

# Community News

Your Community Newsletter and Village Voice

Summer 2015 Edition



## BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL PLAY GROUND SURVEY

Thank you for your amazing response, there were far more returns than expected.

The numbers were fairly equal between Davies and Central, the usage being almost equal. Generally more equipment was requested for the over 5's, with more updating for all categories'. The subject of fencing was mentioned – this will be attended to. The general state of the Central area was commented on. This is partly because of the vandalism in past years, which was so bad and repetitive that your council had to draw a line over the amount which we were spending on repairing the affected equipment. There is also a mistaken presumption that Davis is in good condition. This is in fact false. The posts are all disintegrating below the surface at an alarming rate and will have to demolish it when we are advised by our safety inspector, perhaps in a few weeks or months time.

Your council's next step is to discover what grants are available to us. Then we will be able to ascertain what we can actually build (having looked carefully at your Survey results) and what we can afford. We will keep you informed as matters progress.

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Dog fouling continues to be an issue at Badger Farm. Please remember that not tiding up after your dog is, in fact, a criminal offence and could lead to a hefty fine. It is particularly unpleasant to see fouling around the play areas where there are young children.

The changes to the buses took place at the beginning of April. Just a reminder of alterations to our No. 5 bus:- A general outline is as follows. The Sunday bus will only travel every half hour, with all services stopping earlier. We can now use the Park and Ride bus after 7pm although we will have to disembark/embark at Oliver's Battery. Please also note that the Concessionary pass cannot be used before 9.30am. (There are some exceptions to this which do not apply to our No. 5).

The idea of having cows eating the grass on Whiteshute Ridge is progressing with the Landscape and Open Spaces Dept. of Winchester City Council. A Survey was taken in 2014 which identified many wild flowers and some quite rare birds. In order not to lose these, and to encourage more diversity, the idea of using cattle to graze the area is still a strong possibility. More about this will be forthcoming in the future. If you have any problems, comments, ideas, or suggestions about our Parish please go to our web page where you can leave your comments. [www.badgerfarmparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.badgerfarmparishcouncil.gov.uk) And don't forget that you are welcome to attend any of the meetings.

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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<br>01962 856689<br>lizabehweir@gmail.com                      | £6.50 per person                       | A friendly "drop in" art group providing a "space to paint" in a relaxed setting. All abilities welcome.             |
| Badger Farm ACOL Club                      | Friday                       | 7.15pm - 10.30pm   | Roland Richardson<br>023 8025 1277   | £1 visitors<br>£15 annual              | Bridge Club  |
| Brendon Care<br>Badger Farm Friendly Group | Alternate Thursdays          | 2.00pm - 4.00pm  | Catherine Fellingham<br>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<br>01794 301185<br>07771 854 347<br>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<br>9.15am - 3.00pm<br>Thurs/Fri<br>9.15am - 12.15pm | Denise Tosdevine<br>07771 798 474  | £4.25 per hour                         | For children from 3 years to school age. Great OFSTED results. Afternoons also available - enquiries to Denise.      |
| Badminton                                  | Thursday                     | 8.00pm - 9.00pm  | Wendy King<br>01962 861525   |  | Fun and friendly for any age and ability. All welcome!   |
| Eucharist (Holy Communion)                 | Tuesday                      | 10.00am - 11.00am  | Rev. Mike Gardner<br>01962 865240  |  | Church of England Service. All welcome.  |
| FITSTEPS                                   | Wednesday                    | 2.00pm - 2.45pm  | Debbie Woodley<br>07724 136 428<br>debbie.woodley@talk21.com                 | £5 per session                         | A new dance-fitness programme combining simple steps from the most popular Ballroom & Latin dances.                  |
| Hampshire Wildlife Trust                   | 2nd Wed. of the month        | 7.30pm - 9.30pm  | Loraine<br>01962 861182  | £3.00 per meeting                      | Illustrated talks on wildlife for all. Contact Loraine for details.  |
| Jo Jingles                                 | Tuesday                      | 9.45am - 10.30am<br>10.45am - 11.30am                            | Victoria Smith<br>01489 877278   |  | Music & Movement for children from the age of 1 year.  |
| Legs, Bums & Tums                          | Monday<br>Tuesday            | 9.30am - 10.30am<br>6.45pm - 7.45pm                              | Catherine Jones<br>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<br>01980 862285<br>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<br>07990 037 467  | £2 per family per session              | All parents, guardians and child minders with children aged newborn to 5 years are welcome. Just turn up on the day! |
| Royal British Legion                       | 3rd Thursday monthly         | 7.30pm - 9.30pm  | Stanley Judd<br>01962 841402   |  | A warm welcome awaits you at your local Royal British Legion group meeting.  |
| Slimming World                             | Saturday                     | 9.30am - 11.00am   | Steve Coombs<br>07788 683 077  |  | A warm welcome awaits you in your local group! New members always welcome.   |
| Weight Watchers                            | Thursday                     | 9.30am - 11.00am<br>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<br>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<br>01962 855977  |  | Fresh produce, cakes and preserves, crafts and plants. All welcome!  |
| Winchester Tae Kwon-Do                     | Monday<br>Wednesday          | 6.30pm - 9.00pm  | Chris Barrett<br>info@winchestertkd.co.uk                                    | Membership by subscription             | 6.30pm-7.45pm beginners/intermediates<br>7pm-8.30pm seniors (black belts to 9pm)                                     |
| Yoga                                       | Monday<br>Tuesday<br>Friday  | 9.30am - 11.00am<br>5.30pm - 7.00pm<br>1.30pm - 3.00pm           | Chris Wyeth<br>01962 868346  | £35 per 5 week sessions                | Experience the balancing effect of yoga on mind and body. Stretch and relax into a healthier life.                   |

