

# Community News

Your Community Newsletter and Village Voice  
Autumn 2015 Edition



## ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR BADGER FARM PRE-SCHOOL!

It's been another hugely successful year for the Badger Farm Pre-School. They have been providing a very professional and popular service to pre-school children of the local community since the early days of the Community Centre. Staff have seen children grow to adults and parents who in turn bring their own children to the group. The staff are totally dedicated, caring and ensure children receive the best pre-school education they can provide. One highlight of 2015 was when they received a grant for £700 from



Councillor Phil Bailey. This enabled them to purchase a new laptop and IT equipment for the children. They were also able to purchase some safety equipment for the 2 year olds. Children use the laptop on a daily basis enabling them to learn new skills. Councillors Phil Bailey and Brian Laming recently made a visit to join in with IT lessons as you can see from the pictures. A recent OFSTED report stated "Staff place a high priority on helping children develop very good skills in listening, speaking,

investigation and discovery. As a result children become confident communicators who enjoy learning and have the necessary skills for their future learning and school." If you would like more information on Badger Farm Pre-School please telephone the Supervisor, Denise Tosdevine on 07771 798474.



## .....AND ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR BADGER FARM COMMUNITY CENTRE!

The Community Association has had a reasonably good year with an increase in the level of bookings. This has enabled us to carry out some essential maintenance including redecoration of the Battery Hall and the outside of the building. The roof was also repaired, which luckily did not cost the £8,000 quoted by one company! There is now new furniture in the Bar and Warren, new rear gates and a new hot water system in the disabled toilet - so we have not been idle.

The County Councillor assisted us with a grant towards the cost of replacing some of the strip lights with LED's which will help to reduce our costs. This will be an ongoing policy as we strive to keep these day to day expenses down. The main problem is that the Centre is nearly 30 years old and we are having to catch up on maintenance with forthcoming plans to renew the toilet facilities and the probability that the 30 year old boiler will need replacing shortly. Both of these projects will be very expensive to implement. We will need to keep looking at ways to reduce our costs and look to see if we can obtain any grants to help us. The Centre has also created a really good website and Facebook page to help us achieve a high profile and we would encourage everyone to look at them. We hope this will encourage even more people to use the Centre.

I was at a meeting recently to discuss renewable energy schemes and I have asked for more details as it could be that the Community Centre is able to become involved. The reason from our point of view is that it would generate an income flow to the Centre and reduce overheads as we would look to use what is generated. Whilst discussing this I also touched on the renewable heat grant and WINACC is going to look into this as well as we may be eligible for something. I will keep everyone informed as it is very early days.

Next year will be the **30th Anniversary** of the Centre and we will be looking at ways to celebrate this event. So, if anyone has any suggestions please let us know. **Cllr. Brian Laming & BFOBRCA Trustees**

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Funding available for 2 year olds if applicable

Ideally situated in the Community Centre next to Sainsbury's, with a sports hall for physical play and an all-weather outside area with a variety of play equipment.

Our staff are highly experienced and qualified and we ensure a high ratio of 1:6 enabling plenty of individual time and attention.

“Staff place a high priority on helping children develop very good skills in listening, speaking, investigation and discovery. As a result children become confident communicators who enjoy learning and have the necessary skills for their future learning and school.”

The playgroup operates an open door policy so please feel free to call in at any time and see us in action or call the playgroup supervisor

Mrs Denise Tosdevine on 07771 798 474 out of playgroup hours.



**Legs, Bums and Tums** Come along and enjoy our friendly and effective classes. The classes combine cardio and conditioning work and are suitable for all abilities. Improve your body shape and improve your fitness levels. Monday mornings 9.30-10.30 (term time only) and Tuesday evenings 6.45-7.45 at Badger Farm Community Centre. Other daytime classes available at different venues. Cost of class £4.00 per session. Any enquiries to Catherine Jones 07990 513434 or [cathjones@talktalk.net](mailto:cathjones@talktalk.net) Fully qualified Aerobics Instructor and member of REPS Register Of Exercise Professionals.

# SOME OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY	DAY	TIME	CONTACT	COST	DESCRIPTION
Badger Farm Art Group	Thursday	1.30pm - 4.00pm	Elizabeth Weir 01962 856689 lizabehweir@gmail.com	£6.50 per person	A friendly "drop in" art group providing a "space to paint" in a relaxed setting. All abilities welcome.
Badger Farm ACOL Club	Friday	7.15pm - 10.30pm	Roland Richardson 023 8025 1277	£1 visitors £15 annual	Bridge Club
Brendon Care Badger Farm Friendly Group	Alternate Thursdays	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Catherine Fellingham 01962 857099	£4.00 per session	Friendship for older people. Quizzes, speakers, outings, afternoon tea. New members and volunteers welcome.
Badger Farm Bridge Club	Tuesday	7.15pm - 10.30pm	Fred Hotchen 01794 301185 07771 854 347 fred.hotchen@btinternet.com		Friendly and relaxed local bridge club. New members and visitors very welcome
Badger Farm Pre-School Playgroup	Monday to Friday	Mon.Tues/Wed 9.15am - 3.00pm Thurs/Fri 9.15am - 12.15pm	Denise Tosdevine 07771 798 474	£4.25 per hour	For children from 3 years to school age. Great OFSTED results. Afternoons also available - enquiries to Denise.
Badminton	Thursday	8.00pm - 9.00pm	Wendy King 01962 861525		Fun and friendly for any age and ability. All welcome!
Eucharist (Holy Communion)	Tuesday	10.00am - 11.00am	Rev. Mike Gardner 01962 865240		Church of England Service. All welcome.
FITSTEPS	Wednesday	2.00pm - 2.45pm	Debbie Woodley 07724 136 428 debbie.woodley@talk21.com	£5 per session	A new dance-fitness programme combining simple steps from the most popular Ballroom & Latin dances.
Hampshire Wildlife Trust	2nd Wed. of the month	7.30pm - 9.30pm	Loraine 01962 861182	£3.00 per meeting	Illustrated talks on wildlife for all. Contact Loraine for details.
Jo Jingles	Tuesday	9.45am - 10.30am 10.45am - 11.30am	Victoria Smith 01489 877278		Music & Movement for children from the age of 1 year.
Legs, Bums & Tums	Monday Tuesday	9.30am - 10.30am 6.45pm - 7.45pm	Catherine Jones 07990 513 434	£5.00 per class	A fun and friendly class designed to help keep you fit and toned! Discounts available for multiple classes.
Healing Trust	2nd Saturday of every month.	10.00am - 12.30pm	Doreen Rivett 01980 862285 Doreenrivett@talktalk.net	Donation	Come to our group either for healing or to find out more about healing, our group and training courses.
Parents & Tots	Thursday	1.30pm - 3.00pm	Catherine Thomas 07990 037 467	£2 per family per session	All parents, guardians and child minders with children aged newborn to 5 years are welcome. Just turn up on the day!
Royal British Legion	3rd Thursday monthly	7.30pm - 9.30pm	Stanley Judd 01962 841402		A warm welcome awaits you at your local Royal British Legion group meeting.
Slimming World	Saturday	9.30am - 11.00am	Steve Coombs 07788 683 077		A warm welcome awaits you in your local group! New members always welcome.
Weight Watchers	Thursday	9.30am - 11.00am 6.30pm - 7.45pm	07455 968 884	Weekly meeting fee of £6.25	Your lifestyle, your choice. With Weight Watchers you choose the weight loss approach that works best for you.
Wessex Wargames Club	Tuesday	7.00pm - 11.00pm	Ian Ackerman 01962 624710	£3 per session (first session is free)	Minature wargames and role-playing games of all periods and genres played.
Winchester Country Market	Friday	8.30am - 11.00am	Mrs Tina Sharpe 01962 855977		Fresh produce, cakes and preserves, crafts and plants. All welcome!
Winchester Tae Kwon-Do	Monday Wednesday	6.30pm - 9.00pm	Chris Barrett info@winchestertkd.co.uk	Membership by subscription	6.30pm-7.45pm beginners/intermediates 7pm-8.30pm seniors (black belts to 9pm)
Yoga	Monday Tuesday Friday	9.30am - 11.00am 5.30pm - 7.00pm 1.30pm - 3.00pm	Chris Wyeth 01962 868346	£35 per 5 week sessions	Experience the balancing effect of yoga on mind and body. Stretch and relax into a healthier life.

