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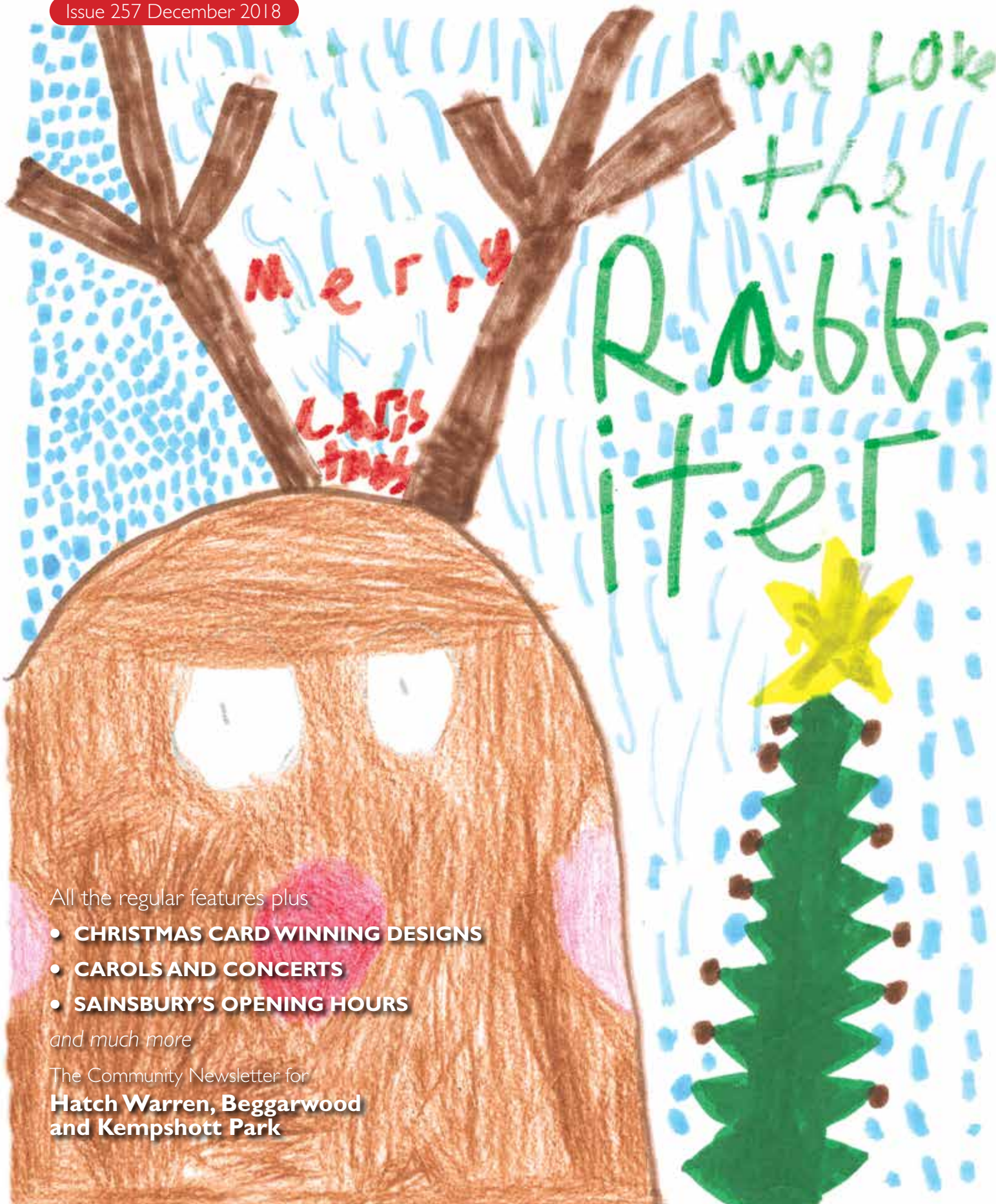
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EDITORIAL

One of the greatest pleasures I have as Editor of the Rabbiter is to judge the annual Christmas Front Cover competition. Children at the Hatch Warren After School Club are invited to draw a picture for the cover and one is then chosen for our December edition cover – always a difficult task! This year the picture chosen was by Craig who is 8 years old – it was a difficult task choosing and below are the two other pictures that made it onto the short list. These have been drawn by Alexis aged 6 and Isobel aged 6. Craig, Alexis and Isobel each received a voucher kindly donated by Sainsbury's.

Did you know that our Sainsbury's opened 30 years ago? On 30 November our local store will be celebrating its 30th birthday – pictures and news of this event will feature in the February edition of the Rabbiter. How the store has changed in those years! It has been enlarged, the café is probably about three times the size of the original store and it now sells so much more than just food. Our store has become part of our local community supporting local events – a big thank you to our store on its 30th birthday!

