

Community News

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Autumn 2012 Edition

A Summer of Sport..



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Sainsbury's



This Summer, the Badger Farm Social Club has had a much needed injection of support from our closest neighbours - Sainsbury's Badger Farm who have kindly sponsored a new badger-inspired black and white kit for the team. Is this the reason behind a recent change in form with the last 6 games undefeated? Who can tell? But whatever the reason behind the change in form we are now the smartest team on the pitch in the six-a-side league.

However - it's not just football in our minds at the club. The darts teams have had a successful season too! The men's darts team have been promoted to the Premier League but it's the two ladies teams who have had the best of this year winning The League, singles and pairs trophies. We also have pool teams. And we are taking part in The Winchester and District Inter-Club Challenge where players from both pool and darts teams compete in a 9 club competition.



Not only that but the Badger Farm Social Club Cricket team has a busy round of games this Summer. Despite a loss against the Westgate Lambs in the opening game there is a confident mood in the team with matches against the Winnall Club, The Worthies and a revenge fixture against the Westgate as well as the annual under 35's vs over 35's the sound of leather on willow will be ringing out all Summer - and we are always keen to welcome new players.

With all of this sporting action happening in the community one could forget that this has been an amazing year for those who prefer to watch their sport from the comfort of an armchair (or bar!)- with Euro2012, Wimbledon, Formula 1, Test and T20 International Cricket and of course the London 2012 Olympics - the Social Club has been a hive of sporting activity all Summer - with Sky Sports, ESPN, BBC and ITV in HD and 3D! We also cater for those with a wider range of leisure activities in mind - from Bridge to Tae Kwon-Do, from the Wessex Wargamers to Legs Bums and Tums keep fit classes, from Badminton to Ballroom Dancing - the Community Centre is certainly an active part of the community.



...and charity in Badger Farm



On the 5th of May the Badger Farm Social Club hosted a charity event organised by the Winchester Hog Roast Company in aid of Breast Cancer UK. The event raised over £200 for this very worthy cause with excellent food and an evening of entertainment for many members of the community. We are grateful for the support of the Winchester Hog Roast company who are available for many different types of function at

www.thewinchesterhogroastcompany.co.uk .

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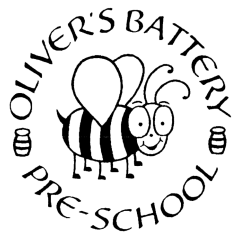
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COMMUNITY CENTRE ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY	DAY	TIME	CONTACT	COST	DESCRIPTION
Badger Farm Art Group	Thursday	1.30pm - 4.00pm	Elizabeth Weir 01962 856689 lizabethweir@gmail.com	£5 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 877772	£3.00 per session	Friendship for older people. Quizzes, speakers, outings, afternoon tea. New members and volunteers 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	£3.95 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!
Brownies	Thursday	6.15pm - 7.45pm During Term Time	07708 217 957 11.wincity.brownies@ gmail.com	£30 per Term	For girls aged 7 to 10 years.
Eucharist (Holy Communion)	Tuesday	10.00am - 11.00am	Rev. Mike Gardner 01962 865240		Church of England Service. All welcome.
Hampshire Wildlife Trust	2nd Wed. of the month	7.30pm - 9.30pm	Loraine Martin 01962 861182	£2.50 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	£4.00 per class	A fun and friendly class designed to help keep you fit and toned!
National Federation of Spiritual Healers	3rd 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	Liz Lindsay 01962 866547	£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	8.00pm - 10.00pm	Ruth Harrison 01962 881737		A warm welcome awaits you at your local Royal British Legion group meeting.
Slimming World	Saturday	9.30am - 1.30pm	Steve Coombs 07788 683 077		A warm welcome awaits you in your local group! New members always welcome.
Tea Dance	Friday	3.00pm - 4.30pm	Ian & Joan Millar 01962 854542	£4 per session	A chance to practice your Ballroom and Latin American dances in a relaxed and friendly occasion with tea and cakes.
Weight Watchers	Thursday	9.00am - 11.00am 6.15pm - 7.45pm	0845 073 0460	Weekly meeting fee of £5.99	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)	Miniature 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.

This table provides details of some of the activities that take place at Badger Farm Community Centre. Other hirers may have chosen not to have their details shown above. If you are looking for an activity and you can't see it here, please call Jan, the Bookings Secretary on 01962 868630.



OLIVER'S BATTERY PRE SCHOOL

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday - 9.00-3.15
Thursday and Friday - 9.00-12.30 (we may offer a Thursday pm session if there is a demand for this)
We now offer various drop-off and collection times. Children can attend a morning, afternoon or all-day session.

Staff to child ratio 1-6 over three and 1-4 under three

We are situated in the beautiful landscaped grounds of Oliver's Battery Primary School in our own purpose built building and have an all weather outdoor play area with play equipment. Our staff are all qualified in childcare to a high standard and have many years experience of working with children. We have an open door policy and welcome all children regardless of what school they will attend.

We provide a safe and stimulating environment for all children to develop at their own pace and operate a key-worker system. We were inspected by OFSTED in February 2009 and rated as "Outstanding." To view the whole OFSTED report, visit the website www.ofsted.gov.uk or collect a copy from the Pre School.

"Children's needs are met very well and they thoroughly enjoy their time in the setting."
"Excellent learning opportunities help to meet the needs of all children and keep them actively engaged."

