

Community News

Your Community Newsletter and Village Voice
Summer 2014 Edition

www.bfobrca.org
Our new website is launched!

We are delighted to announce the launch, at long last, of our fantastic new website. When you visit www.bfobrca.org, you will now be able to view splendid photographs of the Community Centre in use by hirers, learn about forthcoming events, make enquiries, find out what goes on day by day plus so much more!

To celebrate the launch of our website we are holding an exciting photographic competition and very much need you to get involved! We want to find a perfect image of the local area which we can use as a striking backdrop to the web pages. We want you to get out and about with your cameras and take a photo of what Badger Farm and Oliver's Battery mean to you. The photo which best captures the essence of our two Parishes will be the featured backdrop and runners-up will be shown in a special gallery on the website. One thing to bear in mind when taking your photo is that some of the central content of the winning picture will be partially obscured by the website itself. However, your picture will still appear in full in the gallery. The competition will be judged in three age groups with the winner of each group being awarded a Sainsbury's voucher. The best overall photo will be the featured picture on the website. The three age groups are:

10 years and under ~ 11 to 15 years ~ 16 years and over

All entries to the competition should be emailed to competition@bfobrca.org by **Monday 7th July**. Entries received after this date cannot be considered. You will be sent an automatic acknowledgement of receipt of your entry and the winners will be announced in the Autumn edition of Community News. For more details and terms and conditions, please visit www.bfobrca.org/competition



COME ON! GET INVOLVED!



And last but by no means least, our sincere thanks to Ann Jury of Winchester Computer Tutor who has spent the best part of the last year diligently creating our new website. Her knowledge, skills, patience and commitment have been second to none.

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SOME OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY	DAY	TIME	CONTACT	COST	DESCRIPTION
Badger Farm Art Group	Thursday	1.30pm - 4.00pm	Elizabeth Weir 01962 856689 lizbethweir@gmail.com	£6.50 per person	A friendly "drop in" art group providing a "space to paint" in a relaxed setting. All abilities welcome.
Badger Farm ACOL Club	Friday	7.15pm - 10.30pm	Roland Richardson 023 8025 1277	£1 visitors £15 annual	Bridge Club
Brendon Care Badger Farm Friendly Group	Alternate Thursdays	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Catherine Fellingham 01962 857099	£4.00 per session	Friendship for older people. Quizzes, speakers, outings, afternoon tea. New members and volunteers welcome.
Badger Farm Bridge Club	Tuesday	7.15pm - 10.30pm	Fred Hotchen 01794 301185 07771 854 347 fred.hotchen@btinternet.com		Friendly and relaxed local bridge club. New members and visitors very welcome
Badger Farm Pre-School Playgroup	Monday to Friday	Mon.Tues/Wed 9.15am - 3.00pm Thurs/Fri 9.15am - 12.15pm	Denise Tosdevine 07771 798 474	£4.15 per hour	For children from 3 years to school age. Great OFSTED results. Afternoons also available - enquiries to Denise.
Badminton	Thursday	8.00pm - 9.00pm	Wendy King 01962 861525		Fun and friendly for any age and ability. All welcome!
Brownies	Thursday	6.15pm - 7.45pm During Term Time	For enquiries, visit: www.girlguiding.org.uk/ interested	£35 per Term	For girls aged 7 to 10 years. 07708 217 957 11.wincity.brownies@gmail.com
Eucharist (Holy Communion)	Tuesday	10.00am - 11.00am	Rev. Mike Gardner 01962 865240		Church of England Service. All welcome.
Hampshire Wildlife Trust	2nd Wed. of the month	7.30pm - 9.30pm	Loraine 01962 861182	£3.00 per meeting	Illustrated talks on wildlife for all. Contact Loraine for details.
Jo Jingles	Tuesday	9.45am - 10.30am 10.45am - 11.30am	Victoria Smith 01489 877278		Music & Movement for children from the age of 1 year.
Legs, Bums & Tums	Monday Tuesday	9.30am - 10.30am 6.45pm - 7.45pm	Catherine Jones 07990 513 434	£4.00 per class	A fun and friendly class designed to help keep you fit and toned!
National Federation of Spiritual Healers	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	Liz Lindsay 01962 866547	£2 per family per session	All parents, guardians and child minders with children aged newborn to 5 years are welcome. Just turn up on the day!
Royal British Legion	3rd Thursday monthly	7.30pm - 9.30pm	Stanley Judd 01962 869889		A warm welcome awaits you at your local Royal British Legion group meeting.
Slimming World	Saturday	9.30am - 11.00am	Steve Coombs 07788 683 077		A warm welcome awaits you in your local group! New members always welcome.
Weight Watchers	Thursday	9.00am - 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)	Minature wargames and role-playing games of all periods and genres played.
Winchester Country Market	Friday	8.30am - 11.00am	Mrs Tina Sharpe 01962 855977		Fresh produce, cakes and preserves, crafts and plants. All welcome!
Winchester Tae Kwon-Do	Monday Wednesday	6.30pm - 9.00pm	Chris Barrett info@winchestertkd.co.uk	Membership by subscription	6.30pm-7.45pm beginners/intermediates 7pm-8.30pm seniors (black belts to 9pm)
Yoga	Monday Tuesday Friday	9.30am - 11.00am 5.30pm - 7.00pm 1.30pm - 3.00pm	Chris Wyeth 01962 868346	£35 per 5 week sessions	Experience the balancing effect of yoga on mind and body. Stretch and relax into a healthier life.
ZUMBA	Wednesday	1.30pm - 2.30pm	Debbie Woodley 07724 136 428 debbie.woodley@talk21.com	£5 per session	Effective and exhilarating way to tone the body with exercise to lively Latin rhythms using easy to follow steps.