More homes are needed and one of the sites for development is the Golf Club between Beggarwood and the M3 – see SWAG article on page 5. It is important that there is the infrastructure to support more homes in the south of Basingstoke and SWAG is active in helping address these issues.

If you haven't been to the Café in the Park yet now is the time to go! There is a voucher for a free cup of coffee at the café on page 12 – and I am sure you will not be able to resist one of the delicious homemade cakes on sale to go with it. The Community Lunch on 5 December will have a seasonal theme with mince pies and mulled wine on offer. The new book club, Bookworms, now meets at the café each month – if you like reading why not come along and join the fun.

There is a growing need for the development of a Community Led Plan – see Councillors update on page 22. If you are interested in being involved in this initiative please contact Cllr Terri Reid.

The Rabbiter takes a break in January so the next edition will be in February 2019 – copy date 15th January. We would like to wish all our readers, deliverers, contributors and advertisers a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

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:
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MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM HATCH WARREN BEGGARWOOD CYCLING CLUB

I can't believe it's that time of year again, Xmas is here and 2019 is round the corner.

At HWBCC we've had a brilliant year, we celebrated our 3rd birthday, and our membership continues to grow with us now at over 170 cyclists, & rides happening 2 or 3 times a week every week, all year round.

Our membership is open to cyclists of all abilities and we are passionate about helping everyone to reach their goals, whether that be getting on a bike for the first time in years, to cycling a few miles or climbing the tallest mountains or the longest distances.

Normally people look back and do a review of 2018, but we thought we'd tell you about our plans for December 2018 and into the first part of 2019 and how you can get involved.

Well December we've got our HWBCC Xmas party, so not strictly speaking cycling related, during this event 100 of us will pull on our glad rags and dance, eat, and maybe have a drink or 2!...

We also have our now legendary Xmas rides... have you ever seen Santa riding a bike? Well you will! Fancy coming along? Break out the fancy dress and join us on the 22nd December.

In January, everyone will realise how the excesses of Xmas have affected them, and they'll start to plan for the year... the first few



months are all about getting people out on their bikes and riding, sadly the weather isn't great in Jan & Feb, but we all come together and push each other to get out there... you never know we may accidentally fall into a cafe for cake, and to keep warm!

There are 2 big events that we attend each year, during April we take a group of people to somewhere in Europe for one of the Cycling Classics, and in May we take a large percentage of our membership to the Isle of Wight to cycle around the Island during the Bank Holiday weekend.. Last year over 50 of us crossed to the Island.

Each week we have 2 or 3 rides, from rides with distances between 8 & 50 miles, and we welcome anyone over 18 years of age as long as they have a bike and a helmet!

Even if you haven't been on a bike for years, please come along and ride with us!

Did you know? Women represent over 20% of our club membership and that percentage is increasing every year.

If any of this sounds of interest to you please visit our website at HWBCC.ORG or search for Hatch Warren Beggarwood Cycling Club on Facebook, and please feel to join us on one of our rides soon.

SWAG SNIPPETS (South West Action Group)

The planning application for the relaxation of transport conditions for the **Anaerobic Digester** in Garlic Lane is now being considered by HCC. See BDBC reference 17/01876/CMA and HCC reference 18/03001/CMA. The operator wants the increase in vehicle movements which has been in place for two years to be made permanent. SWAG has objected strongly to this. We believe that only by a continuing reassessment of all the conditions associated with the planning permission for this Plant can we be sure that they will be monitored and enforced. Food waste is brought in and digestate taken out by HGVs travelling long distances and accessing the plant along residential streets. We have proposed further restrictions on the hours that HGVs can travel along Woodbury Road and that the number of movements should be reduced.

The latest on the **Hounsborne Fields**. The application for a construction access on the A30 at the top of the site (BDBC planning reference 18/02443/FUL) is on hold : Hampshire Highways asked for more information on vehicle movements and safety. Traffic counters were installed for a week on the A30 and we await the outcome from these measurements.

No more news on the proposed Gypsy and Traveller pitches but a planning application has been submitted for the detailed design and layout of the first 96 dwellings in this 750 dwelling estate (BDBC reference 18/02513/RES). These houses are to be built at the top of the site, opposite the Golf Club entrance. SWAG and Dummer Parish Council will be meeting the planning officers to make sure the requirements of the outline planning permission have been carried through into this detailed application. We will also be looking for the outcomes of the archaeological investigations that were carried out earlier this year.

SWAG is still very concerned about the proposed location of the primary school and nursery adjacent to the new roundabout on the A30. In October the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health called for a ban on the building of playgrounds, schools and nurseries in pollution hotspots. The outputs from the traffic counters will be relevant to this.

We have heard that a proposal will be put to the members of **Basingstoke Golf Club** in late November for the sale of the current Course to a developer and the purchase of a nearby Golf Course. The existing site is in the Local Plan for a major development of 1,000 houses. The proposal envisages planning consent by 2020.

