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## EDITORIAL

A belated Happy New Year to all our readers. A big thank you to everyone who came to the Carol Service at the Café in the Park. Over 100 people crowded into the Café to drink mulled wine and sing favourite Christmas carols – it was definitely a highlight of the celebrations.

A new year and lots of exciting events planned. Already there are dates in the diary for lots of outings organised by the Hatch Warren Community Centre, the Beer and Lager Festivals and the Summer Festival. The Health Walks have proved to be so popular that these will now take place twice a month – see page 6 for more details. Walking is an excellent way to stay fit, meet new people and enjoy our local countryside.

Do you enjoy reading? Beggarwood Bookworms continues to go from strength to strength. They meet at the Café in the Park on the last Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm. Coffee (and wine!) are available plus delicious cake is for sale. The February meeting will welcome local author Helen Matthews to talk about her first book 'After leaving the village' – and she will have copies of her latest book 'Lies Behind the Ruins' for sale (it's a great page turner!).

Hampshire County Council are currently reviewing library services and a number of our local libraries are at risk of closure and shorter opening hours. Libraries provided an important function in our local community and we need to ensure we do not lose them. Cllr Terri Reid is keen to explore the possibility of a Community Library – see her article on page 5.

Building work is everywhere. The new pub on the Island site is looking good (I love the stylish chimneys!) and building of the proposed retirement homes has started. Work will start soon on the new houses at Hounsborne Fields and the access to the proposed development is currently underway. Planning permission has been submitted for a Lidl store next door to Dreams. Sadly we said good bye to Mothercare in January – it is so sad to see these much loved stores close.

There are many opportunities locally to contribute to our local community, for example Basingstoke Neighbourcare is looking for drivers – see page 8. We are lucky to have lovely green spaces close to our homes and Old Down and Beggarwood Wildlife Group is urgently seeking volunteers – see page 10.

There have been changes to our local bus service and the number 9 bus is no longer running. However the number 8 which goes into town via Kempshott and Bucks Hill is now more frequent – see page 24 for the updated bus timetable. It only takes 15 minutes to get into town and there is no parking issues/costs if you take the bus!

Don't forget that The Rabbitter offers a free ads page where you can sell all those unwanted items. With spring cleaning just round the corner, this could be your opportunity to declutter and raise some money. Anyone want an old mans bike? I have one to sell and will be advertising this next month.

Please remember to let us have your news and views – send them to [newsdesk@therabbitter.biz](mailto:newsdesk@therabbitter.biz).

### The Editor

**Sometimes we get things wrong and can only apologise when we do. Sadly I have dreadful handwriting and we got the name of the winner of the Christmas front page wrong. We are very sorry for this. The winner was Jude Blackwell Gregory. Jude, we all loved your picture so thank you.**

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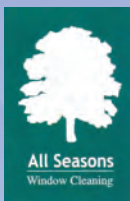
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## HATCH WARREN WI

Hatch Warren W.I. welcomed in 2020 and another decade with a talk from Rowan Whiffen on his safari to Entabeni in South Africa. Entabeni is a private nature reserve in Orange Free State where you stay in a thatched hotel and are escorted each day out to see wild animals in their natural habitat. Rowan showed us beautiful photographs of wildebeest, impala, zebra, elephants, giraffe, and buffalo and even a lion very close to their vehicle. Monkeys who were breakfast thieves and the most dangerous of all wild animals the hippopotamus. More people are killed by hippopotamus than any other animal. The winner of our competition was an item from the Ascension islands.

After coffee and tea members then voted on our yearly resolutions, our results will then be forwarded to Hampshire Federation and the resolution that receives the most votes will then go forward to National and be voted on at the AGM in June at the Albert Hall.

There is a holiday to Valkenburg, Maastricht and Eifel Mountains for members to join in April and a Quiz and Curry night in Eastleigh.

Our next meeting will be on 6th February at 8 p.m. 'A fish and Chip supper' will be enjoyed by members, we meet at Hatch Warren Community Centre on first Thursday of the month. For more information please contact our President Lynette on 07824 535868. We look forward to meeting new ladies, so come and meet us.



## VOLUNTEER BEFRIENDING SERVICE

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Interested volunteers will be invited to an informal interview and the role is subject to references, simple health checks and DBS clearance.

## COUNCILLOR'S UPDATE

### **COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH**

This is another call out for anyone who would like to be a part of a community speed watch team in the estate. A few people have put their names forward when I made the previous appeals, but not yet enough, so please let me know if you would like to be a part of this.

### **SPEED RESTRICTION ON A30**

A traffic order has been granted to reduce speed along the A30 from a point close to the Hatch Warren roundabout towards the M3. This is due to building works adjacent to the road and is in effect for three months from 13th January.

### **GOLF COURSE**

At the time of going to press there was still no update on when the planning application will be going to committee. BDBC's "optimistic" appraisal before Christmas was for it to potentially make the February committee but this seems unlikely, especially as the Council has had to cancel some committees, including an early January Development Control committee, due to getting itself into a tangle over proportionality of committee membership.

### **ANAEROBIC DIGESTER**

Despite efforts to address the issue of odour through the installation of a new filter, there still appears to be ongoing problems of odour from the plant.

### **COMMUNITY SPIRIT**

I'd like to use this space also to give a massive thank you to the people of Hatch Warren and Beggarwood from the Camrose Centre for Homeless and Vulnerable People. Collections made through St Mark's School, at Sainsbury's on the 20th December and during the lovely Carol Singing at Beggarwood cafe organised by Immanuel Church raised a substantial sum which will make a huge difference to the lives of the most marginalised in our town. On behalf of the Camrose Centre, thank you so much. This is what makes Hatch Warren and Beggarwood such a wonderful place to live in.

### **COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

With so much concern at the moment re potential cuts to the library service, would anyone be interested in exploring the idea of a community library in Hatch Warren and Beggarwood. With such huge growth expected locally, there would be a wide area of library goers to draw on. Let me know if you think this is a good idea, I am keen to pursue further.