Here are details of just some of the activities that take place at Badger Farm Community Centre. Other hirers may have chosen not to have their details shown. If you are looking for an activity and you can't see it here, please call Jan, the Bookings Secretary on 01962 868630 or email enquiries@bfobca.org

# THE WINCHESTER COUNTRY MARKET



Come and see us at the Badger Farm Community Centre! We still have a beautiful range of late summer bedding plants with plenty of colour and ideas for your autumn and winter garden. While here, check out our fresh homemade cakes, cookies and wide selection of jams, pickles and other treats. We also have eggs, fruit and vegetables. This may be a good time for you to view our handcrafted arts and crafts. You may find that special card you want to send or a beautiful item of glassware, jewellery or a wood turned gift. We have some lovely knitwear; bags, scarves plus baby wear too! There is always a warm greeting for you! We are open on Friday mornings from 8.30am to 11.00am at the Badger Farm Community Centre.

A special date for your diary is: Saturday, 31 October 2015 for our Christmas Fayre from 10.00am to 1.00pm – please see the advertisement opposite along with the Stop Press news of a further Special Autumn Market.

If you should be interested in joining the market as a producer, we would love to see you. Please telephone Pauline on 01962 866340.



## WINCHESTER LIVE AT HOME SCHEME

South Winchester Golf Club (SWGC) Seniors Captain, Vince Wood, nominated Winchester Live at Home Scheme as his chosen charity for 2015. Mr Wood presented the charity with a donation of £400 on behalf of the Seniors Section. For many years the Seniors Section of the SWGC has supported several national charities and this is the first time they have supported a local charity. The Seniors Section is non-profit making and relies heavily on the generosity of its members and visitors in accumulating charitable donations by holding various golfing events throughout the year. The Winchester Live at Home scheme charity was very well supported at the 2015 Seniors Open held in June this year by members and visiting golfers from other golf clubs. For more information contact: Anna Miles, Assistant Manager, Winchester Live at Home Scheme - 01962 890995 -



Seniors Captain Vince Wood presenting the donation of £400 to WLAH Chairman David Leeson

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# THE WINCHESTER COUNTRY MARKET

Winchester Country Market



Christmas Fayre on

Saturday 31 October 2015



from 10.00am to 1.00pm

In addition to our weekly Friday morning market, we have a Christmas Fayre on Saturday 31 October from 10.00am to 1.00pm at our usual location at the Badger Farm Community Centre. This will be a wonderful opportunity for you to view our lovely range of arts and crafts, all reasonably priced. There will also be our usual selection of pickles, jams, marmalades, delicious homemade cakes, cookies plus Christmas cake. We will have fresh produce and plants too. All homemade, home produced and hand crafted to help make your Christmas special.

Please make a note in your diary. We really look forward to seeing you there!

**!!STOP PRESS!!**

The Winchester Country Market have just announced a Special Autumn Market to be held on Saturday 10 October 2015 at Badger Farm Community Centre between 9am and 12 noon.

This is the day the local Surgery will be offering flu jabs so, why not pop in after your visit for a refreshing cup of tea/coffee and browse the wide range of quality goods and gifts.



## BRENDONCARE BADGER FARM CLUB

We are a friendly club for older people that meet at the Badger Farm Community Centre on alternate Thursday afternoons from 2-4pm. We enjoy a varied activity programme with some great entertainment and always look forward to spending time together and having a chat over a cup of tea. Our Autumn programme starts on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, we hope you will be able to join us.

The cost is £4 per visit which includes refreshments and low cost transport can also be arranged. If you would like to know more about joining as a member or volunteer please call:

**Brendoncare Club Hampshire**  
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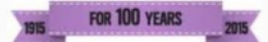
## OLIVER'S BATTERY WI

It has been a very busy and enjoyable summer for members of Oliver's Battery WI. Having celebrated the Centenary well and truly at Buckingham Palace, the Royal Albert Hall and more locally at the Hilliers Arboretum with an Abba Concert when almost 30 of us went along to sing our hearts out, dance and enjoy an evening picnic too.

The visit to Arundel saw a full coach of members, family and friends plus members from other local WI's enjoy visiting not only the Castle and Gardens, but the little antique shops in the town. The July meeting was held "out of St Mark's" at Lake House where we were welcomed by Lord Ashburton. The weather was perfect and the walk around the lake and gardens were a perfect way to spend a summer's evening. The next outing will be to Kilver Court at Shepton Mallet in September, when hopefully there will be another full coach.

We are now looking forward to more fun, interesting speakers and WI friendship. In September we will hear about Preventing Alzheimers Disease, then in October the Changi Quilts will be the subject of the night and in November the History of St Cross will be the title of the talk. As well as this, Oliver's Battery WI will be entering the WI class at the Littleton and Harestock Show, aiming to repeat the success of last year.

Oliver's Battery WI is growing steadily, almost up to 60 members, doubling the membership in the past 4 years or so. There will be familiar faces to greet you as well as those who travel some distance to enjoy some of the Ollie B magic. If you feel you would like to see what we get up to, please either turn up on our meeting night or email our new President, Katherine Elsmore [katherine.elsmore@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:katherine.elsmore@hotmail.co.uk)



We are a small, friendly group of people who meet every Wednesday at Badger Farm Community Centre during term time to study intermediate level Spanish. We are very keen to welcome new members to our informal classes so, if you are interested, please email Pam Holland on [pозzie\\_pam@hotmail.com](mailto:pozzie_pam@hotmail.com) or contact Jan at the Community Centre on 01962 868630.



A warm welcome awaits you in your local group. New members are always welcome so, come along and join! The group meets at Badger Farm Community Centre, Badger Farm Road (next to Sainsbury's) every Saturday morning at 9.30am. If you would like more information, please telephone Steve on 07788 683 077.



### BADGER FARM ART GROUP

Do you enjoy drawing and painting? Why not join our friendly art group on Thursday afternoons at Badger Farm Community Centre? All levels of skill and experience welcome. Sessions run by professional artist. Further details from Liz Weir Tel. 01962 856689 ~ Mobile 07783 695 220 or Email [lizabethweir@gmail.com](mailto:lizabethweir@gmail.com)

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## Oliver's Battery Primary School

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Our school has had many exciting events this summer commencing with the Sports Day in May which is reported below by Owen M a pupil from the school;

“Oliver's Battery Sports Day 2015 was an amazing success! Everyone participated as much as always and made it a great event. Key Stage 1 – This year, R,1 and 2 put on a brilliant show for us all to enjoy and treasure. They participated well and took on all the challenges no matter how hard they were! Key Stage 2 – Now for Key Stage 2, they persevered well and did the best they could to put an end to another fantastic Sport's Day at Oliver's Battery School with a series of challenges, including the yearly Year 6 doughnut race, one lap of the running track and a half! “

We were very lucky to have a visit in June from the local Member of Parliament, Steve Brine. Some pupils from the school were able to meet with him and ask questions. Steve Brine tweeted that it was a pleasure to visit Oliver's Battery Primary – a school on the up!

