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EDITORIAL

November is another busy month – garden to be put to bed before the winter weather descends, leaves to be tidied away, the last of the bulbs to be planted, Geraniums to be brought in away from the impending frost. There are lots of exciting events to enjoy. The annual Fireworks at Hatch Warren Community Centre is definitely not to be missed – tickets are still available in advance (remember there are no tickets for sale on the gate). Please respect the local neighbours and park sensibly – see advice on parking on page 18. If you want to get your Christmas shopping done early, the Christmas Fayre at the Hatch Warren Community Centre on 24 November could be a good place to start.

SWAG (Basingstoke South West Action Group) continue to be very active in keeping us aware of issues relating to local planning issues. They have their AGM on Saturday 23 November and will welcome new members to their committee – see page 6 for more details.

We are very lucky in having a very active local WI. They have excellent speakers and many interesting events – see page 5 for more details. They welcome new members.

Our roving gourmet visited Newlyn's Farm Café this month (see page 7) and enjoyed a good lunch. The farm shop has expanded over the years and now includes an excellent cheese counter and fish shop. The sausages are very good value – I can certainly recommend the pork with honey and mustard variety!

Are you paying too much for your water bill? (see article by Sam Weller on page 7).

The activities at the Café in the Park continue to increase – see page 14. The Community Lunch on the first Wednesday of every month is always very busy – where else can you get a jacket spud with cheese and beans plus a coffee for £4! The Friday Craft Group meets every fortnight and with Christmas coming is a great opportunity to make some very special cards for friends and family.

The Rabbiter would not be able to survive without our advertisers so please do support them. This month Beechdown are promoting their excellent spa days – now that is something that would be very welcome during the hectic run up to Christmas!

If you are concerned about the speeding cars around our estate, please do volunteer for the Speedwatch Campaign – see Cllr Terri Reid's article on page 5. The estate seems to be used as a 'rat run' by some commuters and this, together with inconsiderate parking, is causing increasing concern to local residents.

Have a great November everyone – and to those people from across the big pond have a great Thanksgiving on Thursday 28 November.

The Editor

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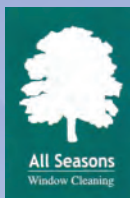
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HATCH WARREN WI

Pamper, Pamper, Pamper found the Ladies of Hatch Warren W.I. enjoying an evening with Laura South from Laura's Beauty Workshop in Oakley. Laura gave a make over to a member and demonstrated and answered members beauty questions. Nina gave members a hand massage, so we all went home feeling pampered and with many beauty tips to try.

Well done to our skittles team who did well in the skittle tournament. Members will meet to complete the 'Basingstoke Heritage Walk', next month. There is so much to see in our town it has taken us four visits to complete the walk, with of course tea and cake. Our craft group will be making 'Dorset Buttons' in October and getting crafty with Jacky in November. Our Christmas meal is now book for December and an outing to Salisbury Christmas market and a trip to The Mayflower Theatre to see 'River Dance' has been arranged for the Spring.

7th November will be our next meeting and we will welcome Jackie Dimmock with her life as W.P.C. 22 told through her love of quilting. If you would like to enjoy an evening with us we meet at Hatch Warren Community Centre on the first Thursday of the month at 8 p.m. for more information please contact our President Lynette on 07824 535868.



This month sees the Bookworms first birthday, it's been a very successful year and we have enjoyed meeting so many members from around the community.

We have read a wide variety of books from different genres over the last year including Eleanor Oliphant is completely fine, The Tattooist of Auschwitz, A Gentleman in Moscow. We even had an author visit from Helen Fields. This month we have all been reading The Island by Victoria Hislop.

November's book is Circe by Madeline Miller. Please contact Beggardwood.bookworms@outlook.com or follow us on Facebook for further details #beggardwoodbookworms

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

The "Sounds of hope", a Christian community Choir, are holding our annual traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols on Friday 6th December at the All Saints' Church, Southern Road Basingstoke starting at 7:45pm.

We would like to invite you to come along and sing some of your favourite Christmas carols and to listen to some contemporary ones sung by the choir

Join us after the service if you can for some light refreshments and a chat.

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

1. Priest Down and Old Beggardwood Lane
2. Breadels Field and Breadels Court
3. Camford Close
4. Wentworth Crescent; Belfry Square; Turnberry Drive and Gleneagles Close
5. Highwood Ridge and Holmes Close
6. Inglewood Drive



COUNCILLOR'S UPDATE

BEGGARWOOD PARK IMPROVEMENTS:

Officers have been working on some ideas for improvements to some of Beggarwood Park including better play equipment for younger children. There will be further information on this as well as an online consultation coming forward soon. Look out for details at Hatch Warren and Beggarwood Community Centres.

GOLF COURSE:

At the time of writing, officers at BDBC were suggesting that the planning application for the Golf Course was unlikely to come forward to the Borough's Planning Committee until January. The Borough's own Supplementary Planning Document was due to go to the full council meeting on October 17th for ratification. This is a document which puts forward the framework by which the planning application should be judged.

HOUNSOME FIELDS:

The planning application for two gypsy and traveller pitches which was due to go to the Planning Committee at the end of October has been withdrawn from consideration at that meeting. I imagine another, possibly amended application, will come forward in due course.

ISLAND SITE:

There have been some complaints about mud on the road next to the building site not being cleared away properly. I have referred this to planning officers.

SPEEDWATCH:

Just a reminder that this scheme could still come forward but at present not enough people have offered to volunteer; let me know if you would like to take part.

