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EDITORIAL

It is wonderful to see how our Community has grown over the 30 years that I have been a resident of Hatch Warren. When we arrived there were 700 houses and now there is over 4,000 and building is continuing. When we moved here there wasn't a community centre, playgroup, school, church, pub or any shops. Now we have all these and more. I remember we set up a mother and toddler group on a double decker bus parked in one of the development car parks. And then Sainsbury's opened and the café became a regular meeting place for everyone. The Community Centre was destined to become the heart of the community and the facilities there have done so much to help us meet people and make friends. Now we have the Café in the Park which is becoming such a wonderful meeting place. Events such as the new book club (Bookworms) and Crafting on Friday lead to meeting old friends and making new ones. The Community Lunch on the first Wednesday of each month is a great time to meet up with friends and neighbours. The Rabbiter has always seen its aim as helping to build community and keeping people informed about local news and events. Without our regular contributors and deliverers the publication would never get put together or be posted through the letterbox of every house in Hatch Warren, Beggarwood and Kempshott Rise. It has now crossed the road and is delivered to the residents of Longwood Copse by special request of one of the residents! Recently a thank you tea was held for our deliverers and helpers sponsored by Greenhouse Graphics who manage and print the publication. It was a lovely afternoon full of chatter, prosecco and cake! A big thank you to everyone who help us create and deliver the Rabbiter.



One of the fun happenings on the recent Red Nose Day was our local Sainsbury's PR ambassador, Jason Elton, having his legs shaved in public by Tracey Coleman from Skin Deep Beauty who donated her time and materials. Jason raised over £400 for Red Nose charity. Sadly we have no photo of his smooth and beautiful legs but it was a splendid and brave event.

Did you go to the recent exhibition regarding the proposed development by Bloor Homes on the Golf Course? Lots of concerns were raised on subjects such as local infrastructure and increased traffic – see page 5 for more information.

I have recently been clearing out my wardrobe and realise how many clothes I no longer wear – the Nearly New Clothes Sale at Farleigh Wallop Club on 13 April may be the place to take them – see page 5 for more details.

Can you help? The Hatch Warren Community Centre is looking for volunteers – see page 16 for more information.

Easter is quite late this year – Easter Sunday is 21 April. Our local Church, Immanuel, will be joining with St Mark's Church just over the road in Kempshott for church services remembering this important date in the Christian church calendar – see page 21 for details.

With all the damp weather we have had recently I hope that there are not too many April showers! Wishing everyone a lovely Easter and enjoy the hot cross buns!

The Editor

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SWAG SNIPPETS (South West Action Group)

The Hampshire County Council committee meeting on the traffic for the Anaerobic Digester was scheduled for 20th March in Winchester with an Officer recommendation for approval. Despite some important concessions from the applicant on the exclusion times for vehicles using Woodbury Road to enhance the protection of school children, SWAG was pushing for further restrictions on the number of vehicle movements per operational day. You can see the revised proposals from the operator on HCC planning website reference 18/03001/CMA.

Hounsme Fields. Take a look at BDBC 18/02513/RES to see the shape of things to come and SWAG's comments. SWAG is still pressing for the location of the primary school and nursery to be re-assessed to avoid it being located immediately next to the A30. Basingstoke Environmental Health is still insisting that despite the expectation that concentrations of NO2 at the roadside will be well above legal limits they will be perfectly acceptable for our children in the school buildings just 30 metres away because of the "open nature of the location"!

Basingstoke Golf Club. Bloor Homes and the board of the Golf Club are still trying to short cut the planning process by aiming to submit an outline planning application before the end of March. SWAG is lobbying for a Masterplan/Development Brief to be consulted on before a planning application is considered. This is what is required by the policies of the Local Plan. There are many infrastructure issues to be considered for these two major housing developments astride the A30.

Bloor Homes held an exhibition of concept plans at the beginning of March. Three unexpected elements were included: an increase in density from the 1,000 dwellings in the Local Plan to 1,100 and a second road access junction near the existing Golf Club entrance accessible from all directions as well as a signalised junction as an alternative to the proposed roundabout. This will potentially lead to no less than 5 sets of traffic lights between the M3 and the Wallop Drive roundabout!

SWAG is increasingly concerned about the dangers for children crossing a very congested A30 from an enlarged Golf Course development to the primary school on Hounsme Fields.

A decision on the outline planning application for up to 3,520 dwellings on Manydown is expected in the next couple of months. You can see planning documents under reference 17/00818/OUT.

We may see further decisions on the MSA at Junction 6 shortly.

email southwestactiongroup@gmail.com

Facebook [@BasingstokeSouthWestActionGroupSWAG](https://www.facebook.com/BasingstokeSouthWestActionGroupSWAG)

COUNCILLOR'S UPDATE

Anaerobic Digester: At the time of writing I was about to go to HCC's Regulatory Committee with SWAG to speak against the application from Biogen to increase the potential number of HGV movements to the digester to 38. We had negotiated a longer window for the school run curfew, but this volume of HGV traffic is far too high. I will update everyone on the outcome but this is of especial concern following the accident on Woodbury Rd between a school student and a car last week, which could have been far worse had the vehicle been an HGV

Community Plan: There was a really good turnout for the Community Plan meeting at Beggarwood Cafe last month and a number of local residents expressed interest in being part of the planning group. Here's hoping we can get this up and running.

Golf Course: At time of writing we were waiting for the Outline Planning Application for the Golf Course development to come in. Bloor Homes had stated their intention to submit by March 29th, I will be opposing on the grounds that not enough time and consultation has been undertaken for a development of this size. It is vital that local people have their say - once the application is published you will be able to comment and SWAG are working on some easy steps to assist. Please follow the SWAG Facebook page or my Gazette Column to keep up to date. There will also be a Supplementary Planning Document produced by the Borough Council which will go to Committee in June and Full Council in the autumn and should specify how the development will look. Again, it is hugely important that residents feed into this process so SWAG and I will be flagging up how to do this.