Over 200 people attended a meeting in Micheldever about the proposal to build a "new town" of **6,000 dwellings at Micheldever** near Blackwood forest which would have far reaching consequences for the south west of Basingstoke and for Junction 7 of the M3. A Winchester City Councillor told the meeting that a proposal for 6,000 dwellings was far in excess of what was required as part of their Local Plan Review.

We understand there is to be a further consultation on a revised traffic and transport plan for **Manydown** before Christmas. You can watch out for these documents under planning reference 17/00818/OUT.

The deadline date for the consideration of the proposed **MSA at Junction 6** has been put back to 31st January. The applicant and Highways England are still locked in discussions on traffic volumes and junction structures. The traffic predictions for Manydown and the Leisure Park also feed into this.

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WHAT'S ON – DECEMBER

*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.*

December Events

- 1 December Trip to Bath Christmas Market – book at Hatch Warren Community Centre
- 1 December Christmas Fair, Preston Candover Primary School, 12 – 3pm
- 5 December Community Lunch, Café in the Park
- 7 December Basingstoke Disability Connections, Café in the Park
- 13 December Card & Cuppa at Café in the Park – see page 12
- 13 December Hansel & Gretel puppet show at Dummer Village Hall – see page 6
- 14 December Christmas Quiz Night, Café in the Park
- 14 December Christmas Concert, Basingstoke Male Voice Choir – see page 22
- 15 December Santa's Grotto at Farleigh Wallop Club
- 16 December Christmas Concert, Basingstoke Ladies Choir – see page 11
- 16 December Basingstoke Concert Band and Choral Society Concert – see page 17
- 20 December Carols & Mulled Wine, Café in the park
- 20 December Carol Service at Basingstoke Crematorium – see page 20
- 21 December Christmas Raffle and meat draw at Farleigh Wallop Club
- 24 December Christmas Quiz at Farleigh Wallop Club
- 25 December Christmas Day!
- 26 December Music from the 80's, Farleigh Wallop Club
- 31 December New Years Eve at Farleigh Wallop Club

2019 Events

- 3 January Hatch Warren WI, Hatch Warren Community Centre
- 5 January 12th Night – end of Christmas celebrations!
- 15 January Copy date for February edition of the Rabbit
- 25 January Burns Night

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.hwrnrunners.co.uk

FARLEIGH CLUB CHRISTMAS DATES

Saturday 15th December Santa's Grotto, 11am till 3pm with Santa arriving at 11.30 till 2pm. We still have room for a few more stalls so please pop in and book, £10 a stall

Friday 21st December Christmas Raffle 1st ticket drawn at 9pm on sale now. Christmas Meat Draw, with an amazing display of meat to win. This will be at 10pm, again tickets available to buy now.

Christmas Eve Our very popular Christmas Quiz is back, 8pm start. Teams of 4, £2 entry per person.

Boxing Day Music from the 80s, a special evening is planned with great music from this decade. Why not dress for the occasion.

New Year's Eve Celebrate the start of 2019 and see in the New Year with us. 7pm till late.

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PROBUS HEARS OF "SO FAR SO GOOD"



At its last meeting the Probust Club of Basingstoke was entertained by Malcolm Wells MBE with a lively, often high-octane account of three facets of his life experiences. He took the audience of retired professional and business managers through his 25 years in the army as a musician (playing cello on state occasions and at banquets), the 15 years spent as National Speaker for Canine Partners and his current role

as Ambassador for the Plymouth based charity Literacy in a Box. Throughout he offered many amusing stories, funny anecdotes and witty jokes to illustrate his colourful history in public service, and charity work as a volunteer. In 1998 he was awarded an MBE by the Queen for services to children's charities.

Malcolm wrung an amusing story out of his MBE award, normally a formal, serious occasion. At that time he was involved with setting up a new band for the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (REME) in Portsmouth. What to wear? He requested a REME uniform but none was available so his dressers produced a variety of uniform items from different regiments. In Malcolm's words he turned up at Buckingham Palace dressed 'like a Christmas tree with more regalia than Prince Charles'. But the 'fun' didn't end there as he was approached by the actress, June Whitfield, who said to him 'Excuse me, where's the ladies' room?' clearly mistaking him for a member of the Palace staff.

Army stories were in abundance and included recall of Malcolm's time as a cellist for the celebrated Royal Artillery Orchestra. He was asked to produce a programme of music for the Queen's 'Monarchs' Dinner', choosing a suitable piece for each country represented there. He struggled with Denmark but came up with 'The Ugly Duckling': at the unforeseen rendering of 'the King was in the altogether', the reaction of senior members of the British Royal Family was sheer horror; but the band agreed to keep the story quiet. Despite this, page 6 of the next day's edition of the 'Daily Mail' referred piously to the 'totally inappropriate music' played at the dinner.

