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EDITORIAL

It has been a glorious summer. We have enjoyed spending time in our gardens – BBQs, picnics and just plain lying around. Sadly the impact of all this wonderful sunshine has been brown lawns and flower gardens struggling to survive. But before long it will be autumn, then winter and we will be complaining about the rain and being cold!

There is a lot to do locally. The Community Association works hard to provide interesting and exciting events – see page 14. You could join the u3a – see page 13. They organise lots of activities and are holding a 'meet and greet' event at Queen Mary's College on 14 September.

My friend recently pointed out to me how many 'sleeps' there were until Christmas Day – not as many as I thought. So perhaps it is time to start the shopping. Rotary are organising a Shoebox Appeal to provide gifts for children. Filled boxes drop off is by 21st October – see page 18 for all the details.

As part of the Heritage Open Days event Farleigh House will be open on 9th and 12th of September – pre-booking is required and details are on page 22.

The Saturday Market at the Portsmouth Arms has changed its name to the Basingstoke Community Market. It will not be at the Portsmouth Arms every Saturday – follow the market on facebook to find out where to find it each Saturday. I am sure I am not the only person who will miss it every week and will be following its progress with interest.

Have you been to the revamped café at Sainsbury's? It is looking very good under the new Starbucks banner and they serve a very nice cup of coffee.

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BEGGARWOOD SURGERY NEWS FROM THE PPG

Surgery

Blood tests have been temporarily suspended at Beggarwood due to staff resignations however, they will be reinstated in early September when a new nurse joins the team. Meanwhile patients are being asked to visit the hospital for these services, where patients have reported a well-organised and speedy service. Telephones have also been a recent problem with staff holidays and sickness. Staff from CGH have been drafted in to help with this, hopefully, temporary problem. We will be monitoring both these situations closely over the next month and welcome your feedback via our email address.

Following previous feedback from us at our August meeting with Operose we are led to understand that they intend to reorganise the staffing levels at all the surgeries in Basingstoke and they encouraged us to believe that this would result in a more reliable and positive experience for patients – time will tell.

Maria Miller MP Meeting

The Health Update meeting, called by Maria Miller MP, on Saturday 16th July, at the Beggarwood Community Centre was well attended by patients of both Beggarwood and the CGH surgeries as well as a strong representation from Operose who run our surgeries. The meeting reflected the growing concern from both sets of patients over the running of the surgeries with questions posed by attendees and answered by Operose. From the meeting we now have a list of serious concerns and we are in discussion with Operose on how they plan to address these issues.

Dr.iQ

We are all being encouraged to use this new Operose app – DriQ - available free for both iPhones and Android devices. Current feedback to us is mixed. What are your experiences using the app? Once again replies via our email address please.

Any Complaints?

If you feel that you have not been dealt with correctly by the surgery or perhaps not had a good experience

in dealing with either the surgery or a member of staff you can make a formal complaint. Please visit the CGH site as the Beggarwood site is still under construction. The web address is :- <https://cghpartnership.co.uk/about-us/comments-and-complaints/>. Operose employ a full time Complaints Manager and so you should get a speedy response. If you feel after receiving the reply that it did not meet your expectations or did not correctly respond to you then you can then escalate the problem to the NHS Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) again via email: NHCCG.COMPLAINTS@NHS.NET or NHCCG.ENQUIRIES@NHS.NET. The CCG will carry out its own investigation and report back to you. We would also welcome your feedback.

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.

Finally, we are always looking for new members to join our PPG and so if feel you would like to get more involved please use the aforementioned email address to register your interest and we will be happy to have you on board.

CAMROSE, GILLIES AND HACKWOOD (PPG)

CGH News: Meetings have been held with Operose Health where they have agreed to provide monthly performance figures to share with patients. Latest figures show an average of 1343 calls per day to the surgeries. Over 8300 patients have registered for DriQ, 112 of whom are active users aged 81 and above. 26.32% of face-to-face appointments have now been freed up since the DriQ launch, and 26% have said that it saved an attendance at A and E.

DriQ is designed to help patients get help and support more conveniently, as an alternative to calling CGH. It is early days but, results are mainly good. There is an helpline, 02037433033, or email, support@dr-iq.com, to assist with any technical issues with the App. Any questions can be addressed to the CGH website, cghpartnership.co.uk. Operose have issued a sheet of questions and answers about DriQ, which is being widely circulated on neighbourhood media sites, and can be accessed via : <https://cghpartnership.co.uk/questionsabout-driq/>

PPG News: CGH PPG is working closely with Beggarwood PPG, local Councillors and Maria Miller, following discussions and feedback from her recent Community Health event. A follow-up meeting is being planned with Maria Miller, Operose and CGH.

The PPG website can be found at: cghppg.co.uk, where a regular statistics page giving performance and other figures for CGH is being developed, and the monthly newsletter can be accessed, along with any other useful patient information. If you would like to receive a regular newsletter digital copy, please enter your details in the link provided therein.

As many are aware, Beggarwood Surgery is now merged with CGH. The Beggarwood PPG have their own newsletter; the most recent of which can be found at: https://nextdoor.co.uk/p/w746-Q3zrZ32?utm_source=share&extras=MTc1OTIxOTc2NzA5Mjc%3D Discussion is ongoing in respect of merging the two PPG's.

Following a meeting with local pharmacists, it is hoped CGH PPG will soon be able to provide information on the prescription process between CGH and pharmacies. At the moment, pharmacies are experiencing problems with short supply on some medicines. Patients are encouraged to ensure they have enough medication, and order seven days ahead when running low.

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Human connection inspired the creative direction of the new 'people' focussed branding which embodies Phillips Law's purpose to 'really look after people and their businesses by bringing talented people together to deliver the most personal service that a law firm can provide.' The new website is a gateway to attract clients and future talent by providing concise information and presenting a true picture of the firm and its people. The website aims to reflect the recent success of Phillips Law which has doubled in size and won a string of awards, including 'Medium Firm of the Year 2021' at the Law Society Awards, since it came under new management in 2018.

