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EDITORIAL

With the September issue we mark the transition from Summer into Autumn, but we can still hope for some lovely weather yet to come through the next month or so, as well as gorgeous autumn colours as we head towards October. There is always much to look forward to locally in the Autumn months including the Community Association Fireworks Extravaganza on 4th November, with tickets already on sale for members.

Please keep the photos of your lovely pets coming in, they really brighten up the magazine. And more unusual pets are very welcome too!

For anyone looking to give something back with some volunteer time, there are plenty of opportunities. The Rabbiter needs deliverers on a couple of rounds, further details on page six. The Community Association runs brilliant events and activities for our benefit and always needs extra voluntary help, especially for big dates such as the fireworks and Christmas fair. Also on page six there are details of volunteer befriending roles available through Hampshire Hospitals to provide friendship support for local people in poor health.

Although the HCC mobile library sadly no longer runs, the Home Library Service can deliver books directly to home for those unable to get to a local library. Further details on page 19.

If there is anything of a local nature that you would like us to include, if you have thoughts on how we can improve the Rabbiter or if you have any ideas on new features we could introduce, please get in touch.

Editor

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JULY MEETING

In July we celebrated the end of another successful year with our annual summer picnic when we always meet for a chat, a holiday book swap and a raffle. We also supported the Community Centre Festival by running a book stall which sadly had to be indoors due to the weather.

With the coming of Autumn we look forward to our new reading year and begin with a Pulitzer Prize winner *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver. This novel also won the Women's Prize for Fiction 2023. This is a powerful reimagining of David Copperfield following one boy's struggle to survive poverty and addiction in the Appalachian Mountains of Virginia.

Our October meeting will feature a visit by author Lucy Jones talking about her latest book *Losing Eden*. Waterstones says 'A love letter to the restoring power of nature'.

November's choice is a gripping thriller *The Maid* by Rita Prose.

New members are always very welcome to join our group, you just need a love of reading and lively discussion! Follow us on Facebook for details of meetings and tickets we look forward to seeing you.



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CGHB PPG

Feedback from patients:

Many thanks to those of you who have completed the short on-line survey. The results are uniformly consistent. At the last count we had around 250 replies showing that:-

- 19.8% currently use the App. and find it easy to use.
- 36% currently use the App. but DO NOT find it easy to use.
- 29.3% have tried using the App. but do not use it anymore.
- 14.9% have never used it.

We'd like to have an even better sample size from the patient population and so would urge more of you to complete the survey. It will only take a couple of minutes.

The link is <https://forms.gle/dCDPSh16oTXPckWv5> Or https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSed7Ro_WRjz-z9SFatKhtLeV7xBV_CZ8Vx-j66YK54ztSufLA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Dr.iQ Training

Discussions are on-going both with the surgery and our digital team to find ways of improving the take up rate for Dr.iQ and putting forward possible improvements to the App. Individual training sessions for patients are planned within each surgery. Dates will be published as soon as they are confirmed both here and on each surgery's notice board.

Surgery Notice Boards.

Over the next few months we will undertake the task of tidying up all the surgeries' Notice Boards and making them consistent across all of the CGH surgeries. We also plan to have space on these boards for our own communications to allow us to publish our own news and information. If you'd like to help with this task or have any comments about what should be included in this space please get in touch with us via the email address published above.

Membership of the PPG

Membership of the CGH PPG is open to all patients of the CGH surgeries. We meet once a month via Zoom, an on-line "meeting room". No special software is required to join these meetings just an internet connected device (phone, tablet or PC). We are particularly seeking a

Meeting Secretary to take notes during the meetings and someone to help with the publishing of these Newsletters. If you'd like to join as a general member or would like to help with either of the roles mentioned above please drop us an email using the address above and we'll talk you through the simple process of formally joining the group.

CGH Patient Meeting hosted by Maria Miller MP.

CGH are currently working on a date for the next patients meeting to be convened by Maria Miller, MP. It is anticipated that this will take place in the autumn. At this meeting the CGH team will be able to update us with the progress that the surgeries have made since the meeting last year and future plans for the practice. Patients will also have an opportunity to meet different members of the team. The team plan to have a Frequently Asked Questions section during the event, responding to their frequently asked questions or most received pieces of feedback. We will keep you updated as plans progress.

Surgery Update From CGH

CGH reported that the surgery has recently taken on a new permanent GP. Dr Grey (female) is a newly qualified doctor; she will undertake 30 hours, which equates to 7 GP sessions per week and will be based at Gillies.

A staff training day was held recently. This involved all staff from all sites coming together, which was a first and something all the staff really enjoyed. The training sessions went very well and was evidenced by two members of the PPG reporting that their recent telephone calls to Camrose and Beggarwood were answered reasonably timely, dealt with efficiently and pleasantly.

CGH updated the meeting on the recent online booking scheme, which has been trialled on the Baby immunisation cohort of patients. This went extremely well and will now be rolled out to patients with chronic diseases. This booking system has helped to ease the call queues considerably.

CGH also reported on the clinic list. There will be another baby immunisation clinic on 19th August 2023 and a member of the PPG volunteered to attend and help where needed.

There will be both flu and covid immunisations taking place in the Autumn. The surgery is waiting to hear when this will happen from NHS England but it will be after 11th September as this is when the flu vaccinations will be received. Members of the PPG will be asked to volunteer for marshalling purposes.

The Fire Service has a service whereby they visit the homes of certain residents to give advice on fire safety and can also provide blankets, and other items, which would make the home more fire safe. They have contacted CGH in order to get data on any patients who may benefit from this. It is hoped that this service will commence shortly.