"The capacity to maintain continuous improvement is excellent because of rigorous monitoring of children's progress and of their activities to ensure that these meet children's needs."

Each child is entitled to 15 free funded hours a week (for 38 weeks a year) from the term after their third birthday. For non funded children our fees are £4.35 per hour. Payment can be made weekly, monthly or termly. Please contact Jackie Johnston for further details on 07941 796 958.



Brian Davenport meeting some of the children with his thank you card.

A NEW BUILDING FOR OLIVER'S BATTERY PRE-SCHOOL

This term has seen more fundraising for our new Pre-School building. Along with the usual raffles and cake sales we were also very lucky to have some help from local resident Brian Davenport. He ran a half-marathon on a particularly rainy day and donated some of his sponsorship money to us. The children were very excited to see his medal and made him a special thank you card.

We have now raised £60,000 of the £150,000 needed for our building and still have a long way to go. If you can think of anyway to help us we would love to hear from you. I can be contacted at m.andrews04@tiscali.co.uk.

Karen Andrews ~ Committee Chair, Oliver's Battery Pre-School

A date for your diary with.....



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Saturday 8th September 2012 ~ The Chapel of St. Cross *

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BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

We've been lucky to have had a few sunny days over the last couple of months, but the persistent rain has encouraged the growth of the local vegetation. As the City Council's contractors have been working to keep on top of it to keep our rights of way clear, I would like to thank those residents who have taken the initiative in their own areas to cut back the plants and trees that have been encroaching on the paths around Badger Farm.

You may have seen the new Parish Lengthsman in action in the area in the middle of July. The Lengthsman scheme is funded by the County Council and employed by a collective of Parish Councils in our area to undertake odd jobs and maintenance works in the Parish. He is available to us for a few days each quarter and it is up to each Parish to agree a schedule of works with him in advance. If you are aware of any jobs around the Parish that you think need doing, please contact the Parish Council and we can look at whether it may be an appropriate task for the Lengthsman.

At our last Parish Council meeting, we were fortunate to be joined by representatives from Winchester City Council and the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust to discuss the future use of Whiteshute Ridge. The Ridge is a huge asset of our local community and it is important that the community as a whole is able to enjoy it and that we can encourage the local wildlife up there. Several ideas were brought forward that we will be discussing in more detail over the next few months. We are always interested to hear what residents want from the Ridge and the Parish Council would be pleased to hear your ideas as to how this area can be utilised.

The re-siting of one of the dog bins appears to have resulted in an increase in bags of dog mess being left in bushes and trees, rather than being disposed of appropriately. I would encourage dog walkers who have obviously been conscientious enough to bag up the mess to please complete the job and deposit bags in the nearest available bin.

The Parish Council has a new website, which will be populated with news and meeting agendas and minutes and also contains useful links to other websites. I would encourage you to go on and 'have a play'. The site can be found at <http://badgerfarmparishcouncil.gov.uk>

John Godbold ~ Chairman Badger Farm Parish Council ~ johnrgodbold@hotmail.com



Oliver's Battery PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Oliver's Battery School currently has 216 children on roll in 8 classes.

As we look towards this Autumn term and welcome all our new families, we look back at some of our achievements from the early Summer months.

Sports Relief

...Our own sporting stars raised a fantastic £912.50 on our Sports Relief day! – thanks to everyone who supported our children in the fancy dress circuits of the grounds.

June found us with new inhabitants in the grounds

...which turned out to be a collection of tired and happy campers! We ran a very successful year 6 camp where the children had the opportunity to camp in the school grounds and enjoy lots of outdoor team activities as well as a camp fire, a storyteller and a crazy water fight where virtually everyone got completely soaked! This annual event was only made possible by lots of support from many parts of the community so we are very grateful to over 30 people who helped make this happen. Our leavers had a busy, energetic, educational, entertaining and watery camp!

In July the whole school took part in a skipping workshop

...and learned a new fun way to keep fit with lots of techniques for individual and group practice. Parents also enjoyed the display of skills in an end of workshop show.

And finally, more 'Happy feet' followed in the shape of ...Winchester City Penguins Annual School's Gala

Our swimmers put on a splendid splash at this annual event, competing to a high standard and bringing home rosettes and medals earned in the "invitation relay race". It was a great experience for the children and four of them were given letters requesting they attend a WCPSC trial which could lead to club entry! Well done everybody – we are proud of your performance.

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Please give us a call on 01962 869496 if you would like to find out more.

For up to date news and information visit our website at www.oliversbattery.com



BABY FIRST AID COURSES



NCT's brand new Baby First Aid courses have arrived to Winchester. NCT has teamed up with the British Red Cross to create the NCT Baby First Aid course. This unique course will give you the chance to learn and practice vital first aid skills that could one day save your child's life.

The NCT Baby First Aid courses will take place on Saturday 27 October at either 10:00-12:00 or 14:00-16:00 at Badger Farm Community Centre and we would like to invite you take part. The two hour course will be delivered by an expert British Red Cross trainer and topics covered generally include unconscious baby or child (breathing or not breathing), choking, bleeding, burns, raised temperatures . Every parent or carer has worries about facing an emergency situation involving their child. These courses will address your fears giving you practice in lifesaving techniques and opportunity to ask questions.

