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EDITORIAL

Hugs are back! Life is definitely progressing towards normal – for example pubs are open, eating with friends indoors and you can go to the cinema.

Local activities are opening up to. The Hatch Warren Community Centre is busy planning lots of events with the Lager Festival returning on 17 July. Their AGM is scheduled to be held by Zoom on Wednesday 9 June – see 14 for details. The Community Lunch at the Café in the Park is planned to return on Wednesday 7 July with their famous jacket potatoes with cheese and beans.

Congratulations to Richard at the Portsmouth Arms who has definitely become a local super hero – see page 10 for details of the awards he has won in the last year. He is responsible for setting up the very successful Saturday Market in the car park at the Portsmouth Arms. Although it does not open officially until 10am, there is always a long queue formed for the bakers and people are eagerly selecting their vegetables and meat long before Fernworth Farm finish setting up shop. There are lots of stalls at the market now so if you haven't been yet, please do visit.

Have you signed the petition to save the oak trees on the old Dummer Lane – more details can be found on the CAGE facebook page or at www.change.org/saveoakdownoaks.

The decision has been made by the Diocese to merge our Parish with Kempshott so we shall sadly be saying goodbye to the Reverend May at the end of June. The Rabbiter would like to thank her for all her hard work locally and wish her a happy future – see Spiritually Speaking on page 19.

Now that life is slowly returning to normal our roving restaurant reviewer is back and this month he has been to The Yard in Chilton Candover – see page 22. I hear the coffee is excellent!

I can't believe that Hatch Warren W.I. is 28 years old. I have very fond memories of the first meeting with a room full of ladies eager to join in.

The local elections for our representatives on Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council and Hampshire County were held on 6 May – please see below for results.

Stay safe everyone and don't forget to keep up us informed of all your news.

The Editor

Election Results

Borough Council – Hatch Warren & Beggarwood

BEAN Rebecca Louise Conservative Party 1,299 **ELECTED**

BLACKMORE-SQUIRES Ted Liberal Democrat 586

CASE Trish Labour Party 682

CLEARY Spencer Hampshire Independents 538

CUSACK Tom Labour Party 648

KOTECHA Samir Sureshchandra Conservative Party 918 **ELECTED**

PUTTY Dan Conservative Party 1,261 **ELECTED**

Hampshire County Council – South West Division

Stephen Reid Conservative 3217 57% **ELECTED**

David Ferguson Bell Labour 1186 21%

Andrew Stanislaw Michal [Andy] Konieczko Liberal Democrats 756 13%

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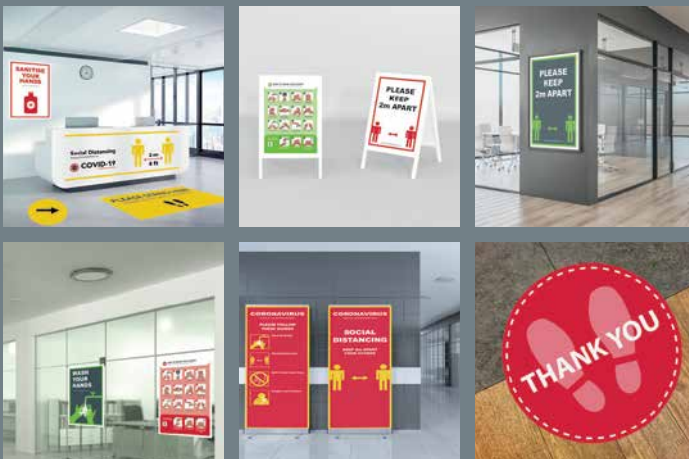
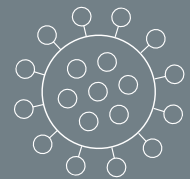
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HATCH WARREN W.I.

Hatch Warren W.I. held their AGM on Zoom on Thursday 6th May. As we have not been able to meet in person for the last fourteen months, it is a credit to our Committee for keeping our W.I. functioning with Zoom meetings. We have enjoyed talks on A History of Hampshire in ten objects, Medical Detection Dogs, Liz James My Travels, The Air that I breath, two quizzes to name but a few. All our Zoom online groups have flourished with thanks to everyone who has organised and taken part to make this all happen. We also welcomed a new member during this time.

Hopefully we can now see the light at the end of the tunnel and will be able to meet once again in person. Some members are going for a coffee and chat at Worthing House coffee shop. Members supported Oakley Afternoon W.I. with walking for ACWW and having a pit-stop for coffee and biscuits at Avon Road where they helped to raise £70 for this W.I. charity.

Members enjoyed a really lovely evening with our host Christine who organised a cheese tasting evening. We brought five cheeses that you had not tried before i.e. blue, goat's cheese, a washed rind cheese and white rind cheese. Christine shared facts about cheese and a video of the history of cheese. Each cheese was marked out of ten and Hampshire Tunworth was the top scoring cheese.

8th June is NFWI AGM on Zoom, the main speaker for the afternoon will be HRH Sophie Countess of Wessex.

Our next Zoom meeting will be Thursday 3rd June at 7.30 p.m. which is our 28th Birthday party. We were going to have a Flamenco evening, but due to restrictions we are now looking forward to a fun Zoom evening when we will look back at photo's of passed birthday parties. Hatch Warren is renowned for really fun birthday meetings, so this should be an interesting walk down memory lane to see the fun we have had in the past and the fun we will have again when all the restrictions are lifted and we can all meet again at our venue.