Phillips Partner, Max Hope said: "We are excited to be launching our new front of house. The new brand and website have been carefully created to convey what is at the core of our firm, the connection between an individual, be they a business owner / representative or an individual with a personal matter, and their lawyer. It is that personal connection between individuals that builds the trust that our clients place in us; we are their firm."

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COUNCILLOR DAN PUTTY

It had been a great effort to get the cycle of grass and hedge cutting within our areas. I had to be persistent with the officers at the council and they have got their operatives to comply. I am aware that some places have been left for biodiversity. I have received some complaints about the cuts etc but it is going to be the norm and we have to accept the cycle of grass and hedge cutting. Any areas which becomes a hazard or high risks please let me know and if possible with photographs. I'll do my best to inform the council to deal with it urgently. The biodiversity areas are being welcomed by most people and the flora and fauna are prospering.

We have the local nature reserve in the Beggarwood Park and I am told by officers that there is very little more play equipment that can be installed. I have requested the amphitheatre to be updated by a platform at the bottom but have had a lukewarm reply from officers. I have also brought some parents request about a skateboarding park but officers are still looking at the feasibility and the finance for it. I managed to acquire some funding from the Holly Blue Pub but it is up to the council to apply for that funding and I am awaiting their decision.

Cllr Dan Putty JP

MAYOR'S FREEFALL FUNDRAISER

On Saturday 10 September, The Mayor of Basingstoke and Deane Cllr Paul Miller will take his first skydive to raise money for the Mayor's Charity Appeal, supporting Tough Enough To Care and The Pink Place.

Cllr Miller, aged 77, will take the leap along with representatives from his charities and will free fall from 15,000 feet before parachuting to the ground at Old Sarum airfield.

As a veteran of the Royal Air Force, Cllr Miller has flown many types of aircraft amassing some 400 hours of flying time throughout his long military career. This will be his first skydive. Cllr Miller said: "As an ex-RAF pilot I am well-used to flying and have had the opportunity to take the controls of a range of aircraft but I have never actually jumped from a plane and felt that this would be an ideal challenge to raise funds for my charity appeal.

"Although the thought of the skydive is daunting, I really want to overcome that apprehension and raise money for two local good causes who do so much to support our communities. Any sponsorship, no matter how big or small, would mean the world to me and will make a real difference to my charities." To find out more about the Charities and the Mayor's skydive and to make a donation to the charity appeal visit <https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/mayor-skydive>.



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COUNCILLOR'S UPDATE

TRANSPORT STRATEGY FOR BASINGSTOKE: Over the summer I have attended some interesting briefings and discussions, and two were about the emerging local plan and transport in Basingstoke. About 15,000 homes are slated for our South-West corner of the town. There is a transport strategy for Basingstoke, but I have grave misgivings about its ability to cope with that sort of growth. The main thrust of the strategy is 'modal shift' - moving people out of cars and into public transport. There is a long discussion in the strategy about a Mass Rapid Transit link, but that turns out to be bus-based, with bus links to help them move more freely. The strategy was produced in 2019, and since then we have had the pandemic. The bus company is reporting that usage levels have only recovered to 65% of previous levels. I fear that this renders the transport strategy out of date: it needs to be reviewed and serious consideration must be given to a Western by-pass and significant improvements to Junctions 7/8 on the M3.

WAREHOUSES: the Borough turned down the application for warehouses near Junction 7 and I spoke against it at the meeting. The applicants have appealed against the decision, and an inquiry will be held. We wait to see whether the Secretary of State will call-in the matter, given its close proximity to the potential new hospital.

BEGGARWOOD PPG: the Patient Participation Group met with the operators of the surgery in August and discussed a wide range of concerns, some of which had been raised at a public meeting organised by Maria Miller MP, attended by about 70 people. The management team reported that they had some structural changes in the pipeline that would be announced once staff had been consulted. There had also been concerns that Beggarwood has stopped doing blood tests - this is temporary. The PPG was told that the situation was due to a member of staff leaving and blood tests will be resumed as soon as a suitable replacement person has been recruited, which is expected to be in September. Thelma Wiseman, the Chair of the PPG, has written a more detailed summary of the meeting which will be posted on-line and elsewhere in this magazine.

BROADMERE ROAD AREA POTHOLES: I have been progressing the repair of the roads in the area round the Co-op. At the moment the responsibility for the roads lies with the developers. I have seen e-mails that indicate that they are in the process of getting contractors to come to do the work, but I have not been given any timescales.

SMELL: there were questions about a strong smell that impacted Hatch Warren and Beggarwood for a couple of days. Was it the Anaerobic Digester, where maintenance work is taking place? The local consensus was that it was down to muck-spreading. However, a local resident has told me that it was, in fact, down to the spreading of liquid digestate from the Digester, which is used as fertiliser. I am inclined to believe this, but it raises the question of why there was apparently no advance warning, which I shall pursue.

DIGESTER: Reports have continued to come in about odour from the Anaerobic Digester. Biogen, who took over the plant in 2018, have made significant investments to improve the original specification of the plant including a large project to completely re-engineer the biofilter that had been installed by the original operators. I think this improved the situation, but reports of odour pollution continued. Biogen have now identified further opportunities to improve odour abatement and their new improvement plan will include the installation of a scrubber to pre-treat digestate before it enters the biofilter. This will allow the installation of more powerful extraction fans and is specifically designed to remove ammonia and other volatile compounds. In addition, much of the equipment will undergo a full overhaul as part of its 60,000-hour service. Whilst the tanks

are empty, an independent engineer will verify their integrity. Biogen say that the works represent a significant investment and I am sure everyone will hope for odour reports to be eliminated.

CALL FOR LAW CHANGE: I raised the issue of the cable strike at Brighton Hill roundabout at the last meeting of Hampshire County Council. In particular, I asked that an obligation be placed on utility companies to provide accurate mapping of their assets, with penalties attaching if they don't. The Executive Member reacted positively and agreed to write on this matter to Hampshire's MPs.