On another occasion, Malcolm's band was invited to a 'march and play' at an England v. Brazil match at Wembley which included the pre-eminent Pele. The band was instructed that pre-match it was to play the 'Match of the Day' theme music. Needless to say, the TV producers were not happy as the game was being broadcast on ITV! The evening went downhill fast as the band had not anticipated the Brazilian anthem going on 'for ever' and all subsequent programmes were severely delayed.

Malcolm recalled his time as National Speaker for Canine Partners, a charity which trains dogs to support those with a range of disabilities: they assist with a range of practical tasks and can be taught to use a washing machine! Malcolm made the point that the dogs choose their partners, not the other way round; this was illustrated by the story of Graham, a wheelchair user, who tried to 'beat the system' by positioning himself near to a black Labrador which he wanted as his partner. But the lab, wasn't playing ball and Graham ended up with Noodle the Poodle who made 'an immediate change' to his quality of life.

Malcolm ended by describing his current work as Ambassador for the Literacy in a Box Trust which runs in partnership with the Rotary

Club. This provides educational kits, each costing £325 to produce, for schools and children in Zambia and sub-Saharan Africa. Probust members were pleased to make donations to this worthwhile cause.

See www.probusbasingstoke.wordpress.com

HATCH WARREN W.I.

Hatch Warren welcomed four guest to our meeting on 1st November where we had a change to our speaker: Debbie Reavall from Basingstoke Heritage Society spoke about the 'Blue Plaques' that are put on building of historic interest around the town. Basingstoke Heritage Society was formed in 1989 as the town was being still redeveloped. It is known that Jane Austen danced until she was 21 years old at the Assembly Rooms at the Angel Inn in the Market Square which is now Barclays Bank, before she then moved to live in Bath. There is a statue of Richard Aldworth from the Blue Coat School who gave money for boys to be given an education. A plaque to George Willis who had a shop in Wrote Street and now the original front of the shop is to be seen at Milestones. Sir James Lancaster left money to form a small school by St. Michael's Church. Burberry's Emporium came in 1856 and became a large employer in the town. A plaque to Oliver Cromwell who stayed in Basingstoke at the Bell Inn. There are also plaques to be seen to Sir Harold Gillies for plastic surgery, John Attwood and John Arlott. A very informative talk that will have us all walking around to discover the origins of our town.

October saw eight members enjoy an evening at Holybourne Honey's W.I. where we tried Flamenco dancing and enjoyed lots of lovely tapas. The Autumn meeting at the Anvil saw our member Sandra Christie's entry to the Lady Denman cup competition 'The Day that Changed my Life' go through to National. There will be an outing to see the Winchester Christmas Fair and lunch for members to attend the end of November.

Our craft group members knitted a long line of red poppies for the centenary of WWI which were on display. Members will make learn how to make a rag rug and then a Christmas wreath for their door.

We will be going for our Christmas celebration meal in December with a secret Santa for members to enjoy. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 3rd January 2019. We meet on the first Thursday of the month at Hatch Warren Community Centre at 8 p.m. if you are interested in more information please contact our President Jane on 07798 842487.

Hatch Warren W.I. ladies wish all our reader a Very Merry Christmas' and make your new year's resolution to come and visit us in January when we will start our new year programme with more informative talks and fun outing to look forward to in 2019.

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AVOIDING A CHRISTMAS FALL OUT: TIPS FOR SEPARATED PARENTS

We are now fully into the Festive Season and it is time to start thinking about Christmas plans. This can often be a stressful time for parents who have separated.

No matter whether the separation is recent and raw or long-settled and amicable; we often find that emotions can run high at this time of year and tension can build - which of course does no good for the children.

Here are our top tips for a Christmas everyone can enjoy:

1. Plan Ahead

It is best to plan early to avoid pressure, allow for negotiations and discussions. If you expect there to be an issue, approach this in a calm and clear manner; perhaps through an email to your ex-partner:

2. Remain Flexible

It can be difficult to split contact equally over the busy holidays. It is a good idea to offer flexibility and alternate the agreements year on year. Remember Christmas isn't just about the 25th December for the Children; there are school holidays to accommodate, Christmas shopping, nativity plays, pantomimes, family celebrations, New Year - even things like Christmas movie nights and visits to see 'Santa' that can all be enjoyed by parents and children alike.

3. Communication

Putting disagreements aside and co-operating will make trying to arrange time much easier. If you struggle to communicate with your ex-partner then perhaps consider Mediation or

using a Parenting Plan. Working with a neutral person can eliminate past problems, focus on what is best for the children and can help find a solution that you might not have considered.

Above all else, remember to enjoy the Christmas period with your children and make sure you cherish every moment!

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HATCH WARREN RUNNERS

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Grocery Online Deliveries

Delivery slots are now open for all forms of delivery; both to your door and, via our Click and Collect service in the car park at Kempshott.

The final day for Grocery Online Deliveries is Sunday 23rd, December. The service will not be available from the 24th thru 26th December. It is important to note that the final delivery slot will also be between 6.00pm and 7.00pm on New Year's Eve.

