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EDITORIAL

The death of Her Majesty the Queen is incredibly sad. She was an amazing lady. The Rabbiter will remember her with love and also welcomes our new King – may he rule long and well. Many people took flowers as a remembrance for our Queen, but sadly these die and have become compost. A positive way of remembering the Queen is perhaps to donate the flower money to charity. With the dreadful flooding in Pakistan a UK based charity, Shelterbox, is providing help to people who have lost their home and all their possessions – see page 17 of how to donate.

Congratulations to Brighton Hill School on their excellent exam results this summer – see page 13. It is very positive that the children of local residents are able to attend a school with such positive results.

Many of us have old pairs of glasses languishing in a drawer in their house. They can be recycled to help people with sight problems – see information for World Sight Day collections on page 13.

The Hatch Warren Community Centre is once again organising the best Fireworks Display in Basingstoke. The event is on Saturday 5 November. Tickets are available from the Community Centre or via their website – see page 14. Please note that there are a limited number of tickets and they must be purchased in advance of the event – there will be NO TICKETS available on the gate.

Plans for Christmas are now well under way. The Bath Christmas Market is a great place to start your present shopping and there is a coach trip organised for Saturday 26th November. The next day (27th November) is the Christmas Market at the Community Centre – more details on page 14.

During lock down when trips to the pub for a sociable pint of beer were not possible, my husband was overjoyed when Andwell Brewery delivered bottles of their excellent beer to him at home. This month our roving restaurant critic visited the Brewery for coffee (and maybe a pint!) I am told that the street food offered on Friday evenings is very good. For more information see review on page 22.

As I write this I am looking forward to seeing Indigo Bakes at the Café in the Park with their lovely bread and amazing donuts! And don't forget the market is still at the Portsmouth Arms every other Saturday. Another date for your diary is the Community Lunch at the Café on the first Wednesday of each month – all welcome for jacket spuds or soup and a roll.

The time has come for your Editor to step down. We are looking for a couple of volunteers to join the editorial team. If you have a couple of hours a month to spare and would like to help keep local residents informed of events etc. please contact the Editor via editor@therabbiter.biz for more information.

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BEGGARWOOD SURGERY NEWS FROM THE PPG

Surgery

We are pleased to report that blood tests have now resumed at Beggarwood and this should alleviate the need to travel to North Hants hospital for this service.

The Operose re-organisation is now underway which should cut down the wait times in call answering we have been experiencing at the surgery. This is an on-going project but we are reassured by Operose that they intend to complete this as soon as possible and certainly before the year is out. They ask us for our continuing patience while this is carried out and bedded in. Remember the receptionists, the medical and admin team really are trying their best to help us and give us a great service and they are committed to providing as many face-to-face appointments as required as well as telephone and on-line consultations. Operose are also recruiting further full time GPs across all of their surgeries as well as a number of temporary admin people.

As a further part of the Operose re-organisation and to ensure a continuity of care they are creating five "Teams" consisting of various medical practitioners and each patient will be assigned to one of these Teams. Each Team will have an intimate knowledge of that patient's medical history and should alleviate the need for each consultation to be preceded by the patient having to give a summary of their past care etc. before moving on to their current need for a consultation. We have yet to be informed as to how the patients are to know which Team and specific doctor they are to be assigned to. We will press for further information on your behalf.

Maria Miller MP Meeting

We are still waiting to hear from Operose about our serious concerns arising out of the meeting. We are aware of some progress on a limited basis and we intend to press ahead with the issues raised by you all at the Health in the Community meeting with senior Operose personnel.

Dr.iQ

Current feedback to us is mixed. What are your experiences using the app? Once again replies via our email address please and don't forget the Q&A section on the Beggarwood web site : <https://www.beggarwoodsurgery.co.uk> for more information on using the App.

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 are not satisfied with the way they have dealt with your complaint, you can contact the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman to review your case on 0345 015 4033 or via their website: www.ombudsman.org.uk. The Ombudsman is an independent body established to promote improvements in healthcare through the assessment of the performance of those who provide service.

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:

- Have you been referred to a different surgery within Operose Group? What was your experience of this?
- 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

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

Two GPs, and an Advanced Practitioner Nurse have joined CGH in the past month, and a new Assistant Practice Manager has been appointed to help drive further improvements. Over 10,000 patients are now registered with DriQ, of which 61.5% are female and 38.5% are male. Over 3,523 contacts have been made in the past month. CGH are also planning to share updates to a wider audience with an advertorial in the Basingstoke Gazette newspaper. Waiting time for a routine appointment is currently 10 days.

PPG News

The PPG continue to have meetings with CGH in respect of DriQ and general improvement of communications. PPG members are always available to assist CGH in various ways and, an improvement plan for DriQ is being set up using PPG members to lead. Another project to improve the prescription process, which causes frustration and concern to patients is starting, also using PPG members.

Other News

Covid boosters for over 65s, the immunosuppressed, and health and care workers, are now available at the Health Hub in Festival Place. Flu vaccines will be offered at the same time. At present, it is an appointment only process, with no walk-ins. Patients will receive an NHS text to prompt them to book. It is worth checking with local pharmacies, including Boots and Tesco, if bookings are available for flu vaccines.

Diabetes is a disease affecting many people. Helpful information can be found via www.diabetes.org.uk. There is a busy and active local Diabetes UK group and, if you are interested in joining, email diabetesukbasingstokegroup@gmail.com with your contact details so they can ring you for a chat. Details on how the North and Mid Hants Diabetes Community is evolving and growing can be found via www.southernhealth.nhs.uk/our-services/wnhcds or contact 0300 003 0120, Monday to Friday between 0900 and 1700.

For anyone interested, a report by the World Health Organisation on vitamin B12 deficiency in recovered Covid-19 patients, can be found via <https://pesquisa.bvsalud.org/global-literature-on-novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov/resource/on/covid-who-1022367>

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GOOD NEWS FOR THE HOSPITALITY SECTOR IF YOU HAVE NOT YET APPLIED FOR YOUR PAVEMENT LICENCE



Clare Strachan

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) has announced that the temporary pavement licences brought in during the coronavirus (COVID-19) are to be made permanent.

The temporary licences were first introduced in July 2021 to support the struggling hospitality sector by making it quicker, easier and cheaper for businesses to get a pavement licence. Pavement licences allow businesses to set up removable furniture over parts of the highway adjacent to their premises for the sale of food and drink on or off the premises.

So what did the government introduce in July 2021 and what are the new changes?

What did the government introduce in July 2021?