CGH has been busy interviewing. They have taken on 4 GP Assistants and 1 new receptionist. The GP Assistants will also undertake admin work, which will ease pressures. There have been no leavers apart from Dr Knowles who has retired and returned undertaking just 2 GP sessions per week now.

CGH and the PPG digital team have had regular meetings regarding Dr iQ and are working with the Operose team to try to find how this can be made more user friendly to patients. The PPG asked for assurance that any feedback from both the PPG and CGH staff would be reviewed by the larger Operose Dr iQ software team in a positive light and actioned as necessary to help improve the App. CGH assured us that there had been positive feedback from the Operose development team.

The surgery has now managed to completely clear the Dr iQ referral backlog and everything is up to date. This should have a huge impact on patient satisfaction and it is clear already that the call queues have reduced.

Complaints

For Beggarwood and CGH complaints, please visit the CGH web site to register your dissatisfaction. The web address is: <https://cgpartnership.co.uk/about-us/comments-and-complaints/>. CGH employ a full time Patient Experience Manager and so you should get a speedy response and certainly an acknowledgement within 3 working days. 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.

Phillips Law

I have never bought a house before – what are the next steps?

Great news, you have found a property to purchase and are excited to get cracking and move in! However, the process seems a little daunting and there is rather a lot of information to take in. We understand this can be very overwhelming for our clients. Let Phillips Law answer some of the most common questions we receive during the Conveyancing process.

Your offer has been accepted – what next?

This is great news but there is still lots to do. Now you must appoint a Conveyancer to deal with the legal process of buying a property. Phillips Law have an excellent Conveyancing department who would be able to assist you with the legal process of buying and selling a property. Once you have appointed a Conveyancer, advise your Estate Agents (if there is one) who will be representing you. The Estate Agents will contact all relevant parties.

How long will the Conveyancing process take?

This varies between transactions. The average timescale for a freehold purchase is 12-17 weeks. This is an estimate and varies depending on the particular transaction. We will keep you informed on the progress of the transaction as the matter progresses. Please be aware that if you are buying a Leasehold property, this tends to take longer due to the Landlord/Management Company involvement.

Do I need a Survey?

We would always advise our clients to have a Survey to ensure that you are aware of any physical problems with the property before you are committed to purchase the property. If you are obtaining a mortgage your lender will carry out a valuation of the property and a copy of this may be sent to you by the Lender (each lender is different).

Your new mortgage.

It is your responsibility to apply for and obtain a suitable mortgage offer (if required) and to comply with the terms and conditions of this. Please advise your Lender who your Conveyancer is, and the Lender will also send the Conveyancer a copy of

the mortgage offer. Your Conveyancer will require sight of the mortgage offer before exchange of contracts and will need to report any legal issues to the lender which may affect their security. Once your Conveyancer has received the mortgage offer – they will report to you on this.

Both the seller and buyer have appointed a Conveyancer – what is next?

The Conveyancer who is representing the buyer, will obtain a copy of the title deeds for the property and will get started with preparing the draft contract documentation. This documentation is then sent to the Conveyancer acting on behalf of the buyer for review. Once received, the buyer's Conveyancer will undertake legal searches against the property and will review all title papers and it is likely they will then need to raise some enquiries with the buyer's Conveyancer which have arisen from the documentation which has been supplied. Exchange of Contracts cannot take place until all points have been resolved satisfactorily.

All enquiries on my purchase have been dealt with – what happens next?

Your Conveyancer will report to you on all of the legal paperwork and will make you aware of any issues. Next the Conveyancer will contact you with the Contract documentation for your signature. You are required to sign this paperwork and pay over your deposit funds before we can exchange contracts.

Do I need to arrange Buildings Insurance?

It will be the responsibility of the buyer to arrange buildings insurance. This must be in place from exchange of contracts (unless you are buying a leasehold property and the insurance is effected by the Landlord or Management Company or a newly built property which will normally be insured by the developer until completion).

What is meant by Exchange of contracts?

This is the point which the Contracts are exchanged

between the Conveyancers and the sale/purchase becomes a legally binding transaction. The deposit is paid over to the seller's conveyancer. It is at this point a completion date is set (unless you are buying a new build property and the property is not ready for occupation – in this instance we would exchange contracts with "completion on notice" – notice would be served once the property is completed – once notice is served you would then have between 5-10 days in order to arrange completion – this differs between Contracts). Until exchange of contracts has taken place, the date for completion (moving date) is not fixed and may still change.

Completion of the sale and purchase has been set – what next?

Now you must arrange for your removals and to notify your service providers of what date you are vacating the property/moving into the property. There will be a time in the Contract by which you must have vacated the property on the completion day – your Conveyancer will advise you what this time is but is usually between 12.30 and 2pm. Your Conveyancer will also be busy in the background collating the figures they need and will prepare a final completion statement. This will be sent to you prior to completion. All payments must be received by your Conveyancer in good time for completion.

Its completion day!

The buyer's Conveyancer will transfer, via the banking system, the purchase monies to the seller's Conveyancer. Your Conveyancer will keep you updated on the day and will notify you by telephone once the money has been received by the relevant parties and once legal completion has taken place. The seller's Conveyancer must authorise the keys to be released to the buyer once the money has been received. Now it is time for the buyer to collect their keys and start their exciting journey of moving into their new home!

This is just a brief overview of the process and some examples of frequently asked questions. If you are looking for a Conveyancer and have some further questions about the process, please contact the Conveyancing Team at Phillips Law on 01256 460830.



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How much time do I need to commit?

