



Badger Farm & Oliver's Battery Community News

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A new year and (hopefully)

with it a new season, as I am well and truly done with winter. The Spring brings with it a sense of optimism and living where we do, in such a wonderful community, it's easy to allow that sense of optimism to affect the rest of our lives.

This issue is, as always, packed with articles from local representatives and groups. Hopefully you'll find it informative and full of suggestions of things to get out and do in the coming months. As always, a massive thank you to for all our submissions. We had some pretty hectic things going on and still people managed to submit on time (or close enough!).

I personally can't wait to hear about further updates on St. Marks as well as looking forward to sunnier walks on Whiteshute Ridge. The Wildlife Trust have some excellent opportunities to get closer to nature too. As always if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

A Bright Reflection for a Dreary Time of Year

POSITIVE VIEW OF OUR COMMUNITY

The area around Badger Farm and Oliver's Battery, is special in many ways, and weather permitting, it is difficult not to smile at the good fortune of having such an area on one's doorstep.

We are fortunate in that Winchester centre is within walking distance. Or perhaps a walk to town and return by bus. The bus service is indeed excellent.

Plus a supermarket, coffee bar, local surgery and the Badger Farm Community Centre with Social Club.

A WALK OVER WHITESHUTE RIDGE

The weeks of torrential rain have been replaced by star-lit nights, crisp, frosty mornings, blue sky and sunshine.

Whiteshute Ridge is once again a haven for a walk. And to say the least, dryer grass ways are in many ways much nicer!

The views are as always, spectacular, and now we have the tame cattle that are so placid and gentle.

I know I am not the only local resident who looks for them!

I went for a walk across Whiteshute Ridge in glorious sunshine; albeit cold. The six rather special cattle were strolling with not a care in the world. The views of the Cathedral, St. Catherine's Hill and other landmarks, glowing in the sunlight.

Pausing to stand and stare at the surrounding countryside and landmarks which are visible for miles around, is always a treat.

The local folk are friendly and more often than not, genuine smiles and greetings are exchanged. Indeed a smile can brighten the day for someone.

By Simon Lever



SOME OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY	DAY	TIME	CONTACT	COST	DESCRIPTION
Badger Farm Art Group	Thursday	1.30pm - 4.00pm	Sarah Zimmer snippycards@hotmail.co.uk	£7.00 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
Badger Farm Bridge Club	Tuesday	7.15pm - 10.30pm	Fred Hotchen 01794 301185 07771 854 347 fred.hotchen@btinternet.com		Friendly and relaxed local bridge club. New members and visitors very welcome
Badger Farm Pre-School Playgroup	Monday to Friday	Mon.Tues/Wed 9.15am - 3.00pm Thurs/Fri 9.15am - 12.15pm	Denise Tosdevine 07771 798 474	3/4yrs £4.50ph 2yrs £4.70ph	For children from 3 years to school age. Great OFSTED results. Afternoons also available - enquires to Denise.
Badminton	Thursday	8.00pm - 9.00pm	Wendy King 01962 861525		Fun and friendly for any age and ability. All welcome!
Eucharist (Holy Communion)	Tuesday	10.00am - 11.00am	Rev. Mike Gardner 01962 865240		Church of England Service. All welcome.
FITSTEPS	Wednesday	2.00pm - 2.45pm	Sergiy Bondarenko info@bdance.co.uk	£5 per session	A new dance-fitness programme combining simple steps from the most popular Ballroom & Latin dances.
Hampshire Wildlife Trust	2nd Wed. of the month	7.30pm - 9.30pm	Lorraine 01962 861182	£4.00 per meeting	Illustrated talks on wildlife for all. Contact Lorraine for details.
Legs, Burns & Tums	Monday Tuesday	9.30am - 10.30am 6.45pm - 7.45pm	Catherine Jones 07990 513 434	£5.00 per class	A fun and friendly class designed to help keep you fit and toned! Discounts available for multiple classes.
Healing Trust	2nd Saturday of every month.	10.00am - 12.30pm	Doreen Rivett 01980 862285 Doreenrivett@talktalk.net	Donation	Come to our group either for healing or to find out more about healing, our group and training courses.
Parents & Tots	Thursday	1.30pm - 3.00pm	Catherine Thomas 07990 037 467	£2 per family per session	All parents, guardians and child minders with children aged newborn to 5 years are welcome. Just turn up on the day!
Royal British Legion	3rd Thursday monthly	7.30pm - 8.30pm	Stanley Judd 01962 841402		A warm welcome awaits you at your local Royal British Legion group meeting.
RugbyTots	Friday	1.00pm - 1.30pm 1.35pm - 2.05pm 2.10pm - 2.55pm	Contact Phil Rowles phil@rugbytots.co.uk 007985 788 069	Enquire direct	A fun, active and confidence building class for boys and girls aged 2-7 years. Free trials available. www.rugbytots.co.uk
Senshi Ryu Karate	Thursday	6.30pm - 7.30pm	Phil Aucott senshiryuukarate@gmail.com	Enquire direct	Become fitter, more flexible, stronger, more disciplined, focused and confident.
Slimming World	Saturday	9.30am - 11.00am	Steve Coombs 07788 683 077		A warm welcome awaits you in your local group! New members always welcome.
Southern England Karate Federation	Tuesday	4.30pm - 5.30pm Children & Adults	Collin Rudkin 07966 303 585 Collinrudkin@btinternet.com	Enquire direct	Friendly and professional Karate club with high standards set at International level. Affiliated to the English Karate Federation and World Karate Federation.
Weight Watchers	Thursday	9.30am - 10.30am 6.30pm - 7.45pm	07455 968 884	Weekly meeting fee of £6.25	Your lifestyle, your choice. With Weight Watchers you choose the weight loss approach that works best for you.
Wessex Wargames Club	Tuesday	7.00pm - 11.00pm	Ian Ackerman 01962 624710	£3 per session (first session is free)	Miniature wargames and role-playing games of all periods and genres played.
Winchester Tae Kwon-Do	Monday Wednesday	6.30pm - 9.00pm	Lucy Scott info@winchestertkd.co.uk	Membership by subscription	6.30pm-7.45pm beginners/intermediates 7pm-8.30pm seniors (black belts to 9pm)
Yoga	Monday Friday	9.30am - 11.00am 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.
Gentle Therapeutic Yoga Reduce pain, discomfort and tension	Tuesday	1.30pm - 3.00pm	Christine Giles https://ahed.psc.ac.uk 01962 889547	Enrol on line or telephone	Become fitter, calmer and more relaxed; improve mobility, strength, stamina, physical and mental health using yoga postures and correct breathing.