Places are limited so book on a course today to be sure of securing the chance to attend. To find out more information and to book, or if you would like to be kept informed about future NCT Baby First Aid courses please email firstaid@winchester-nct.org.uk.



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Badger Farm Toddlers

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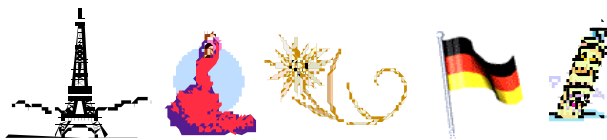
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CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

It has been another busy year at the Community Centre with the Centre continuing to be popular, with much positive feedback from our Users and Residents.

The Community has, as ever, been supported by our fantastic hard-working staff in the Centre, Jan, our Bookings Secretary, and Mervyn, our Caretaker, who ensure the day-to-day smooth running of the Centre. I thank them for their diligence and commitment and look forward to working with them next year.

I would also like to thank the Committee for all their support in my first year as Chairman. There have been several incidents from the past year that remain etched in my mind. Most marked was the flood in the Battery that resulted in significant damage to the wooded floor. Thankfully the replacement of the whole floor of the Battery was covered by our insurance but it was a scary experience that has led to increased vigilance given the recent weather!

We have continued with improvements and maintenance of the Centre over the past year including new carpet in the Bushfield Room, a new PC in the office (and have introduced BT Openzone), a new high-tech projector for the Centre and a new (more secure) payphone. We have also rationalized the room rates charged to our non-regular bookings. People were rather surprised when we quoted, for example, an illogical rate of £7.63 per hour. We have undertaken a 4-year plan to allow rates to be rounded to the nearest 25p whilst maintaining a small but necessary inflationary increase.

We have had several opportunities to liaise with Sainsbury's. This has resulted in the work on the tree roots on the pathway outside the centre. We are also looking into getting further signage to the Centre within the store car park.

Finally, I would like to express the appreciation of all of the Committee members past and present to John Pettet, who has been our Treasurer for over 10-years. John has decided to retire from the post and we are currently in the process of recruiting his successor. John has been a great help to us all, his knowledge and recollection of past decisions has been invaluable. He will be a hard act to follow!

Dr Will Hawthorne ~ Chairman BFOBRCA

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Winchester MP Steve Brine has invited a Minister from the coalition Government to answer your questions about Britain's policy on overseas aid.

Stephen O'Brien MP, a Minister at the Department for International Development, will be here on the evening of Thursday 13th September. If you would like to attend this ticket only event, which will be held in central Winchester, please visit www.stevebrine.com/ukaid or call 01962 791110 to register.

BRENDONCARE'S POPULAR CLUB FOR OLDER PEOPLE IN BADGER FARM DESPERATELY NEEDS MORE VOLUNTEERS!



Friendship for Older People

HAMPSHIRE

The ever-popular Badger Farm Friendly Group for older people **faces closure** unless more local people come forward urgently to help out. Care charity Brendoncare has issued a plea for volunteer helpers to get in touch so that it can continue providing members, most of whom are in their 80's and 90's and live alone, with a really valuable trip out of their home each fortnight.

Brendoncare Locality Manager, Catherine Fellingham, explains: "They thoroughly enjoy meeting their friends, guest speakers and entertainers, activities, outings and informative talks. But we really need to recruit more helpers and a leader to keep the club going. The leader role would suit someone who is well organised with a confident, outgoing personality. Volunteers are very special people, so I hope the local community will respond to this heart-felt plea for help. A few extra pairs of hands would make the world of difference.

"Full training is given and it really is a thoroughly rewarding and enjoyable way to spend a few hours each fortnight. If you feel you could help us, please call me on 01962 877772 or 07522 596793 or visit www.brendoncare.org.uk. New members would also be very welcome."

The Brendoncare Badger Farm Friendly Group meets at the Community Centre fortnightly on a Thursday from 2pm-4pm. Anyone who is interested in joining the club as a member or helping out as a volunteer is warmly invited to come along.

Catherine continued: "Our clubs are really popular, showing the enormous need there is for socialising and friendship for older people. If you feel you could help, please get in touch!"

For further information, please contact:

Nicki Smith, Brendoncare Public Relations on 02380 270539

Catherine Fellingham, Brendoncare on 01962 877772

www.brendoncare.org.uk



Club members and volunteers have put pen to paper in their search for more helpers.



Hampshire & Isle of Wight

HAMPSHIRE & ISLE OF WIGHT WILDLIFE TRUSTS

Indoor meetings begin again in September at Badger Farm Community Centre, Winchester, SO22 4QB at 7.30pm in the Bushfield Room. Parking is available at the far end of Sainsbury's car park. Future indoor and outdoor meetings are listed below. For further information please telephone Mary on 01962 864440 for outdoor meetings or Loraine on 01962 861182 for indoor meetings.

Wednesday 12 Sept. 7.30pm ~ Make & Mend ~ The story of Magdalen Down Butterfly Reserve.

Brian Fletcher gives a talk on how the reserve was transformed into a wildflower rich meadow. Admission £2.50. Further details from Loraine.

Saturday 6 Oct. 2.30-5.00pm (note new time) ~ Fungus Foray at Abbotstone Down. Join Phil Budd, all round naturalist and fungus expert. Meet at Abbotstone Down main car park. Numbers limited, booking essential. Sorry, no dogs. Further details from Mary.

