

Community News



Your Community Newsletter and Village Voice
Spring 2012 Edition



SO, WHAT IS THAT BIG BUILDING NEXT TO SAINSBURY'S?



Yes, that one! Well, to the surprise of many residents of Badger Farm and Oliver's Battery, it is the local Community Centre and it is there for you to use and enjoy.

The Community Centre is leased by The Badger Farm Parish Council to The Badger Farm and Oliver's Battery Residents' Community Association. It was opened in November 1986. Since that time the Association has encouraged diverse activities within the building. Groups regularly using its facilities cover a wide age-range from babes-in-arms through to the more mature, and their activities reflect the diversity of interests enjoyed by our residents, such as art, dancing, exercise, sport, toddlers/pre-school, special needs and wildlife. There is also a thriving Social Club open to residents of both Badger Farm and Oliver's Battery parishes. Residents of adjacent communities may also be members.

The Community Centre comprises of four major rooms that are available for hire. The rooms can cater for groups of different sizes and requirements. Included in these is the main hall (The Battery) which will hold up to 180 people and is suitable for wedding receptions, christenings, parties or sporting activities. The Social Club bar can also be hired with the hall.

The wooden floor of The Battery has recently been replaced and it looks even better now! Indeed here is photograph of the very first user group to enjoy the upgrade. If you want to look around or get further information, please contact the Booking Secretary, Jan Dawkins. She is at the Centre from 9:30-2:30 weekdays. Her contact details can be found below. Alternatively just pop in, the entrance is off the footpath that connects the Superstore to the major part of Badger Farm.



We are proud of our Community Centre and its role within our community. Why not come and join us?

Will Hawthorne, Chairman, Badger Farm and Oliver's Battery Residents' Association.

With thanks to the Badminton players for permission to interrupt their match!

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County Councillor Charlotte Bailey reports on Local Matters:-

Parish Lengthsmen were employed in Hampshire until the late 1960's. They carried out small maintenance tasks to keep their areas tidy and in good shape. I am pleased to report that, after many calls for a similar scheme to be revived, the County Council is funding a pilot scheme in all the parishes in my division. Eleven Parish Councils will share the time of a 'Lengthsman' (male or female) who will do jobs which the Parish Council asks him to do. It gives the opportunity for jobs to be done in a coherent and timely manner and for the Parish Councillors to prioritise all those small jobs which sometimes get left out. I hope that those times when people say to me "why didn't they clear that footpath when they were here sweeping the leaves?" will be a thing of the past.

As I sit here writing, the snow is once again on the ground. This is the last time I will speak about Grit Bins I hope as all the ones you requested were put in before the cold weather. It will be interesting to hear from you about using the phone number given on the bin and how quickly refilling took place. It would also be good to know if the bins have been a good investment so send me good news stories too!

Both Badger Farm and Oliver's Battery have been refitted with energy saving lights. Not only will this save money for the County on their energy bills (and that means saving us money too) but it also opens up the night sky to us as the light is directed downwards. Although I have had positive comments from people, I have also had some complaints about the quality of the lights. Yes it is certainly different from the old lights. The white light makes it easier to pick out colours but because it is directed downwards it rather pools the light in sections. I think it will take some getting used to! If you find the new light is shining in your window then contact the provider and they will adjust the internal shield to suit you. This is FREE but please don't leave it too long. When a light is not working it should be automatically recorded back at HQ and should be mended within 3 working days.

All your Councillors are working to try to improve the current bus services and I am sure they will be reporting elsewhere. I am also talking with other County Councillors and Officers to try to put together an evening/night bus now that Stagecoach has withdrawn all services. A lot depends on finding funding for this and already the Town Forum for Winchester has allocated some money. Unfortunately they don't cover Badger Farm so we will need to find additional funding for this area. I know that this is important for many of you and I believe that the increase in drink driving over Christmas may have been because of the lack of buses.

Thank you and welcome to the two people who are sharing the job of helping our children across the busy Badger Farm Road at school times. It is a vital service which has always been difficult to fill.

Do contact me to discuss these or any other issues.

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SPRING 2012 AT THE CARROLL CENTRE


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CAR BOOT SALE: The Carroll Centre will be running a car boot sale at the Winchester Cattle Market car park on Sunday 26th February 2012. We are looking for donations of items to be sold on the day to raise profits for the Carroll Centre or come down and grab a pitch on the day. Only £7 per car – gates open to traders from 7.30am. Please contact the Carroll Centre on 01962 840022 to find out more. All contributions welcome big or small!