**Cllr Terri Ried**

## OAKLEY AFTERNOON WI JUMBLE SALE

**Saturday 7th March 1.20pm 2020**

East Oakley Village Hall (Green Hut, Hill Road)

Tombola, Raffle, Clothes, Books, Children's items, Household, Bric-a-Brac

## WHAT'S ON – FEBRUARY

Do you have an event locally that you would like to tell people about. The Rabbiter reaches over 4000 homes locally so is the perfect way to publicise your event. Just email details to [editor@therabbiter.biz](mailto:editor@therabbiter.biz)

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

5 February	Health Walk 11.00am Café in the Park
5 February	Community Lunch 12.15-1.45pm Café in the Park
6 February	Mary Poppins Coach Trip, Hatch Warren Community Centre
13 February	Laughter House, Apollo Hotel
14 February	Valentines Day
14 February	Fundraising Event 6-7.45pm The Warren
15 February	Catfish at Basingstoke Blues Club – see page 21
25 February	Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Day
26 February	Beggarwood Bookworms, Café in the Park
29 February	
- 28 March	Marie Curie Great Daffodil Appeal

### Future Events

1 March	St David's Day
12 March	Laughter House, Apollo Hotel
13 March	Sports Relief Day
25 March	Beggarwood Bookworms, Café in the Park
16 April	Laughter House, Apollo Hotel
17 March	St Patrick's Day
22 March	Mothering Sunday
28 March	Basingstoke Choral Society Concert – see page 10
29 March	Clocks go forward
29 March	Ideal Home Show coach trip, Hatch Warren Community Centre
5 April	Palm Sunday
9-16 April	Passover
10 April	Good Friday
12 April	Easter Day
13 April	Bank Holiday Monday
23 April	St George's Day
24 April	Ramadan

8 May	Early May Bank Holiday
14 May	Laughter House, Apollo Hotel
16 May	Lager Festival, Hatch Warren Community Centre
25 May	Spring Bank Holiday
21 June	Father's Day
11 July	Summer Festival, Hatch Warren Community Centre
31 August	Bank Holiday
12 September	Lager Festival, Hatch Warren Community Centre
28 September	Yom Kippur

### 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](http://www.olddownandbeggarwood.org.uk) email: [odandbwd@gmail.com](mailto:odandbwd@gmail.com)

### Hatch Warren Nature Group,

contact Paul Beevers, [hatch.nature@gmail.com](mailto:hatch.nature@gmail.com)

**Cliddesden, Ellisfield and Farleigh Wallop Horticultural  
Society**, contact Mrs M Smith (01256 462584) for details

**Laughter House**, [www.laughterhousecomedy.club](http://www.laughterhousecomedy.club)

**Hatch Warren Runners**, meet Monday and Wednesday at  
7.15, Portsmouth Arms and at the Co-op Beggarwood.  
[www.hwrunners.co.uk](http://www.hwrunners.co.uk)



The book choice for November was 'Circe' by Madeline Miller. This was the follow up to her best seller 'The Song of Achilles'. The story is a modern reworking of the Greek mythological legend of Circe, who as the daughter



of Helios the sun god, is immortal. This novel certainly divided the group into those who

read and enjoyed it and those who found it hard to get past chapter three! Once the votes were counted it took its place at the bottom of our leader board.

Our Christmas meeting was held at The Portsmouth Arms. Whilst we enjoyed delicious food we were able to discuss our book choice of 'My Sister Serial Killer' by Oyinkan Braithwaite. Set in Nigeria it is a menacing and darkly funny tale of a young woman who discovers her sister likes to kill and then expects her to help clear up! It was a very quick, easy and entertaining read. The highlight of our evening was a secret Santa sack

in which we had all donated a book we have previously enjoyed reading. It was interesting to hear the reasons for everyone's choice as the books were unwrapped.

Why not make a New Year Resolution to do something new and join our lively and friendly book club. We meet at the Cafe in the Park on the last Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. January's choice is 'Elizabeth is Missing' by Emma Healey, recently dramatised on television with Glenda Jackson in lead role. We look forward to welcoming you.



## AUSPICIOUS CEREMONY AT BASINGSTOKE MASONIC LODGE

Approaching the centenary since the foundation of the Elvetham Masonic Lodge meant that the installation of their 100th Worshipful Master was a significant chapter in its history.

The Elvetham Masonic Lodge was formed in Hartley Wintney in 1920 to meet the needs of local residents due to difficulties in travelling to lodges in Basingstoke or Blackwater. Its Lodge was situated in Hartley Wintney until planning constraints forced a move in 1993 to the Basingstoke Masonic Centre.

Roger Robertson was duly installed as Master of the Lodge at an impressive ceremony held at the Masonic Centre in Victoria Street Basingstoke followed by a Celebration Dinner.

The new Master of the Lodge is anxious to continue with the national policy of a more open understanding of what Freemasonry is all about as it is one of the world's oldest and largest non-religious, non-political, fraternal and charitable organisations. There are more than 250 Lodges in Hampshire alone with in excess of 9,000 members and 5 of those Lodges meet in the Basingstoke Centre. Worldwide Freemasonry membership stands at more than 6 million men.

Rogers' goal is to dispel many of the myths that abound around freemasonry. "It has never been a secret organisation, just an, 'organisation with secrets' and prior to WW2 Freemasonry was completely open and held regular Church Parades dressed in full Regalia". He explained that Freemasonry instils in its members a moral and ethical approach to life. "While we use ancient stonemason's customs and tools as allegorical guides in our ceremonies, we do have a modern approach to life and these days most things can be seen on the internet. Yes, it should be viewed as an enjoyable pursuit but membership does aim to make good men better."

In terms of Charitable Work you will never see a Freemason on the street collecting money. Funds are raised entirely in house and yet the Freemasons in England contribute more money to charity than any organisation apart from the National Lottery.

Worshipful Master Roger Robertson (centre) with Senior Warden Keith Rosser (left) and Junior Warden Peter Foster (right)



Basingstoke Deane  
**Rotary**



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FEBRUARY 2020

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The generous people of Basingstoke donated 1500 shoeboxes this last Christmas, packed with gifts. They were all checked, boxed, shipped and then hand delivered by Rotarians directly to the children who otherwise would receive nothing. Whilst we were simply having fun with our gifts, those children were experiencing real joy and amazement. So it was lovely to see a message from a young Moldovan boy called Ivan who was saying thank you for a Rotary shoe box donated in our District.



Thank you to everyone who kindly donated a Christmas Shoe box you've made a lot of children's lives a little happier

Christmas Shoe boxes are just one of the international aspects of Rotary. There are **33,000 Rotary clubs** in over **200** countries and geographical areas. Our Club has connections with people and projects in Belgium, Kenya and Zambia



**Save the Date** 3rd May 2020 Basingstoke Festival of Transport, War Memorial Park,  
Basingstoke: 11.00 - 16.00pm:

Basingstoke Deane Rotary is a group of 35 men & women from a wide variety of backgrounds. All live locally in the borough but some commute to work outside Basingstoke. Most joined Rotary to help others less fortunate, and they find Basingstoke Deane Rotary adds another extremely enjoyable dimension to their lives.

If you would like to find out more about how we enjoy ourselves, just tune in to [www.rcbd.org.uk](http://www.rcbd.org.uk) to see what we have coming up, or contact Helen or Paul above to find out more. We think you'll be pleasantly surprised.