Clr Terri Ried

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

- 2 November Fireworks, Hatch Warren Community Centre, Gates open 5.30pm and display 7.30pm
- 6 November Health Walk 10.30am followed by Community Lunch 12.15pm Café in the Park
- 8 November Race & Curry Night 7pm The Apollo Hotel in aid of The Pink Place Cancer Charity
- 15 November Solo Mia Charity Christmas Shopping Evening 7pm The Apollo Hotel in aid of The Pink Place Cancer Charity
- 23 November Basingstoke Choral Society 7.45pm The Creation by Joseph Haydn, The Anvil
- 24 November Christmas Fayre 1-4pm Hatch Warren Community Centre
- 24 November A Christmas Knight 2pm Dummer Village Hall
- 30 November Christmas Market, 12-4pm Sheffield School

Future Events

- 6 December Christmas carols All Saints' Church, Southern Road Basingstoke 7.45pm.
- 8 December Mayor's Carol Service 7pm St Michael's Church RG21 7QW
- Weekly Yoga Classes in Beggarwood Community Centre. Contact the Centre or debra@dummeryoga.co.uk

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 Lynnette Ingram 07824 535868)
- Basingstoke Knit and Natter**,
Every Monday 6.30 – 9pm, Starbucks, Houndmills, All knitters, crocheters 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.hwrnners.co.uk

FARLEIGH WALLOP ESTATE CLUB

Farleigh Wallop Estate Club will be at the Hatch Warren Fireworks on Saturday 2nd November with a selection of beers, wines, soft drinks and mulled wine. You can even sign up to become a club member for the new year at this event.

We are hosting a Christmas fun day on Saturday 7th December 12-4pm. Children can make their own Christmas card or Christmas decoration. And what's a Christmas event without a tombola and raffle. Refreshments and licensed bar. Plenty to do. Mulled wine will be sold to get you in the Christmas spirit.

We want to know what functions you'd like to see on at the club from discos to quizzes or even a games night. Please let us know your feedback via our Facebook page - Farleigh Wallop Estate Club or by simply popping in.

Please remember that even though it is a members' club, everyone is welcome. Also, like and follow our Facebook page for more upcoming events. Hall is open if bookings weddings, party's you name it.

SWAG SNIPPETS

Hounsme Fields. The plans for the first phase, adjoining Longacre, are still being finalised. No approval yet. The big news on Hounsme Fields is that the application for the Gypsy and Traveller pitches at the lower end of the site adjoining Trenchards Lane has been withdrawn. Revised plans are expected.

Basingstoke Golf Club. See planning reference 19/00971/OUT. The Strategic Planning Document (SPD) for the site will probably be approved in late October. However the developer is now about to submit a completely revised application addressing many of the concerns raised by local residents and planning officers especially around tree retention, sound barriers and biodiversity. We await these plans with interest.

Island Site. As all can see the construction of the new pub, the Kempshott Farm, is well under way. Other work on the site for the construction of the retirement homes is also proceeding.

Hospital. There have been a lot of press reports about the possible construction of a new hospital with considerable encouragement from Basingstoke's M.P. Maria Miller. It's worth recording a few facts before everyone gets carried away. 1. The planning permission for the proposed Critical Treatment Centre (CTC) adjacent to J7 of the M3 has long since lapsed. 2. A large General Hospital would be very different from the more limited CTC proposal. 3. The money committed by the Government so far is for a feasibility study, not for actual construction. 4. The proposed location is not in Maria Miller's constituency.

SWAG AGM. This will take place on Saturday 23 November at 3.00 p.m. in Old Down Hall. We will be looking for new Committee members. Please come along.

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

Follow us on Facebook @BasingstokeSouth WestActionGroupSWAG

RESTAURANT REVIEW

NEWLYNS FARM CAFÉ Lodge Farm, Hook Road, RG29 1HA

We were later than expected driving out of Hook on a Thursday as it was getting close to 2.30 pm and the prospect of calling into a pub for lunch was fast disappearing. Madam had the idea that we should come off the A30 and cross the M3 at Junction 5 and go to Newlyn Farm Shop at North Wamborough. This is just off the roundabout at the start of the Odiham bypass and they have a good café that would more than satisfy our needs.

I say Newlyn Farm Shop because that is how I know them from old, but, my, how this place has grown. The wonderful farm shop is the mainstay but as well as their cookery school upstairs and the café close to the door, outside there is a new barn style building for wine and gin as well as a gift store. Yes, I know that Christmas is coming but this is something they will probably keep all year.

The café has expanded its offering as well so we really were spoiled for choice. An extensive menu stated that they start lunch from 12 noon but they do not specify a cut off time so we could order anything we fancied. With Newlyn rearing their own animals they have the provenance of farm to fork produce and everything is cooked fresh to order. A

hot sharing platter for 2 was our choice consisting of two lamb koftes, four Olde English sausages, six slices of pork loin, coleslaw, apple sauce, ciabatta and a bowl of chips.

If we have this dish again I would suggest eating the pork first as the kofte and sausages keep hotter longer but the reality is that we were forced to leave a couple of slices of the pork because we were so full. Having left something on the platter we did not feel it right to have some cake but decided to take a piece each home with us.

With a pot of Earl Grey tea for Madam and a bottle of Coca Cola for me the total bill came to only £26.54. Great value. And Madam was so impressed with the quality of what we had just eaten that she went into the shop to buy some of the sausages we had just enjoyed. You can't get a better recommendation than that.



THIS NOVEMBER WHY NOT SUPPORT ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPICE NOVEMBER NIGHTS CAMPAIGN?



