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EDITORIAL

As the clocks change so our memories of summer 2020 might fade. It has been an unusual year and it looks as if winter will continue the changes. Sadly the annual fireworks display has been cancelled. However, the Café in the Park has now opened its doors and prebooked tables are available (see page 18 for details). Christmas is lurking on the horizon and whilst many events have now moved online it is good to see that the Christmas Fair at the Community Centre will take place on 22 November. The weekly Saturday market at the Portsmouth Arms is a great success – see page 23 for more details.

The Rabbiter would like to congratulate Richard Curtis, General Manager of the Portsmouth Arms, for becoming the Charity Champion in the 2020 Great British Pub Awards – see page 7 – a truly amazing achievement.

The proposed development at Junction 7 of a distribution centre continues to be of great concern (see page 21). It is believed that Amazon will have a base on the site. Whilst many of us have been very grateful for the online service provided by this company during the current crisis, there is considerable concern on the impact of traffic on our already overcrowded roads. With building now starting on the Hounsme Fields development more and more traffic will be using the A30 which is already struggling to cope with the number of cars and lorries heading to and from Junction 7. And there are another 1,000 homes planned for the Golf Course site – more traffic!

Welcome to the new doctor at Beggarwood Surgery – see page 6. It is good to read that the surgery is now going from strength to strength.

Reading through this month's Rabbiter is rewarding to see so much local news. Beggarwood Bookworms are now meeting via Zoom to discuss the books they are reading – see page 10. The next meeting is on 4 November – see their facebook page for how to join in. The Hatch Warren W.I. also meet regularly via Zoom – see page 23.

There have been a number of car thefts locally in the last few months and there is advice on what you can do to keep your car safe – see page 23. There is also advice regarding recent scams.

If you have spent time in the last few months decluttering your house, you can advertise your unwanted goods in the Rabbiter for free – email to newsdesk@therabbiter.biz. We recently managed to book a slot at the Basingstoke 'tip'. It is understood that booking a slot at Winchester, Alton or Andover is often quicker than waiting for an appointment at Wade Road.

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The Editor

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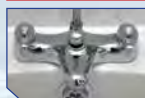
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THE NEW BEGGARWOOD SURGERY

Karen Blackhall – Practice Manager

Dr K Oshigo – Clinical Lead

Felicity Greene – NHUC Executive

Chris Stark – Director of Nursing

It has now been one year since the practice was taken over by North Hants Urgent Care (NHUC) our new NHS partner! Great strides have taken place over this time with 3 new full time doctors being recruited, the last one, Dr Chesters, appointed just over a month ago. A brief Bio of Dr Chesters is attached below. The reception and backroom team seemed to have embraced all of the changes initiated by NHUC and from our PPG perspective and other reports it seems a much happier place to work and indeed to visit. We also know that Karen and the rest of the team are not just content to sit back and rest on their laurels and that we can expect further new initiatives and improvements from the practice.

Obviously, a major challenge this year has been the Covid-19 pandemic for not just the practice but Hampshire and the rest of the country. Keeping patients and staff safe has been a major responsibility as well as continuing to offer patients access to the doctors and services required. The introduction of telephone triage calls has helped with this as well as being able to order repeat prescriptions online and video consultations. I know we would all like things to get back to "normal" (whatever that is!) but patience and understanding is required from us all during these difficult times.

The Winter 'flu season is now upon us and the surgery will be contacting patients eligible for vaccination in the normal way either via text, email or telephone and we are assured that the practice has adequate stocks of this year's vaccine.

Introducing our new GP - Dr Chesters

Dr Chesters studied at the Faculty of Medicine in Leiden, the Netherlands and did her GP training in East Anglia. She has worked both worked as a freelance GP in Hampshire and has significant experience as GP working for the Out Of Hours service. She has also worked for Macmillan Cancer Support and Cancer Research UK for a number of years. She currently works for the research unit of Southampton University to promote research in the early detection of cancer.

Dr Chesters enjoys hiking, mountains, community building and being outdoors.

Lastly, for updated information on the Coronavirus situation please go to www.nhs.uk

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This update is compiled by the Members of the Beggarwood Surgery Patient Participation Group. The Group (PPG) is open to all patients of the Beggarwood Surgery. If you would like to join us please either give your contact details to one of the Reception staff at the surgery, or fill in the online form on the surgery website. We welcome all new members.

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COUNCIL NEWS

Help shape how the borough should be developed in the future

Residents, businesses, organisations and local interest groups are among those being encouraged to have their say on how the borough should be developed over the next 20 years.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council is updating its Local Plan which sets out where different types of future development will take place, including new homes, business space and community facilities.

In May 2019 councillors agreed to start the process of updating the local plan, in line with national requirements to review plans every five years. This important planning document considers the borough's changing needs and sets out how these will be met.

While the current plan has performed well against targets this is an opportunity to strengthen the plan in a number of key areas including tackling the climate emergency, creating places which protect and enhance biodiversity where people live and ensuring the right infrastructure is in place to support new homes. The new plan will cover the period up to at least 2038.

People have until Monday 9 November 2020 to have their say on the key issues identified by the council and the possible options for addressing them during a six week consultation.

Cabinet Member for Planning, Infrastructure and the Natural Environment Cllr Mark Ruffell said: "It is important that, even at this very early stage of updating the local plan, people who live and work in the borough give their thoughts on the important issues we need to consider when deciding how it is developed in the future. We need a strong framework in place that protects our borough and its environment from random development and creates the kind of place we want this to be.

"I encourage everyone to take the time to look through the issues and options we have identified and to put forward their views to help shape how the borough should be developed over the next 20 years."

People can view the key issues and comment on possible options for addressing them at www.basingstoke.gov.uk/Issues-and-Options Paper copies can also be sent by calling 01256 844844.

Have your say on borough's climate change goals

Residents, local businesses, interest groups and organisations have an opportunity to give their views on local action plans to tackle climate change and air quality issues.

From Monday 5 October up to Sunday 15 November, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council is asking people to have their say on the council's draft plan to make Basingstoke and Deane carbon neutral by 2030.

The Climate Change and Air Quality Strategy has been produced in response to the council's Climate Emergency Declaration and sets out how the council can lead, enable and inspire others to help achieve its targets.