Beggarwood Surgery: The CCG has announced that they have an agreement with Cedar medical that the contract Cedar have to operate the Beggarwood Surgery will be terminated six months from 8th March. Discussions with other potential providers continue and the CGG say that they are providing additional resource to Beggarwood to ensure that patients are able to access care. Patients can also use the evening and weekend GP services provided by Acorn Partnership. Please let me know if you have any further concerns or problems.

Cllr Terri Ried

NEWS FROM FARLEIGH CLUB

It wasn't that long ago I was writing about what happened in the club over Christmas, and now with Easter just around the corner here's what's going on Easter weekend

We will be open again Good Friday as we have done for the past couple of years. The meat raffle will be drawn as usual at 10pm with some lovely joints of meat to be won. The meat is supplied by V & B Butchers from Oakley.

We are once again having an Easter raffle, tickets are £1 each and are on sale now from behind the bar. The raffle will take place on Good Friday at 9pm just before the meat draw.

Easter Saturday, we are having a Quiz. Prompt start at 8pm, £1 per person. You are welcome to bring your own nibbles.

Easter Sunday open 2pm till 6pm only

On Saturday 13th April we are holding a Nearly New Clothes Sale, (please see poster). If you have some good quality clothes you do not wear anymore, why not book a table (£5) to sell them. The bar will be open along with a tea & cake stall. Cake donations welcome. Entrance £1, children free.

We hope to see you soon.

We are no longer open on Wednesday evenings

Contact via Facebook or fwec25@gmail.com
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Ladies & Gents

Nearly New Clothes Sale

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

April Events

3 April	Community Walk
3 April	Community Lunch, Café in the Park 12.15 – 1.30pm
4 April	Hatch Warren WI, 8pm, Hatch Warren Community Centre
6 April	Spring Clean – Café in the Park
7 April	St Michael's Hospice Farleigh Wallop Woodland Walk
11 April	Laughter House at Apollo Hotel – see https://laughterhousecomedy.club/
12 April	Card and a Cuppa – Café in the Park
13 April	Hatch Warren Scout Group Easter Fun Day
13 April	Nearly New Clothes Sale, Farleigh Wallop – see page 5
14 April	Palm Sunday
18 April	Easter Egg Hunt – Café in the Park
18 April	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion, 7.30pm at St Mark's Church
19 April	All Age Good Friday Service, 10am, St Mark's Church
19 April	One House on the Cross service, 2pm, St Mark's Church
19 April	Pop-up Market – Café in the Park
19 April	Good Friday
20/21 April	Art Exhibition, Sherborne St John Village Hall
21 April	Easter Sunday
21 April	Easter Day service, 10am, Immanuel Church at St Mark's School
23 April	St George's Day
24 April	Bookworms, Café in the Park

26 April	Card and a Cuppa, Café in the Park
27 April	Festival Night at Hatch Warren Community Centre

Future Events

12 & 19 May	Auditions for Basingstoke Gang Show – see page 17
15 May	Trip to see Phantom of the Opera
9 June	St Michael's Hospice Sunflower Celebrations – 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.
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ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPICE SUNFLOWER CELEBRATION

To mark the beginning of Summer, St. Michael's Hospice invite their supporters to create a field of sunflowers in their Hospice gardens to celebrate happy memories with their loved ones. Throughout June, the beautiful wooden sunflowers will be displayed, each bearing the name of someone special for whom a dedication has been made.

On Sunday 9th June at 14:00, a blessing will be held within the Hospice grounds for all sunflowers on display. Following the service afternoon tea will be served and all guests

are welcomed to collect their sunflower to take home and keep as a personal memento.

Laura Hughes, Events Manager at St. Michael's Hospice said, "The Sunflower Celebration marks the culmination of our sunflower appeal and is a wonderful way for families to remember the life of their loved ones. We hope to see as many people as possible and look forward to welcoming them to this special day. By donating to the Hospice through making a sunflower dedication, our supporters help us to continue to provide our specialist

care to patients and their families facing life limiting illness in North Hampshire."

To remember a loved one by dedicating your sunflower, please visit: www.stmichaelsospice.org.uk/events.

For further information about the day, please contact the St. Michael's Hospice Events team at events@stmichaelsospice.org.uk or call 01256 848 848.

Follow St. Michael's Hospice on Twitter @smhbasingstoke and look out for #Sunflower Celebration

SPRUCE GOOSE

Leisure Park, Basingstoke
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We tried one evening to visit the Spruce Goose on the Leisure Park and but the waiting time was a deterrent, probably because the hotel residents were dining, so went elsewhere. Several years later and aware that the copy date for the April Rabbiter was fast approaching, myself and Madam decided to try again but this time on a midweek lunchtime. I was surprised how busy the place was. The clientele was predominantly female with the majority members of the silver surfers club. So we felt quite at home with these canny pensioners taking advantage of some great offers on the menu.

The waiter took our drinks order while we studied the menus. Half a pint of San Miguel lager for me while Madam had her usual large slimline tonic with ice and a slice. The "5 for £5" was clearly popular with five main courses from the lunch menu on offer for £5.00. Although there were other choices costing a little more it was obvious looking at what other diners had selected that the quarter pound beef burger, 5oz Gammon steak, beer battered cod, halloumi hand made chips and open chicken sandwiches all with either triple

fried chips or skinny fries and another vegetable were all the rage.

As it happened, Madam had a 7oz Topside minute steak – medium rare as they are on the thin side – which came with half a large tomato, skinny fries and lambs lettuce. She said it was very enjoyable.