The Government fast-tracked the process of applying for a pavement licence to support the struggling hospitality sector during the pandemic with the passing of the Business and Planning Act 2020 (Pavement Licence) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (the "Regulations"). Under the Regulations, eligible businesses can apply to the local authority for a capped fee of £100 and there is an obligation on the local authority to determine the application within 10 working days. If the local authority does not determine the application within this timeframe, then the licence is deemed granted.

Prior to this fast-tracked process, a business had to apply through Part 7A of the Highways Act 1980 which had varying application fees depending on the local authority and a minimum 28 calendar day consultation period.

What has changed?

Prior to July 2022, the Government guidelines confirmed that the fast-tracked process would allow licences to remain in place up to 30 September 2022. However, the good news is that the DLUHC has announced that the temporary changes will be extended until 30 September 2023 before becoming permanent law. The government has said that it will bring these changes into force through the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill.

This news has been welcomed by many, with The Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Greg Clark explaining:

We want to see bustling town centres across the country and that's why the changes we made to licensing rules will become permanent. Making al-fresco dining a permanent fixture on our high streets is part of our plan to level up communities and create vibrant places people want to live and work.

By Clare Strachan & Tara O'Herlihy

For advice on this subject or any commercial real estate matters please contact Clare Strachan on 01256 854674 or email clare.scrachan@phillips-law.co.uk

COUNCILLOR DAN PUTTY

I have always valued respected and held women of Hatch Warren and Beggarwood in high esteem for the fantastic contributions they make to the lives in the community. They have always given me great support throughout my 27 years as councillor and will continue to do so in the future.

I would like to pay tribute to Claire Pearce and many of her predecessors, the editor of Rabbiter Jenny Crawford, Cllr Rebecca Bean, ex Cllr Terri Reid, Anusha Singh the dentist and her many wonderful staff, the lady and men vicars in the wards, the women and men working in the retail park and Sainsbury's, the women and men working in Hatch Warren, St Mark's Infant and Junior schools plus Brighton Hill School staff of both sexes, the women working in the two nursery schools, the nursing home, the two pubs of our wards, those working in stores such as Co-op and others, the doctor's surgeries, the pharmacy, the estate agents. They all contribute to the awesome happy community life of Hatch Warren and Beggarwood.

I have tremendous respect for the equal contributions of women and men for enriching our everyday community life with laughter happiness and equality. I'd like to end by thanking Maria Miller MP for her work across our communities over recent years.

Cllr Dan Putty JP



SEPTEMBER REPORT

We were delighted to welcome back 25 members to our September meeting after the hot summer break and to greet several new faces.

We began our meeting with a quick warm up literary quiz and then discussed our book choice 'The Island of Missing Trees' by Elf Shafak. This novel begins in a divided Cyprus in 1974 and is essentially a novel of love and grief.

The group enjoyed discussing the challenging questions and on the whole loved this magical book although some found the talking fig tree a strange addition to the book.

Next month on 5th October we hope to welcome forensic psychotherapist Dr Gwen Adshead who worked for many years in Broadmoor Hospital. She has recently written 'The Devil You Know'. An alternative to this book is 'This Much is True' by Miriam Margolyes.



We look forward to welcoming you to the Café in the Park. Bookworms is a charity group raising funds for the Community Centre. Follow us on Facebook and join us for coffee, cake and book chat.





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COUNCILLOR'S UPDATE

DEATH OF HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II: at the time of writing, the nation is mourning the Queen's death and awaiting her State Funeral. I knew that detailed plans had been made (Operation London Bridge) to handle this event, but I am so impressed at the flawless organisation and execution of all the elements of the changeover. I never met the Queen to talk to, but did have the privilege of attending a State Opening of Parliament at which she read the Queen's speech - a fascinating and most impressive occasion. I pay tribute to the late Queen's service to the country and wish King Charles III well as our new Head of State.

TRANSPORT STRATEGY FOR BASINGSTOKE: After some pushing, my fellow Councillors and I received a briefing regarding the emerging transport strategy for Basingstoke. I have some misgivings and am writing to the Executive Member. The major issue for me is a proposal (no more than an idea really, at this stage), to close the southbound slip roads onto the M3 and direct traffic down the A30 to join the motorway at a revised Junction 8. This would send southbound traffic joining the motorway past the entrance to the proposed new hospital, which I see as undesirable.

HOUNSOME FIELDS SCHOOL: I have had a very interesting discussion with Hampshire's officers regarding the new primary school to be built at Hounsome Fields. Its design is based on one that I found to be excellent, at Stoneham Park near Eastleigh. The school will cater for two forms of entry and is slated for opening in September 2025. It will have small specialist provision for children with Special Education Needs. The main buildings are set as far away as possible from the new roundabout, to avoid traffic pollution. It has an energy-efficient design, including solar panels on the roof.

DENTAL SURGERY ON THE ISLAND SITE: we have learnt that the land earmarked for a dental surgery on the Island Site has been sold by Grainger to a company that specialises in running children's nurseries, and they do not intend to use it as a surgery. I am disappointed at this, as I regarded a new dental facility as an asset to the community that could also free up space for the Beggarwood doctor's surgery to expand. The main comfort is that children's nursery spaces are in high demand all the time. I have a meeting arranged with Bloor Homes to see if a dental facility can be provided on the Golf Course site. I am also exploring (but regard this as a long-shot) whether the new owners might be willing to go for a dual-use building on the Island site. Whilst we explore options, the current position is that the new dental surgery is not happening.

BRIGHTON HILL ROUNDABOUT: I took the opportunity to visit the roundabout and review progress. Timescales have slipped a little as a result of the cable strike which impacted peoples' land lines and broadband, but the contractors hope they have plans in place to catch up the lost time. On this visit, we were able to view a lot of the work that will eventually be covered in, to function underground. This centres round the huge concrete cylinders which are, in fact, soakaways. Water is piped off the roads into them, from where it is able to soak into the ground and eventually become part of the water table.

BRIGHTON HILL SCHOOL: A planning application has been submitted to the County Council's Regulatory Committee to expand Brighton Hill Community School. This move responds to the increased demand for places there. The school currently takes up to 255 pupils each year and currently has 1095 pupils on roll. It will take its full 255 in September 2022, generating an increase of 116 pupils as a result of a low year 11 cohort leaving this summer. The proposed new building will provide 3 new classrooms, office, stores, and toilet accommodation, which will provide the accommodation needed by the school to accommodate its numbers on roll. There is more about this, and the next item, on my blog (see below).

CONGRATULATIONS TO BRIGHTON HILL SCHOOL STUDENTS:

Whilst on the subject of our local secondary school, the students did really well this year in their GCSE exams. Students achieving five standard passes (level 4+) including English and Maths has gone from 51 per cent in 2019 to 68 per cent this year. Those with five strong passes (level 5+) have gone from 25.9 per cent in 2019 to 49.3 per cent in 2022. If I interpret the numbers correctly, the results from these examinations were higher than the teacher-assessed grades during Covid. And, bearing in mind that the students were being taught for a large part of the time under pandemic restrictions, I see these results as remarkable. Well done to all concerned!

