best youth centre we can to our young people. So a BIG thank you from all of us!



Lots of young people booked on to this course as part of Halloween Streetz. Such an amazing opportunity to learn some new skills!

Just a reminder ..

The Warren is an open access youth centre so we are unable to stop a young person from signing themselves out of the centre. Safety is very important to us and so we advise young people and their parents/carers always have an arrangement agreed in advance so everyone is safe and happy.



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••••• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •••••

- A week or so ago, as I was walking round Eastrop Park, I watched children collecting autumn-coloured leaves, conkers and various twigs. They kicked up the fallen leaves as they walked along just as I did as a child – and still do on occasion! I thought how lovely the trees were now that the leaves were just 'turning'.
- We are blessed here in Basingstoke with so many gorgeous trees and woods around us. They really do help us to appreciate the beauty of the changing seasons. Autumn is a lovely season, inspiring John Keats to write his ode to 'Autumn' – 'Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness...' There are so many berries on the bushes this year, which must be a joy to all the birds and small creatures but some say that this is a sign of a hard winter ahead.
- For those of us living in the UK, we can enjoy the beauty of the changing seasons yet there is much unwelcome change in our world, too. When we watch the news and documentaries, we become painfully aware that our children are growing up in a world far different from the one we knew as children.
- Perhaps autumn is the best time to remember and appreciate God's amazing gifts to us: our family, friends, health, shelter, food, our countryside and our work and play. At the same time we must not forget those who do not enjoy these simple pleasures and who are dependent on us to share some of the gifts we have to help them.

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I'd heard of it but didn't know exactly where it was. Fortunately Madam had been with her friend and had been upset about a report in the Basingstoke Gazette about derogatory wording chalked at the car park entrance.

So off in support we went on a wet Monday lunchtime and found it behind the Gillies Health Centre and next to West Basingstoke Baptist Church on Sullivan Road in Brighton Hill.

Set up as a charity seven years ago as a community café to provide training for young adults with learning difficulties they have twenty people on their books going through a minimum two years programme that builds confidence and life skills that will benefit them as they progress through adulthood. Some work now in the café at Waitrose and at Sainsbury's Kempstott.

There are two full time staff, ex hotel manager Carl Manners is in daily charge ably assisted by Denny. She joined on the interesting date of 11.11.11. within a couple of weeks from its opening. They average 60 meals each of the weekdays they are open. There are also other mature volunteers that ensure food is cooked for individual orders from an extensive varied menu. From soups and starters through all style of sandwiches, baguettes, panninis, baked potatoes and sweets. All types of non-alcoholic beverages are on offer and Madam had Earl Grey tea while I had a diet Pepsi.

I was peckish so had a potato and leek soup with half a baguette followed by panninis for both of us. Mine was Coronation chicken and Madam had tuna melt. The fact today they were in fact made from baguettes did not deter from their enjoyment.

The café also produces the sandwiches and snacks for meetings held at the Basingstoke & Deane council offices which provides a regular income. Our total bill came to a very attractive figure of only £14.20.

Worth going? Certainly. And we shall go again.

For those of us, who are in the autumn of our lives it's a good time to consider whether we have led fruitful lives – have we made a difference and are going to leave a good legacy behind? It is also the perfect time to give thanks to God that we have experienced many peaceful years in our land and have known times of innocence and freedom in our childhood the like of which our children and grandchildren may never know. We have seen awesome changes in our world such as space travel and an amazing and rapid growth in technology. During life's autumn, we have a broader perspective and can count more blessing than ever which we can share with our children and grandchildren.

As Christians, we know God does not change He remains always dependable and loving. His truth, ways, and purposes do not change. Jesus Christ, His Son, does not change. "He is the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8).

All God's children will enjoy His fellowship a million years from now. The world will continue to change but the God who has been 'our help in ages past' is also 'our hope for years to come'. In Him we have perfect love, stability, wonderful joy and eternal life. For now, let us all strive to make our world a better, cleaner and peaceful world – and let's start here in Basingstoke!

Our best wishes to you all from the church family at Immanuel Church.