The draft strategy will set the agenda for the next 10 years, with clear goals focussing on six key areas: action by all; buildings; transport; zero carbon electricity; waste and consumption; and the natural environment.

It sets out where the council can make changes, where it can help others to make changes and where it can encourage and inspire change.

Since the Climate Emergency was declared in 2019 progress has included: holding a climate emergency summit; making climate change at the heart of all decision making; carrying out work to install an EV charging hub; choosing to switch the council's

property portfolio to a renewable energy supply and supporting town and parish councils to work in their areas.

Cabinet Member for Environment and Enforcement Cllr Hayley Eachus said: "Climate change remains a huge threat around the world and air quality issues can damage our health. This has a significant impact on everybody who lives and works in the borough.

"Therefore, we must take action now together to tackle these issues locally to create a healthier place to live and work and to help tackle social issues such as fuel poverty.

"The council has an important role to play in reducing climate emissions and enabling and inspiring people in the borough to work together to achieve the ambitious carbon goals set out a year ago. We are really keen for people to read this strategy and share their views as everyone needs to play their part and work together to achieve the borough's carbon neutral goals."

To read the full draft strategy and have your say visit www.basingstoke.gov.uk/climate-consultation Alternatively, call 01256 844844 to request the survey in a paper version or different readable format.

PORTSMOUTH ARMS CROWNED CHARITY CHAMPION IN GREAT BRITISH PUB AWARDS

Richard Curtis, General Manager of the Portsmouth Arms in Basingstoke, has won the Charity Champion accolade at the 2020 Great British Pub Awards.

The win comes after Richard raised nearly £50,000 for local causes during the nationwide lockdown, by hosting daily virtual pub quizzes.

During this time, Richard also broke the Guinness World Record for the world's longest marathon as a quiz master. The quiz ran for a record-breaking 34 hours and 11 minutes online.

Commenting on his award win, Richard said: "To be recognised on a national scale for my charity fundraising, is something which I am really proud of. I am grateful to have the support of my whole community, they have been behind me every step of the way. Without the backing of the community, as well as my friends, family and team, I wouldn't have been able to turn our temporary closure during lockdown, into something so positive."

The Portsmouth Arms is part of the Hall & Woodhouse family, an independent family company that brews award-winning Badger ales and runs a collection of around 180 beautiful pubs and inns across the south of England.

BEGGARWOOD WOODLAND PARK

I am proud to announce the massive improvements of Beggarwood woodland park. The children play park being extended. The maze being replaced with several activities. The bike area being enhanced. The footpaths within the park being resurfaced.

I do regret that because of Covid-19 the works were held up for so long.

I am pleased that the works are progressing now. Let's hope that it will be completed for Christmas and we can all enjoy the delights of the Park fully next summer.

I would welcome for all our residents of Hatch Warren and Beggarwood to stay safe and healthy.

HANDS-FACE-SPACE

Cllr Dan Putty JP.

COUNCILLOR'S UPDATE

The schools have gone back and generally everything has run smoothly, albeit with some careful work from the teaching and support staffs. One knock-on effect has been that the timings of lorries to and from the ANAEROBIC DIGESTER need to be reviewed. With schools now having staggered start and stop times, the previously-agreed 'no-go' restrictions no longer match the movements of the pupils. One of the Liaison panel members is discussing the new situation with the operators to see if anything can be done.

Work is continuing apace on the improvements to the play area at BEGGARWOOD PARK and is expected to complete this month (November). The Borough Council is investing over £250,000 on this along with new benches, bins and improved footpaths. A new eco-friendly wild zone is replacing the old timber maze, designed to encourage children to explore the natural world. The BMX facility will also be usable by skateboarders.

One hiccup on the way is that some of the new INFORMATION BOARDS in Beggarwood Park were installed in the wrong places. The Borough Council is aware and the error is being corrected.

The situation with FLOODING OF

BEGGARWOOD LANE near the Holly Blue had not been resolved at the time of writing. The County Council's Highways department has told me that they suspect an overflow pipe from a soakaway on the development site. There appears to be a channel that has been worn in the bank down to the road. The HCC Officers are seeking a meeting with the developers but so far two attempts have proved unsuccessful.

TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS are now in place on the A30 leading to the M3. The Hounsme Fields side of the road looks very bare as trees have been removed to make way for the new roundabout. The work is scheduled to last a year.

In a very high profile decision, the Borough Council has turned down development plans for the Camrose ground. This complicates the scheme for improving the BRIGHTON HILL ROUNDABOUT with a link road through the site. There is no indication yet as to how this issue will resolve: the owners of the ground may appeal against the decision.

A full planning application has now been submitted for the DISTRIBUTION DEPOT at Oakdown Farm. One of the plans indicates that the eventual user will be Amazon, as many people had suspected. This full application has come in before the outline permission has been considered, indicating that the applicants intend to progress quickly.

I have responded, arguing that the Council should complete its strategy document for the South West of Basingstoke before making a decision that might compromise it. I am also concerned that if the favoured site for the hospital is across the A30 (and it is an 'if' – the Hospital Trust has not said anything), the two developments could prove to be incompatible in terms of traffic generation.

I attended a meeting that discussed TRAFFIC OPTIONS for Basingstoke, going forward. It was a conceptual discussion rather than something concrete, but I came away concerned that infrastructure improvements being considered for this side of the town appear to be less inadequate for the amount of development being discussed.

On a lighter note, I am delighted to see that the Beggarwood CAFÉ IN THE PARK has re-introduced indoor service on the days it is open (please book in advance and consult the website for details).

The PORTSMOUTH ARMS has been a tower of strength to our community during the lockdown and its new Saturday craft markets have been very well received. It is now introducing breakfasts.

Stephen Reid

County Councillor.
Basingstoke South West 07976 310206

BASINGSTOKE VOLUNTARY ACTION

Annual General Meeting...

Keep an Eye Out!

In line with other charities this year, we will be holding a virtual AGM. Members will receive an email during October with our digital AGM pack. This will include a video from our trustees, our annual report & resolutions for our members to vote on. If any of your contact details have changed, please let us know.

Volunteers Are Go...

Platform Reopened!