PHONE MAST APPLICATION REFUSED: I opposed the placing of a phone mast on the footpath in Woodbury Road, near to Wood Close, and a similar one in Buckingham Parade, Kempshott. I am pleased to report that both of them have been refused by Borough Council Officers. For the Hatch Warren application they offered reasons that included the unsightly nature of the mast near to homes and the obstruction of the footpath that it would represent. The next steps are uncertain: I expect the applicants could appeal but more likely, in my opinion, is that they will seek alternative locations nearby.

GOLF COURSE DEVELOPMENT: Bloor Homes has submitted a planning application for phase 2 of its development on the old Golf Course. It will deliver up to 229 new homes in total, including 114 affordable dwellings. There will be new and improved pedestrian and cycling connections across the whole development site and into the wider area. Measures to enhance biodiversity will include provision of bat and bird boxes, nest boxes for breeding birds and retention of grasslands and habitat areas. The Golf Course site is eventually destined to take about 1,000 homes. Bloor Homes has also written to me to say that it will start road works at the end of the summer on the A30 past the Golf Course. The work will be undertaken in three phases to minimise inconvenience, with each phase expected to last about 10 weeks. The upshot is that users of the A30 can expect movement restrictions from late summer for about 6 months.

WAREHOUSES: it seems that the Secretary of State is not going to intervene on the application for warehouses near junction 7, so everything rests on the planning appeal, for which a date has not been announced at the time of writing.

DOCTOR'S SURGERIES: the Chair of the Beggarwood Patient Participation Group will be writing a more detailed report elsewhere in this magazine. The main discussion points, for me, are around the philosophy that Operose is bringing to its running of four buildings. Are they operating one surgery with four outlets, or four surgeries working in partnership with each other? My feeling is that having the Beggarwood surgery retaining its own identity is most likely to provide continuity and a personalised service to the local residents. And with a lot of people in this area attending Camrose, Gillies or Hackwood, I think that stressing the individual identities of the surgeries as much as possible would be advantageous.

DIGESTER: the next meeting of the Anaerobic Digester Liaison Committee has been arranged for 10th October. I am expecting to receive a report on how well the upgrades to the plant have been implemented and whether they are making a difference in terms of eliminating odour leakage.

ST MARK'S SCHOOL: A lot of work took place over the summer to improve the school's outside area and it looks to have been very successful.

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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County Councillor.

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PROBUS HEARS ABOUT LIFE ON THE MAGISTRATES' BENCH



The likes of sayings "You're nicked!" and "Caught banged to rights" are not usually what a magistrate hears when dealing with the deeds of accused miscreants at the first level of the British legal system. Guest speaker at the latest meeting of the Probus Club of Basingstoke was Tony Hersh JP, who gave an insight into a day in the life of a Justice of the Peace. He has been a magistrate in Basingstoke for about 5 years having spent a career in clinical research. He spoke about the history of magistrates, how long they have been in existence and the changes in their powers over time.

All cases start in this first tier of court justice which has a bench of usually three magistrates and work without a jury. They are limited to dealing with what are known as "summary offences" which include most motoring offences, minor criminal damage and common assault. Sometime burglary and drug offences. More serious cases, known as "indictable offences", are sent to the Crown Court.

He illustrated the types of punishment open to magistrates using the Sentencing Guidelines which provide a boundary on magistrates' judgements. They can impose fines, community service, driving bans and imprisonment up to 12 months. They

can remand someone to prison to await trial at Crown Court which is one of the most difficult decisions magistrates have to make. Many months can pass before trial and if the defendant is then found not guilty, they receive no compensation for having spent time in prison.



Tony Hersh JP (left) with Probust Vice President Dr Jeff Grover

Of particular interest, he demonstrated a series of actual cases ranging from shoplifting to fraud and assault among others. He presented the evidence and the stance of the prosecution and defence, and the various sentencing options open to the magistrates. The audience was asked what they thought was appropriate before he disclosed the actual sentence imposed and the reasons behind it.

Anyone can apply to become a magistrate and the court service desire such volunteers to represent society at large. Naturally checks are made about applicants and references are sought but people can apply from aged 18 upwards. Considerable training is undertaken but retirement comes at the age of seventy five. However, the ability of retaining the honorific of JP after your name can be used until your demise.

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OLD DOWN AND BEGGARWOOD WILDLIFE GROUP

Well, both sites have survived our extremely hot and dry summer. It is quite surprising how quickly after the rains arrived the brown barren grassland became healthy and green again. But it is apparent that the unprecedented temperatures have affected insects – there are certainly not so many around this year. We are now into autumn which this year is mild and fairly wet which is good for fungi. Field mushrooms will have appeared by now and other species such as Boletus Edulis (a favourite edible mushroom) (also known as Cep) should be popping up. There are some very striking species of fungi – look for these shown below.

There is still an issue with the proposed commercial development at Junction 7, Oakdown Farm, Dummer. The developers have appealed Basingstoke Council's refusal

for a planned Lidl warehouse complex. The warehouses will be such an eyesore and will result in the destruction of 100 acres of prime farmland as well as creating light and air pollution which particularly affect the new housing developments on the golf course and at Hounsome Fields. There would be a huge increase in traffic movement on top of that being created by those housing developments. This warehouse development in open countryside will have a negative effect on our wildlife and green corridors. Since the recent Longacre development and nearby 'island' development it is clear that insect and bird numbers and variety of species have declined on Beggarwood and, particularly, on Old Down. Such massive further development will continue to add to the already existing negative effect. We need healthy, verdant open

spaces for our wellbeing – continuous areas of development on precious open countryside will take that all away. Dummer Parish Council (DPC) is preparing to fight the warehouse development appeal. If you wish to support DPC look for Clean Air Green Environment whose website is clearairgreenenvironment.org.

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.

<https://sites.google.com/site/olddownbeggardwoodwildlifegroup>
 Email: odandbwd@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/odandbwd



Golden Scalycap



Fly Agaric



Turkeytail

Café in the Park

WE ARE NOW FULLY OPEN!