June also saw the opening of our new library. Andrew Norriss was fantastic as our celebrity author and he was very impressed with our children and their enthusiasm around the new library. Thank you to all the parents that came to see the new library and to take part in Andrew's book signing.

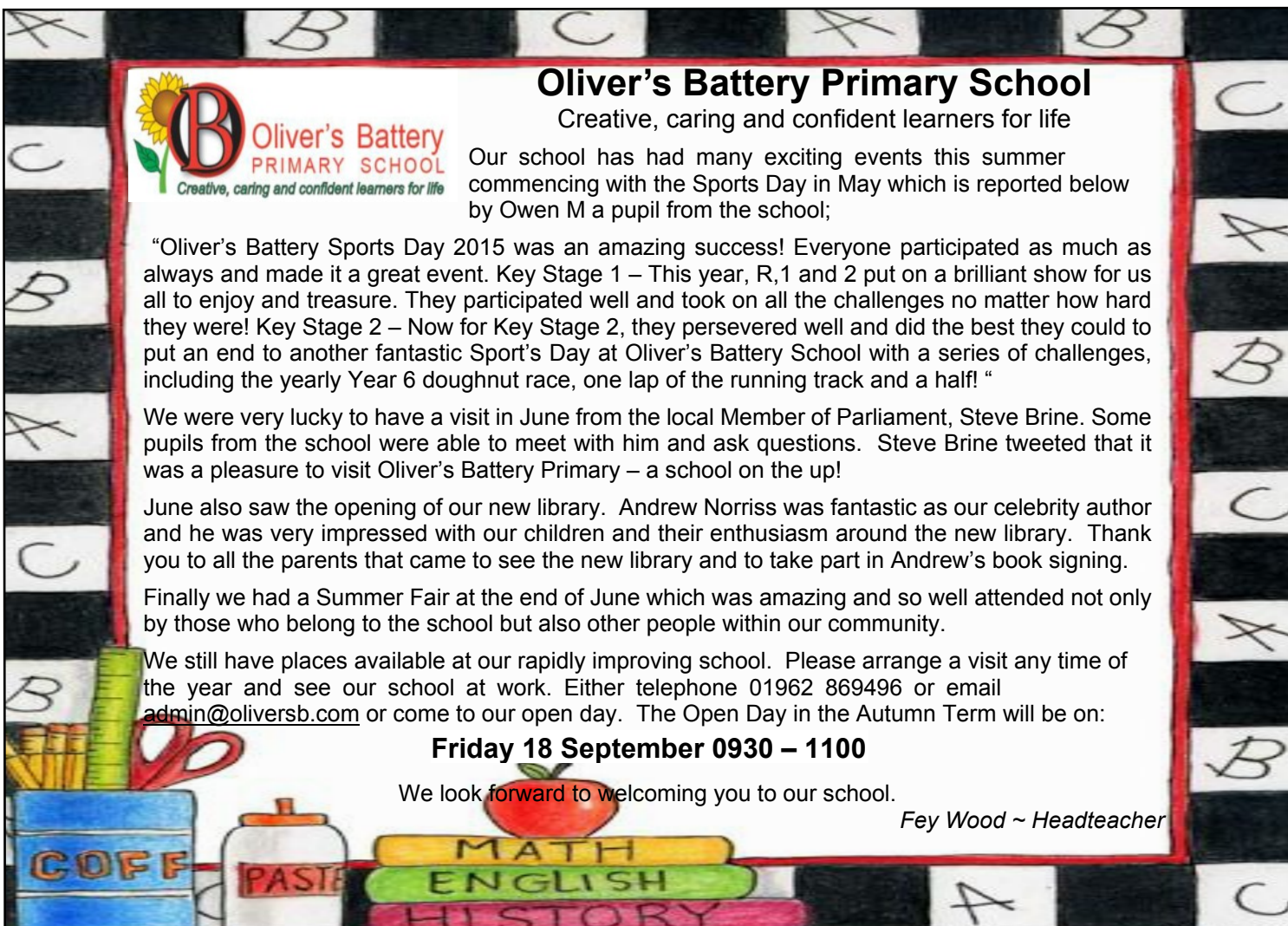
Finally we had a Summer Fair at the end of June which was amazing and so well attended not only by those who belong to the school but also other people within our community.

We still have places available at our rapidly improving school. Please arrange a visit any time of the year and see our school at work. Either telephone 01962 869496 or email [admin@oliversb.com](mailto:admin@oliversb.com) or come to our open day. The Open Day in the Autumn Term will be on:

**Friday 18 September 0930 – 1100**

We look forward to welcoming you to our school.

Fey Wood ~ Headteacher



# Oliver's Battery Fire Works

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## WINCHESTER LOCAL GROUP - HAMPSHIRE AND IOW WILDLIFE TRUST

If you would like to know more about Hampshire's wild flowers and butterflies, then do come and join us on one of our summer events. **Indoor meetings** are held at Badger Farm Community Centre, Winchester, SO22 4QB at 7.30pm in the Bushfield Room unless otherwise stated. Parking is available at the far end of Sainsbury's car park. Entry is £3 per person and includes coffee/tea and biscuits. Non-members are very welcome at any of our meetings. For further information telephone Loraine on 01962 861182 or email Anne on [anneardill@hotmail.com](mailto:anneardill@hotmail.com). For **outdoor meetings** contact Mary on 01962 864440. For information on local reserves and other Trust events see the Trust's website at [www.hiwwt.org.uk](http://www.hiwwt.org.uk) - phone 01489 774400. There is lots of information on local wildlife and how you can get involved. Future indoor and outdoor meetings are listed below.

**Wed. 9 September ~ 7.30pm ~ 9.30pm ~ The New Forest Non-Native Plants Project** ~ Catherine Chatters will describe the work being undertaken to tackle invasive non-native plants in the New Forest area. Find out how you can help stop the spread. Held at 7.30pm in the Bushfield Room at Badger Farm Community Centre, Winchester, SO22 4QB at the far end of Sainsbury's car park. For further information call Loraine on 01962 861182, or [anneardill@hotmail.com](mailto:anneardill@hotmail.com). Admission £3 including coffee/tea.

**Sun. 4 October ~ 10am ~ approx. 3pm ~ Valley of Fields Walk** ~ Join Martin Keys for this circular walk of 6 miles along the Itchen Navigation and around St. Cross and Compton. Meet at Shawford Down car park, near Shawford Station. Bring a packed lunch. Sorry, no dogs. For further information, please phone Martin on 01962 842610 or Mary on 01962 864440. Suggested donation £4.

**Wed. 14 October ~ 7.30pm ~ 9.30pm ~ The Wildlife and Flora of Bandhavgarh** ~ Join wildlife photographer Alan Key to discover not only the plants and trees but also the birds, tigers, deer and monkeys that live in this Indian National Park. Held at 7.30pm in the Bushfield Room at Badger Farm Community Centre, Winchester, SO22 4QB at the far end of Sainsbury's car park. For further information, call Loraine on 01962 861182, or [anneardill@hotmail.com](mailto:anneardill@hotmail.com). Admission £3 including coffee/tea.

**Wed. 11 November ~ 7.30pm ~ 9.30pm ~ Conservation and Wildlife at Titchfield Haven** ~ Join Assistant Ranger (HCC) Karima Englefield to discover the birds and wildlife and practical management of the reserve including the recent water vole re-introduction project. Held at 7.30pm in the Bushfield Room at Badger Farm Community Centre, Winchester, SO22 4QB at the far end of Sainsbury's car park. For further information, call Loraine on 01962 861182, or [anneardill@hotmail.com](mailto:anneardill@hotmail.com). Admission £3 including coffee/tea.