Facebook: @RotaryBasingstokeDeane

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Resolutions are made with the best of intentions but how many are still being followed come February? The gift of time is something that costs very little and can bring unexpected rewards to the giver. All charities need volunteers and you don't have to make a huge commitment. Help for just one event or possibly for just a few hours. It's not about bucket collecting. Lots of charities need people who donate cakes or help with teas or may be setting up gazebos or a bit of DIY. Giving your time may also be chatting to an elderly person; you may be the only person they speak to all day. Asking if a homeless person would like a hot drink; a better way of helping them than chucking a few coins. If you want to meet new people volunteering is a great way of doing it; rewarding and great fun

Volunteering is good for your Mental Health

Basingstoke Deane Rotary welcomes new members. To find out more see details below. We also have one off volunteering opportunities. We are looking for individuals qualified to take blood pressure for our **Know your Blood Pressure Day**, in partnership with The Stroke Association (date in April to be advised)

Please get in touch if you can help with this important Stroke prevention programme, contact details above



## GRANTS FROM BASINGSTOKE & DEANE COMMUNITY FUND

Grants totalling £1,110 have been awarded from the 'Basingstoke & Deane Community Fund', administered by the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Community Foundation. The grants are supporting the projects of three charitable organisations working to help local people in Basingstoke.

A grant of £200 has been awarded to the 'Café in the Park', run by Hatch Warren & Beggarwood Community Association (HWBCA) to support the expansion of their successful lunch club. The café has been running a monthly community home-made soup lunch service since the café opened in February 2018 and this has proved so popular with around 25 members attending each session, that a new weekly 'Friendship Friday' Group has now been set up. 'Friendship Friday' will run from the Beggarwood Café, and will offer a healthy lunch at discounted prices to those wishing to come along.



## BASINGSTOKE NEIGHBOUR CARE NEEDS YOU!

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We need drivers who can spare a few hours a week during the day time, Monday to Friday, and who have a car that is comprehensively insured and suitable for carrying an elderly person. In return we will cover your petrol cost from home currently we pay 45p per mile. Some of our driver currently work shifts and can only offer 1 or part of a day per week but even this amount of time can help us. You can choose what hours/days you are available and what duties you undertake.

### BEFRIENDERS REQUIRED

Would you have an hour a week free? Many elderly people would love to have someone to come and see them for a cup of tea and a chat. You could be the first person they see that week who has time just for them! You will gain great satisfaction and help them to relieve their loneliness. We try to find you someone who lives near to you so that if you do not have your own transport you can walk to them. But if you have to use your car or public transport we will reimburse your costs. We particularly need people who are available during the daytime on weekdays.

We need people who have time and patience and like talking to elderly people. You need to have good listening skills and be able to show empathy. We will provide you with training and support and match you with one of our clients. Our befriending co-ordinator will take you to your first meeting with our client and support you as necessary.

If you are interested in either or both of the above opportunities please contact us by phone on 01256 423855 or email [info@neighbourcare.com](mailto:info@neighbourcare.com). See also our website [www.neighbourcare.com](http://www.neighbourcare.com) for further information about our service.



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## OLD DOWN AND BEGGARWOOD WILDLIFE GROUP

Winter is upon us now and there have been some beautiful frosty mornings on the two sites, the view across Old Down and beyond being particularly scenic on those bright icy mornings.

The Group wishes all its readers, members and volunteers a Happy New Year. Perhaps you could make one of your New Year resolutions to join Old Down and Beggarwood Wildlife Group and perhaps join us on a work party now and again.

And here is a wintry photo taken on Old Down in December and we must include the charming seasonal robin.



### Work Parties

For Old Down, we meet at Old Down Hall every Thursday 10-12noon. Please come and join us – you do not have to make a commitment to every week – just come when you can. But always check the website just in case there is a change in arrangements or dates. Unfortunately, there are no regular meetings on Beggarwood at the moment due to lack of volunteers. If anyone is interested in helping to lead or work on a work party please contact the Group to discuss.

[www.olddownandbeggardwood.org.uk](http://www.olddownandbeggardwood.org.uk)

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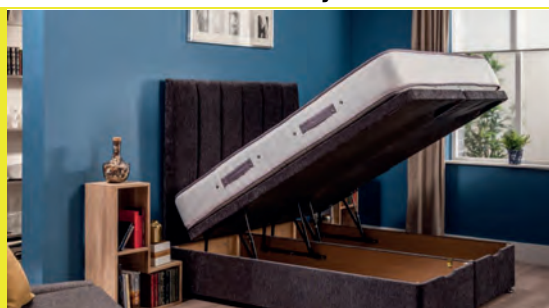
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Alan chose to join their ranks in his late thirties and after completing a specialised training course in journalism he discovered he had a "face for radio". Always working as a freelance journalist for the BBC, his new career endured more than twenty years. During this time he provided over 25,000 reports for many national radio programmes and the regional BBC Radio Solent. He worked as a reporter, producer and presenter but carved out a niche of his own as a roving reporter travelling across the south and central southern England. He had a specially adapted mobile studio which was sometimes thought to be a TV Licence detector as it had several aerials, one of which could be extended to over 30 feet high.

We were introduced to a nervous Bishop at the top of the partially built Portsmouth

Cathedral, uncovered the naked truth of nudity in Alton, wrestled with snakes on the Isle of Wight, boarded warships at sea, and a lunatic Frenchman who wanted a Guinness Book of Record for using a drum kit at altitude in an old Dakota. He had to use a high wire "tight rope" interviewing an artiste of the Moscow State Circus, questioned exhibitors at a rabbit show when the producer demanded that the rabbits could be heard making a noise and walking with Royalty when HM Queen opened the finally built Portsmouth Cathedral. During his entertaining talk Alan took his audience on a journey of adventure, mishap and fun, proving that "if something can go wrong, it probably will, especially if you are holding alive microphone".

For more information about the Probust Club of Basingstoke see [www.probusbasingstoke.club](http://www.probusbasingstoke.club) or phone their Secretary Jonathan Ratcliff on 07501 271547 for an informal chat.



## BEING RULED BY YOUR LUNG CONDITION? MAKE 2020 THE YEAR YOU TAKE CONTROL.

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The British Lung Foundation Support Group : Breathe Easy run meetings, where you can pick up and share vital information.

Guest speakers give accurate facts about lung health, medication, wellbeing and safety.

You'll be made very welcome, so come along on the last Tuesday each month, to Christ Church Chineham, Reading Road, RG24 8LT at 2.00pm-4.00pm.

Friends, family and carers are welcome too.

We have outings and social events too.

Make new friends over a cuppa.



## BASINGSTOKE CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT FELLOWSHIP

At the first meeting of 2020 held on Wednesday 8th January the chairman, David Cowling, welcomed 44 members and 1 visitor in what is the Basingstoke Fellowship's 50th year. The secretary, Tony Brazier, gave details of the forthcoming trips and the Welfare Officer, Christine Broadbent, then gave her update on members who had not been well and also announced the sad news that Stella Bone had died just before Christmas aged 98.