The North Hampshire volunteering platform has reopened following the long pause due to covid. See website for details. BVA also offer a comprehensive

DBS checking service to the community and voluntary sector!

Hampshire County Council Helpline...

Changes Are Being Made!

Hantshelp4vulnerable phonenumber name is changing to 'Hampshire Coronavirus Support and Helpline'. The new name reflects that the helpline has broadened its purpose since the initial launch during lockdown.

Covid-19 Impact Report...

What impact did covid-19 have on the community?

Since March we have focused all our energies in to supporting organisations and community hubs right across the borough. BVA have produced a covid-19 impact report, including more on how

we supported our members and the work of the community hubs.

BDDF Survey...

Have Your Say!

Basingstoke & District Disability Forum – the local charity for our disabled community is seeking the views of their members and from the wider disabled community to understand the impact of the last lock down.

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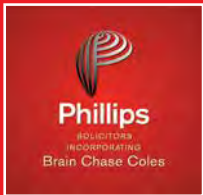
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Elizabeth Ford

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1. Try relationship counselling

Consider Relationship Counselling to see if there is anything you can do to make your relationship work, as after all, starting divorce proceedings or entering into a separation agreement is a life-changing decision which should not be made quickly.

2. Get legal advice

It is important to have a full understanding of your legal rights and responsibilities. Having an idea of what the divorce process involves will help you feel much more in control and less anxious. Write a list of questions to take to your first appointment; no question is trivial or irrelevant.

3. Gather your financial information

You and your spouse will need to share financial information with each other. If possible, work together to gather details about your income, property valuations, mortgages, savings, pensions and debts. If you cannot do this together, write

down what you can recall about the financial arrangements during the marriage.

4. Keep communicating with each other

This will be a very difficult time but maintaining open channels for communication can make planning your futures much easier. Make a written note of what you have talked about to remind you both.

5. Mediation is often helpful

For many people, mediation is a quicker and cheaper option for resolving family difficulties about children or finances than going to court. It empowers separating couples to make their own decisions together.

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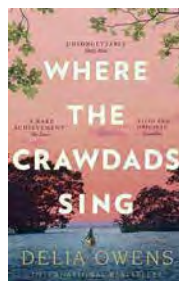
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SEPTEMBER ZOOM MEETING

The focus of our September meeting was 'Queenie' by Candice Carty-Williams. Although this novel has been described as an updated Bridget Jones being a description of a young woman navigating her way through the world that is where the similarities end. Queenie is a twenty five year old a Jamaican girl living a chaotic life in London. She deals with many issues in her life including a devastating break up with her partner, mental breakdown, harassment in the workplace and discrimination. This book certainly took us to places unfamiliar to us and we found the story thought provoking and revealing.



Whilst Queenie didn't appeal to everyone we all agreed we loved 'Where the Crawdads Sing' by Delia Owens. The plot was intriguing with a real surprise ending and the descriptions of the natural world were charming. A highly recommended read.

October's read is 'The Farm' by Joanne Ramos. This will challenge thinking about motherhood and money. Read along with us!



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The Successful Hatch Warren Phoenix Heat, twice finalist in cups competition, are starting the recruitment drive for the 2020/21 season for our U12s (children moving Year 7 in September 2020) whilst we also continue to build for 11-a-side football in 2021/22. The team has great spirit, friendship, hardworking and above all fun training and playing games.

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We're still proudly supporting the Poppy Appeal and, have introduced several new initiatives to support donating to the appeal, in the absence of the Poppy sellers this year.

Customers can make donations at all our tills – including Smart Shop – and we'll have a collection point also at our Customer Services Desk, for Poppy purchases.

A NEW LOOK

A huge thank you on behalf of all our colleagues, for your patience and support as we improved the offer for customers across our Fresh Food range and our General Merchandising/Tu Clothing area.

Our Fresh Food offer has been refreshed for the first time in ten years, with over 300 new products added to the range.

You may also have noticed that we have increased the number of fresh meat and fish offers available, following the temporary closure of our Counters, so you can shop safer for different cuts of meat/fish.

CAFÉ

It's great to see our café re-open for customers. We're working hard. To increase the offers for customers so, be sure to check out how we're adapting to the latest government guidance for cafes and pay our colleagues a visit.

RESTAURANT REVIEW

LONGBRIDGE MILL

Sherfield on Loddon RG27 0DL Tel: 01256 883483

It can be a problem these days meeting for a family birthday celebration but as there were four of them from Reading, plus Madam and I, meant we could follow the rule of six. We met around halfway at the Longbridge Mill. You know the one, just off the oval roundabout heading north up the A33 at Sherfield on Loddon.

We dined early and perhaps because it was a Friday night the place became quite busy. The entrance had hand sanitisers and the need to use the QR code for track and trace requirements. We were relieved to remove our face masks at the table but they were needed when visiting the toilet and when entering and leaving the premises. The staff, of course, kept theirs on permanently but were careful not to reach across the table with the drinks, cutlery, condiments or plates of food.

Like many restaurants these days the Longbridge Mill has a reduced menu offering but had selections that covered the mixed requirements of our party. Drinks were simple enough with lagers, ciders, draft cola and gin and tonic being our choice. Madam started with King prawn and mango cocktail while I had chargrilled lamb koftas. Others had

baked mushrooms, salt and pepper squid, while two shared a plate of pâté.

Main courses were two fish and chips, a sirloin steak, a vegetable pizza while I had Hunter's chicken schnitzel and Madam the fishcakes and poached egg. Naturally, all dishes came with either tripled cooked chips or skin on fries.

Desserts chosen were a raspberry cheesecake, two had double chocolate brownies while three of us had a mini pudding of apricot crème brûlée accompanied with a cappuccino coffee.

The cost, including drinks, worked out as an average of £30. Not a cheap meal but the quality of fare was good for all concerned and it proved to be a pleasant family get together. I just wish that the pathway to the carpark could be better illuminated now that dark nights have returned as the light from phones was necessary to ensure our safe footing.



Letter...

to the editor

In September, we joined 22 of the UK's major retailers and associations in publishing an open letter in The Sunday Times to the Prime Minister calling for more effective legal protection for our colleagues from an ever-rising tide of abuse, threats and violence.

We now need your reader's direct support to keep this momentum going.

