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EDITORIAL

Autumn is upon us. The trees are turning beautiful shades of red, orange and yellow. The central heating is being turned on and the days become shorter and shorter. The annual Hatch Warren Fireworks Spectacular is scheduled for Saturday 6 November. Don't forget to buy your tickets early – see page 14 for details. A big thank you to Sainsbury's for allowing the use of their car park for parking on that evening. But please remember, not everyone loves the bangs and flashes of fireworks – especially our four footed friends.

It is only seven weeks till Christmas and so now is the time to start your planning. There is a Christmas Market at the Hatch Warren Community Centre on Sunday 28th November – see page 14. Sainsbury's are now taking orders for your Christmas dinner – see page 5. Fancy joining in the annual Carol Singing – 16 December is the date to put in your diary.

The monthly Community Lunch is back and takes place on the first Wednesday of each month – 12.15 – 1.15pm at the Café in the Park. A great place to meet up with friends and enjoy a good lunch – where else can you get jacket spud with cheese, beans, salad and a cuppa for £4?

As the nights draw in it might be time to get out the books you have been meaning to read all summer. Beggarwood Bookworms meet each month to discuss their latest read – see page 11. The members developed during lockdown into an amazing group of people who provided support to one another during lockdown. So if you enjoy a good book, why not join them?

As many of you will be aware, our Parish has now merged with Kempshott although both Immanuel Church and St Marks will continue to hold regular services, see page 19.

The Rabbiter is the community newsletter for everyone in Hatch Warren, Beggarwood and Kempshott Rise. It is delivered free to every household by our wonderful team of deliverers. It is an ideal way to get your news and views, events and information to the local area. You can sell your unwanted goodies via the Free Ads, tell people about what is happening and even highlight issues – such as the inconsiderate car parking, speeding traffic or lack of facilities. The Rabbiter is your newsletter. Contact us at newsdesk@therabbiter.biz.

Editor

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

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In line with previous events, please refrain from walking across our petrol station forecourt. The safety of our colleagues and customers is our number one concern.

Nectar Prices

Nectar Prices is now available for customers using the Smart Shop App.

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Neighbourly Food Donations

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Helping Everyone Eat Better

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BASINGSTOKE U3A

All our new members are to be invited to a meeting, alongside our monthly get-together on November 10th, also at Queen Mary's Hall (QMC). As groups join together at these monthly meetings, you're sure to find someone interested in the same activities as you and happy to help. basingsstokeu3aenquiries@gmail.com

RUNNING GROUP

So you can finish a parkrun without walking. But you would like to get a bit quicker. We run a twice weekly training session, Tuesday and Thursday, at 10am. It is completely free and is run by English Athletics qualified coaches. We use various locations around Basingstoke such as the War Memorial park, Old Down at Kempshott, and Down Grange.

We welcome adults of any age - our oldest participant is in his 80s - provided that you don't have a medical condition that precludes you taking part. Some of our current group can get round parkrun under 20 minutes, others take around 50, with everything in between.

You can do sessions as they suit you. There is no need to commit to a group of sessions - just book in and turn up.

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LIVING IN THIS 'ONLINE' WORLD

Are you finding it increasingly difficult to live in this 'online' world? You are not alone.

As a charity supporting Disabled people in Basingstoke we are seeing a sharp increase in the digital divide, of older people and those with a disability being 'left behind'.

Basingstoke & District Disability Forum (BDDF)'s services are all free and available to anyone with a disability, visible or invisible. If you feel you will benefit from what we do, then we are here to help you.

Since the outbreak of the pandemic services have been forced to move online, not just for BDDF but for every charity and business in the world. For people who do not have access to a computer, this can be a very lonely, isolating experience.

At BDDF we are working hard to reach our members who do not have computer skills, or who are lacking digital confidence. During September and October, we have been running a five-week basic IT course at the Basingstoke Discovery Centre. Our learners are discovering how to send emails, safely shop online, join video calls so that they can see loved ones, and search the web.

Some of our learners didn't have access to any technology at home, so we teamed up with BVA's Reboot IT scheme to offer free refurbished laptops to those who would otherwise not have the means to buy one. We have some more funding to help more Disabled and older people to get connected. If you or someone you know

needs our help, please contact us on 01256 423869 or email info@bddf.org.uk. As soon as we have enough people interested, we will work with our partners to deliver a further basic IT course to teach them the skills they need to get online. For those who simply could not afford to buy a computer we will refer them to obtain one free of charge, subject to availability.

SCHOOL PARKING

Irresponsible parking around both our schools at St Mark's and Hatch Warren Primary are making life difficult and dangerous for the residents and children during drop off and pick up times. Highwood Ridge, The Cornfields, Gershwin Road and Hatch Warren Lane are most affected. We have facilitated parking for these schools at the Hatch Warren Community Centre and Portsmouth Arms have kindly offered their car parks. Please use them and be kind to the residents who are affected by the irresponsible parking.