PLEASE JOIN US

WEDNESDAY – SUNDAY 10am – 2pm

Beggarwood Bookworms – 1st Wednesday every month. To enquire email office@hatchwarren.org

Community lunch 1st Wednesday every month

Free hot drink with 10 stars collected using our loyalty card

Sunday offers from 1.30pm onwards

Midweek deals - coffee and cake only £4

Card & A Cuppa with Pauline @ I Create Craft – (call 07884 303557 for info)

Health Walk – 1st Wednesday every month

Lots of regular events – please ask at the cafe

For party bookings please visit:
www.hatchwarren.org

Card & Cuppa

Oct 14th

Nov 11th

Dec 16th

Beggarwood
 Community Centre,
 Broadmere Road,
 Basingstoke,
 RG22 4AQ.
 Tel: 01256 811262



TOASTED PANINIS
AND SANDWICHES



FRESH HOMEMADE CAKES



WEEKEND BAPS



HOT & COLD DRINKS

We look forward to seeing you soon!



Basingstoke Blues Club

BBC3 www.facebook.com/groups/BasingstokeBluesClub/

in association with the Basingstoke Railway Social Club
Station Approach, Basingstoke RG21 5NB presents

Saturday 15th October

Steve 'West' Weston's Bluesonics

The Bluesonics are described as one of the most authentic Blues bands of the UK and are fronted by the exceptional vocalist, Steve 'West' Weston, who is said to have a pretty solid claim to being the U.K.'s top harmonica man and also excels on the piano. He has featured on 'Later with Jools' and has worked with Roger Daltrey. This line up is described as amazing, so don't miss this opportunity to see them!

All welcome - 8pm till late - £10 cash on the door. Licensed bar and low prices.
Profits to Brain Tumour Research - Charity number 1153487.

Future dates: -

November 19th - The Connor Selby Band.
December 10th - The new Sam Payne Band.

BRIGHTON HILL SCHOOL RECORD OUTSTANDING EXAM RESULTS

Brighton Hill School has recorded excellent exam results, for the recent cohort in August 2022, the best in recent history.

The results topple those recorded in 2019, the last time exams were held, which were teacher assessed grades.

The average level 4+ outcomes whole school was 74.1% (up 16.3% on 2019), the average level 5+ outcomes whole school 59.5% (up 21.3% on 2019). Students achieving a grade 4+ in English AND Maths 77% (up 12% on 2019) and student achieving a grade 5+ in English AND Maths 54% (up 27% on 2019).

Chris Edwards, the headteacher of Brighton Hill Community School, said: "We are incredibly proud of our Class of 2022, who have been through so much turbulence. "To have doubled some of the headline figures from the last set of exams is unheard of and we could not be any more delighted as a school community."

If you are interested in visiting Brighton Hill School, we have our Open Evening on Monday 3rd October from 6:00pm, no booking required. Or book onto one of our tours by contacting our reception team on 01256 350606.

Open Evening

Monday 3rd October 6:00pm to 8:00pm*



Open Mornings

Arrive for 9:00am tour, presentation from Mr Edwards at 9:30am, usually finished by 10:15am.

Available mornings:
Thursday 22nd September
Thursday 29th September
Thursday 6th October
Monday 10th October
Tuesday 11th October

Please contact the school to book your Open Morning visit
Reception 01256 350606
reception@brightonhill.hants.sch.uk
www.brightonhill.hants.sch.uk

*Please note there is no need to book for the Open Evening.



Brighton Hill Community School
Making success inevitable



WORLD SIGHT DAY



1.2 billion people need glasses to see better!



Take your unwanted specs
to the

Basingstoke Lions

Thursday 13th October

Central Square, Basingstoke - 9am-3pm
or to

Morrisons

10th - 16th October



We can find a home for them!

Social Group

Volunteering Opportunity

Basingstoke Services



Our Social Groups aim to provide a friendly, comfortable and welcoming safe place for older people. We are excited to be reopening our groups after a long absence due to Covid 19 and we are looking for volunteers to help make this happen and make a difference to the older community.

OUR GROUPS CURRENTLY RUN IN VENUES ACROSS BASINGSTOKE:

- POPELY - THURSDAY 10AM – NOON
- WINKLEBURY - THURSDAY 10AM -12
- SOUTH HAM - DEPENDENT ON VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

No experience necessary but we would like our volunteers to be:

- Friendly and helpful
- Adaptable and open to change
- Able to work as part of a team
- Able to recognise the needs of older people and the challenges and difficulties they face

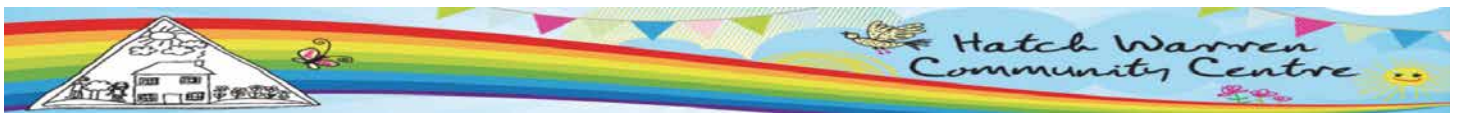
Our groups are informal and we want everyone (including the volunteers!) to enjoy themselves

For an informal discussion or to learn more about our volunteering opportunities please contact
Kim Stone - Community Engagement Officer by calling 07935 420 554
or email enquiries@ageconcernhampshire.org.uk

AN INDUCTION PROGRAMME WILL BE PROVIDED BY AGE CONCERN HAMPSHIRE AND EACH VOLUNTEER WILL BE GIVEN FULL TRAINING AND SUPPORT BY THE WELLBEING PROJECT COORDINATOR.

A MILEAGE ALLOWANCE CAN BE PAID FOR TRAVEL TO AND FROM THE ACTIVITY CENTRE PLUS DBS CHECKS WILL BE CARRIED OUT.





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

SATURDAY 5th NOVEMBER
 Gates Open 5.30pm - Display starts 7.30pm prompt

Hatch Warren Community Centre presents...

FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR

DJ Mark Halliday * Competitions * Light up novelty glow toys
 Burgers * Chips * Hot Dogs * Thai Street Food * Hog Roast
 Waffle Wagon * Sweet Stall * Licenced Bar * Mulled Wine

TICKETS ON SALE TO MEMBERS 1st SEPTEMBER & GENERAL SALE 1st OCTOBER
NO TICKETS AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT - BUY EARLY AS LIMITED TICKETS ON SALE
TICKET SALES CLOSE AT 12 NOON ON SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

ADVANCED TICKET ONLY EVENT - NO TICKETS AVAILABLE ON THE GATE

FAMILY £24 <small>2 adults plus up to 2 children up to age 15</small>	ADULT £12	CHILD / SENIOR £5 <small>Children 6 - 15</small>
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TICKETS ON SALE VIA THE WEBSITE OR IN THE OFFICE.
 Payment by cash or internet banking.
 A surcharge will be applied if purchasing online. All tickets are non-refundable.