Just 2-hours a week, or less, can make a real difference to a patient living in your local community.

What support will I be given?

All relevant training will be given, as well as regular and on-going support and supervision.

Interested?

For further information contact Caroline Nash, Befriending Manager on:
01264 835293
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Interested volunteers will be invited to an informal interview and the role is subject to references, simple health checks and DBS clearance.

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COUNCILLOR'S UPDATE

BROADMERE ROAD ADOPTIONS: Remedial works have started in the Broadmere Road area following which resurfacing will take place in the entrance section, which has deteriorated badly. Then, once other defects (such as street lights in bad positions or not working) have been fixed, the legal agreements can be finalised to get the roads adopted. The resurfacing is scheduled to take place at night and it will involve some road closures.

BRIGHTON HILL ROUNABOUT: The improvement project and the shape of the eventual end-position can now be clearly seen. There have been night-time works during August to install new ducting for utilities, drainage and kerbing. The new surfaces are being laid and the posts to carry new signage have been put in place.

HATCH WARREN RETAIL PARK: I met with a representative of the company that manages the 'Lidl' car park, and am pleased to report that the gates are now being locked at night from 10.30pm (half an hour after the store closes). This has been introduced to defend the car park against mis-use by 'car meets', whose antisocial behaviour has caused noise and disturbance across the estate. I have picked up no complaints about drivers having their cars locked in overnight. I have checked the entrance to the car park and can confirm that a new lock has been fitted. I had been assured that new signs would be put up, but that doesn't seem to have happened at the time of writing.

NOISY CARS: That said, Hatch Warren, Beggarwood, and other parts of the town are still being impacted by noisy cars, some with exhausts that I assume to be illegal. They are being driven at race speeds round local roads. I have written to our MP and the Police and Crime Commissioner. This is a Police matter, and it is important to pass any evidence to them. The irresponsible driving sometimes starts in the afternoons when the shops are still open and people are going to and from work. Sadly it seems to be happening most evenings with at least one or two cars. The fear is that, without intervention, there will be a serious accident.

ILLEGAL TRESPASS: An illegal trespass took place over the summer onto the field near the Beggarwood Community Centre. My investigations led me to believe that access was gained via the gates at the rear of the Hatch Warren Retail Park, and I witnessed a car coming in and leaving that way. The Borough Council and Police acted quickly, serving notices to leave the following morning, under the terms of the injunction that the Borough Council obtained a few years ago. The problem was therefore resolved in under 24 hours.

GREEN FLAG STATUS: To emphasise the value of Beggarwood Park to the community, and the importance of defending it, I was pleased to note that it has been awarded green flag status. This shows why the Borough Council and Police were right to crack down quickly on the recent illegal trespass.

OAKLANDS FARM: I have received an email indicating the people who have twice had applications for warehouses turned down, are planning a third attempt. I shall watch to see what their new plans look like and report again when they are known. The email indicates that the approach will be different. This is the site near Junction 7 of the M3 and, given that it is opposite the preferred location for the new hospital, my preference would be to see it used for a science park.

PHONE MAST APPEALS: an application was refused by the Borough Council for a phone mast on the footpath in Woodbury Road, near Wood Close. The applicants are appealing against the refusal. I will support the Borough's position: I am sure there must

be alternatives to placing obstacles on a heavily used path that is a walking route to the local school.

LOCAL NATURE RESERVE STATUS FOR OLD DOWN: it would appear that the prospect of LNR status being awarded is still a way off. In response to a question at the last Borough Council meeting, it appears that part of the site is being held as potential access to another parcel of land. I had thought that the 'road through Old Down' idea had been dropped, so I am concerned and will investigate further.

LOCAL SURGERIES: the Patient Participation Group has reported that the surgeries have managed to clear the referrals backlog in their Dr iQ application, and that this is having a beneficial effect on call queue times. In addition, the operators have reported success in recruiting a new GP and people to work in receptions across the Camrose, Gillies, Hackwood and Beggarwood group of surgeries. They are also taking on a new pharmacist lead who will liaise with the local pharmacies to iron out any problems there may be in the system and help speed up the issuing of prescriptions.

NEW SCHOOL: Proposals for a new low carbon primary school at Hounsme Fields have been approved by Hampshire County Council. Subject to planning permission, the £14.5 million school will cater for up to 420 pupils aged 4 to 11, plus specialist provision for eight children with special education needs. The building is designed to be 'low carbon', using ground-source heat pump technology and energy-efficient lighting. It is planned to open in September 2025 and will cater primarily for the children who move into the Golf Course and Hounsme Fields developments.

SUMMER FESTIVAL: This year (and very unusually for recent times) the Hatch Warren Summer Festival was impacted by bad weather, included very strong winds. The Community Association had a back-up plan and was able to move everything indoors that might have blown away. It was a bit more tightly packed but still a most impressive event.

COMMUNITY MARKET: the Sunday market has settled into a regular pattern which sees it at Hatch Warren's Portsmouth Arms on the first Sunday of each month and in Chineham on the third Sunday. That means that the next visits here will be on Sunday 3rd September and Sunday 1st October.

ISN'T THE YEAR GOING QUICKLY! Tickets are now being advertised for Hatch Warren's annual Fireworks Spectacular on Saturday 4th November. This is one of the best displays in the area and tickets sell out, so it is worth booking early.