I would also urge them to walk their children to school for their own and their children's health. We need to be kind and respect the tranquility, peace and safe roads for the residents who live near these schools.

Best regards stay safe

Cllr Dan Putty JP

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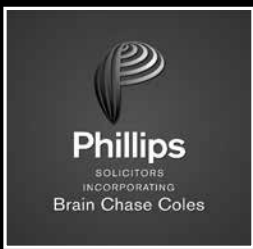
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LEAVE A GIFT FOR CHARITY



Lucy Watson

Whilst many Christmas presents will be forgotten as soon as they have been unwrapped, there is a festive gift that can make a big difference – leaving a legacy to a charity.

Three quarters of Britons regularly give to charity in their lifetimes, but only 6% include a charity when writing a Will.

Without this source of income many charities would have to cut important services and some could not exist.

Lucy Watson, who heads the Wills and Probate team at Phillips Solicitors, said: "Charities rely on both regular donations and legacies in Wills to be able to continue their good work. Leaving money to charity in your Will can make a huge difference and what a wonderful way to ensure that your legacy lives on after you've gone."

"It is especially important to think of charities at the moment when so many of their normal fundraising avenues have been cancelled with the coronavirus pandemic."

Donations can be as small or as large as you wish,

as every gift makes a difference. A gift made to a UK registered charity is also inheritance tax free.

"If your estate is large enough to be chargeable to inheritance tax, gifts to charity will reduce not just the overall amount of tax paid by the rest of your estate but may also reduce the rate of tax, resulting in your family getting the most of their inheritance," explained Lucy.

"If you are looking to leave money to a charity you may well consider Sebastian's Action Trust, which is Phillips' charity of the year."

Sebastian's Action Trust provides emotional, social and practical care together with outreach and specialist support to families in Hampshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Surrey.

It also offers respite holidays to families from all over the UK at The Bluebells – the Trust's unique facility in North Waltham, just outside of Basingstoke.

For help in leaving a charitable legacy, or for any other Wills and Probate issues, please contact Lucy by emailing lucy.watson@phillips-law.co.uk or by calling 01256 854646.

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COUNCILLOR'S UPDATE

PETITION PRESENTATION: The pressure group CAGE (Clean Air, Green Environment) presented its petition on 14th October to the Borough Council, calling for the avenue of mainly oak trees at the entrance to the Oakdown Farm site to be saved. The petition amassed well over 100,000 signatures. The planning application for the Distribution Depots at Oakdown Farm would see these trees being felled. The application is being considered for a second time following arguments put forward by Dummer Parish Council about alleged wrong advice given to Councillors first time round. This remains one of the most contentious planning applications of recent years. If approval is given again, the matter is likely to be raised for a second time with the Secretary of State, asking him to call in the decision on the grounds of its potential impact on the new hospital.

CAR MEET: Local residents have (rightly) complained about the noise and disturbance caused by 'car meets' in Sainsbury's car park. The disturbance is caused by cars with exhausts tuned to create 'backfires' and by squealing tyres as the drivers perform stunts in car park. Social media were alive with demands for something to be done. I spoke with the manager of the supermarket and also wrote to the Police and Crime Commissioner. Following this, the Police issued a long statement. They confirmed that they are aware of an increase in anti-social behaviour during car meets across Basingstoke and they will do everything they can to control the situation. We can help by informing the Police if we become aware of any planned meets. They may then be able to use Antisocial Behaviour legislation to disperse the event. They will work with the Borough Council and have a plan to tackle nuisance behaviour as part of a combined effort involving local neighbourhood policing teams, response and patrol teams, and the roads policing unit who are assisting with road related anti-social behaviour.

ARCUS: The manager at Sainsbury's told me that the car park is managed by a third party company, Arcus. This is because there are multiple retailers operating from the site. I therefore wrote to Arcus, but received no response. I chased and received a puzzling reply: "This is a matter that you would need to raise directly with Sainsbury's as we are not responsible for

the management of car parks across the Sainsbury's estate." I am attempting to resolve this contradiction as I want to know what steps could be taken to stop the car meets, and have some suggestions to make. I have written again to Arcus in the hope of establishing a dialogue.

ANAEROBIC DIGESTER: I attended the Liaison Panel's most recent meeting on 28th September. The modifications to the plant have reduced, but not eliminated, odour leakage. The operators will continue to pursue improvements but further changes are likely to be marginal. They confirmed that the plant will not increase its capacity in the light of the national policy to introduce more waste food recycling.

WALK TO SCHOOL: October was designated the 'International Walk to School month'. Hampshire County Council encouraged parents to leave their cars for all, or part of the school run, and walk instead. This builds opportunities for exercise in the children's school day and improves air quality around schools. Walking would also help to ease pressures in areas like Hlghwood Ridge where parking associated with the school run is causing tensions. We are lucky in Hatch Warren and Beggarwood that the Community Association allows its car park to be used for St Mark's School and the Portsmouth Arms is similarly supportive of the Hatch Warren schools.