I had beer battered haddock (they had run out of cod) but this came with an upcharge. However it was so big it hung over both sides of the large plate. Triple cooked chips, mushy peas and a small ramekin of tartare sauce completed the dish. The fish was very fresh although I thought the batter was very dark on the skin side as if it had been in the fryer for a fraction too long. It was, though, very tasty.

One could have either a starter or pudding for £2.79 although from the lunch menu. There were eleven other puddings on offer but in price range £4.19 - £5.79. Madam had a mini pudding with a medium sized cup of skinny cappuccino Costa coffee and I had caramel apple Betty which came with a small jug of custard.

The bill came to £25.06 which we both considered very good value for money. And the food was very acceptable. I don't think it will years before we go again.

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The main aspect for crime prevention is that a password can be set up so that the customer knows they have a genuine caller: It is a FREE service – and easy to register, but there is a small criteria for eligibility, of which vulnerability is one of them. Contact your utility provider for more information or visit www.ofgem.gov.uk.

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Letter... to the editor

On Wednesday 27th February at 01:00 am, video was captured on our home CCTV system showing a man carrying a long pole and a laptop studying our vehicle closely. The video captures him walking all around the vehicle and as he approached the front door step; at which point he covered the camera. He then came back at 2:00 am whereby the camera was still covered but the audio picked up his presence. Thankfully on this occasion there was no damage done. Whilst I can't accuse this man of any wrong doing without evidence, his actions were highly suspicious.

A number of BMWs have been targeted during the past four months in the local area. The perpetrator(s) appear to be targeting newer models, specifically those with paddle shifts on the steering wheel. They have been taking the entire steering wheel and in some instances the built in head unit and iDrive systems.

It's recommended that you purchase signal blocking pouches to keep all your keys safe from this type of hacking. Keeping them in the microwave will also work.

Not only is it distressing and a violation to those experiencing this type of crime, it can also have wider reaching consequences causing various insurance costs to rise for all occupants in the surrounding areas.

Hatch Warren resident

Letter... to the editor

I have read with interest an article in the Basingstoke Gazette dated 27th February:

Hatch Warren school joins in battle to improve our air quality

The article is about a programme run by Hampshire County Council to help educate young people about the importance of good air quality and the practical steps that can be taken to improve it. It also tells how St Mark's Primary School is getting involved and participating to the scheme.

As a resident of Highwood Ridge, plagued by traffic of parents' cars during the school run hours, I can only welcome such activities and fully support the effort of St Mark's Primary School to raise awareness among its pupils to the air quality around their school.

I have myself become resigned to the fact that the cars invading my street seem to be unavoidable, which is sad enough. However, I strongly oppose parents leaving their engines running while waiting, spreading exhaust fumes which are then inhaled by school children and residents alike... When

I'm really fed up, I sometimes knock on their windows and ask them to switch off their engines: most do, some don't. Among others I remember a father wearing shorts early February explaining to me that it was too cold to switch his engine off, which really made me cross.

The Gazette article gives me hope that things might be moving at last in our street and in Basingstoke. I encourage the pupils of St Mark's in their activities and I believe that they are fully capable of having an impact on parents and changing behaviours.

There are many ways of action, as an article from the BBC web site showed me this morning: it relates how primary school children in Greater Manchester have taken to patrol the streets around their school and hand out fake parking tickets to parents who leave their engines running or park on yellow lines. Reading this article actually prompted me to write this message. I shall follow with interest the progress of St Mark's pupils and want to thank St Mark's school for their involvement.

SPRING – A TIME FOR NEW BEGINNINGS

As the evenings begin to draw out and daffodils are beginning to appear, it is starting to feel as though Spring is just around the corner. We all feel much better after a good “spring clean”, and that can come in the form of general organisation and making clear and focused plans for the future.

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This is Lizzie's story....

Having joined the club at the beginning of August I immediately knew that I had chosen my next sport well, when I realised you could chat and exercise at the same time! Being a former competitive swimmer; this was a big change, you can't really chat when you are under water! I also couldn't believe how much of Basingstoke I didn't know, having grown up in the town, I was amazed at all the beautiful villages that surround it and the lovely country lanes that are there to explore, along with all the hills!

I jumped straight in with the 20 miles at 13mph average speed and soon caught the cycling bug. Having already completed the London Marathon, I was soon convinced that Prudential Ride London-Surrey 100 on Sunday 4th August, was my next challenge. I, along with many others in the club, entered the ballot.

At the beginning of February all members were checking their post for either the 'Congratulations' or 'Commiserations' magazine. Unfortunately I received the latter. Now, half of me was thinking thank goodness as I'm not sure I'm ready for it, but the other half was downhearted. This sportive would send me on my way to completing the London Classics; the medal awarded to finishers of the London Marathon, Ride London and Swim Serpentine. My disappointment grew, so I knew I had to get a place with a charity to not miss out... and I got one!

Unfortunately, in 2008, I lost my sister, Melissa, to Cystic Fibrosis, a generic disease that affects the body organs, in particular the lungs. Thanks to amazing family members, friends and work colleagues, I was able to raise over £7000 when I completed the marathon, so I can only hope that I raise half that amount this time. In memory of my sister; and having this tremendous backing, will give me huge inspiration to tackle those Surrey Hills, which include Box and Leith Hill, part of the Olympic Road Race in London 2012.

The club has also introduced me to the new man in my life, who is also doing RL100 for the same charity. He has already had me in hard training in the Cotswolds whilst we were supposed to be on holiday! I'm not



Lizzie with her sister Melissa who lost her battle with Cystic Fibrosis in 2008 at the age of 21



Lizzie with Simon, who she met at HWBCC

sure that he is the right trainer though as he thinks 100 miles is just a spin round the park after cycling around the M25 and 200+ miler last year. I will give that one a miss for now! Simon has entered the Fred Whitton Challenge which is 112 miles up and down the massive hills in the Lake District. I will watch and support.