**Sun. 15 November ~ 10am ~ 3pm ~ Warsash Bird Walk** ~ Join John Clark for a walk of about 4 miles to see autumn coastal birds. Meet in the car park in Passage Lane - the first car park with the toilets, before you reach the shore. (Approaching Warsash from Brook Lane, take the third exit at the roundabout on to Shore Road. The car park is on the right at the bottom, before you reach the shore. Bring a packed lunch. Sorry, no dogs. For further information, contact Mary on 01962 864440. Suggested donation £4.

**Sun. 29 November ~ 10am ~ 3pm ~ Birding at Titchfield Haven** ~ Join John Clark for a winter bird walk at this Hampshire County Council reserve. Park in the Yacht Club car park or by the sea-wall, and meet in the Yacht Club car park, Cliff Road, Hill Head. Entry charges to the reserve apply; we should get a group rate for entry. Refreshments are available in the café but this can get busy so bring a packed lunch. For further information, phone Mary on 01962 864440. Sorry, no dogs. Suggested donation £4.

We would particularly welcome help at our evening talks.

# Stanmore Primary School

Be the best that you can be

It's the start of a new school year here at Stanmore and the children are busy adjusting to school life and their new classes and teachers. Here are just a few of the highlights from last term – those hot summer days are a distant memory now...

**You'll need a fig leaf....**It's possibly the first time this has been used as a prop during an author visit but Helena Pielichaty had all the children in the school hall roaring with laughter when she read an extract from one of her Girls FC books in which a statue loses a vital part of his anatomy due to a badly aimed football.... Helena was visiting Stanmore as part of the School Library Service 'Meet the Author' programme and she was great! Kicking off her entertaining talk by explaining how to produce her unusual surname, Helena enlisted the help of her audience to give the children a glimpse into how she comes up with her ideas and develop her characters. When she slid her hand into the lining of a fox fur stole to discover what might be hidden inside you could have heard a pin drop in the hall....

**Blue skies all the way....**for the first time in a long while both sports days took place in glorious sunshine. All the children excelled themselves in spite of the sweltering heat and once the morning's exertions were over, joined their parents in the shade for a delicious picnic lunch. Elsewhere our sports teams were busy with our Year 5/6 football team winning the Saints Foundation Tournament at South Wonston School for the second year running – without conceding a goal! A fantastic achievement.

Our cricket team were also in action competing in a cricket tournament at Hursley and after a nail biting final against Sparsholt A team they won the tournament by 6 runs – a great result!

**Keep wriggling!** Each year our school council choose a charity that they would like the school to support. This year's charity is Save the Children and at the end of the summer term the children in the school council arranged for an assault course to be built on the back field. Using items kindly loaned by the Territorial Army, the children paid 50p to wriggle through camouflage nets, leap in and out of tyres, run along benches and aim bean bags at soldier targets. It was great fun – even Mrs Brooks our Headteacher had a go!

**Music to the ears....** Members of the school choir had a real treat when they were invited to Grange Park Opera to watch rehearsals for Eugene Onegin by Tchaikovsky. It was fascinating to see how professional singers prepare for a stage performance and very useful too as some children from the choir then performed on stage at Grange Park the following week! Our singers in Years 3/4 had been learning popular songs from well-known musicals and took part in a stage show with children from lots of other Hampshire schools. It was brilliant fun! In order that our budding musicians didn't feel left out, Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra spent the day in school helping the children compose a brand new piece of music. Taking the tale of a runaway train and a squashed leprechaun(!) as their inspiration, the music featured violins, percussion, horns, guitars and trilling recorders. The new composition had its world premiere in the school hall and sounded absolutely fantastic!

**Coming soon...** As the new term begins, we are looking forward to our annual Book Week which begins on Monday 19th October 2015. This will include a Book Fair, a dressing up day, a performance poet and writing lessons from our very own Patron of Reading Ali Sparkes – an action packed week! Our Christmas Fair will be on **Friday 4th December 2015 from 3:30pm – 5:30pm**. Put the date in your diary now – it'll creep up before you know it....

For details of all the latest happenings at school and to view lots of photos, check out our website at: [www.stanmore.hants.sch.uk](http://www.stanmore.hants.sch.uk) ~ If you would like to visit us, please call 01962 852941 to make an appointment. Our Head, Mrs Justine Brooks would be delighted to show you round.



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## WINCHESTER SUPPORT GROUP

The National Osteoporosis Society offers support to people with osteoporosis and their families and carers through a range of detailed information booklets and leaflets, a national telephone helpline and a network of regional support groups. The Winchester Support Group meetings are held in a friendly atmosphere for support, advice and information. Members are welcome to bring family and friends as guests. Meetings take place at St. Peter's Pastoral Centre (opposite the Library Discovery Centre,) Jewry Street, Winchester, SO23 8RY. Support group contacts are Anne on 01962 864410 and Pam on 01962 866152. The National Telephone Helpline number is 0845 130 3076 [www.nos.org.uk](http://www.nos.org.uk) ~ email [info@nos.org.uk](mailto:info@nos.org.uk)

**Thursday 1 October ~ 7pm** ~ Annual Meeting followed by - Can Nutrition Really be a Help to Bone Health? Speaker, Professor Susan Lanham-New, Head of Nutritional Sciences Department at the University of Surrey. Raffle and refreshments at each meeting. £2 donation appreciated to cover expenses. All welcome.



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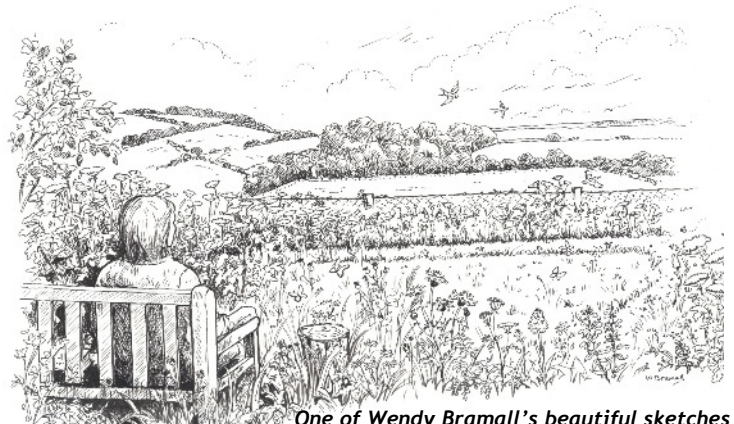
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## OLIVER'S BATTERY COUNTRYSIDE GROUP



The dog days of summer - from the bench in the conservation area, sitting in the warm sun, all I can hear is the background hum of the bees and the thumping of hooves in the nearby paddock. High grass and hogweed frame my view of the hills. The yellow rattle is over for this season, and our very first orchid to self-seed in the area, a pyramidal, is long gone. Marbled white butterflies feed on knapweed and scabious, making the most of the sun as the days grow shorter. A green woodpecker alights in a nearby tree, and is gone in a flash of colour. Bramble and blackthorn are heavy with fruit.

The conservation area is not only a haven for wildlife but a peaceful place to sit and dream. And it is vibrant too - not only with flora and fauna, but with volunteers who work hard to maintain it. Funds are always needed, and local artist Wendy Bramall has produced some beautiful postcards of our local wildlife, a snip at 50p each, which are available through her (01962 865870) or Clare Shorter (01962 852136) and at St Mark's Church.