After an exciting Christmas period at the pre school, including a nativity sing-a-long in the Church Hall and visit from Father Christmas at our annual Christmas party, the children and staff have now settled back into a new year and term!

The children are now getting ready for Spring, and our teachers have lots of exciting activities planned for them with topics including Chinese New Year, Mother's Day and Easter. The term will end with our annual Easter Egg Hunt and picnic. The children will also be enjoying the fresh spring air in our secure outside space, with fully equipped mud kitchen and abundance of outdoor toys.

The pre school's "home corner" changes every few weeks, and having started the term as an arctic igloo with snowflakes, themed toy animals and snowy roof, this has now morphed into a builders' site with tools workbench and hard hats!

We are very pleased to now be offering the new government funded 30 hours childcare (eligibility applies).

For more information, please contact our pre school leader,

Jackie Johnston, on mobile 07941 796 958 or email leader@oliversbatterypreschool.co.uk to pop by and see our happy pre school.

- Rated across the board as "good" by Ofsted in November 2016 and where "Children form strong bonds with the staff"
- Conveniently located in the beautiful and spacious grounds of Oliver's Battery Primary School.
- We accept all children aged two years to school age, regardless of which Primary School they will attend.
- All children are funded from the term after their 3rd birthday.
- If eligible, we accept funding for two year olds.
- Opening times: Monday to Thursday: 8:45-15:15 and Friday 8:45-12:45 with flexible drop off and pick up times.



OFSTED inspected in June 2015 with very pleasing results

For children from 2 years to school age.

Limited spaces available for 2 – 3 years.

OPENING TIMES (flexible)

Monday – Tuesday – Wednesday ~ 9.15 – 3.00 and Thursday – Friday ~ 9.15 – 12.15

Spaces are now available!

All children are funded from the term after their 3rd Birthday.

Funding available for 2 year olds if applicable.

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

Our staff are highly experienced and qualified and we ensure a high ratio of 1:6 for 3 and 4 year olds and 1:4 for under 3 year olds enabling plenty of individual time and attention.

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

The playgroup operates an open door policy so please feel free to call in at any time and see us in action or call the playgroup supervisor Mrs Denise Tosdevine on 07771 798 474 out of playgroup hours. You can also see us in action and get more information at the Community Centre website on www.bfobrca.org



Oliver's Battery Primary School

~ Creative, caring and confident learners for life ~

Exciting news at Oliver's Battery

Primary We are very pleased and proud to announce that following last year's SATs results, Oliver's Battery have been ranked second in Hampshire for the amount of progress that the children achieved. The children have really shown that hard work, determination and perseverance pays off.

School partnerships Education is all about partnerships and we are really pleased to be working with St. Swithun's School. We will be visiting their school on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Tuesdays will involve an art project working with their specialist teachers, initially for Year 5 and Thursdays we will be using their swimming facilities including swimming coaches, this will be for Year 3. St. Swithun's are not only providing the facilities, they are also providing the transport. On Friday afternoons a group of pupils will visit our school and listen to readers in Year 1 and 2. We are really excited about this opportunity and know that this will add to the rich curriculum that we already offer here at school.