The Grocery Online Team, at our Head Office, keep a close eye on availability of extra capacity for our online ordering. During the busiest period over the Easter we were delivery over 30,000 items (500+ deliveries) every day.

So, be sure to check the website so more slots.

Finally, on behalf of Stuart Purdy (Store Manager) and our colleagues at Kempshott, may I wish you all a peaceful festive season.

For Christmas trading hours see page 22

AGEING WELL

North Hampshire CCG in collaboration with Hampshire Fire and Rescue are organising a series of events to give older people an opportunity to socialise and find out about a range of services available to them.

The 'Ageing Well' events run every third Friday of the month until April, 12-1pm. Come along and find out what's on offer and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee at the Basingstoke Fire Service.

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Where alcohol or even a free bar is provided by your employer you do still have a duty to retain some semblance of sensible and responsible behaviour. Even under the influence of alcohol it is not acceptable to make unwanted advances, air grudges, be abusive, fight, harass or discriminate against others, drink and drive or use the photocopier inappropriately.

Jokes you would not tell or comments that you would not use in the office because they might cause offence, are just as likely to cause offence in a party situation even if they do get a laugh from all concerned after a few drinks. Remember for example that not everyone drinks alcohol, celebrates Christmas or likes social events and their views and beliefs must be respected.

Another often forgotten, but important point, is that it is completely inappropriate to discuss work matters, other members of staff, clients, suppliers or customers in a social environment where you can be overheard by others.

Senior staff also have the added responsibility not to make any rash promises such as agreeing pay increases or discussing promotions or company matters under the influence of alcohol as this could well be regretted later.

The office Christmas party should be a happy and fun experience for all concerned and remain in the spirit of the season of goodwill. One last tip - do aim to turn up on time to work the next day even if you do have a hangover.

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HATCH WARREN UNDER FIVES PRESCHOOL



Hatch Warren Under Fives is delighted to share the very exciting news that we have been awarded Millie's Mark. Millie's Mark is awarded as a special endorsement to childcare providers that go above and beyond minimum first aid requirements by having 100% of staff trained in paediatric first aid, and also ensuring that everything learned during the course is kept alive and in the forefront of practitioners' minds so that they are confident, ready and capable. Hatch Warren Under Fives, and our sister preschool Kempshott Under Fives are currently the only two settings within a ten-mile radius to have this award – and we hope our good work inspires other settings in Basingstoke to follow our lead and work towards achieving this fantastic accreditation. It has taken 7 months of hard work to achieve Millie's Mark. 100% of our staff are first aid trained and Pam, our Manager, has worked tirelessly to ensure that there is continual first aid training at every staff meeting, she has also introduced new policies and she personally evaluates and reflects on all first aid situations to prevent the same accident happening again. We now have regular danger and hazard drills so that staff are continually educated about keeping children safe and minimizing risks and accidents. We are delighted that our efforts have been rewarded and that we have achieved this incredible award.

Now that it's December we are officially allowed to talk about Christmas. This is always a magical month at Hatch Warren Under Fives. The children are busy preparing for their big performance – this year we will be treating parents to our own version of "Twas the Night Before Christmas". And of course, it wouldn't be Christmas without a party, so we'll be hosting a fun-filled party for our little ones, and if they've been good (which we think they have!), they will even get the chance to visit Father Christmas in his magical Grotto...

This month it's all about the glitter on the craft tables – we'll be making lots of sparkly and wintery crafts, and the children will be filling huge envelopes with all of their sparkly creations for parents.

At circle time we'll be hearing lots about presents and what the top picks are this year, but we'll also be explaining that Christmas isn't just about presents. That it's a time for family and special people and for helping others.

As always, there are still lots of things non-Christmas keeping our children busy. We have recently taken delivery of a wooden fort, which was purchased with some of our fund-raising money. It has been amazing for our children's imaginations – so far it's been a pirate ship, a lookout and a castle! We are looking forward to unveiling our cosy corners and our cultural and diversity area in the New Year – all made possible by our wonderful families and their amazing fund raising efforts.

We have recently introduced a weekly nursery rhyme theme, the children have been taking words home for their home learning and we're also teaching Makaton signing to go with our rhyme of the week.

Our weekly cooking and science experiments are still going strong, we've had great fun in science turning solids to liquid, learning how fire needs air to breathe, balloon launching and lava lamp making, and in cooking we've made edible sparklers, laddoo (traditional Hindu sweets) and seasonal autumn soup.

Over the last few weeks we've celebrated Diwali and we also took part in Children in Need, wearing pyjamas to preschool, painting faces and decorating biscuits – and raising some money too!

Our Under 3's group begins their transition into our main room this month ready for moving up in January. Our Under 3s children are superstars, they've had a fantastic first term at preschool and we're looking forward to seeing them grow and develop even more in the main room next year.

Last month we welcomed Annabelle Kumm to the team – Annabelle is an experienced Early Years Practitioner who has been working in childcare for over ten years. She's a great addition to the team and is enjoying getting to know all of our children.