*One of Wendy Bramall's beautiful sketches*

All proceeds go to the countryside group. We run various events throughout the year, all free and family-friendly, to share our enthusiasm for the natural world. The next will be an Autumn Amble, on Sunday 27 September, at 2pm. All are welcome to come - there will be fungus-hunting, plant-identifying and more! [www.oliversbatterycountysidegroup.org.uk](http://www.oliversbatterycountysidegroup.org.uk)

## MANAGING HEARING LOSS



Do you have a hearing loss? Do you have difficulty following what people say? Do you sometimes feel frustrated and convinced that most people don't understand your problem? If you answer YES to any of the above, why not come along and try one of our LIP READING classes? Classes are run during school terms. They are friendly and informal and you can meet others who understand what hearing loss is all about. We meet at Badger Farm Community Centre every Wednesday afternoon.

For further details, contact Jan in the office at the Community Centre (01962-868630) or text Yvonne John, Lip Reading Tutor, on 07789 915 040 ~ Email: [ycjohn14@hotmail.com](mailto:ycjohn14@hotmail.com)



## OLIVER'S BATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

The outline planning application by Linden Homes for the development of 350 homes on land at Pitt Vale bordering the village of Pitt has been the focus of the Parish Council's attention for the past few weeks. Working closely with the Parish Council at Hursley, in whose parish Pitt Vale is located, Pitt Village Residents Association, and our City Councillors for Badger Farm, Oliver's Battery, Hursley, Compton and Otterbourne Wards, every effort was made to ensure that residents of all affected parishes were informed of the planning application and were encouraged to make their views on the proposed development known to Winchester City Council. The Parish Council have registered an objection to the proposed development, details of which can be found on our website ([www.oliversbattery.wordpress.com](http://www.oliversbattery.wordpress.com))

We now live in an age that makes increasing use of social media and email as a means of communicating important news and information. If you would like to be kept up to date on important matters relevant to Oliver's Battery in the future, then please look at the News/Notices page of our website where you can subscribe to our mailing list for such information.

The new children's play equipment at the recreation ground continues to be well used but it has recently been subject to an act of vandalism.

Someone had started a fire inside the covered section causing damage to some of the decking boards.

The police, neighbourhood watch and the WCC Neighbourhood Services Officer have all been informed and have been asked to patrol the recreation ground more regularly during the summer holidays.

The damaged boards will be replaced and the whole area treated with a fire retardant solution.

Another area of concern to the Council has been the report of an unpleasant encounter by one resident with uncontrolled dogs and their owners at the recreation ground. Whilst the majority of dog owners are totally responsible and ensure that their dogs are fully under control at all times, there are exceptions. We would remind all dog owners not to let their dogs loose in the recreation ground. The Council are seeking advice from the WCC Senior Animal Welfare Officer regarding measures we can put in place to promote responsible dog ownership and to counter the problem of uncontrolled dogs.

The Council is continuing to develop the new website and a new "Neighbourhood" page has been added that gives information on how to report crime and contact the police, provides details of the local Neighbourhood Watch scheme and highlights other issues relevant to the neighbourhood. The parish plan process is progressing well, details of which can be found in Connie Leach's article below in this magazine.

Brian Mitchener ~ Chair, Oliver's Battery Parish Council ~ [cllr.mitchener@oliversbattery.info](mailto:cllr.mitchener@oliversbattery.info) ~ 01962 623585.



OLIVER'S  
BATTERY  
PLAN

### OLIVER'S BATTERY PLAN

#### Watch out for the Community Survey! It's on its way

Here at Oliver's Battery Plan, we are right in the middle of writing the Community Survey. It's taking rather longer than we had thought – it's even more challenging than we had anticipated!

However, we will be getting it out to residents as soon as possible. A copy will be delivered to every household, together with instructions on how to fill it in and how to return it. The more people who send back their copies of the Survey, the better, so make sure you get yours filled in and returned. There will be help available for completing and collecting them. So what's it for?

When we did the Consultation exercise earlier in the year, we found that certain issues kept appearing, for example, worries about the traffic, provision for older residents, issues about the shops, fears of outside developments affecting our community. We are using the Community Survey to test and measure opinion on these and other issues. It will give us clear, measurable evidence on strength of opinion about the issues that matter to us. It will also enable us to gather up-to-date information about our community.

Once we have this feedback, together with all the other information gathered from the other informal consultations we have been doing over the past eight months, we will have all the material we need to start work on the first stages of the Action Plan itself.

So it will be a busy time for us this autumn - watch out for publicity about the Community Survey, make sure you fill it in and return it and watch out for the publication of The Results.

If you want to help, with distributing or collecting the Community Survey, then please get in touch. We'd like to hear from you if you have any spare time! If you just want to find out more about what the OB Plan will mean for Oliver's Battery over the coming few years, and you want to get involved in some way or other, then please make contact also.

Look for us on [www.oliversbattery.wordpress.com](http://www.oliversbattery.wordpress.com), follow the links to The Plan page and sign up for our newsletter. Or contact Connie Leach on [constance@leach154.plus.com](mailto:constance@leach154.plus.com), 01962 865883.

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## AN UPDATE FROM YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLORS

As always, it has been a busy few months in Oliver's Battery and Badger Farm, with all sorts going on all around the area.

### Pitt Vale

Since the last Community News, Linden Homes have put in a planning application for half of the Pitt Vale site (located next to Pitt Manor). We have been working hard to fight this development that we believe is unnecessary, falls outside the development boundary and would cause even more problems for the already overstretched local infrastructure.

Working with the Parish Councils, Councillors from neighbouring wards and lots of members of the public, we have now been able to register hundreds of objections to the scheme with the council's planning department and hope this will be enough to see the scheme refused. We will, of course, work hard to keep residents up to date with any news about Pitt Vale. If you would like to receive email updates please email Brian Laming at [blaming@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:blaming@winchester.gov.uk).

### New Ward Boundaries

Over the last few months the Boundary Commission have been looking at the City Council's electoral wards. This is because the number of Councillors is set to be reduced from 57 to 45. As a result of this we faced the prospect of the two communities covered by Community News and the current ward being split between two of the new wards, something that as local Councillors we were very much against as the two parishes have many historic and community connections.

Thankfully, and with the help of the Parish Councils, we have now been able to get the Commissions original recommendations changed, so that the two parishes can stay together, with Compton, Otterbourne, Shawford and Hursley joining to form a ward covering much of the rural area to the south west of Winchester. This new ward will mean Councillors are better able to fight developments (such as Pitt Vale) which come up in the future.

There will also be elections next year to select the new Councillors and we are looking forward to getting round and seeing as many of you as possible before those happen in May.

Cllr Brian Laming - 07973 265 028 - [blaming@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:blaming@winchester.gov.uk)  
Cllr Patrick Fancett - 07757 508 608 - [pfancett@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:pfancett@winchester.gov.uk)

### Estate Management

This year's exceptional grass and foliage growth has shown a few problems with the maintenance contract that covers the two parishes, with some areas being left for far too long between mows leaving verges and open spaces looking untidy and leading to large piles of cut grass being left behind. We have raised this with Council officers.

We also continue to monitor for individual issues around the area and work hard to get these sorted. If you spot any dangerous overgrown plants please let us know or alternatively the Council has created an app called 'Your Winchester' which can be downloaded for smartphones and tablets and used to report overgrown plants as well as all sorts of other bits and pieces.

### Badger Farm Road

County Councillor Phil Bailey has been working with the traffic team to get a survey undertaken in this area, with the results of this now in. With ideas coming forward from local residents and Oliver's Battery Parish Council, we will now be working to get improvements made to the Oliver's Battery Road/Badger Farm Road junction. We will also push to get another traffic survey undertaken once Pitt Manor properties are occupied to see the effect that it will be having on local roads.