We look forward to meeting and welcoming new and prospective members. If you would like more information on our W.I. please contact our deputy president Jane 01256 321258 who will only be too pleased to answer any of your questions.



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DID YOU KNOW WE TALK ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH ALL OF THE TIME?

So you have heard the messages, we need to talk about mental health. I even have a big sign in my office saying that exact phrase. But would it surprise you to know that we actually talk about mental health all the time? What we need to do better is 'Listen' to mental health in our everyday conversations. In my day to day training through Simpila Mental Health, I help people to connect their minds to the understanding that mental health is something that we all have. Firstly we have to raise awareness of this simple fact, we cannot deny the reality that we have mental health, and every decision that we make will have a mental impact, and no surprise that this can be defined as either a positive or negative impact. We actually talk about mental health much more than we realise.

Let me give some examples and see if you can spot the signs of mental health in the narrative.

"I am really worried about my workload and the expectations of my manager"

"I am excited to see my friends at the weekend" (social restrictions being adhered to of course)

"I am waiting for the results of a biopsy"

"I am really enjoying getting outside in the sunshine"

Can you spot the signs of mental health? Would you know how to approach a conversation and listen to someone talk about their experiences?

The key to understanding how mental health changes is to listen. We are all born with the ability to listen to others, yet this skill is often compromised with our opinions and views. So we need to listen without judgement. If we can learn to put our opinions aside we can find a much great connection with others – also known as Empathy. Empathy is the ability to connect to the feelings of others, to see the world from their perspective, and sometimes just to sit alongside them for support.

So, there is nothing to stop you now from just sitting down with someone, ask them how they are feeling?, and hear the words spoken. This is the first step in talking more about mental health.

Matthew Holman
Owner Simpila
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Message . . . to the editor

Dear editor

Please convey my sincere thanks to the constituents of Hatch Warren and Beggarwood for their participation in the election and returning my colleagues and I to serve for further terms.

I am most grateful for their trust in us and I for one pledge to be active on issues which concern them. I am always available on any Council matters. Now that the pandemic is easing and we are able to progressively socialise I would urge people to stay vigilant and to keep safe and healthy. Our Beggarwood woodland park is comprehensively equipped for our enjoyment, fitness and health. Please keep dogs on leads and keep the park clean.

The Community Centre and new Pub/ Restaurant will reopen as Covid rules allow.

A big Thank you to the community which has stayed resilient during the pandemic and now we can adapt towards normality again.

Best wishes, stay safe and healthy to all
Cllr Dan Putty JP



BRIGHTON HILL COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Red Nose Day - Comic Relief 2021

Red Nose Day is an annual event with the mission to end poverty, abuse and mental health problems by funding programmes that keep people safe, healthy, and educated. Through the power of entertainment, people are brought together to laugh and have fun, all while raising life-changing money for the people that need it the most. It is also celebrated to make the public laugh; hence the reason that we wear the famous red noses.

This special day was founded in 1985, by Richard Curtis and his friends. They came up with the idea to use humour to raise cash for charity, to help change lives in Africa and the UK. On Christmas Day 1985, 'Comic Relief' was launched; live

on BBC One from the Safawa Refugee Camp in Sudan. The concept behind Red Nose Day was to have one day of the year when everyone does something silly or funny to raise money for Comic Relief, a non-profit organisation. 1988 marked the year of the first Red Nose Day, with over 150 celebrities taking part. 30 million people helped raise £15 million. This year's Comic Relief raised over £52 million.

This year, Brighton Hill Community School did their bit for Comic Relief despite the Covid related restrictions:

- BHCS presented... The Masked Singer! Seven amazing staff sung their hearts out, creating incredible (and humorous) performances. Cowboy, Alien, Firefighter, Scream's Daughter, Panda, Phoenix and Zebra were our contestants:
- Scream's Daughter was the fantastic Miss Britton, her quality choreography gave it away.

- Alien was the tremendous Miss Paterson, with her extraordinary singing.
- Firefighter was the theatrical Mrs Espeseth, who had us all fully engaged.
- Phoenix was the incredible Mr Mathews who made very clear, DO NOT BREAK THE LAW!
- Cowboy was the stunning Mr Head Riordan who really strutted his stuff.
- Panda was the terrific Mr Du-Heaume bringing fresh footwork to the show.
- And finally, Zebra, who wore a striking costume, was the one and only Mr Beeching.

All of the staff's amazing singing contributed to the fantastic £1053.48 we raised as a school for Comic Relief!

By Zoe R and Beatrice H, Student Reporters @ BHCS

COUNCILLOR'S UPDATE

MERGING OF CHURCH PARISHES:

the Diocese of Winchester is creating a new single parish that unites Immanuel Church in Danebury Road with St Mark's in Kempshott. Revd Nicola Such (currently Vicar at St Mark's Church) will cover the new parish. The Reverend May Barker has been offered and has accepted the post of Half Time (0.5) Incumbent of the United Benefice of St Stephen's North Mundham and St Leodegar's Hunston in the Diocese of Chichester. Personally, I am sad at the news that we will be losing our local church leader: Rev May, and before her Father Michael, have been towers of strength in our community and it feels like a successful era coming to an end at a time when our population is set to increase. The changes will take effect at the end of this month.