There's lots going on at the Carroll Centre every Thursday too :

JOB CLUB runs from 10am-12pm every Thursday (term time only) and can help with online job searches and applications. There will also be guest speakers offering advice on CV writing, interview techniques and accessing childcare. This is a free service, there's no need to book just call in and enjoy a hot drink at the same time. For more details please contact Rebekah or Shauna on 01962 840022.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ: Come and join in with our cookery activities for children and see which Change For Life recipe we are trying out this week. Café takes place every Thursday (term time only) between 12.15-2.15pm. No need to book just turn up and enjoy home cooked meals all for under £3.00.

To find out more about what goes on at The Carroll Centre, telephone 01962 840022.



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!!

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	£3.80 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!
Basics for Birth Antenatal Classes	Thursday	6.30pm - 9.30pm	Gill Tipple 07979 750 100	Enquire direct	Antenatal Classes held by an experienced midwife.
Brownies	Thursday	6.25pm - 7.45pm During Term Time	0844 933 1760 11.wincity.brownies@ gmail.com	£25 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	Miss 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	Christine Davies 01635 868003	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!
Slimming World	Saturday	9.30am - 11.00am			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 023 8026 7771	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 for more information.

Stanmore Primary School

Be the best that you can be...

Bootiful Beaulieu...! Our Spring term had hardly begun when 30 excited Year 5 children boarded the coach for their residential week at the Out of Town Centre in Beaulieu. During their time on the farm, the children fed and mucked out the animals, built survival shelters in the forest, followed a stream from its source and learnt all about posture and correct behaviour from a Victorian Governess at Palace House. The weather was exceptional for January, mild and dry for nearly the whole week. During one sunny spell, the children were standing in a forest clearing in their t-shirts watching a Harris Hawk literally swooping over their heads – an experience they are unlikely to forget for some time....

It's a hoot at Stanmore.... Pupils in Year 1/2 have also been finding out about birds of prey although they have been concentrating on Owls rather than Hawks. They've been reading 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark' which as the title suggests is about an owl who does not like the dark AT ALL. As Lou Ritchie from the Hawk Conservancy explained, this is very unusual, as Owls enjoy the dark and twilight hours, using it to hunt for their food. They glide through the night air on silent wings and their incredible hearing allows them to pin point the frightened heart beat of a mouse, who is desperately trying to escape their sharp talons.... Putting their new found knowledge of nocturnal animals to good use, the children designed their own animal and invited their parents to join them on a night walk around the school grounds to view their art works.

Party, Party! Parents at the Catkins party could have done with an Owl's night vision as they tried their best to 'Pin the Tail on the Donkey' whilst wearing a blind fold and feeling dizzy! This traditional game was just one of the activities that our Reception children selected for their parents party in the school hall. They had been very busy before-hand, shopping for all the food in Sainsbury's, and preparing pizzas and other party snacks. Their trip to Pizza Express in Winchester ensured that they were all expert chefs and with musical statues and a prize for the best dancing parent, a great time was had by all!

Are you in or out or on or off? Our older pupils have also been busy too.... Year 3/4 pupils braved the 'Dragon's Den' to present their ideas for new board games. Successful entrepreneurs went on to design their games and invite their parents into school for an afternoon of 'playing the game'. And as Year 5/6 have been finding out, life wasn't always easy if you were married to King Henry VIII – divorce was the least of your worries –much better to try and hang onto your head! A visit to King John's house in Romsey really made the subject come to life.

These are just some of the highlights from a busy first half term at Stanmore. For details of all the latest happenings at school, visit our website at: www.stanmore.hants.sch.uk

And if you would like to visit the school, please call 01962 852941 to make an appointment. Our Head, Mrs Amanda Jones would be delighted to show you round.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

OLIVER'S BATTERY WI

Oliver's Battery WI meet on the third Tuesday of the Month at St Mark's Church, Oliver's Battery at 7.45pm. We are a friendly group of mixed ages, run a monthly book club, Knit and Natter group and regular craft and cookery workshops. Our programme for the next three months includes:

- 21 February - The History of Make-up
- 20 March - How & Why I became a Midwife
- 17 April - Birthday Meeting: Organic Farming, Laverstoke Park Farm

If you would like to join us for an evening please contact our President, Sue Atrill on Winchester 620029.