BEGGARWOOD SURGERY NEW OPERATOR: presentations have been received from potential new operators of the surgery, and a decision is expected imminently. Thelma Wiseman, Chair of the Patient Participation Group, offered comments on behalf of the patients.

BEGGARWOOD SURGERY PATIENTS' SURVEY: I attended the most recent Patient Participation Group meeting. It received a report on the annual patients' survey conducted between January and March this year. It shows that the practice is performing well in comparison with local Clinical Commissioning Group and national averages. The Practice scored 88% for 'overall experience as good'. There was a wish for patients to see their preferred GP more often. Overall, there has been a sustained year-on-year improvement in key areas including the ease of making an appointment and the feeling of trust that patients express in the attention they received.

WINTER JABS: the Beggarwood surgery is reporting a high take-up of the 'flu jabs'. COVID booster jabs are starting. I do encourage everyone to take up the jabs, which have done so much to help ease the lockdowns.

DEFIBRILLATORS: the new Defibrillator cabinets have now been installed outside both the Hatch Warren and Beggarwood Community Centres. I was pleased to use part of my County Councillor's devolved budget to augment the Community Association's crowd-funding initiative to get this life-saving equipment installed.

HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRE: in a month when the Borough Council has had to suspend green waste collections, Hampshire County Council relaxed restrictions on the use of the Recycling Centre in Wade Road. We are no longer limited to one visit per week. We still have to book slots but now we can visit more often.

PASS WIDE AND SLOW: I was pleased to meet the horses and riders taking part in the 'Pass Wide and Slow' ride. They set off from the road to Kennel Farm and on the way back came up Cliddesden Lane past the Portsmouth Arms. In wishing them well I offered a couple of thoughts: the person who taught me not to pass too close or quick to horses when I was learning to drive was my father, who grew up in a rural community, and not my driving instructor. There may be many drivers out there who have not received this advice. And today, with the advent of electric cars, it will be very easy for drivers to come up behind a horse and rider without them hearing, making it much easier to startle the horse as they pass. Please be careful!

REGISTER TO VOTE: The Borough Council's canvassers are visiting households to ensure that everyone eligible is registered to vote. Over 63% of households have already responded to its annual canvass and this is the time of year when in-person visits start to ensure the electoral register is up to date. Canvassers will be wearing Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council identification when they call: please make sure you register.

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September Meeting

At last we have been able to meet again in the Cafe in the Park! It was lovely to see everyone again. We began with a literary themed quiz and then discussed the book choice of 'Small Pleasures' by Clare Chambers. A strange tale of a housewife in the 1950s who was totally convinced she had experienced a virgin birth and was keen to tell her story to the local newspaper. The young journalist becomes very involved in the family's life and the tale becomes a sad love story.

An interesting read but we decided not a page turner although the ending was a total surprise!

We have also started a book swap table and are hoping to run raffles monthly in order to raise funds for the Community Centre.

Next month's novel is 'The Midnight Library' by Matt Haig. Our meeting is 3rd November at 7.30pm. We are currently asking members to book their free place via Eventbrite. New members are always welcome. Why not join us for coffee and cake and lots of book chat!





MAYOR IS GUEST OF HONOUR AT PROBUS CLUB

The Probuss Club of Basingstoke was honoured to receive a visit from the Worshipful the Mayor of Basingstoke & Deane BC, Cllr Onnalee Cubitt, joining the members for lunch at their regular meeting at the Test Valley Golf Club.

Cllr Cubitt told of her background in charity fund raising starting as a seventeen-year-old, encouraging Basingstoke businesses to make small financial contributions to support her work as a volunteer in Sri Lanka. With a business degree she entered the world of high finance working several years for Standard Chartered Bank, then tried her hand at estate agency, which she did not like, although her company car proved very beneficial for getting about in London being a black cab. These days she and her husband have a building business specialising in renovation work across north Hampshire and Berkshire.

With ambitions to be a Member of Parliament she applied to join David Cameron's list of potential candidates but was told that she could not progress as she had no political experience. Local politics beckoned and she has been a Basing councillor for many years.

Probuss President, David Wickens, presented Cllr Cubitt with a cheque for her selected charity appeal, the Community Furniture Trust and Friends of St Michael's Hospice.

Before lunch members had been entertained by speaker Jeoff Evans who traced the changing role of TV quiz shows over the years. Starting in 1938 with mental challenges, when TV returned in 1946 there was an updated version which was a trans-Atlantic quiz where London based panellists had a radio connection with participants in New York.