The speaker this month was Barbara Cummings who since her last visit to us had undertaken cycling tours of the beautiful Indian State of Kerala, Morocco, including the Sahara Desert, and the West Coast of America, from Seattle to San Francisco. She showed us some of the many photographs she had taken and regaled us with details of some of the more uncomfortable parts of the trips (a ride on a camel in the desert for instance) along with descriptions of some of the more colourful characters she had met. In India particularly she was invited into people's homes sharing experiences and stories while in America it was the personalities she met at campsites who were the most interesting and unusual. We look forward to hearing from her again after her next journeys.

The group's next outings are on Thursday 13th February to Bletchley Park and then on Wednesday 25th March to Dorney Court.

The next meeting is on 5th February when the speaker will be Allen Purkiss a former traffic policeman with a talk titled "Thrill and Spills". 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](mailto:csrfbasingstoke@gmail.com).

**David Cowling**



# Sherfield Village Market



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## LOVE YOUR LIBRARY

**What's on at South Ham Library in February 2020?**

**The Library-**

This month in South Ham Library we have changed the layout slightly and will continue to do so throughout the month. The maps are now located with the Geography and Travel section in Adult Non-Fiction and the Adult Fiction Bestsellers have been moved next to the helpdesk. More rearrangements will follow.

**Clubs-**

Construction Club continues afterschool on Tuesdays, with the opportunity to play with Lego and Duplo from 3:30pm-4:45pm.

Our Make and Do Crafts run on the first Saturday of every month commencing on the 4<sup>th</sup> January with making Polar Bears!

See South Ham Library Facebook for more!

**Displays-**

Among the many captivating displays set out by the staff here this month, there is a 'Plan your 2020 escape' Adult Non-Fiction display to help you keep all those resolutions in check! You can also browse our wide range of ever-changing new stock that is located on the display table to the right of the Adult Fiction Bestsellers.


See South Ham Library Facebook for more!

**Events-**

Rhymetime continues every Friday with fun rhymes and songs at 11am for babies and toddlers and Story time in December continues to be held at 10:30 am on Tuesday.

See South Ham Library Facebook for more information on upcoming events!

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## SHOOTING STARS NURSERY SCHOOL



### WHO are we?

Shooting Stars Nursery School officially opened on 14th January 2020. We are enjoying getting to know parents and children and finding our feet in the local community. We work with children aged 2-4. Our manager, Clare Wilkins is a qualified teacher and has worked with children aged 3-11 for the past 22 years. She has been a senior leader in schools for over 10 years. Our deputy manager, Marika Groce has worked with pre-school aged children for over 20 years and has a degree in Childhood Studies. Both are passionate about making a difference in the lives of children and families.

### WHERE are we?

We are at Old Down Hall, 364 Kempshott Lane, Basingstoke, RG22 5UY.

### WHAT makes us different?

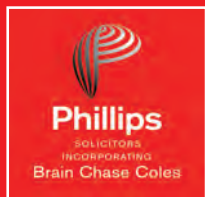
We plan in the moment with children in order to capture times when they are already really engaged with their play as this is when children learn best. We don't pre-plan activities which will interrupt and draw them away from what they're doing. Instead, we provide a wide variety of different hands on learning activities daily and wait to see what individual children decide to do. We then play alongside them and they learn as they play.

### WHY should you send your child here?

We are a small setting and know our children really well. This enables us to teach the children their next steps on the go as they're playing. We believe in developing the whole child so that they are emotionally and physically ready for school aged 5. We work on developing a growth mindset so that children grow up with the belief that they can do anything they want to, they just need to keep trying. Teaching children to manage their emotions is also really important to us as this will equip them well for their next steps as they begin school and will enable them to flourish academically.

### WHEN are we open?

We are open daily 8am-4pm during term time (possibly holidays too as we grow). We serve hot lunches between 12 and 1pm and offer breakfast if required to children arriving between 8 and 8.45am. HOW do I find out more? Contact us on 07900600243. Find us on Facebook – Shooting Stars Nursery School. Visit our website – [shootingstarsnurseryschool.co.uk](http://shootingstarsnurseryschool.co.uk). Email us at [shootingstarsnurseryschool@gmail.com](mailto:shootingstarsnurseryschool@gmail.com). Book an appointment to view us in action and have a chat about how we can make a difference to your child's future.



## LAW FIRMS MERGE TO STRENGTHEN POSITION IN MARKET



Leading Hampshire law firms Phillips Solicitors and Brain Chase Coles Solicitors are pleased to announce that they merged on February 1st, 2020.

The new practice is now known as Phillips Solicitors, incorporating Brain Chase Coles, creating a powerful regional law firm with true legal strength.

Based at our Town Gate offices in London Street, Basingstoke, we believe that combining forces is a positive move that will enable us to adopt best working practices to benefit our clients.

Our clients will be able to access a broad spectrum of legal expertise including commercial and residential property, corporate and commercial, litigation, family, wills and probate, estate

planning, employment, insurance and education law.

Howard Gardener, who was among the founders of Phillips Solicitors, said: "There is a natural and positive cultural fit to both firms which is why the idea of a merger felt right, right from the start. Our practice will now include 33 lawyers working across the full range of practice areas. Importantly, the increased scale of the combined firm offers broader choices for our clients."

Jon Coles, who was a partner of Brain Chase Coles, said: "As a combined firm, we will now offer even greater strength and depth in our services to clients. We are looking forward to continuing to work with our existing clients and getting to know our new colleagues as we enter this next exciting stage in the evolution of our firm."

To find out more about Phillips Solicitors, incorporating Brain Chase Coles, please visit [www.phillips-law.co.uk](http://www.phillips-law.co.uk)

## Café in the Park

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Sat-Sun 10am - 4pm

### WHAT'S ON FEB-APR

Beggarwood Bookworms Wed 26th Feb, Wed 25th Mar,  
Wed 29th Apr 7.30-9.00pm - book a space via Facebook  
or email [Beggarwood.bookworms@outlook.com](mailto:Beggarwood.bookworms@outlook.com)

Community Lunch 1st Wednesday of every month  
12.15-1.45pm; 5th Feb, 4th Mar, 1st Apr

Health Walk 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month  
@ 11am; starting 5th Feb

Friendly Craft Group 'Card & Cuppa' Friday morning  
from 10.30-1.00 17th Jan, 31st Jan, 14th Feb, 28th Feb,  
13th Mar and 27th Mar

Fundraising Quiz Night Fri 28th Feb 7.00pm for  
7.30pm start teams of 4 or 6, £5 entry per person,  
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# Children's Corner



## HATCH WARREN UNDER FIVES

A new year, a new decade and a new term at Hatch Warren Under Fives – and the fun is already in full swing. We've had a great start to 2020, we've welcomed lots of new children who have all settled in brilliantly and we spent our first week back hearing lots about Christmas, who the children spent time with, where they visited and what presents Father Christmas delivered. The Department for Education's "Early Year's Outcomes" says that a typical child aged 30-50 months should be able to "remember and talk about significant events in their own experiences" and "recognise and describe special times or events for family or friends".