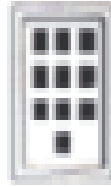
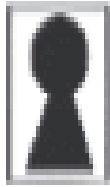
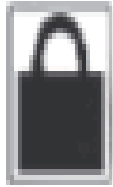
OLIVER'S BATTERY WI ANNUAL PLANT SALE



Our annual plant sale will be on
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Dear Friends and Neighbours

Spring days and new fresh growth all around us in creation draws our hearts and minds onto the promise of summer time, but first we must celebrate Easter. Across the Christian church this is a period that one experiences by revisiting the events of that last week in Jesus' earthly life and coming again to His resurrection and the promises He offers to all that seek to follow His ways and teaching. If you would like to seek Him out then please join us this Easter or speak with me in person. We are looking to hold a Confirmation Service in June and the preparation for that might prove useful to you. You also might like to try the 'New' last Sunday of the Month 'All Welcome Service' at 10.00am in St Luke's and/or the 11.15am 'Service for All' at St Mark's on 1st and 3rd Sundays, both are informal and user friendly for all ages and worship experiences.

Yours as ever in Christ Mike

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

1st April Palm Sunday

with blessing and distribution of Palm Crosses
08.00am St Mark's Holy Communion
09.30am St Luke's Parish Communion
11.15am St Mark's Service for All
6.30pm St Luke's said Evening Prayer



Monday 2nd

7.00pm St Mark's Communion with address

Tuesday 3rd

10.00am Badger Farm Community Centre Communion
7.00pm St Mark's Communion with address



Wednesday 4th

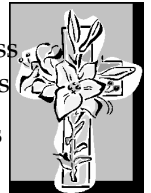
7.00pm St Mark's Communion with address

Maundy Thursday 5th, the Last Supper

10.00am St Mark's Communion with address
7.00pm St Luke's Communion with address

Good Friday 6th, Proclamation of the Cross

10.00am St Mark's Service for All
11.00am St Luke's All Welcome Service
2.00pm St Mark's Prayers before the Cross



Saturday 7th

7.00pm St Luke's Meditation hour before the Tomb

8th April Easter Day, Celebration of 'New Life' for All

08.00am St Mark's Holy Communion
09.30am St Luke's Parish Communion
11.15am St Mark's Service for All
6.30pm St Mark's Easter Praise service



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 helpline is staffed by osteoporosis nurse advisers and is open between 9.00am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday. The local Winchester group hold informal, alternate monthly meetings on the first Thursday of the month at the Physiotherapy Gym, Level B Nightingale Wing, Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Romsey Road, Winchester from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. For more information telephone 01962 864019 or 01962 867092. All are welcome. Meetings up to June include:

5th April ~ Diet/Nutrition ~ Speaker, Naomi Ogden, Dietician. Information and advice on diet and osteoporosis.

14th June ~ Primary care perspective on treatment of Osteoporosis. NOTE: this is the second Thursday of June. Speaker, Dr P Beanlands, General Practitioner. What are the influences in treating osteoporosis in the community?

Also on 14th June ~ Group Fundraising Event. There will be a sale of plants, cakes and a raffle at the evening meeting. All Welcome.

GET HAMPSHIRE SINGING EVENT



Help us celebrate the "Get Hampshire Singing" event. Everyone is welcome on Monday 19 March 2012 from 11.00am to 2.30pm in the Ashburton Hall, Central Winchester for the over 55's facilitated by Sing for your Life. The cost is £5 per person including lunch and refreshments. Help may be available with transport. Contact Abigail Walton on abigail.walton@hants.gov.uk or telephone 01962 846022 for tickets and further information.



WINCHESTER COUNTRY MARKET'S 60th BIRTHDAY!

Come along and join us in our celebrations on Friday 9th March and see what we do and sell between 8.30am and 11.00am in The Battery Hall in Badger Farm Community Centre. We offer a wide range of services including food parcels delivered throughout the country. If you have a special event or young adults who need feeding when away from home, we can deliver a variety of food. Call us on 01962 866340 for more information.



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Being in hospital can be a bewildering and anxious time for people – not only adjusting to the medical environment and their specific reason for being there, but also coping with being away from loved ones, familiar surroundings and normal day-to-day routines. Taking people's minds off why they are in hospital, making time for a chat, minimising any feelings of loneliness and isolation, and helping the time pass more pleasantly, are all things we at Winchester Hospital Radio try to do to help patients. Having a friendly conversation and hearing favourite music can be a tremendous boost to mood and wellbeing.