American TV, being commercial, attracted large audiences with quiz programmes that had large value prizes, but the BBC's charter would not allow it to follow suit and although they continued with quiz shows the prizes were either very modest or even non-existent. Shows like What's My Line and Brain of Britain then had to compete with the introduction, in 1955, of Independent Television who had Double Your Money, hosted by Hughie Green and Take Your Pick with Michael Miles. Trying to emulate the famous American quiz, The 64,000 Dollar Question, Hughie Green ran a show called The Sky's The Limit with the top prize being 64,000 sixpences.

The American Congress became involved setting regulations to overcome rigging allegations which was followed by UK television setting a £1,000 prize limit. The BBC then showed intellectual quizzes that had no monetary prize such as University Challenge, originally hosted by Bamber



Gascoigne, Six Form Challenge, Top of The Form, Ask the Family with Robert Robinson and in 1972, Mastermind hosted by Magnus Magnusson. The show's format was based on the interrogation of prisoners of war in a darkened room with a spot light. 1971 saw Sale of The Century, with Nicholas Parsons, The Golden Shot with Bob Monkhouse, Jim Bowen with Bull's Eye and in 1980 the BBC introduced The Question of Sport.

The prize limit was raised to £6,000 in the 1990s and by 1996 all prize limits were removed. This eventually led to Who Wants To Be A Millionaire which initially struggled to find a host channel as they thought showing four possible answers was too easy. 2009 saw The Chase, hosted from the start by Bradley Walsh, and now Beat The Chaser.

The speaker had been a contestant on Mastermind, Egg Heads and several others, and these days is a quiz question writer. Perhaps a role reversal of being today the game keeper and not the poacher.

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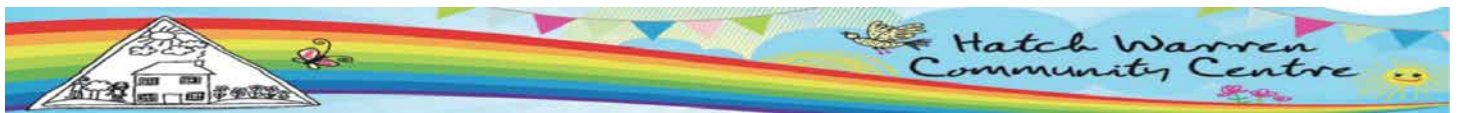
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Friday 12 th November	Dodgeball, Decorate a Rubik Cube and Milkshakes
Friday 19 th November	Sumo Suits, Make Your Own Stress Ball and Loaded Fries
Friday 26 th November	Human Hungry Hippos, Christmas Craft and Decorations. Plus, Nachos

We hope everyone is settled back into the new school year. September and October have been such fun with Sumo suit wrestling, top your own waffles and pizzas plus lots of our young people have been getting crafty!

But our Youth Workers do more than offer all the fun activities we run, they are also here to listen and give advice to all our young people.

In addition, now we are back up and running you will see we are able to reintroduce our emotional wellness and issue-based sessions for both our early and later sessions.

The first one, *Confidence Building*, is on *Friday November 5th*. If there is anything you would like us to cover, please contact us via email or the Facebook page or even speak to a Youth Worker during a session.

A great big thank you!

We just want to say a great big thank you to Clarion Housing for awarding us a grant as part of their Bounce Back scheme! We are so very grateful for your support.

As we are a charity, any donation or fundraising to us big or small ensures we can stay open and keep on offering a fun, safe and supportive environment for young people.

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



We have had a very successful Autumn; the members have enjoyed our first visit back to the Hollywood bowls in 18 months. This trip is always very popular because we visit McDonalds for a snack once we have finished at bowling. It can be very busy with 53 members in the restaurant, but the staff are used to us and make us very welcome. The Portsmouth Arms lent us their marquee to use for a meal and while we there, we booked our Christmas meal and disco.

Game Warehouse have offered to take 2 members into their employment for the busy Christmas period. With the exception of last year Game have always supported us and many of the club members have continued to work there after the Christmas.

Dates for the coming month

- November 1st Youth Club at Hatch Warren
- November 8th Bowling and McDonalds trip
- November 15th Youth Club at Hatch Warren
- November 22nd Pizza Hut
- November 29th Youth Club at Hatch Warren
- December 6th Portsmouth Arms for Christmas meal & disco
- December 16th The Anvil for the Pantomime



Older Sessions

Don't forget if you're in year 9 or above we are open 8pm-9.30pm every Friday! 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. We are now able to offer focused Emotional Wellness and Issue based sessions again. Our first will be *November 5th: Confidence Building*.



Hatch Warren
Under Fives Preschool

HATCH WARREN UNDER FIVES

We've had a great first half term at Hatch Warren Under Fives – some lovely new friendships have been made and our little ones have been getting to know each other with our "All About Me" topic. We've also been learning about autumn.

We've been making the most of the weather and our outdoor time and discovering all the autumn colours, patterns and the changes that we see in the environment as the seasons change. 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. We've used some of these resources to create our own lovely tree pictures. 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.