We are back to enjoying our weekly science experiments, cooking and baking, play dough gym, yoga and makaton. We have also introduced "Focus Time" this term, this is small group work which takes place after register each day where we focus on our phonics letter of the week, sharing and turn taking and the golden rules of kind hands, kind feet and kind words. All of our focus time activities are based on the individual needs of the children and help to develop skills outlined in the Early Years Foundation Stage.

To start the year, our role-play area has become a doctor's surgery – the children can visit our surgery and tell us how they are feeling as well as learning about various body parts. For example, can they find a picture of a heart and place it correctly on the doll's body? In our messy tray we have been looking at the different ways we keep our teeth healthy and clean and we've also been playing some fun senses guessing games to discover what items are hidden in the box just by using touch and smell.

February is a busy month for us at preschool – we have Valentine's Day, Chinese New Year and Pancake Day to look forward to. As well as pancake races, we'll be having pancakes on the snack

table and there will be lots happening on the craft tables during Valentine's Week. 2020 is the year of the Rat so we'll be celebrating Chinese New Year, which will also include some food tasting and we'll be trying to use chopsticks too!

## Hatch Warren Under Fives and the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

Within the EYFS we look at how children develop their imagination. At Hatch Warren Under Fives we love observing children in the role-play areas and seeing how they use their imaginations throughout the day. Here are some examples of typical behaviour we might expect to see during the age range of 30 - 50 months old:

- Notices what adults do, imitating what is observed and then doing it spontaneously when the adult is not there.
- Engages in imaginative role-play based on own first-hand experiences.
- Builds stories around toys, e.g. farm animals needing rescue from an armchair 'cliff'.
- Uses available resources to create props to support role-play.
- Captures experiences and responds with a range of media, such as music, dance and paint and other materials or words.

To enquire about a space at Hatch Warren Under Fives, please contact Angela Blomquist, Manager, on 01256 322788, or email [preschoolmail@aol.com](mailto:preschoolmail@aol.com).

We also manage a sister preschool, Kempshott Under Fives, located a short distance away at St. Mark's Church in Kempshott.

Read more about our preschools at [www.hatchwarrenunderfives.co.uk](http://www.hatchwarrenunderfives.co.uk)

## CANDOVER VALLEY PRE-SCHOOL

Hello from CVP

What a busy time it was during our Christmas countdown and such fun for the children taking part in all the Yuletide activities.

The children worked so hard creating the Christmas display with pictures of Father Christmas and all things Christmassy along with numbers and Christmas words the children had written themselves.

Children helped fundraise for CVP by creating Christmas cards for their

families, decorated the Christmas tree with handmade decorations and made Christmas lists during a cutting and sticking activity using toy catalogues (the favorite activity ever!) The children also created Christmas trees with ice-cream cones, icing and sprinkles, and have had great fun listening to the story of The Nativity.

The term ended with our Christmas party and a visit from Father Christmas in his grotto and the children, sang the Christmas songs they had been practicing for their parents. A wonderful end to the Autumn term at CVP and we are so excited for the adventures the Spring term will bring.

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

Best wishes for the New Year.

**Lisa Collisson**

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## CUCKOO MEADOW PRESCHOOL

Rathbone Pavilion, Church Road, North Waltham, RG25 2BL

Hello from all at Cuckoo Meadow Preschool!

Whilst the weather outside may be bleak, our pre-schoolers have been making the most of the time of year as they learn all about winter. As well as talking about the different seasons and exploring changes in temperature, the children have been creating their very own wintry crafts including snowmen, penguins and igloos all made from different materials. The children have been talking about ways to keep warm in the cold and have particularly enjoyed wrapping up and venturing out on winter walks to spot the effects of the season for themselves.

Next the Preschool will start to celebrate the Chinese New Year – a favourite with the kids no doubt as we enter the year of the rat – and then before you know it, Easter!

There are still some spaces available at the Ofsted Outstanding ranked pre-school which is located just 10 minutes' drive away in the beautiful rural village of North Waltham. 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 on 01256 398172 to come and see for yourself.

### Hayley Thomas

#### Puddleducks Baby and Toddler Group

We are small, friendly group of local Mums, carers and grandparents who meet every Wednesday during term-time, 9-11am in the Rathbone Pavilion. We love to see new faces so come along and join us for free play, craft, stories, songs and a snack. Just £2 per child, £1 for babies and 50p for any siblings.

### Alice Crocker

## DANDELIONS

The last weeks of the Christmas term were a very busy and exciting time at Dandelions. The children made lots of lovely crafts and some surprise gifts. They all worked really hard learning the songs and actions for our Christmas Presentations which were excellent and thoroughly enjoyed by all of their proud parents and Grandparents.

Some of our Grandparents had a preview of the performance on our Grandparents to pre-school session where we sang and made mince pies for everyone to enjoy.

A huge thank you to all of our parents and Sainsburys Distribution Centre for their kind donations. We were able to create 10 hampers for our Christmas raffle with all of your wonderful gifts and raised an amazing £159.00

Starting back in January we welcomed our new children, who are settling in nicely. We have a lively and fun-packed term ahead. We will be looking at the signs of winter. We will be experimenting with ice to see how it freezes and what makes it melt. We will be continuing to encourage the children to explore our loose parts corner and learn about different textures.

After a five year wait we had our Ofsted Inspection and are very proud to announce that under the new framework we achieved a "Good"

Ofsted Stated, "The dedicated manager and staff share consistently high expectations for

every child. They provide a welcoming and nurturing environment where all children flourish. A well-established key-person system is used to promote children's emotional well-being and helps them to form secure attachments. Staff know the children well and share affectionate bonds with them. Children settle quickly and are happy and content"

We are holding a parent session in February on Communication and Language. The parents will be enjoying activities and seeing how we support the children.

We are excited to be joining in on "World Book Day" in March. The children will be invited to dress up as their favorite story character.

Sticking with our communication and language theme we will be holding a sponsored read and a second hand book sale. The money raised will enable us to enhance our garden area and build a new outdoor reading space.

## HATCH WARREN BEGGARWOOD CYCLING CLUB

Hatch Warren Beggarwood Cycling Club is a community club that prides itself on being inclusive to all riders who are over the age of 18. We aren't a racing club; we are a community of people who enjoy cycling and the very occasional cake.

2020 is the club's 5th anniversary and to help celebrate this we are going to be arranging a variety of events.

The first of these events is going to be our Couch to 20 Miles programme.

Starting on Sunday the 15th of March we are running a new programme called Couch to 20 Miles, which is aimed at people who are new or fairly new to cycling, or those that aren't that confident on a bike. The goal of this programme is to explain how to set up your bike, how to prepare for a ride, and most importantly, how to safely ride your bike. At the end of the programme we'll be aiming to complete a 20 mile ride. This may sound daunting, but we promise you, with the right support you'll be able to do this in no time!