Our store colleagues have been working tirelessly to protect customers during the pandemic. Despite their hard work, violence and threats have become part of the job - they do not deserve this.

As a regional, independent co-operative, we've been tackling crime from every angle - causes, prevention, reporting and justice. Although there have been some positive steps forward, more needs to be done.

Please consider writing to your MP, signing the national petition or viewing the film we put together of our colleagues' experiences. This is a hard-hitting video we felt was essential to highlight the severity of the issue. Information on all of these actions can be found here: <https://coop.ly/2GmPOMB>.

If we all play our part we can stop this wave of violence. We need politicians, police and the rest of society to remember these crimes are not victimless.

Mark Smith

Chief Executive, Southern Co-op

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BASINGSTOKE - OLD BASING U3A

Having Fun Despite the Virus!

All our activities continue to follow government guidelines, and our groups have been taking full advantage of the freedoms we're allowed. Our Excursions & Holidays Group is no exception.

2020 looked marvellous for the Group. So many things planned, and all well supported by our members. Then came Lockdown. Cancellation of the holiday to Croatia, the trips to Stratford on Avon and Buckingham Palace. But Group Leader Joyce takes every obstacle in her way as a challenge to overcome.

A Mystery Coach Tour

In early September, she booked a 48 seater coach and 27 members set off on

a socially distanced Mystery Coach Tour, wearing face masks. Our members love being in a coach, looking over hedges, enjoying the countryside and panoramic views. The coach finally arrived in Arundel, with three hours to explore its castle, cathedral and some lovely gardens. And to have some lunch amongst its quaint streets and interesting shops. Members were so pleased to see each other 'face to face' again and everyone went home very happy.

Next Stop Greece

At the end of September, a group left for a planned 10-day holiday in Greece, using 'bubbles' rather than social distancing. And from the photo they've sent back,



their 'bubble' seems to be thoroughly enjoying itself.

Come with us

Any member of our U3A is welcome to join the Excursion & Holiday Group trips, always following government guidelines. Check our website for details. <https://www.basingstokeu3a.org/visits>

You will be looked after and made very welcome.



www.probusbasingstoke.club

PROBUS HEARS ABOUT AN UNUSUAL HOBBY

Probus Club of Basingstoke member David Rawden is a retired chemistry teacher who also had an interest in geography. He set a mini quiz before embarking on his story. Firstly, to test your knowledge of British geography based upon his exploration of Great Britain that has taken him to the four "corners" of the country.

Can you name the most northerly, easterly, westerly and southerly points of mainland Britain?

Answers are at the end of this report.

Some people collect items as a hobby: stamps, books, antiques and so forth. David collected hills. They don't take up room in the house and they don't need dusting. After ascending all the Wainwright listed Lake District Fells he turned his attention to the Pennines and county tops. He visited the highest point of all the English counties which gave him the Heineken experience – he reached those parts of the country that people would not normally reach.

The highest top is Scarfell Pike at 3209 feet situated in the Cumbrian mountains; the lowest is in Norfolk, Beacon Hill at 345 feet found just west of Cromer. Most tops are surmounted by a trig point or cairn so that you know you have succeeded. However, this does not happen in most eastern counties or those near to London. On one occasion he wandered through Pavis Wood near Tring trying to decide which hump was the highest point of Hertfordshire.

There is limited access to two tops in military training areas: Mickle Fell in County Durham and High Wilhays in Devon and its near neighbour Yes Tor. Both are on Dartmoor and are the only mountains (hills above 2000 feet) in England south of the Peak District.

Proper walking gear is essential to reach the majority of tops. However, there are a number of tops fairly near Hampshire which can be accessed by a simple walk from a car park. One of these is Leith Hill not far from Dorking in Surrey and another is Whitehorse Hill which can be found west of Wantage in Oxfordshire. Easiest of all is Ditchling Beacon, not far from Lewes in East Sussex. If you can find it amongst a myriad of unsignposted roads, there is a large pleasant summit area at Black Down, in West Sussex, south of Haslemere (Surrey). Walbury Hill in Berkshire, near Combe to the south west of Newbury, can easily be reached from the car park at Inkpen Beacon. Continuing east along the Wayfarer's Walk brings you to Pilot Hill, the highest point of Hampshire, situated just west of Highclere.



Dunkery Hill is the highest point in Somerset. Given to the National Trust in 1935.



The summit of Snaefel, the highest point (2063 feet) of the Isle of Man.

Further afield and needing more walking effort are the tops of Dorset, Lewesdown Hill near Beaminster, and in Wiltshire, Milk Hill near Alton Barnes and west of Pewsey.

Perhaps when we come out of lockdown some of the more active readers might like to visit a few of the local tops. They will be rewarded with a splendid view.

Answers to the quiz:

Most northerly: Dunnet Head. NOT John O'Groats, which is about 10 miles to the east.

Most easterly: Lowestoft Ness, Suffolk. A splendid ground marker (geoscope) denotes the spot. Distances marked show that, for a crow, Amsterdam is lot closer than Cardiff or Newcastle.

Most westerly: Point of Ardnamurchan. It can be reached by crossing Loch Linnhe by the Corran Ferry (SW of Fort William in the Western Highlands) then

heading west with a short stop in Strontian – the only place in Britain with an element (strontium) named after it.

Most southerly: Lizard Point, Cornwall. NOT Land's End which is the most westerly point of mainland England.

If you correctly answer this quiz it proves that your GCE "O" level in Geography was not wasted.



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HATCH WARREN UNDER FIVES

We've had hugely successful first half term at Hatch Warren Under Fives – our little ones have adjusted well to our new routines and are thoroughly enjoying all of our topics and activities.

Our most recent topic has been "Autumn". We've been making the most of our outdoor time and discovering all the autumn colours, patterns and the changes that we see in the environment as the seasons change. Our messy tray has been full of lots of autumnal resources and textures and we have also been making pumpkin pictures, hammering golf tees into butternut squashes and using broccoli as our paint brushes to create autumn tree pictures.

We are also looking at animals that hibernate as part of our autumn topic. Lots of children have spoken about hedgehogs, so we have been collecting lots of lovely natural resources to build hedgehog houses. Hedgehog has also been one of our words to learn in our weekly Makaton signing lessons.