Grounds team A group of us met on Sunday morning for a few hours to clear the bottom pond. This had become very overgrown with willow which was draining the pond too early in the summer. We



Join us for the next grounds group

worked really hard around the pond sawing down (coppicing) thick willow, pulling off ivy, cutting back brambles and raking up the grass. We left the pond itself as there wasn't too much vegetation and it looks nice and clear. We also made sure we didn't disturb the mature ant-nest. This will open up the pond to the sunlight allowing the wildlife to flourish and will create some great pond-dipping opportunities. A big thank you to everyone from the community

Overall performance at end of key stage 2 in 2017 - all pupils

School name	Type of school	% of pupils meeting expected standard	Progress score & description			% of pupils achieving a 'higher' standard	Average score in reading	Average score in maths
			Reading	Writing	Maths			
Trayford St Mary's Church of England Primary School	Maintained School	85%	Well above average 7.3	Well above average 3.2	Well above average 4.4	25%	112	109
Oliver's Battery Primary School	Maintained School	82%	Well above average 6.0	Well above average 4.3	Average 1.5	12%	109	106
Oliver Valley Junior School	Maintained School	66%	Well above average 5.4	Well above average 7.4	Average 3.5	16%	104	102

Key Stage 2 Performance Chart

that came and if it is something you are interested in joining please see below for next event.

The next grounds group will be: Sunday 25 February 10:00am till 2:00pm. Bring some tools and wear long sleeves. We look forward to seeing you.

Online safety We have had volunteers from the NSPCC in to deliver a workshop to parents on how to keep children safe online. The workshop shared information on how parents could approach conversations with their children about their online activity, an update on different apps and technologies and finally, information about where parents could go to for support if they had concerns. There was lots of new

Information shared about different apps that are available now for children and guidance on which ones were safe. If you are interested in any of this information, there are NSPCC leaflets available in the office and useful number and website below.

Useful number and website:
Free phone number for online safety support: 0808 8005002
Website: <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

Forest schools we have continued to build on our forest schools and the outdoor curriculum by investing in more resources and continuing sessions for each year group. The children love being outside and exploring whatever the weather! Last term, Year 5 children had

the opportunity to create Christmas crafts down in the forest school. They finished their session off by toasting bread and honey round the camp fire to warm up!

Choir at the end of last term the choir sang their hearts out at Sainsburys to raise money for SENSE, the charity supporting deaf and blind people. They sang a range of traditional and modern carols. Under the guidance of Miss Robinson they learnt to sign three of the carols. The

children did so well and were fantastic ambassadors for Oliver's Battery School. A huge well done to all the children in choir and a huge thank you to all who have supported choir this year. We are



Forest School is a huge hit

very pleased to tell you that the children managed to raise £152.93 which will all go to the SENSE charity.

Buildings we are getting into the exciting phase of choosing colours and finalising carpets and finishing touches. Using the outdoor colour scheme chosen by the children, we have the final choices ready and two of the new class rooms were ready on the 29th January.

School Crossing Patrol We are pleased to announce that we now have a school crossing patrol on the Badger Farm Road. This is a very busy road and this will benefit the children in terms of their safety.

For details of all the latest happenings at school, visit our website:

www.oliversbatteryprimary.com

And if you would like to visit the school, please call 01962 869496 to make an appointment. Our Head, Miss Wood would be delighted to show you around.

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Badger Farm Toddlers

Thursdays 13:30 - 15:00

Badger Farm Community Centre

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toddlers!

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comfortable baby mat area. (We also provide baby scales
and a baby changing area in the room!)

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for the little ones!

Open term time only!

Info: Catherine 07990037467
or Esther etsouramanis@icloud.com

Could you spare a couple of hours a week to help at Badger Farm Toddlers? They are looking for volunteers to assist in the kitchen making refreshments, washing up and clearing away at the end of the session. It's an ideal opportunity to make new friends and spend a couple of enjoyable hours. Please telephone or email Esther or Catherine or contact Jan at the Community Centre - 01962 868630.



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Folk Singing

Folks Singing is a new singing group, open to everyone, learning folk songs, mainly from the 1960s and 1970s, by artists such as Donovan, Dylan, Peter Paul & Mary, The Seekers, Crosby, Stills & Nash, Simon & Garfunkel, Bob Marley, Woody Guthrie, Joan Baez and many more. All songs are arranged in harmony, usually in three or four parts, and are sung a cappella, so no instruments, just voices. No experience is necessary as all songs are taught line by line, by ear.

The group runs on Tuesdays term time only

12:30 - 1:45

At

St Marks Church Hall

Please contact Jac on jac@folkssinging.com or text/call 07941 246685.



Badger Farm Parish Council

We welcome two new Councillors, John Parsons and Harvey Skinner. It is great news for the parish to have new talent and enthusiasm to draw on. Harvey is taking on launching a new Twitter account and keeping us up to date with

transport news, whilst John is putting his experience to great use developing a new website for the parish. Watch this space!

If you are interested in helping the local community, you might like to be involved in the Great British Spring Clean event which takes place on Sunday 4th March. This event focuses on local people getting together to clear up the local area. Litter picking equipment is provided and local resident James Miller is acting as co-ordinator. You can contact James on 07587 244571 or email

jamesvincentmiller@yahoo.com

It is with great sadness that we report that two children have been seen, on various occasions, throwing stones at the cattle on Whiteshute Ridge. Please make sure your children understand that animal cruelty is a criminal offence. If you see anything of concern please report it to the police via 101.