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

## THE WINCHESTER COUNTRY MARKET



The sunny weather has finally arrived! Time to start gardening, re-doing our borders and rockeries now that the evenings are longer. It's a good time to take a look at our lovely range of bedding plants. Come and have a look at our range of fresh homemade cakes, cookies, jams and pickles to go with your picnic or afternoon tea! We also have fresh trout and freshly laid eggs. Why not take a look at our creative range of cards for forthcoming birthdays or other events and view our arts and crafts for gifts or to treat yourself to something new, colourful and hand crafted. We are open on Friday mornings from 8.30am to 11.00am at Badger Farm Community Centre. A special date for your diary is Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May when we are having a Summer Saturday Market at St Mark's Church Hall - see advertisement. Please do come and have a look! Would you like to come and join our team? We are currently looking for plant producers and cooks. If you would like to know more, please telephone Pauline on 01962 866340. We look forward to seeing you soon!



## THE WINCHESTER COUNTRY MARKET

We have a Saturday Market Day  
at St. Mark's Church, Oliver's Battery  
on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2015  
from 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

Come along! In addition to our usual Friday Market, Winchester Country Market is having a 'Saturday Market' at St. Mark's Church, where we will have the usual range of homemade jams, cakes, pickles, cookies and other produce. As summer approaches, there will be a lovely range of bedding plants for the garden, garden plant pots, etc., and interesting arts and crafts too. Please come and look!



## Oliver's Battery Primary School

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Miss Wood took up the post of substantive Head Teacher of Oliver's Battery Primary School in January and has been working hard with the children, staff, governors and parents to move the school to a 'Good' Ofsted rating. Our recent HMI visit in April 2015 was very positive. The children would like to share some of their experiences with you:

**School Charter:** 'We are proud of our school' Enabling children to have a say in their school's ethos is paramount. To this end all of the children from Reception to Year 6, discussed what they liked about the school and what they wanted to improve creating 'Our School Charter'. This is how the children at Oliver's Battery Primary School see themselves at school and within the wider community.

### Our School Charter

1. We are proud of our school.
2. We are enthusiastic learners who put in extra effort and have fun.
3. We are resilient, resourceful and NEVER give up.
4. We work co-operatively, we trust adults to help us and we think before we act.
5. We are honest, well-mannered and trustworthy.
6. We are kind and caring and look after each other and everyone in our community.
7. We are always safe and sensible and look after our school.

**Milestones visit:** Year 1 visited Milestones as part of their Toy Topic. They had an amazing day and thoroughly enjoyed all that the museum had to offer. They were curious and took full part in all the opportunities. One of the parent helpers said that 'The children were so positive and polite; I had a great day!'

**Land of Ice and Fire:** Year 3 and 4 presented their topic outcome. Walking into the hall we found ourselves transported into the Land of Ice and Fire. We were met by a very confident, knowledgeable and well-dressed Public Relations man who gave us lots of information on Iceland. We signed in at the Tourist Centre and saw exploding volcanoes, video presentations and Icelandic dancing, we were fed jam pastries. A full article can be found in the Spring Edition of the Local Authority English News.

Oliver's Battery Primary School is a wonderful school, set in extensive grounds, offering unique opportunities to extend and enhance children's learning. Do come and see for yourself; Miss Wood would love to show you around. Contact us on 01962 869496. Or find us on our new website: [www.oliversbatteryprimary.com](http://www.oliversbatteryprimary.com)

**Our Open Days are on 12th June and 18th September 9.30am -11.00am**

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

**Wed. 3 June ~ 10 am-1pm ~ Old Burghclere Lime Quarry Walk** ~ Enjoy the late spring butterflies and orchids at this reserve guided by the members who help maintain it and record its wildlife. Meet and park in the Old Burghclere station farm-yard in area. This is a joint event with the Butterfly Conservation. For further information, please phone Mary on 01962 864440 or Mervyn on 01264 358737. Sorry, no dogs. Suggested donation £3.

**Wed. 24 June ~ 11am-3pm ~ A Wildlife Walk at Broughton Down** ~ 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 11am at the western end of Buckholt Road, off the B3084. Alternatively, join us at 11.20am at the reservoir at the top of the hill where parking is also available. No dogs please. For further information, phone Mary on 01962 864440. Suggested donation £3.

**Sat. 4 July ~ 10.30am and 2pm ~ Butterflies at Silchester Common and Pamber Forest** ~ Join Brian Fletcher for a walk to see the butterflies and other wildlife at Silchester Common (morning) and Pamber Forest (afternoon). You can join us for the full day (bring lunch) or for just the morning or the afternoon. Meet at the car park at Impstone Road, Pamber Heath at 10.30 am for the morning walk and 2pm for the afternoon walk. This meeting is joint with the Butterfly Conservation. For further details, please contact Mary on 01962 864440. Sorry, no dogs. Suggested donation £3.