While we've been outdoors, we've been looking out for conkers, pine cones and leaves, which are all great natural resources to use in preschool at this time of year. After half term we will be on more autumn walks where the children can get their listening ears on and listen out for the wonderful sounds of autumn such as crunching leaves, wind in the trees, splashy puddles and lots more.

Our weekly science experiments are still going strong – our favourite this half term has been creating lava lamps in wine glasses. The children loved watching the chemical reaction of oil, water, food colouring and alka seltzer - they enjoyed recreating the experiment by themselves too!

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.

You can see weekly updates from Hatch Warren Under Fives on our Facebook page "Hatch Warren Under 5s Preschool", where you will see lots of photos and learn our Makaton signs of the week.

We still have a few spaces remaining for immediate starts, to enquire about a preschool place at Hatch Warren Under Fives, please contact Angela Blomquist, Manager, on 01256 322788, or email preschoolmail@aol.com.

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

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GARDEN VISITS

What a lovely start to Autumn we have had at CVP! The little ones have been listening to The Gingerbread Man story, busy baking and decorating Gingerbread Men, painting, and cutting gingerbread bunting and role playing the story with their friends.

It has been wonderful to welcome our new little ones to the setting this term. They have all settled in so well after some slightly new style play and stays to follow Government guidance and a garden visit to the family instead of the usual home visit this year.

Come rain or shine we have been at the 'forest school sessions. 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.

Visitors are always very welcome so if you would like to see Pre-School, we are offering socially distanced show-rounds after hours and we also have some short videos on our website for a quick look at CVP.

Lisa Collisson

CUCKOO MEADOW PRESCHOOL

This term we are learning different nursery rhymes starting with one of favourites, The Wheels on The Bus. We have made individual buses at the craft table. We went for a lovely walk to see the No.16 bus arrive from Basingstoke on its way to Steventon. We also made a stop to say hello to the ducks at the pond. The children walked very well and waited patiently for the bus. The children have all settled into preschool life very well and we have had a fantastic first few weeks back.

About Cuckoo Meadow Pre-School: We are a small, friendly, Ofsted Outstanding ranked pre-school located in the Rathbone Pavillion, 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. To find out more please contact Jo or Fiona on 01256 398172. www.cuckoomeadow.org

"I love how happy my daughter is to go to preschool every day and how happy she is to tell me about it." - Cuckoo Meadow Parent

Hayley Thomas



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 our Thursday's 'Lions' (Rising Five) session.

We have so much to look forward to over the coming weeks. We will be talking to the children about safety around fireworks and creating our own fireworks through craft and cooking activities. To enhance our physical development we will act out being fireworks by moving in a range of different ways supported with scarves and ribbons.

Following on from this we will be talking to the children in an age appropriate manner about Remembrance Day and sharing some War time medals. We will also attempt a 2 minute silence!! The children will be making poppies to take home to display in the window.

The children will be learning about Diwali and the Festival of Light. We will be making tea light holders for them to take home.

Children in Need is approaching and we have lots of fun activities planned for the children. We will all dress up in our pyjamas or anything Pudsey related on the 12th and 13th November.

Nursery Rhyme week is 16th to 20th November and we will be inviting the children to come into preschool dressed as their favourite story characters. Each day we will cover a different rhyme and will be creating games relating to each theme.

Our AGM is on 18th November. As a charity organisation we follow the running model of the Preschool Learning Alliance and as part of this our Management Committee is required to be made up of at least 60% parents.

If we are unable to find enough parents to volunteer to join the Committee our preschool will not be able to operate.

If you are able to spare a few hours each month and have skills in finance, education, Marketing, IT, HR or just a general enthusiasm to help make our Pre-school great then please do get in touch.

If you would like to support us and become part of the committee, you will need to write a short personal statement via email info@dandelions-preschool.org.uk which will go out to the pre-school members (parents) prior to the AGM.

As a few of our current Committee are no longer parents and may not continue, we do need new parents to volunteer.

If you are interested or would like to find out more please contact the office on 01256 818857 Or alternatively Email info@dandelions-preschool.org.uk

We have limited spaces available therefore if your child was born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 please do contact us for a registration form on

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Our parents say...

"Thanks Clare and the team for always going that one step further."

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If the condition becomes more advanced the next level of treatment is cardiac/catheter ablation. It's a low risk but effective procedure that can be used to treat AF

If you live in Basingstoke or North Hampshire it means a trip to Southampton for treatment. Ironically the Cardiac consultant and heart rhythm specialist, Rob Bowers, is based in Basingstoke & has to make the same trip to treat you. Can you help us get this equipment at Basingstoke hospital so that local people with this condition and the consultant no longer have to make that 60 mile round trip?

Atrial Fibrillation (AF) sufferers in North Hampshire need your help to get treatment here in Basingstoke!

Rotary has already raised a substantial amount of money towards this equipment but we now need your help for the final push to make this happen and achieve Alf's goal to improve the lives of the numerous local people with this type of debilitating heart condition

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Christmas Market

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Sunday 22nd November
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This is a fundraising event for the Hatch Warren and Beggarwood Community Association Charity No 1161117

Café in the Park

You can now book a table inside the Café!! Please book your table in advance by emailing office@beggarwood.org - slots available @ 10am, 11.30am and 1pm Friday to Sunday. Outside tables will continue to be available on a first come, first served basis, so you can admire the views of the Park. Delicious homemade cakes, hot and cold drinks, ice creams & weekend breakfast baps!

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Huge thank you to Highwood Construction (Beggarwood Site) for providing new hi-vis jackets for our After School Club



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Lion King Fri 1st Oct
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The Warren is now open and we are constantly reviewing all new government guidelines/restrictions

The Warren is now open for all young people Year 6 and above on a Friday evening from 6.00-7.30pm. Booking is essential, please see our Facebook page for booking forms. Bookings open on a Tuesday evening.

- One bubble of 15 young people
- Social distancing in place
- All young people will be required to wear a mask during the session unless exemptions apply
- Sessions will NOT be open access during the pandemic, young people will be required to stay in the youth club for the duration of the session
- Free entry
- Mixture of free activities available each week; arts and crafts, X-Box, PlayStation, quizzes and much more!
- Tuck shop open

We understand life is not how it should be and this may cause additional worries. For any support needed by young people we can signpost you to <https://www.themix.org.uk/> or <https://youngminds.org.uk/> in particular if support with anxiety or mental health is needed.