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

Stanmore Primary School

Be the best that you can be...

And the winner is.... Stanmore pupils were absolutely delighted to win two prizes in their very first attempt at Global Rock Challenge at Southampton Guildhall back in March. The only school in Winchester to enter the challenge this year, competition was tough with the children competing against other more experienced schools from the south. Our pupils aged from 6 to 11 put on an amazing show, taking their inspiration from the classic tale of Alice in Wonderland and were rewarded with two prizes; Best Video - directed by Year 6 pupil Amelie de Lara and also Best Special Effects. We're planning to enter again next year and now we know just what the challenge is like, have vowed to be bigger and better than ever next time. Watch this space!

We're on YouTube! Cedar, Willow and Sycamore Classes are the stars of a new video on YouTube as they demonstrate their prowess with times tables in a jolly 'rolling numbers' film. The physical movement and catchy chants helps the brain recall the tables quickly and accurately. Visit the YouTube site and search for Rolling Numbers, Stanmore School to see them in action.

We are the champions, no time for losers.... The old Queen hit was being sung with gusto in the KS2 corridor earlier this term when our victorious Tag Rugby team returned muddy and triumphant from the Winchester Area schools competition. Organised by Sparsholt College, the tournament was held at the Winchester Rugby Club and our team won all five of their matches, scoring over 30 tries and conceding only 10. Captain Max Burns and the team played brilliantly and beat Owslebury School 8-4 in the final. Stanmore will now go on to play in the Hampshire Youth Games in June where we hope they will be equally successful.

Time to remember....After weeks of hard work by our Green Team, the Stanmore Memorial Garden was officially opened by MP Steve Brine in an informal but moving ceremony just before Easter. Planted with spring flowers and herbs, the garden incorporates a slate and wooden butterfly design, with hand-painted pebbles and small brass plaques bearing the names of pupils and staff who are no longer with us. The garden is still very new but as the planting becomes established we hope that it will become a beautiful, peaceful place where children and adults can stop for a moment and remember loved ones who were once part of the Stanmore community.

Good in every aspect...Our latest Ofsted report has just been published on the Ofsted website (<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/>). The school achieved a rating of 'Good' throughout with pupil safety being described as outstanding and outstanding practice being observed in our Reception classes where the children get off to an excellent start at school. Mrs Brooks said she was delighted that Ofsted had recognised the strengths of our school and she was extremely proud of her staff and pupils.

Dates for your diary - Our Summer Fair will be on Friday 20th June from 3:20pm until 5:15pm. There will be lots of fun stalls and tasty barbeque food - hope to see you there!

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 Justine Brooks would be delighted to show you round.



OLIVER'S BATTERY WI

Our success is growing, the word is getting around that Oliver's Battery WI is worth at least finding out about and ultimately worth joining. Every month sees one or more visitors who realise that there is so much fun and friendship to be had at the meetings on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.45pm. Not only are there inspiring speakers but also the chance to meet others with similar interests. Please do give us a try, you would be very welcome. We also enjoy the chance to discuss books that we enjoy or maybe dislike but many promote lively discussion. There is also a knit and natter session once a month, and for those who can't knit, it's a chance to learn from some expert knitters.

Once again, the Plant Sale was a wonderful success, with many greenhouses now more manageable. We do grow all the plants on sale! This allows us to raise money to help us to enjoy more activities and outings but also to meet up with those interested in possibly joining.

The next excursion will be to Corfe and Swanage in July with the July meeting being an "outside" meeting at a garden in Alresford. A chance to enjoy a lovely garden instead of being indoors. Most of our "business" is conducted electronically, so no one misses out on news and future plans. There is no meeting in August but usually there are ad hoc visits to fill the month. The full programme of speakers and activities is published on the Oliver's Battery page on the Hampshire Federation website www.hampshirewi.org.uk For more details, please contact Cathy Winter on 01962 620250 or catherine.winter3@ntlworld.com

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Oliver's Battery

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Fete Programme:

1 pm Stage - Official Opening by the Mayor

1:15 Stage - Live Music

2:00 Arena - Fun Dog Show

most beautiful bitch, handsome dog, veteran, most like its owner, waggiest tail, the one the judge would like to take home.