A small volunteer-run charity, Winchester Hospital Radio has been providing a ward visiting and broadcasting service for patients at the RHCH since September 1984. We have no paid staff – everyone involved in the charity is a volunteer.

Local Badger Farm resident, Tom Shorter, volunteers with Winchester Hospital Radio, visiting patients one afternoon each week. Tom said: *"There are times when it is better to be doing something useful rather than dwelling on one's own misfortunes. I find being part of the team at Winchester Hospital Radio is a very rewarding way to give something back. People are generally appreciative that you are taking the time to stop and chat, and our visits are particularly welcome by those patients, who sadly have no other visitors"*.

Our team at Winchester Hospital Radio are engaged in a number of volunteering roles: visiting patients; broadcasting programmes (often directly from the wards themselves); researching and writing features; cataloguing music in the library; fundraising; publicity; engineering and I.T.

If you enjoy meeting people, are comfortable within a hospital environment, and are looking for a rewarding volunteering role where you can really make a difference in your local community, please get in touch. Contact Winchester Hospital Radio's Ian Kemp or Anna O'Brien on **01962 824343** or via email to: **whr@whr.org.uk** Thank you.

Anna O'Brien, Chairman

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LYNDA BANISTER REPORTS ON HAPPENINGS IN THE CITY COUNCIL

I am very pleased to welcome the Velvet No2 bus which is providing a very good reliable service to Oliver's Battery residents. Please use it as often as you can to make sure we don't lose it again. If we have enough support we may even be able to ask for a later return journey from Winchester in due course.

Residents who use the footpath at the top of Broad View Lane to get on to the main footpath have been horrified to see how brutally the trees and vegetation have been cut back. Charlotte and I, with members of the Parish Council, met an HCC officer on site to discuss the problem. It was agreed that the site has been left in an unacceptable mess and that the area will now be cleared properly. The vegetation should soon regenerate but, if not, we will go back to the council and ask for replanting in the autumn.

I am very grateful for the public spirited action of a resident who noticed someone digging on the bronze age bowl barrow on the field to the west of Texas Drive. The individual had clearly been working at it for some time, as when challenged by a WCC planning enforcement officer the excavation was 20 feet deep! The police have also been involved, as disturbance to an ancient site is a criminal offence.

Please use the 101 police number if you see anything suspicious or unusual. It is also important to report things like persistent parking or cycling on pavements. There may not be any immediate response but if there are many such instances the police will take action.

As part of the local Diamond Jubilee celebrations I am organising a fun competition for a **Portrait of HRH Queen Elizabeth, not more than A4 in size**. Any materials can be used and there will be five prize categories; - up to 5 years, 6-9 years, 10-13 years, 14-17 years and 18+. **Closing date for entries will be Sunday 20th May**. Please include a separate piece of paper giving name, address, contact details and age where appropriate.

Cllr. Lynda Banister

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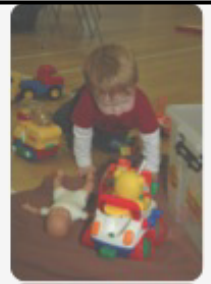
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Dec	01 08 15
Jan	05 12 19 26
Feb	02 09 23
Mar	01 08 15 22 29
Apr	19 26
May	03 10 17 24 31
Jun	14 21 28



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PLENTY OF FUN FOR THE LITTLE ONES - A CUPPA AND A CHAT FOR YOU

CITY COUNCILLOR BRIAN LAMING REPORTS.....

The buses still continue to be a problem both in Badger Farm and Oliver's Battery. The No 2 service is now being run by the Velvet company who are running a reduced service but are keeping to time. Unfortunately there is no early morning or afternoon service. I am sure that we wish them well with the new service. The No 5 service to Badger Farm is still giving us problems with the time keeping although it has improved in the last few weeks and I hope this will continue.

Many Badger Farm residents are very unhappy about the loss of evening buses. Local resident and HCC County Councillor Brian Collin has reported that proposals for a late evening/night bus are gaining ground. "The Town Forum has agreed to reserve £10,000 in its budget to support a night/late evening bus service. This would go a long way to providing a Thursday, Friday and Saturday service. We are hoping to have some sort of figure of eight service that runs with just one bus twice an hour and finish as late as possible - probably at midnight".

The Pitt Manor development has now been given the go ahead which many people are disappointed with. Whilst it will provide some much needed affordable housing no thought has been given to the infrastructure required for this size of development. We all have been made aware of the shortage of school places in the area and this will only add to it. Your local Councillors are also worried about the increased congestion on the roads and the effect this will have on both Oliver's Battery and Badger Farm residents, particularly the junctions with Badger Farm Road. This will also increase the problems on Romsey Road as well. I will be making representations about this.