The money raised from our November Nights campaign in just five years has already had a huge impact on the Hospice, the patients we care for and their families. Over £11,000 has been raised which has allowed us to care for 2 patients on our in-patient unit for the average 10-day length of stay.

Your November Nights event could contribute to this increasing total and continue to have an impact on our services in the local community.

You could hold a themed evening, cheese and wine evening? Hold a bonfire party or a 70s night. You could ask your local pub or club to host a quiz or music night in aid of the Hospice. The list is endless and so is the fun.

If you have an idea please let us know, or if you need supporting material to help promote your event, please give Lynne Grimshaw a call on 01256 848845 or email: Lynne.grimshaw@stmichaels-hospice.org.uk

ARE YOU BEING OVERCHARGED BY YOUR WATER COMPANY?

If your gutters drain to soakaways rather than into the public sewers, you can get a rebate on the standing charge element of your water bill. This rebate has been available since 2001, but you have to apply for it, it's not automatic. I recently found out about this, and applied, because my gutters definitely don't connect to the sewers – I had to pay a small fortune to get clogged soakaways cleared within the last couple of years, to stop flooding in my garden!

Hidden in the extremely small print on my water bill from South East Water – in a misleadingly-worded paragraph on page 6 of the 10-page bill – was a paragraph saying if I thought I was entitled, I should go to Thames Water's website (because South East Water bill waste services on Thames Water's behalf) and apply. Not a simple or straightforward process, anybody'd think they didn't want you to find the online application, but I did it. A couple of

weeks later I received a letter agreeing my application, saying I'd get a rebate backdated to April 2019.

I contacted Thames Water and asked them about the excess charges they'd levied since I moved to Hatch Warren in 1989. They replied that the rebate only became law from 2001, and they only have to rebate to the start of the financial year in which the application is made, **if it is the first application made within that postcode.** I complained, and was told, politely, to get lost. I took my complaint to the consumer council that's supposed to look after water users, and was told Thames Water were correct. Apparently, the right to a rebate is "prominently" shown on South East Water's bills (half way down page 6 of 10); so well advertised in fact that since the introduction of the rebate in 2001 I am the first resident of the 17 households in my postcode to have made an application.

I have subsequently discovered that a resident of a neighbouring postcode made a successful application in 2001, but through some "administrative error" the rebate was withdrawn when he died in 2011, and his widow has been overcharged for the last 8 years.

I live in a four bed detached house, and the rebate is about £26 per annum – not a lot, but why should Thames Water potentially get £26 to which they're not entitled from every house in Hatch Warren/Beggarwood/Kempshott Rise? Multiply that across the Borough, and I bet they're making millions because people don't see their "prominent" information.

If your gutters drain to soakaways, apply for your rebate now. Go to <https://myaccount.thameswater.co.uk/my-account/billing-and-payment/our-charges/metered-charges/apply-for-a-surface-water-drainage-rebate>

Sam Weller

70% of Divorcing Couples Don't Discuss Pensions

Recent research by Age UK has discovered that 70% of couples going through a divorce are not discussing pensions when arranging their finances. Pensions can be complex and difficult to understand – which is perhaps why they are often overlooked or people fail to recognise their value.

There are various ways of approaching pensions when a couple are separating and the best option will depend on the personal circumstances of the individuals, the pension value/options and their overall financial position.

- **Pension Sharing** is the most frequently used option. This allows one party to secure an agreed percentage of their partner's pension and to put these funds into their own

name. This puts the individual in full control.

- **Offsetting the Pension** is another popular option used when splitting finances. This involves 'offsetting' the pension against other assets in the marriage, for example a larger property share or other savings. A pitfall with this is that pension values will increase overtime, so this will need some careful consideration as pension assets may be worth more.
- **Pension Attachment Orders** (previously known as 'earmarking') are used very infrequently as it does have many disadvantages. This is where the court decides on an amount which is payable to one spouse from the pension income.



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Although fair and reasonable the income would stop upon death or re-marriage.

Couples may feel that if they receive a share of their partner's pension, then they will be financially tied to their ex-spouse in the future, but this is not the case. You can still enjoy financial freedom whilst obtaining a fair share of capital from the marriage.

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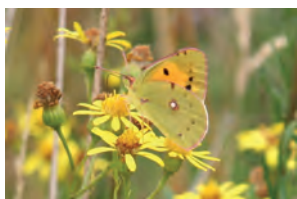
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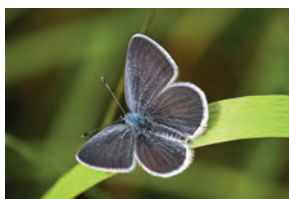
OLD DOWN AND BEGGARWOOD WILDLIFE GROUP

We have had such a dismal wet October with only the odd bright day. But those odd bright days have enabled us to enjoy the start of the autumn colours and the wonderful views from Old Down over the fields towards Hannington and over Basingstoke town.

The work party on Old Down has been quite lucky with the weather and only cancelled once. A new rowan tree has been planted – looks very healthy at the moment, let's hope it stays that way! Another one is due to be planted soon. It is always a good feeling to put something in as most of the work party tasks involve removing and cutting back. Rowan berries are very popular with many bird species, particularly members of the thrush family which nowadays are not a common sight on Old Down.