2:45 Arena - Children's display

3:00 Stage - Live Music

3:30 Stage - Glamorous Granny Competition

Stage - Knobbly Knees Contest

4:15 Arena - Children's Games & Tug of War

4:45 Stage - Raffle Draw



MORE THAN JUST A FETE!

Oliver's Battery

Fun Dog Show



At the
FETE
2pm



Saturday 7 June

Most beautiful bitch

Dog most like its owner

Most handsome dog

Dog with the waggiest tail

Best veteran

The dog the judge would like to take home.

Come on, bring your dog along



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Thursdays 13:30 – 15:00

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Oliver's Battery Pre-school - Good rating from Ofsted

FUNDRAISING FRENZY

As we go to print for this newsletter, children, staff, family and friends of Oliver's Battery Pre-school have been busy bees in their fundraising efforts. Our Ollie Bee's Brilliant Bake-Off held at the Badger Farm Community Centre was an event to get everyone donning their aprons and showing their baking prowess all in aid of raising money for a new pre-school building. So many businesses and organisations in the community generously supported the event either by donating superb raffle prizes or getting involved in the bake-off competition. Our thanks go to the Winchester WI and Cupcake Dolly for helping to judge the entries.

The fundraising effort continues into the summer weeks as the children undertake a sponsored obstacle course and in July, a choir concert will be held at St Lawrence's Church in Winchester in aid of the pre-school. This event has been organised by Jac Gehring, pre-school treasurer. For further information about this special event, please contact oliversbatterypreschool@gmail.com.

For more information about Oliver's Battery Pre-school, or to make an appointment to take a look around, please contact Jackie Johnston, Pre-school Leader, on mobile 07941 796 958 or email oliversbatterypreschool@gmail.com

Oliver's Battery Pre-school ~ Opening times:

Monday to Wednesday: 9.00am to 3.15pm

Thursday and Friday: 9.00am to 12.30pm

Various drop off and pick up times are available and children can attend morning, afternoon or all-day sessions.

Staff to child ratios are:

1:4 for children aged under three years 1:6 for children aged three years and over

Situated in the grounds of Oliver's Battery School in Winchester, our pre-school provides a secure, engaging and friendly environment for children aged two years and six months to five years old. Achieving 'outstanding' at our last Ofsted inspection in 2009 and staffed by caring and experienced practitioners, our pre-school offers children in the community a wonderful setting in which to play, learn and develop.

For more information or to make an appointment to take a look around, please contact Jackie Johnston, Pre-school Leader, on mobile 07941 796 958 or email oliversbatterypreschool@gmail.com

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

I am writing this early May and Badger Farm does, for the most part, look very pretty this year. All the flowering trees and shrubs look glorious. The grass cutting has been a little erratic, but this has been compensated by abundance of cowslips, daises, buttercups and of course dandelions galore.

We are pleased to welcome Viv Brooks as our new Parish Clerk. We hope that she will be happy with us at Badger Farm. If you have any concerns about Badger Farm she is happy for you to contact her on 01962 809289.

We are all a little confused about what is expected from the road repairs. Some of the roads have been worked on, although, some pot holes seemed to be ignored and had to be rectified. We are keeping an eye on this, and are hoping for a good result.

The play equipment on Davies kick about is getting rather old despite the treatment it received a while ago. It is our intention to replace it when needed and we are already working towards this. In the meantime we need to treat the area with respect.

Have you ever considered becoming a Parish Councillor? It is very interesting and worthwhile. Being a Councillor is non-political, and only deals with matters arising within our area, or matters pertaining to it. E.g. we discuss upkeep of our open spaces, including The Ridge area, maintenance of pavements and roads, building extensions, play areas, bus services and anything else that might arise. If you are at all interested, don't hesitate to attend one of our meetings. You will be very welcome: 7.30pm on the 2nd Monday of each month (except August) at Badger Farm Community Centre in the Bushfield Room.

Are you aware that we have our own Web Site? www.badgerfarmparishcouncil.gov.uk We are trying to put all sorts of interesting things on it. Please visit, and keep us informed about what you would like to see on it. Perhaps you have an interest in something that you would like to contribute!



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Sat. 7 June & Wed. 18 June 2pm-5pm ~ Downland Treasures at Broughton Down. Join Alex Hogg, Winchester area Volunteer Co-ordinator, for a visit to this Trust reserve to see the flowers and butterflies and learn about the Trust's management of this chalk downland site. Meet at 2pm at the end of Buckhold Road. Alternatively join at 2.20pm at the reservoir at the top of the hill. Dogs on lead welcome. Further details from Mary. Suggested donation £3.

Sat. 16 August 10.30am-4pm ~ Butterflies & Flowers at Broughton Down. Join Brian Fletcher for an exploration of the Trust's Broughton Down reserve. Meet and park at the end of Buckholt Road at the west wide of Broughton village. Bring a packed lunch. Joint meeting with Butterfly Conservation. Sorry, no dogs. Further details from Mary. Suggested donation £3.