Stephen Reid

County Councillor. Basingstoke South West 07976 310206

FUN-FILLED BIRTHDAYS AT BASINGSTOKE LEISURE PARK

Hollywood Bowl offers party packages including kids bowling and food and drink but if a pool party is more your child's thing then Basingstoke Aquadrome has a number of different packages from enjoying the lagoon, a special swim party in the 20 metre pools to VIP packages. Little knights can enjoy an epic crazy golf adventure at Knights Realm where parties are available for a maximum of 15 children or with private hire you can host up to 40. Experience private and exclusive flight sessions for up to 13 people at iFLY or have an ice skating party at Planet Ice. For a more relaxed celebration take a trip to Odeon cinema or visit the Spruce Goose which can host kids' parties.

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OLD DOWN & BEGGARWOOD WILDLIFE GROUP

Work parties have restarted. Please come and join us on Old Down and/or Beggarwood. Check the website for details and look out for emails if you are on our mailing list. It is the time of year when we collect wildflower seeds which is a very satisfying task. This year there has been a real increase in orchids (such the pyramidal) and also a marked increase in the Clustered Bellflower (a tallish dark purple flower).

Not a common sight on the two sites, as usually found over water and garden ponds, are damselflies and dragonflies, although they can often be seen quite a distance from water. There are lots about in summer laying their eggs on the water edge. If you have a garden pond you may well see them in your garden. There are many species of damselflies and dragonflies. A species of damselfly that is often seen is the really

skinny blue one – the *Common Blue Damselfly*. Within the group dragonflies there are darters, chasers, skimmers and also hawkers which are the biggest of that group. Some are very brightly coloured and patterned. Damselflies are typically small with the wings held together over the back. Whereas dragonflies are more robust with the wings held out at right angles.

Work Parties: For Old Down we meet outside Old Down Hall every Thursday 10-12noon (but not in the rain!) 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.

<https://sites.google.com/site/olddownbeggarwoodwildlifegroup>
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Common Blue Damselfly



Broad Bodied Chaser



Southern Hawker

BASINGSTOKE VARIETY SHOW

Saturday 7 October, 7.30pm The Anvil

The Basingstoke Variety Show returns once again to The Anvil with a spectacular line up of music, dance, theatre showcasing some of the best talent from across the borough, including soloists, schools and groups. Featuring the Variety Show's own live house band, this year's show has a programme that will appeal to all.

With a large cast of local performers in a 'one night only' production, this is a great opportunity to support our community, whilst raising money for the Mayor's Charity Appeal 2023/24.

Tickets:

- Adults £19; Over 65s and Under 16s £15 (includes £3 booking fee)
- All tickets come with a free souvenir programme

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Card & A Cuppa with Pauline @ I Create Craft – 8th September
(call 07884 303557 for info)
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Zak (aka Monkey Chops!) – Nigel & Sarah



Oreo who was rescued as a puppy – Antony



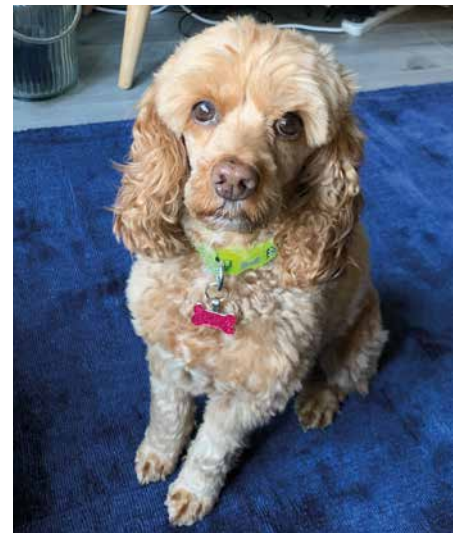
Rory with grandad at The Hoddington Arms – Carla



Domino & Lucifer settling in to their new home – Hannah



Bobb – Mark



This is Ruby she is 8yrs old – Jackie



PROBUS ANNUAL SUMMER PUB LUNCH

The incoming President of the Probud Club of Basingstoke has the responsibility of selecting a venue for the club's annual Summer Pub Lunch which is just one of many occasions when the ladies are welcome to join their menfolk.

Dr Jeff Grover, who was appointed President at the 43rd AGM in June decided that the Swan at Sherborne St John would do nicely. And it did with 34 in attendance. Although a thatched 17th century inn it is, these days, part of the Chef & Brewer chain and had an extensive menu selection that suited all tastes.

The quality of fare was very acceptable, as was the quantity. Some people had one course, some two courses and a few three courses who began to wonder if they had literally bitten off more than they could chew.



The next special occasion is a visit to Blenheim Palace in September followed by a Christmas lunch to be held at another local restaurant. Their monthly business meetings continue unabated which are held on the second Tuesday of most months at the Test Valley Golf Club situated between Overton and Micheldever. Lunch is preceded by a guest speaker and at the meeting in September the subject is Basingstoke Photographs from the 1960s.

For more information about the Probud Club of Basingstoke see their web site www.probusbasingstoke.club or phone their secretary, Stephen Thair on 07745 243543.



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Friday 8 th September	Obstacle course, sun catchers, coke floats
Friday 15 th September	Dodgeball, sausage rolls, nail painting
Friday 22 nd September	Musical chairs, hair chalks, chocolate covered marshmallows
Friday 29 th September	Football tournament, coasters, cake decorating

The Warren team would like to say a massive thank you to Sovereign Housing for their support. Their generous donation has allowed us to provide free hot food to all our young people throughout our summer streetz sessions.

A million thanks to Clarion Housing, Four Lanes Trust and Rotary Basingstoke for their continued support.

Summer Streez has been hugely popular. A big thank you to Liam from LG Boxing for his time spent with the young people, teaching them boxing skills and techniques. The children absolutely loved it! We have also enjoyed seeing the young peoples creative talents with graffiti are and tie dye.