Remember!
 Remember!
 The 5th of November!

www.hatchwarren.org
www.facebook.com/hatchwarren
 Office open 9am-3pm Monday - Friday
 Tel: 01256 811262

In association with **Sainsbury's**

HATCH WARREN COMMUNITY CENTRE
BATH CHRISTMAS MARKET
COACH TRIP

SATURDAY 26th November
£25.00 PER PERSON

COACH DEPARTS AT 8AM FROM OUR CAR PARK AND RETURNS FROM BATH AT 5PM

- Let us take the strain out of your Christmas shopping
- Over 140 traditional wooden chalets adorn the streets
- Unique, handmade and unusual gifts, decorations and food items
- The 'Christmas Capital of the West' is famous for its market and quality independent and favourite high street stores.

THIS TRIP IS OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
40 seats must be sold for trip to go ahead

To book your place email office@hatchwarren.org or call 01256 811262

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

We are looking for volunteers for our Fireworks event. If you can support us from 5pm-9pm, we can offer a complimentary ticket for your family. Please email office@hatchwarren.org

Christmas Market

Hatch Warren Community Centre
Sunday 27th November
12 - 4pm

Pre-loved toys Tombola Festive games Children's Craft Zone
 Food Court

Entry £1 (kids go free)

Meet Father Christmas in his Grotto
£4 per child (including gift)
bookable slots in advance

This event is being held as a fundraising event for the Hatch Warren and Beggarwood Community Association Charity No 1161117



Just 2 hours is all it takes to make a difference

As a charity, we rely heavily on volunteers to help us provide events and services to the local community at Hatch Warren and Beggarwood centres. All it takes is 2 hours, to bake a cake for a fayre, make bacon rolls at Café in the Park, event set up/clear away, sell tuck at The Warren Youth Club, deliver a leaflet in your street, or even help us in the office with social media posts, boosting membership levels.

Just 2 hours of your time will make a huge difference to your community

We have a whole host of fundraising events planned that rely on your help and support to make them successful.

Sign up today to volunteer your time and enthusiasm to support your community. Meet new friends, gain charity experience, learn new skills and become part of an exciting, caring, friendly community that makes a real difference.

Please get in touch: office@hatchwarren.org. Charity #1161117

Volunteer



Children & Young People's support lines
 Childline - 0800 1111 - Samaritans - 116 123
 Young Minds text service – 85258

The only Youth Club with Open Access and a Health Hub serving Hatch Warren and Beggarwood

Qualified Staff / Extensive Free Holiday Programmes /Tel: 842111 / Email: emily@hatchwarren.org
 Follow Us on Facebook @The Warren and Instagram @thewarrenyouthclub

The Warren is open! Booking is essential!

Activities Schedule: Fridays 6pm -7.45 pm, years 6, 7 & 8

Friday 7 th October	Fun session with Basingstoke Rugby Club, Henna tattoos and hot sausage rolls.
Friday 14 th October	Well-being session , stress ball making and Mocktails
Friday 21 st October	Football quiz, keyring making and tomato pasta
Friday 28 th October	Halloween Disco and craft plus party food

We hope all your young people have been settling in well in their new year groups or completely new schools. Such a big step moving into year 7. We understand that young people go through all sorts of changes and some find this quite challenging. We offer well-being sessions once a month on a variety of topics which give the young people an opportunity to talk and express themselves.

September the young people enjoyed a variety of activities including Manhunt, Basketball, friendship bracelet making and cake decorating.

We offer a special at the tuck shop each week for sale such as sausage rolls for £1. Each session we also offer hot food such as pizza, chips and toasties each for a small cost of £1.25. The tuck shop is stocked with sweets, chocolate, crisps and a variety of drinks. Prices range from 50p-£1.25.



Many of our young people have now left college and are looking for employment. We are joining them at the Job Centre Plus and helping them independently with their job search and what to expect in an interview.

We are hoping to start a computer course at the Café in the Park for some of our young people. We are being supported by the BVS in this project.

I spent an evening with the Rotary club talking about our club and the benefits it bring to our members. They have kindly donated money to us and we have put some of it towards a cash register so we can practise money work for those who are interested in working in retail. We have also bought a blender so we can make healthier drinks at the club.

We have been using Café in the Park for regular meetings and catch ups while enjoying a coffee and some cake. We also walk through the park and then head back to the community centre.

Dates for October

3RD Hatch Warren Community Centre

10th Visit to the Spruce Goose

17th Hatch Warren Community Centre



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

The first half term is flying by 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. We are also starting to think about animals that hibernate as part of our autumn topic. Lots of children have spoken about hedgehogs, so hedgehog has also been one of our words to learn in our weekly Makaton signing lessons.

Inside we have revamped our home corner, which the children are really enjoying. There is lots of role-play, dressing up and reading on offer every day. We are putting an emphasis on encouraging our children's interest in books and offering lots of different reading areas, including a new den outside.

We are still busy with our weekly sessions of dough gym, write dance and Makaton signing. Our cooking and science experiments are very popular too.

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

HWU5s and the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

Within the EYFS reading is broken down into two areas: Language Comprehension and word reading. At Hatch Warren under Fives, we ensure children have a language rich environment whereby children enjoy stories, rhymes, poems and songs and are encouraged to act these out in role play, games and listening walks.

One of our favourite stories at Hatch Warren Under Fives is 'We're going on

the bear hunt". We read the story, take the children for a walk and act out the story - and we eventually find the bear hiding in our garden.

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

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

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

CANDOVER VALLEY PRE-SCHOOL

Hello from CVP!

It has been a lovely start to the new school year. Fantastic to see our little ones return for another year and to welcome our new friends. We have really enjoyed the home visits, meeting the families of our new starters and inviting them in for play and stays so the little ones can gain confidence and build a relationship with their keyperson before they start. This makes such a difference to emotional wellbeing, confidence and settling into pre-school life.

We have been reading our favourite settling in story Owl Babies and the little ones have been making their own representations, getting messy with glue and feathers and creating owl baby nests using pine cones and natural resources.



The little ones have been making seasonal apple and blackberry crumbles with Louise. A great opportunity to talk about quantities, blackberry picking, what fruits they prefer and use their fine motor skills, rubbing the ingredients together and sprinkling the mixture.

Dramatots has returned with Kate and the children were so excited to take part in the fun with singing, dancing and role play! Our little group have also been busy learning and singing colours and days of the week with Elles our French teacher.

Our Forest sessions will be returning at the end of September so there will be lots of fun making new shelters, dens and exploring for mini beasts. We are also looking forward to more sessions at The Hornbeam Hideout this term.

Hope to see you soon!

Lisa Collison

Pre-School Head

Tel: 01256-389008

Email: cvpadmin@btconnect.com

www.candovervalleypreschool.co.uk/

DANDELIONS

A warm welcome to all of our new families and to those returning to us. We hope that you have all had a wonderful summer.