Clouded Yellow



Small Blue



Painted Lady

Now the summer is over it is time to look at the butterfly records on Old Down for 2019. It is pleasing that our records show we have had a really good year for butterflies. Not only was it a 'Painted Lady' summer but it was also, for us, a Small Blue year too. Numbers of Small Blue butterflies nearly doubled compared to last year - 646 this year, 345 last year. Other species that did really well were Brimstone, Gatekeeper, Holly Blue, Meadow Brown, Peacock, Red Admiral, Large Skipper, Small/Essex Skipper and Small Heath. The number of Orange Tips nearly doubled from last year thanks to the mild spring. Unfortunately, the picture is not so rosy for some of the other species with Common Blues only a quarter of what they were last year, from 584 down to 146. That really is a worrying drop especially as Old Down does have quite a good crop of its caterpillar food source which is Bird's Foot Trefoil. Speckled Wood, Brown Argus and all the 'Whites' fared badly too. Apart from the special events of Painted Ladies and Small Blues we

were delighted to have an uncommon visit from a Clouded Yellow (which is an unpredictable migrant coming mostly from southern Europe). Only 5 other Clouded Yellow sightings have been recorded on Old Down in the past 5 years. The total number of butterflies seen on the weekly transects from April to September was 3,123 and 27 different species. Last year the total was 3,032.

At the time of writing this report the flower meadow has still not been mown by the council (despite requests from the Group) which is not good news for encouraging fresh growth next year.

Work Parties: Please come and join us. For Old Down, we meet outside Old Down Hall every Thursday 10-12 noon. Always check our website just in case there is a cancellation or change. Currently there are no volunteers for work parties on Beggarwood. If anyone is interested in volunteering for Beggarwood please contact the Group to discuss. These work parties can be weekly or monthly and any day of the week.

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PROBUS HEARS FIRST HAND EVIDENCE

Should she be worried at the thought of giving her talk for the first time to the all male audience of the Probust Club of Basingstoke? After all she had almost thirty years' experiences to call upon, all far more serious than this. The good, the bad and the downright funny is how Jackie Dimmock described situations she encountered as an officer in the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Police. Discounting the usual Powerpoint slides, instead she used her hobby of quilting to amusingly illustrate some of her varied incidents as customs and practices changed over the years. The W in WPC eventually went missing, as a Police Constable had that rank irrespective of gender. However, the uniform did not change until later so she had a straight skirt, stockings and suspenders. Not the most practical attire when responding to a reported break in and forced to climb over a school wall after her male colleague jokingly told her that the gate was locked.

In those days she was issued with a radio but had to buy a pair of handcuffs and a small truncheon that fitted inside her shoulder bag which she would swing with great effect at miscreants.

Trousers came later, but these were men's trousers and consequently fitted women badly.

Today female Police Constables have tailored trousers, advanced radios, CS sprays, handcuffs, cameras and stab vests.

Undertaking a police driving course, Jackie was inexplicably taught to double de-clutch even though the car had a synchromesh gear box. Let out in a small car, although fitted with a blue light it had no siren so she had to use the horn to get through traffic. On her first outing she made the classic error of driving the wrong way up a one way street. Chasing a suspect would have been her excuse had she been reported.



At a meeting led by the then Chief Constable she failed to ask about a report that 99% of female officers suffered sexual harassment at work. Being news to Jackie she afterwards quizzed the Chief Constable as she wondered if she was the missing one percent. He said that to rectify matters she would be welcome to visit his office anytime. How times change.

Following on from serving five years in the Child Protection Unit Jackie became a Schools Liaison officer. She was able to tease information out of children relating to domestic problems. Children told of drug addict mothers using a lighter under a tea spoon in the kitchen. Others being abused and their siblings in the same school equally suffering were unknown to teachers. Fathers who drove while drunk or did not wear a seat belt were all reported by the children.

Drug raids required a female officer to be part of the team as she would be needed to handle women suspects. One raid on a bungalow the suspect escaped out of a window. Jackie leaned out trying to spot him. An inquisitive donkey came up to the window and bit Jackie's left breast. Everyone said that they should examine the damaged area as it needed to be recorded in the accident book.

In the early days of DNA she became a scene of crimes officer. A girl had been murdered alongside the Basingstoke canal in 1981 with no suspect emerging. All the evidence was kept in Basingstoke. In 2002, in the north, a wife reported her husband for assault. Using familial DNA profiling he was eventually charged with the murder.

For more information about the Probust Club phone their Secretary, Jonathan Ratcliff on 07501 271547 or see their web site www.probusbasingstoke.wordpress.com

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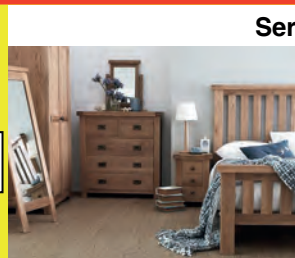


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CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEPARATED PARENTS



Hayley Eachus

Now is the time for separated parents to start thinking about making Christmas arrangements.

While for many parents the festive season is a special time of year, it can be a trying time after a divorce or separation.

From a family law perspective, it is very important that you plan your contact and visiting arrangements in a timely manner before the hectic Christmas period.

Ideally, start discussing the situation with your children's other parent as early as possible, to give yourself plenty of time to come to an arrangement about times and days to see the children.

If you are on amicable terms with your former partner, sit down together with your diaries to record what is agreed to avoid future disputes.

If not, use an impartial third party or solicitor

to liaise over access and put it in writing.

Think about how to divide your children's time over the festive period, maybe having the children on Christmas Day every other year and then making Boxing Day a second Christmas Day.

Remember Christmas is only a few days out of the whole year. It can be a time of great joy and happiness for your family, so be prepared to be flexible and try to remember to put the children first.

A little planning well before the holiday season starts can avoid a lot of unnecessary stress and arguments.