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 natural resources and old cardboard boxes to build hedgehog and animal houses. Hedgehog has also been one of our words to learn in our weekly Makaton signing lessons.

In our All About Me topic the children brought in family photos which we displayed around the room and the children told us all about their families. We also learnt about each other's favourite things and what we liked and what we disliked.

We are still busy with our weekly sessions of dough gym, write dance, makaton signing, yoga and cooking and our science experiments are still going strong too.

Coming up in our next half term we will be getting creative with clay when we celebrate Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights, and with bonfire night coming up we'll be using lots of colour to create our own fireworks and will be exploring lots of sounds for firework night too.

We 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.

CANDOVER VALLEY PRE-SCHOOL

Hello from CVP!

Just a reminder that we currently offer:

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What a lovely start to Autumn we have had at CVP! Lots of Autumnal art experiences and painting outdoors which have been so much fun! The little ones have been listening to The Gingerbread Man story, busy baking and decorating Gingerbread Men.

Come rain or shine we have been at the forest school sessions. The children have been enjoying The Gruffalo, making bird feeders, looking for bugs, and playing with mud and water.

Visitors are always very welcome so if you would like to see Pre-School please contact us to arrange a visit.

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Lisa Collisson

CUCKOO MEADOW PRESCHOOL

Hello from Cuckoo Meadow Pre-School! Term has started at full pelt with children and teachers alike excited to get started. The first few weeks included introducing our newest pupils to our setting and welcoming

existing pupils back. We have enjoyed visits from Caterpillar Music with Emma, and all the children have loved bringing items in from home again for Show and Tell. Finally, we have been getting thoroughly stuck into new toys in our spruced up Pavilion.

Huge thanks to all our volunteers who kindly painted the fence and exterior of our building over the summer, and some of you may have spotted our brand new notice board, kindly provided by the North Waltham Village Trust. It took a lot of work – and paint – to make it look as brilliant as it does now, and we could not have done it without the village. Big thanks as well to our local B&Q who provided the paint and brushes.

Of course we cannot forget The Big Lunch on Sunday 12th September. Great fun was had by all – the Pre-school organised the Hook-a-Duck stand, a craft stand which had sand art and glitter tattoos and a 'nearly new' toy sale. Huge thanks to all those who volunteered to help man these stands and donate items for the toy stall. It was a great team effort and so lovely to see so many of the village and wider community together - over £500 was raised which is fantastic.

Last but not least, we are looking for a new Financial Administrator/book keeper. If you have experience and would like further detail on the job description, please contact Jo or Fiona at the Pre-School.

To find out more please contact Jo or Fiona on 01256 398172.

DANDELIONS PRESCHOOL

As we settle into the term we have been focusing on "in the moment planning". Here at Dandelions Pre-school we believe that children learn best when they are following their interests in an open-ended environment. Each individual child's learning and development matters to us and that is why we do not plan ahead, instead we choose to join the child "in the moment" as they explore the environment.

We observe children in their play and spot "teachable moments" we then join their play and extend their learning, therefore teaching "in the moment". These moments are the most perfect opportunity to develop children.

The children have settled into our new environment and are enjoying exploring and building new adventures

Our sponsored event this term is an Autumn Treasure Hunt around the grounds.

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We will be busy exploring and seeking out treasure to raise funds to continue enhancing the Pre-school environment. Our AGM is being held on Thursday 18th November at 7.30 via Zoom

This is an opportunity for all of our parents to learn about the Preschools successes/challenges that have been faced throughout the year and what our plans are going forward.

Spaces are filling up fast and we are building our waiting lists for the next two years so please do contact us for a registration form if you would like to consider us for your child's early years on 01256 818857 or alternatively e-mail info@dandelions-preschool.org.uk

CAMROSE, GILLIES AND HACKWOOD PPG

As with all GP practices, CGH is currently experiencing high levels of demand for all services. To ensure you are seen within the appropriate time frame, please use E-consult for non-urgent matters. If you require medical attention more urgently, please contact the surgery on 01256 479747, or go in to Reception where someone will be able to help you. If CGH is closed, please ring 111 for assistance. For anything life threatening, always ring 999.

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Click on the 'Parents' balloon and then: New Year R Parent Tours for Admissions September 2022 and follow the links on this page.

In the meantime, you can also access our 360 degree tour and our Promotional Video by going to the same website page as above and clicking the links provided.

If you have a child with special educational needs please make us aware when booking online so we can arrange to talk to you more specifically.

Please telephone the school if you wish to find out more about us (01256 350313)

We look forward to seeing you!

LIGHT UP A LIFE RETURNS FOR 2021

St. Michael's Hospice are delighted to invite you to their Light up a Life Celebration, taking place on Sunday 5th December at 6pm within the Hospice grounds.