Wednesday 10 Oct. 7.30pm ~ Plants for Wildlife. Local expert Phil Jeffs on how to turn gardens into wildlife friendly places. Admission £2.50. Further details from Loraine.

Sunday 28 Oct. 9.30am-1.30pm ~ Birding Around Cheriton. Join John Clark for a walk of about 4 miles in the Cheriton area. Meet on Cheriton green near the church. Further details from Mary.

Sunday 4 Nov. 2.30-5.00pm ~ Water Meadows on the Itchen. Join Roger Harrison and Chris Matcham for a walk along a hidden bit of the Itchen. Meet at Itchen Stoke Mill near Alresford. Numbers limited, booking essential. Sorry, no dogs. Further details from Mary.

Wednesday 14 Nov. 7.30pm ~ Amazing Invertebrates from the depths of ponds and streams. Dr Richard Osmond of Hi Tech Wild Trek will bring a living display of small animals projected on to a screen. Admission £2.50. Further details from Loraine.

Sunday 25 Nov. 10.00am-3.00pm ~ Birds at Titchfield Haven. Join John Clark for a winter bird walk. Park in Yacht Club car park or by the sea wall and meet in the Yacht Club car park, Cliff Road, Hill Head. Further details from Mary.

Wednesday 12 Dec. 7.30pm ~ Christmas Social. Join us for a light-hearted wildlife quiz with prizes. All very welcome. Admission £2.50. Further details from Loraine.

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 adjusting to their new classes and teachers and our reception children are getting used to being at 'big' school. Here are just a few of the highlights from last term – it seems ages ago now....

On your marks, get set.... Yes, the Olympics are all over now but for a time in the summer term we thought about little else as we looked forward to London hosting the 2012 games. Children in Year 3/4 were inspired to get fit and eat a healthy diet by a young Team GB pent-athlete Emma Bucket, whilst Year 5/6 donned their aprons, consulted their cookery books and created an energy bar suitable for a health conscious Olympic competitor. Our infant pupils spent their time trying to improve their personal best in various events and by the end of two weeks several records had been broken!

On one of the (very few!) sunny days in June, the entire school took part in an Olympic Sports Day. In our opening ceremony, Catkins Class entertained watching parents with a keep fit dance and then the Olympic torch was passed from hand to hand in a relay that involved every child in the school. The Games began on the back field with house teams competing in a range of group activities including javelin, target tennis, standing jump, mini hurdles, skipping and football skills. Points were awarded for completing the activities and as the children strove to better their times or distances, the lead switched between houses, adding to the excitement. Just before lunch, each of the year groups took part in the sprint finals. The races were fast and furious with everyone determined to win...! After carefully totalling all the points, it was announced that Earth House were the victors – the second year running that they have won Sports Day. They were delighted! A short medal ceremony was followed by a well earned lunch after which it was time for the junior cross country event watched by the rest of the school.

We've published an iBook! Cedar class have created a multimedia book using the poems that they wrote as part of their project on Alice in Wonderland. They had to learn how to format the pages, add text, pictures and video. They wrote lots of different types of poems about a huge range of topics - from football to school dinners! They have now published the book on the iBookstore. If you have an iPad then you can download it for free. Just search for Cedar Class Poetry in the iBookstore. The book has already been downloaded several times, including downloads to America and Australia! Having a book published is a great incentive to creativity - our iBook authors are already working on a second publication!

Compiling the Chronicles of Light.... If you visit the spectacular Chronicles of Light experience at the Winchester Cathedral this October have a look at the large book on display there. Elm Class helped to compile it, taking part in a workshop with local artist Alex Hoare and creating pages detailing their individual memories or personal experiences of events at the Cathedral.

Coming soon... Our annual Book Week begins on Monday 22nd October 2012 with a visit from a West End Theatre Company. Other events in the week will include author and illustrator Paul Geraghty talking to all the children about his writing and fantastic pictures, P and G Wells visiting with their excellent Book Fair and a celebration of the delights of a good read!.

Our Christmas Fair will be on Friday 7th December 2012 from 3:30pm – 5:30pm. Put the date in your diary now – it'll be here 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

If you would like to visit us, please call 01962 852941 to make an appointment. Our Head, Mr Darren Nickerson would be delighted to show you round.



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



Do you have some time to spare? Would you like to help the local community and become one of our much valued distributors of Community News? We are always looking for volunteers. If you would like to help us, please telephone Rachel Skinner on 01962 868653 to find out more. She would be delighted to hear from you and you will be doing something for the local community!!

OLIVER'S BATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

Well, what a busy year we are having so far. It all kicked off with the Jubilee Celebrations which the Parish Council arranged. It was lovely to see so many of you there on the Saturday (over 400!) for the 'Party on the Green'. We had lots of feedback that the live music was appreciated and we will be including more at this year's fete on 8th September.

On Sunday so many of you turned up for the Open Garden and Cream Tea at Old Kennels that we ran out of scones and people ran home to raid their larders for more scones and cakes! Many thanks to Carolyn and David for putting their beautiful garden at our disposal. And also many thanks for the band of helpers without whom none of this would have happened.

The new sign is now in pride of place as you enter the Battery. Thank you to all of you who sent us messages of support and attended the unveiling by the Mayor.