Our September sessions kick off with a back to school well being session – a chance for the young people to talk about their fears, worries and expectations about going back to school.



We have continued to run the club during the holidays with alternate days running from Hatch Warren and having our usual social evenings out. We have been bowling followed with a McDonald's meal

plus, an evening at the Portsmouth Arms. Luckily, it was a pleasant evening so the members could sit outside if they wished to enjoy their chips and drinks.

We have been very fortunate to have had some wonderful volunteers who have stepped in to support us while staff are on holiday. Without them we couldn't have continued the club throughout the summer and we can't thank you enough. Thank you for much for your support!

On August 14th we had a teacher from Dove House to host a cricket evening, the members loved this as many of the group have not played cricket since their school days.

Dates for the club

SEPT 4TH A SMALL GROUP OUTING A small group outing

SEPT 11th Hatch Warren and football

SEPT 18TH Meal at Portsmouth Arms

SEPT 25th Hatch Warren and football

OCT 2ND Bowling and McDonald's

OCT 9TH Hatch Warren and football

OCT 16th Spruce Goose



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, X-Box or just want somewhere to hang out come on down.

Our youth workers are trained to be able to offer relationship and sex advice to our older session attendants.

For the latest info please keep an eye on our Facebook page or Email our Youth Manager at Emily@hatchwarren.org



RESTAURANT REVIEW

INDIGO BAKES

The Courtyard, Lychpit Centre
Great Binfields Road, Basingstoke
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Any readers who visited the Saturday market at the Portsmouth Arms in the past will have seen how a bakery business was extremely popular. If you are disappointed that they no longer have a presence there, then a trip to Lychpit will solve your craving for their artisan baked products.

Taking over a café unit in the Lychpit Centre, Indigo Bakes, have really gone to town with their product offerings. Natural ingredients are used throughout and some of their breads can take up to three days before they come out of the oven. French flour is used for baguettes and Italian flour for ciabattas ensure the taste is the real thing. Experts consider the quality of their breads worthy of winning five bakery awards.

A Saturday afternoon visit during indifferent weather goes some way to why only one outside table was occupied when we arrived, so we went inside not knowing what to expect. The range of breads and pastries was impressive, but I had a tuna melt on toasted sourdough bread while Madam had the best bacon roll, and largest, that she had not prepared herself.

Two jam doughnuts followed – is it possible to have too much jam filling, accompanied by an Americano and a flat white coffee for me. The total cost was £19.85. While at the counter a further purchase was made of two almond croissants for consumption at home later. They were unlike any croissant I have had either in their shape or content, but they were delicious.

Local deliveries are offered on a Friday, but orders need to be placed before noon on Wednesday.



LADIES' PROBUS VISIT STRATFIELD SAYE HOUSE

Basingstoke Ladies' Probus club prove that it is not essential to travel some distance to have an enjoyable day out.

With their usual meeting venue of the restaurant at BCoT closed for the summer holidays, instead the Ladies' Probus Club spent a day at Stratfield Saye House the family home of the Dukes of Wellington. This country house, only a handful of miles north of Basingstoke, is the home of the current eighth Duke of Wellington and his family and is only open to visitors over Easter and during August. After almost a year in planning a party of thirty ladies with a sprinkling of men folk enjoyed a private tour of this historically important house.

A grateful nation had given Arthur Wellesley, the Duke of Wellington, around £600,000 to enable him to purchase or have built a residence that reflected his status as the victor over Napoleon at the battle of Waterloo on 18 June 1815. On that fateful day with 160,000 troops and supported by the Prussian army the battle raged over two miles square during which he lost 40,000 men and 15,000 horses. The result was to make Britain a world power for the next century.



He purchased Stratfield Saye house as he liked hunting, and his famous horse, Copenhagen, that carried him for sixteen hours at Waterloo, is buried in the grounds. An ambitious plan was developed to demolish the house and build Waterloo Palace on the estate in a style to be even grander than Blenheim Palace. The descending families were all pleased that this did not materialise as the future running costs would have been potentially ruinous.

Instead, the Duke added some features to Stratfield Saye house including en suite

water closets, central heating and even double glazing and bought a property at the corner of Piccadilly and Hyde Park, Apsley House, which has the famous address of No 1 London.

When the duke died in 1852 his will contained no plans for his burial so Queen Victoria and Prince Albert decided that a state funeral would be given. But it was not possible to get the funding approved until parliament returned from their summer recess which left only eighteen days before the ceremony was to take place. In that short time the death carriage was built by a team of craftsmen working night and day including melting down French cannons that had been taken at Waterloo, the bronze to be used for its decorative covering. It was pulled by a team of twelve black horses provided by London breweries. Today it is housed in one of the stable buildings.



Over two hundred thousand people passed the coffin of Britain's greatest general, the Iron Duke, as it lay in state while the funeral procession was so extensive that it took over an hour and a half to pass a spot. London was packed for the occasion the like of which had never been seen before.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Basingstoke Ladies' Probus Club, contact their secretary by email: pam.luck59@gmail.com or by phone: 07890 152846.

HATCH WARREN WI

Our guest speaker in July was Tom Morath from the Hawk Conservancy Trust near Andover who told us all about his passion for birds of prey. This started at a young age after he was given a 'bird flying experience' as a gift.

After volunteering at weekends with the birds, he then took a job at Muncaster Castle in the Lake District working at their Hawk and Owl Centre. Eventually he moved to the Hawk Conservancy Trust where he has been ever since.

During his talk he shared stories with us all about the history of the Hawk Conservancy and the enjoyment he gets from working with these magnificent birds.