**Wed. 12 August ~ 2pm-5pm ~ Butterflies and Flowers at Yew Hill** ~ Join Brian Fletcher for a walk at this Butterfly Conservation reserve near Winchester. Meet at the end of Old Kennels Lane at the junction with Port Lane and Millers Lane, Oliver's Battery. This meeting is joint with the Butterfly Conservation. For further information, please phone Mary on 01962 864440. Suggested donation £3.

**We would particularly welcome help at our evening talks.**

Don't forget to use our new email address if you want to contact us - [enquiries@bfobrca.org](mailto:enquiries@bfobrca.org)

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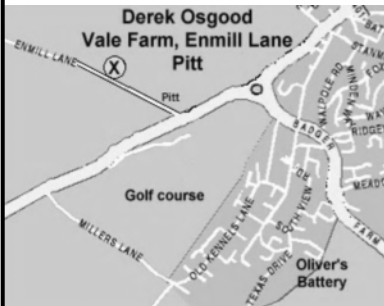
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## SING WINCHESTER!



**Join the Choir...**  
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Did you know that we have a wonderful choir called Sing Winchester right on our doorstep? There are many who still haven't heard of us, and they don't know what they're missing! Sing Winchester is an a capella world music choir which began life 6 years ago in Badger Farm, later moving to St Mark's Church, Oliver's Battery.



Many people are put off at the thought of joining a choir because they believe they can't sing, but even if you only sing in the shower, you can still enjoy the sound and thrill of singing in harmony with others. I became instantly smitten with the spine-tingling harmonies during my first tentative session, and that was it - hooked!! There's no need to feel apprehensive, there are no auditions and no music to read as all songs are taught by ear. We sing traditional world songs in their original languages in 3 or 4 part harmony, with voices only. The foreign languages don't pose a problem as words are provided in phonetics and we learn by rote - just as young children do when learning nursery rhymes. Easy!

Sing Winchester is a friendly, informal, productive singing group and we are incredibly fortunate to be led by our enthusiastic and talented founder, Jac Gehring, who somehow manages to transform ordinary mortals into a harmonious whole!

We are giving a concert on Saturday 27 June in St Lawrence Church, The Square, Winchester from 5-6 pm in aid of the Oliver's Battery Pre-School charity who need funds to build new premises for the children. Tickets - Adults £6, Children £3, Free for 5's and under. Do come and support us and the local Pre-School, hear great harmonies in songs from Croatia, France, Bulgaria, Africa, Georgia, Brazil, and more. Who knows - you might be tempted to come and give us a try! Singing is good for you, it makes you happy, it makes you smile!

For details & information please contact: [jac@singwinchester.com](mailto:jac@singwinchester.com) - T: 07941 246 685 - [www.singwinchester.com](http://www.singwinchester.com)

## 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 £30 for a family, £20 for a single and £10 for a concession. We have men's and ladies darts teams. Our men's A team have won the first division and the Memorial cup. Our two ladies teams are first and second in the league and the A team have won the knockout cup. If you are interested in joining us, 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.

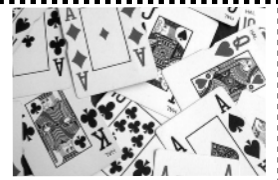
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# Annual Bridge Tea

## Thursday 8th October 2015

### 2pm – 5pm



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Volunteering can prove to be a very rewarding experience for many people and we have a variety of roles available, we are currently in great need of assistance at some of our regular activities which are held at the United Church, Jewry Street. If you have some time available and enjoy the company of older people then our Volunteering roles might suit you. Please contact us on 01962 890995 or visit our website for more information [www.wlahs.org](http://www.wlahs.org)

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### Power of Laughter Free Workshop

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

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

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

# A SUCCESSFUL LAUNCH FOR THE OLIVER'S BATTERY PLAN

More than 150 people were at the highly successful Launch Meeting of the Oliver's Battery Plan on 1<sup>st</sup> April.

## So what next?

Expectations are now high and a momentum is building. The next major Event will be the **Community Survey**, distributed in **July**. This will provide demonstrable statistical evidence on the issues that concern the community, what we value and want to preserve, and what we want to develop in our Plan. But before this, we are consulting individuals, specialist groups, shopkeepers, teachers and all those who make up our community, to identify issues to include in this Community Survey.

So keep an eye out for notices of meetings and drop-in discussion sessions. And give us your thoughts by filling out one of the slips on the red Suggestion Boxes that are in view in the Supermarket, and in St Mark's. Or send an email to the contacts at the end of this article.

## Why not run a House Party? Or a Tea Party?

With any Community Plan, it's important to involve people at every stage, to keep moving forward, generating ideas of what might be possible, above and beyond solid issues like roads, transport, facilities, to think 'What if ....', to let the ideas flow. Thinking 'outside the box', in other words. We're suggesting that you can do this yourselves during the months of June and July .....

It's an idea that we've borrowed from Buriton - **House Parties**. It's a way of getting to know your neighbours, meeting up with friends and enjoying the summer weather and the long warm evenings (well, we can hope!).

## Keeping in touch

We are using social media to keep residents in touch with what's going on with the Plan, so that we keep everyone informed and do not lose the momentum that we are establishing.