I hope you have managed to sit on the late Councillor David Spender's memorial bench on the Battery, kindly donated by David's wife Barbara.

The Parish Lengthsman has started working for us. We get three days of his time once every two months. He started by clearing some of our footpaths. It is the responsibility of the County Council, but they are so far behind schedule that we felt the footpaths needed clearing urgently. If you have any ideas of small projects that he could take on, please let me know.

A timely reminder that everyone is responsible for their own hedges and unfortunately we have noticed many overhanging recently. We can ask for them to be cut by the City Council and recharged to the home owner, but we would prefer not to go down this route if at all possible.

At the time of writing the work is underway on the Recreation Ground improvements. The Contractors have assured us that the ground will be restored to its previous state, but this will take time to settle down, so please be patient and in the meantime start to use these fantastic new sports facilities. In November we plan to start planting more trees along the Compton edge of the games area. Would anyone like to sponsor a tree. Please get in touch with any Parish Councillor.

If you are reading this before the 8th September, I really look forward to seeing you at the annual fete. It's not too late to offer to help-just one hour of your time to help on a stall please. Contact Sara Outlaw on 622422 or skahner@gmail.com

Below are a couple of photos of the Jubilee celebrations.

Terry Morris ~ Chairman ~ Oliver's Battery Parish Council

E mail chairoliversbattery@gmail.com ~ Website www.oliversbatteryparishcouncil.gov.uk





CRAFT FAIR AT BADGER FARM COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Wessex Guild of Craftsmen will be exhibiting and selling their traditional crafts at the Badger Farm Community Centre on Saturday 29th September. This is the second year of the Guild holding a show here and there will be a selection of the Guild Craftsmen present. All members produce traditional crafts, made by themselves and their work includes woodturning, wood carving, jewellery, millinery, children's smocked dresses and christening outfits, mixed media textile and others. They are happy to sell on the day or take commissions. Come and buy your Christmas presents early! The show will be open from 10am to 4pm. If you wish to have further details please contact the Guild Show Organiser on 07818057192 or email: sallyann.dunn@ntlworld.com

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Please come along and help us to raise money for Parkinson's UK!

If you'd like to provide a table-top, or have any other queries on this event, please contact Helen via email at helenlconnole@googlemail.com. For further information on this cause, or if you would like to pledge a donation, please visit Helen's JustGiving page at www.justgiving.com/helenchina



OAKWOOD ACADEMY OF DANCE COMES TO BADGER FARM COMMUNITY CENTRE

Oakwood Academy of Dance, the longest established dance school in Chandlers Ford, is celebrating its 50th year in 2013. The Academy is expanding and is now offering ballet and children's dance classes on a Monday evening at Badger Farm Community Centre.

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The children are encouraged to attend their weekly classes and to appear in our annual show at The Point Theatre in Eastleigh. We also offer national recognised examinations (ISTD), audition preparation and summer schools. The aim of the Academy is fun, professionalism and building a confidence for life.

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Saturday 3 November ~ Beginners Dressmaking

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CITY COUNCILLORS BRIAN LAMING & LYNDA BANISTER REPORT.....

Although it now seems sometime ago, we hope everyone enjoyed the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Special thanks are due to Oliver's Battery Parish Council for the effort they put into making it a memorable and successful weekend. We trust that many of you were able to enjoy some of the action from the splendid Olympics 2012 on the large screens in the cathedral grounds.

The next event for the community is the Oliver's Battery Fete on the 8th September. After last year's success the fete is extending the time from midday until 6pm. There will be many stalls and activities, a barbeque and live music for everyone to enjoy. We hope to meet many of you during the day.

In the next few months City Council contractors will start to remove some trees in Badger Farm. Residents have been talking to us for some time about the need for thinning out the trees and we are very pleased that our persistence has paid off. The aim is to remove some of the original over planting and allow the remaining trees to flourish. It will make some areas look different for a while but over time they will be much improved. The City is also considering ways to improve the planting on the estate to encourage butterflies, insects and birds. It is hoped that this will encourage people to plant more wildlife friendly plants in their gardens and prevent the decline of some of these important species.

The County Council has been looking at the state of our local footpaths and have, or will be, cutting back more of the vegetation to make access easier. On Oliver's Battery there is some work outstanding on the footpaths and bridleways, which we expect to be dealt with very soon. Recently, Brian, County Councillor Charlotte Bailey, a county officer and the clerk to Badger Farm Parish Council walked up along the Clarendon Way on Whiteshute Ridge and round

the lower end of Bushfield Camp. The officer promised to improve access along the Way and we also discussed if there were other ways to improve the area. Badger Farm Parish Council has done a great job of providing seating on various parts of the ridge for everyone to enjoy. As many of you know we are very interested in the biodiversity and ecology of the area so if you have any useful suggestions for improvements in Oliver's Battery or Badger Farm areas, including Bushfield Camp and Whiteshute Ridge, please contact us. We are always interested to hear from you.

We are still concerned about the unreliability of the No 2 Bus service on Oliver's Battery. We have heard from many residents that the first services of the day are a particular problem with lateness. This information has been passed on to the County Council where officers are monitoring the situation. Please let us know if you have been experiencing any problems with this or the No 5 service. The plan to offer a late bus on this route has got as far as tenders to provide the service but the source funding for it is not yet finalised. We will keep you updated on this.