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Café in the Park

WHAT'S ON

Friendly Craft Group 'Card & Cuppa' Friday morning from 10.30-1.00: 15th Nov, 29th Nov, 13th Dec

6th Nov and 4th Dec - Health walk starting @ 10.30am followed by Community Lunch from 12.15pm

Beggarwood Bookworms Wednesday 27th Nov 7.30-9.00pm. Book a space via Facebook or email Beggarwood.bookworms@outlook.com

Pop up Play Village Sat 16th Nov and Sat 21st Dec 10.00-11.15am

Christmas Quiz Night Friday 13th Dec 7.00pm for 7.30pm start - teams of 4 or 6, £5 entry per person, licensed bar

Carols in the Park, with mince pies and mulled wine, Thur 19th Dec 6.30-7.30pm

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HATCH WARREN UNDER FIVES

Our first half term at Hatch Warren Under Fives has flown past; the children have been busy with lots of craft, autumn activities, baking and science experimenting.

There have been lots of things to discover for our topic of autumn - we've been looking at the changes in the garden and the different colours of the leaves and we've taken autumn walks to listen for the crunching sounds of leaves. We've also had great fun jumping in big puddles as part of our weather theme! Some of the children have spoken about seeing hedgehogs in their gardens; so to extend their learning we included hibernation as part of our autumn topic (being able to talk about the natural world and show concern for living things is an expectation for a typical child aged 30 to 50 months). The children made some wonderful hedgehog houses and baked hedgehog bread rolls (these are much harder than they look – so a huge well done to the children!) We have also been looking out for conkers, pine cones and leaves, which are all great natural resources to use in preschool at this time of year.



We continually promote British values at preschool, but this term we've had great fun with "Democracy". The children have been voting for which book to read at circle time, they have loved casting their votes and learning about different choices. One of our favourite books this half term has been *Room on the Broom* and the children created a wonderful wall display all about the book. Another new wall display is our lovely birthday

board, the children have been helping put their own candles on the cupcakes for their birthday month.

In our weekly science experiments we've seen impressive foaming explosions when we mixed mints with coke, we've made jelly volcanoes with baking soda and vinegar and we've also learned how rain is formed.

Coming up, we will be getting creative with clay when we celebrate Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights, and with bonfire night coming up we'll be using lots of colour to create our own fireworks and will be exploring lots of sounds for firework night too. We'll be doing a special day in preschool for Children in Need and we'll also be taking delivery of a fantastic new play kitchen for our home area.

After our AGM in November our Area Manager, Michelle Tejevo, will sadly be leaving us for new adventures. After joining as Head of Preschool 7 years ago, Michelle soon started making lots of new changes and enhancements to our setting. She also opened up our sister preschool in Kempshott 4 years ago. She then stepped into an Area Manager role to support the Managers at both settings and continued to ensure the smooth running of our wonderful preschools. Last year Michelle, who is also an Early Years Teacher, decided to further her career and took on a role as an Early Years Lecturer at BCOT alongside her work at preschool.

Michelle has invested heavily in developing both of our preschool managers so has decided it's now the right time to step back and focus more on her lecturing career and take some time back to spend with her children and family. It's a very sad farewell but we wish her the very best of luck!

Read more about our preschools: www.hatchwarrenunderfives.co.uk

CANDOVER VALLEY PRE-SCHOOL

What a busy few weeks we have had at CVP!

Our Autumn farm visit to Chilton Manor Farm was fantastic and the children experienced grinding the grain and helped groom William the pony. To extend the children's learning we then made our own bread rolls at pre-school. A parent kindly visited with their pet ducks and showed the children how to bathe and care for them. We are so lucky to have these amazing opportunities for the children!

Come rain or shine we have been at the 'forest'. The children have been enjoying the hammock to rock or relax, role playing pirates, looking for bugs, chalking, playing tic-tac-toe and using string to wind along logs they have found.

We have been focussing on our fine motor skills this term and the children have been threading, cutting and enjoying the sensory trays with cornflour, foam and pasta. These activities involve hand eye co-ordination, using tools and dexterity. It is so important that the children have developed their gross and fine motor skills to enable them to first mark make, moving onto drawing with meaning and eventually start to be able to form shapes which they will then use for writing skills.

Coming up in November we will be planting trees in our forest area for National Tree Week and Saturday November 30th, CVP will be running the gingerbread decorating stall at Preston Candover Primary School Winter Fair to raise funds for the pre-school.

Visitors are very welcome so if you would like to see Pre-School in action come along to one of the open sessions or please contact us to arrange a visit.

Lisa Collisson – Pre-School Head 01256-389008

DANDELIONS

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

We had a wonderful time taking part in the popular "Look for a Book" recently. The children walked around the local area and hid books placed in waterproof bags for other children to enjoy. They had great fun hiding them whilst searching for new books to read. Such a wonderful idea to encourage reading and sharing.

If you do find one please do read and pass on to keep the fun going!!!

Our sponsored event this term is an Autumn Treasure Hunt.

The children will be busy exploring and seeking out treasure to raise funds to enhance our sensory and multi-cultural areas

On Friday 15th November we will be taking part in Children In Need. Children can come into Dandelions dressed in their pyjamas or anything Pudsey related.

Prior to the day we will be sending smarties home. If you would like to fill the empty box with any loose change it would be very much appreciated. All donations will be gratefully received.

CUCKOO MEADOW PRESCHOOL

We are based in North Waltham village, which is less than 10 minutes' drive from Hatch Warren, and is in a beautiful rural setting. The children who attend come from within the village and the surrounding areas including Oakley, Dummer, Hatch Warren, Kempshott and Beggarwood and all agree the location and wonderful caring staff mean it is more than worth the short journey. Please contact Jo or Fiona to come and see for yourself.