VISIT TO MONITOR PROGRESS: I will be visiting the Brighton Hill roundabout, along with other Councillors, on 8th September. One question I shall be asking is whether the cable strike has impacted on the overall timetable for completion.

COMMUNITY MARKET: The Portsmouth Arms market has decided to rebrand itself as the 'Basingstoke Community Market' and is moving around different locations, including the pub as before, Rucstall Primary School and St Mark's school in Danebury Road, still starting at 10.00 am. There is no indication yet as to whether this is increasing or reducing the number of people who attend. Pitch fees are being donated to the schools, so this is an opportunity to grab something special and support the schools at the same time. They are running a Facebook page which gives details of future locations.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BRIGHTON HILL SCHOOL: as part of a House competition in July to raise much needed provisions for the local food bank, the school donated food weighing 171.72 kilos, which is the equivalent of 409 meals. The school has received a public 'thank you' from the food bank.

FABRIC SHOP: I have picked up the sad news that the fabric shop at Brighton Hill Centre is to close on 8th September. The rumour is that the vet from next door is going to move in.

ST MARK'S SCHOOL: Work has started on major improvements to the school's outside area. New assets will include improved seating to cater for a full class outside, improved gazebos, the introduction of animals including chickens, rabbits and guinea pigs, a new trim trail and improvements to the woodland area. When school returns in September, there will be a lot more for the children to enjoy.

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR NEEDED: St Mark's school is advertising a vacancy for a foundation governor. A foundation governor is appointed to the governing body to support the religious character of the school. Being a governor also involves meeting with other governors (12 meetings across the year), meeting with staff a few times across the year, and visiting the school.

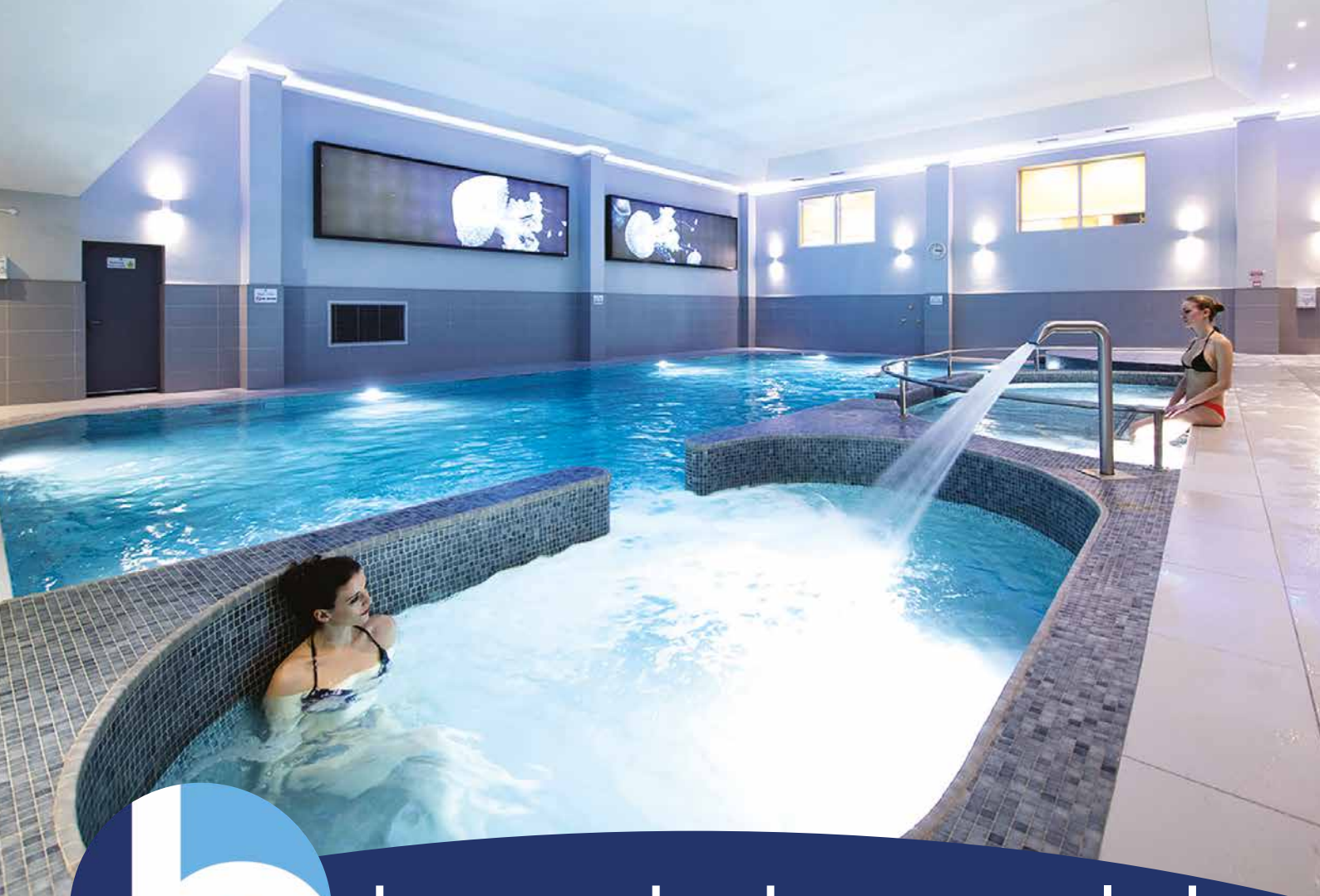
The **HATCH WARREN FUN DAY AND SUMMER FESTIVAL** was a huge success. The weather was glorious, immediately prior to the first of the heat waves and the field near the community centre was full of many stalls. Some of the stall holders were local clubs and societies and others were small businesses. Quite rightly, the intended dog show was cancelled because of the heat. I was pleased to see the event supported by the Mayor of Basingstoke, Councillor Paul Miller and Dame Maria Miller MP. Congratulations to the Community Association Committee making this such a success after the disruptions of recent years.