The event will feature a host of festive activities including Christmas carols and music performed by local choirs and the Basingstoke Silver Band, along with warming mulled wine and delicious mince pies. The event is completely free of charge to attend and open to all, not just those who have been touched by the Hospice's care.

The event is the culmination of the Hospice's Light up a Life appeal, with supporters invited to dedicate a star in their virtual sky to remember and celebrate the life of someone special. Each star can feature a photo and a personalised message to be viewed online at any time. If you choose to donate £10 or more, a long-lasting wooden star will be posted out to you to write the name of your loved one and keep in a special place to you.

To find out more about attending or to dedicate a star to the Hospice's sky, please visit: www.stmichaelsospice.org.uk. If you would like to speak to a member of the fundraising team about making your dedication, please call 01256 848848 or email events@stmichaelsospice.org.uk.



NEW HEIGHTS FOR OUR U14s GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM!

For this article, I was lucky enough to interview Miss Paterson (Deputy Head of Year 8 and PE teacher) about the recent girls' football fixture against Sherfield school.

Brighton Hill Community School history was made on Thursday 30th September in the under 14 girls' football National Cup. It's the first time Brighton Hill have got this far in such a huge tournament which is great news for the school. We played against Sherfield school and achieved a really impressive 6-0 win with Maia in Year 9 scoring five of those goals. She was also awarded player of the match, so really great work from her!

Miss Paterson said, "My favourite part about the game was that the girls



demonstrated some of our school values fantastically. Their teamwork was on point throughout, they were committed, they were collaborating, and they just worked really hard together, so they got the outcome they deserved".

She added, "It was a chance to use our new school kit, which was donated by Hatch Warren Phoenix, so a huge thank you to them who made us look like a team that was ready to win. We're really excited

to go into round three which is an away game in the next couple of weeks. We will either be at Leighton Park in Reading or in Oxford. We are really excited, and we hope we can get another win." Good luck to all of the girls on the team!"

Our return to school has seen the launch of the Student Council with representatives voted by students from each tutor group. A student councillor will tell the ideas of their tutor group of how to improve the school. They meet up with their Heads of Year and Deputy Head of Year to explain the ideas of the tutor group and they will then consider the idea. We will have categories of ideas. For the moment it is charities. Students can tell their representative their idea and they will tell that to their leader.

Anna B and Jeremie C, Student Journalists @ BHCS

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Sunday 8th May 2022

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT IMMANUEL CHURCH AND ST MARK'S CHURCH

- Sun 5th Dec- 3pm- Christingle service at Immanuel
- Sun 12th Dec- 10.30am- Nativity for all ages at St Mark's
6pm- Carols by Candlelight at Immanuel
- Sun 19th Dec- 6pm- Carol service at St Mark's
- Fri 24th Dec- 3pm- Crib service at Immanuel
11.30pm- Midnight communion at Immanuel
- Christmas Day- 9.30am- all age communion at St Mark's



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THE NEW BEGGARWOOD SURGERY PPG

COMMUNITY NEWS

A defibrillator has now been installed outside the Beggarwood Community Centre. This has been the result of a successful crowdfunding campaign which raised £1000. County Councillor Stephen Reid has also contributed from his County Council budget. A notice will be put up outside the surgery to inform people where it is located.

Maria Miller M.P. – Healthier Communities meeting – 2nd September 2021

This meeting was called by Maria Miller MP and attended by representatives from Hampshire, Southampton and Isle of Wight Clinical Commissioning Group, (CCG) Beggarwood Practice Patient Participation Group (PPG) and members of the wider Beggarwood community.

Attendance was rather low which may suggest that the overall satisfaction of the local services provided by Beggarwood surgery was at least satisfactory if not above average? The meeting was centred mainly around the upcoming change of provider for the Beggarwood surgery. The CCG, who will appoint the new provider, took note of the desire from the PPG and residents that the incoming provider should be locally based and community focused, be staffed by permanent doctors and nurses and hopefully retain the existing team at Beggarwood. The CCG's decision will be announced in late October.

The PPG asked Maria Miller if she would contact the Secretary of State for Health to put forward the idea of making it mandatory that PPGs become part of the procurement process when their practices are taken over. Ms Miller agreed to do that and the PPG will follow this up with her in a couple of months.

SURGERY UPDATE Patient Survey

The PPG also received a report on the independent annual patients' survey conducted between January and March this year. The survey highlighted that Beggarwood Surgery was ranked in the top 25 surgeries in Hampshire. It shows that the practice is performing well in comparison with the CCG and national averages. The practice scored 88% for 'overall experience as good'. There was a wish for patients to see their preferred GP more often. Overall, there has been a sustained year-on-year improvement in key areas including the ease of making an appointment and the feeling of trust that patients feel in the attention they received. The full results of the survey can be accessed via the following link to the NHS web site

<https://gp-patient.co.uk/report?practicecode=J82220>

Vaccinations

Bookings for flu jabs have started with text messages sent to those eligible to

book an appointment to attend the surgery, along with pneumonia and shingles vaccinations texts. Coronavirus booster jabs, which will be done at Jamieson House, Chineham, will operate in a similar way with text messages again sent to the appropriate patients. These will be done in the same priority order as the other Coronavirus jabs.