HWBCC riders will also help me all the way, just as they have done for countless others before. The ethos of the club is great and I would urge anybody looking to take up cycling to join the club. Just look at the website or FB page and turn up.

I look forward to lots of long weekend rides with them all to prepare. As well as one off rides like the Isle of Wight Randonee.

I'm excited about this next challenge, and then it's just the 2 mile swim in the Serpentine to complete the set!

www.hwbcc.org

Facebook page [facebook.com/HWBcc](https://www.facebook.com/HWBcc).

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150th Birthday Community Plans

You will begin to see and hear more news as we approach our 150th Birthday in May. Plans are advanced for Sainsbury's to open a 'Pop-Up' store in London. This will replicate the first store Sainsbury's opened in Drury Lane, back in 1869.

At a local level, each store and depot is busy putting the finishing touches to an exciting community initiative, covering the whole Borough.

Colleagues from Kempshott, The Malls, Tadley and the Depot, will be volunteering across the town as part of 150 Days of Volunteering. This commences on May 26th after our official birthday celebrations, and continues through until October.

We'll be announcing more details about the projects our colleagues will be supporting during the next month, so keep an eye out in store.

Local Charity Partnership 2019/2020 & In Store Fundraising

As our focus will be concentrated into the 150 Days of Volunteering, we won't be inviting applications for our local Charity Partnership this year.

We'll be announcing how this scheme will return for 2020/2021, later in the year.

We're tremendously excited to be entering into our 25th Anniversary, supporting The Royal British Legion and The Poppy Appeal. This partnership will, as ever, will be our focus during October and November, leading up to Armistice Day.

This brings us neatly to December, when we'll be welcoming local community and

charity organisations to the store, to help our customers and colleagues celebrate Christmas.

Local Hero Scheme

Our popular Local hero Scheme is still very much a huge focus for us as a store, in our community. To date almost £8000 has been donated to local groups, thanks to our colleagues volunteering in their own time.

Sokphal Din and Shell Preston are just two colleagues who have seen their volunteering rewarded, with £200 being paid to The Holocaust Memorial Day Trust and, Pathfinder Dogs.

Our colleagues will also be supporting the Basingstoke Time Bank initiative during this year, helping the initiative grow across the Borough. For more details about the Basingstoke Time Bank, please visit their website – <https://tol2.timebanking.org/basingstoke>



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Singing has been rediscovered recently by TV exposure of choirmasters like Gareth Malone and his choirs, bringing a new interest for thousands of people who had never even considered singing. As a result of Gareth's work, singing is enjoying a renaissance in Britain.

Perhaps the most common comment from new members to a choir is "I didn't even know I could do it!" or "I wish I had known about this before."

But singing doesn't just bring you a new and unrealised hobby, it brings many more benefits.

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One of the most surprising aspects of singing is the health side. Did you know that singing has been proved to be therapeutic both for the body, the lungs and the mind? This in turn brings the sense of wellbeing that all singers recognise.

Our choir has been singing here in Basingstoke for over 50 years. Need we say more? We'd love to show you what we're about so come along to our Open Evening on Tuesday 23 April at the URC

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What's On?

- 03/04
- 06/04
- 10/04
- 12/04
- 18/04
- 19/04
- 20/04
- 21/04
- 24/04
- 26/04

- Community Lunch
- GB Spring Clean
- Basingstones
- Card & A Cuppa
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Pop-Up Market
- Pop-Up Play
- Closed for Easter Sunday
- Beggardwood Bookworms
- Card & A Cuppa





PROBUS HEARS IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE A HOBBY

It is received wisdom that following retirement it is important to keep both physical and mental capabilities in good working order. There are plenty of things that people can find to occupy their minds if they are not into visiting a gym on a regular basis.

Alan May has a boyish enthusiasm for filling his life with interesting pastimes. He outlined his hobbies to fellow members of the Probus Club of Basingstoke, the social club for male retired professional and business managers. While he plays golf once a month and with his wife regularly enjoys ballroom dancing he has several cerebral interests, one being very unconventional.

For many years attendees at the Probus Club Spring Ladies' lunches and Christmas Dinners have been entertained by the pictorial and brain teaser quizzes he has compiled, many details of which concern Basingstoke and its environs. Clearly his interest in crossword puzzles comes to the fore.

An interest in genealogy over time has thrown up many interesting facts. His wife has Belgian parentage so he produced family trees of his Belgian in laws with the family name of Faes going back to the mid 1700s in Watou near the Belgian/French border. They have seen on a WWI memorial and the graves of three brothers, George, Gaston and Jerome Faes, who were on his wife's family tree. In 2018 Alan and his wife were invited by the Belgian local council to the naming ceremony of a road commemorating the three Faes brothers.



Another branch of his wife's family lived on the outskirts of Brussels. During WW2 her little cousin Fifi was often asked by her mother to deliver messages to different people. After the war she discovered her mother had hidden British soldiers in the attic. The messages were to get the soldiers moved further down the resistance line and back to England. Very much like the television series "Allo Allo".

He traced his mother's side back to the 1600s in Gloucestershire and their travels

through railway service to Swindon and thence on to London and eventually Dover. As a man of Kent he traced his father's family back to the late 1700s. In the 1930s an uncle had a pleasure boat near Deal. Sometimes at night the boat picked up contraband which was then buried in the garden.

"Although his civic duty included being a member of the Lifeboat crew", Alan explained "but inexplicitly he refused to go to Dunkirk with the small boats to rescue the British troops from the beaches."

A 1959 GCE "O" level in Art has been put to good use in retirement when Alan bought a set of water colours. In the U3A he has progressed from Beginners to Improvers and concentrates on flowers and birds. His paintings on display were to a very high standard.



"I enjoy the peace and quiet together with the calming effect and is very relaxing. You meet others who are always willing to help and comment."