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

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 children have been kept busy with all things autumnal this term. Pumpkins have been a popular topic with the children making pumpkins for the pumpkin patch and baking yummy pumpkin biscuits and scones. They were such a hit that the recipe has been shared so they can be enjoyed at home! They have also been learning an autumn song which they sing with much enthusiasm as you can imagine. Preparations for the nativity now begin in earnest... Merry Christmas to all from all the team at Cuckoo Meadow!

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

Alice Crocker

CANDOVER VALLEY PRE-SCHOOL

The children have continued to enjoy the Autumnal changes happening outside. The unseasonal amount of ladybirds has been a fascination, leading to bug hunts and lots of rich language. They have used picture frames and created pictures with leaves, sticks and conkers.

The breadstick sparklers were a real treat and the children used skills to develop their fine motor skills to pinch the sprinkles, wind red laces and spoon icing. Hibernation has been explored and the children made their own hedgehog bread rolls to eat.

Candover Valley Pre-School will be selling



cakes at Preston Candover CE Primary School's Winter Fair is on Saturday 1 December, 12pm - 3pm. The money raised will go towards new toys for the pre-school. Save the date!

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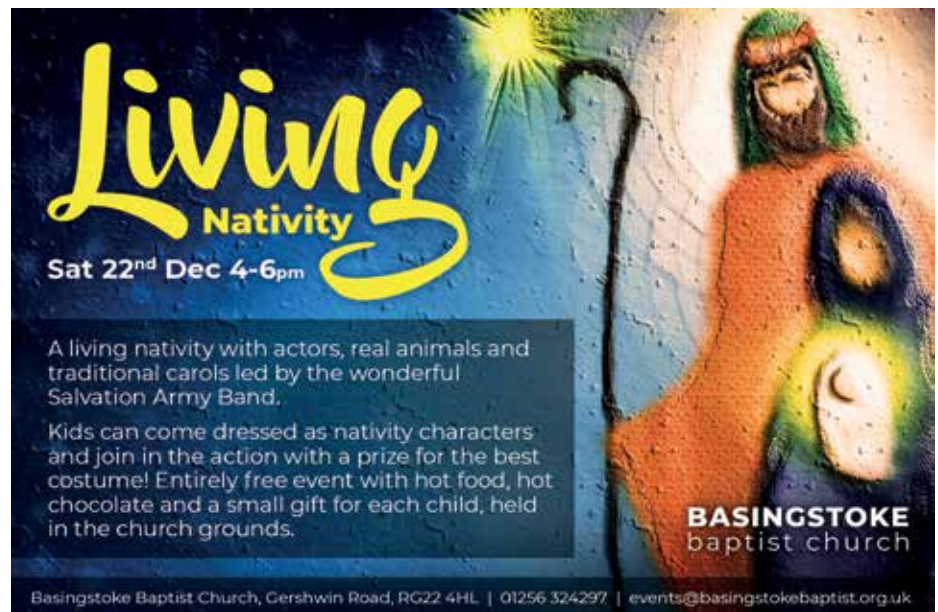
DANDELIONS

It's been a happy and enjoyable start to the term here at Dandelions. Our new starters have settled in quickly to their new surroundings and the older children enthusiastically take part in Thursday's 'Lions' (Rising Five) sessions.

As autumn is now upon us the children are enjoying crafts and activities using our new loose parts and holistic play areas. They have been busy creating our Autumn scene on the wall creating a tree and hedgehogs made from the leaves we found.



With the children's love of stories we have enjoyed listening in our new reading corner. This term we have read Goldilocks and the 3 Bears, the 3 Little Pigs and Billy Goats Gruff. It's been so much fun carrying out role play with the children who loved





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With stories in mind we have been on a Bear Hunt as our sponsored event this term to help raise funds towards our IT equipment. We were swishing and swashing through long wavy grass and splashing and splashing and squelching through mud through the trees in search of a bear!!! A huge thank you to all involved and we have raised over £100 so far!!

The children are coming dressed in their pyjamas or anything Pudsey related on Thursday 15th and Friday 16th November to join in with Children in Need. We will be having lots of fun doing arts and crafts and decorating biscuits.

With Christmas rapidly approaching the children are beginning to prepare for the nativity and have been busy making Christmas cards. It's such an exciting time of year with lots of crafts and gifts to be made.

Dandelions and Snap Dragons still have spaces available! If 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



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Our ever popular fireworks spectacular was another sold out event and people from all over the area joined us for a fantastic night of great fireworks and brilliant entertainment provided by DJ Mark Halliday. The bar service was kindly provided by Farleigh Wallop Estate. Everyone enjoyed the funfair especially the dodgems! All money raised will be ploughed back into the Centre. A massive thank you to all our lovely volunteers, partners, local residents and of course everyone who attended ... we look forward to seeing you again next year!! Huge thanks to Dave Potts Photography for capturing the moment.