PPG email address

To gather a wider patient view of Beggarwood Surgery we have decided to publish a NON-MEDICAL email address that will be viewed by the PPG team so that we can correlate your views into our regular meetings with the practice. Suggestions for input might be :

- The ease of booking an appointment or call back
- The surgery waiting area environment
- Helpful suggestions for improvements within practice
- Feedback on the reception and medical staff

Once again, we stress this is for Non-Medical feedback as we are not medically trained and the email address will only be monitored on an irregular basis. If you have an urgent medical problem please contact the surgery directly or ring 111.

The email address is:
beggarwood.surgeryppg@btinternet.com

We look forward to receiving your comments.

BASINGSTOKE CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT FELLOWSHIP

Forty seven members and four visitors attended the meeting held on 6 October who, after being welcomed by the Chairman, David Cowling, were given details by the Secretary, Tony Brazier of the forthcoming trips planned for this year. The first outing of these will be the Mystery Trip on Thursday 14th October to be followed on Thursday 18th November by a trip to Haskins Garden Centre for Christmas shopping and then the Christmas lunch at BCOT on Thursday 9th December. Our Welfare Officer, Christine Broadbent, then gave an update on those members who had not been well and those that had sadly died since we last met.

The speaker this month was Malcolm Nelson with a talk titled "40 Years of Catching Smugglers – Lies and Excuses". He went on to tell us about his time as a customs officer at Heathrow Airport and the many, often amusing, instances where people would try all sorts of ruses in order to bring goods into the country on which they should have paid tax. He explained the training given to officers which, when also backed up by experience, helped them to target the people thought most likely to be smuggling illicit contraband into the country. Malcolm also brought along some copies of his books - "Forty Years Catching Smugglers" and "In Pursuit of the Two Legged Mule".

The next meeting is on 3rd November when we are having a speaker from the RNLI and then on 1st December we are having a "Story Tale Christmas" from Fiona Birchall along with a Christmas buffet. The group's programme of speakers and trips for next year is now available and a copy can be obtained by contacting - csrfbasingstoke@gmail.com.

The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at Brookvale Village Hall from 10am to 12 noon and all retired Civil Servants, their relatives and friends are welcome.

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••••• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •••••

• Parish Church of Immanuel in Hatch Warren and Beggarwood •

• Today as I write this in October, all around us are signs of
• change as we move into Autumn. The days are turning shorter,
• the temperature is dropping and the countryside is starting to
• put on its Autumnal show of colours. Change has affected all
• our lives in the last 18 months, in ways that we would never
• have dreamt of. Who would have thought our lives would
• have been turned upside down in the way they were? Today
• also being the London Marathon it is wonderful to know
• events are happening, and we are inspired by the courage
• and dedication of all the runners, who kept up their training
• so when time was right they could once more compete.
• Change is inevitable throughout the years but so hard to
• cope with at times especially when it is not of our choosing.
• Coping with the loss of a loved one, diagnosis of a life limiting
• illness, the moving away of close friends and family, redundancy,
• rejection by others of one's life style and many, many others.
• So there are times when we feel desolate, unloved, life is not
• fair and everyone else has a better life. This is when I feel we
• have to look at the seasons in nature, the gradual dying down
• in Autumn and the dismal darkness of Winter and not a flower
• in sight. Then comes the awakening of Spring and the amazing
• green shoots that burst into bud with the most beautiful
• blooms. So even after our most down times, we never know
• what lovely unexpected changes are in store for us.

• At Immanuel Church earlier in the year we were hit by the
• news from the Diocese that Immanuel and Beggarwood
• Parish would be joining with Kempshott Parish to make one
• huge Parish, meaning only one Vicar the Rev Nicola Such, so
• sadly Rev May had to lose her job, although there would still
• be two churches Immanuel and St Mark's. To the members of
• Immanuel Church who had been there since its inception, way
• before St Mark's School was built and we used to worship in
• the Community Centre, everyone was devastated. From the
• middle 1990s so many had put their hearts and souls into
• building the church with its own Vicar.

• So now we have had to learn to accept this challenge along
• with all the differences it brings. We know we all have to put
• aside our personal feelings and work together with St Mark's
• church to create a caring compassionate community inclusive
• to all sharing the love of God. Immanuel church is still here
• worshipping in St Marks School. There will be changes in the
• services as from November, so on Sunday 7th November
• 9am it will be common worship communion at Immanuel
• and 10.30 Service of the Word at St Mark's. All these changes
• will be set out on the church's websites and Facebook. Please
• contact the church wardens if you need any prayer or a
• listening ear, we are here for all. So like after Winter when we
• have the beauty of Spring, we will see a communicative loving
• Immanuel church, spreading God's love, rising up to welcome
• you, leaving behind all the barriers of Covid and open to the
• will of God. We would love to see you at a service or any
• other of our activities. I will leave you with the last two lines
• of one of my favourite hymns.