- If you are on email, we are setting up a 'Mail Chimp' **Newsletter**, which will send out regularly. We already have nearly 200 residents on our list. If you want to join in on this, send your contact details to Connie or Maggie (emails at end of this article).
- You can also look at the new **Oliver's Battery Parish Council website**, <https://oliversbattery.wordpress.com/> which has direct links to the Plan. News of the Plan can also be found on Facebook on the **Oliver's Battery Parish Council Facebook** page.

We are trying to keep people informed who are not on email -

- If you know people who are not on email, but who would like to hear regularly about the Plan, then let us know, so that we can drop off copies of our information bulletins.
- We will be at the Spring Fayre at the primary school on Saturday, May 16th.
- We will also be at the Event on the Battery on Sunday, July 12th.

**If you want to find out more about the Oliver's Battery Plan, or want to get involved in any way, please contact:**

**Cllr. Constance Leach on [constance@leach154.plus.com](mailto:constance@leach154.plus.com) or 01962 865883  
or Cllr. Maggie Collin on [maggiejeancollin@hotmail.com](mailto:maggiejeancollin@hotmail.com) or 01962 867572**



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**USEFUL ADVICE FROM CRIMESTOPPERS**

I'm certainly no financial adviser, but my policing bones would suggest that we are in for a period of financial scams! From April 2015 the rules surrounding pension funds changed and there are now more choices than ever before about how you can access your pension pot. Fraudsters are likely to take advantage of these new rules by trying to persuade people to cash in their pension - either the whole lot or a large sum - and hand the money over to them 'to invest'. There are different types of pension scam but they can all lead to you losing a lifetime's worth of savings in a moment. You can be sure that if some of these unscrupulous characters think you've suddenly come into a sum of money, they will be keen to help you spend it! Watch out particularly for people contacting you out of the blue or adverts claiming to offer free pension reviews or no-obligation consultations. Investment scams can look and sound believable, with smooth-talking salespeople, slick websites or sophisticated brochures and prospectuses. This can make it hard to tell them apart from genuine investment opportunities. Not everyone is trying to defraud you or con you out of your money, but just be aware that if something seems to be too good to be true, it quite possibly is. Be on high alert and don't be afraid to say no or put the phone down!

Of course, it's not just your pension money that the crooks are after. Rogue traders specifically target those who they consider to be vulnerable within our communities. They will often offer to carry out repairs, vastly overcharging for unnecessary, shoddy or even non-existent work - and there are no guarantees, assuming you can find these people again. Don't open the door to anyone before you've checked who it is - look out of the window or use a spy hole in your door. Don't be afraid to ignore the doorbell if you wish - there's no law that says you have to open the door! If you open the door, keep the chain on while you find out who is calling and what they want. If you're not expecting someone and you don't know them, don't let them into your home, no matter what they say to you. If a caller is genuine they will understand your concerns. If you think you do need to have work done to your home, ask for quotes from two or three reputable companies. Ask your friends, neighbours or relatives who may be able to recommend companies or trades people. Please be vigilant if you have elderly or vulnerable neighbours and report your concerns to the police. You may have been wise enough to turn away the unsolicited caller, but your neighbours may be grateful that you reported the incident to save them from becoming a victim. If you've information about any crime, please call Crimestoppers on 0800 555111, or log on to [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org) where you can also give information without anyone knowing who you are. Your call is free, no one will know you called and you may earn a cash reward. You can also follow me on twitter @HantsCrimestopp

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## OLIVER'S BATTERY WI

After much plant propagation and last minute baking, we were delighted to see so many people turn up for the Annual Plant and Cake Sale. We also were delighted to see so many families enjoying the cakes, biscuits and coffee - some even picnicking on the green by the side of St Mark's. If you missed this year's sale, a little reminder that this is an annual event held on the first Bank Holiday in May. People are travelling far and wide to support the sale which is such good value.

The year ahead looks very bright with many events to celebrate the Centenary of the WI, culminating in a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace, an Annual Meeting at the Royal Albert Hall in the company of Her Majesty the Queen and the Princess Royal, both WI members, and then in Hampshire a family Celebration at Hilliers Arboretum - all to be held in June. Oliver's Battery WI will be having a Cream Tea at the end of June in a member's beautiful garden as well as the very popular monthly meetings. Speakers are thought provoking and also sometimes purely for enjoyment. In June we are concentrating on what to look for with Skin Cancer. The speaker is a Consultant who will not only explain the signs but also will give advice on individual problems. In July we will be out of the area for an evening Garden Visit. A superb local garden where a little business is conducted over refreshments but with the garden being the main attraction. We will also be having two outings this year - one to Arundel on 15 July and another to Kilver Court in Somerset on 26 September.

Oliver's Battery WI now has over 50 members, with a large proportion at all meetings. This can meet with some challenges over space but it shows how much this WI can provide to help local women, and some not so local, get and make new friends. If you would like to know more, please come along as a visitor or phone Cathy Winter on 01962 620250.

Oliver's Battery WI meets on the third Tuesday of each month, except July and August, in St Mark's Church, Oliver's Battery at 7.45pm. More information on the WI can be found at [www.hampshirewi.org.uk](http://www.hampshirewi.org.uk) and look for Oliver's Battery WI's page.