BLOG: I am sometimes asked for more information behind the stories in this report. I have launched a blog, where I am able to go into more depth. You can find it at <https://reidaboutbasingstoke.co.uk>

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The incoming president has the responsibility of selecting the venue and this year Alex Marianos, a retired civil engineer, chose the Longbridge Mill on the A33 at Sherfield on Loddon. A few eager beavers arrived a little before the appointed time and

had to wait in the baking sun until the door was opened spot on noon. It was a good decision for many to come dressed as though the lunch was a BBQ on a beach

A special area had been arranged in the hostelry for the party of twenty-nine, which had a range of six different sized tables. Then came the usual problem of deciding on what to drink and eat from the extensive choices available. Some managed three courses and coffee while others settled with two courses and no coffee, but a very pleasant time was had by all.

And it was good to see member Paul Miller with his wife Sandra enjoying a meal with friends, giving them a break away from their official duties as the mayor and mayoress of Basingstoke & Deane BC.

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OLD DOWN AND BEGGARWOOD WILDLIFE GROUP

What a very hot, dry summer! Such prolonged heat and dryness has not been good for our gardens, farmers' crops and wildlife. The ground has been so dry and hard for so long it is a wonder any plants have managed to flourish but somehow the natural world appears to have survived the scorching sun and lack of rain. The lack of green on both sites is very marked and it is rather sad to see brown sites instead of green sites. Despite the conditions there has been a good show of wild flowers on both Old Down and Beggarwood although some have not done as well as they should – particularly in not growing as tall. Some tree species are susceptible to dry conditions and the leaves will start to discolour and drop early – such as birch and beech. Perhaps when this is published

the rains will be with us and we will be back to normal temperatures.

Both sites have had many butterfly species during the spring and summer months (the Group will publish its report on transect results before the end of the year). As well as butterflies flitting about there are also day time flying moths. The species you are likely to see at Old Down and Beggarwood are: – *cinnabar moth*; *burnet moth*; *burnet companion*; *grass moth*; *mint moth*; *mother shipton*. The *cinnabar moth* is very particular and only lays its eggs on *ragwort* (caterpillar shown below). So it is important that *ragwort* is allowed to flourish (but not overwhelm) on both sites. Yellow and black is one of nature's warning signs, meaning 'keep off' to potential predators. *Ragwort* contains toxins which the caterpillar takes up making it extremely distasteful when digested by predators.

Please find time to look at the Group's Facebook page now and again. If you should see any interesting or different plants or insects or birds on the sites please do let us know.

Work Parties: For Old Down we meet outside Old Down Hall every Thursday 10-12noon and for Beggarwood at the café on the first Tuesday of the month 9-12noon. Please do come and join us. Check the website for further information. And please do look at the Group's Facebook page for interest.

The risk of fire on Old Down & Beggarwood is very high at the moment. No fires or BBQ's

<https://sites.google.com/site/olddownbeggarwoodwildlifegroup>
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Cinnabar moth caterpillar



Mint moth



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Meet and Greet Day 14th September Queen Mary's College

On the 14th September, we will hold our annual Meet and Greet Day, from 2 - 4 pm in Queen Mary's Hall, Queen Mary's Sixth Form College, Cliddesden Road, RG21 3HF. All our activities will be on show, so that members can come and talk to our different groups again and pay their annual membership fee of £45. For this amount, we join in with as many activities as we want, with no extra costs apart from for lunches, excursions and holidays - and any materials we might need for interests, such as painting, sewing and gardening. If you're interested in joining in too, you'll be very welcome on the 14th.

We Enjoy Ourselves Indoors

There's already lots to do indoors from sports like table tennis and badminton, to discussions in philosophy or science. There's several kinds of dancing on offer too, with our ballroom group always keen to find some more men to join in!

Not all groups meet in August, but our quiz group is still meeting in the cool at St Andrews Church, South Ham.

And Outdoors Too

Many of us enjoy keeping healthy outdoors by playing walking football, netball, rounders, croquet, walking or cycling. All for the one annual membership fee, with many of us planning for our excursions and holidays as well.



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KEMPSHOTT CONSERVATION GROUP

At home in the Meadow

A volunteer doing a butterfly survey in Down Grange Meadow in late June saw a female Red-legged Partridge about to cross the path. The Partridge paused for a second and then carried on, followed by five or six tiny chicks. Mother and young disappeared into the grass, presumably on the hunt for invertebrates for the chicks to eat – what a lovely sight.



In recent years, these Partridges have been seen more and more often in and around the Meadow. We have wondered whether this species is choosing suburbia rather than the adjacent farmland to over-winter, but this is the first time we have seen evidence of them breeding in the Meadow. Certainly they are less likely to be shot there, but it is uncertain how the predator situation compares. Foxes, Red Kites and even cats and dogs are all present on local farmland as well as in the immediate area, so it's difficult to see the advantages for a Partridge moving into the suburbs. (Picture courtesy Southend Ornithological Society)

ST. MICHAEL'S 90s MOONLIGHT WALK

St. Michael's Hospice's annual Moonlight Walk is to set to take place on September 24 starting from Festival Place at 9pm. In recognition of the Hospice's 30th Anniversary, the theme this year will be the 90s and walkers are encouraged to dress up to celebrate the occasion.

As well as having lots of fun, the walkers help raise vital income for the Hospice. As a local charity, around 84% of its funds comes from the generosity of the local community. To put it another way, over eight in ten patients are cared for thanks to supporters fundraising for the Hospice.

The number of walkers taking part last year was lower due to the pandemic but in the past the event has raised over £32,000, enough to cover seven months of pain relief medication for patients being treated by the Hospice. This year the Hospice is hoping a record number of people will take part to show their support for this wonderful charity.