Reach out and remember the good times at The Warren. Stay active and stay safe!





OLD DOWN AND BEGGARWOOD WILDLIFE GROUP

It's that time of year again to look at the butterfly transect records for Old Down. 2020 has been a good year for butterflies on Old Down with numbers increasing by another 200 plus despite the fact that the Covid lockdown and restrictions meant no transects could be undertaken for the first 6 weeks of the season. The number of *Small Blues* rocketed with 919 seen during weekly recordings; their season lasted a long time due to the lovely warm/hot

summer. Other species that did really well were:- *Comma*, *Marbled White*, *Peacock*, *Small Heath*, *Small Tortoiseshell* and both the *Small* and *Large White*. However, some species were disappointing; *Common Blues* were again down together with *Brown Argus*, *Gatekeeper* and *Ringlet*. Compared to last year fewer *Orange Tips* and *Brimstones* were seen but this was mainly due to the late transect start. No *Speckled Woods* were seen on any transect this year but just a few were seen at other times. The highlight of 2020 was a sighting of a *Purple Hairstreak*. This butterfly has only been recorded once before in 2016. There were a couple of sightings of *Clouded Yellow* but not on any formal transect.

Beggarwood was good for butterflies too. No formal transect is carried out on the site but on occasional visits there were sightings of – *Green Hairstreak* (Springtime), *Small Blue*, *Common Blue*, *Large White*, *Meadow Brown*, *Red Admiral* and *Peacock*. A very unusual sighting on Beggarwood

was a *Chalkhill Blue* – very similar to the *Common Blue* but paler.

The national Big Butterfly Count, carried out by Butterfly Conservation at the end of July, shows a worrying reduction in the average number of butterflies since their records began 11 years ago. The survey result shows a drop in certain species such as *Speckled Wood* and *Marbled White*. However, this is not quite what we have seen and recorded on the two sites – the average number is up. *Marbled Whites* were around all season and although *Speckled Woods* were only seen on Beggarwood, elsewhere locally they were in healthy numbers on other sites such as Basing Wood and Odiham Common.

Work Parties – Old Down work parties have now started so 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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CAGE CAMPAIGN

Latest details of the proposed A30 warehouse development have revealed some alarming examples of planning creep.

First its main tenant is almost certainly going to be Amazon. Similar schemes in Tilbury and Darlington have been used to illustrate the planning documents which now reveal a low profile grey flat shed, which is just over ninety feet high. The developers have in many cases failed to send the council the illustrations of this, despite specific requests from planning officials. It is now clear that the distribution centre will be plainly visible from most of the surroundings.

But more disturbing are the staff numbers. The original proposition was for 146 employees. Here's the creep - the latest documents show a huge increase in those figures, now 1381. The car park has also been extended to 800 spaces. Comparing the quoted staff numbers with similar data from the Tilbury and Darlington sites, that 1381 figure may only apply to one shift. The other two quote a similar figure for each of two shifts. Such is the congestion as one shift leaves and another arrives at Tilbury and Darlington, those centres have been forced to stagger leaving and arriving times. This traffic would be on top of the 24 hour flow of HGVs, and add to the congestion which the other nearby housing developments will already create not only into the A30 corridor into Basingstoke, but onto the M3 at junction 7.

The CAGE group does not have sufficient technical skills to investigate and make official traffic models. This probably needs to be handled by County Council planners. But it is fairly obvious that none of the local roads, including the M3, will be able to cope safely with such traffic volumes. CAGE and the Parish Council will be contacting the relevant officials to reinforce the case against this development.