The HATCH WARREN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION is advertising its Annual General Meeting which is planned for Wednesday 9th June at 7.30pm. Present intentions are to hold the meeting virtually, via Zoom. If you would like to attend, please register through the HWCA website. The trustees face a big challenge in resuming activities again after the lockdowns, and this will be an opportunity to hear how they plan to tackle the task. The meeting needs a minimum of 25 attendees to be quorate.

FOOTPATH 701 CLOSURE: There was some confusion caused by the publication of an order closing part of Footpath 701 that runs through Heritage Park which is not needed for public use. The history is that this path was built over when Heritage Park was constructed and the 'closure' is simply a tidying-up exercise.

GOLF COURSE DEVELOPMENT: Bloor Homes have published more details of their evolving plans for the Golf Course site. The first 'reserved matters' application has been lodged with the Borough Council and covers Phase 1 of the development comprising 227 new homes including 91 affordable, 7 hectares of open space and the proposed road and path layouts. If you would like to study the proposals, the planning reference is 21/01323/RES. You can comment through the Borough Council's website.

DANEBURY ROAD POSTS: The post protecting the field in Danebury Road that I reported missing last year was recently joined by another. It is not known who removed them in the first place, but the risk of having one or more posts missing is that the gap could permit illegal trespass onto the field. The Borough Council has now replaced them both.

AMAZING RESPONSE TO OAK TREES PETITION: A petition has been started to save the 70 oak trees that line the access to Oakdown Farm, where permission has been granted to build a warehouse. When

I checked last, the number of signatories had passed 93,000, which is really quite remarkable. If you are interested in this issue, more information can be found at change.org and on the sites of local pressure groups SWAG and CAGE.

YOUR COUNCILLORS: At the elections on 6th May, Hatch Warren and Beggarwood elected Rebecca Bean, Samir Kotecha and Dan Putty as Borough Councillors. Stephen Reid was returned as County Councillor for the Basingstoke South West division. After these 'all out' elections, the pattern will now revert to having a vote for one Borough Councillor each year and a County Councillor in the fourth year.

COUNCILLORS' GRANT SCHEME: I am expecting the County Councillors' 'devolved budget' scheme to start again on 1st June. If you have an important project that requires a little funding, I would be delighted to discuss it.

AND FINALLY ... a lot of people are sad that Terri Reid has stood down as one of our Borough Councillors after eleven years. She had a reputation for getting things done and I am better placed than anyone to know just how much work she put into the job. On everyone's behalf I say 'thank you' to Terri for her services to this ward.

Stephen Reid

County Councillor.

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RECIPE

This month's recipe is a really easy white bread. You can bake it in a tin or as a flat bread or dinner rolls. You can mix other ingredients with it too. This is a bread where you don't need to knead it so much, so easier on your hands and wrists.

Versatile white bread

570g bread flour

360g water at room temp (20°)

15g olive oil/sunflower oil

12g salt

10g fresh yeast or 1 sachet of instant yeast

Dissolve fresh yeast into the water; for instant yeast, follow the directions on the packet.

Combine all ingredients and mix to form a stiff dough.

Knead with a small amount of oil on your work surface for 2 minutes until cohesive.

Place dough in a lightly oiled bowl and cover with a tea towel or cling film and allow to prove for 10 minutes on kitchen worktop.

Take out and knead again for 1-2 minutes on a lightly oiled surface.

Place back in the bowl and leave for another 10 minutes.

Knead again on a lightly oiled surface for 1-2 minutes and return to the bowl until doubled in size approx 1-2hrs.

Turn out onto a floured surface.

Measure into desired sizes, mould into rounds and rest on your worktop for 10-15mins. (We made a small loaf, 4 small dinner rolls and a focaccia out of our mix).

Mould into your desired shape, small log shape for tins, balls for rolls, flatten your flat breads and use your finger tips to dimple the top of the focaccia.

Transfer into tins or on to a baking sheet and cover with oiled cling film and prove for 45 mins. Cover your focaccia with olive oil and before baking, top with whatever takes your fancy.

Baking times:

Set your oven to as hot as it will go and when you put the breads in, turn down to 220°. Ovens vary so check on your bakes.

Large loaf 30-35 mins

Small loaf 5-28 mins

Rolls 10-12 minutes depending on size

Focaccia and flat breads, bake in a really hot oven for around 15 minutes.

As always we'd love to see what you've made. Show us pictures of your focaccia toppings, we might even use them in the bakery!

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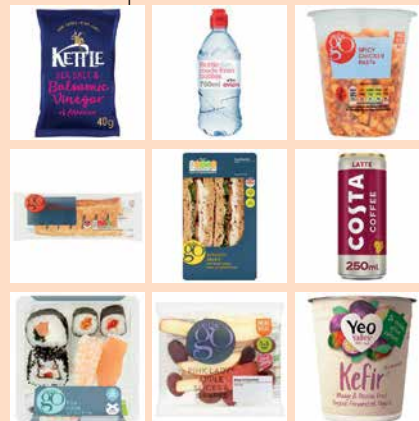
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For the first time the Meal Deal will now include Costa Coffee, Hot Food and items from our In Store Bakery.

Some examples:



Full details can be found in store.