Wed. 10 Sept. 7.30pm ~ Aotearoa - Land of the long white cloud. Mike Read, renowned wildlife photographer, writer and tour guide will talk about the wealth of species living around the coast and in the almost primeval forests on the spectacular islands of Aotearoa, the Maori name for New Zealand. At Badger Farm Community Centre. Further details from Loraine. Admission £3 including refreshments.

Wed. 8 Oct. 7.30pm ~ Insects & Flowering Plants. Entomologist, Jonathan Oakley will show how insects interact with plants and how plants defend themselves against insects. At Badger Farm Community Centre. Further details from Loraine. Admission £3 including refreshments.

Sun. 19 Oct. 10am-1pm ~ Fungus Foray. Join fungus expert Phil Budd at Magdalen Hill Down. Booking essential. Further details from Mary. Suggested donation £3.

Wed. 12 Nov. 7.30pm ~ Whatver Happened to Ratty? Chris Matcham, a local expert on water voles, will give an illustrated talk on the life and habits of this delightful creature and discuss the reasons for the decline in its distribution. Further details from Loraine. Admission £3 including refreshments.

Wed. 10 Dec. 7.30pm ~ Christmas Social & Quiz. Come and help us celebrate the festive season and take part in a light-hearted wildlife quiz over a glass of mulled wine or non-alcoholic drink and finger buffet. All welcome. Further details from Loraine.



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From the desk of Rev'd. Mike Gardner, Vicar of St Luke's Stanmore with St Mark's Oliver's Battery
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Dear Friends

The season of 'Fete' is upon us, the sign of Summer Holidays to come, School; Village; Church; you name it, there is a Summer event to plan and to attend and I hope to see some of you at some of them.

St Luke's Church Fete is on Saturday 19th July Noon to 4.00pm in my garden !

Community at all levels of local is important to each of us but without commitment and support they do not work well. We don't have to all have the same needs, views or understanding but to work together for the benefit of each other. Some can give of their time and skills others can offer support and encouragement and all can do something. It is at the local 'micro' level that life is lived the wider and bigger can offer safeguards and structure that we can buy into and use. Small can truly be beautiful.

The communities that found themselves starting the first Christian churches had a hard time of it, stepping out from pre-set ways and models, speaking out against the 'government' and established religions. Together they worked through and stood up for the 'new' truth they found in following Jesus Christ and his teaching.

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THE WINCHESTER COUNTRY MARKET!

Well, hello again from the team at Winchester Country Market. We hope you all

had a good Spring planting time and are now seeing the rewards of all your hard work. There is still a lot of Summer left to think about BBQ's and the lovely balmy evenings to sit outside.

We have a large selection of home made cards and gifts for all occasions and there is still plenty of planting time left for Autumn colour. We also have beautiful cut flowers to grace your table inside and out, fresh trout to cook on your BBQ, eggs and fresh vegetables, home made cakes, bread, jam and chutneys and all at very reasonable prices. All our produce and craft is made and grown locally - NO AIR MILES! - All freshly picked for the DAY! We very much look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Winchester Country Market is held weekly on a Friday at Badger Farm Community Centre from 8.30am to 11.00am. Why not pay us a visit to find out more? If you would like more information please telephone 01962 866340.

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

For further details, contact Jan in the office at the Community Centre (01962-868630) or text Yvonne John, Lip Reading Tutor, on 07789 915 040

Email: yc.john14@hotmail.com

BADGER FARM BRIDGE CLUB CELEBRATE THEIR 30TH ANNIVERSARY!

Congratulations to the Badger Farm Bridge Club who have just celebrated their 30th Anniversary at the Community Centre. They started back in April 1984 in St. Mark's Hall, Oliver's Battery. Fred Hotchen who is a founder member says it was really supposed to be a practice ground for people who had been to his Bridge classes but has continued ever since, moving to Badger Farm Community Centre as soon as it opened in November 1986 when it was renamed from Oliver's Battery Bridge Club to Badger Farm Bridge Club. They originally played in the Whiteshute Room but moved to the Bushfield Room when the Centre was extended. The club meets on Tuesdays from 7.15pm to 10.30pm and the emphasis is on playing bridge in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. New members or visitors are always welcome.

If anyone is interested either in joining Badger Farm Bridge Club or in having beginners or improvers lessons, please contact Fred Hotchen on 01794 301 185, mobile 07771 854 347 or email fred.hotchen@btinternet.com.



Members of Badger Farm Bridge Club enjoying the celebrations on the occasion of their 30th Anniversary



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



EASTER FUN AT BADGER FARM PRE-SCHOOL

As the Spring Term started, the weather was dull, grey and gloomy and the children and staff looked forward to sunnier days. We observed the climate and changes in it with a variety of activities. As Easter approached and the weather improved, we spent time outside looking at the growth of plants, bugs and

generally observing the garden coming to life. Our Easter celebrations got off to a wonderful start with Sainsbury's donating Easter eggs to each child - so a huge thank you from us all to the store. The Store Manager Richard Morris and Pauline Chapman joined us in egg rolling and great fun was had by all with the children producing decorated pictures that were displayed in the store foyer. Mask making, cake baking and an Easter Raffle completed a very busy term.