As the nights get lighter and the weather (hopefully!) a bit warmer, please enjoy the wonderful place we live in, but respect the environment by putting dog waste in the appropriate bin or taking it home to dispose of.

Winchester City Council is looking at increasing the number of dog waste bins available on Whiteshute Ridge to encourage people to clear up after their dogs.

Do get in touch if you have any issues you think the parish council need to be aware of.

Rhian Dolby - Badger Farm Parish Council



The Oliver's Battery Plan has been published.

telephone number 07443 622 513).

The Plan has now been adopted by the Oliver's Battery Parish Council.

The PC are identified as leading on many of [the Suggested Points for Action](#) in the Plan. However, active participation of Oliver's Battery residents is crucial to the successful implementation of the other Suggested Points for Action. For example, to help improve local transport, to help improve community communications and to plan and arrange events, activities and groups for Oliver's Battery residents.

If you are interested in becoming involved in any or all of these Suggested Points for Action, then please leave a

message with The Clerk at telephone number 07443 622 513 or email clerkoliversbattery@gmail.com. Equally, if you have any queries or questions as to other issues relating to the Oliver's Battery Plan, please leave a message with The Clerk and a member of the Plan Team will get back to you.

The Oliver's Battery Plan Core Team would like to take this opportunity to thank all Oliver's Battery residents, whose views, ideas and opinions have formed the substance of the Plan. We also thank everyone who has become involved in the production and development of the Plan itself. Together, we have achieved a great deal.

Constance Leach

By the time you read this article, a copy of the Summary Report should have been delivered to Oliver's Battery residents. The Full Report, together with all the Appendices, including data from the Plan Questionnaire will be found on-line on the website of Oliver's Battery Parish Council at <https://oliversbattery.info/parish-plan/>. If you would like a printed copy of the Full Report, please request one from The Clerk (email clerkoliversbattery@gmail.com;



Texas Drive

The property has now had an enforcement order put on it which covers the whole site including the position of the house as well as the earthworks which have caused such distress. The owner has until the 8th February to appeal against the decision. As you all know we made a very strong case against the new planning application as it sought to regularise unauthorised work the owner had already carried. Hopefully its Refusal and subsequent Enforcement Order will send out a very strong message to potential developers.

The empty property in **Harrow Down** has been of concern to everyone who lives or passes nearby for some time. You will be pleased to know that we have persuaded the council to apply for an Empty Dwelling Management Order. This will be presented to the Tribunal on the 2nd of February. The petition that so many people signed in Harrow Down will be part of the submission so a big thank you to everyone concerned. I will be attending the tribunal with the officer and will keep the residents in Harrow Down informed. The owner has lodged an appeal and asked for extra time. The Judge has given the owner 3 months to submit a detailed planning proposal to the council and he must start work within one month of the grant of permission. The owner must attend the next tribunal

which is set for the 11th May.

There has been an increase **Fly Tipping** locally and now I even noticed it at a bus stop on Meadow Way today. This increase has been linked to the charge for tipping rubbish at the dump brought in by Hampshire County Council, against government advice. I would ask everyone to look out for any littering and fly-tipping and report it to HCC or WCC through their websites or on Fix My Street www.fixmystreet.com. If there is evidence of provenance, do not remove but call the Council or Police 101. If you actually witness it occurring, note registration number or address and call 999 (crime in progress).

We have now seen the result of the cut backs by Hampshire County Council with **large potholes** appearing on the main roads including Badger Farm Road and Pitt Roundabout, as well as roads on Badger Farm Estate. Oliver's Battery is less affected as some of the roads were resurfaced last year. Potholes are a hazard so would everyone please report them online as priority goes to the ones most reported.

We have again reported the state of the steps on the footpath at the beginning of Parliament Place as the county council has to act apart from closing them. I know this is a major concern to both parishes as it is one of the main routes to Oliver's Battery School. The Hampshire County Council latest case number is 21332869.

Cllr Brian Laming

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Cllr Eleanor Bell

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OLIVER'S BATTERY COMMUNITY CENTRE

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Building a Hub for our Community

The directors and management team of OBCC Ltd are continuing to progress the project to replace St Mark's Church hall with a new community centre for Oliver's Battery. In 2018 we will be preparing our application for planning permission to provide the parish with an up-to-date facility for the use of residents and local user groups. As can be seen by the extensive use of Badger Farm Community Centre and other nearby halls, there is a continuing and increasing need to provide the community with a suitable space for social and outsourced medical services uses. The latter is particularly important

as the Winchester NHS looks to provide support for the growing elderly population out in the community rather than within its hospitals. The OBCC Ltd project is even more relevant and necessary in 2018 than when it was first conceived a few years ago.

Fund-raising Events In November last year we held a successful Community Quiz with a fish and chip supper and raffle. It was another 'full house' with a number of disappointed residents unable to be fitted in, proving again that a larger hall is needed in the parish. This event made several hundred pounds for our funds. At the time of writing, we are also looking forward to the return of 'The Little Big Band' later in February. Last year we had a sell-out concert and we are expecting a similar response this time.

Our next event will be Jac Gehring's popular and successful community choir, 'Sing Winchester', on **Friday 18th May at St Mark's hall**. Tickets can be requested

via our email address below.