KEMPSHOTT CONSERVATION GROUP

Eruptions in Down Grange Meadow. This conical shaped lump was nearly 50cm high and most of that was soil. Another spherical version can be seen in the background to the left. These are nests of the Yellow Ant (*Lasius flavus*). As the Council has not cut the grass in three or four years, the ant mounds continue to build up. We are keen to encourage these colonial nesters as they provide shelter for the over-wintering larvae and pupae of Common and Small Blue butterflies. Both species of larvae "sing" to attract the ants. They also secrete a "honeydew" like substance that the ants enjoy and take down into their nest to live out the winter.

An even rarer species, the Large Blue, which has been re-introduced to a number of sites due to its catastrophic decline, has



turned the mutually beneficial relationship with ants on its head. Here, the Large Blue larvae get taken into the nest of a red ant (*Myrmica scabrioridis*) where they prey on the grubs of their hosts. Their predations can sometimes destroy the colony. A real cuckoo in the nest!

Watch out for this one! One or two Barn Owls have set up home on a farm in the Oakley area. One was seen around sunset during the warm spell in April. It did a few circuits around the farm but then headed off eastwards. Did it reach our area we wonder?



It's worth looking out for this now uncommon bird. Quite unmistakable and a delight to watch as it hunts silently looking for voles at dusk. Please do tell us if you see one.

For more information about our activities on Down Grange Meadow, please call Marion Wolstencroft on (01256) 470171. Alternatively, send an email to kempshottconserve@tiscali.co.uk or visit us at www.kempshottconservationgroup.org.uk

WHAT A YEAR FOR RICHARD AT THE PORTSMOUTH ARMS

A summary of his achievements.

- 2020 Pride Of Basingstoke Winner
- 2020 Basingstoke & Dean Covid Community Response Winner
- 2020 Bill Heart of the Community Award
- 2020 Hampshire Pubs Soul of the Community Winner



- Guinness World Record
- 2020 Great British Pubs Charity Champion Winner
- Launched a weekly community market providing a life-line for small local businesses
- 2021 New Years Honours List BEM
- 2021 Pride of Basingstoke Winner
- 2021 Business in the Community Winner
- 2021 Community Pub Hero Awards Parliament Nomination Winner

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OLD DOWN AND BEGGARWOOD WILDLIFE GROUP

There was some welcome rain last month which perked up the cowslips on the meadows. But the display on Old Down is not really up to its usual standard – the top part of the meadow is looking lovely but not so the lower part. There appear to be so many more wild strawberries on the sites this spring – the white flowers look so pretty along the verges. Unfortunately last month there were frosts at night which has not been good for insects. Many will not have survived the frosts and already the effect can be seen in that there are definitely less

bees, butterflies and other insects around. In particular there are less moths and this is really bad for bats and some bird species. So it seems that this year there are likely to be fewer insects to pollinate the spring blossoms – such as apple and cherry. You may be aware of the recently approved planning permission for distribution warehouses at Oakdown and junction 7 M3. It is of great concern that Basingstoke Council has totally ignored the significant impacts this development will have on local biodiversity and the Nature Recovery Network and its own policies in respect of biodiversity, green

infrastructure and tackling climate change. Particularly disappointing is the fact that Basingstoke Council has approved the destruction of a woodland corridor of 67 mature oak trees, 3 mature beech trees and a further 13 oak trees. For decades these trees have been providing habitats to many species and are a core part of the local Nature Recovery Network and the development will block wildlife movement between some very old copses adjacent to the site. Surely if the development must go ahead, the retention of the trees could be a requirement of the permission. There is a petition asking that the Council debate the issue of the destruction of the trees. Perhaps you would be prepared to support this and sign the petition – it can be found on change.org/saveoakdownoaks.

Work Parties: For Old Down we meet outside Old Down Hall every Thursday 10-12 noon and for Beggarwood 10-12 noon on the first Tuesday of the month. Please come along. Check our website for up-dates.



Cowslips on Old Down



Wild Strawberry

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PROBUS HEARS ABOUT MEETING PRINCE PHILIP

Like most of the nation, following the passing of the Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh on 9th April, Probuss Club of Basingstoke member Stephen Thair was sure that he was not the only member with reminiscences of this man who had been present throughout his life. One memory was from many years ago and in a far-off land.

"I was fortunate to meet him briefly on the Queen's Silver Jubilee Tour of the Commonwealth in 1977, when I was working as a Barrister and Solicitor in the Department of Justice, in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea" explained Stephen. "With my wife, Margaret, we had arrived there in April 1975, and so were able to watch some of the ceremonies when the country achieved independence in September that year, when Prince Charles came to do the honours, so to speak."

At the time of the Silver Jubilee Tour, he was running a Junior Scout Troup of mainly expatriate boys (the PNG equivalent of a Cub Pack) with another leader, an Australian Scouter called Geoff. The final engagement of the Queen and Prince Philip in Papua New Guinea before they left for the next leg of their journey was to inspect an assembly of PNG Scouts and Guides. They were lined up for the royal inspection in a giant horse-shoe on the Murray Barracks' parade ground in Port Moresby, with the Guides forming one side of the horse-shoe, and the Scouts the other.

The Scouts and Guides being well-organised were all in position for I am, when the inspection was due to commence, with the pipe band of the

Pacific Islands Regiment behind them. However, I am came and went, with no sign of the royal party. The tropical sun rose ever higher in the sky over the parade ground, and it was, to say the least, very hot. Eventually, at around midday, the Queen and Prince Philip and their escort arrived. The Pacific Islands Regiment band began to play, and the Queen and Prince Philip began their inspections, accompanied in each case by the great and the good of PNG Guiding and Scouting.