### Badger Farm Planning Permission

Over the last few months it has become apparent that there are some companies selling conservatories and builders selling home improvements that are telling people they can make these improvements without planning permission under permitted development rights.

**This is not the case.** We would like to remind residents that the general principle on Badger Farm is there are no permitted development rights in Badger Farm as they were removed in the original planning permission. You need to consult with the city officers at the planning department about any changes to your property including structures in your garden. It is better to be safe than sorry and saves a lot of problems.

If you would like to talk to us about any issues, please feel free to contact us:



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Below are details of some of the events coming up at Badger Farm Community Centre. For more information, please contact the organiser direct. If you would like to include an event you are holding in this section, remember it does not have to be at the Community Centre, contact the Editor, Jan Dawkins on 01962 868630, email [enquiries@bfobrca.org](mailto:enquiries@bfobrca.org) or visit our website [www.bfobrca.org](http://www.bfobrca.org)

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October & Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November - Auction - Contact 01962 734941

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October - Stamp & Postcard Fair - Contact 01795 478175

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October - Winchester Country Market Special Autumn Market - 9am-12noon

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October - Winchester Country Market Christmas Fayre - 10am-1pm



### DO YOU PLAY CRIB AND HAVE A TUESDAY EVENING FREE? (SEPTEMBER - MAY)

Whether you are a beginner or a veteran, why not sign up for the Badger Farm Social Club Crib Team? If you are

interested and would like more information please contact either Ian at the Club on Sunday lunchtime 12-2pm or Trevor. Just leave your name and number behind the bar and we will get back to you. Thank you and we hope to see you!

### WHITESHUTE BRIDGE CLUB DUPLICATE BRIDGE



Are you interested in playing duplicate Bridge? We are a friendly, long established club who play at Badger Farm Community Centre at 7pm on Monday evenings. We are keen to invite new pairs who would like to join a club that welcomes members who are looking to step up to club level and play in a social atmosphere. If you have a bridge partner and you are both interested in joining, we would be pleased to welcome you. For further information, please contact:- Robin Eynon on 01962 853732 or Graham Rolfe on 01962 861506.

### JOIN US AT OUR DEMENTIA CAFE IN WINCHESTER



If you have dementia or are caring for someone with dementia, come along to your local cafe. The venue is Badger Farm Community Centre, Badger Farm Road, Winchester on the first Monday of each month from 2pm to 3.30pm. For more information, contact the local Alzheimer's Society by email on [winchester@alzheimers.org.uk](mailto:winchester@alzheimers.org.uk) or by telephone on 01256 363393. We very much look forward to seeing you. Visit our website for further information at [alzheimers.org.uk](http://alzheimers.org.uk)

Alzheimer's Society operates in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Registered charity number 296645.



### THURSDAY EVENING BADMINTON

We are a friendly group who meet every Thursday evening at Badger Farm Community Centre from 8pm to 9pm for some enjoyable and fun exercise playing badminton. We are looking for new players to join our group - all ages and abilities welcome! If you would like to know more, please contact Wendy King 01962 861525. We look forward to hearing from you!

### ADVERTISE ON OUR WEBSITE!



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[www.bfobrca.org/local-businesses/advertise-with-us](http://www.bfobrca.org/local-businesses/advertise-with-us).

If you are interested in taking up this opportunity, email your advertisement to Jan at Badger Farm Community Centre, [enquiries@bfobrca.org](mailto:enquiries@bfobrca.org), or telephone for further information. We also have a Facebook page - [www.facebook.com/BadgerFarmCommunityCentre](http://www.facebook.com/BadgerFarmCommunityCentre).

Please take a look and give us a "like".



### WINCHESTER HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



Summer has gone and Autumn is upon us. The colourful Summer bedding has given way to a more restrained palette but some of the trees and shrubs will delight us with wonderfully strong Autumn colours. The vegetable garden is still yielding fresh produce and after last year's failure it will be a pleasure to harvest a good crop of apples. When we welcome a break from the practical work we make time to attend our monthly meetings and would like to invite you to come and join us on one of the following dates:



**September 2015 (Wednesday 9th)** - Tim Woodland will tell us how to create interesting and colourful containers throughout the year using a variety of bulbs.

**October 2015 (Wednesday 14th)** - Matthew Soper, winner of 14 Chelsea "golds", will give us a talk and demonstration on his fascinating plants.

**November 2015 (Wednesday 11th)** - Marcus Dancer will share his ideas on how to create interest in the garden during the colder months.

Our monthly meetings are held at the Winchester Club, Churchill Room, Worthy Lane, Winchester and start at 7.30pm. Visitors are free. For more details visit our website: [www.winhortsoc@weebly.com](http://www.winhortsoc@weebly.com) We look forward to meeting you!



**Ed's. Note:** Welcome to a new regular article in Community News kindly provided by Tracy Frost on the subject of getting fit and healthy, feeling good and tips on how to stay that way! I hope you will find it useful and informative. As always, feedback would be welcome and also, if you are reading this and feel there is a regular article of interest that you could provide, just let me know.

## TRACY'S FEEL-GOOD TIPS



'Exercise is Medicine'. There is no pill on the planet that can deliver any benefits close to those found from exercise. This is the slogan of the American College of Sports Medicine, an important source of wellbeing research that advises our own country's general practitioners. We can become more active for love, fun or even concern. Activity saves lives. If our world decreased its sedentary activity by 25%, more than 1.3 million deaths could be avoided every year.

Do you feel there are activities you would like to do more though energy levels aren't as good as they used to be, your posture and joint strength is not quite up to withholding the test of time? The right kind of exercise can be fun and at the same time increase your general health, energy levels and joint strength. Keep investing in yourself and you will be pleasantly surprised at the numerous benefits of improved energy, mood, sleep, heart, lung and bone health.

An extensive body of research conducted worldwide shows that lack of activity significantly increases risk of heart disease and stroke, type 2 diabetes, breast and colon cancer, deep vein thrombosis, high blood pressure and cholesterol, muscle wasting and osteoporosis. Lack of exertion contributes to a general inflammatory response throughout the body which increase the stress hormone which is a leading cause of anxiety, depression and reduced immunity. Everyday life is challenging enough to have to struggle with the unpleasant symptoms accompanying these conditions.

Exercise can also deliver a lot more fun into our lives. With another seasonal change approaching we can reflect over the past one. Those lovely longer days, the lighter living and the increased energy levels. The act of reflection can be a powerful tool for improving our lives. It helps us focus on what really worked for us, what felt good, what we want more and less of. This is the first step of goal setting when we want to make lasting life changes. We can often lapse into thinking it is only the sunlight that makes the difference to our feeling of wellbeing, however exercise can release those same feel-good hormones throughout the year. This is good news because you can make your own sunshine whenever you choose.

References: World Health Organisation and American College of Sports Medicine. Tracy Frost is a personal trainer qualified to work with chronic conditions. She run's Fit4Fun exercise classes and Feel-Good Body Workshops focused on joint health in Oliver's Battery. For her website go to <http://www.bwellthy.blogspot.co.uk> and Amazon Kindle for her book Self-help Guide to Feel-Good Joints and Muscles.



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## AN UPDATE FROM STEVE BRINE, MP FOR WINCHESTER

A new Parliament, and especially this one, is always supercharged with activity. I am busy at the Department of Health and we've a packed legislative agenda in Government time. Meanwhile, the Summer Budget has fired all of that up and there are, as I am learning is the business of Government, always some big battles ahead.

However, in addition to all of that there are always big moments in any Parliament which test so much more than your politics. One such example comes early in September when a newly elected Labour MP will bring his Private Members' Bill before the Commons. The Assisted Dying Bill is not new, it emerged during the last session under the stewardship of Lord (Charlie) Falconer, but as we expected it's back and demanding the attention of Mps.