Sainsbury's Store Manager Richard Morris and Pauline Chapman, along with Denise Tosdevine, Pre-School Supervisor and some of the children showing off their Easter eggs!



The children enjoy egg rolling!

Alzheimer's Society

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ALZHEIMER'S GROUP ARE HAVING A BLOOMIN' GOOD TIME!

The local Winchester group of the Alzheimer's Society meet every Friday morning at Badger Farm Community Centre. Recently they have been busy planting for the Summer. They have kindly made up three lovely hanging baskets for the Community Centre garden which we will all enjoy watching grow. You can see them proudly showing off their efforts in the picture, right. Many thanks to all. Thanks also go to Sainsbury's who very generously sent over a large number of unsold flower bouquets following Mother's Day. We were able to offer these to various groups, including the Alzheimer's Society, as you can see from the picture, left.



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



BADGER FARM ART GROUP

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

What have our children been doing at Oliver's Battery primary school ...



...Skylark class...

You will find us in Key stage 2,
Trying our best in all that we do!
16 girls and 15 boys,

Our class can certainly make some noise!

Our writing focus, has been to persuade,
In a number of contexts, which includes losing breaks!

Our maths has been very hands on,
As we explored shapes and created fractions!

Energy, environment and all things green,
In our topic work, these things will be seen.

So don't be shy, come see us in action
Learning well, avoiding distractions!



...Owl class ...

In Owls Class we are busy this term carrying out many experiments in our Brainiacs Project. So far we have made invisible ink and created uncooked eggs that bounce. We investigated densities of different liquids and learnt about surface tension by floating paper clips on water.

In English we are learning about newspapers and are producing a newspaper about Sports Relief.

Our reporters were out on the Sports Relief day looking at all the activities and interviewing children on the events that they were taking part in.



...Woodpecker Class...

Woodpeckers are a class of 30 hardworking, thoughtful and motivated pupils. This year so far we have had some exciting and interesting topics, such as Inspiration, Chocolate and Ancient Egyptians. We have also been lucky enough to go on different adventures, firstly to see James and the Giant Peach at the Mayflower and to Kings for a multiskills Dance competition. On both occasions the children demonstrated superb behaviour and had lots of fun.

Last term the children worked hard to create some amazing animations using Movie Maker. This was a topic they enjoyed a great deal investigating how to create a good animation, as well as looking at animation from the past.

This term Woodpeckers have become Eco-warriors, focusing on energy and our environment. We are looking at the school and our local environment, thinking about what we like, any issues we have and how we can improve these.



Oliver's Battery primary school is a happy school with staff dedicated to ensuring your child is learning and socialising to the best of their ability. If you would like to come and visit us please call the office on 01962 869 496 to arrange a viewing. We would love to show you around.



WALK THE CAMINO WITH ME

From the safety of your armchair ☺!
From Sept. to Nov. 2014, I shall be walking the Via de Plata; 650 miles from Seville to Santiago in aid of Naomi House. Please support them by donating directly on: <http://virginmoneygiving.com/AndrewHowes4Naomi> THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS! Andrew Howes.

Tel: 07428 794325



AN UPDATE FROM STEVE BRINE, MP FOR WINCHESTER

As the economy recovers, and new jobs are created, we hear a great deal from politicians about the measures we have taken to encourage such enterprise. And it's true, we do now have the lowest rate of corporation tax in the G7 and we have pulled every lever available to us in Government to encourage that much talked of 'private sector recovery'.

However, in my experience it's never Government that creates jobs in the real economy, that happens somewhere else – somewhere like Winchester. I've written many times about the thriving local business scene we have in Oliver's Battery (and long may that continue) but Winchester generally is doing its bit for UK Plc.

Recently I dropped into Basepoint at Winnall, which is a hive of entrepreneurship, to celebrate 20 years of the business and it was yet another reminder for me of the small business heart of this area. If you want to find out more about Basepoint, and how it could help you develop your gem of a business idea, check them out at www.basepoint.co.uk One way or another we all benefit from a thriving small business sector in Winchester and long may that continue. You may be interested to know, each month I get a full report from the House of Commons Library about the number of unemployed JSA claimants in my Winchester constituency and, in March 2014, that was just 521. This represents a rate of 1% of the economically active population here aged 16 to 64 which makes us the 634th lowest of all 650 UK constituencies. There's always work to do but clearly, we're doing OK.