"Our troop was in line with me at one end of it, and Geoff at the other end. We had other Scout Groups either side of us. Prince Philip and his party were about two groups away from us on the inspection, when the boy standing next to Geoff fainted because of the heat, and Geoff had to carry him off to the shade of a tree where fortunately he revived. However, by then Prince Philip had arrived at our Group, and so Geoff missed out, and I was the only representative for him to speak to."

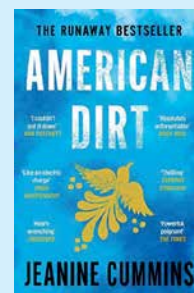
"Prince Philip asked me what I was doing in the country and when I had explained, he asked if I was enjoying it – which I was – and then moved on. He was perfectly pleasant to me. I had been a bit anxious as my father had told me a story of a solicitor friend of his who had been introduced to Prince Philip at an event of some kind, and when he replied to a question from Prince Philip as to what he did, received the comment "Oh no, not another b* * * * y solicitor!".

Thus, another interesting PNG experience drew to a close. Stephen always felt marginally guilty that Geoff missed out on a Prince Philip encounter, although in fairness it could just as easily have been the boy next to him who fainted!



APRIL MEETING

This month we read 'American Dirt' written by Jeanine Cummins and what a read it was ! We all agreed it was not



a book we would have chosen to read had we judged it on the title, cover and jacket notes but it was completely unputdownable!

The story commenced with a very violent attack leaving Lydia and her young son Luca with no option but to flee their happy family life in Acapulco and head for the USA and safety from the drug cartel. We followed their journey with our hearts in our mouths not quite believing the hardships they had to endure along the way. Some of us followed their journey on maps and looked at YouTube clips of their daring train rides. In fact 19 readers scored this book very highly giving it many 10s and taking it straight to the top beating last month's read and scoring an average of 9.34. We really recommend this read.

This book caused much controversy when it was first published in America as people felt it should only have been written by someone who had been through the experience of that journey.



Next month's read is far gentler and set in our local area. 'A Single Thread' by Tracy Chevalier follows the life of Violet trying to start a new life

after the First World War by moving to Winchester and becoming a member of the cathedral embroiderers. I think many readers will enjoy the local references . Read along with us and follow us @Beggarwood Bookworms on Facebook.



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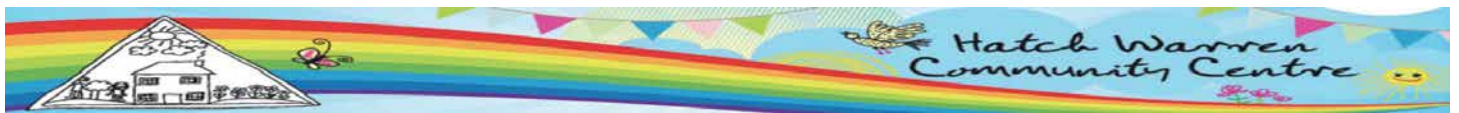
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NOTICE of AGM Meeting via ZOOM
7:30pm Wednesday 9th June 2021

We are excited to announce that this years AGM will be held via Zoom to enable the whole community to be involved in these difficult times. You are invited to attend a short meeting to support the trustees of Hatch Warren & Beggarwood Community Association. The charity exists to provide, run and manage Hatch Warren & Beggarwood Community Centres and to provide social and educational facilities to improve the conditions of life for the residents of the community of postcodes RG22 and RG23. An update of our achievements and our plans for the future of HWBCA will be reviewed.

HWBCA are now responsible for 2 community facilities and we have a lot of dedicated people who have given up their time, but we still need all of you to continue to support your centre. We need a minimum of 25 HWBCA members to achieve quorum, to vote on the night to keep us going for another year, don't assume someone else will turn up on the night. We can't survive without YOU! Membership renewal is easy and costs £10 per year per family.

Below is the registration details for the event. You will need to register in advanced to receive the meeting invitation.

You are invited to a Zoom meeting. When: Jun 9 2021 07:30 PM

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register?ZcdeyhrTkoHN2ySeEqQQVcGzeT13SR0U1>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting

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Activities Schedule:

Fridays 6pm -7.45 pm, school years 6, 7 and 8

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| 4 th June | Laser Tag and Toasties |
| 11 th June | Slime and Milkshakes |
| 18 th June | Scavenger Hunt and Nachos |
| 25 th June | Nerf War and Ice Cream Sundaes |
| 2 nd July | Just Dance, Dodgeball and Chicken Burgers |
| 9 th July | Chalk Pavement Art, Rounders and Popcorn |
| 16 th July | Temporary Tattoos, Human Hungry Hippos and Cake Decorating |
| 23 rd July | SUMMER STREETZ BEGINS - PROGRAMME TO BE ANNOUNCED. |

We are so happy to be able to welcome you all back to The Warren. We have so many fun activities planned to get your weekends started with a bang!

Please remember currently we are not open access and we ask that you please book your slot if you wish to join our younger sessions. (school years 6-8). Also a polite reminder everyone is required to wear face coverings indoors (unless medically exempt). We hope to soon be able to adjust these requirements in line with government guidance.