As a strong Christian I do, of course, have strong views but over the Summer break I have read as widely as I can on the subject, studied the legislation itself and met various interested groups. I will be present for the debate (and vote) and will seek to catch Mr Speaker's eye. If you have views, and especially personal experiences you feel you can share with me, I would be honoured to hear from you. Please write or email [steve.brine.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:steve.brine.mp@parliament.uk)

Pitt Vale – I sometimes wonder which version of NO our circling developers do not understand but it only serves to stiffen our resolve. Any constituent who's read anything from me over the last six years knows I am not against new homes but, Winchester is more than doing its bit with Barton Farm, Pitt Manor and many more besides. Pitt Vale is a step too far in terms of what this side of Winchester can handle but, crucially, it is outside the agreed Winchester Local Plan which is the blueprint we agreed to work within. I am doing my best to support local councillors such as Cllr Jan Warwck and represent local opinion on this issue; we expect it to go to planning at WCC this Autumn. My site on Pitt Vale is at [www.stevebrine.com/pittvale](http://www.stevebrine.com/pittvale)

Have you heard of FIXERS? Maybe not but they are a national charity based in Winchester which allows young people to, in their words, use their past to fix the future. Shortly after Parliament reconvened following the election a group of Fixers who overcame anorexia and bulimia came to see me at the Department of Health (pictured) to present a report on eating disorders. It was as moving as it was impressive and you can see more via; [www.stevebrine.com/FIXERS](http://www.stevebrine.com/FIXERS)



Steve meets some members of FIXERS

Finally for this time, I am once again throwing open my allocations of PMQ tickets to my constituents in a series of free and fair ballots. Do visit [www.stevebrine.com/PMQs](http://www.stevebrine.com/PMQs) or call 01962 791 110 if you wish to take part. The next draw is for Wednesday 9th December.

You can find more information about my continuing work as your local MP, in Winchester and Westminster, via [www.stevebrine.com](http://www.stevebrine.com) or on 01962 791 110.

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## BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

During the Summer we continued to have a wonderful display of flowers, both wild and cultivated, all over our estate; and of course we must not dismiss Whiteshute Ridge in this role. They all contributed to a beautiful and colourful display. The bird life seemed to be busier than ever and this morning I saw a Peacock butterfly in my garden. The grass cutting has been a little erratic, but we are keeping an eye on this and it does seem to be getting a little better.

Our plans for the Play areas are progressing, thanks to all for your comments made on the Survey. We will soon make decisions about what and where new play equipment will be put. With a bit of luck work will start in the Autumn. Regretfully one set of swings at Davies has had to be removed as it was found to be unsafe. We are hoping that no more will have to be disposed of before we are ready to attend to the new plans.

It has been noticed that people are riding their bicycles on the pavements, and also riding without lights during the evenings. (Both of these are, in fact, a criminal offence). It is also a good idea to wear something white or yellow in the dark or dim light as this can make you far more visible, which will make you more noticeable to other road users.

There are so many telephone numbers to use nowadays for various services, so here are some of them to clarify their usage. Perhaps you could keep a note of them in a handy place.

**999 or 112 (911 will also work) - emergency**  
**101 - National non-emergency police**  
**111 - National non-emergency ambulance**

**Contact Winchester City Council for problems with noise from neighbours, etc on 01962 840222 or online at [www.winchester.gov.uk/report](http://www.winchester.gov.uk/report)**

**You should also contact Winchester City Council to 'report' fly tipping, graffiti, abandoned vehicles, etc and not the Police**

We are in the process of issuing all householders in Badger Farm with a leaflet regarding permitted development. It is advisable to study this carefully if you are intending to extend or add any buildings work to your house as most will require planning permission.

Make the most of the late Summer sun and have a good Autumn.

**Ed's. Note:** In connection with the comment from Badger Farm Parish Council above regarding bicycles, we have noticed at the Community Centre that cyclists frequently ride past the building on the footpath at great speed. As the Centre is a very busy place with elderly people and children in regular attendance, we would like to ask local residents to take this into consideration, be considerate to others when they are passing and dismount. Thank you.

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# OLIVER'S BATTERY PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

## SPRING FAYRE FUNDRAISER



Back in May, the pre-school held a Spring Fayre and Bake-Off competition. A lovely selection of stalls including Usborne Books, Phoenix Trading and Dough Play Me came along to support us and even the local Brownie pack were on hand to run the Lucky Dip. There were cakes galore and two ladies from the WI lent their expert opinion in judging the Victoria Sandwich category. We were delighted with the positive feedback we got for this event and the money it raised for our new building fund.

### PLAY, LEARN AND GROW

The "home corner" in pre-school is a very adaptable space and in the summer term it was converted into a castle, pirate ship and beach hut. The recently improved outdoor play area has been inspiring budding chefs although the only thing on the menu is mud and the addition of an enormous tractor tyre sand pit is proving a very popular choice.

### About our pre-school

\*Rated overall as 'good' by Ofsted, Oliver's Battery Pre-school achieved 'outstanding' for how well the early years provision meets the needs of the range of children who attend.

\*Conveniently located in the spacious grounds of Oliver's Battery Primary School, we provide a safe, engaging and friendly environment for children aged two years to school age.

\*We accept all children, regardless of which school they will be going to

\*All children are funded from the term after their 3rd birthday.

\*If eligible, we accept funding for two-year olds.

**Opening times:** 9am-3.15pm Mon-Weds  
9am-12.30pm Thurs-Fri

### BUSY BOYS AND GIRLS

Our little ones had a jam-packed summer term with sponsored obstacle course, sports day and annual outing to name a few. They also took part in an educational walk around Oliver's Battery, visiting the shops, church and ending up at the play park.

### FOND FAREWELLS AND LOOKING FORWARD

The term ended with a Teddy Bear's Picnic where, amidst the sausage rolls and satsumas we either said "see you next term" and "happy holidays" or "good luck at school". As sad as it was to say goodbye to our leavers we know they will continue to thrive in their respective schools: **John Keble, St Peter's, Oliver's Battery** and **Westgate**. As we reflect on another brilliant academic year at our pre-school we are already looking forward to the new term in September when we invite all of the children and their families to join us on a Family Fun Walk, to introduce new families to the pre-school and beyond that to all the exciting activities to come.

For more information or to pop in and take a look around, please contact Jackie Johnston, Pre-school Leader on mobile 07941 796 958 or email [oliversbatterypreschool@gmail.com](mailto:oliversbatterypreschool@gmail.com)

## WALKING IN THE BADGER FARM AND OLIVER'S BATTERY AREA

Living Streets is the national charity that works to make streets safer and more attractive so that people find walking more enjoyable and do more of it, which benefits their health and the environment. Living Streets is promoting walking in schools, communities and workplaces across Hampshire in partnership with the Hampshire My Journey team, which is funded by the Department of Transport. My Journey is a one stop destination for travel information and advice in and around the Hampshire area. Whether you're looking for information about local cycle routes to work, walking maps or links to public transport you can access it all from the website [www.myjourneyhampshire.com](http://www.myjourneyhampshire.com). This year, Living Streets is working in the Badger Farm and Oliver's Battery areas to identify barriers to walking and encourage local residents of all ages to walk more. Walking to school is one of the easiest ways to improve your children's and your own health. Did you know that less than half of children in the UK currently walk to school and this number is decreasing, while the number of children being driven to school has doubled in the last 20 years! One in five cars on the road at peak times is taking children to school.