The pre-schoolers are spending the rest of the term focusing on dinosaurs, a very popular topic. As well as baking some dinosaur shaped scones, the children have been comparing their footprints to those of the T-rex which has been lots of fun! Despite the tricky, long names of most dinosaurs, the pre-schoolers' knowledge never ceases to amaze the team!

Taking advantage of the beautiful rural setting, the children have been out and about lately looking at the changing colours of the leaves and collecting conkers. They managed a massive haul of 46 conkers which they carefully counted and cleaned. Expect more autumn crafts to come!

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

Alice Crocker

BASINGSTOKE CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT FELLOWSHIP

At the meeting held on Wednesday 2 October 46 members and 3 visitors were welcomed by the chairman, David Cowling. The secretary, Tony Brazier, gave details of the forthcoming trips and reminded those going on the Mystery Trip and the Christmas Lunch to return their menu choices as soon as possible. The Welfare Officer, Christine Broadbent, then gave her update on members who had not been well and also gave the sad news that Bert Clarkson had died aged 96. Bert had in the past been chairman for over 20 years and still regularly attended meetings, especially the AGM when he took over the chair while the new committee were elected.



The speaker this month was Mel Rees who gave the second part of his talk on "My Family and other Meerkats". He kept us all highly amused with tales mainly connected with his mother in her later years when visits to the doctor, hospital and dentist provided a wealth of almost comedic events and situations. In between this he enlightened us with some of the quirks of the English language along with observations on the behaviour and attitude of those who deal with the public in their everyday occupations. These thoughts and more are also contained in his books written in the pen name Anthony Mann and published by his own company the Trouser Press with the latest, In Bed with A Mann - Part 2, available now.

The group's next outing is a on Thursday 21 November to Millets Farm Centre near Abingdon where there is the Farm Shop, Garden Centre and Restaurants. They will be geared up for Christmas so this will be a good opportunity to get some presents.

The next meeting is on 6 November when the speaker will be a representative from Hampshire Constabulary on "Home and Safety". Also at this meeting we will be holding a Christmas themed Bring and Buy Sale. The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at Brookvale Village Hall from 10am to 12noon 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.

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Sunday 24th November

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Wanted : good quality second hand children's toys and clothes for our pre-loved stall at the Christmas Fayre. Please drop off donations to the office. Thank you in advance.

Save the date ... Carols in the Park, Beggarwood Community Centre with mince pies and mulled wine, Thur 19th Dec 6.30-7.30pm all welcome!

Looking for that special Christmas present, then why not book one of our Theatre trips for next year.

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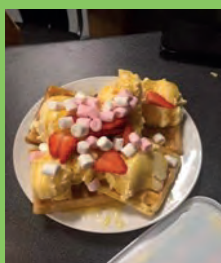
1st Nov	Human hungry hippos, mosaic tiles and chocolate fondue
8th Nov	Quiz night, bandana making and pizza
15th Nov	Football tournament, face painting and hot dogs
22nd Nov	Buzz on the PlayStation, Uno and loaded hot chocolates
29th Nov	Laser tag, bingo and smoothies
6th Dec	Dodgeball, tattoos and smores
13th Dec	Sumo suits, nail bar and donuts
20th Dec	Christmas party including Christmas craft and food!
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We also love to get your input on our session plans (like we did for all the December ones) so don't forget to let us know if you have any ideas. We can't promise that we will be able to do them all but we promise to try!!



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

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1st November : Self harm awareness

6th December: STI awareness

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Behaviour Agreement

Thank you to our young people who helped us create a brand new Behaviour Agreement for The Warren. We were very impressed by the fair and mature approach to this.



Christmas opening

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Simply remember to always weigh your produce separate from your bag/container.

Items purchased from our Bakery, can now be placed in a paper bag or, your own container/bag, prior to purchase at our checkouts.

It has been estimated that by removing these plastic bags, we'll have saved 291 million single use plastic bags from our shelves, across the whole store estate.

Ready Meals

You may have also started to notice a change to our ready meal offer for customers. Following successful trials, all the plastic packaging for our ready meals, can be recycled.

We're continuing to work closer with suppliers of other ready meal ranges to help ensure their packaging is recyclable too so, watch this space for further updates.

Poppy Appeal

By the time you read this, we'll be nearing the end of our 25th Anniversary

supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

We continue to support the Poppy Appeal through until Armistice Day on 11th November. Keep an eye out for the Poppy Collectors in store throughout this time.

Smart Shop and Self Scan

We've recently upgraded the tills and software for these areas of the store. Card payments at the store now account for over 90% of all transactions and, these enhancements will make it one step easier to use.

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150 Days of Volunteering

We've now completed our volunteering with our chosen partner, Inspero. Thanks to your generosity, over £500 has been raised in store for Inspero, which has been used to purchase the foundations for their new summer house donated by Sainsbury's.

We recently held a BBQ with Inspero to celebrate the end of the partnership,

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We are negotiating with the Council to get a direct usable cycle route into town from residential areas along/near the A30; protected from motor traffic, not shared with pedestrians. This is essential as thousands of new homes between Hatch Warren and M3 junction 7 will mean gridlock at worst and congestion at best.

We have successfully obtained a review of Basingstoke Cycle Strategy as it has failed to deliver improvements in provision for cycling. By collaborating with other groups we have persuaded Hampshire County Council to review how they design cycle routes and to allocate more funding. An audio powerpoint presentation from Cycle Basingstoke is being used as part of training workshops in September and October. The Basingstoke Transport Strategy (approved end of July) was modified thanks to suggestions from Cycle Basingstoke so funding will be obtained for schemes that facilitate cycling. Words with no money mean nothing.