There have been concerns about road obstructions in Oliver's Battery and Brian has been in contact with the police who have agreed that sorting out this problem will be given a much higher priority in future. They have asked residents to call 101 every time the road is obstructed as without this information they cannot act quickly to resolve the matter. It would help us if you could email this information to us as well so we know what is happening. It is very important that buses and emergency vehicles are not prevented from doing their job.

Lynda Banister ~ 01962 853791

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Brian Laming ~ 01962 862487

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WHEEL APPEAL!!

DRIVERS NEEDED TO KEEP WINCHESTER CHARITY MOVING

Volunteer drivers are being sought to keep a Winchester elderly charity moving. The Winchester Live at Home Scheme (WLAHS), which supports older people living in their own homes, needs people to help provide transport for its members or drive a community minibus. Claire Morgan, manager of the WLAHS, said: "The vast majority of our members are aged 80 and over, so we need drivers to transport members to clubs and outings. They are also required for one-off visits to doctors, hospitals and other appointments." The new appeal for drivers comes as a number of the charity's regular drivers are no longer available and the number of members has increased. Volunteer drivers can use their own cars and claim a mileage allowance from the WLAHS or receive MiDAS driving training to allow them to drive a community minibus. If you are able to help, contact the WLAHS office on 01962 890995 or email office@wlahs.org.

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The Winchester Fibromyalgia Support
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1.30pm. This is a friendly support group open to
sufferers of FM/CFS and their partners, family and
carers. For more information please call 0845
3452678. Forthcoming meeting dates are:
10 September ~ 15 October ~ 19 November



AN UPDATE FROM STEVE BRINE, MP FOR WINCHESTER

Each year during Parliament's annual Summer recess I hold my Summer Tour. The idea is simple; to take my surgery into all four corners of my constituency and make myself even more accessible to the people I represent. Happily this included a special 'street surgery' in Oliver's Battery this year, outside the shops on Oliver's Battery Road South.

I believe it was the first time in many years (if not ever) the local MP has held a surgery exclusively for residents in Oliver's Battery and you can see full details of what Summer Tour is all about at www.stevebrine.com/summertour12. Remember also, I hold a weekly surgery in Winchester – at the Discovery Centre in Jewry Street – so if you need my help please get in touch.

You may be aware of my recent campaign to deal with the chronic shortage of primary school places in Winchester and I know many of you know all too well the problem we face. St Peter's Catholic Primary School will of course undergo another increase in its planned admission number this September to accommodate the demand for Reception Year across the city so it was great news last month that Hampshire County Council pledged just over £10m to bring a new all-through 4-16 school – creating 420 new primary places - to the Westgate School site making use of the current Rotherley Boarding House.

At the same time as enlargement taking place at St Peter's, we will see growth at Winnall Primary School for September 2014 and £400,000 will be made available to invest at All Saints Primary School in Highcliffe, Harestock Primary School and Western Primary School in Fulflood. St Bedes has already been expanded in time to accommodate more pupils this September as many of you will know.

This investment in Winchester is obviously welcome but it will have implications for schools across the area, at primary and especially secondary level. The catchment review which will now follow will need to be handled with great care and sensitivity to guard against the unintended consequences it can throw up, particularly for those of us living on the edge of – but not in - the city itself. You can access much more about this campaign via www.stevebrine.com/newschool.

Two things to close; I have organised a public meeting for 13th September to discuss Britain's overseas aid programme and a Government Minister will be here to answer your questions. If you want to come please visit www.stevebrine.com/ukaid for details or call my office as below. Secondly, many of my constituents know my Labrador Popcorn. He would be delighted if you can go online and vote for him as he's entered Westminster Dog of the Year and desperately wants to win – vote via www.stevebrine.com/voteforpopcorn.

As ever, much more online at www.stevebrine.com or my office via 01962 791110. You can now also access me via my iPhone App which can be downloaded for free via my homepage.

Steve Brine ~ MP for Winchester

If you would like to get in touch on any issue you feel strongly about or need my help, please don't hesitate to get in touch via steve.brine.mp@parliament.uk or pop into my 'shop' in Stockbridge Road next to Pickards.

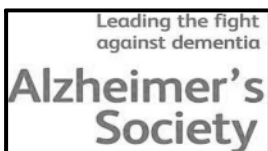
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Steve at his 'street surgery' outside the shops on Oliver's Battery Road South



ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY MEMORY WALK ~ CAN YOU HELP?

Date: 8th September 2012 ~ Time: Registration from 10am / Walks start at 11am
Place: North Walls Recreation Ground

Alzheimer's Society is calling on Winchester residents to sign up for the Winchester Memory Walk, the charity's annual fundraising event on Saturday 8 September. The walk is taking place at North Walls Recreation Ground in Winchester City Centre with walks starting at 11am. Walkers can choose between a one mile walk around the beautiful park or a 6 mile city walk taking in all beautiful historic sites including King Alfred's Statue, Winchester Cathedral, Winchester College and The Great Hall. After the walk relax and enjoy our live music, entertainment, home made cakes and family games.

Memory Walks are taking place across England, Wales and Northern Ireland, and registration is simple and free. The money raised from our Winchester Memory Walk will help us to run services in your community to support people living with dementia and their loved ones. For more information or to register please visit memorywalk.org.uk/ <<http://www.memorywalk.org.uk/>> Winchester or call 0870 417 0192.