## Badger Farm Toddlers

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| APR  | 23, 30        |
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| JUNE | 4, 11, 18, 25 |
| JULY | 2, 9          |

## JOIN US AT OUR DEMENTIA CAFE IN WINCHESTER

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

## AN UPDATE FROM YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLORS

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

### Estate Management

We have had a walk around the Badger Farm estate with the City Councils officers and Parish Council Members to discuss the maintenance improvements planned for this year. Hopefully this will help to avoid the issues of grass and plants becoming overgrown as happened last year. We also attended a Badger Farm Parish Council meeting (with representatives from Oliver's Battery Parish Council) to discuss the trial planting of wild flowers in small grass areas on both parishes. This is designed primarily to increase the bio diversity and encourage wildlife in the area. However, we do have an ongoing problem with dog fouling in the area, an issue that is particularly bad on Whiteshute Ridge. You can be fined for this, so please pick up your dog mess as it is dangerous and unhygienic, especially with summer round the corner.

### Buses

We continue to push Hampshire County Council to improve the buses around Oliver's Battery and late evening services to the whole area.

Please support us and the Residents Association in this effort by completing the Bus Survey **below** on line.

We will use the data from this to help justify our requests to improve the services.

### Badger Farm Road

We continue to be concerned about the Oliver's Battery Road South/Badger Farm Road junction, following another accident occurring at the junction. We are consulting actively with local residents and the highways department at the County Council. Council staff have been in the area and we await the results of their investigations so that we can work with them to make improvements.

### The Hospital

You may have seen in the local press that the local Hospitals Trust is now seeking planning permission for a new hospital near junction 7 on the M3. We feel that this proposal would damage Winchester Hospital, taking many critical services out of the area, as well as having a large impact on the many hospital staff who live in the area.

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

Cllr Brian Laming - 07973 265 028 - [blaming@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:blaming@winchester.gov.uk)

Cllr Patrick Fancett - 07757 508 608 - [pfancett@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:pfancett@winchester.gov.uk)

## BUS SURVEY

Following the successful North Winchester bus survey, Winchester SALT is running another bus survey in partnership with the Badger Farm and Oliver's Battery Residents Community Association (BFOBRCA). We're concerned to ensure that bus and other sustainable transport options remain viable across Winchester, that residents can get around locally with ease and do not become isolated, and that Winchester's public amenities are accessible via all modes of transport. If you live in Oliver's Battery, Badger Farm, Stanmore or The Valley, please take 5 minutes to complete this survey, by 21st June 2015. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/westwinchesterbuses>

It is very important that as many people as possible complete this survey as the results will be shared with local decision-makers, including representatives of Winchester City and Hampshire County councils, and the Stagecoach bus company. Please forward this on to anyone who would be interested. The information will also help us when we look at the possible new housing developments in the area. Thank you!

Brian Laming, Badger Farm and Oliver's Battery Residents Community Association, Badger Farm Community Centre, Badger Farm Road, Winchester, Hampshire, SO22 4QB - Tel. 01962 868630



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| <b>June 18<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Hearing Dogs for the Deaf will tell us about their charity (+ dog!)</b>                        |
| <b>July 2<sup>nd</sup></b>  | <b>Tai Chi - Moves for your body and mind!</b>  |
| <b>July 16<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Outing - Details to follow.</b>  |
| <b>July 30<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Marlene entertains with her special brand of songs and humour.</b>                             |

If you would like to know more about joining as a member or volunteer please call Catherine Fellingham on 07467 955863 or Brendoncare Club Hampshire on 01962 857099 or visit [www.brendoncare.org.uk](http://www.brendoncare.org.uk)

# Summer Fair

All welcome!

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## OLIVER'S BATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

April 1<sup>st</sup> saw a very successful launch meeting of the Oliver's Battery Plan with more than 150 residents in attendance. Doug Jones, from Buriton, gave an entertaining presentation on how his

community developed and completed their Plan. Presentations from some of our younger residents gave a fresh perspective on how they would like things to develop for them. Focus Groups fed back their findings – our beautiful countryside, the sense of space, quiet and friendliness were all positives, while concerns were expressed about traffic, transport and community facilities. There was a strong concern at the prospect of further housing developments and their impact on the countryside, traffic and schools. Above all, there was a desire to develop and build on the sense of community we have here in Oliver's Battery. Please see the article by Connie Leach on Page 8 regarding the next stages in the development of the Plan with details of how you can get involved.

As we go forward from Spring into Summer, there will be increased use of the new children's play equipment that was successfully installed last Summer. The new equipment has received a lot of favourable comment and has already been well used by the younger members of our community. The replacement of the toddler equipment is on our current list of things to do. As before, the design of that equipment will be subject to public consultation in due course.

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

A new monthly play equipment survey regime has been implemented and recommendations from the survey form the basis of further works instructed by the Council to maintain and enhance the play area. The maintenance of the soft landscaping areas and associated works in the Recreation Ground, including the grass pathway in the Conservation Area, has been rationalised into a single contract that commenced in April 2015.

The new map board showing rights of way and walks around Oliver's Battery in a pictorial way, as represented by a local artist, has been located by the recreation ground car park. In addition, information boards, designed by the same local artist, were commissioned for the Wildlife Area. The two information boards were unveiled on 22<sup>nd</sup> March by Sara Outlaw (former Parish Council chair).