Christine Northam

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• Remembering •

- I cannot quite believe that we are in November already! It's
- becoming colder and the evenings are getting darker and as
- I look out of the vicarage window, I can see the trees have
- lost most of their autumn leaves which makes the landscape
- look so different. There are a number of things that will be
- different this month. The amazing firework display at the
- Hatch Warren Community Centre is not able to go ahead
- and Remembrance will be different this year too. Large scale
- events and parades will not be able to take place but this
- should not stop us remembering all those who gave their
- lives for our freedom.
- November is the month where churches have special
- services of remembrance. At Immanuel ours will be held at
- the church on Sunday 8 November at 10am. I will also be
- recording our usual online Worship@Home service with a
- focus on remembering, which can be watched on the church
- website and Facebook.
- As Jesus was crucified on the cross one of the robbers, who
- was on a cross next to him, said to Jesus, "remember me
- when you come into your kingdom." He didn't say rescue me
- or forgive me but remember me. Being remembered is really
- important. Is there someone you will be remembering on the
- 11th of the 11th at 11am, the time when we all say 'we will
- remember them.'? We will be remembering those who lost
- their lives on active service in conflicts from the beginning
- of the First World War right up to the present day. We also
- remember those who have served and their families.
- The Royal British Legion are having to adapt their Poppy
- Appeal due to Covid-19. One thing they are doing is
- encouraging us to display a poppy in a window as a way
- of showing appreciation for the service and sacrifice of our
- Armed Forces, veterans and their families, both past and
- present. The red poppy is a symbol of both remembrance
- and hope. At Immanuel Church we will be doing this and
- would love the community to join in too. You can download
- and print a Remembrance Poppy from the Royal British
- Legion website or you may want to create your own. How
- wonderful would it be to see poppies in windows all around
- Hatch Warren and Beggarwood.
- This year we would love the community to help us with
- our online Christmas Advent Calendar which we will put
- on Facebook and our website. If you have any Christmas
- themed photos or drawing you would like to share please
- send them to me at revmay@immanuelhwb.co.uk by
- Monday 23 November and then we will select 25, one for
- each day leading up to Christmas. I look forward to receiving
- your pictures.
- Blessings,
- **Rev May**
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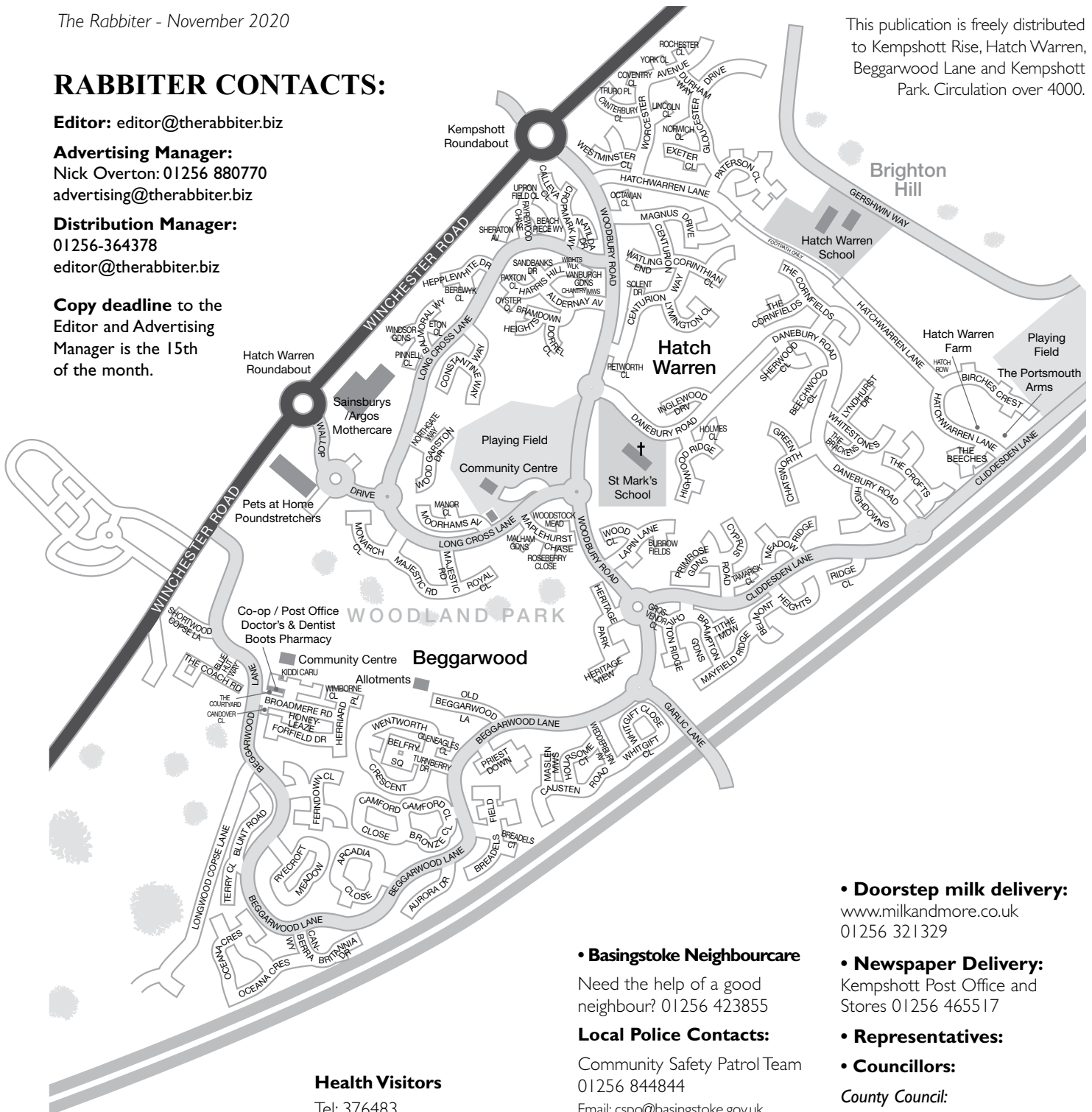
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SATURDAY MARKET AT PORTSMOUTH ARMS

"Ever been to the Saturday market at the Portsmouth Arms?" was a text received from the Editor by my restaurant reviewer partner. "Not my scene" he replied – so "Madam" was tasked with the job!

Together with a friend, and thinking it to only be a morning market, we decided it best to get there at a reasonable hour and duly arrived at 10am to find the market's opening hours are 10am to 4pm. As the stalls were still setting up, we decided to have a coffee inside the Portsmouth Arms. There I got talking to Richard Curtis the manager, about how the market came about.

Richard told me that during lockdown he had cemented the Portsmouth Arms' place in the local and digital community by running daily pub quizzes which saw him raise nearly £50,000 for local charities. He decided to build on this and thus the market idea came about. Local people working from home or starting a small business, and needing promotion, can therefore show their actual products to people instead of just relying on selling online. Customers can see and feel their products while enjoying a wander around in the fresh air.

The cost for a stall is very reasonable and there is full support for stallholders from Richard's team, providing a complimentary breakfast of sausage or bacon baps, tea, coffee or squash, with food served to the stalls all day. And the use of a clean warm toilet!

The market is run in a very safe way - much the same as inside the business. A one-way

system is set up and everybody's details are taken. Richard has received countless comments on how well run the market is and how safe people felt. Very necessary in these Covid times especially since in the opening week of 19 September there were 645 visitors. Also, as part of the social media campaign, Richard advertised the 15 businesses that were attending that Saturday market on the pub Facebook page, which resulted in 562 clicks being directed onto the Facebook pages of the stall holders.

My friend and I enjoyed a leisurely stroll round the market. The stalls were well placed around the perimeter of the sectioned off car park and offered a wide array of products including hand-made crafts, leather goods, pictures and even a well-attended converted horse box selling take-away food. Sad to say we missed out on the appetising donuts on the bakery stall as they were all sold whilst we were having our coffee, but I did purchase two almond croissants which were enjoyed on my return home. From one of the craft stalls, which had many delightful items for sale, I managed to get an early Christmas present for my granddaughter:

I am glad I went to this event. Not only does it support local traders, but also means a social interchange with the stall holders, all of whom had the ability to take contactless payments so as not to handle cash. The Portsmouth Arms can be reached via several safe footpaths, so what better way to enjoy a bit of exercise as well as enjoying some retail therapy by visiting the market.



HATCH WARREN W.I.