This artistic bent comes in useful with his "secret hobby" of Cross Stitch. Usually a female pastime his wife taught him to such a degree that he featured in the Cross Stitch magazine. As a regular cruiser he can often be found in the ships' lounges with a small design.



"I get a few raised eyebrows but I am too old to worry what people think. I bet they can't do it."

Alan is an inspirational example following the advice that people should get out of their comfort zone and try something new.

www.probusbasingstoke.wordpress.com

BASINGSTOKE CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT FELLOWSHIP



45 members and 2 visitors attended the group's meeting on Wednesday 6th March to hear Bejar from Coop Estate Planning give a talk on "Tax, Care and Toyboys". The main emphasis of his presentation was to ensure that we knew how to do as much as possible to protect our assets and to make sure that on our death they were passed on to those we wanted to have them. Using different scenarios he illustrated the effects of not making a will; when making one having it done in the correct manner; the levels of inheritance tax which would apply and how planning in advance would lessen the burden on those left to administer an estate. He covered the different types of property ownership available – joint, tenants-in-common and, depending on individual circumstances, – the setting up of a trust, and he explained how these would affect who gained an inheritance. In finishing he spoke about Power of Attorney and how having a funeral plan could guard against future rising costs. Following a question and answer session he spent some time seeing people on a personal basis.

Bookings are now being taken for the trips to the Bombay Sapphire Distillery and Hinton Ampner on Thursday 18th April and to Kew Palace and Garden on Wednesday 8th May.

The next meeting is on 3rd April when the speaker will be Steve Herra on "the Body Through the Porthole". 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, their relatives and friends are welcome. Further details about the group and information about our trips can be obtained by contacting csrfbasingstoke@gmail.com.

David Cowling

**HATCH WARREN
UNDER FIVES
PRESCHOOL**



We've had a wonderful spring term at Hatch Warren Under Fives.

March was a big month for celebrations. We had great fun with pancake week – making pancakes, tasting new toppings and pancake racing; we celebrated St David's Day with leeks, Welsh cakes and daffodils; St Patrick's Day passed in a haze of green crafts and shamrocks and we also took part in World Book day. The children came to preschool dressed as some wonderful characters from their favourite books, they all looked amazing, and it's great to see just how much our children enjoy stories and reading. We also took part in Red Nose Day and came to preschool with crazy hair and we painted red noses on the children too.

Mother's Day was an extra special celebration with Mums and Grandmas coming in to join us for afternoon tea with their little ones. It was part of a lovely week spent making lots of Mother's Day treats.

And with Easter just around the corner, we've had lots more fun with Easter arts and crafts. We may have a few chocolate eggs to hunt for before the end of term too!

Despite Storm Gareth making big headlines, don't forget we had some beautiful and unexpectedly warm weather too - so the children spent lots of time in the garden enjoying their new playhouse. It's been used as a train station, restaurant, supermarket and an ice cream stall! Inside, we've been enjoying our new cosy corners – a great place to chill out with friends and read some books.

We've been lucky to have a couple of brilliant visitors recently too – one of our recent topics was bones and our bodies so we had a physiology lecturer come to visit us and teach us more about the human body. We've also had a visit from a Preschool Play Yoga teacher, she ran a super fun class to focus on relaxation and wellbeing.

We're now eagerly awaiting the big news of primary school places for our older children. Places are announced during the Easter holidays so we'll be keen to get back to preschool and find out which schools they are going to in September. Next term we begin our preparations for the children's transition to big school. We will start by giving the children lots of mark making opportunities and activities that strengthen little hands for handwriting. Our older children will be focusing on writing names and the numbers 1-10.

Hatch Warren Under Fives and the EYFS

Mark making gives children the opportunity to explore imaginatively, physically and creatively, to test their ideas and extend their play. Writing begins long before a child can physically hold and control a pencil or crayon effectively, the journey to becoming a confident writer begins at birth and mark making is the foundation that underpins a child's ability to write. Remember children learn that marks have meaning by watching adults writing. Encourage your child to 'write' with you e.g. shopping lists, phone messages, memos and greeting cards.

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter!

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

www.hatchwarrenunderfives.co.uk

**CANDOVER VALLEY
PRE-SCHOOL**

Hello from CVP!

The children had great fun dressing up last week for World Book Day. It was great

to see so much creativity involved in the outfits and the children being so proud to share some of their favourite stories with us.



Due to the children's interests we are exploring farm animals. The children will be using technology to research animals, exploring the way different animals move and making some animal biscuits. Also coming up is our next farm visit to see the lambs at the beginning of April.

Over Easter the children will be creating chocolate egg nests and decorations as well as taking part in some egg hunts, finding numbers as well as eggs and of course chocolate!

Thank you to Pots 2 paint who this year helped the children create Mother's Day presents, a percentage of the profits which will be donated to 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 at a time that suits you better.

Open Sessions:

Friday 7th June 9.30am – 11.00am

01256-389008 cvpadmin@btconnect.com

Lisa Collisson

DANDELIONS

What a busy month it's been here at Dandelions.

The children thoroughly enjoyed our sponsored event "Once upon a time" We enjoyed spending time with family members reading to the children and had an extra special visit from the Year 3 children of St Mark's Primary School. This was a wonderful experience with almost 90 children coming over to the pre-school throughout the week to read and enjoy stories with us.

We raised an amazing £220.00 so a huge thank you to all of our families for their contributions. The money raised will be used to enhance our communication and literacy area.

We have been supporting Dove House School Academy with one of their students who has been and is a real asset to us here at Dandelions. We



were invited to the Business Partnership Awards earlier this month and are proud to announce that we received a Silver Award in connection for providing extended work placements for young people with special educational needs and learning difficulties to help prepare them for employment.