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••••• HATCH WARREN W.I. •••••

Ladies of Hatch Warren W.I. have been very busy this September; seven members went to Kensington Palace to see the exhibition of Princess Diana's original outfits with photos from the time. They visited the apartments of King William and Queen Mary, Queen Mary's collection of miniatures and porcelain. Queen Victoria's apartments where they saw outfits worn by her children and jewels that she received, moving on to the gardens and Diana's memorial water feature. Our skittles team were joint first in their round and a member join Hampshire Federation visit to Denman College studying the art of Chinoises.



Our speaker for October was Alan Perkins who spoke about his role as a 'motorway Cop'. Alan regaled us with stories of being a traffic control driver on the M3 and having to clear teddy bears, peas, carrots and a lorry load of cut flowers being some of the things spilled on the motorway. He was presented with a medal for bravery when in 1974 the IRA tied to blow up BDH hospital. On display were a series of photos to show what can go wrong on the motorway, just drive safely and keep within the speed limit.

October will see members joining a trip to Holybourne Honey's W.I. who we are now twinned with for an evening of dance. Loddon Group autumn meeting where the competition will be savoury bread. The Autumn Council meeting at the Anvil where we will be entertain by the 'Mikron Theatre Company 'Revoluting Women' the Suffrage story.

Richard Tanner will talk on 'Jane Austen' on 1st November at 8 p.m. at Hatch Warren Community Centre, if you are interested in coming to our meeting please contact our president Jane on 07798 842487 for more information.

HATCH WARREN RUNNERS



Ask not what your club can do for you, but what you can do for your club and others!

Each week, all over the country there are parkruns, events and races that, without the good will and enthusiasm of volunteers, would not be possible. HWR has a strong ethos of giving back to the local community, charitable causes and supporting other runners and our club neighbours.

Never has this been so evident than at HWR's annual Farleigh Wallop 10k Trail Race on the 23rd September which was led by Race Director extraordinaire Sharon Bryan. The Race Team and over 100 Hatchie volunteers made the event possible. The rain poured but running spirits could not be dampened and there were smiles and mud aplenty! Participants were overwhelmingly complimentary telling us that it was well organised, friendly and that the race bling was fabulous (as designed by the endlessly talented Jo Mills).



Hatchies Katy & Netta in marshall point at the Farleigh Wallop Trail race

CarFest 2018 presented a fantastic opportunity for HWR to showcase the Hatchie spirit. Darrel May co-ordinated a crew of volunteers who debuted in supporting the race and a leap frog world record attempt. No task is too big, small or unique for us lot!

Not to go without mention are the fundraising efforts of club members. Each year several thousands of pounds are creatively raised for different national and local charities and there is the amazing support that Hatchies give as Guide Runners for the visually impaired at parkrun and races.

Races, races, races and other monumental achievements!

Throughout August Hatchies travelled

far and wide partaking in national and international parkruns and races. Hatchies may holiday, but the running bug does not!

September was a month of many half marathons including Maidenhead, Winchester, Bacchus, WSR Fox, Richmond and Worcester. The widely televised Great North Run is always a bucket list favourite and many Hatchies could be seen schmoozing with famous faces on the day. In Berlin and closer to home at Richmond, Steve Lamb, Andy Brace, Graham Collins, Lin Wylie, Rory Horseman, Sonia Carimando, Ellen Mirabita, Paula Parker and Jamie Lamport all achieved incredible full marathon finishing times.

During August and September there were several Personal Bests. Rich Esse at the New Forest Half Marathon; Claire Esslement, Mark Burt and Vicky Hallett at parkrun; Matthew Evans at the Ageas Bowl 10k and Rhianna Stanley was third lady at Brutal – a natural obstacle course which is as tough as it sounds!

For each Hatchie there are marked personal challenges and goals in their running journey: For Jeff Mitchell, Adam McCarthy, Greg Haynes and Elliot Holt this was the Snowdon Ultra Marathon; for Adam McCarthy this was 135km at the Cotswold 24 hour race; for Mark Brady this was running 1000 km this year; for Donna Muller it was her first ever 10k race; for Ali Grant and Dan Hatton it was achieving their sub-hour 10k and for Lisa Hotten it was running her 50th parkrun. The beauty of running is that each person will have their own personal challenge and club members will always support with advice, guidance and encouragement.