A brief outline of the programme is as follows

- 8 week course
- Cost £15 per person – at the end of the programme you will receive 1 years membership to HWBCC
- Maximum of 16 attendees
- Starts and finishes at The Café In The Park Beggarwood
- Mix of theory and practical lessons to develop necessary skills

To give you an idea this is the plan for week one

- 1 hour – Love your bike and you
- 1.5 hours – 4 mile ride, café stop, then 4 miles back all on cycle paths
- 0.5 hours – Social chat Q&A (with cake)

#### The programme will run on the following dates/times

- 15th March 2020 9:30am to 12:30pm
- 22nd March 2020 9:30am to 12:30pm
- 29th March 2020 9:30am to 12:30pm
- 5th April 2020 9:30am to 12:30pm

- Easter Break
- 19th April 2020 9:30am to 12:30pm
- 26th April 2020 9:30am to 12:30pm
- 3rd May 2020 9:30am to 12:30pm
- 10th May 2020 9:30am to 12:30pm

For more information please send an email to [info@hwbcc.org](mailto:info@hwbcc.org)

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](http://www.hwbcc.org) or on our facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/HWBcc/>







We are a registered charity run by volunteers – working to make Hatch Warren & Beggarwood a great place to live!

## The Bulletin Board

### WHAT'S ON

#### Hatch Warren Community Centre

Thur 6th Feb	Mary Poppins coach trip
Sun 29th Mar	Ideal Home Show coach trip
Sat 16th May	Lager Festival 7-11pm
Wed 10th June	HWBCA AGM 7.30-8.30pm
Sat 11th July	Summer Festival 12-4pm
Sat 12th Sept	Lager Festival 7-11pm
Wed 23rd Sept	Pretty Woman coach trip
Sat 7th Nov	Fireworks Spectacular 5.30-9.00pm
Sun 22nd Nov	Christmas Fayre 1-4pm
Mon 23rd Nov	Pretty Woman coach trip
Sat 28th Nov	Bluewater Shopping trip
Sat 5th Dec	Bath Christmas Markets coach trip

Dates for  
your  
diary....

*last few tickets available for our coach trip to see Mary Poppins on 6th Feb, give us a call to book. Price per person £85 including chaperoned return coach.*

### HATCH WARREN COMMUNITY CENTRE

★ NEW FOR 2020 ★

## COACH TRIP TO THE IDEAL HOME SHOW OLYMPIA



SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

£30.00 per person

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this trip is open to all members of the public  
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To book your place email [office@hatchwarren.org](mailto:office@hatchwarren.org)  
or call 01256 811262

This event is being held as a fundraising event for the Hatch Warren & Beggarwood Community Association Charity #1161117



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## FRIDAY NIGHT TERM TIME YEARS 6-8 YOUTH CLUB

ACTIVITIES (see below)

### Programme 6.00 to 7.45pm

7th Feb	Hockey, make your own dreamcatcher and bacon sandwiches
14th Feb	FUNDRAISING EVENT Inflatable Bungee Run and waffles
Thur 20th Feb	Quiz night, face painting and pitta pizzas
21st Feb	Blindfolded obstacle course and nachos
28th Feb	Sumo suits, nail bar and chicken burgers
6th Mar	Slime night and milkshakes
13th Mar	Basketball, temporary tattoos and cake decorating
20th Mar	Football tournament, Mother's Day craft and soup
27th Mar	Laser Tag, tile painting and ice cream sundaes

**FREE ENTRY FOR ALL YOUNG PEOPLE**

Happy New Year!

We hope you all had a fun festive break and the beginning of 2020 has been kind to you. Comic book designs and table tennis competitions have been great sessions to start our year off with and we hope they are the first of many fun Friday nights!



As many of our young people start looking towards SATs and exams we want to remind you our Youth Workers are always happy to listen to any worries or offer advice.

We also love feedback on our sessions with both age groups. If you ever have anything you want to do again, or a topic you feel we should be offering you more advice on, then please do let a Youth Worker know.

## FRIDAY NIGHT TERM TIME AGES 13+

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**Fri 7th Feb - Cannabis Awareness**

**Fri 6th Mar - County Lines and Grooming Awareness**

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

### Staff Changes

At the end of 2019 our Youth Worker Cheryl sadly left us. We are sure you will join us in thanking her for all her hard work during her time with us and wish her luck in her future endeavours. However, it's not all bad news, Danielle, who has been a Bank Youth Worker with us for the past 18 months, has now become a permanent member of staff.

### February Half Term

Once again we are able to open an extra night during Feb half term. Join us for more fun and games on **Thur 20th Feb 6-8pm** all ages welcome ☺

### Fundraising Night

We are only able to open and offer the things we do because of fundraising and kind donations. Which is why we are holding a fundraising evening using the inflatable bungee run!! Pay per turn and the more we raise the more we can offer you all to do.

### Thank you

This month we are saying a big thank you to Asda and Community Champion Linda for donating £300 to our Healthy Eating Programme. We also want to say thank you to Co-op in Beggarwood for donating some of our Christmas party food.

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#### Christmas 2019

It may seem a long time ago but, on behalf of all our colleagues at Sainsbury's Kempshott, we'd like to thank you for making it one of our best.

Thanks to your generosity during December, close to £5000 was donated to charities which came to the store to fundraise and raise awareness of their cause.

Our Brighten a Million Christmases campaign, proved especially popular with customers and colleagues. We partnered with Basingstoke Foodbank and, over half a tonne of food was donated, resulting in providing over 1200 meals.

Our Toy Appeal charity partner was Inspiro and, over 200 toys were donated during December to Inspiro. Their connections throughout the Borough ensured children from Popley, Buckskin and Kempshott, opened an extra parcel over Christmas, that they may ordinarily have not received.

We also partnered with Basingstoke Rotary to help provide the Christmas meal for the clients who use The Camrose Centre.

Children at St Mark's and Hatch Warren Juniors continue to pull crackers at their Christmas celebrations thanks to our continued relationships with them.

Our Christmas Food Ordering Service remained popular with you all with over 400 orders successfully provided during the run up to Christmas Eve.

By the 23rd December, our Online Delivery Team had delivered close to 2000 orders to customers from Basingstoke to Alton, Alresford to Winchester and, even as far afield as Bishop's Waltham.

#### Sport Relief 2020

As you begin to read this update, plans will have been finalised for our Annual Comic Relief fundraising during February and March. This year, the focus is on Sport Relief so, watch out for some fun activities happening across our stores.

The theme is 'It's Game On' with Sport Relief Day on Friday 13th March.

#### New Year – New Year Honour

We're especially proud to celebrate with our colleague Sokphal Din, who has been awarded the British Empire Medal in the New Year's Honours.

Sokphal volunteers tirelessly with the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust. Sokphal raises awareness amongst a wide variety of schools, businesses and politicians, about his experiences at the hands of the Khmer Rouge and Pol Pot.