With Mothers Day and Easter rapidly approaching we have lots of fun activities



Hatch Warren Infant School
Happiness and Wonder Inspires Success

At Hatch Warren Infants we celebrated World Book Day, however, we didn't just think about reading and books for one day, but the whole week! This year our theme was the popular book 'Handa's Surprise'. We were lucky enough to have the author herself, Eileen Browne come to visit us in school. By wonderful coincidence, she happened to visit us on the 5th March which was the exact same day as the 25th Publishing anniversary of the book.

Eileen's visit consisted of demonstrations of how she illustrates her books, readings of her beautiful stories, an explanation of the journey of a book being made and an active dance workshop relating to the story. Our children had the opportunity to have their books signed by the author at the end of the event.



Throughout the rest of the week the children had marvellous fun carrying out activities based around 'Handa's Surprise' which is set in Africa. These included balancing baskets of fruit on our heads (whilst trying not to spill them!), tie dying t-shirts, re-creating animal prints, estimating the weights of unusual tropical fruits, acting out the stories and most importantly of all reading for pleasure!



The children gathered lots of information on different African animals and wrote tricky riddles for our Head Teacher to solve.



All of our parents and carers were also given the chance to come in and share their favourite story books with their child and their classmates. We love to encourage parental participation at Hatch Warren Infants, and it was so much fun for the children to hear stories from a wide range of adults.

The school transformed into a world of spectacular book characters on 7th March for World Book Day. Our children proudly paraded their exciting and imaginative costumes for the rest of the school to admire. A child was chosen from each class with the best costume and they were awarded with their very own signed Eileen Browne book.



planned for the children and their families. We are holding a Mother's Day Tea where we will be making cakes and inviting our parents to come along and enjoy a little treat. For Easter we are planning an Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Bonnet competition and parade.

For our sister group Snapdragons they are holding an Easter Fun Enrolment Day on Monday 8th April between 11am – 1pm Our Open Day was a huge success and

was so lovely to welcome so many families to our setting.

We have limited spaces available however if your child was born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017

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Basingstoke Cubs, Scouts, Guides and Explorers have 'got talent' and it is time to audition for Basingstoke Gang Show 2020!

If you like to laugh, sing, dance or entertain then come along to the auditions for Basingstoke Gang Show. You will have a fun day with loads of great people and you will see why Basingstoke Gang Show is the longest running and 'bestselling amateur show in Basingstoke'.

We are gearing up for our 27th Show to be performed at The Haymarket. Audiences will be entertained by the talents of our local Cubs, Guides, Scouts, Explorers and Young Leaders as the cast of 70 take to the stage across 11 performances in February 2020.

The members of the Production team have been busy creating an array of numbers with wonderful choreography, sensational songs and hilarious sketches that make Basingstoke Gang Show, fresh, relevant, edgy and fun, ready for the rehearsals that start in September 2019.

Auditions for Basingstoke Gang Show 2020 will take place at: The Costello School, 10am - 4pm, on the following dates:

Surnames A-L: Sunday 12th May 2019
Surnames M-Z: Sunday 19th May 2019

Auditions are open to all Scouts and Guides who will be 10½ or over on 1st February 2020 and all Cubs who will be 8 or over on 1st February 2020.

Before you come to audition you will need to visit www.basingstokegangshow.com to ensure you have full details including location, what to wear and the 'audition application form' that you will need to bring. You can also look at Basingstoke Gang Show Facebook pages for more information.

If you have a talent and are interested in volunteering for Basingstoke Gang Show 2020 please get in touch! There's a lot to do before we reach the theatre in February, from building scenery or making costumes.

Basingstoke Gang Show NEEDS YOU!

Producer: Kirsty: kirsty.ruffell@googlemail.com
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APR/MAY 2018 Programme 6.00 to 7.45pm

- 5th Apr Chalk pavement art, table tennis tournament and burgers
- 12th Apr Easter egg hunt with chocolate fondue
- 19th Apr CLOSED - GOOD FRIDAY
- 26th Apr Man hunt, jewellery making and cake decorating
- 3rd May Rugby, temporary tattoos and hot dogs
- 10th May Nerf gun fight!! Sign language and loaded fries
- 17th May Dodge ball, hair braiding, stress balls and donuts
- 24th May Human hungry hippos and cake decorating
- 31st May Drone flying, Just Dance and burgers

FREE ENTRY FOR ALL YOUNG PEOPLE

We are so happy the evenings are getting lighter. It means we can do so much more with our young people outside (and it's warmer!!).

We have had plenty of fun inside though with an indoor laser tag tournament, Wii Fit competitions and some amazing crafts!



Plus as always we've had some delicious food including top your own waffles.



Summer

When you are sat in your classroom looking out at the rain, summer feels so far away. However we are already planning the sessions we can offer you over the summer. So if you have any ideas or suggestions please let us know as we want to hear them!

**FRIDAY NIGHT TERM TIME AGES 13+
OPEN ACCESS & HEALTH HUB**

Health Hub Programme - 8.00 to 9.30pm

We are open Fridays 8.00-9.30pm for school years 9 and above. If you want to play pool, FIFA or just hang out come on down. We sell food and drinks (including tea and hot chocolate) and we can also offer you free confidential advice on a whole range of issues including contraception and pregnancy testing. We run focused information nights for 13-18 year olds, our next nights are:

- 5th April - STI info
- 3rd May - Cannabis Awareness

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

Let's Raise Some Money

We have an opportunity for our young people to get involved in helping raise money! The kind people at Asda are allowing us to have a session bag packing with them on Friday 21st June. The Warren will be closed that night and we will be looking for young people who can volunteer to pack bags in return for a small donation. Keep your eyes peeled for more information.

A Huge Thank You

As a Youth Club we are so lucky, every month we have at least one kind person to thank!

You may have noticed that our May programme has Drone flying scheduled. This month our biggest thank you goes out to Janey Merrick for her kind donation of not one but two drones. Thank you so much we feel a lot of fun will be had with them!