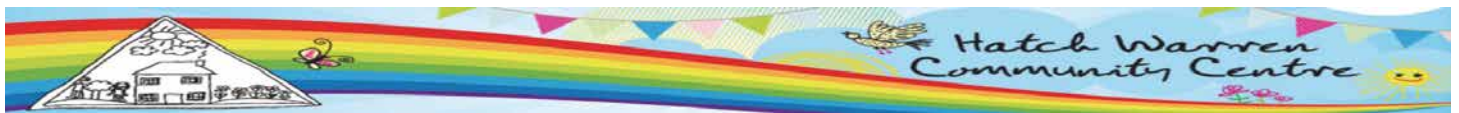
For 2022 there is a brand-new 10K route around Basingstoke. Entry is just £20 for adults, £15 for under 18s with under 10s going free. Everyone that takes part will also be entered into a free prize draw! To sign up, visit the website www.stmichaelsospice.org.uk or call 01256 848848.



A splash of colour

It has been a fantastic year so far for orchids. In Down Grange Meadow, we have regularly seen Common Spotted Orchids but only ones and twos, but this year there were a dozen and a half. The two patches of Pyramidal Orchids continue to flourish and the "new" patch first spotted only five years ago has now expanded to over forty flowers.

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



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2 nd September	Just Dance, Nail Painting & smoothies
9 th September	Wellbeing session- Back to school chat Friendship Bracelets & Donuts
16 th September	Manhunt ,Hair Chalks & Cake Decorating
23 rd September	Selfie Challenge with Face Jewels & Sausage Rolls
30 th September	Basketball Game , Loom Bands & Chicken Nuggets

Wow ,what an amazing and busy summer we have had! We kicked things off with a splash ,at water fight night, we've wrestled in sumo suits, fired nerf guns and so much more! Our craft activities have been messy as always with tie dye, graffiti and slime...lots of slime! The end of Summer Disco and BBQ was a perfect way to end such a fantastic summer activity programme. It has been so lovely to see lots of new faces and we look forward to getting to know you all more.

We just want to take this opportunity to say thank you to all our incredible Volunteers, who have helped us during the summer sessions, your support means so much to us.

Thank you to Tesco Community Grants for your £500 donation, greatly appreciated and so crucial in ensuring sustainability of The Warren Youth Club



We have continued to run the clubs throughout the summer. We have had two visits to the Portsmouth arms for drinks and snacks plus we have spent some lovely evenings on the field at Hatch Warren Community Centre. It has been great to sit and talk in the cool of the evening sun.

On August 8th, we held a BBQ for members and their families. Several members were on holiday but over 70 people spent the evening with us. It was such a lovely evening on the Hatch Warren field as parents and carers had a chance to meet and talk to each other.

Dates for September

- SEPT 5TH Hatch Warren Youth Club
- SEPT 12TH Meal at The Portsmouth Arms
- SEPT 19TH Hatch Warren Youth Club
- SEPT 26TH Bowling and a visit to McDonalds



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!

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.

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





HATCH WARREN UNDER FIVES

We are looking forward to the year ahead at Hatch Warren Under Fives. We always enjoy the first weeks of term hearing all about the children's' summer adventures and watching our new children settle in and make friends.

For some young children the start of a brand new term can be a difficult time and the first few weeks of settling into a new environment is of crucial importance to a child's later happiness within preschool. Our first few weeks are always about getting to know our children, helping them make new friends and helping them to feel comfortable and secure with our staff and the setting. All children are individuals, and while some children will adjust fairly easily and quickly to a new environment and new routines, others will take longer. At Hatch Warren Under Fives we work hard to ensure that all children settle happily.

Our first topic "All About Me" is a great chance for the children to learn all about themselves, their new friends and their families. We use stories, arts, crafts and songs to help our children discover what is unique and special about themselves and each other.

During the first term we will be using our outdoor learning environment as much as possible and we have some great activities planned for extending our children's learning outdoors. We'll also be learning about autumn this term and exploring colours, outdoor sounds and hibernating animals. And we'll be holding weekly cooking sessions and science experiments too.

We have a few spaces available for the 2022/23 academic year; to enquire about a place at Hatch Warren Under Fives, please contact us on 01256 322788, or email preschoolmail@aol.com.

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

CANDOVER VALLEY PRE-SCHOOL

Hello from CVP!

I hope you have all had a wonderful Summer with your families and friends as much as is possible during these times.

We are so excited to be back for a new term. Our little ones have grown up so much over the Summer and we have been welcoming our new starter children. We have been reading the story Owl Babies, a wonderful story about the transition when Mummy has to leave us for a little while and it is hugely helpful in talking with the children coming back after a break or starting pre-school for the first time.



So much fun to be had playing with all the fantastic resources and activities that we have on offer. So many different sensory trays to choose from, painting, sand, water and of course mud play.

Our Forest Leaders are so excited to be back at the forest! Busy setting up ready for a new year full of fun with our children on Monday afternoons and Thursday mornings, exploring and learning about nature again.

Lisa Collisson

Pre-School Head

Tel: 01256-389008

Email: cvpadmin@btconnect.com

www.candovervalleypreschool.co.uk/

DANDELIONS

As we close our doors for summer we would like to reflect on all of the wonderful things we have done over this last half term.

The children have shown great resilience during our sports week and from this have used their creative thinking skills to come

up with their own sports day activities such as building an obstacle course and even using wooden blocks to create a swimming pool with diving board.

With the weather being so warm we have all had a wonderful time in the outside area having water fights and playing in the sand imagining we were at the beach!!

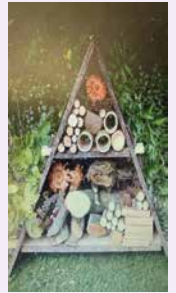
A huge thank you to our parents for their continued support and generosity towards our fundraising.

As always the money raised is put back into the setting and this term we have purchased several items including a bug house, nursery rhyme tree, cascading water trays and an alphabet learning line.

We have been able to purchase new equipment to cover every area of learning.

As we celebrated the end of term we held a Graduation ceremony where we shared a few words with all the parents about how we have seen the children's characters develop throughout their journey through Dandelions. This was followed by party snacks shared with the children and their families which was kindly donated by Morrisons.