Lobbying for change is a numbers game which is why we were delighted with a 50% increase in our membership during Green Week in September. We would love it if you signed up as a supporter or if you got your club or employer to join as a corporate or group supporter. Membership is free, but donations are important as we want to sponsor Bikeability training, which replaces cycling proficiency, and National Standard Instructor training. We are also looking for helpers, in particular a face book manager and a membership co-ordinator.

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- This month Immanuel Church celebrates two special services.
- The first is All Souls on the 3 November at 6:30pm. This is a quiet, reflective service where we remember those we have loved but are no longer with us. There is an opportunity to light a candle and the names of those who have died will be read out whether the loss is recent or a long time ago. The act of remembering is at the heart of this service. Jesus asks us to remember him by sharing Communion together and at Immanuel Church we do this every week in our Communion services. The bread and wine we share symbolises the body and blood of Jesus. We do this not only to remember him, but to share our faith with others, so they too may come to know him.
- The second special service is Remembrance Sunday on 10 November at 10am. We remember those service men and women who gave their lives for us in past and present conflicts. The British Legion have written these poignant words, "remembrance unites people of all faiths, cultures and backgrounds but it is deeply personal." Last year I had the privilege to be in Jerusalem during Remembrance Sunday and I took part in the service at the Jerusalem War Cemetery which is for the allied armies who died in the First World War along with service men and women. I was really moved to see graves with the inscription 'To a soldier of the Great War known only to God'. We may not know the name of the soldier but God remembers them and they are not forgotten.
- During my recent move, I came across a card that was sent to my mother's family informing them that their 19 year old son had been killed in action in the First World War. The card that the family were sent says 'gone but not forgotten'. During World War Two, my husband's grandfather was killed in 1941 on HMS Repulse. We still have some fragments of their lives through a small amount of photographs and documents. We named our son Joseph after his grandfather.
- Having spent some time thinking about remembering, I found myself asking, how do I want to be remembered? What difference can I make to others? I believe God never forgets us and that he cares about all that is going on in our lives, both the difficult times and the joyful moments, in the big and the little things. I wonder what difference we can make here in Hatch Warren and Beggarwood?
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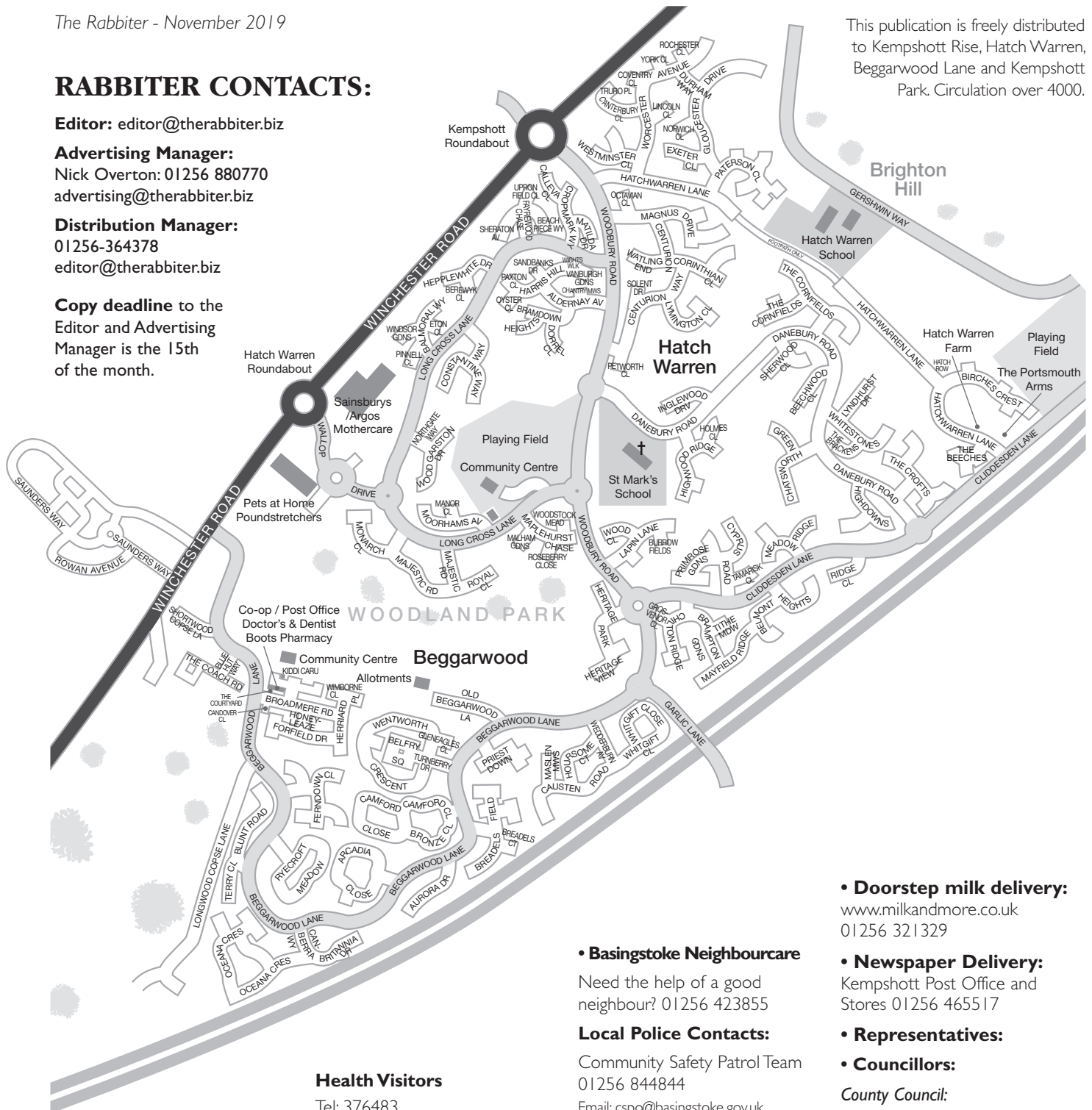
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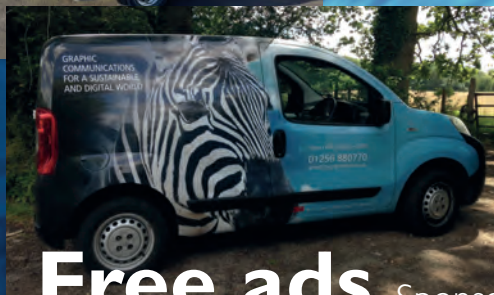
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HATCH WARREN RUNNERS