It was lovely to do the first of our home visits during the summer. We felt this was a huge benefit to not only us as keyworkers but also for the children and parents to start to build relationships before joining us.

We have been focusing on getting to know our new children and their families and resettling our returning children. To support this we have introduced our "Well Being" basket helping children to understand emotions and lots of activities around the story of The Colour Monster.



The children have been on a bug hunt and have shown a great interest in the worms in the garden. They have been looking at the different sizes and how they move across the ground. We have talked about what they might like to eat with leaves being a firm favourite!

With our AGM approaching we are holding an Information Morning at Immanuel Church, Danebury Road Hatch Warren on Tuesday 18th October 10.00 – 11.30 If

you are interested please do contact us. Refreshments will be available.

We are actively looking for people to join our Committee. If you have a few hours to spare each month and have skills in finance, education, Marketing, IT, HR or just a general enthusiasm to ensure our preschool continues to provide the best possible early years learning opportunities then we would love to hear from you.

As a charity organisation our Committee must be made up of a minimum of 60% parents and the remainder of people from the local community.

With spaces almost full for this academic 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 Dandelions for your child's early years on 01256 818857 or alternatively e-mail info@dandelions-preschool.org.uk

CUCKOO MEADOW PRE-SCHOOL

We returned back from the Summer holidays refreshed and raring to go!

We welcomed some new faces to the pre-school and of course welcomed back some familiar ones too.

This half term our theme has been 'All About Me'. We enjoyed using mirrors to

have a good look at our faces, talk about our different features before drawing them and adding some creative hair styles! They now adorn our display board for us to enjoy looking at, and of course to show our parents and carers when they can.

We are really looking forward to a 'roarsome' second half of the term, when we will be spending time looking at dinosaurs.

Date for your diary: We will be holding our AGM at the pre-school on Wednesday 12th October at 19:30hrs. Please do come along and support us if you can. We are hoping to be joined by one of the teacher's from our local school who will be able to give some insight to life in Reception Class for all those with children hoping to attend when they leave pre-school.

About Cuckoo Meadow Pre-School: We are a small, friendly, Ofsted Outstanding ranked pre-school located in the Rathbone Pavillion, North Waltham. The children who attend come from within the village and the surrounding areas including Oakley, Dummer, Hatch Warren, Kempshott and Beggarwood and all agree the location and wonderful caring staff mean it is more than worth the short journey. To find out more please contact Jo or Fiona on 01256 398172.

BASINGSTOKE DEANE ROTARY

SEVERE MONSOON FLOODING IN PAKISTAN

You will have seen the TV news, thousands of people with nowhere to live after the floods. The disaster has affected more than 33 million people. A SHELTERBOX response team is in Pakistan working to support thousands of people left with nowhere to live. Aid includes tents, water filters and carriers, mosquito nets, and solar lights. The most affected locations are Sindh, Punjab, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (KP) and Baluchistan

The UK-based international charity SHELTERBOX was founded by the Rotary Club of Helston, Cornwall. Working alongside UNICEF & other international charities, it provides emergency shelter & survival kits to 1000s of families who have lost everything through natural disasters like the flooding in Pakistan. A full Shelterbox provides a robust tent and the basic essentials for sleeping, cooking and water purification for a family of 10 to survive for 6 months. If needed in that area mosquito nets will be included. There will also be small toys and books and pencils for children. SHELTER KITS, and SHELTER TOOL KITS used to build and repair are also needed. The contents of these kits are tailored to the need in the area and may include tarpaulin, ropes, tie wire, handsaw, nails, hammer, axes & other items such as water filters

SHELTERBOX is the chosen route through which the 32,000 Rotary Clubs operating in over 200 countries around the world can provide rapid and direct emergency help to families in Pakistan in desperate need after this disaster. The contents are tailored to the needs of each disaster area. Basingstoke Deane Rotary has donated to Shelterbox knowing that they will supply what is need for individual communities in Pakistan.

With floods it can be hard to access safe, clean water. By providing families with water containers and water filters, safe drinking water becomes one less thing to worry about. To donate towards a SHELTERBOX or SHELTER KIT go to; www.shelterbox.org/donate

Facebook: @RotaryBasingstokeDeane
Twitter: @RBstokeDeane

WHITCHURCH SILK MILL

Fun with Bricks, 28 October

Half-term fun: build Halloween-themed LEGO creations and follow a LEGO trail throughout the Mill. Master LEGO builders The Brick People will be creating custom-built models and there will be an open build brick area for you to create whatever you want. Booking essential – see the Mill's website for details of timeslots. Tickets £6 per child with one free accompanying adult per child. Additional adults will need to pay admission or show their annual pass/family ticket.

Current Exhibition: Stripes

Free with admission and running until 6 November this exhibition explores stripes, a pattern synonymous with Whitchurch silk. Stripes were once the mark of the devil and are now an iconic print used in day-to-day fashion and furnishings. The exhibition draws from the Mill's own extensive archive, enhanced with loaned objects from collaborators, and explores the creation, history and use of stripes since the invention of textile production.

Goodbye to Marie

We have said a very fond farewell to Marie Page, who started working at the Mill in 1976 and left in August. Without Marie's knowledge and expertise the Mill's link to its silk-weaving heritage would have been lost, and we are immensely grateful to her for all she has done to keep us weaving beautiful silk and also for passing on her skills to several trainee weavers in recent years, allowing us to carry on without her. She'll be greatly missed!

Contact: info@whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk 01256 892065 www.whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk

ANVIL ARTS, BASINGSTOKE SEPTEMBER 2022

01256 844244 / anvilarts.org.uk

CRIMES ON CENTRE COURT

Tue 4–Thu 6 Oct The Haymarket

Tickets: £24. Under 25s and f/t students £13
(includes £4 booking fee)

STARS OF THE WEST END

Kerry Ellis and Louise Dearman

Fri 7 Oct, 7.30pm The Anvil

Tickets: £35 (includes £4 booking fee)



SHOCK HORROR

Fri 7–Sat 8 Oct The Haymarket

Tickets: £16. Under 25s £14 (includes £4 booking fee)

BRNO PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

Thu 13 Oct, 7.45pm The Anvil

THE TELL-TALE HEART

Thu 13 – Sat 15 Oct The Haymarket

Tickets: £24, 2pm £22. Under 25s and f/t students £15 (includes £4 booking fee) Suitable for: ages 15 and over

HOWARD JONES ACOUSTIC TRIO

With Nick Beggs and Robin Boulton

Sat 15 Oct, 7.30pm The Anvil

Tickets: £34, £31.50 (includes £4 booking fee)