Hatch Warren W.I. held their meeting 1st October via Zoom. Our speaker was Miriam Matandu 'My Life as an Asylum Seeker', Miriam became a refugee from Zimbabwe in 2000 due to her campaigning for better rights for women. She fled her home leaving her three year old daughter with her mother as she feared for her life. Miriam lived on the streets before having help from the Church and Refugee Forum, this caused her to suffer a heart attack and has not seen her daughter since fleeing, she has missed all important mile-stones of her daughter's life which made her feel a failure as a mother. Miriam now gives talks and has become a preacher and delights in making quilts and cakes to help other people in this situation.

W.I. Ladies are very resourceful and we were able to enjoy our Spring Council meeting at last with Zoom. Ben Fogle was our speaker, Ben described himself as a shy child not particularly good at school: neither academically nor field sports. He volunteered to join the cast of 'Castaways', where he was marooned for a year on an island in the Outer Hebrides with 35 other people. This gave him the confidence to take on new and bigger challenges, 3000 mile race across the Atlantic with James Cracknell. Ben has worked on programmes including 'One man and his dog' and Countryfile to name but a few.

More meetings are planned using Zoom from Hampshire Federation to include this month a Macaron master class, some members joined a talk by Pip Bensley a

RHS judge from Hillier's who worked on gardens for Chelsea Flower Show.

Our weekly coffee morning Zoom chat keeps us all informed and we have enjoyed meeting in small groups in person for a coffee. Our other groups include our craft group and Hattie's Family tree group, which is very interesting to see what members have found out about their passed relatives. Hattie's Huddle keeps us all in touch with one another.

Our speaker for next month's Zoom meeting will be a talk on 'Medical Detection Dogs', on 5th November at 7.30 p.m. for more information on how you can become involved in our W.I. please contact our President Lynette on 07824 535868, you will be made most welcome to come and join in with us.

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- Avoid parking half on the pavement, which makes the underside of your vehicle more accessible.
- If your catalytic converter is 'bolted on' you can have the bolts welded shut.
- Identify/etch your converter with a unique reference number and register it at www.immobilise.com
- Installing security lighting and CCTV on your drive can act as a deterrent. Look for approved CCTV installers in your area who are members of a recognised inspecting body e.g. United Kingdom Accreditation Service.

If you see someone acting suspiciously under a vehicle, report it to the police. Obtain as much information as possible, including any vehicle registrations.

To further protect your vehicle: Thieves steal catalytic converters for the valuable metals they can contain. Vehicles with a higher chassis are often targeted, as are hybrid vehicles. To keep yours safe, ask your car dealer if they can give you any advice on locks, cages or guards that are approved by the vehicle manufacturer.

National Trading Standards highlight Covid-19 Scams

Criminals are adapting as the coronavirus pandemic develops. NTS have listed seven likely scams to watch out for:

1. **Price gouging** - when traders over-inflate products that are likely to be in high demand, such as Covid-19 testing kits.
2. **Online fraud** - where websites, apps

and social media are used to sell counterfeit products as more shoppers are buying online.

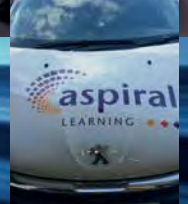
3. **Copycat websites** - on which criminals pose as people delivering legitimate government initiatives.
4. **Claims of miracle cures** - including fake coronavirus treatments.
5. **Misrepresented home viewings** - as virtual property viewings are now more common, there are risks of buyers or renters not getting the true picture of a home.
6. **Fake refund websites** - offering "assistance" in claiming refunds which, at the least, is advice that charities offer for free.
7. **Exploiting the vulnerable** - not a new tactic, but will become more prominent.

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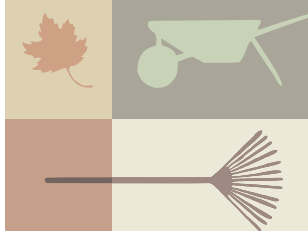
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HATCH WARREN RUNNERS

After several months of the club hitting the pause button on running in groups and not being able to take part in races with a fancy medal, it feels like we are getting back to some semblance of a 'new normal'.

Many people have continued with running alone and sharing post-run solo selfies on-line, but in recent months, in line with England Athletics guidance, we have been able to safely and sensibly return to club running. We're outside, ensuring we are COVID compliant and club run leaders have been briefed and raring to go. A huge and heartfelt thanks has to go to our wonderful run leader volunteers for being committed to supporting others at what is an anxious and stressful time for so many of us, for so many reasons. As a club, we've been particularly mindful of the affect groups of runners might have on the general public. Routes are carefully planned and all runners in the club are briefed on social distancing and on being exceptionally cautious and respectful when approaching and passing other pedestrians.

The physical and mental health benefits of running right now are tremendous. At the beginning of lockdown many club members took to the trails and explored the beautiful countryside across Basingstoke and beyond. Although the sunshine and longer days always help, many members have fallen in love with it and have continued. Even our most committed road runners, with an intense dislike for a ploughed field and a muddy puddle, are now converts. It feels safer and there are fewer people so it's easy to understand why.

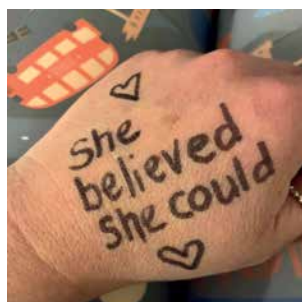
Despite a total ban on events at the beginning of the year and over summer, we've seen things slowly creeping back into the running calendar. It took time for the running community and organisers to be able to adapt and keep people safe. Designing exciting virtual and remotely managed events is challenging – especially when many events have evolved and become a local or international institution over several years. Prime examples have been Endure 24, the London Marathon, the Great North Run, Centurion 100, Race to the Stones and our very own HWR Farleigh Wallop 10k race. Each virtual race was unique but had the same distance to reach, a clever way to track the results, a piece of bling to hang in pride of place, a way for runners to still collect for charity and last, but by no means least, the love and support of a virtual HWR cheer squad!

Running has meant different things to different members since March. For some, it's been their lifeline; for others it has needed to take a back seat. Although club activities have been reduced, the on-line support amongst members has been strong, heartfelt and genuine. It's running that brings us together, but it is the club's sense of community and care during a global crisis that makes us a running family.

Please get in touch if you're a runner who'd like to join the club by visiting www.hwrunners.co.uk, our Facebook page or email enquiries@hwrunners.co.uk.



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