You can read more about Sokphal's experiences via this link. <https://www.hmd.org.uk/news/new-year-honours-for-holocaust-and-genocide-survivors/>



Sokphal meeting with dignitaries during an event held at the House of Commons.

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## ••••• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •••••

### • Happy New Year •

• The beginning of a New Year is a time where we may find  
• ourselves taking stock of our own lives, careers and with what  
• is happening in the world. We may have started this new  
• decade by making a New Year's resolution. As I reflected on  
• what has happened over the past year and look to the future,  
• I am reminded of one of God's promises from Matthew  
• 28:20, "And remember, I am with you always, to the end of  
• the age." In a world where we are faced with so much change  
• and uncertainty this promise is important to hold on to.

• It was such a privilege sharing Christmas with so many  
• people from the local community. There was the Christingle  
• service where we were joined by local Beavers and Cubs.  
• The Carols by Candlelight service saw a pathway of lanterns  
• leading the way into the school hall. During the crib service  
• we discovered the Christmas story through crisps and joined  
• in the Nativity Hokey Cokey.

• I felt a real sense of community over Christmas, not just  
• through the services, but also through the carols at the Café  
• in the Park where we raised money for the Camrose Centre  
• in Basingstoke and carol singing at Sainsbury's to raise money  
• for St Michael's Hospice. Thank Sainsbury's and the Coop for  
• your generous donations of food over Christmas it was a  
• blessing to us all. I wonder what other ways we can bring a  
• sense of community here in Hatch Warren and Beggarwood.

• I have also been reflecting on the amazing journey of the  
• Wisemen to see Jesus and the special gifts that they brought  
• with them. I wonder what gifts/talents each one of us could  
• bring to the life of the local community in the coming year.  
• After Easter, Immanuel Church will be running a daytime and  
• an evening Alpha course for those who would like to know  
• more about the Christian faith. Alpha is an 11 week course  
• where each session begins with food, then followed by a talk  
• and finishing with a time to share thoughts within a small  
• group. Please contact me if you would like more information.

• May God richly bless you and your families as you journey  
• through 2020 and may you come to know more of the God  
• who promises to be with you always. Blessings,

• Rev May 07922 516761

• [revmay@immanuelhwb.co.uk](mailto:revmay@immanuelhwb.co.uk)

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## ••••• MARIE CURIE COLLECTION •••••

Thank you very much for your generosity throughout last year.

Marie Curie Care provides nursing for seriously ill people in their home; currently this is not available in Basingstoke but there is an interesting project which they are trialling along the M27 corridor to provide 24/7 care for those would normally have to go into hospital because there is nobody at home to assist. It is hoped this will be tried in Basingstoke in the future. Marie Curie Care also provides funds for research into the best ways to provide end of life care which is shared with other organisations.

The Great Daffodil Day is the major fundraising event for the year.

If you have an hour or more to spare from 29 February - 28 March please call Sophie on 07798 638110 or visit [mariecurie.org.uk/daffodil](http://mariecurie.org.uk/daffodil)

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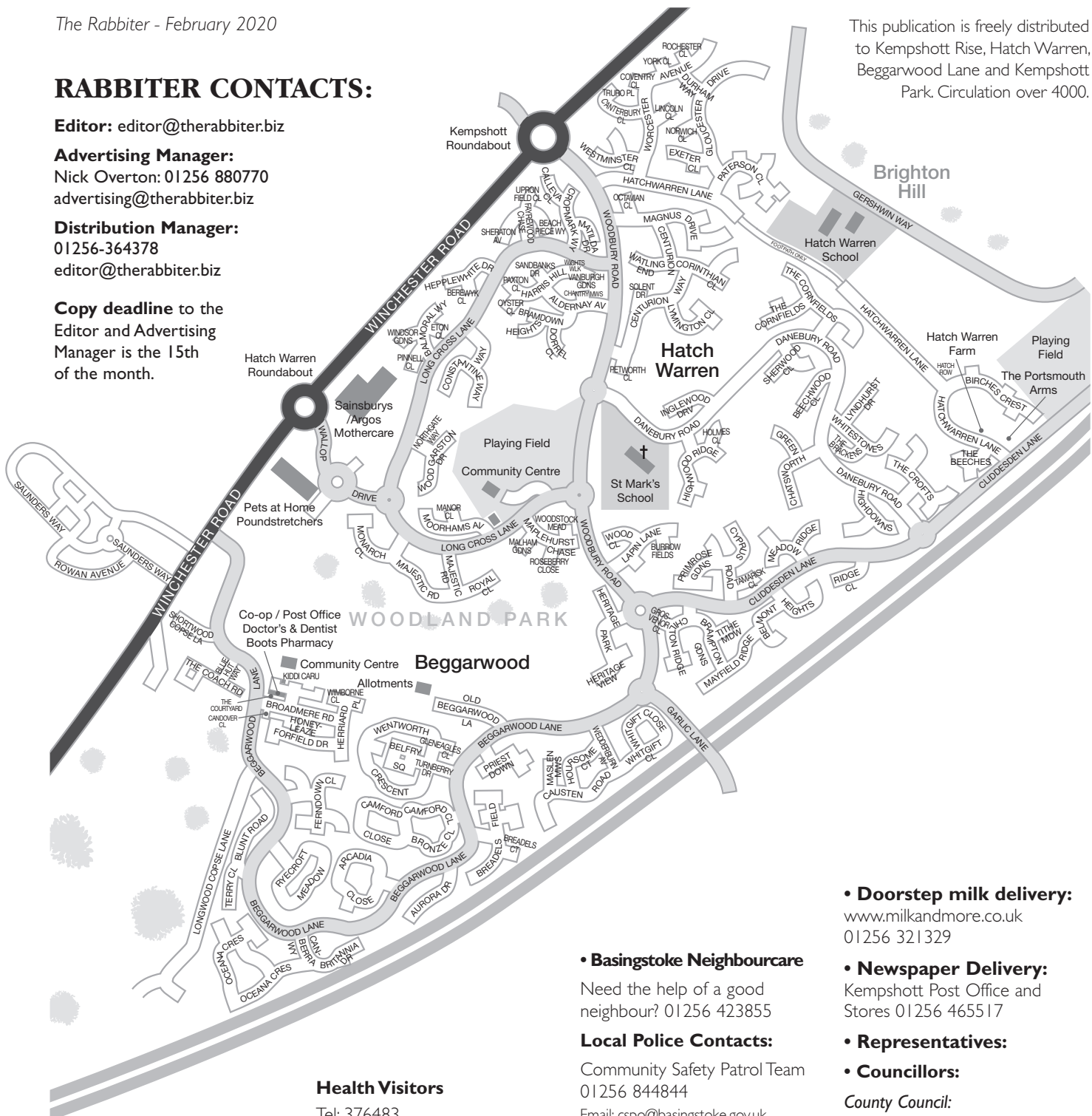
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Cycle Basingstoke is a transport campaign group which wants to make cycling possible for everyone regardless of age ability, or journey purpose. Most people are too frightened to cycle because of the traffic and lack of alternatives.