Over the last few months we have seen an increasing number of problems with people parking on the verges and footpaths. This should be reported to the Police by dialling 101. Would everyone who parks on the estate show some consideration to others.

I would like to thank Sainsbury's for their prompt response to the request to repair the footpath outside the Community Centre. I am sure everyone has noticed the difference.

I hope that everyone will support the Jubilee events that are advertised in this issue and I look forward to seeing you there.

To help me represent you I'd like to know your views on both the Bus and Pitt Manor issues so please email me.

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March 2012 (Wednesday 14th) Our AGM will be followed by a talk by Polly Whyte about the Itchen Navigation Project. Our Mini Spring Show featuring daffodils and narcissi will be held on the same evening.

April 2012 (Wednesday 11th) Ray Broughton from Sparsholt College will give a talk on "Pests and Diseases and Their Control". He is a mine of information and you are bound to learn something new.

May 2012 (Wednesday 9th) Dennis Bright, a well-known local photographer, will pay us a welcome return visit. His talk and invariably excellent photography will focus on wildlife.

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: www.winchesterhorticulturalsociety.hampshire.org.uk

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Wednesday 14 March ~ 7.30pm ~ "A Wildlife Ramble through the Seasons" ~ An illustrated talk by Brian Petit on local wildlife.

Wednesday 11 April ~ 7.30pm ~ "Mrs Tiggywinkle - Or things that go bump in the night" ~ An illustrated talk by Chris Matcham on hedgehogs. There will be a brief District Group Annual Meeting prior to the talk.

The District Group also have monthly outdoor meetings as follows:

Saturday 17 March ~ 10.00am - 1.30pm ~ Birding at Lower Test Marshes lead by Roger Clark. Meet outside the Salmon Leap pub in Testwood Lane, Totton. No dogs please. Bring a snack if you wish.

Sunday 15 April ~ 10.00am - 2.30pm ~ Birding in Spearywell Woods lead by John Clark. Meet at Mottisfont Village Hall car park.

For further details of the two birding meetings call Mary on 01962 864440. Wear stout shoes and warm clothing. Suggested donation £2.00.

Sunday 6 May ~ 4.15am ~ Listen to the dawn chorus with John Clark at Shawford Down and along the River Itchen. Meet at Shawford Down car park near Shawford Station. Further details from Loraine on 01962 861182.

Wednesday 9 May ~ 6.30pm ~ A walk around Winchester City Centre to study its trees led by Ivan Gurdler, Winchester City Council Tree Officer. Meet at the west front of the Cathedral. Book your place with Anne on 01962 881312. Suggested donation £2.00.



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Highlights and recent events

New Recruit!

We are delighted to welcome our new Head Mrs Sue Mudie to our school community. She joined our team in January and has been busily getting to know everyone. We are all looking forward to working together.

How to train your dragon!

Luckily the ones that we recently met in Badger Class were bearded dragons, an Australian reptile. We were very grateful to our visitor Mr McDowell who brought in these fascinating creatures to show to the children. We asked lots of interesting questions and found out about their habitat and what they need to eat and drink.

Vets at Large

Our reception children would like to say a huge "thank you" to the team at Stable Close Veterinary Clinic on St Cross Road, Winchester. They very kindly donated a great selection of resources and equipment for our role play area. The children are happily enjoying the new play opportunities with all the gowns, posters, leaflets, empty medicine bottles, operating equipment and syringes.

Christmas Fair

As always the children, staff worked hard making many lovely gifts which were sold at the Christmas Fair. FOBS fantastic commitment made this another successful fundraiser giving the school around £800 profit.

Singing Stars

Miss Wakefield took a large group of our children to Sainsbury's in the run up to Christmas to entertain the busy shoppers with carols and they raised nearly £200. Special thanks to Miss Wakefield and the parents who supported the event, but most importantly the children who represented our school so well and sang beautifully. More recently, our singing fundraisers have been performing for an extended run back at their favourite venue; each of our Key stage 2 classes has had a turn bringing some warmth and a smile to passers by. This time we have raised over £400 towards our residential trips.

Competition Winners

Oliver's Battery Pre-School are delighted to announce that they **WON** the NatWest Community Force Initiative! They would like to thank everyone in the school community for voting for them. Winning the competition has resulted in a prize of £6,250 which will go towards funding the cost of the new Pre-School building. They are really excited about this news and thanked everyone who pulled together to work tirelessly to achieve this wonderful prize.