• LORD FOR THE YEARS •

• Past put behind us, for the future take us.

• Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone

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Matthew Holman, the founder and owner of Simpila Mental Health (a Mental Health Training and Consulting business) has been recognised as a Role Model in the 2021 InsideOut Leaderboard, alongside 105 other incredibly inspiring humans, including Dame Kelly Holmes, Ex-Professional Footballer Clarke Carlisle and representatives across the world.

Holman said "I am very proud to be recognised with the incredibly inspiring individuals represented on this truly global community. To know so many people who are so open about their journey with mental health, with all being authentic and genuine, will only help to improve the conversations in the future. My journey to help improve the conversations continues, and if through talking openly about my experience I can help others, then I am achieving success in my life."

Each year InsideOut publishes a list of senior leaders from global workplaces who are open about their experience of mental ill-health. The list is designed to celebrate each leader who has decided to be open, thus playing their part in ending the stigma and helping others in their organisation speak out and seek help. The list grows each year, creating a ripple effect of more and more executives speaking out until it is as normal to talk about mental ill-health in the business world as it is to disclose a broken leg.

HATCH WARREN WI

Hatch Warren WI. at last we were able to resume meeting in person again on 7th October. Unfortunately our speaker was cancelled so we decided to have an informal evening where members could meet one another again and we had a huge display of items that members had done during lockdown. Two wonderful quilts, art and knitting to name but a few. The noise level was great as members saw one another again. Although we have been extremely grateful to our wonderful committee that arranged craft, coffee and genealogy meetings online to keep us all informed. We will continue with the online get togethers but we will resume having speakers now we are able to meet again in person.

We have decided to introduce lunch out once a month and this month ten members have decided to try this. We also hope to have a coffee morning each month, as well as our online one.

Unfortunately due to lack of support the Autumn meeting to be held at the Anvil has been cancelled.

The committee are busy looking into a suitable venue for our Christmas meal which will be held on 9th December. For more information about our forthcoming events please contact our President Lynette on 07824 535868

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This was a spur of the moment thing. On a rare occasion, for me, at least, visiting Festival Place it was approaching midday and I enquired of Madam if she would enjoy an early lunch somewhere. We went out of the doors by the sadly shuttered Debenhams into the open air and looked around. Spotting the Cosy Club, and knowing we had not frequented the place previously, and with no idea what to expect, in we went.

An interesting vista greeted us. The interior design was partly American/Western/Spanish and was very spacious. Plenty of room between tables may be the remnants of Covid restrictions with mirrored dividers giving an intimate feeling while adding reflected light to the ambiance. The menu was extensive with Brunch selections to tempt the smaller appetite. Sandwiches, six types of burgers and thirteen main courses that had no obvious connection to the décor.

We both had a burger: These were nothing like those obtainable from the big yellow arch; mind you, neither was the price. Madam had the Classic Burger with additional bacon while I pushed the boat out and went for the Blue Velvet Burger which came with pulled beef brisket, blue cheese and various salad vegetables. A brioche bun and fries completed the extremely tasty offering. There was an extensive drinks menu, but we just had soft drinks. I had a diet Coke and Madam an elderflower cordial.

Those burgers tasted of beef and being very filling they left no room for a dessert, or coffee. The bill came to £34.35, and a generous tip was left for the pleasant waitress. It turned out to be a good decision to dine at the Cosy Club and I am confident that it is somewhere we shall return.



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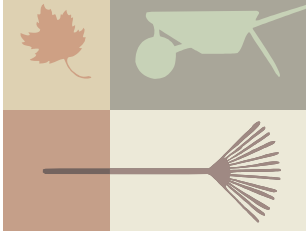
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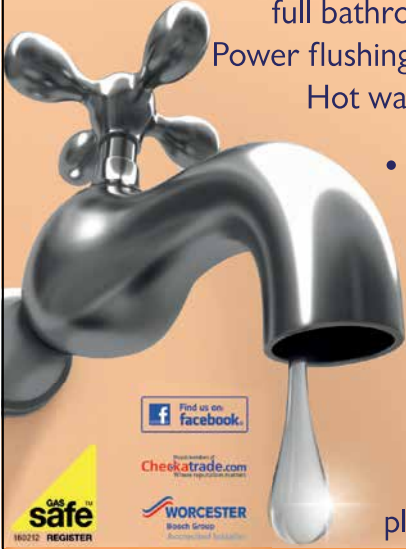


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