Just a Reminder

For the safety of our young people, parents or guardians cannot just walk in to the youth club, even if they are just looking for their young person. If you need to come in for any reason we ask please can you report straight to a member of staff who will happily assist you. Thank you.

HATCH WARREN WI

Hatch Warren WI welcomed three visitors to their meeting on 7th March where the speaker for the evening was Tom Cleary 'Train your mind' a look at Hypnotherapy and Mindfulness.

Having achieved a degree in Psychology Tom then decided to become an infant school teacher and while working with five year olds taught them the art of 'Mindfulness' which he found help them to relax and destress and therefore be able to learn. Tom went on to give examples of dealing with phobias and how we can deal with them. A very interesting and thought provoking talk.

We are delighted that our photographic calendar has been shortlisted by Hampshire and now will go into the National competition. This month our craft afternoon will be making a rag Easter door wreath, following the success with our Christmas wreaths.

June there will be 'line dancing in the park' at Eastleigh and a trip to Southampton Synagogue for members to attend. As well as our plague walk and tea in Basingstoke and a trip to Oxford.

Our next meeting will be April 4th when we will welcome Tom Wey 'Wildlife Photography'. We meet at Hatch Warren Community Centre at 8 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. If you wish to find out more information about our group please contact our president Jane on 07798 842487. We look forward to welcoming you all.

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On Palm Sunday, all four Gospel writers record how Christ rode a donkey, in triumph, into Jerusalem to the cheering and rejoicing of the crowds of people who had come there to celebrate the Passover. (Jews celebrate Passover as a commemoration of their liberation by God from slavery in ancient Egypt and their freedom as a nation under the leadership of Moses). There was a truly festive atmosphere. The crowds throw down their coats and palm branches before Christ, the King of Kings. Shouts of "Hosanna" and "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord", fill the air. All seemed well in their world on this day.

But not everyone was full of festive joy. How little the people knew. They couldn't sense the brewing storm and neither did Jesus' disciples. During the next eventful week, they would be shocked to see the storm of betrayal and violence that was to follow.

Thursday comes – Passover day. That evening Jesus shares a Passover meal with his twelve chosen friends – knowing that

one of them (Judas) would betray him that night. After the betrayal, Jesus is led away to face an illegal 'mock trial' where Jesus is found guilty of Blasphemy. Jesus' friends – afraid for their lives – have deserted him.

Good Friday - Pontius Pilate condemns Jesus to the most cruel and barbaric of deaths – crucifixion. The sun disappears from view and the skies turn black. Jesus dies. Jesus went 'like a lamb to the slaughter'. He was the sacrificial lamb! He took upon himself the punishment for our sins and misdemeanours. He died for everyone.

Good News – Easter Sunday – Jesus rises from death to life. A sign of hope for each of us, that we too will rise one day and live forever with Him in His Heavenly Kingdom. Allelulia.

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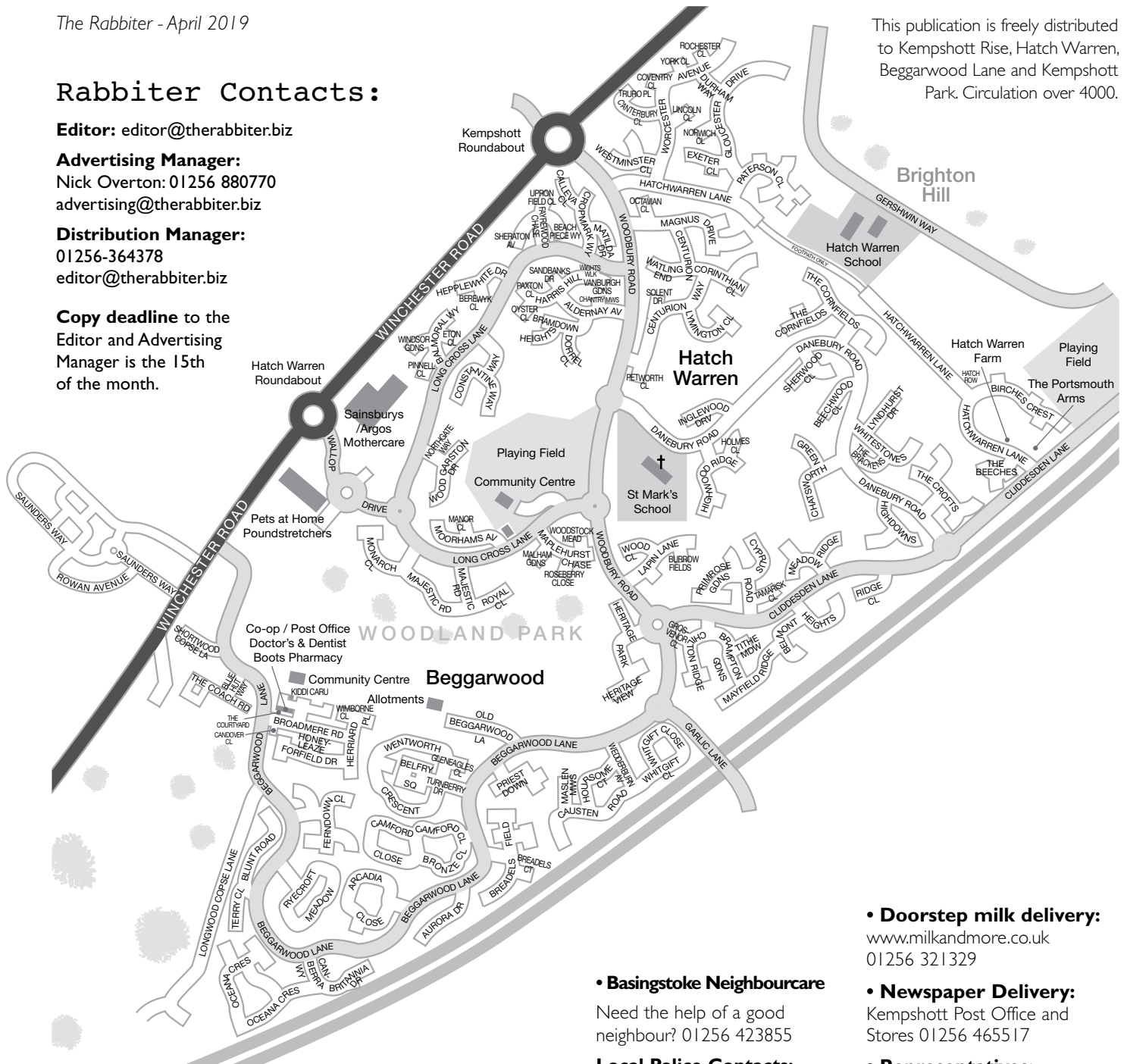
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The frustrating and fabulous month of February