Then in August we enjoyed an afternoon tea at the Capital Garden Centre in Sherfield-on-Loddon where we had tea, sandwiches, scones and of course cake!

Visitors are always welcome at Hatch Warren WI and for more information please contact our President Shirley on 07979 217220.

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HATCH WARREN UNDER FIVES

Welcome to a new academic year at Hatch Warren Under Fives! We are excited to be back and to meet our new children and see how much our older children have grown over the summer.

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.

We will be making the most of the weather and spending lot of time outdoors this term; we will learn all about autumn and look at colours, patterns and lots of other changes that we see in the environment as the seasons change. We will soon be collecting lots of natural resources to use in preschool, such as pine cones, conkers and leaves – all great for our creative projects. We are also starting to think about animals that hibernate as part of our autumn topic. The children will also be enjoying story times, dough gym, makaton signing and weekly cooking sessions and science experiments too.

We have a few spaces available for the 2023/24 academic year; to come and have a look around our preschool or to enquire about a place at Hatch Warren Under Fives, please contact Siobhan on 01256 322788, or email preschoolmail@aol.com.

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

DANDELIONS

Is it September already.....it does not feel like long ago that we said goodbye to the children and their families who left us in July. We wish them all, lots of luck with their next adventures at 'big school'.

Whilst July seems such a long time ago, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents who supported us during the last academic year. We have had such an amazing year and the feedback from our parents has been overwhelming. We were so thankful for all the lovely gifts we received.

We celebrated our leavers with a graduation party. The children joined in with lots of fun and games and then their families joined us for the graduation, where we shared a few words about the children and the journey they have been on during their time at Dandelions. Afterwards, we enjoyed some party snacks which were kindly donated by Morrisons.

It has been lovely to welcome back our returning children and hear all about their summer holidays and to welcome the new children and their families who have joined us.



During the summer holidays, we have been making some changes to our environment, which has included a new cosy corner. Already, our new quiet areas have had lots of use and have been an ideal area for the children to explore our new treasure baskets.

We will be introducing the children to Dandy our travelling lion and our 'proud cloud' board, where we are asking parents to share with us their child's news or achievements from home.

Moving forward, we have a busy term to look forward to, which includes the introduction of Boogie Mites, later in the term. We look forward to sharing with you all the great activities the children have had the opportunity to partake in as the new academic year gets underway.

We are taking registrations for 2024/2025. If you are considering Dandelions for your child's early years, please do contact us as soon as possible.

Tel No: 01256 818857 or alternatively e-mail info@dandelions-preschool.org.uk



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- a carer
- responsible for children

Lots of people miss out on benefits they're entitled to - so it's worth checking what you can get on: www.citizensadvice.org.uk/benefits/benefits-introduction/what-benefits-can-i-get/

If you would like some advice on the Cost of Living payment, essential bills and budgeting, or help with your energy bills, please do get in touch with Citizens Advice Basingstoke on 0808 278 7829 or complete the 'Contact Citizens Advice Basingstoke Today' form on www.basingstokeandtadleycab.org.uk/citizens-advice-basingstoke – you will receive a response within 3 to 5 working days.

Citizens Advice Basingstoke are currently seeking volunteer advisers, if you can spare one or two afternoons per week, please do get in touch on trainingadmin@basingstokecab.org.uk for more information.

WOMEN'S EQUALITY PARTY

Public Participation

I've been thinking about the importance of getting you, the public, involved and on board with local issues and events. The work that WE do, and that all public services do, is most effective when we proactively seek out your engagement and input.

I want to thank everyone who came to our latest Women's Equality Party Basingstoke event at the Holly Blue; an open discussion on 'Why Equality Is Better For Men, Too'. We discussed all the reasons that WE's work is aimed at making life better for everyone in society, both men and women, and had interesting and productive discussions around the economy, men's physical and mental health, equal time with families and much more.

We'll also need public participation for our next project: we're doing some work to identify and overcome barriers to GP surgery healthcare for marginalised communities. We want to pinpoint any additional barriers than booking an appointment to GP surgery care - physical, mental, cultural, language, trauma-based or otherwise - that may exist, and identify ways to overcome them and increase inclusivity. We need members of any marginalised community, or anyone that experiences additional barriers to receiving GP surgery-based care, who are willing to participate in this. We're hoping to hold focus groups but feedback can be given in any way you're comfortable with, so please do get in touch on basingstoke@womensequality.org.uk and we'll arrange something that suits you!

More info on previous events, including our men's event, can always be found on our social media pages on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @webasingstoke, and on my monthly ward newsletter, WE For HWB, which you can sign up for on the QR code below. Take care of yourselves and each other!

Stacy Hart

Women's Equality Party Basingstoke Leader



Twelve Hours

A play about Jane Austen's twelve hour engagement



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I hope it gets performed regularly by many others, it's funny, pithy, lucid, witty and very moving. Very Jane. Dame Emma Thompson.

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LOOK WHAT'S ON OUR DOORSTEP!

Hi, I live locally and I'm part of a unique set of community contributors, one of those people you look at and think, what drives you to help others? There are other groups like WI, Scouts, Guides, after school clubs, Church groups, athletics, and many others but something stands out in Basingstoke that is unique to only 57 other locations in the UK. Can you guess? Yes, it's the ice rink!

We are so fortunate to have this facility on our doorstep. Within the ice rink community there are many groups for all ages, I met an older gentleman recently that started ice hockey at the age of 63!