Older Sessions

We will be open Fridays 8pm-9.30pm for school years 9 and above. If you want to play pool, Air hockey or just want somewhere to hang out come on down. No need to book, just ensure you bring your details to enable us to track and trace and don't forget your face masks!

We can also offer you free confidential advice on a range of issues including contraception, pregnancy testing, drugs and alcohol.

For the latest info please keep an eye on our Facebook and Instagram pages or email our Youth Manager Vicky: vicky@hatchwarren.org



May was a difficult month for the club to meet as the weather had been so cold for meetings outside.

However, we met up with 30 members at the Portsmouth Arms for a drink and chips.

Thankfully it didn't rain.

We have met as a youth club at Hatch Warren and enjoyed football, pool and chatting under the gazebo while slices of hot pizza are cooked.

We booked a table at the Spruce Goose. This brought great excitement to be going out for a meal again. Watch out for more photos next month.

For support please call Dilys on 07939532667



SUMMER STREETZ IS COMING!

We are so excited to confirm Summer Streetz will be back! Throughout the summer holidays we will be open two nights a week instead of one. Twice the nights, twice the fun! Keep your eyes peeled for more information coming real soon!

A little reminder..

It has been so long since we were open, we thought we'd take you on a trip down memory lane with some throwback photos.





Hatch Warren
Under Fives Preschool

HATCH WARREN UNDER FIVES

We're now into the last couple of months of our preschool year at Hatch Warren Under Fives – the year has flown by.

Over the last few weeks, and up until the end of the school year, we are putting lots of work into school readiness for our older children. Each day we are having fun with activities to promote number recognition, personal and social skills, listening and understanding, and health and self care to name a few.

One of our themes this term has been transport, we spent two weeks with our role-play corner as a garage and the children used lots of tools to fix the cars and bikes.

The children also loved driving toy cars through the gloopy messy tray and then taking them outside to clean up at the car wash – great fun! And on the art tables the children painted some great traffic light pictures. Staying with the theme of transport, we learnt the Makaton signs for boat and train. We plan our themes around the children's interests each week, so coming up next we have dinosaurs.

In our rising 5 sessions we have continued with the Gruffalo and the children have been very creative with making Gruffalo face sandwiches, using different fruits and cheeses. We also set up a preschool cinema to watch the Gruffalo movie – complete with popcorn and milkshake! Next up in Rising Fives is Jack and the Beanstalk so

we'll be growing beans and measuring big and small.

We were very excited to have our first visitor into preschool for a very long time! The lollipop lady came into visit and taught the children all about crossing the road safely. The children asked some great questions and practised crossing on our very own zebra crossing.

As a charity run preschool, we usually hold lots of fund raising events through the year. Covid-19 has prevented us from running our usual events, but we're really excited that in June we will be having our sponsored obstacle course race – which is just like a mini sports day! Some of the children will be changing independently into their PE kits as part of their school preparation, and then parents will be cheering them around our super fun obstacle course.

This month we also celebrate Father's Day. This year the children are organising a bring and buy sale. They will be donating gifts for the sale, and then be independently choosing their very own present for Daddy to give him for Father's Day.

WE ARE ENROLLING NOW FOR SEPTEMBER 2021 – to enquire about a space at Hatch Warren Under Fives, please contact our Manager, Angela, on 01256 322788 or email preschoolmail@aol.com.

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. You can also take a virtual tour of our preschool in the video section.

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

www.hatchwarrenunderfives.co.uk

DANDELIONS PRE-SCHOOL

Its been a great start to the summer term. We have been looking at understanding the world and have been creating lots of wonderful science experiments.

We have made clouds using shaving foam, water and food colouring and a skittles rainbow, slime and even a volcano using coca cola and mints, creating much excitement amongst the children. The children have been using magnets and searching for objects hidden under rice.

Today we have looked at life cycles and tadpoles to frogs and caterpillars to butterflies. We planted some cress seeds for the children to take home and watch it grow.

We have also been looking at personal hygiene and continuing to enforce hand washing and showing the children how germs stay on our hands using black pepper and soap. The children enjoyed sharing their experiences of going to the dentist and how important brushing our teeth twice a day is.

With our Lions off to start school in September we have been focusing on independence and practising to take coats on and off and shoes and socks and being independent with their lunches.

Our Cubs have been focusing on recognising colours. We created a colour hunt in our outside area and the children had a wonderful time. As we searched for our treasures we sang the rainbow song and learnt the Makaton signs for the colours of the rainbow.

We have limited spaces available therefore if your child was born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 please do contact us for a registration form or to book a visit on

01256 818857 or alternatively e-mail info@dandelions-preschool.org.uk



DANDELIONS

HATCH WARREN UNDER FIVES

CANDOVER VALLEY



CANDOVER VALLEY PRE-SCHOOL

Hello from CVP in Preston Candover!

The children are currently having so much fun outdoors in the pre-school garden. They love playing with the tiny fairy world, making potions with coloured water and natural resources as well as using the "mud kitchen" to cook chocolate brownies and chocolate broccoli!

Open-ended activities such as these offer opportunities for children to make choices, to follow their own ideas and how to work successfully with others as well as involving lots of fantastic communication and maths.

We have started adult-led activities for the school leaver children, and they have been practising writing their names. We will also be getting changed for PE 'lessons' soon. These are all helpful tips for going to school.