SEPTEMBER 2022 – We have limited availability for the next academic year. If you are interested in our setting please contact us on 01256 818857 or alternatively e-mail info@dandelions-preschool.org.uk to discuss your requirements and to book a show around. We would welcome the opportunity to showcase our amazing setting.



CUCKOO MEADOW PRE-SCHOOL

Hello from Cuckoo Meadow Pre-School!

We have all been enjoying a well-deserved rest over this hot summer; the Pre-School has been closed so of course we have less to report. The end of term came and went with the usual fun celebrations, including a leavers ceremony where all those going on to "Big School" received a personalised poem and sports bag for their next school

and a thoughtful present to go home with. We all laughed and there was the odd tear as we celebrated a remarkable year and a wonderful set of teachers and year group! In fact, Chair of the Committee Sarah Prickett rather beautifully saw the year out with a Thank You poem, which we would like to share:

"Another year done, the time has come, to say goodbye, but don't be glum. We fought back at covid and had lots of fun. And made sure Amber the Hamster didn't go on the run. We sang for Divali and threw leaves in the autumn. Welcomed Lolly the chicken... chocolate apples, we made them. This year we celebrated Christmas with a party, and who can forget our favourite nativity. With songs about robots, knives and forks, it's always a highlight of ours of course. For Pudsey we got spotty and made lots of cakes. We saved animals from icebergs – make no mistake. We crunched in the frost and planted some trees... celebrated the tiger and learnt some Chinese. From tree surgeons to table tennis the meadow has been such a buzz, not to mention the big white bunny which caused quite a fuss. We've checked in on our teeth, been digging for treasure, made mother's day flowers - all such a pleasure. Mrs Harman's special birthday was a cause for more cake – then the Queen's Jubilee – no time for a break. Crafting crowns, flags and bunting and of course the tea towel. Mrs Claridge's rice British flag of which we are so proud. Caterpillar Music with Emma is always such fun - then our own caterpillars, their journey began. Mrs Chilvers watched on as they grew and grew – then they spread their wings and away they flew. Mrs Cotterell's toe caused quite a stir – we're so glad she's back, we all missed her. With a focus on holidays and this really hot heat, the sprinkler this week has been a real treat. Mrs Andrew's yoga time kept us all zen. Our wonderful committee fund raised again and again. From raffles to bag collections we really really do appreciate your donations from all of you. That's the year in a flash – what an adventure it has been – but what we would most like to say – is thank you to the team. Your love for the children is always so clear – you're always there for a cuddle should one shed a tear. From crafting to cooking there's always something to do. From cutting to chopping they learn something new. Mrs Harman, Mrs Cotterell, Mrs Claridge, Mrs Chilvers, Mrs Andrews, it's like a five way marriage. You're the best team we could ask for – so please accept these gifts – as a thank you from us. Your Cuckoo Meadow friends."

Term starts on Monday 6th September but for now do keep checking our Facebook page for updates. In the meantime we do hope you enjoy the end of what has been a beautiful Summer.

HATCH WARREN INFANT SCHOOL

Are you looking for an Infant School place for your child for September 2023?

Come and visit our caring, fun, successful school!

Our friendly staff will be taking interested parents on tours of the school on the following dates for visits:

3rd October, 4th October, 11th October, 12th October, 17th October, 18th October, 1st November, 2nd November, 7th November, 15th November, 16th November, 21st November, 22nd November, 29th November, 30th November, 4th January, 10th January, 11th January

The tours last approximately one hour starting at 9.45am or 2pm

We have 3 evening tours – school will be open from 5.30-6.30pm.

13th October, 8th November, 5th January

To book on to a tour please go to our website:

www.hwis.hants.sch.uk

Click on the 'Parents' balloon and then:

New Year R parent Tours for Admissions September 2023 and follow the links on this page.

(2 adults per family – children are welcome (please be aware we are on 3 levels so we are unable to accommodate buggies)

HATCH WARREN INFANT SCHOOL, GERSHWIN ROAD, BASINGSTOKE RG22 4PQ Tel: 01256 350313

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We look forward to seeing you!

We encourage you if you are able to visit during the school day to see us in action and to get a true feel of our ethos and character.

(If you have a child with special educational needs please make us aware when booking on line so we can arrange to talk to you more specifically)



AUGUST REPORT

This month the Bookworms were pleased to be a part of the Hatch Warren Festival. We ran a stall selling surprise books. Each book had an intriguing clue on the front and were wrapped up beautifully. We hope everyone that bought one had a surprise summer read and have enjoyed the book. We raised some amazing funds for The Hatch Warren Community Centres and thank all our members for collecting all the lovely books and wrapping them.

We look forward to a fantastic autumn of great books. This month we are all busy reading *The Island of Missing Trees* by Elif Shafak. A beautiful tale set on the Island of Cyprus. October will see us having a crime night. Celebrating the genre and having some author speakers.

If you would like to come along please purchase a ticket via ticket source. Just search Beggarwood Bookworms.

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TIM PEAKE - My Journey To Space

Sat 17 Sep, 2.30pm & 7.30pm
The Anvil
Tickets: £44, £34, £29
(includes £4 booking fee)



HAL CRUTTENDEN - It's Best You Hear It From Me

Sat 17 Sep, 7:30pm The Haymarket Tickets: £21
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JUSTIN HAYWARD IN CONCERT - The Voice Of The Moody Blues

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JON BODEN

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CARL HUTCHINSON - I Know I Shouldn't Behave Like This

Sat 24 Sep, 8pm The Haymarket Tickets: £19
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THE ILLEGAL EAGLES

Sun 25 Sep, 7.30pm The Anvil Tickets: £32.50, £30.50
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ALBERT LEE AND BAND

Sun 25 Sep, 7.30pm The Haymarket Tickets: £28
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LILIES ON THE LAND

Fri 30 Sep, 7.30pm The Haymarket
Tickets: £21; under 25s £18
(includes £4 booking fee)



ROTARY CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL



We need your help!