A new improved Parish Council website has been developed together with the Oliver's Battery Facebook page. The Parish Council is keen to develop these forms of communication to provide up to date reliable information on news and events connected with Oliver's Battery.

The junction of Badger Farm Road with Oliver's Battery Road South continues to be of concern following another accident recently. Our discussions with Hampshire County Council are on going. More information on this can be found on our website under News/Notices.



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](mailto:pozzie_pam@hotmail.com) or contact Jan at the Community Centre on 01962 868630.



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



### BADGER FARM ART GROUP

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

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## AN UPDATE FROM STEVE BRINE, MP FOR WINCHESTER

To represent the great constituency of Winchester once was a huge privilege. To have the chance to do it again, means a great deal. Thank you to everyone who supported me and allowed me to secure 55% of the vote with a greatly increased majority. You can see more on the result and watch footage from the count itself via [www.stevebrine.com/GE2015](http://www.stevebrine.com/GE2015). As I said five years ago, I will once again work to the best of my ability to serve this area and to represent everyone who lives here.

I visited every community in the constituency during the campaign and, although I never stop canvassing or holding street surgeries, it was good to meet and talk with constituents every day meeting hundreds of people in the process. With the local team, we spent a number of days in Oliver's Battery and Badger Farm and I'd like to say thank you for the warm response. We even had residents stop to chat out of the car window as they saw us, in our distinctive Team Winchester jackets, padding the streets!

Back at the start of April I dropped into the Oliver's Battery Community Plan meeting at the school and was hugely impressed with what I saw. Many congratulations to Connie Leach and the whole team for such an impressive and professional presentation. I stand ready to work with them all where I can to make a success of this important process.

The General Election of 2015 was a long one (the country endured a six-week campaign) and, as I said time and again, was the most important and unpredictable in years. Indeed, as the pollsters enter a period of soul searching as to how they got it so wrong, the new Government is getting on with the job. The same can be said of me as our constituency MP. I was out attending local events the very next day and back to Westminster on the Monday after polling day. Quite what this new Parliament will bring for me is yet to be written but I will go on championing some of my long-standing causes (breast cancer, park homes, cycling and reducing re-offending) as well as playing my part in the new Government. I look forward to receiving your continued input on the issues of the day and suggestions for ventures new.

You can find more information about my continuing work as your local MP, in Winchester and Westminster, via [www.stevebrine.com](http://www.stevebrine.com) or on 01962 791110.

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# NOTICE

## THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BADGER FARM & OLIVER'S BATTERY RESIDENTS' COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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All local residents are invited to attend.

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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.

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**Transforming the quad...** thanks to excellent fund raising efforts from the Friends, the first phase of our redevelopment of the school quad has been completed. It now houses a small stage area with seating, musical equipment, and a bug hotel. The children are really enjoying using it all and are making the most of the sunny weather to learn outside the classroom. We are waiting to hear the outcome of our Lottery bid and if we are successful, we will be able to complete the project, adding a writing wall, story-telling area and gazebo. Exciting times.....

**Bienvenue dans notre café....** Our Year 3/4 pupils thoroughly enjoyed their time as waiters and waitresses when their classrooms turned into French cafes for the afternoon. Complete with red, white and blue tablecloths, bunches of flowers and delicious cakes, pastries, and freshly made crepes, parents were treated to afternoon tea French style as the finale to the children's Café Paris topic. It was fabuleux!

**Summer fun.....** the summer term is always very hectic with lots of events to pack in before the end of another school year. We're looking forward to Sports Days, a Legoland trip, Winchester Festival drama day, a visit from author Helena Pielichaty, a beach themed disco, our Year 6 production and plenty more besides. It's going to be busy!

**Dates for your diary** - Our Summer Fair will be on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June from 3:20pm until 5:15pm. There will be the usual 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](http://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.

## Swingtime! Hat Fair 2015

Get your organisation, school or group dancing in the streets of Winchester at Hat Fair 2015! This summer, Hat Fair, Winchester's Street Arts Festival is hosting a large-scale community dance event called Swingtime. At 12 noon on Saturday 4th July, every festival site and venue throughout Winchester will be taken over by people from all corners of the community dancing the same routine, simultaneously.



### So how will it work?

Hat Fair has commissioned **StopGap Dance Company** to create a simple dance routine inspired by 1930's Hollywood, to an amazing piece of music called We've Got the Moon and Sixpence by Al Bowlly. Here is a You Tube clip of the music:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=se4reQaS-iA> StopGap have taught the routine to a group of Dance Ambassadors, who will then teach it to as wide and varied number of people as possible, including schools, local businesses and community groups.

### How can you get involved?

If your organisation would like to be a part of Swingtime we will arrange for a Swingtime Dance Ambassador to visit your organisation and teach the routine to your members /staff. This teaching will be approximately 2hrs between May-June 2015, and can take place at your place of work /meeting place or we can book a nearby hall for you. There will also be an online tutorial video available to help you along! Once your group have learnt the routine, they will be ready to perform at Hat Fair's Swingtime on Saturday 4th July! Each group will be allocated a location in Winchester City Centre, depending on the size of your group and at 12 noon the city will come alive with a dance extravaganza! For inspiration, have a look at a similar project called Mass Bolero which took place in Nottingham: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8WOO6qoEcgo>

If you are interested in being part of this epic event or would like further information, then we would love to hear from you.