Our Forest Leaders are out with the children at our Forest sessions on Monday afternoons and Thursday mornings, exploring and learning about nature. They have been using ribbons to wrap around sticks, some creating their very own light sabres!

If you are interested in coming to view the Pre-School, please contact us for a Socially Distanced Show Around. We are still also offering our usual Settling-In sessions and Garden Visits for parents to meet their child's Key Person, ensuring children feel confident and happy when they start with us. We also offer 15 and 30 hour funded places. You can find lots of photos and information via our website or our Google listing online.

We look forward to welcoming you soon!
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Lisa Collison

CUCKOO MEADOW PRESCHOOL

Hello from Cuckoo Meadow Pre-School! The summer term has started off with the children bringing in photos of themselves as babies, so that we can discuss growing up and also make a display in our nursery room. The children have had full length silhouettes drawn, have been weighed and have made hand and feet stamps (with MUCH toe tickling!!) But the children aren't the only things we will enjoy watching grow - we will soon have our very own Pre-School caterpillars living with us, ready for the children to see them transform like

magic. And to finish off the theme, we are all are growing mustard seeds and cress, and soon will work on planting runner beans from a bag which should be a lot of fun – and with a bit of luck will enable some delicious and nutritious meals!

Finally the big excitement of this term is that, every Tuesday, Rugby Tots will be coming to teach our children on the meadow, hopefully in this glorious sunshine.... We have never felt more lucky to have such a vast expanse of green on our doorstep, not forgetting the playground of course.

Talking of luck, we also invite you to take part in the Cuckoo Meadow Pre-School lottery. This lottery has been set up specifically to raise money and make a difference for our children. It's a fantastic way to bring parents, carers, teachers and the wider community together, in partnership with our Pre-School, and at the same time give something back. Visit www.YourSchoolLottery.co.uk and search for: Cuckoo Meadow Pre-School.

Lastly, may we please ask again that you continue to support us – and thanks so much to the parents (past and present) and community members who have been in touch. Please do consider us on www.smile.amazon.co.uk and www.easyfundraising.org.uk.

Allocating 'Cuckoo Meadow Pre-School' as your nominated charity on either of these platforms will mean that shops such as John Lewis, Argos and many more donate a % of your purchase price directly to our Pre-School – and at no extra admin for you!

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

SUMMER BECKONS AND ACTIVITIES COME TO LIFE

We've Organised New Outdoor Activities - Come and Join Us!

Men and women members are coming together from June to play walking football at Everest Community Centre, with walking netball and rounders at Popley Fields. For new members, there's a reduced membership fee of £10/£7.50 for just the summer, for which you can take on as many activities as you want. You can also join us for walking, cycling, playing croquet and walking 'with our cameras'.



And we're still 'Getting Together' Indoors safely too

Do keep an eye on Facebook or our website as well; we will gradually be opening up more active indoor activities, when regulations allow. And our Excursions & Holidays group has plans well under way.

For those of us who enjoy less energetic pastimes, technology still keeps us chatting to each other.

Groups are busy 'touring' museums and galleries, quizzing, and practising calligraphy. Others are discussing books, poetry, science, or learning a new language (with four to choose from!) Some members are sharing their art work, writing, sewing, knitting and patchwork. Others are researching their family history or playing bridge. All these activities come with your membership fee too.

If you're not on-line

Hopefully one of these outdoor activities might interest you. As the weather warms, lunching, arts and music groups can re-emerge into gardens. Please phone if you'd like more details of what might be available. A warm welcome awaits!

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PARTY BOOKINGS!

As the roadmap to recovery is looking positive, we are happy to confirm we are taking bookings for hall hire which are dated after 21st June.

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Lucy Watson

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BASINGSTOKE VOLUNTARY ACTION

June 1st to 7th is Volunteers' Week and we are seeking nominations for two of your superstar volunteers. We do not set criteria – all volunteers are special. Anything that makes your two volunteers "outstanding" means that you can nominate them. Previous recipients have included school governors, those helping with the elderly, the young, the environment, people helping others with disabilities and a whole lot more. Their ages range from 14 to 91! Normally we would hold an afternoon tea to celebrate the amazing contributions volunteers make to the community however, this year as we are sure you will appreciate we will not be doing this. Instead nominees will receive a letter of thanks from the Mayor and a small token of appreciation for all their hard work.

We would also like to showcase the marvellous work of volunteers so if you or your nominees would be willing to make a video, write a piece about volunteering or record an interview we would love to hear from you. Please email us on contact@bvaction.org.uk or ring 01256 423816 Closing date for nominations is Tuesday 25th May at 12 noon.

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH, DUMMER

We are looking for an organist to help out in our local church: All Saints' Church, Dummer, just off Junction 7 of the M3.

Sunday services are at 9.45am on the 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month - Morning Prayer (with Matins once a quarter) and Communion - and last just under an hour. We have a small friendly congregation that enjoys singing and would very much like an organist to lead the three or four hymns per service and play introits, extroits etc. Our previous organist has retired. There is no choir. If commitment to only one Sunday is possible we can discuss which is preferable. We are very flexible.

The organ has two manuals and is pleasant to play. We fully recognise the need to pay properly for the expertise and commitment and invite you to contact us as soon as possible if you think you might be able to help.