There are many local people and children who know its great fun to get involved putting together a shoebox.

Get your workplace, church, club, school, Scout/Guide group, children, grandchildren or just you involved? It's good to make Christmas time special for these children.

We have been told by recipients of shoeboxes, who have now grown up, of the excitement with which they were opened and what treasured memories they have of that special gift. Remember that recipients will be opening the box in eager anticipation of finding it full of toys and useful items, possibly the first gifts they have received.

New for this year

Our Rotary District has taken the decision to supply a regular sized Shoe Box to make it easier for those filling the boxes and fairer for those children receiving the boxes overseas. The new box of uniform size will fit into the bigger transportation boxes more economically thus reducing transportation costs overseas.

The new boxes will cost £2 per item which is a lot more realistic than some of the prices for similar appeals. We can supply the boxes to you as flat packs, so will need a bit of assembling to start with, but can still be wrapped in Christmas paper or decorated with coloured pens. We can supply you with as many boxes as you require. In the first instance boxes can be picked up from the venues listed.

Unsurprisingly our transport/fuel costs have increased considerably this year and we would ask that £2 be attached to each box please, to help cover this cost

Boxes for either Boys or Girls, ages, 1-3, 4-7, 8-11, 12-15
Ideas below of what can you put in your box, things for:

Playing – ball, skipping rope, small games, cards, dominoes, harmonicas/recorders, cars, small toys, Cuddly toy

Washing – soap, toothbrush

Writing – pens, pencils, sharpener, notebook, colouring book, puzzle book

Wearing – hat, gloves, scarf, socks, hair accessories, jewellery. Items need to be new or in good/as new condition.

Please – No liquids, sharp items, guns or war toys

Box pickup and filled box drop off (by 21st October)

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Pamell, Jordy & Harvey, Estate Agent, 5 Winchester Street, Overton, RG25 3HR

Build-A-Bear Workshop, Unit 17A Festival Place, Basingstoke

To make sure boxes don't go astray, Rotarians supervise the whole process, including volunteers going to the countries to make sure the boxes get to the children they are intended for. Christmas Shoeboxes go to Romania, Albania, Montenegro and Moldova. Some boxes may well go to Ukrainian refugees/displaced children in these countries

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BASINGSTOKE CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT FELLOWSHIP

There were 44 members at the meeting held on Wednesday 3 August who after the usual registration and refreshments were welcomed by the Chairman, David Cowling. He congratulated those with birthdays this month especially those with significant ones and then gave details of the forthcoming trips and events planned for the coming months. Following this The Welfare Officer, Christine Broadbent, gave us updated information on the progress of those members who had not been well.

Unfortunately, our planned speaker for this month was unable to attend but fortunately Alan Jones offered to come and he gave us a talk titled "Keep Your Hair On!". He gave a fascinating insight into something which we all take for granted but is at the centre of a multi-million pound business - HAIR. There are in general between 90,000 and 150,00 hairs on the head depending on hair colour and age. The hair itself is dead, it is the follicle that is alive and grows for about 6 years before resting for 2 more. It is one of the most visible parts of the body and Alan pointed out that how it is worn, shown or hidden can either represent our personality or be a religious requirement. It also has many uses especially as it is very rich in nitrogen. It can also, of course, be used in the manufacture of wigs which have had many forms throughout the ages. He ended by displaying some of these which nowadays are mainly made in China and sometimes made from synthetic fibres.

The group's next outing will be on Thursday 15 September with a visit to the Amberley Museum and Heritage Centre and then on Thursday 13 October there is a "Do as please Day" to Brighton with time to visit some of the local attractions followed on Thursday 17 November with a trip to the Country Market, Bordon for your pre-Christmas shopping.

Anyone is welcome to come on any of these trips and if you would like join us please let us know.

The next meeting is on 7 September with Alan Copland giving us "Tales of the Unexpected" and then on 5 October Alan Jones is giving us a presentation on Body Language. The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at Brookvale Village Hall from 10 am to 12 noon and all retired Civil Servants, their relatives and friends are welcome. Further details about the group and information about our meetings and trips can be obtained by contacting: csrbasingstoke@gmail.com.

David Cowling

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••••• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •••••

I was having a chat with a work colleague of mine the other day and I happened to mention in passing that I attended a church (The Parish of Basingstoke Down, indeed) and that I was off to a meeting that very evening. He expressed some surprise at this.

"I have to say mate, you don't strike me as a Christian. For a start, you're not a miserable wotsit (He may have used a slightly stronger term but this is a family publication), you like going to gigs and socialising and having fun. I thought Christians were all "Thou Shalt Not!"

When I pointed out to him that the gathering I was referring to was taking place in a local hostelry (The Kestrel), his incredulity increased and he advised that he thought the church took a dim view of alcohol and pubs and the like.

I pointed out to him that while I acknowledged that there were people who claimed to be Christians who were very much opposed to attendance at pubs and indeed against other forms of entertainment such as cinemas, theatres and for all I know eating bags of Haribo, this had certainly never been my experience of church.

Moreover, Jesus himself said that he had come to bring life and have it in all its all fullness. When Jesus left the carpenter's shop to head off to tell people about God's love, one of his first public acts was to turn water into wine (This was at Cana- the meeting that I go to in the pub is called The Cana Project – TCP). Throughout his time on earth, he was attending parties, going to people's houses for meals and bringing happiness into their lives. Now of course, we could say "Well it's alright for you Jesus, mate. You didn't have to live in a world that has a cost of living crisis, foodbanks and where too many people are struggling to make ends meet"

In actual fact, according to the Bible, Palestine in Jesus' time was a country ridden with poverty. It was occupied by a foreign power (Rome), ordinary people were paid badly and on top of that taxed to the hilt. Jesus himself was initially a carpenter (Not the 1st Century equivalent of a Premier League Footballer) and then a travelling preacher (Similarly not exactly Elon Musk)

Jesus, therefore, was a man struggling financially talking to people in a similar position but his message was that Life was here to be enjoyed and lived to the full.