Of course, we all have to start somewhere and for some in this community that's Oliver's Battery Pre-School situated, in the grounds of Oliver's Battery School. I've taken a close interest in their work since they came to see me at my surgery a few years back to brief me on their ambitious plans for the future and subsequently visited to see for myself how much that investment is urgently needed. I promised then my support, so it was great to drop-into their 'Bake Off' at Badger Farm Community Centre recently. Some things I have to do are work, others – not least when you've two cake loving kids under six to entertain – mix business with pleasure! If you can support their grand plans, you can find out more and even give a little via www.oliversbatterypreschool.org.uk



Steve visits the Oliver's Battery Pre-School fundraising Bake-Off at Badger Farm Community Centre



Steve with Kris Hallenga

Finally, readers may know of the work I do in Parliament as Chair of the **All-Party Breast Cancer Group**. Through that role I met up recently with Kris Hallenga who, at 28 years-old, has a terminal diagnosis with the disease. Kris however, is far from beaten and she now runs a brilliant charity called 'CoppaFeel' which teaches young people to be breast aware. Alongside this she is on a mission to bring cancer education to the school syllabus and her rethinkcancer.com website is making quite a splash. Kris and I are working on something in Winchester which could be really special so look out for that in the local press or via www.stevebrine.com/breastcancer

More information about my work as your local MP, in Winchester, OBBF and Westminster, via www.stevebrine.com or on 01962 791110.

Steve Brine ~ MP for Winchester



GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE THIS SUMMER

In the run up to Summer, NHS Blood and Transplant is asking Badger Farm & Oliver's Battery residents to think about those less fortunate than themselves and give blood. According to Geraldine Parker, Lead Donor Relations Manager for NHS Blood and Transplant for the South West

area: "Summer is an important time to give, as blood stocks are often more vulnerable when people go away or are busy getting out and about as the weather improves." If you have an appointment to donate at an upcoming session, please keep it, especially if you are an O negative and B negative blood donor. If you don't yet have an appointment booked, please make one to donate in the upcoming weeks, which would help us to keep stock levels healthy. There is a session on Monday 25th August at Badger Farm Community Centre, Badger Farm Road, Winchester SO22 4QB from 10 am – 2 pm. Anyone aged between 17-65, weighing more than 50 kg (7st 12lbs) and in general good health could potentially start saving lives by becoming a blood donor. There is no upper age limit for donors who have donated in the last two years. For more information or to book an appointment visit www.blood.co.uk or contact 0300 123 23 23.

BADGER FARM SOCIAL CLUB



We are situated in the Community Centre and welcome anyone from the community to pop in and see what we have to offer. We are open Sunday 12noon - 10.30pm, Mon to Thurs 5pm - 11pm, Friday 4pm - 12am and Saturday 12noon - 12am. Membership is available for residents of Badger Farm and Oliver's Battery and surrounding areas for only £25 for a family, £20 for a single and £10 for a concession. We have men's and ladies darts teams, pool teams, a football team and a crib team. The pool team have had a successful season. They have been promoted as they have won the league. If you are interested in joining any of the teams, pop in and speak to Mel at the Club. We have two screens showing a range of sports and free Wi-Fi. We have 4 real ales and many other drinks available. Why not pop in to see what we are up to. We hope to see you soon.

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WINCHESTER HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



Summer has arrived and we are busy working in our gardens, carrying out jobs that we know so well. But even experienced gardeners can still broaden their knowledge and where better to do so than by joining us at one of our monthly meetings where you can mingle with like-minded people, listen to an interesting talk, ask questions and exchange gardening tips. The following topics are part of our Summer programme:

June (Wed 11) - AUTUMN BEAUTIES : Kevin Hobbs, Director of Hilliers Nurseries, will advise us on what and when to plant to give stunning colour in the Autumn.

July (Wed 9) - ATTRACTING BENEFICIAL WILDLIFE TO YOUR GARDEN: Marina Christopher of Phoenix Plants will talk about the unusual perennials and grasses that she enjoys growing.

August (Wed 13) - SCENTED PLANTS: Marcus Dancer will share his ideas for filling our gardens with perfume.

Also in **August (Sat 16)** we will be holding our **ANNUAL AUTUMN SHOW** at Badger Farm Community Centre from 2pm-4pm. It is an Open Show which non-members can participate in. Just ring 01962-623517 and ask for a schedule, or come and have a look round and have a cup of tea.

Our monthly meetings are held at the Winchester Club, Churchill Room, Worthy Lane, Winchester and start at 7.30pm. Visitors are free. You can find out more about us on our website:

<http://www.winchesterhorticulturalsociety.hampshire.org.uk/>

We look forward to welcoming you!



ANN'S COMPUTER CORNER

Welcome to a new and regular feature in Community News. Ann Jury is a local person who runs her own IT training and support business. She has kindly agreed to write a column each quarter offering advice and news within the IT world.

As I write this in April, the tech news is full of Heartbleed – a security vulnerability that allows hackers to steal passwords from seemingly-secure websites. As the designer of the new website for the Community Centre, I'd like to reassure you that www.bfobrca.org has not been affected by this problem. We don't collect user information or passwords and the site is hosted on a server which does not use the affected software.