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OLIVER'S BATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

As I write this article it's minus 5 degrees, but as you read it hopefully you will be enjoying the early spring weather and looking forward to summer.

The Parish Council is very keen that as a community we can come together to celebrate our Queen's Diamond Jubilee during the weekend of 2nd and 3rd June. Please put these dates in your diary and also let us know if you are planning a street party on the two bank holidays so that we can promote it on our website www.oliversbatteryparishcouncil.gov.uk or [twitter@oliversbattery](https://twitter.com/oliversbattery)

On Saturday our 'party on the green' will be an opportunity to get together with some friends, sit back and enjoy some food and music. It's very informal, just bring something to eat/cook on the barbeque and drink and then sit back and relax. **By the way, do you know any good musicians who can entertain us? If so let me know at chairoliversbattery@gmail.com**

On Sunday, David and Carolyn from the Old Kennels have kindly agreed to open their beautiful garden for a cream tea event. Let's hope we have fine weather for you to walk around and then enjoy some refreshments and perhaps buy some local honey (from Oliver's Battery bees!).

Have you tried the Velvet Buses? Certainly more modern and comfortable, but they are not being well used. We must try and make an effort to use them, I know the service is not as frequent as we would like but that's all the County were prepared to subsidise. The danger is we will lose our service completely if they are not used.

Despite rising costs of simply running the Parish we have managed to restrict our precept rise again to £700 which works out at approximately £1 per household or to put it another way it's just over 2 pence a week.

Lastly, St. Mark's Church which has been the community meeting place for many of our local groups is in desperate need of modernisation. One option under discussion at the moment is whether it could be handed over to a local charity made up of local residents to run and maintain. Rev. Mike is urgently seeking people who would be prepared to join such a charity and would welcome hearing from you. Contact him on revd.mike@yahoo.co.uk or telephone 01962 865240.

Terry Morris ~ Chairman ~ Oliver's Battery Parish Council
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Oliver's Battery Celebrates



Open Garden and Cream Tea
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Sunday 3rd June 2-5pm

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Your COMMUNITY CELEBRATION



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Oliver's Battery Celebrates



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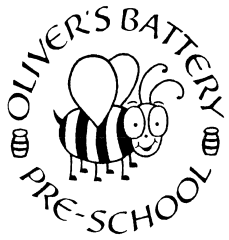
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OLIVER'S BATTERY PRE SCHOOL

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.

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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 per hour. Payment can be made weekly, monthly or termly. Please contact Jackie Johnston for further details on 07941 796 958.



A New Building for Oliver's Battery Pre-School ~ Build our Hive and Help us Thrive!

COMMUNITY BAKE OFF!

We are holding a Community Bake-Off Competition to raise funds for our new building and would love to see as many people as possible taking part. The event is taking place on Saturday 28th April at the Badger Farm Community Centre. You can either create a mouth-watering masterpiece for the competition or come and buy something yummy to take home (or both)! Entry is £1 per category and there will be prizes awarded for the winners. You should bring your entry to the Community Centre at 10.00 am on the day. The goods will then be put on sale from 11.00 am when judging has taken place.

If you would like to enter, please fill in the entry form below and return it to Badger Farm Community Centre, The Carroll Centre or Oli's Coffee House by Friday 20th April 2012.

For further information, please contact Karen Andrews on 01962 890380 or email m.andrews04@tiscali.co.uk



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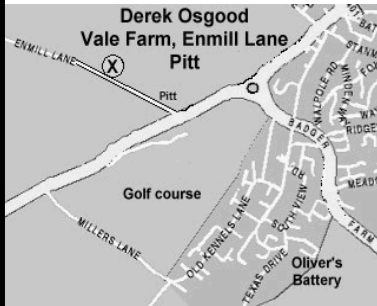
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19 March ~ 16 April ~ 21 May

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Well the snow is finally here, as I am writing this we are getting the first snow of the winter; let's hope that the roads are treated as efficiently as last year.

There have been a few changes on the estate in the last few months, the most noticeable of which are the new lighting columns. These have been received with mixed reviews, the light pollution has certainly been reduced, but conversely there are many areas that have been left in deep shadow causing some residents concern regarding safety. The lighting issue will only get worse when the trees are in leaf, and the Parish Council will monitor the situation and talk to the County about remedies.