This will be another busy year for the charity and we are looking to expand our team of volunteers. So, if you feel that you would like to become involved in an exciting and important community project, then please contact me on 01962 854542 or by email. Further information can be found on our website: www.oliversbatterycommunitycentre.org.

Ian Millar

Vice Chairman

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OLIVER'S BATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

Parking

The PC has recently received some complaints concerning parking in Oliver's Battery Road South. In particular, the section of the road between Compton Way and Old Kennels Lane often has a significant number of vehicles parked on the left-hand side. As a result, vehicles driving south have to travel on the "wrong" side of the road and can be confronted with vehicles coming around the corner from Old Kennels Lane.

Furthermore, residents living on the right-hand side can encounter problems in entering or leaving their drive. The PC would ask residents to ensure that, whenever possible, vehicles are parked on their drive and that appropriate gaps are maintained between vehicles parked in the road to enable vehicles to pass each other safely. If you wish to report any parking issues or concerns ring Winchester City Council (WCC) on 01962 848346 or download the Report It app, search for Your Winchester and download it free of charge.

Yellow Line Restrictions

The PC has met with WCC to review the roadside waiting restrictions, particularly at junctions and around bends. A Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) has been prepared to replace some existing single yellow lines with double yellow lines and for new double yellow lines to be placed at certain bends and junctions to improve safety. The TRO is subject to a formal consultation process and residents affected by the proposals have been asked for their views.

Texas, Texas Drive

The PC is pleased that the WCC Planning Committee, at its

meeting in December 2017, listened to the views of the PC, our City Councillors and local residents and rejected the new planning application submitted by a developer in respect of Texas Drive. The WCC have commenced enforcement action against the developer that requires him to comply with the planning permission granted in October 2016 and to reverse changes made to the landscape. The PC understands that the developer has now lodged an appeal against both the refused planning application and the enforcement notice. The PC will continue to work with others to oppose any changes to the October 2016 planning permission.

Road Junction

The improvements to the Oliver's Battery Road South and Badger Farm Road junction, referred to in Winter 2017 issue of this newsletter, is currently in the detailed design stage. It is anticipated that work will commence on site in Spring 2018.

Elections May 2018

Elections to the PC are held every 4 years and the next elections will be held in May 2018. The Notice of Election will be issued in April 2018, i.e. before the next issue of this magazine, and will be placed on the notice boards around the parish. Any resident of the parish who is registered as a local government elector may stand for election as long as they are proposed and seconded by residents who are also electors. Nomination papers will be available once the Notice of Election has been issued. Anyone interested in being nominated to stand for election should register their interest with the Clerk (clerkoliversbattery@gmail.com).

Brian Mitchener - Chair Oliver's Battery Parish Council

cllr.mitchener@oliversbattery.info - 01962 623585



Badger Farm Social Club

Your Family Friendly Community Club

A hidden gem inside the **Badger Farm Community Centre** the Social Club is run by the Community for the Community.

We are a **FAMILY FRIENDLY CLUB** for local residents of Oliver's Battery, Stanmore and Badgers Farm and would always welcome new Members. Here is some of what we can offer.
POOL – a competition standard table at only 50p a game! Free table on Tuesday's. We have a Men's team who play each Wednesday and would welcome new team members. We'd also like to start a women's team.
DARTS – two competition boards we have both Men's and Ladies team's playing in League and Cup matches (Mondays and Thursdays). We even run tournaments.
CRIBBAGE – a very competitive game and have a team in the local League, If you are interested come and see us for info. We support our teams with food at home matches and help with transport to other venue's.

TABLE FOOTBALL – we have a

league standard table and is proving to be great fun!

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A hand-drawn style poster on lined paper. At the top, it says 'THE BIG QUIZ!' in large blue letters. To the left is a pencil, and to the right is a soccer ball. Below the title, it asks 'Where?' and 'When?'. The location is 'Eastleigh Football Club' and the date is 'Friday 16 March 2018'. It lists 'Tickets? £12 per person' and '£84 per team of 8 including a Fish & Chip Meal'. A diamond icon is next to the team price. At the bottom, it says 'Come along, test your knowledge, and help support your local community!'. Contact information includes 'wessexcancer.org.uk/big-quiz-18', '023 8067 2200', and social media handles '@WessexCancer'. Logos for 'sparks ellison' and 'WESSEX CANCER TRUST' are at the bottom right.

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From your MP - Steve Brine

One area where Britain's exit from the European Union can provide the greatest opportunity is, in my opinion, **farming and the environment**.

Michael Gove recently delivered an impressive and comprehensive speech on his vision for the future of British farming at the Oxford Farming Conference and I know a number of my constituents were in the audience.

The Secretary of State gave a taster of what we can expect to see within the Government's paper on the future of farming (to be published this Spring) and he set out four areas where we want to drive change, with plans to;

1. Develop a coherent policy on food - integrating the needs of agriculture businesses, other enterprises, consumers, public health and the environment.
2. Give farmers and land managers time and the tools to adapt to the future, so as to avoid a precipitate cliff edge but also prepare properly for the changes which are coming.
3. Develop a new method of providing financial support for farmers which moves away from "subsidies for in efficiency" to public money for public goods.
4. Ensure that natural capital thinking is built into the government's approach towards land use and management so as to develop a truly sustainable future for our countryside.