JUAN MARTÍN

Sat 15 Oct, 7.45pm The Forge

Tickets: £20. Under 25s £15 (includes £4 booking fee)

LADYSMITH BLACK MAMBAZO

Plus Muntu Valdo

Wed 19 Oct, 7.30pm The Anvil

Tickets: £39, £34 (includes £4 booking fee)



THE STEPTOE & SON RADIO SHOW

Tue 25 Oct, 7.30pm The Haymarket

Tickets: £21. Under 25s £18 (includes £4 booking fee)

SIR RANULPH FIENNES – Living Dangerously

Thu 20 Oct, 7.30pm The Anvil

Tickets: £36.50, £31.50 (includes £4 booking fee)

Suitable for: ages 14 and over



FAUSTUS

Wed 26 Oct, 8.15pm The Forge

Tickets: £20. Under 25s £15 (includes £4 booking fee)

THE NUTCRACKER

Fri 28 Oct, 7.30pm The Anvil

Tickets: £38. Under 25s and f/t students £36 (includes £3 booking fee)

BASINGSTOKE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Sun 6 Nov, 7.00pm The Anvil

BASINGSTOKE NEIGHBOUR CARE

Basingstoke NeighbourCare, are a local charity who this year are celebrating 25 years of working in Basingstoke. They provide the following services:

Transport

They offer car transport to the following: Doctors; hospital or other medical appointments; as well as to shops, clubs and more. This is run on a suggested donation basis for the trip, making it a more affordable option, they also accept HCC travel vouchers.

Befriending Scheme

A Befriending scheme is available to help combat loneliness in those who are housebound and living on their own. They match people up with a volunteer Befriender, who then provides a regular weekly visit for a chat over a cup of tea.

Community Cafés:

Church Cottage – Tuesdays 10:30am to 12:30pm

Hill Rise Hall, Brighton Hill – Wednesday 10:30am to 12:30pm

The Community Cafés are well worth visiting, they have a warm, friendly buzz about them and are a great place to pop along to. Don't worry if you don't know anyone to meet up with, there are 'Chatter and Natter' tables to welcome you and connect you with others, hosted by some really friendly people. Maybe you enjoy a game of cards, dominos or something similar, then they have just the thing for you with the games table. And then what about a good book to take home to read? They also have a book exchange.

The Cafés, which are supported by Hampshire County Council, give older members of the local community the opportunity to meet others. They have a lovely selection of cakes, pastries, toasted tea cakes, and light snacks, as well as hot and cold drinks all at very reasonable prices. Do pop along and meet the warm, welcoming team of volunteers and sample some of the lovely cakes on offer

For more information on these services please call 01256 423855

Do you enjoy driving and have a few hours spare?

Basingstoke NeighbourCare are looking for volunteers who can provide car transport to those needing to: get to medical appointments, pick up some shopping, go to a social event such, as a lunch club, in and around the Basingstoke area. This is a vital service for older people who can no longer access public transport. This helps keep people connected, making them feel part of the wider community and reduces social isolation.

The volunteering role is very flexible: you choose when and where you volunteer, from weekly to just once a month. You can choose to drive short local trips or longer journeys to hospitals, the choice is yours. It is also very suitable for someone who has a few hours during school drop off and pick up times. Expenses are reimbursed.

If interested then please drop Kirsty Bennett a line at NeighbourCare, on 01256 423857

or email Kirstybennett@neighbourcare.com

BASINGSTOKE CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT FELLOWSHIP



At the monthly meeting on 7 September the Chairman, David Cowling, welcomed the attending members and as Christine Broadbent, the Welfare Officer, was away on holiday he updated members on the welfare situation including the progress of Tony Brazier, the Secretary. He also welcomed back June Brazier, the Treasurer, and reminded us that subscriptions are now due for the year from September 2022 to August 2023.

The speaker for this month was Alan Copeland who gave a talk titled 'Tales of the Unexpected'. These were stories of curiosities which can be seen in the buildings, roads and landscapes of Southern England. This included the oldest surviving mile post in England dating back to 1669 in Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire and the largest milepost in Esher, Surrey which was erected by a wealthy man who was tired of people not being able to find his house. The stories about the buildings included the house over a railway tunnel in West Sussex and the Victorian spa baths at Tenbury Wells in the West Midlands.



For further details and pictures go to:- www.curiosities.co.uk. The group's next outing will be on Thursday 13 October when there is a "Do as you please day" to Brighton with time to visit some of the local attractions, followed on Thursday 17 November with a trip to Bordon Country Market for your pre-Christmas shopping. The Christmas lunch at BCoT is on Thursday 15 December.

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 5 October when Alan Jones is giving us a presentation on Body Language and on 2 November "Mercy Ships" are coming to tell us about Medical Care to the Under Served. 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: csrfbasingstoke@gmail.com.

Margaret Atkinson

Your local parish church in Hatch Warren & Beggarwood

Join us for worship for all-ages every Sunday at 9.00am.

Other activities & services - see website and Facebook page for details

Everyone very welcome

Immanuel Church

St.Mark's School, Danebury Road, Hatch Warren, RG22 4US
Churchwardens Tel: 01256 351862

www.immanuelhwb.co.uk & www.facebook.com/immanuelhwb

SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

This year we have had a scorched and parched Summer with some of the hottest days in July we have ever had in this country and now in September rain and more rain. But the grass is looking greener, and the plants do not look quite so shrivelled as they did.

We simply cannot manage without water: It cleanses us, refreshes, and nourishes us. We are supposed to drink at least 1-2 litres per day.

As well as the physical requirement to drink plenty of water, for Christians water is an important spiritual symbol too.

In Baptism it symbolises new life, being washed clean, starting afresh (much as your shower does in the morning). We are delighted to have had lots of Baptisms recently in the Parish of Basingstoke Down. It is wonderful to welcome families and for little ones to start their journey of faith. We have also had some older children: one with a full immersion baptism as well as Confirmations of youngsters and teenagers.

Obviously, in Baptism parents and Godparents make promises to bring the child up in a Christian faith. But did you know the Church of England has a lovely Thanksgiving Service for the Gift of a child, which is also a very special occasion, where you can join with friends and family to celebrate and thank God for your child without having to make the promises if you are not quite ready in your own faith journey to do so. Do contact the church office if this is something you might be interested in.

Another important symbolism of water for Christians is the idea of water representing 'Spiritual Refreshment.' In the story of the woman at the well in John's Gospel (John chapter 4 verses 4-26). Jesus is talking to a Samaritan woman about this very subject. Bearing in mind Jesus was a Jew and Jews and Samaritans really didn't get on (think: Man Utd vs Man City or Liverpool vs Everton) AND men weren't supposed to talk to unaccompanied women. So, for a start it is a ground-breaking conversation.