Alzheimer's Society is also looking for volunteers who could help out on the day by helping to set up the event, registering walkers and marshalling our walks. If you would like to get involved please contact your local Community Fundraiser Natalie Bettinson on 07702 353360 or email Natalie.bettinson@alzheimers.org.uk.



WINCHESTER HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



Like everybody else, us gardeners are hoping that the weather this Autumn will be kinder to us so that we can at least carry out the harvesting and tidying-up jobs without having to contend with the frequent showers that Summer bestowed on us. When the work is done, we will pursue other pleasures, among them our monthly

meetings during which expert speakers will present interesting and entertaining talks on the following topics:

September 2012 ~ (Wed 12) Foliage Plants for Colour ~ Kelvin Mason will show us successful ways of using the colours of both foliage and stems in plant arrangements.

October 2012 ~ (Wed 10) Winter Hanging Baskets ~ Justin Keld, a local nurseryman, will give a demonstration on how to plant up eye catching Winter baskets.

November 2012 ~ (Wed 14) The Ups and Downs of a Nurseryman ~ Roger Savage of Choice Plants will let us in on some of the secrets of his trade.

Our meetings are held at the Winchester Club, Churchill Room, Worthy Lane, Winchester and start at 7.30pm. You can find out more about us on our website: <http://www.winchesterhorticulturalsociety.hampshire.org.uk/>

We are always happy to welcome visitors. Why don't you come and join us on any or all of the above dates?



Could you be a Volunteer?

Winchester Live at Home Scheme provides volunteer based support and friendship to older people in Winchester who still live in their own home and may have become isolated and lonely for whatever reason.

We are urgently seeking to recruit Volunteers for befriending in the Oliver's Battery and Badger Farm area.

Befrienders are Volunteers who regularly visit members in their own homes. Hours are flexible to suit the individual; this can be anything from weekly to monthly visits, each visit lasting a minimum of one hour.

Your help and time would be greatly appreciated.

All applicants are CRB checked, relevant training will be provided and all expenses will be paid.

To discuss these opportunities please contact the Live at Home office:

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Local meetings are held in Badger Farm Community Centre every third Thursday at 8.00pm in The Bushfield Room. Anybody wishing to attend would get a very warm welcome.

Anyone can join the Legion - whether or not you have a connection with the Armed Forces. As well as providing financial, social and emotional support to millions who have served or are currently serving in the Armed Forces, and their dependants, the Royal British Legion is one of the country's largest membership organisations with over 400,000 members nationwide and overseas.

For further information please contact:
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WINCHESTER COUNTRY MARKET

Fame at last - one of our craft producers had her union jack cushions on display during the BBC 2 The Great British Menu. The chef appearing on the programme placed his winning Olympic medal dessert on her cushions which were presented to the three judges.

Come and visit it us every Friday from 8.30 and 11.00 and see what else is on offer. Plants, cakes and preserves and fresh produce as well as hand crafted items for sale. We look forward to seeing you!

County Councillor Charlotte Bailey reports on Local Matters:-

The torrential rain in April and July certainly helped everything grow. Footpaths around Oliver's Battery and along Whiteshute Ridge have now been cut back so they are easier to use. We do rely on you to let us know where paths are becoming overgrown so just get on the phone to me for some action!

Things may appear to have gone quiet on the evening bus for Badger Farm but we have found a possible provider of the service. Now we need to firm up on the funding. Not long now we hope.

All the local Jubilee celebrations have shown a great community spirit. We are lucky to have a great Community Centre at Badger Farm and the use of St Mark's Church in Oliver's Battery for many events and the local shops at Oliver's Battery supply what Sainsbury's can't! The best of both worlds. I have heard of a new Exercise Plus class on Thursdays at 2.30pm in St Mark's which may appeal to the older resident. I also found my choir sharing a concert with the group 'Sing Winchester', a fantastic large group of people singing in harmony and having fun too. They meet in St Mark's on a Friday evening in term time.

Having seen all the rain through the Spring and Summer it may be difficult to believe that Southern Water are predicting that demand for water will exceed demand in just a few more years. Much planning is going on both to conserve and manage our water supplies and within the County Council to deal with the more frequent incidents of flooding. Local communities can help by letting us know where water is not running away quickly enough so we can build a big picture of the situation. I know that the Pitt roundabout has a problem but let me know of anywhere else which needs attention.

Do contact me to discuss these or any other issues.

Charlotte Bailey ~ 4, Grove Road, Shawford, Winchester, SO21 2DD
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OLIVER'S BATTERY WI

Our AGM saw Sue Atrill retire as President and Cathy Winter elected as our new President. Sue was thanked by members for all her hard work in making Oliver's Battery WI so successful and was presented with a gift and bouquet of flowers.

Our new programme started with a visit to Terstan Garden at Longstock. Miraculously we managed to pick one dry and sunny evening from the weeks of rain and we all enjoyed seeing the garden at its best. The owner, Penny Burnfield showed us round her lovely garden answering our many questions as we went round and I am sure we all came away with ideas for our own gardens. We finished up with a walk down to the River Test.

We unfortunately were not quite so lucky with the weather when two of our members hosted a Jubilee garden party. However, Mo & Jo made us very welcome and managed to squeeze us all in Jo's home and we celebrated in style with Pims and cream tea.