And in a direct call for action from industry leaders Mr Gove promised there are huge opportunities for those in agriculture to play the leading role in shaping the future strategy.

Rather than devoting energy to insulate farming from change, I think we can respond to growing public interest in debates about food, animal welfare, the environment and health by demonstrating, as so many farmers are doing, how innovative and dynamic approaches are enhancing the environment, safeguarding animal welfare, producing food of the highest quality and improving public health. This whole agenda is a reminder that, in spite of what you are told by the media, there's a wide domestic agenda also taking place.

Equally, I am really busy in my role at the **Department of Health** having been re-appointed **Public Health Minister** in the New Year reshuffle. One part of my portfolio that means a great deal to me is my role as Cancer Minister and we've much to celebrate with the best ever one-year survival rates recently reported.

The fact remains that more people than ever before are being referred and diagnosed for cancer. Over the last two years, the NHS carried out 21.4 million diagnostic tests, 1.9 million people were seen by a specialist for suspected cancer and 290,000 patients started treatment but I am far from satisfied. I want us to aim for the best cancer outcomes in the world and that means a step-change to faster diagnosis,

renewed focus on research and continued innovation in treatment options.

Alongside all of that, we have some brilliant partners in the charity sector among the cancer community. None more so than **Haven Breast Cancer** which I was closely involved with opening their latest Haven in Solihull and now right here in Hampshire. They do exactly what it says on the tin and are grace indeed; find them at www.breastcancerhaven.org.uk

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3.30pm Palm Walk

Good Friday ~ 30th March

10.00am interactive Family Event

Easter Day ~ 1st April

8.00am Festival Eucharist

6.30pm Easter Praise with

Songs, Music and Readings



St Luke's Stanmore

Palm Sunday ~ 25th March

9.30am Eucharist blessing of Palms

Holy Week ~

Monday; Tuesday; Wednesday 7.00pm Eucharist with short reflective sermon

Maudy Thursday ~ 29th March

7.00pm 'Last Supper' with stripping of Sanctuary and Watch till 9.00pm

Good Friday ~30th March

12 noon Solemn Hour at the cross with watch till 3.00pm

Eve of Easter~31st March


7.00pm Silent reflective hour before the tomb

Easter Day ~ 1st April

9.30am Festival sung Eucharist

Easter Day this year falls on All Fools Day [1st April]. Many people find Religious Faith foolish but the Christian church is call to be ~ from the letter to the church in Corinth ~ 'We are fools for the sake of Christ'. ~ In that we take our faith and turn it into action and service to others, any and all others, we look for Christ in every situation. To continually give drains us and we need to 'recharge' at the great festivals of the Christian year. Come celebrate the foolishness of Christ with us this Easter, you are all always welcome.





Winchester
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Update from the City Council

Winchester City Council is keen

needs and those of visitors to Winchester.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to update you on Whiteshute Ridge and the change in management. I am delighted to say the fencing works have been completed and six wonderful British White cows have been on site for a few weeks. They have settled in extremely well and are doing a wonderful job of eating away the grass and shrubs. We are aware some of the entrances are quite muddy and we are looking to put some bark mulch down to reduce the problem this winter. If this continues to be a problem we will find a more permanent solution. There have been some volunteer days undertaken to improve the steps towards the Sainsbury end of the site and we will be visiting local schools to talk to the children about the cattle and why they are needed.

If you would like a regular updated on Whiteshute Ridge please email Claire Jakeman at cjakeman@winchester.gov.uk

ClIr Jan Warwick

Badger Farm & Oliver Battery Ward (Winchester City Council)

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to know your thoughts on the open spaces we manage within the City area. We are therefore undertaking the first ever comprehensive survey of our main open spaces, to help us better manage the areas for the future.

We would love to know which areas you visit and why. There is a an online survey at <https://winchester.citizenspace.com/landscape-open-spaces/parks-and-green-spaces-visitor-survey> which takes between 10 and 20 minutes to complete, depending on how much information you record. Please take a look and let us have your views.

We started our survey in December 2017 and will be continuing this throughout the year, so we take account of seasonal variation. Officers from the City Council will also be undertaking face-to-face interviews with visitors to find out why they visit the sites and how we can improve their experience.

Once we complete the survey, we will use this information to ensure we deliver continuous improvement to meet your

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INSPIRING WOMEN

worthy of a mention. Each year the committee members undertake to provide the hospitality and entertainment for our Christmas Meeting and as usual we were treated to clever brain teasing team quizzes, mince pie tasting (my lips are sealed to reveal the winning brand!), mulled wine, festive edibles and party games providing much fun and laughter with friends. Thank you OBWI Committee.