If you want to try being part of the club, join us for a taster run on a Monday or Wednesday evening. For more details, please visit www.hwrrunners.co.uk, email us on enquiries@hwrrunners.co.uk or visit our Facebook page.



Hatchies fraternising with the stars at the Great North Run

COUNCILLOR'S UPDATE

BEGGARWOOD SURGERY:

No updates at present although at time of writing I am awaiting confirmation of a meeting with the CCG to discuss.

ANAEROBIC DIGESTER: Hampshire County Council have received an application from Biogen, the new operators of the Anaerobic Digester in Garlic Lane, to make permanent the increase in HGV traffic from the temporary permission which was granted last year. The link for more details and to post comments is as follows: <https://planning.hants.gov.uk/ApplicationDetails.aspx?RecNo=19739>

POWERLEAGUE: Many local residents have expressed concern about the potential loss of this facility following the problems with the operating company. I understand that positive moves have been made to identify a potential new operator, and it is clear that BDBC, HCC and Brighton Hill school all understand the value of the facility to the area and are working to find a solution.

POST OFFICE CONSULTATION:

The Post office has announced the wish to move the central post office facility at the Top of Town to a concession within WH Smiths at the Malls. If anyone has any thoughts or comments on this, please let me know so that I can feed that back into the consultation.

BROADMERE RD: The Highways Director at HCC has informed me that agreement with developers to finally adopt part of Broadmere Rd is now with the legal teams drawing upon an agreement. This is certainly not before time. Unfortunately this will not be the whole of Broadmere which is adopted immediately, there is apparently an issue over ownership of some drainage channels in part of the road, but it should cover the part which includes the entrances into Candover Court and the shops/surgeries area. Once finalised, this should mean that we can look at getting some parking restrictions in place as this seems to be becoming an increasingly difficult and busy entrance to navigate.

COMMUNITY LUNCH: Please come and support our next Community Lunch at the Beggarwood Centre on the 7th November, starting at the slightly earlier time of 12.15

TREE PLANTING: As part of the Queen's Commonwealth Canopy, two trees have been donated from the Woodland Trust to Maria Miller MP, and they will be planted at Beggarwood Park on 7th November. Further details of the scheme are available at www.queenscommonwealthcanopy.org

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Saturdays: 0649, then every 30 minutes until 0849, 0909, then every 15 minutes until 1739, then every 20 minutes until 1839, 1858, 1923, 1952, 2022, 2122, 2222, 2322

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Letters... to the editor

Dear Editor

In your letters column, Ian Bailes asks for opinions on his refusal to use the cycle path between Danebury Road and Beggarwood Lane. Well, as a cyclist who uses this cycle path very regularly, I think his excuses are pretty lame.

I can count on the fingers of one hand the number of times either pedestrians or crossing the road junctions he mentions have slowed me down. Why put yourself in danger and clearly annoy other road users when a perfectly safe, wide and infrequently used cycle path is there to keep you safe?

Phil

In response to Ian Bailes's letter in the September issue of The Rabbiter regarding use (or not) of the cycle path on Cliddesdon Lane, as a car driver I feel his pain.

Mr Bailes states that in using the cycle path as opposed to the road, his progress is impeded and he has to reduce his speed for the safety of others.

I find my car journeys frequently delayed by slower road users or to preserve the safety of people not wanting to make the same pace as me.

They're usually cyclists.

Bob

Interested to read about possible future changes to Brighton Hill roundabout to ease 'rush-hour' congestion, which it seems will involve the installation of traffic lights.

I'm sure this will help the situation during the very busy morning and evening periods. However, during most of the day, there are only a couple of cars in the 'queue' on most roads onto the roundabout. So my question is, why can't these traffic lights be programmed to operate during peak traffic flow periods only?

I'm sure we've all been sitting on red lights off-peak at the recently 'improved' B&Q roundabout, waiting for non-existent traffic on green!

Phil



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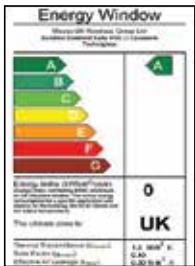
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