On a wider basis, what does Heartbleed mean to you? If you use any affected sites, which include social media sites such as Facebook, Pinterest, Instagram and Tumblr, entertainment sites like YouTube, Netflix and Flickr or gmail and yahoo email, you should change your password as soon as possible. If you use the same password on other sites, such as your bank, you need to change those too. But don't choose a password that's too easily identifiable with you - your birthday, your child's name - or something on the list of the most commonly used passwords, which include 123456, password, abc123, qwerty and, for some strange reason, monkey! Make the new password a good one, a strong one. Experts recommend the use of a password manager such as LastPass. If you don't feel comfortable using one of these (or if you do use one and need to create a master password), here are some hints for coming up with a strong password:

The key is to find a password that a hacker can't guess, but you can remember. This sounds hard, but can be easier than you think. One of the best ways I've come across is the mnemonic technique: use the initial letters of a memorable sentence, then add some non-alphabetic characters. So, for example, I might think "If I won the lottery I would buy a house in St Tropez!" Using the first letter of each word gives "IiwtIiwbaHiST". That's a great start, but to make it stronger still, substitute in some numbers and add the punctuation back in. To me a b looks a little like 6 and i could be 1, giving "IiwtIiw6ah1ST!"

Now there is just one very important step you need to take: make the password unique for each website you use. If you've got a great memory, you can create a new password for each site. But if not, use the combination above as the core of your password and add a few letters from the website address. A new password for your google email account (<https://mail.google.com>) would, for example, be "IiwtIiw6ah1ST!oog". And there's your unguessable but easily memorable password (don't worry—those complicated-looking substitutions will soon become second nature). Bear in mind that this technique isn't a replacement for a good password manager - but it's definitely better than using 123456!

Ann Jury

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

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NOTICE

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**WEDNESDAY 23 JULY 2014 IN THE BUSHFIELD ROOM
AT BADGER FARM COMMUNITY CENTRE STARTING AT 8.00pm**

All local residents are invited to attend.

Come along and have your say about how the Association is run.

All matters for discussion, motions and nominations for the
Officers of the Association should be submitted to the Secretary of the
Executive Committee no later than two weeks prior to the meeting.

Forms for nominations can be obtained from
the Bookings Secretary at the Community Centre.

The Executive Committee Secretary can be contacted via the Community Centre on
01962 868630 or by email at enquiries@bfobrca.org

BADGER FARM & OLIVER'S BATTERY PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

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



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Please Contact Claire on 07899 814668

For more information about the class or if you need to discuss any medical issues you have which may affect your ability to exercise



Winchester Live At Home Scheme

Interested in Volunteering?

Want to help older people in your community?

Winchester Live at Home Scheme is a local charity offering support and friendship to older people living in their own homes; helping to maintain independent living, improve well-being and reduce isolation. We are in urgent need of Volunteer Drivers, Befrienders and Exercise Class support. Drivers can either provide transport in their own vehicles or can be MIDAs trained to become a minibus driver. Transport is needed for most of the clubs but we also offer occasional transport for members for things such as doctor's appointments.

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

Our Exercise Plus class held on Thursday afternoons at St Mark's Church, Oliver's Battery, 2.30pm – 3.30pm is in need of additional Volunteer support. Our classes are taught by postural stability instructors and are designed to maintain and improve posture, strength, balance and stamina. Volunteers are required to help supervise the classes, support Members in their movements and provide assistance to the instructor.

For more information on these and other Volunteering opportunities please contact us on **01962 890995** or visit www.wlahs.org

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A warm welcome awaits you in your local group. New members are always welcome so, come along and join! The group meets at Badger Farm Community Centre, Badger Farm Road (next to Sainsbury's)

every Saturday morning at 9.30am. If you would like more information, please telephone Steve on 07788 683 077



Legs, Bums and Tums ~ Fun Exercise Classes at Badger Farm Community Centre

Come along and enjoy our friendly and effective classes. They combine cardio and conditioning work and are suitable for all abilities. Monday mornings 9.30-10.30 (termtime only) and Tuesday evenings 6.45-7.45 at Badger Farm Community Centre.. Other daytime classes available at different venues. Cost of class £4.00 per session. Any enquiries to Catherine Jones 07990 513434 or cathjones@talktalk.net Fully qualified Aerobics Instructor and member of REPS Register Of Exercise Professionals.

UPDATE FROM YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLORS

By the time you read this the local elections will be over and you will have a new Councillor to represent you on Winchester City Council. I would like to thank you for your support over the last four years. Along with my colleague Cllr. Brian Laming, we have been able to get some improvements to the landscaping on Badger Farm and supported residents to resist attempts to build houses on countryside land in Oliver's Battery. Although I can look back at successes over my term in office, I am conscious that there is always more that needs to be done.

The Hampshire County Council consultation regarding non-commercial bus routes, the No 2 service in Oliver's Battery and the No 5 evening bus, concludes on 31st May and I know that Brian will continue to represent your concerns before a final decision is made.

The repeated flooding at Pitt roundabout is causing concern. Brian will be talking to our County Councillor Phil Bailey to see what can be done about it as the pavement is often also under water. We have also reported the very poor resurfacing of Meadow Way where the potholes are still visible under the surface.