Ice skating, like swimming, uses secondary core muscles meaning it's a great form of exercise and amazing fun with friends and family or even spectating Figure skating, synchro skating or Ice Hockey. If you do come bring a jacket, it is the coolest place in Basingstoke!

I've been playing and coaching ice skating and ice hockey since 1988. All our ice hockey coaches fall under the governance of the English Ice Hockey Association (EIHA) with a great coaching programme to ensure coaches are continuously security checked and professionally improving.

The ice rink is due for a refurbishment this year and coming into the season in September our Junior Bison club are looking for players aged under 10 before 1 Jan 2024. We also need a U10 netminder and there is an opportunity for sponsorship to help with funding one of the most technical and physical sports roles across all sports.

The ice rink website is <https://planet-ice.co.uk/> for public skating. We'd love for you to come down and have some on ice fun with us. To contact for U10 email coach Karl at lphbasingstoke@gmail.com or for more about the Junior Bison try our website: <https://juniorbison.co.uk/about-club/>

It'll be great to hear from you about any of the skating groups.

Karl Blackmore-Squires



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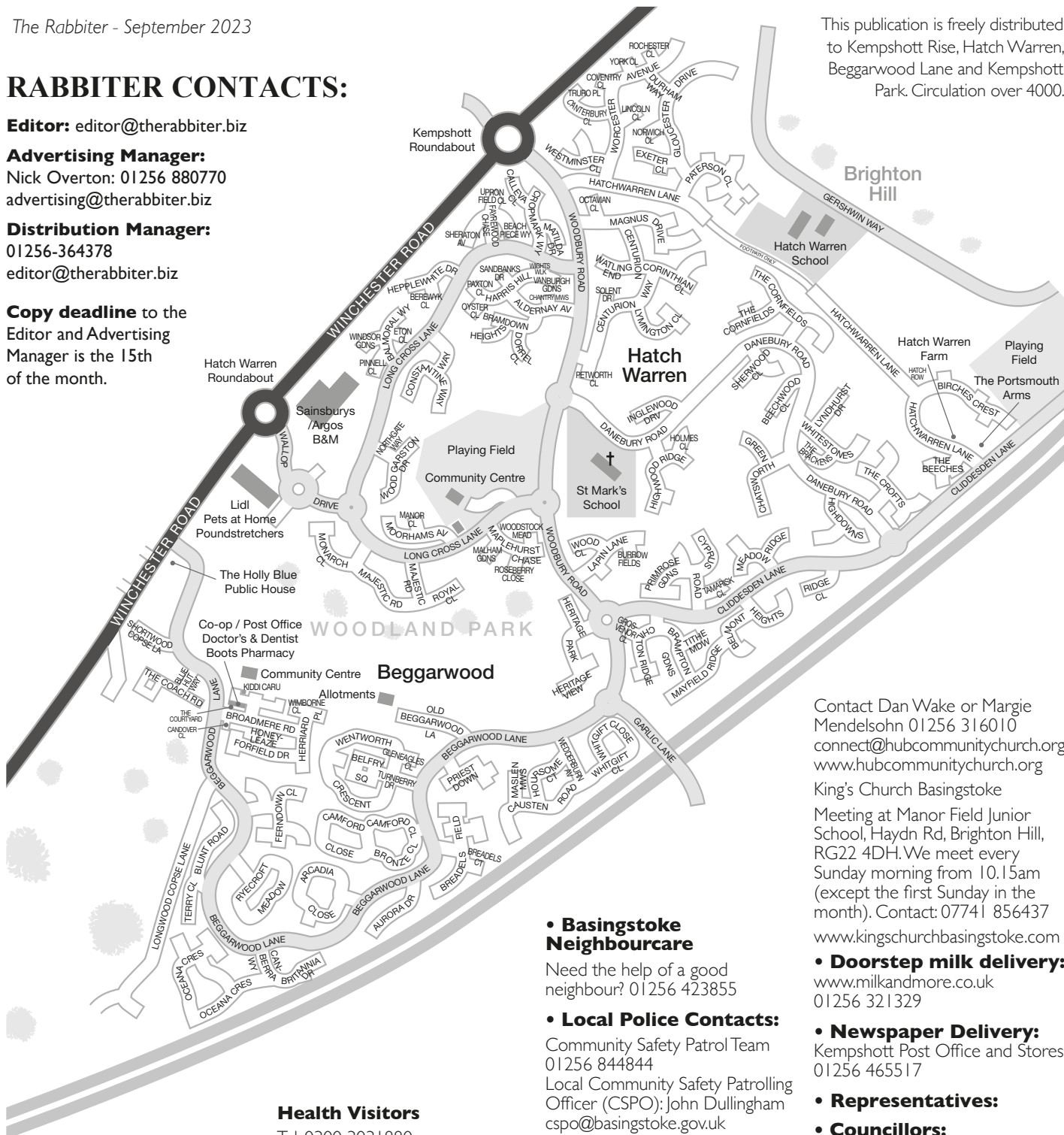
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At the meeting held on 5th July 46 members and 1 visitor were welcomed by the Chairman, David Cowling who gave apologies received and congratulated those with birthdays this month. Tony Brazier, the Secretary, confirmed that the July trip to Bournemouth had been cancelled due to lack of numbers but that the trip to The Kennet & Avon Canal is still going ahead in August with all the available places taken. Christine Broadbent, the Welfare Officer, gave details of the work that she had been doing and drew people's attention to the array of information she had for everyone to see.