Jesus is explaining to her about 'Spiritual Refreshment', but she thinks initially he is talking about her getting real water from some place other than by having to walk miles out of the village to the well. I suspect at first, she is disappointed that this isn't what Jesus is talking about. But gradually she understands at this 'Spiritual Refreshment' is worth far more and is much longer lasting, more needed, and even more valuable than the actual water in the well.

Jesus does not promise the woman, or us, that everything will be fine, but he does promise 'the water of life' and a Spiritual Refreshment that will sustain and nourish us and keep us going through the difficult times.

As we watch the rain fall and the landscape recover, may you be blessed with the 'water of life' to sustain and nourish you. Amen

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Rod Eggington, our speaker last month was, you could say, great value, giving us two talks in one... not only did he tell us the story of his great uncle Jack who was killed in action during WWI, but he also included many tips for the amateur genealogists amongst us. He discovered that his grandmother's brother John Arthur King, (known as Jack), was killed during the Battle of the Somme in July 1916. Rod told us how he had traced Jack's life at home and in the army across Europe.

It was a fascinating story and Rod brought along lots of military memorabilia for us to look at including a 'Death Penny' (given to the next of kin of all British Empire servicemen who were killed as a result of WWI), several medals and other interesting artefacts. A thoroughly enjoyable and informative speaker.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 6th October when we welcome Simon Morgan who will be talking about Travel and Adventure in the Royal Marines. If you are interested in joining us please contact our president Shirley on 07979 217220, we meet at Hatch Warren Community Centre.

A COUPLE MONTHS OF CATCH UP!

Well, it's been quite the couple of months. From my talk at the Basingstoke LGBTQIA+ group for Pride in June, through canvassing residents about the 5G mast, to joining the Beggarwood Surgery PPG. Somehow, we got through the memorable scorching day that WE managed to march for climate action with Greener Basingstoke in the morning, volunteer at the Hatch Warren Summer Fair in the afternoon, and attend the Surgery chat with Operose in the middle: I certainly felt the temperature! We've offered 'park and politics' for those with kids to come and chat at a time that's convenient, and I have moved from helping out at the Beggarwood Café Community Lunch – which we've been doing since the start of the year – to taking over the running of it.

By the time you read this we'll be headlong into our Green Week plans, because the climate and ecological crisis is one of our priorities as a political branch. The environment is a gendered issue and needs commensurately focused solutions, as I laid out in our submission to Council in 2020. See our socials (@wepbasingstoke) or our Hatch Warren and Beggarwood newsletter (below) for more.

Sadly, we decided to postpone our free public meeting with Make Votes Matter, who are the leading campaign group for a proportional representation voting system, in light of the period of mourning for Queen Elizabeth II. WE know that such an intense public outpouring of grief is very difficult for many of you and stirs up many feelings, especially following the incredibly difficult two years we've been through. If there is anything that WE can do for you as a branch team, please reach out. We will reschedule the meeting when possible and invite everyone to join us.

Lastly, October is the 1st anniversary of our win in getting the Council to vote to become White Ribbon accredited to help prevent violence against women and girls. Watch this space for our plans on that campaign...

I know many of you are interested in WE but don't necessarily want to sign up to branch emails. So, in order to better communicate with the people of Hatch Warren and Beggarwood, I have started a new ward-specific newsletter to keep you abreast of what WE are doing locally. You can use the QR code below or go to womensequality.org.uk/basingstoke and sign up to receive a concise monthly email with events, activities and places you can find me for a chat!

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FORMER MAYOR'S FUND AWARDS CASH BOOST TO COMMUNITY CAFÉ IN BEGGARWOOD

The Hatch Warren & Beggarwood Community Association has received a cash boost thanks to a former Basingstoke Mayor's Fund.

A cheque was presented to the organisation by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Councillor, Dan Putty JP. The funding has been awarded from Cllr Putty's Basingstoke & Deane Community Endowment Fund, managed by Hampshire & Isle of Wight Community Foundation (HIWCF). The fund was established when Cllr Putty served as Mayor of Basingstoke from 2013 to 2014 and it has continued to grow over time, enabling Cllr Putty to award a total of £1,941 this year to benefit community groups in the area.

Cllr Putty said: "I am absolutely delighted to award this grant to the Hatch Warren & Beggarwood Community Association, it is great to see that a small amount of funding can make such a big difference in supporting local people. The organisation is utilising their grant to purchase kitchen essentials for the café area, enabling services to expand in an important community hub where people can come along to meet new people and make new friends, particularly if they live alone. The community in Hatch Warren and Beggarwood is really prospering thanks to the work of the staff and volunteers at the centre."

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Our community wants this rapid growth to slow down to give local services like our Hospital and GPs time to catch up with the increase in demand; and the Council time to form a better plan to protect the local

natural environment. The next local plan must cut new house building levels in half, so we meet the needs of our own local residents, not those of other local authorities too.

Basingstoke is an exception: we have consistently overbuilt in comparison to other communities in the South East. There are provisions in law that the Borough Council can use to justify change, including establishing new policies on migration levels, and using 'exceptional circumstances' and 'strong reasons' as provisions set out in the National Planning Policy Framework Paragraphs 61 and 11b.

The next Local Plan needs a complete shift of focus, away from high levels of house building and onto a sustainable plan for the future, including

expanding services to meet the needs of our rapidly ageing population, the regeneration of existing housing stock, more high-quality jobs, and new ways for local residents to access affordable homes and to safeguard the natural environment.

You can back this call for change now by adding your name to the 'Slow It Down' Petition being presented to Basingstoke and Deane Council. Sign the petition by visiting my website or scan the QR code below.

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This is an unusual place positioned out of sight behind the Andwell Brewing Company on Andwell Lane which is off the A30 between Old Basing and Hook. This café and bar is of recent construction and offers inside and outside seating facilities. Some of the outside tables on the balcony are under cover and present a pleasant vista over a stream and pond.

Unlike some places that cite Covid restrictions, we were welcome to move tables together for our group of eleven friends. Even though the weather was inclement there was still around twenty five customers the morning we were there. Although predominately a coffee shop there was a full range of Andwell beers on tap for consumption here or to take home.



Without a kitchen the food offerings are simple and consist of a range of coffees and teas, four types of sandwiches, toasted tea cakes and a selection of cakes. It is planned to offer soup in the winter months. From 5.00 pm on the late opening Friday evening there is street food available from outside caterers.



Nevertheless, despite its culinary restrictions, it is a very pleasant place and worth a visit for a beer, coffee and a snack. Open times are 10 am to 5 pm Monday to Thursday, Fridays 10 am to 9 pm and Saturdays 10 am to 6 pm. Closed on Sundays.



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