With nowhere to cycle and poor alternatives to the A30 Cycle Basingstoke was delighted when their amendment to a Supplementary Planning Document for the Golf Course was adopted by the full Borough Council on 17th October 2019, 157/17. The amendment stated *'Development must respond to the different design requirements for cycling versus walking. Where possible, and in particular along strategic routes, cycle routes along roads should be bi-lateral, fully protected from motor traffic and separate from any footway'. Other paragraphs reflected our request for multiple access points to the new housing and links to schools, nearby shopping centres, the town centre and the countryside. In the past the only requirement has been for non-specific cycle routes with no function.*

Cycle routes rarely go anywhere and increase the number of times you have to negotiate junctions or cross roads, they also require you to share paths with pedestrians (not exactly popular with either user)

whilst cycles and motor vehicles sharing the carriageway with motor vehicles is equally unpopular. So where can you cycle? Answer, all public roads except motorways and some paths as explained below.

### Cycling and the law

In law a cycle is a vehicle or carriage, therefore you **MUST** use the carriageway or road, you are not allowed to use the footway (legal term for part of the highway next to the carriageway). Today the footway is usually called a pavement as it was paved and higher up to keep people's feet clean and dry, out of the mud churned up by horses and carriages). No cycling on the pavement is enforced by the police who can fine you on the spot with a fixed penalty notice. It is legal to cycle on a bridleway, byeway or restricted byeway. If you cycle on a public path or footpath this is trespass and can only be enforced by the landowner who must prove you have caused damage. Public paths in towns may be owned by either the Borough or County Council and may be subject to local byelaws.

Blue discs with symbols of a bicycle or pedestrian are advisory notices which indicate it is legal to cycle on a footpath or pavement, but it is not compulsory.

Bicycle symbols on a blue square advise you to cycle on the carriageway not the pavement (very strange as it is a legal, compulsory requirement!). Blue Cycle dismount discs are advisory (i.e. optional), usually placed where there is a hazard for the cycle user (not the pedestrian), for example danger of getting run over at a road crossing, insufficient headroom in a subway, or low parapets on a bridge. Did you know that there is also a horse rider dismount sign and dismounting block at the subway entrance to War Memorial Park? Incidentally you only find cycle dismount signs on cycle routes!! so at least you know it is legal to cycle, even if it may not be safe to do so.

More on where you can cycle and what Cycle Basingstoke is doing can be found on their website [www.cyclebasingstoke.org.uk](http://www.cyclebasingstoke.org.uk) or emailing [cyclebasingstoke2@gmail.com](mailto:cyclebasingstoke2@gmail.com)

**Heather Rainbow**



## HATCH WARREN RUNNERS



### 2019...it's a wrap!

Club members never fail to amaze with their achievements each year. It's impossible to write about them all but here are some of the people that often fly under the radar...here goes!

Victoria Williams, one of our truly valued and consistent run leaders achieved just under 1000 miles in 2019. However, probably her biggest achievement is that every week she leads a club run on a Monday and Wednesday evening and often on a Sunday too, where it isn't unusual for up to 20 people to attend. This is an absolute testament to her inclusivity and supportive nature.



Impressive run turnout with Victoria (and Tim)

Jodie Gibson one of our newer, but entirely dedicated run leaders, achieved 700 miles this year; totally smashing her 500 mile

target. Her pace and running strength have improved so much this year. She supports others with a big smile, which is truly inspiring.

Katy Allaway has taken the journey from non-runner to well over 1,100 miles in the last year, including training for and completing the London marathon. Ruth Mortlock completed our Couch to 5K course in May and then a few months later, completed a mega-half marathon (which is a term for between a half and full marathon distance).

Three of our most modest and (quietly) supportive runners achieved some extraordinary mile totals in 2019 and PBs as a direct consequence of their personal commitment: Richard Heath (over 2,200 miles), Andy Brace (over 1,800 miles) and David Mason (over 1,900).

Nicola Stewart, mother of two, striving to get back her fitness after having baby number two, found her running mojo and achieved PBs across every distance from a mile to a marathon.

Paul Neale set the personal challenge of running 12 half marathon races in 12 months and then, because he completed this in just 4 months...took on a second challenge of running 26 half marathon



Big smiles with Jane, Jodie and Michele

races in 52 weeks...which he completed in just 42 weeks!

### New Year, New Challenges

The new year has begun and so have new training plans for 2020. For some members this will be coming back from injury or illness and getting back out there. For others this will be entering races and accomplishing distances they have never run before or even, tackling a nemesis distance or race that hasn't previously gone as planned!

If running is part of your 'getting fit' resolution for 2020, we hope to host a Couch to 5K course in the Spring. Alternatively, there are several excellent Couch to 5K Apps or parkrun is a great place to start your running journey. If you've never been to a parkrun, it's difficult to comprehend how welcoming it really is. It genuinely does cater for all abilities. You will never be the last person to finish as there is always a dedicated volunteer and many people choose to walk the entire distance each week.

If you currently run regularly, or are able to run 5km already, you might consider joining Hatch Warren Runners in 2020. Please visit [www.hwrnrunners.co.uk](http://www.hwrnrunners.co.uk), our Facebook page or email [enquiries@hwrnrunners.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@hwrnrunners.co.uk) for more information.

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This is an intermediate course. The course is designed to appeal to learners who have some interest and knowledge of watercolour techniques and processes and may have previously undertaken watercolour workshops and/or courses. Each week you will learn different techniques, how they work in the context of a piece of artwork and in creating exciting and unique pieces of work.

Materials will be provided in all sessions.

#### Well Being Talk and Mini Workshop – with Carolynne Bennett

Thursday 6 February 2020, 2pm.

Life is stressful and tiring at times and we can easily feel overwhelmed by negative thoughts and feelings of anxiety, but it doesn't have to be this way.

In this talk and mini workshop, Carolynne will provide information on how to release the peace within and simple powerful practices that can be incorporated into everyday life to reduce symptoms of stress and anxiety, aid relaxation and create more happiness in your life. £5

#### Bloodhound Missile Talk with Joe Marsden

Tuesday 25 February 2020 2pm to 3pm

This talk by Joe Marsden is about the Bloodhound Missile. Defending Britain against the threat from the east, Bloodhound was a supersonic Missile. The talk will cover the components and capabilities of the system including the developments and

upgrades which kept it in service with four nations from the early 1960s until 1991. £5.

### Children's events

#### Harry Potter Book Day!

Saturday 8th February 10am to 1pm

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#### Quirks Animal Encounter

Tuesday 18 February 2020, 12 noon-1pm or 2-3pm (2 separate sessions)

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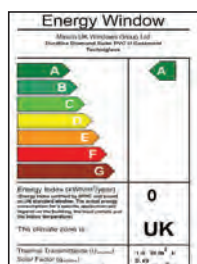
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