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21st Dec Christmas Party!! 

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So far, we have enjoyed fruit skewers and some amazing smoothies and can't wait to see what else we can do in the next few weeks!

We want to say a big thank you to Linda and Asda in Brighton Hill for helping us keep our young people healthy ☺



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7th December - Stress and anxiety awareness

11th January - Alcohol Awareness

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

Fireworks Fundraising

Another amazing fireworks display at Hatch Warren this year. The Warren sold tuck and glow products at the event to raise us an incredible £1000! We can't thank you all enough. A big thank you to our volunteers and the young people who gave up their time to help: Saskia, Luke, Charlotte, Freddie, Amelia and Mel.

We also have to give another big thank you to Vodafone who fund matched giving us an additional £350.

We value everyone's support for The Warren and we wouldn't be able to run without it.

Christmas is coming .. just a reminder the Warren closes for Christmas on Fri 21st Dec and reopens Fri 11th Jan 2019. There is no late session on 21st Dec as The Warren closes at 7.45pm, however, the Christmas party starting at 6pm is open to all ages! Come and join us in your Christmas jumper and hats for some delicious party food, Christmas songs and all round Christmas merriment! No better way to start your Holiday season.



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Christmas is a lovely Christian festival, where we celebrate, with joy, the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, in a humble stable in Bethlehem. It is a time for family gatherings, turkey dinners, party games and fun. It is also a time for thinking of others who are not as fortunate as we are and gives us the opportunity to look at ways in which we can help them in a very practical way.

Sadly, there are many families and individuals for whom Christmas may not be such a happy time. Bereavement, poverty, job losses, homelessness and loneliness are some of the reasons that can make Christmas such a difficult and sad time for many. If this is you and your family, this Christmas, we invite you to come to our peaceful and contemplative 'Blue Christmas' service at Immanuel Church (in St. Mark's School), Danebury Road, Hatch Warren. (See below)

Below is a list of the Christmas services and activities taking place at Immanuel Church this Christmastide. Please note that our Midnight Mass is a joint service with St. Mark's, Kempshott) this year. We do hope you and your family will be able to join us to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ this Christmas.

Sat 24th Nov	10-12 a.m	Advent Activity Morning at Immanuel Church
Sun 2nd Dec	03.00 p.m.	Christingle Service at Immanuel Church
Sat 15th Dec	05.00 p.m	Blue Christmas (a quiet and contemplative service for those who find Christmas a difficult time)
Thu 20th Dec	06.00 p.m	Carols at Beggarwood Park Cafe
Fri 21st Dec	06.00 p.m	Carols at Sainsbury's <i>in aid of St. Michael's Hospice</i>
Sun 23rd Dec	10.00 a.m	Sunday Eucharist with children's Nativity
Sun 23rd Dec	05.00 p.m	Carols by Candlelight at Immanuel Church
Mon 24th Dec	03.00 p.m	Crib Service at Immanuel Church
Mon 24th Dec	11.30 p.m.	Midnight Mass. <i>This will be held jointly with St Mark's Church at St. Mark's Church, Kempshott.</i>
Tues 25th Dec	10.00 a.m.	Christmas Morning Mass at Immanuel Church

All of us at Immanuel Church would like to wish you and your family and friends a Blessed and Joy-filled Christmas and a Happy, Peaceful and Prosperous New Year. May we all know the peace of Christ this Christmastide and always.

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The Viabes Craft Centre always has something to attract with its multitude of craft shops, the Viabes Community Centre and of course the model railway which is so popular with young families on its "steam" days.



Visiting this site many times over the years I had yet to set foot into The Towers, the Asian restaurant that has been here for about twenty years. That is until a very recent Thursday evening when I decided that

Madam could do with a bit of a treat.

A friendly welcome overcame the empty restaurant although we were assured that there were customers in the basement. We stayed at ground level although initially descending three steps and then ascending four steps to the back area of this establishment that receives good reports on Trip Advisor. Yes it was a little gloomy as apart from a central light our table had the only lit candle. No doubt on a busier night it would have greater ambiance.

But we had come for a meal and good quality was the order of the night. We started with the ubiquitous popadoms and pickles, Madam then had aromatic crab cakes while I had meat somosas. Continuing with a fish theme, Madam had Tandoori Sea Bass which arrived sizzling on a platter which the waiter took off the bone. It was accompanied with a salad. My selection was Tandoori Chicken

Massala with Pilau rice and potatoes. It was delicious and Madam was delighted with her choice too.

The sweet theme, as is often the case with Asian restaurants, was mainly various ice cream confections. Madam enjoys Indian ice cream and chose Kulfi with pistachio nuts whereas I stayed with the less exotic mint ice cream with chocolate granules.

Coffee with cream for both of us with a chocolate mint rounded off a very enjoyable meal. Our drinks had been her usual diet tonic with ice and a slice and mine the standard pint of Stella. The bill came to £55.90 which wasn't a cheap meal but we had indulged with all the courses.