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SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

Good bye

As I sit down to write this article, I find myself asking where has the time gone? I have been at Immanuel for nearly two years. I only had nine months in the parish before the first lockdown started and then the church had to stop public worship. I am so thankful to my husband Nigel and his gifts of creating videos as this enabled us to have our weekly online service, Worship@home. They do not teach you at theological college how to minister in a pandemic but I learnt as I went along. I have loved my time here getting to know you all and working in the community and with Marcus the bear, I had the privilege of being involved in the life of St Mark's school. Through the lockdowns I have enjoyed creating assembly videos and meeting parents and children on the school gates on Monday and Tuesday mornings.

It is with a heavy heart that I will be leaving Immanuel Church at the end of this month. I have been offered and accepted a post as the Incumbent of the United Benefice of St Stephen's North Mundham with Merston and St Leodegar's Hunston in the Diocese of Chichester. I will be licensed to my new post on the 1 July. I am aware that some people think Immanuel Church will be closing but this is not the case. Over the coming months, the Diocese of Winchester are looking to create a new single parish that unites Immanuel Church, Hatch Warren and Beggarwood with St Mark's in Kempshott. The Revd Nicola Such, who is currently Vicar at St Mark's Church, will be the Vicar. I pray that together the two churches can find a new way forward that continues to build on the close relationship that Immanuel Church has with the community and St Mark's School.

As I look to the future and new beginnings I will take with me so many precious memories of my time here. I have an ever growing list of things I need to do before we move at the end of the month, yet in all the stress, challenges and upheaval, I know God is right in the centre of it all, encouraging and equipping myself and my family for all that lies ahead. Our lives can be transformed in ways that we could never imagine when we know the love of God. We are all on a life-long journey with so much more still to experience. My prayer for all of us, is that we continue to draw closer to God in confidence and faith.

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- Do you know what a PPG is ?
- Do you belong to the Camrose, Gillies and Hackwood (CGH) doctors surgery ?

We suspect many of you do not know what that three-letter acronym stands for, so we'd like to introduce ourselves !

The Patient Participation Group (PPG) are a group of 18 volunteer patients and carers who meet formally every two months with practice representatives from the Camrose, Gillies and Hackwood Partnership (CGH).

We discuss and share information and feedback in a very constructive and collaborative two-way dialogue.

Our primary purpose is :

- To be a representative voice of patients in raising relevant issues to the practice.
- To contribute towards continual improvement in the services provided by the practice.

We also meet informally once a month, currently via Zoom.

We share **anonymous feedback** and conversations we have had from patients, discuss what is working well, what needs to be improved and agree strategy and what items should be put on the agenda for the next formal meeting with the practice.

We want to hear from you

In order to represent patients, you need to know we exist, and we need to get feedback from you.

You may contact the PPG for any practice operational matter you wish to raise.

IMPORTANT NOTE - Please do not contact the PPG if the matter refers to a medical condition or a clinical matter.

- What is working well at the surgery ? - What should we continue and enhance ?
- What is not working so well ? - What needs to be investigated and improved ?

Please visit the patient survey on the practice web site and take a moment to fill it in

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Would you like to join us ?

We are always on the lookout for new volunteers who are passionate about helping your community and improving medical services. We want to be fully representative of our patient population and do not currently have representatives from Young adults and Young mothers.

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This is somewhere really different to go for a snack or light lunch with great coffee.

As the address suggests, the Yard is a converted 19th century cattle barn within the confines of Chilton Manor Farm. Driving down the B3046 from Farleigh Wallop it is easy to miss the small sign and the satnav wanted to go about 200 metres beyond the right turn into the farm track.

Visiting on the Saturday before the relaxation of lockdown rules meant that there were no internal tables but a large, tented, gazebo had been installed literally outside in the yard complete with lighting and electric heaters. We were thankful that it gave good cover and comfort against the persistent rain. However, by the time the Rabbiter goes to press they will have resumed the inside seating arrangements.

Only open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 9.00 am – 4.00 pm they have started hosting events evenings and the whole building can be booked for private occasions.

The Yard has a simple menu offering dependent on whether it is after 12 noon when they stop serving breakfast. We had sourdough toasties, with Madam having cheese and leek and I had ham and cheese. Two almond croissants and two Americanos completed what turned out to be quite a substantial meal for £22. There were many delicious looking cakes to tempt customers as well as a well-stocked ice cream selection.

An adjacent building is home to Moonroast the specialist coffee roasters.

The Yard is clearly popular with the cycling fraternity as there was at least a dozen there with Lycra shorts, crash helmets and tinted sunglasses while their machines were kept tidy in a bike rack. Even on a rainy day there was a steady stream of customers, many with young children and dogs but as the car park is at least 100 metres away hopefully the rain will have stopped when we visit again, which without a doubt we will.



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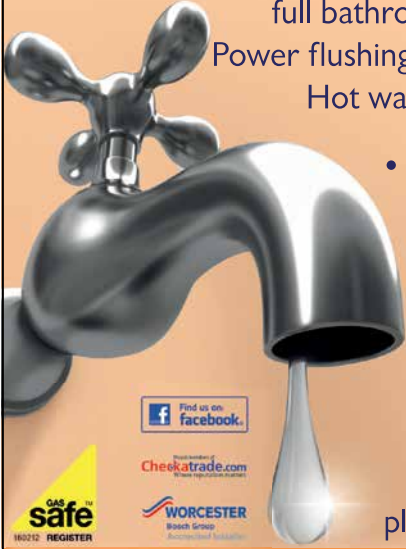
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