The insanity of the weather in February almost reflected the impending insanity of Hatchies trying to follow their training plans for spring events with snow and ice on the ground! Some of us climbed the walls indoors; some of us took to the fields and some of us to the treadmills. For the first time in 10 years Basingstoke parkrun was cancelled and then a few days later, we were running in warm and record breaking temperatures! Basingstoke and its kooky microclimate certainly keep us on our toes.

There were two significant local races in February - the Bramley 10 mile/20 mile and Winchester 10k. Hatchie turnout at both was amazing. Both races have significant enough undulations, so kudos to every single Hatchie that got to the finish line.

This month we held an all abilities track night in conjunction with Alton Sports. This was good wholesome fun and enabled club members to try and test some new ranges of running shoe.

A huge welcome to all our new members

We'd like to extend the warmest welcome to everyone who has joined the club since



the beginning of the year and to those who have signed up to join our Couch to 5K programme which starts in May. We have the highest number of members ever and it is our privilege that you have chosen us as your club and that you will be representing us. Thank you and we hope you enjoy all of your future running achievements and social moments with us.

Forget The Academy Awards... we had our very own The Hatchie Awards!



It was our Annual General Meeting on 26th February where we looked back on the club's year; celebrated collective and individual achievements and made plans for the club's future. See therabbiter.biz.

For more details about joining the club, or if you'd like to try a taster run, please visit www.hwrunners.co.uk, our Facebook page or email enquiries@hwrunners.co.uk.

BOOKWORMS

For February's book club the Bookworms read the best selling novel 'The Tattooist of Auschwitz'. The book is loosely based on the true story of Lale, a Slovakian Jewish prisoner at the camp who became the Tattooist of Auschwitz. The book follows his journey from arriving at the camp to later becoming the tattooist, however the underpinning theme is the love story between Lale and another Slovakian Jewish prisoner Gita and how this love developed and survived the camp. Love and Auschwitz doesn't seem a topic that would go together but this heart warming story does just that and by the end of the book you are rooting for them to survive and eventually find each other again.

The book has not been without controversy however as some say it makes light of the Holocaust and some very important key details (such as the main characters name) are incorrect. This could be due to the book originally being done as a screen play and the romanticising of what happened by Lali (spelt correctly) in interviews given to the author after nearly 80 years.

This book had a mixed response among the 31 strong Bookworms however it is scored 7.91 to top our chart!

HATCH WARREN SCOUT GROUP EASTER FUN DAY

Following on from the success of our quiz night, Hatch Warren Scout Group is holding another eggciting event at the Portsmouth Arms. Taking place on Saturday 13th April at 1pm, our Easter Fun Day will feature lots of fun activities, including:

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Scouts Update Fortitudine Vincimus

The Shackleton family motto is the Latin *Fortitudine Vincimus*, which translates to *By Endurance We Conquer*. With that in mind they perhaps had a clue of what was to come when an adventurous team of Scouts from Hatch Warren entered the *Endurance40*. The 40km hike though the Chilterns offered the opportunity for them to pit their wits against the distance, the terrain and the weather; using their map and compass skills to navigate the route themselves. They certainly needed endurance a-plenty; each one at some point having to overcome a personal physical or mental challenge. Perhaps a recent presentation from a more modern adventurer; James Ketchell, left *each step brings you closer to your goal* ringing in their ears. Wherever each of them found their inspiration; their efforts are to be commended, with 3 of the team completing the whole route in 13h 09m - *Fortitudine Vincimus* indeed.

SCOUTS

Whilst our 4 intrepid adventurers were enduring the Chilterns, 12 other members of the troop were taking on other challenges as part of our annual Troop Camp. In the morning it was height as they each attempted the site climbing wall. Our young leaders ran an excellent orienteering afternoon before everyone set about constructing their kebabs to cook over the campfire. On Sunday, with our Endurance team back on camp, it was a soggy day of air rifle shooting and of packing our kit to before heading home.

An excellent weekend of activities and adventure all round!

For more information about Hatch Warren Scout Group, please visit www.hwsg.org.uk.

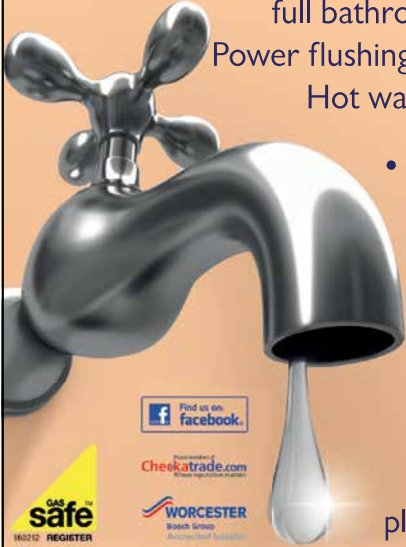
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