And so the New Year is well underway and with it an interesting agenda of talks, walks and visits to sign up for. The January Meeting found us Lost in Austen - Jane's World, during which Martha Lloyd who was born in 1765, and was a close friend of Jane Austen's, came to visit us at St Peter's School, enacted by Ms Jane Glennie regaled in full period costume! She revealed to us how the lives of the Austens and Lloyds became

Before we enter into the interesting and varied events lined up for the ladies in OBWI during 2018, their Christmas Meeting in December is

interwoven with one another and the bond of friendship strengthened deeply enriching the lives of Jane, her sister Cassandra and Martha. A wonderfully entertaining performance for us, the audience.

Later in the month some of us also enjoyed a delicious meal at Keats Restaurant to celebrate the start of 2018.

With a Centenary Concert celebrating 100 years since the formation of HCWFI and 100 years since the 1st World War at the Anvil in March, a Spring Council Meeting at Portsmouth, a May Fest in Eastleigh plus a trip to Wisely Gardens in June there are numerous and varied events to interest everyone.

Meanwhile, locally we welcome all new and existing members to the monthly craft afternoon, book club, coffee morning, knit and knatter etc. Our next programmed meeting is as usual at St Peter's School (Oliver Battery Road North). We meet on Monday 19th February 7.45pm, when we will listen to a talk by Mrs P Godwin on Fashion in the Roaring 20's. This is followed in March with tales of Travels on a Narrowboat on the Kennet and Avon Canal told by Mrs S Waldron.

Do contact Barbi on barbicolson1963@gmail.org.uk or 07777607149 if you are interested in finding out more details.

Nature Notes from Oliver's Battery Spring 2018

January has brought many dreary wet days but we are now on the right side of the shortest day! I am writing this on 29th January when sunset will be 16.51 but by the time you read this it will be less than an hour later at 17.40. On a recent day of sun with blue skies I walked to Whiteshute Ridge to see the changes since I was last there with our dog who sadly died in September. If you haven't yet been, do go to see the half a dozen British White cattle, an attractive docile breed with black noses and ears. The Ridge is now managed by Hampshire Wildlife Trust on behalf of the council and the grazing of cattle will regenerate this unimproved chalk grassland creating ground suitable for chalkland flora. Although it is fenced off to prevent the cattle straying, there are gates for access. It's been exceptionally wet so the ground was claggy and I was glad to be wearing my boots.

Did you take part in the Big Garden Birdwatch over the weekend of 27/28 January? I saw less than usual because the day was dull and lifeless as it often is for the BGBW. My twelve were blue tit, blackbird, blackcap, chaffinch, collared dove, dunnock, goldfinch, greenfinch, house sparrow, robin, starling and woodpigeon. You may have seen a number of species and several of each but can you remember if you saw more of each when you were a child? I certainly can but because the loss has been gradual it is easy to overlook. Those over fifty years of age are more likely to relate to this. Michael McCarthy, author of "Say Goodbye to the Cuckoo" and "The Moth Snowstorm" has written about what he calls "the vanishing of abundance in the natural world" (The Independent 19th December 2012) and cites one good example of how there are so few insects now on our car screens after a long journey. There is a concept which is obvious really but not given a name until a Daniel Pauly named it Shifting Baseline Syndrome in a paper

"Trends in Ecology and Evolution" (1995). This concept is that people of each generation base their knowledge of the natural world into which they are born and think this is normal, so the decline persists because there is no baseline, in other words it has shifted. More can be found about this on the internet.

This may sound daunting but now there are umpteen places all over the UK where restoration ecology is taking place and the Whiteshute Ridge grazing is just one example. It will soon be spring so shall we take the still relevant advice of Richard Jefferies from The Amateur Poacher (1879) and "Let us get out of these indoor narrow modern days, whose twelve hours somehow have become shortened, into the sunlight and the pure wind."

Norma Goodwin

29th January 2018

Winchester Local Group Hampshire and IOW Wildlife Trust

Come and join us to find out how the Trust is reverting arable farmland to wild flower rich grassland at Barton Meadows, Winchester plus learn more about our local amazing landscapes and wildlife . All are very welcome. Indoor meetings are held in the Bushfield room at Badger Farm Community Centre at the far end of Sainsbury's car park (SO22 4QB). For further information about the Group please phone Loraine on 01962 861182 or email Anne - atardill2@gmail.com. Alternatively visit the Trust website at www.hiwwt.org.uk

Saturday 10 March, 9.30 am – 2 pm, Bird Walk at Farlington Marshes

Join the Winchester group for a 3 mile walk to see over-wintering wildfowl, waders, grebes and divers at the Trust's Farlington Marshes reserve. Please meet in the reserve car park near the reserve entrance gate (map ref SU 679 044), off the Eastern Road (A27/A2030) roundabout near Portsmouth. Bring binoculars and a packed lunch. For further information, phone Mary on 01962 864440. Sorry, no dogs. Suggested donation £4.

Wednesday 14 March, 7.30 – 9.30 pm, Barton Meadows Nature Reserve

Susan Simmonds from the Trust will explain how farmland will revert to wildflower rich meadows and the variety of wildlife that eventually we can expect to see there.. Admission £4 to include coffee/tea

Saturday 7 April, 11 am – 1 pm Hare Spotting

Join Farmer Charlie Flindt for a walk and maybe a trailer ride over his farm to see hares and other spring wildlife and to learn a bit about the farming. Numbers are limited so booking is essential – please phone Mary on 01962 864440. Meet and park in the yard at Manor Farm (grid ref SU 600 275, post code SO24 0LE). From A272, east of the Hinton Arms and the entrance to the National Trust Hinton Ampner house, take Hinton Hill southwards; Manor Farm is on your left after a left and a right bend. Sorry, no dogs. Suggested donation £4.