The long awaited picnic bench has now been installed at the top end of Whiteshute Ridge and will hopefully be well used in the warmer months. I would ask all who use this facility to please take their rubbish home with them, as there are no rubbish bins on the Ridge and no one to clear up after them. The bench that was formerly on this spot has been relocated to the bottom of the Ridge just above Ivy Close.

Still on the subject of Whiteshute Ridge, the Parish has overseen the replacement of the ancient hedge line that was removed by Scottish and Southern Electricity. We took advice on the mixture of trees and the existing hedge line has been replicated.

We hope to have some celebrations to mark the Queens Diamond Jubilee, possibly a beacon to join in with the National chain of beacons, especially as the Ridge can be seen from most parts of Winchester.

We have appointed a new contractor to maintain Whiteshute Ridge and we are joining the new Parish Lengthsman scheme, which will provide some contractors' time for general maintenance around the estate.

Going back to the new lighting, if you are aware of any damage to the fabric of the estate that was caused by the lighting contractors, please let me know so we can ensure they make the appropriate repairs.

Once again, I would ask any of you that have any ideas for the Parish to come along to our meetings that are held on the second Monday of the month in the Bushfield Room in the Community Centre.

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AN UPDATE FROM STEVE BRINE, MP FOR WINCHESTER

The subject of primary school places in Winchester stirs passionate feelings, and as a parent of two pre-school age children myself, I am right with you on that one.

Winchester needs to find an additional 80 primary places to meet demand this September. That figure drops a little over the next three years but we still face a deficit in available places. The short-term answer seems to be a slew of temporary classrooms across the city and St Peter's will take an additional 15 pupils (turning an IT suite into a classroom) making it a two-form entry school.

I share the anxiety of school and parents that, while this solution may solve the problem in the immediate, the effect on existing school infrastructure is far from ideal. Of course we cannot turn children away altogether this coming September, and no-one is suggesting that, but we clearly need a plan to ensure temporary solutions mean just that.

That is why I am pushing so hard for a new primary school in Winchester and momentum is really picking up for the campaign. I am working with local councillors as well as key members of the city's education community to build a consensus that this new provision must happen – and must happen fast. The campaign has started well and the response has been most encouraging. Hampshire County Council recently announced they would consult on proposals for a new school in the city and Winchester City Council have now made provision for one in their draft local plan but we need to keep up the pressure.

So far as I am concerned all options remain on the table, including new provision from the council and a new 'free' school if the enthusiasm exists. It is very clear to me, that regardless of what happens to Barton Farm, Winchester has an increasing problem with primary places. The council has a fiendishly difficult job in many respects predicting who will move in/out of the city (and who will chose the private sector for-instance) but my post bag, my surgery and the number of temporary classrooms that are having to come online for September 2012 tell us there's a crisis looming.

I am confident we will be successful in this campaign but a huge coordinated local effort is needed to avoid any further delay and get the new facility open for September 2013 if at all possible, otherwise 'temporary' becomes any but.

I mention 'free schools' because I think there is very little knowledge of them at the moment but people are starting to ask more about them. I do think there is a temptation to remain stuck in the old way of thinking whereby we wait patiently to see what we are given. Free schools for the first time put new school planning directly in the hands of Winchester residents and I think it could be really exciting. I see no reason why Winchester should be left behind.

If you would like to join the campaign, please visit www.stevebrine.com/freeschool and register your support. You can also contact me via the site, or my 'shop' in Stockbridge Road, with any other enquiries or comment concerning my work as Winchester's MP.

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Looking back over last term, the school achieved a great deal, with visitors, class visits, a residential to Avon Tyrell, new school policies, sporting achievements, music in Romsey Abbey and Winchester Cathedral, charitable works, Christmas performances and many more.

On returning to John Keble after a refreshing Christmas break we not only welcomed back all our pupils, staff and parents to school fresh and rested after the Christmas break but also in addition we warmly welcome six new pupils to John Keble this term.

Looking forward many amazing and wonderful events, visits and visitors are planned as well as other learning opportunities. Some of which we would like to share with you below.

To welcome in the year of the Dragon, Squirrels Class and Hedgehogs Class spent a day involved in creating a life size dragon; cooking fortune cookies; performing a dragon dance and finding out about the traditions and culture surrounding Chinese New Year. It was a wonderful experience for them all and a day for them to remember. To complete the 15 days of celebrations, a special Chinese themed lunch available was available for all children.