Our second Jubilee celebration was enjoyed by many members with a trip to Windsor Castle to see the 60 years in photographs exhibition. Some members also took the opportunity to watch the changing of the guard, take a trip on the river or on an open-topped bus and lots of shopping in Windsor.

After our Summer break we have planned a guided walk around Winchester and a Denman day out together with craft and other events.

We are always pleased to see visitors at our meetings on the third Tuesday of the month at St Mark's Church, Oliver's Battery at 7.45pm. For more information please contact Cathy Winter on 01962 620250.



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From the Desk of Rev'd Mike

The phrase 'Pear Shaped', I guess is based on the popularity of apples being the British norm, round 'red' and juicier where as the pear is misshaped at one end (heavy bottomed if I can say that) is best picked hard to firm and needs to sit to ripen to be eaten at it's best at some unspecific time in the future. My Summer so far has been Pear Shaped (if not a whole bowl of fruit) ... with much planned catch-up and preparation time along side some down time, family time and relaxation, nothing has worked out yet and before you know it it's the new Autumn term and the run up to the end of the year starts with speed.

All this talk of fruit draws my mind to Harvest. We here at St Luke with St Mark will be celebrating this on Sunday 30th September with a service at 10-00am in St Luke's and collecting at all our services on that day non-perishable food stuff to pass on to the Basic Bank, Nightshelter and Trinity Centre. Please feel free to join us if you can.

There you go, I am into October already ... how many shopping days left? ... yours ever hopeful - Rev'd Mike

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NATURE NOTES FROM OLIVER'S BATTERY



If you go down to the woods today.... we may not have any but this is a wonderful time of year to visit our conservation area to see a profusion of berries and nuts. Until 2005 this little area was completely taken over by nettles and brambles until Oliver's Battery Countryside Group stepped in to manage it as a wildlife reserve. With a Landfill Grant and Parish Council sponsorship the area was cleared and 300 trees planted as whips by children, adults and Brownies. The reserve is now matured with 10 species of native trees and shrubs and a wide variety wild flowers providing food and habitat for small mammals, butterflies, birds and reptiles. Management by a small handful of volunteers is ongoing and until recently there was a much photographed area, seeded last Autumn, of red poppies, deep blue cornflowers and pink corn cockles set off by the white and yellow chamomile flowers reminiscent of our countryside fifty years ago.

Less obvious are the small mammals that live there or pass through. Past trap and releases have revealed wood mice and bank voles. Populations vary from year to year and I am told that in southern England this is an excellent year for bank voles. The best way to trap is to have several in close proximity as it is more likely to catch a variety of mammals than if the traps are spaced out over the entire area.

Also present are slowworms, beautiful creatures that remind me of delicate torcs. Often thought of as snakes they are actually legless lizards and harmless. They mostly hide away to keep out of sight of predators. If you see one with a blunt tail it has escaped death by shedding its tail as a release from jaws or beak. Although the tail will not regrow there is no harm done and more tail can be shed up to a defined line about half way along the body.

A number of butterflies can be seen on warm sunny days including red admiral, meadow brown, ringlet, large skipper, marbled white and the recently appeared gatekeepers which are said to herald the end of Summer - what Summer?! We are also fortunate to have the other reserve at Yew Hill where countless chalk hill blues dance about as you approach.

On warm late Summer evenings I gain pleasure walking our footpaths listening to the cries from undulating streams of rooks as they head towards or from the stubble in the harvested cornfield. For such ungainly creatures these formations have an amazing grace about them. To find out more about Oliver's Battery Countryside Group visit <http://www.oliversbatterycountysidegroup.org.uk/>

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COUNTRYSIDE SAFETY

Countryside Fires:

Countryside fires can cause many thousands of pounds worth of damage and kill our precious wildlife. Many such fires are caused by the carelessness of people using the countryside. Just ten seconds of carelessness can cause fires that take ten hours to put out and ten years to re-grow.

Heathland Fire Risk:

After a prolonged dry spell, fires on any heathland, particularly The New Forest, can grow and spread rapidly posing a serious threat to lives and property, that is why there is a need to understand the danger and help prevent such disastrous incidents.

Help us to help the countryside:

- *Do not discard cigarettes carelessly; dispose of smoking materials properly ensuring they are completely extinguished.
- *Clear away bottles, glasses and any broken glass to avoid them magnifying the sun's heat and starting a fire.
- *Only light fires or barbecues in designated areas using the facilities provided.
- *Don't leave camp fires or barbecues unattended.

If You Discover A Fire:

- *Phone the Fire & Rescue Service - dial 999.
- *Don't attempt to tackle fires that can't be put out with a bucket of water.
- *Give a map reference if possible, otherwise give a landmark such as a farm or pub to help locate the fire.
- *Estimate the size of the area that's burning.
- *Describe the type of terrain (grass, bracken, forest, open moorland etc).

Report any information about illegal fire setting activities and those responsible (anonymously) to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

Useful contact points and further information:

You can download a copy of our home fire safety leaflet at:
www.hantsfire.gov.uk/homesafetyinformation.pdf
 Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service homepage: www.hantsfire.gov.uk
 Community Fire Safety Department: 02380 626809
 Email: community.firesafety@hantsfire.gov.uk



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