Wednesday 11 April, 7.30 – 9.30 pm, South Downs National Park.

An illustrated talk by Helen Jackson on the wide open spaces, ancient woodlands, river valleys and dramatic coastline which is on our doorstep including current work and achievements to keep the Park a special place. Admission £4 to include coffee/tea.

Wednesday 9 May, 6.30 – 8 pm, Barton Meadows Nature Reserve.

An evening stroll round Winchester's newest nature reserve. Join Susan Simmonds, Education Officer from the Trust, who will be showing us how the Trust has begun to revert existing arable farmland to wildflower rich chalk grassland with a range of habitats for wildlife. Booking essential as numbers are limited. Please contact Anne on 07804 764604 or via atardill2@gmail.com for further information and to book a place. Meet far end of Courtenay Road, off Park Road Winchester SO23 7ER (map ref SU 482 313).

Sunday 13 May, 10 am – 1 pm. Working Water Meadows on the Itchen

Join Roger and Victoria Harrison and John Clark for a spring wildlife walk along a hidden bit of the Itchen and to see some working water meadows which Roger and Victoria Harrison are managing for their conservation value. Meet at Itchen Stoke Mill, Ovington (near Alresford), where there is parking on the day (map ref SU 564 318, post code SO24 0RA). Numbers are limited so **booking is essential**. For further information and to book your place, please phone Mary on 01962 864440. Wellington boots probably advisable. No dogs, please. Suggested donation £4.

Saturday 19 May, 10.30 am - 3 pm. Butterflies and Flowers at St Catherine's Hill

Join Brian Fletcher for a walk to see the summer wildlife at this wildlife trust reserve. Meet in Parking Area 5 of the St Catherine's Park and Ride (parking charge applies, or use the park and ride bus). Map ref SU 487 281. Post code SO23 9BN. For further details, please contact Mary on 01962 864440 or Brian on 01962 882746 . Bring a packed lunch. Sorry, no dogs. Suggested donation £4.



Ann's Computer Corner



Until recently, when a family member died you would look through their filing cabinet to find details of their accounts, browse their address book to find their contacts and inherit their physical photo albums.

But my accounts for banks and utilities are online. My contacts are in Google and Outlook and my photos in several places, to keep them safe. Then there are my email accounts and

accounts for all the social media, shopping, travel sites I use ... the list seems endless. I must get organised so I don't leave my children a digital nightmare.

The first thing I'll do is put together a prioritised list of my accounts and give clear instructions on what needs to happen to them, particularly any that have a financial aspect such as Paypal and my online subscriptions. As this is sensitive data, I need to be careful where it's saved. I considered Mega's (mega.nz) encrypted cloud storage and Turtl's (turtlapp.com) encrypted note-taking software but decided the best option is to keep copies on two (one live, one backup) USB drives. I'll plug these in to my computer when I'm editing them, but otherwise keep them in a secure box.

There's conflicting advice on whether passwords should be included in this list. Even when it's not a criminal offence for an executor to access my account, it's often against a site's terms and conditions. I hope over time this will be legally clarified, but for the moment, I'm going to have to decide for each account individually.

Some companies allow me to specify what happens to my account after my death. I'll start by using Google's Inactive Account Manager (myaccount.google.com/inactive) and setting up a legacy contact in Facebook – as I do more, I'll add details to winchestercomputertutor.co.uk/anns-thoughts, along with useful links.

For photos, I'll download the ones I want kept and save them on an external hard drive, along with my exported contacts from Google and Outlook.

Finally, as I password protect my desktop on my computer, I'm going to add a trusted person in [Windows 10 settings > Accounts > Family & other people](#). They won't be able to log in to my desktop, but they will be able to use the File Explorer to access my documents.

Yes, there's a lot to think about! I'll be reading "Death in the Digital Age" (goo.gl/A7M6b1), "Digital assets - What happens to them when I die?" (goo.gl/weKY3r) and "My Digital legacy" (goo.gl/J8LWEK) as a starting point for more information. But I hope that my efforts now will avoid later hassle for my children.

Ann

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



Winchester Osteoporosis Support Group Programme for 2018

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Wednesday 11th April Time: 7pm	Annual General Meeting followed by a talk on Oral Hygiene & Osteoporosis Speaker: Mr. Rabin Singh Consultant Oral Surgeon Southampton General Hospital
Wednesday 20th June Time: 7pm	Medical Update on the latest Osteoporosis information Speaker: Dr Gill Pearson Specialist Doctor in Osteoporosis Southampton General Hospital
Wednesday 24th October Time: 7pm	Pilates for Osteoporosis Speaker: Nikky Godfrey Pilates Teacher Specialist in working with persistent pain and other long-term conditions University of Southampton

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