Last Thursday saw the return of the Pro Kick Football organisers to school for an enjoyable morning session of physical activity and challenge. Well done to all for taking part so enthusiastically and a further well done to those children who recorded the fastest penalty shot at goal and for the highest fund raising.

Congratulations to our two school football teams who entered the inter-schools football tournament at Kings' and did very well, with one of our teams coming third. We are also pleased to announce our football team won their match 7-3 against Oliver's Battery Primary School. Our football and netball teams recently played Durley Primary School. The results are as follows: Football: John Keble 1, Durley 0. Netball: John Keble 7, Durley 6. Well done to the children who showed fantastic sportsmanship.

Lunch time and after school clubs remain popular. Our continued thanks to all those volunteers who give up their free time to provide such a wide range of activities for the children. The following clubs continue this term: netball, French Club, - Football Club, running club, tag rugby club and judo club

School Council continues to meet regularly with many good suggestions for improving the school. This term they are reviewing lunchtime arrangements and suggesting changes to be trialled. Good suggestions have been made by all pupils with very positive results so far. The School Council are now deciding how to spend their budget of £50 per term.

Instrumental and voice performances continue to sound superb under the leadership of Hampshire Music Service staff. Pupils are working hard in preparation for the Southampton Music Festival in March and for 'Zimbe' in April. Recorder clubs have started again for the term.

A huge 'well done' and 'thank you' to all the children, parents and governors who took part in the recent Hursley pantomime 'Aladdin'. The pantomime was tremendous.

Finally our Friends of the school have been working extremely hard organising the Valentines Disco for the pupils. An amazing event and very popular. They are now working hard towards a 'Chilli and Quiz Night'.

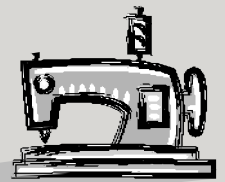
It just remains for us to say a big thank you to all of you who continue to make John Keble Primary such an amazingly good school and one of which we are all proud.

The school's new website went 'live' at the beginning of the month; why not take a moment to visit the site where you will find a calendar of events, all newsletters and updates on events and news in school 'Hot off the Press'?

Jean Holdcroft and Sally Wood - Acting Headteachers

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NATURE NOTES FROM OLIVER'S BATTERY



It is still winter as I write but it has been a mainly mild season with some hard frosts garnishing everything touched with a magical delicacy. It is then we notice the often overlooked dead heads of plants and low lying scrubby vegetation. There is an abundance of ivy and now is the time when it becomes a boon for our winter birds, making a cosy shelter and safe roosting place and its late ripening berries can be a life-saving and nourishing meal. Stand quietly and you may observe a wren, dunnock or robin skulking silently within.

Since November Song Thrushes have been singing out their hearts from bare branches in several parts of the parish bringing to mind the lines written by our poet Shelley 200 years ago, "If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?" To me this question is an expression of anticipation and hope which still continues although there are now concerning changes in the pattern of our seasons.

An early sign of spring is hazel catkins which I noticed in our hedgerows loaded with pollen in the first half of January. Often known as 'lambs' tails' these are the male flowers whose pollen is spread by the wind long before leaves appear in the landscape. You have to search the branches for the female flowers, small swollen buds with a red tuft a bit like a brush. It's hard to believe the tasty hazel nuts will grow from these tiny beginnings.

Soon our spring birds will arrive after their long migration from Africa. I was amazed to read that out of an estimated 5 billion birds that leave that continent it is thought 16 million fly to Britain. About 50 species come to breed here from early March, the warblers arriving soon afterwards. I usually hear my first chiff-chaff on Whiteshute Ridge mid-month so do listen out for that unforgettable rhythm. The swallow has further to come so watch the skies in early April.

When I moved here in 1998 the call of the cuckoo echoed around our local woods from mid-April but although some have been lucky I have not heard it in Oliver's Battery for several years. Its decline is thought to be partially due to a drastic drop in certain moths whose caterpillars provide their main diet. Part of our culture, this parasitic bird has been much written about in literature and song. Our ancestors believed that at summer's end it did not migrate but transformed into a sparrowhawk which also has a slate coloured back, barred chest and a yellow eye. You could see this one in your garden!

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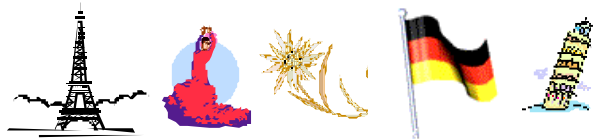
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