Jo Hennessy, Learning & Outreach Manager, Theatre Royal Winchester and Hat Fair. Mobile: 07962 848002  
Telephone: 01962 844 600 ex 225



## OLIVER'S BATTERY PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

The summer term at pre-school is filled with activity starting with a sponsored obstacle course to help raise money for a new building. We will also be holding a Spring Fayre which will give children and adults a chance to show off their baking skills in the Bake-Off competition. June sees the pre-school sports day and the eagerly awaited outing to the Adventure Wonderland in Bournemouth. This was incredibly popular last year with lots of rides suitable for pre-schoolers; especially the Battle Boats, complete with jet sprays, which are guaranteed to send everyone home a little bit soggy! The children have been busy painting and creating this term with colourful helmets to celebrate St. George's Day and a fantastic display based on the Very Hungry Caterpillar story.

### About our pre-school

- Rated overall as 'good' by Ofsted, Oliver's Battery Pre-school achieved 'outstanding' for how well the early years provision meets the needs of the range of children who attend.
- Conveniently located in the spacious grounds of Oliver's Battery Primary School, we provide a safe, engaging and friendly environment for children aged two years to school age.
- We accept all children, regardless of which school they will be going to
- All children are funded from the term after their 3rd birthday.
- If eligible, we accept funding for two-year olds.
- **Opening times:** 9am-3.15pm Mon-Weds 9am-12.30pm Thurs-Fri

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



## WINCHESTER HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



Summer is here and the list of jobs to be done in the garden is growing longer and longer, just like the grass!. However, it's a pleasure to be out of doors when the weather is warm and it feels good to be active, doesn't it? When you need a break and it happens to be the second Wednesday of the month, you might consider downing tools to join us at one of our monthly meetings. The following topics are on our Summer programme:

**June 2015 (Wed 10th)** ~ Derek Dexter will tell us all there is to know about "The Growing and Showing of Fuchsias". Come and learn some of the secrets behind his success with fuchsias.

**July 2015 (Wed 8th)** ~ Steve Austin who used to work in Beth Chatto's Gardens will talk about "The Plants and I" and give us advice on what to plant in difficult areas of our gardens.

**August 2015 (Wed 12th)** ~ Under the title of "Planting with Grasses, Perennials and Shrubs" Kevin Hobbs, Director of Hilliers Nurseries, will relate his experiences working with Piet Oudolf, the influential Dutch garden designer, in the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in London.

Another event in August is our **Annual Open Autumn Show at the Badger Farm Community Centre on Saturday, 22nd, 2pm-4pm**. You are cordially invited to come and have a look and to linger a while over a cup of tea and a slice of home-made cake.

Our monthly meetings are held at the Winchester Club, Churchill Room, Worthy Lane, Winchester, starting at 7.30pm. Visitors are free. We look forward to meeting you. To find out more about us please visit our website: [www.winhortsoc@weebly.com](http://www.winhortsoc@weebly.com).

Meanwhile - Happy Summer and Happy Gardening!



### OLIVER'S BATTERY COUNTRYSIDE GROUP

The beautiful new signs designed by local artist Wendy Bramall are now up in the Oliver's Battery Wildlife Area and were officially opened at our well attended Spring Fever event on 22nd March. The sun shone and everyone enjoyed the moving poetry readings, after which many people walked up to the Yew Hill butterfly reserve accompanied by Countryside Group members and the Yew Hill reserve officer, Jayne Chapman. We intend to have another guided walk in the summer so look out for details on our website, [www.oliversbatterycountysidegroup.org.uk](http://www.oliversbatterycountysidegroup.org.uk). Our to-do list includes the planting of native wild roses and honeysuckle in the Wildlife Area to further improve the selection of pollen on offer for bees and butterflies. For those who have never visited the Wildlife Area, it is accessed by a gate at the far end of the Recreation Ground and from the public footpath at the other end. Any enquiries please contact Alison Hull on 07747 547729.

### WINCHESTER BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT (W.B.S.)

- Have you ever experienced a major loss in your life?
- Would you have liked to talk to a trained volunteer?
- Would you feel able to offer this

**March to May 2015**  
**W.B.S. is running a course for potential Bereavement Visitors**

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## ANN'S COMPUTER CORNER

With Microsoft's new Windows 10 due for release this summer, I often share news and thoughts about it on my Facebook page ([facebook.com/WinchesterComputerTutor](https://www.facebook.com/WinchesterComputerTutor)). Windows 8 got pretty bad press and put a lot of people off upgrading from Windows 7 and the now-unsupported Windows XP. So, have Microsoft learnt their lessons? Let's take a look:



- Windows 10 supports a host of devices: the same operating system will run PCs, tablets, phones, wearables and game consoles, with the interface adapting to the device type and devices seamlessly integrating with each other. Apps—aka programs—are universal, working across the entire device family and, with cloud-based OneDrive integration, accessing the same content as you move from device to device.
- Windows 8's interface was great for tablets but left PC users feeling they were taking a backward step. Windows 10 brings back the Start menu, customisably combining the Windows 7 program list and Windows 8 live tiles. Apps now run in windows rather than full-screen and Snap allows you to easily manage their layout on the screen or—with the introduction of "virtual desktops"—on multiple screens.
- Windows 10 retains some of the less visible but very beneficial changes in Windows 8 including faster boot times, lower memory usage, a quicker system recovery and a better Task Manager.
- Cortana is a digital assistant that can "search the web, find things on your PC, keep track of your calendar—even tell you jokes ... the more she helps you out ... the better she gets." First developed for the Windows phone, "she" is now fully integrated on all devices.
- During its 20-year history, Internet Explorer gained a bad reputation with security issues and poor support for evolving web standards. Despite recent improvements, Microsoft has decided it's time for a brand-new browser. The newly named Microsoft Edge should be faster than IE and supports extensions—programs that add functionality to the browser—and full Cortana integration.
- On the fun side, gaming is improved with the introduction of DirectX 12 and integration with Xbox Live. And yes, Solitaire's back too!

While feedback on the technical previews indicates that Microsoft still has a little way to go before getting it totally right, the new features of Windows 10 seem to be moving in the right direction. With Microsoft offering free upgrades for all Windows 7 and 8 users for the first year, I'll be installing Windows 10 sooner rather than later.

Ann Jury

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

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## THE PARISH OF ST LUKE WITH ST MARK WINCHESTER



### Caring for the Communities of Badger Farm, Oliver's Battery & Stanmore

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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Serving the communities of Stanmore, Oliver's Battery and Badger Farm

Summertime again, well we wouldn't know it. In July St Mark's Church is 59 years old and St Luke's 54 years - both are in need of a little TLC, it is more than mid-life crisis, some major decisions need to be made and some major fund raising undertaken. It is important to keep a church presence in each of communities as a focus, a resource, a safe place, a spiritual haven, an outward expression of an inward need of hope and reassurance. The majority of our local community are registered as 'Christian' faith group which I know means more than just attending a 'church', it is a way of living with and treating each other, and other faith groups can show us much that is good in the way they live out their faith.

Over the summer here at St Luke's we will be welcoming the senior Holiday Club again and holding a special service on 21st June at 10.00am Thanksgiving for Baptism, then on 27th September our Harvest Festival. At St Mark's the services are on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month at 10.30am and we would be very pleased to welcome you to an informal short service for all.

May your water butts be almost dry and the shade offer quiet moments. Yours in Christ.



## NATURE NOTES FROM OLIVER'S BATTERY



During that unexpectedly hot spell in early April I was relaxing in the garden listening to the song of a chaffinch. His short descending notes, ending with a flourish, were repeated over and over several times a minute. I got to thinking that, like many birds, the chaffinch's song seems fixed whereas one blackbird has similar notes to another but sung with an individual difference. That evening I was reading "In the Heart of the Country" by H E Bates (1942) and was amazed to come across the same observation. However, I have now learned that with modern technology an analysis of sound recordings has found that each chaffinch does have an individual song and there are regional dialects throughout the UK and Europe. You would need a highly well-tuned ear to be able to detect this yourself!

Great excitement, a reader recently observed a red kite being buzzed by a crow over her garden in Compton Way. Although kites are known as scavengers they do take small mammals and birds and fledglings are at risk now. Until a few days ago the Texas Drive fields were a golden blaze of dandelion flowers but now their erect stems are adorned with the perfect globes of translucent seed heads each containing dozens of winged seeds. Hawthorns are bursting into creamy blossom and at Yew Hill there must be thousands of cowslips on the reserve, the area beyond, on their Hilltop field and around the reservoir. Little humps of fresh earth across the reserve are evidence of recent mole activity. A reader sent me photographs of a small plant on the reserve in the early stages of germination, just the two cotyledons showing. I had a look myself and found about half a dozen all in one small area. It was quite a puzzle until two true leaves grew and opened identifying them as beech seedlings! So, how did they arrive because there are no beeches within seed travelling distance? Not suitable for this sort of nature reserve the warden has taken them to plant in a hedgerow.

We are delighted to have tadpoles again in our garden pond after two years of failed spawn but are still waging an unsuccessful war on duck weed which covers the pond surface within hours of clearing it. If anyone has environmentally friendly ways of eradication do let me know. A lesson to be learnt is to never accept anything from another pond however tempting. In my last notes of 2014 I wrote about a chrysalis on our garden shed. As I suspected it was the Large White because I discovered the emerged butterfly drying its wings beside the empty womb of the papery chrysalis. Another of Nature's tiny miracles.

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*Ed's. Note. I do hope other readers enjoy  
Norma's Nature Notes as much as I do!*

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May - Winchester Country Market Saturday Market Day ~ St. Mark's Church, Oliver's Battery ~ 9am to 12noon

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July - Auction - Contact 01962 734941

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July - The Power of Laughter Free Workshop - Badger Farm Community Centre - 10.30am-11.30am - Contact Shirley Gravenell 07846 729 042

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July - Stamp & Postcard Fair - Contact 01795 478175

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - BFOFBRA Annual General Meeting ~ 7.30pm in the Bushfield Room at Badger Farm Community Centre - All local residents are invited to attend.



## FREE TO A GOOD HOME!

We have a surplus of mugs and plates here at the Community Centre following a spring clean in the kitchen. These are currently in the office and are offered free to a good home. If you would like them, please telephone Jan on 01962 868630. You must be prepared to collect.



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