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Wednesday 19th December	07.00 – 22.00
Thursday 20th December	07.00 – 23.00
Friday 21st December	06.00 – 23.00
Saturday 22nd December	06.00 – 23.00
Sunday 23rd December	10.00 – 16.00
Monday 24th December	06.00 – 18.00
Tuesday 25th December	Closed
Wednesday 26th December	09.00 – 17.00
Thursday 27th December	07.00 – 20.00
Friday 28th December	07.00 – 20.00
Saturday 29th December	07.00 – 20.00
Sunday 30th December	10.00 – 16.00
Monday 31st December	07.00 – 19.00
Tuesday 1st January	09.00 – 17.00
Wednesday 2nd January	07.00 – 22.00

Sainsbury's Petrol Station

Tuesday 18th December	06.00 – 23.00
Wednesday 19th December	06.00 – 23.00
Thursday 20th December	06.00 – 23.00
Friday 21st December	05.30 – 23.30
Saturday 22nd December	05.30 – 23.30
Sunday 23rd December	06.00 – 23.00
Monday 24th December	05.30 – 18.30
Tuesday 25th December	Closed
Wednesday 26th December	06.00 – 23.00
Thursday 27th December	06.00 – 23.00
Friday 28th December	06.00 – 23.00
Saturday 29th December	06.00 – 23.00
Sunday 30th December	06.00 – 23.00
Monday 31st December	06.00 – 18.00
Tuesday 1st January	06.00 – 23.00
Wednesday 2nd January	06.00 – 23.00

Sainsbury's Café

Tuesday 18th December	08.00 – 20.00
Wednesday 19th December	08.00 – 20.00
Thursday 20th December	08.00 – 21.00
Friday 21st December	07.00 – 21.00
Saturday 22nd December	06.30 – 21.00
Sunday 23rd December	09.30 – 15.30
Monday 24th December	06.30 – 18.00
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Thursday 27th December	08.00 – 19.00
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COUNCILLOR'S UPDATE

COMMUNITY LED PLAN: A community plan enables local residents to work together to identify the key issues affecting them, and helps to gather evidence which can be used to influence decisions by the Borough and County Council and by developers. Kempshott published its plan this year, and other areas have brought forward a community plan or are working on one. We had an attempt at this in 2015 with a public meeting but not enough people came forward to form a steering group, but with all the development going on around us, and with the new facility at Beggarwood up and running, this seems like a really good time to make another attempt at forming a group and getting a plan going. The first step will be an engagement process across with the area with various groups, leading to a meeting to discuss and set up the steering group. I will keep everyone informed of potential dates, but please let me know if you would like to know more or to be involved, support at this early stage would be great.

TRANSPORT PROBLEMS: With surgeries in the area going in to partnership there seems to be increasing problems for patients without their own transport in terms of accessing services when they have to travel to a different practice. Please contact me if you have had any difficulties in this area as this is something I am trying to feed into discussions with the CCG, the Borough Council and Stagecoach.

BINS: The new contract with Serco is underway but I have picked up some concerns/complaints in the last couple of weeks. Please let me know if you have had any problems.

DIGESTER: Comments on the application to make permanent the increase in HGV traffic through the area have now closed, and the application is likely to go to the Hampshire County Council Regulatory Committee in January. If you have concerns about the traffic and would like to be part of the delegation attending the meeting to oppose it, please let me know. Any support would be very welcome and there is strength in numbers.

COMMUNITY LUNCH: Please come and support our Community Lunch at the lovely Beggarwood Cafe on Wednesday 5th December at 12.15pm and enjoy some festive food and a lovely, friendly atmosphere!

RESURFACING OF A30: At the time of writing there is no new date but the proposed work on the Winchester Road close to the Kempshott Roundabout was postponed from November 9th due to bad weather and will now take place overnight to reduce congestion and rat running.

Cllr Terri Reid

MALE VOICE CHOIR

BMVC will be staging their traditional Christmas Concert on Friday, December 14th at the United Reformed Church, London Street in Basingstoke. The concert will feature the usual mix of Christmas songs and carols and there will be opportunity for the audience to join in. There will be a guest appearance from the quartet Quadrangle – it promises to be a great concert. Take this early opportunity to get in the Christmas spirit. Entrance is free but there will be a retiring collection for a local charity. In recent years we have raised money for Basingstoke Samaritans and the Camrose Centre and from our last concert in October we donated £1000 to the Ark Cancer Charity.

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Saturdays: 0650, 0720, 0750, 0820, then every 15 mins at 40, 55, 10, 25 until 1710, 1750, 1810, 1830, 1855, 1925, 1955, 2055, 2155, 2255

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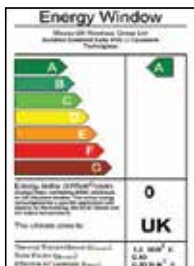
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