Brian has also been talking to Winchester Council about the problem of unoccupied houses that are left to deteriorate which are not only unsightly but can also encourage rodents to breed in the overgrown gardens.

We have asked the neighbourhood police team to visit Badger Farm to see the extent of careless parking which is upsetting residents. Please continue to use the 111 number to report problems or let Brian know. It is only the police that have any powers over this.

Please let us know if you think we can help in any way.

Lynda Banister

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Rugbytots is back at Badger Farm Community Centre every Friday afternoon between 1pm and 3pm. For more information contact Phil Rowles on 0845 313 3258, email phil@rugbytots.co.uk or visit their website www.rugbytots.co.uk



NATURE NOTES FROM OLIVER'S BATTERY



I always delight to hear my first chaff because it brings with it the spring. This was on 18th March and its song can now be heard everywhere in the Oliver's Battery countryside along with that of the whitethroat singing his scratchy repertoire out of sight in the bushes, the blackcap's melodic tones and the exuberant shouting of the song thrush. Many goldfinches are visiting gardens again, but not mine; they sit on telephone wires in my road issuing their liquid twittering song while completely ignoring the nyger seeds in the nearby feeder! I was told of the first sighting of swallows on 10th April and the same person has seen a solitary red kite over the paddocks heading towards Compton.

Although numbers of house sparrows are in decline there is a colony in Priors Way chattering and arguing. The sounds are reminiscent of my urban childhood of the fifties when we thought of sparrows as rather common little birds! Another bird whose population is declining is the starling, although we have several visiting our garden. Recently I repeatedly heard what I thought was the cry of a buzzard, often seen quartering over the garden, but there was nothing in sight. It took me several days to realise it was a starling practising a new note in his extensive vocabulary!

I hope we may have plenty of sloes in the autumn if the numerous displays of the blackthorn's translucent white blossom were anything to go by. These earlier splashes have now been replaced by creamy sprays of hawthorn blossom more pleasant than their scent which is said to be a mixture of almond and rotting flesh. It is in our folklore that the smell was likened to the stench of the Great Plague of London! I have read it was since discovered that the chemical trimethylamine found in the blossom is one of the first chemicals formed in the tissue of decaying animals. This smell attracts certain insects while the almond smell attracts bees giving the hawthorn an added chance of pollination.

The bold yellow heads of dandelions are being followed by the perfectly round delicate intricacy of the seedheads or clocks but this simple beauty is debased by the thoughtlessly discarded bottles and cans beside footpaths and under hedgerows. I am sure the perpetrators have no idea of the danger this presents to wildlife. Small mammals can crawl inside and become trapped. I will never forget emptying a can which contained the rotting remains of some such creature. I carry a plastic bag to collect and recycle this litter and it would be great if local walkers could possibly do likewise or stamp on the cans to flatten them.

Norma Goodwin

WINCHESTER SUPPORT GROUP



The National Osteoporosis Society offers support to people with osteoporosis and their families and carers through a range of detailed information booklets and leaflets, a national telephone helpline and a network of regional support groups. The Winchester Support Group meetings are held in a friendly atmosphere for support, advice and information. Members are welcome to bring family and friends as guests. Meetings take place on alternate months at St. Peter's Pastoral Centre (opposite the Library Discovery Centre,) Jewry Street, Winchester, SO23 8RY. Support group contacts are Anne on 01962 864410 and Pam on 01962 866152. The programme for the rest of 2014 is below:

Thursday 5 June at 7.00pm ~ FUNDRAISING "BRING & BUY TEA".

All donations welcome, especially any cuttings, etc. from the garden. Help from Cranial Osteopathy. Speaker, Laurent Heib, Cranial Osteopath from Point of Health, Chandlers Ford.

Thursday 7 August at 7.00pm ~ "Care of Prescribed Medicines" ~ Speaker, Richard Andoh, Senior Pharmacist, Sainsbury's, Winchester.

Thursday 2 October at 7.00pm ~ ANNUAL MEETING followed by "Osteoporosis Update" ~ Speaker, Dr Neil Buchanan, Consultant Rheumatologist, R.H.C.H.

Thursday 4 December at 12.30pm ~ Christmas "Bring & Share" Lunch ~ "Fire! Fire! Fire!" ~ Speaker, Richard Anderson, Fire Officer Raffle & Refreshments at each meeting ~ £2 donation appreciated to cover expenses ~ All Welcome. The National Telephone Helpline number is 0845 450 0230 www.nos.org.uk ~ email info@nos.org.uk



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Saturday 5 July - Auction - Contact 01962 734941

Wednesday 23 July - BFOBRCA Annual General Meeting - Contact 01962 868630

Sunday 20 July - Stamp & Postcard Fair - Contact 01795 478175

Tuesday 5 August - Open Sight Information Day - Contact 023 8064 1244

Saturday 16 August - Winchester Horticultural Society Show - Contact 01962 620808

Monday 25 August - National Blood Service - Contact www.blood.co.uk or contact 0300 123 23 23