The talk this month was by Lucy from the Cinnamon Trust accompanied by 2 chocolate labradors, Ruby and Rupert, who she was fostering at the time. She went on to explain that the Trust was set up in 1985 by its Chief Executive, Averil Jarvis MBE, in order to

relieve the anxieties, problems and sometime injustices, faced by elderly and terminally ill people and their pets. This is the only national charity to address this need and has 21,000 volunteers to assist their work along with Virginia McKenna and Sir Paul McCartney as patrons. Practical help is given in many ways including fostering of pets and dog walking as well as having two specialist sanctuaries. More details at www.cinnamon.org.uk.

Following the Canal trip on 10th August the next one is to Petworth House on Thursday 14th September followed by a Mystery Trip on Thursday 19th October.

Our speaker for 2nd August is Steve Harra with a talk about Sweeney Todd titled "Romance, Riches and Retribution" and on 6th September we have "The Lot of the Auctioneer" with Thomas Forrester from Special Auction Services at Newbury.

The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at the 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.

David Cowling

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By the time you read these words, the children will have headed back to school. Mind you, the supermarkets seem to want them back in school almost immediately after they have run out of the school gates on the last day of term, singing "School's out for Summer"

Of course, I fully appreciate that shops have a job to do (sell stuff) but it's very easy to get caught up in all this and find ourselves rushing from one event to the next. Before we know it, it's Christmas and then 2024 and then it's Valentine's Day and time flies by!

I often think therefore that I am in danger of letting life speed by and not actually savour it. That I'm always speeding from one thing to another and not taking the time to appreciate the here and now.

As a Christian I believe that our lives are a gift from God, and he intends us to live it to the full and enjoy it to its utmost. Jesus said "I have come that they (people=you and me) might have life and have it to the full" and that means life in the here and now and not just in the hereafter.

God made this world, according to the Bible, and he intends for us to enjoy it and savour it and everything in it: Nature, Art, Music, Sport (Yes even following Basingstoke FC which I will admit to doing), Making things, Cooking, Travel. You name it, God wants us to take time to savour it.

I believe also that God intends for us to use our lives to help others prosper and enjoy life also. In Mark's Gospel Jesus said that he came not to be served but to serve others and he frequently calls on us to love one another and look after one another.

The danger of a world where we feel we are a 33 RPM album played at 45 RPM (A few years ago that would have sounded horribly old fashioned, now it sounds on trend!) is that we are rushing so fast, we miss what is going on in other people's lives and miss out on opportunities to help them.

Of course, I absolutely get that in a sense this is easier said than done. From my own experience, I have learnt (although I don't always practice it) that sometimes I have to make myself slow down and appreciate what's around me and who is around me. Sometimes, of course life does it for you! One thing lockdown did teach me was to appreciate what was on my doorstep. I had lived on Kempshott Rise for over 20 years at that point but until lockdown, I never really appreciated how great it was to have Down Grange meadow on my doorstep. Now I make sure at least a few times a week I go for a walk around there, to appreciate nature and reflect on the good things and good people in my life.

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I am looking forward to the NEW HOSPITAL NEAR JUNCTION 7 to start in the near future. I have done my very best to support this and will support it until it's a reality for all of us.

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COURGETTE AND RUNNER BEAN SOUP

This is the time of gluts of runner beans and courgettes. This soup is surprisingly good and is an easy way to use up all those vegetables.

Chop equal amounts of courgette, string runners, carrots, chopped leek (I have used an onion) and a chicken stock cube. Place in pan and cook till done. Process till smooth in food processor or with stick blender. I put all ingredients in my soup maker and cook on smooth setting. Adjust seasoning and serve.



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LOCAL HISTORY SNIPPETS

THE BUILDING OF HATCH WARREN AND BEGGARWOOD

This month we are featuring rather more recent history; some details from the early development plans for the estates of Hatch Warren and Beggarwood that never came to fruition. Big thanks must go to Jenny Crawford for supplying me with a folder full of reports and paperwork from the mid 1980s to early 1990s, detailing the early plans and archaeological investigations as preparations were made for development.

A letter sent from the trustees of the Portsmouth Estates, the landowners, lists some of the plans for the new Hatch Warren development. Agreement had been reached with Webbers, then a major car dealership and garage in Basingstoke, to build a car showroom on the site which



now houses Pets at Home and Lidl. The showroom was to have featured Jaguar, Land Rover and Honda. The building of the showroom was linked to the potential redevelopment of the existing Webbers site in the town centre, and the showroom here never happened.

This letter also talks about a leisure/hotel complex on the site of Hatch Warren Farm, with the development of some of the buildings for start-up entrepreneurs. There is commercial space there now, but The Portsmouth Arms was built rather than a hotel or leisure complex.

Some of Basingstoke Council's very early development brief for Beggarwood details the proposal for a woodland park, but there is also reference to the provision of a sports hall and a primary school, both of which never happened. There is also a comment that development in the area can be limited beyond Beggarwood because of the boundary with the Golf Course. Which of course is now being turned into housing, along with land opposite on the A30 almost to the motorway.

A report from Wessex Archaeology references their work on excavating the lost mediaeval village of Hatch along with the Church and graveyard and recommends strongly that the footprint of the church should be preserved, and the site marked out and visually recorded and made into a local amenity. Sadly this was not done and for most of us living here the site and the memory of what was found is now lost.

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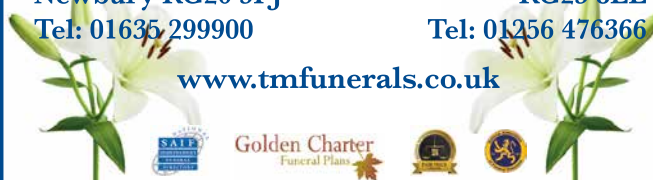
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