At the start of the Autumn term 2015, Oliver's Battery Primary School will take positive steps to improve walking rates by joining the exciting Living Streets Walk once a Week (WoW) scheme. This rewards children for walking to school at least once a week with collectable pin badges. Later in the month, Oliver's Battery Primary School pupils will also carry out a school route audit to identify any barriers to walking that may exist locally. Living Streets would like to hear the views of parents and will be running a street audit with adults in the area too. If you would like to know more about this or take part, please contact Jean MacGrory of Living Streets on [jean.macgrory@livingstreets.org.uk](mailto:jean.macgrory@livingstreets.org.uk).

Walking has numerous health benefits and helps maintain good body and brain function into older age. The countryside around Oliver's Battery and Badger Farm has many footpaths that are ideal for exploring on your own. If you are a less confident walker or would like the opportunity to meet other walkers, Lydia Lockhart the Active Lifestyles Officer of Winchester City Council (WCC) runs six Health Walks in the district each week which may be found on their website. To find out more about the routes, times and days of the walks you can reach Lydia by telephone on 01962 848725 or look at the website on [www.winchester.gov.uk/sports/active-lifestyles-scheme/health-walks](http://www.winchester.gov.uk/sports/active-lifestyles-scheme/health-walks).



If you would enjoy a walk but fear that you might be left behind as you have difficulties walking fast, or very far, please let us know as Living Streets and WCC are hoping to organise very gentle, short led walks. If this is something that you would welcome, please email Jean MacGrory on [jean.macgrory@livingstreets.org.uk](mailto:jean.macgrory@livingstreets.org.uk) or call her on 07714 616 561.



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## ANN'S COMPUTER CORNER

The phone rings. You answer. (Let's call her) Mary says, "Good morning, this is Windows' Technical Department calling about your computer." You immediately hang up.

That's what should happen! But recently I decided to play along.

Firstly, Mary wants to verify what she calls my "Computer Licencing Security Identification number" or CLSID. She tells me how to run the assoc command and I see, at the bottom of a long list, CLSID\{888DCA60-FC0A-11CF-8F0F-00C04FD7D062}. Mary checks the number she has and ... it matches my "unique" number. That's funny—type assoc into almost any computer and you'll get the same number; CLSID (Class Identifier) isn't a licence number at all!

Following Mary's instructions, I look at the "errors" in the Event Viewer. She misinforms me red errors are "already corrupt" files and yellow ones "are in the process to be corrupt". Help, I have over 1000! Actually, that's a low number. Windows notes anything that may be useful in diagnosing problems or improving performance. A geek's paradise, yes; corrupt files, no!

I ask why my anti-virus hasn't found these problems. Mary transfers me to her senior technician, Martin, who explains they are "very dangerous frozen programs which your computer is automatically downloading from the internet". Worse than viruses, they block firewalls, corrupt important software and cause security leaks. But I needn't worry: he's going to fix them!

But first, Martin aims to scare me a little more by checking my Services. Apparently, these all "have to be in running condition" for my computer to be "healthy". But some aren't running ... because the "frozen programs" are corrupting them and soon I won't be able to access my computer at all. Rubbish! Services are simply background programs that run automatically whenever they're needed, and your computer will be quicker if they're *not* all running!

Martin's final scare-tactic is to use netstat to "find out if your connection is secure". A list of numbers appears, most of which have an ESTABLISHED status. These, he tells me, are hackers who have established connections to my computer. Again, he's used a normal windows command—in this case one that shows my (anti-virus, browser, email) programs' current connections to the internet—and lied about what it does.

To fix these issues, Martin wants to redirect my computer to the "secure zone of Windows" at [www.support.me](http://www.support.me). At this point, I stop playing along because I know this will be the start of my problems, not the end of them. It would give Martin direct control of my computer, allowing him to do whatever he likes to my system. The scam plays out in various ways: they charge for the "clean-up" (getting your credit card details in the process), they lock your computer and charge to unlock it or they install malicious software of their own, essentially hacking in to your computer with your permission!

So, when Mary calls ... just hang up!

Ann Jury

Ann is the founder of Winchester Computer Tutor ([www.winchestercomputertutor.co.uk](http://www.winchestercomputertutor.co.uk)), offering good-value, friendly 1-to-1 tuition for less-confident computer users.

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## NATURE NOTES FROM OLIVER'S BATTERY



July brought a mixed bag of weather with cold miserable days, a heat wave, drought, heavy rain and strong winds. Our lawn turned the colour of straw, not as bad as in 1976 and is just beginning to recover. The weather did not deter the growth of a variety of grasses in our two fields where butterflies danced among the wild flowers and nesting skylarks poured their songs from on high. All changed on 22nd July when the farmer began his annual cut. Under Set-Aside cutting can begin on 15th July said to be beyond the breeding season of ground nesting birds so I hope the skylarks didn't have late broods. They disappeared that day and, apart from the clicking sound of house martins on the wing collecting insects, and the song of a lone yellowhammer, all is quiet, most other birds having gone into moult. The fields look desolate but the ragwort has been cut before it seeds and spreads on the wind. Under the Weeds Act, ragwort which is toxic must be kept under control. Butterflies can still be seen in our hedgerows and the wildlife area where eleven species were spotted on 2nd August for the Big Butterfly Count.

There is plenty of wildlife in our gardens and in one alone I heard of a blackbird devouring a slow worm, a dunnock bathing in wet grass in the middle of the lawn fluttering its wings, fluffing and preening its feathers exactly as it would if in water and a bee nesting in a cucumber plant. In prolonged dry weather blackbirds will take slow worms because their preferred diet of earthworms becomes unavailable. Earthworms tunnel deep into the ground to find more favourable conditions and will, if necessary estivate by secreting a protective layer of mucous then rolling themselves into a ball coming to life again when conditions improve. As far as the normally shy dunnock is concerned, despite the availability of bird baths, I would hazard a guess it was enjoying having a scratch against the grass to rid itself of parasites after the dry weather. The bee enters the pot containing the plant through the drainage holes at the base by scraping away the compost and regularly goes in carrying disc shaped pieces of leaf. This leaf cutter bee, one of a number of small solitary bees resembles a honey bee but with an orange underside. She is probably nesting in the stem of the plant sticking the cut leaves together with saliva to form cells in which her larvae live until they hatch, develop and pupate. As the bee feeds on pollen and nectar it is a valued pollinator at a time when our population of bees is declining at a worrying rate. So, what wildlife have *you* seen in *your* garden?

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We seem to experience or associate different colours with things that change like seasons and feelings ... Red ~ Anger; Yellow ~ Spring; Mellow ~ Green. So as we approach the rustic colours of the Autumn what feeling might we call upon ... the Browns and Oranges of a comfort warmth, the dashes of Red berries memories of warmer time past, the enveloping Greyness of hibernation sleepiness just before the sparkle of the Christmas lights and excitement of the moment and another new beginning a 'new year', a new round of events and gatherings.

The church seasonal colour holds on to Green for a few more weeks yet before a few weeks of Red for Christ the king then the Purple of advent before bursting into the White and Gold of Christmas. May your life be a kaleidoscope of colour with a nod to the past and an eye to all that is to come.

Yours in a thoughtful blue wash ... Revd Mike

## BADGER FARM & OLIVER'S BATTERY PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

**Badger Farm Parish Council** meet on the 2nd Monday of each month (except August) in the Bushfield Room at Badger Farm Community Centre at 7.30pm. Contact the Clerk Viv Brooks on [viv@bcl-construction.co.uk](mailto:viv@bcl-construction.co.uk) for information.

**Oliver's Battery Parish Council** meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month at St Mark's Church Hall, Oliver's Battery Road South at 7.30pm. Contact the Clerk Elizabeth Billingham on [clerkoliversbattery@gmail.com](mailto:clerkoliversbattery@gmail.com) for information.



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