A Killjoy Christian should therefore be a contradiction in terms. If someone is a follower of Jesus, they should be like Jesus- someone who enjoys life and encourages others to do so as well!!!

(TCP meets twice a month on Monday at 8.30 pm. On the first Monday it meets at the Kestrel. On the Third Monday it alternates between the Portsmouth Arms and the Holly Blue- see www.parihofbasingstokedown.org.uk for details. Everyone is welcome!)

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HATCH WARREN WI

August – time for holidays, sunshine, and socialising. This year, for our annual WI Summer Social, we booked a trip on the Watercress Line (including their “traditional cream tea”). It proved to be very popular, with more than half of our membership keen to take part in the experience.

After a lovely cooling drink in the café at Alresford station we boarded the (much delayed) 3pm train. Two plump, delicious scones each, strawberry jam and individual pots of clotted cream were already on our tables and, once the teas and coffees were served we all tucked in!

We were having such a lovely time chatting during our journey through the Hampshire countryside that we missed the opportunity to stretch our legs at Alton station and before we knew it, the train was on its way back to Alresford. Never mind, it was a lovely afternoon, thoroughly enjoyed by all.

If you are interested in joining us please contact our president Shirley on 07979 217220, we meet at Hatch Warren Community Centre.



HAMPSHIRE POLICE UPDATE

#BeSafeBeSound Campaign

CounterTerrorism Policing is working with music venues and UK festivals to help people enjoy their live events safely this summer. Their advice for anyone attending an event this summer:

- If you spot something that doesn't feel right, report it to police or to security staff immediately: don't leave it to someone else.
- Don't leave bags unattended or anywhere they could cause a security scare. Never agree to look after anyone else's bags, no matter how genuine they seem.
- If you see something on social media that concerns you, report it.
- In an emergency, if you think there is an immediate risk, always call 999 and look around you for help from staff – especially those with radios who can raise the alarm quickly.
- If there is an incident, listen to staff and any announcements.
- Remember, the chance of being caught in a terrorism incident is small. But if it happens – Run, Hide, Tell. Read more at www.counterterrorism.police.uk/safetyadvice/

Look out for the signs of exploitation

This summer, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner in partnership with Hampshire County Council Children's Services, have launched a campaign aimed at parents to raise awareness of child exploitation and offer help on how to see the signs, what to do and where to get help. Read more here: www.hampshire-pcc.gov.uk/iycs

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ST. MICHAEL'S REFURBISHMENT

St. Michael's Hospice was delighted to finish the refurbishment work to its inpatient unit on time and the results have delighted everyone.

The work was vital to bring the flooring in the corridor areas up to required infection control standards and the Hospice took the opportunity to get other upgrades done to the unit. The lighting was totally changed to more energy efficient spotlights, redecoration was completed, and soundproofing was added to corridors and some of the busier working spaces.

The refurbishments were completed; after two weeks the unit was open again and patients were being admitted. The Hospice shared pictures online after the work was done and the response was unanimously positive with people commenting on how much brighter and airy it looked as well as what a fabulous transformation it was.

The Hospice will now move on to the next phases of its upgrade schedule with the next being a complete refurbishment of its family rooms, further improving the environment for patients and families but this work will be carried out with no disruption to the care it provides.



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HAMPSHIRE HOSPITALS CHARITY

Hampshire Hospitals Charity has launched its flagship campaign, The Magic Lion Appeal, which will raise money to improve child health services at Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (HHFT).

The appeal is part of the trust's commitment to improving care for some of their most vulnerable patients cared for in hospitals in Basingstoke and Winchester – and is asking for the help of the local community.

With the support of the public, the campaign aims to enable a number of improvements to be made within the child health department at HHFT, including investing in equipment, ward upgrades and decorations.

This year, the number of children admitted to access child health services through HHFT's emergency department has increased by nearly 20% in comparison to 2021.

One of the goals is to reconfigure the space at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital in Winchester, allowing patients and their families to be more comfortable whilst in hospital, and giving the expert staff more space to deliver care.

To find out more about the campaign, upcoming events or to donate, visit <https://bit.ly/magic-lion>.



RESTAURANT REVIEW

THE BARLEY MOW

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It was a hot lunch time in the school holidays so perhaps the reasonably busy car park meant that families were in the pub garden, but we wanted shade so went inside. Three small rooms across the front of this old building had been opened up to provide plenty of seating and because a door was open, we entered into the bar room.

In the bar there were a few diners with a selection of tables with a banquette across the wall under the large screen TV which is used to encourage patronage during sporting events. As it was switched off, we had a table in the corner close to a window.

An extensive menu offered the full range from snacks and sandwiches, pizzas, curries, burgers and steaks with some children's selections. Decadent Pub Classics was our choice and for once Madam and I made the same selection. We had chicken and ham pie with skin on chips, peas and a small pot of gravy. Although described as handmade, the pies actually came from a boutique style bakery in Kent, but were tasty, nevertheless.

Thinking alike again, we both chose the same dessert of apple and rhubarb crumble. We both had custard in preference to vanilla ice cream. And very good it was, too. For drinks, I had a pint of Moretti lager and Madam her usual slimline tonic with ice and a slice. She finished off with an Americano coffee accompanied with milk in one of those miniature milk bottles. I didn't bother.

The total bill came to £46.00 which was reasonable considering the food we had enjoyed. We were in no rush, but I just wish that it could have been served quicker as we were there for almost two hours. There was no offer of the usual explanation for the delay because they were short of staff due to Brexit. Perhaps the people in the garden had placed large orders just before our arrival.



HERITAGE OPEN DAYS 2022

Heritage Open Days is an annual event in England taking place over ten days in September that celebrates the country's history, culture and architecture – all FREE this year the event will take place between Friday-Sunday, 9-18 September 2022.

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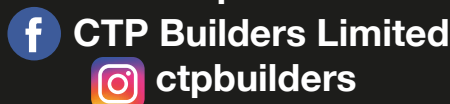
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