Our fourth Farleigh Wallop Race was a triumph!

On Sunday 29th September we held our 4th ever annual Farleigh Wallop 10k (ish) race. First of all we need to say a huge thank you to our race organisers and Race Committee who were: Darrel May (Race Director), Rory Horseman, Rachel and Rich Sennett, Nick Poskitt and Sam Purnell. It ran (every pun intended) like clockwork and the planning and care taken in the detail was evident. Thank you to Jo Mills for designing our wonderful 2019 finisher's medal.

The course was marshalled entirely by club members, without whom, the race could not have happened. The atmosphere was absolutely superb. It still rained and, of course, there were glorious puddles of mud and plenty of ploughed fields in which to lose a shoe, but this year we crowned our first 'King and Queen of the Hill' who were Basingstoke and Mid-Hants Athletics Club (AC) local superstars Dave and Charlotte Ragan. 241 runners took part from lots of local and far-flung clubs. It was an honour that so many

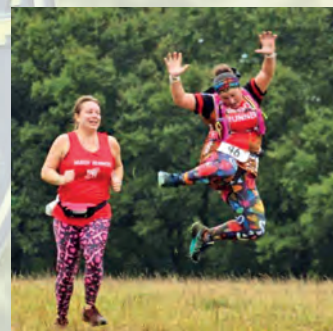
fellow Basingstoke based running clubs supported us with specific thanks to: Old Basing Running Club, Hi-5 Rooksdown, Chineham Park Running Club, Sherfield Park Runners, Tadley Runners, Bramley Trail Runners and Overton Harriers & AC - your support and generous praise are greatly appreciated.

The race received donations from local businesses and despite us invading their space and traipsing around the area for the whole weekend; we received wholehearted support from Cliddesden, Ellisfield and Farleigh's local residents and farming community - without which, the show could not go on. With funds from race entries and proceeds from the race's bake sale (baked goods were donated by those HWR with the finest culinary skills) we have been able to donate £1,000 to each of our chosen charities. These are: Stacey and Lucy Foundation - a charity that aims to help young sports people in the local area to achieve their sporting dreams by providing funds for their endeavours and Basingstoke's The Trussell Trust Food Bank - a vital charitable resource in Basingstoke for those in need of food in times of crisis.

This month, this article is all about thanking our local Basingstoke businesses,

people within the community and runners outside of our club who, despite our friendly rivalries, support us year-on-year. Keep an eye out for early bird opportunities to enter our 2020 race next September!

As always, should you wish to try running with a club, if you see one of us at parkrun or in a race environment, just grab us and chat - you might not get away for a few minutes because as much as we love running, we also love talking...alternatively, please visit www.hwrunners.co.uk, our Facebook page or email enquiries@hwrunners.co.uk for more information.



Jade Newsum of Muddy Runners (sister of HWR Jodie Gibson) defying gravity during the race.

Background image: 2019 Finisher's Medal designed by Jo Mills



HATCH WARREN BEGGARWOOD CYCLING CLUB



It's that time of year when the nights draw in and the temptation is to hide under a blanket with a warm drink or more likely a cold glass of Prosecco and wait until Spring. As cyclists we aren't adverse to finding somewhere warm to relax but we tend to do it during a bike ride in a café with a big lump of cake or at the end of the ride at the pub!

We do make a few concessions to the earlier nights, and once the clocks change, we move our Sunday rides to start at 1.15pm, and our Tuesday night rides are 15 miles rather than 20.

Full details of our rides during November and December can be found at facebook.com/HWBcc, just click on events.

We have a lot of new members join us through the winter months as cycling is a great way to keep yourself active until the sun comes up again in May... June... July... August....

One ride that we really look forward to is on the 21st December which is now the legendary Mince Pie ride.



This is a ride of 20 miles that will end with a big pile of mince pies and other Christmassy food & drink goodies... and we do it all in Fancy Dress! Have you ever seen Santa cycling through Hatch Warren? Well pop out on the 21st and you may well see twenty Santas cycling down the road.

We'd love to see you out on your bike with us over Winter!

So please come and ride with us!

We pride ourselves on being inclusive to all riders who are over 18 years of age, and we are equally proud of our unofficial club motto which is 'no one gets left behind'. So please don't get left behind and 'Come ride with us' (which is our real motto!)

More details can be found on our website www.hwbcc.org or on our facebook page facebook.com/HWBcc.

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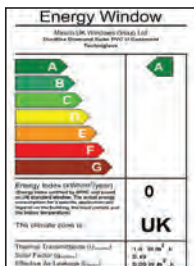
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