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Summer 2017 Edition



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**W**elcome to another edition of Badger Farm Community News. I thought it might be a good time to introduce myself. My name is Berenice,

although most people call me Berry. I have the unenviable task of following on from the wonderful Jan, who has been a brilliant support and done a fantastic job.

The biggest thing for me, coming into the job, is how I to ensure moving forward, that the community is at the centre of the magazine. Unlike Jan, I don't work in Badger Farm, I am not an intrinsic part of the day to day community life. As such, I hope to look to you, the readers. Any suggestions you might have, anything you'd like to include. That's important, this is your magazine. If you see something in the area, you think might be interesting to others, drop us a line. We are always happy to have a chat!

So don't be afraid to get in touch!



## **NOTICE**

**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BADGER FARM &  
OLIVER'S BATTERY RESIDENTS' COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
WILL TAKE PLACE ON WEDNESDAY 26 JULY 2017  
IN THE BUSHFIELD ROOM AT BADGER FARM COMMUNITY CENTRE  
STARTING AT 7.30pm**

**ALL LOCAL RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND  
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**The Battery**

Our main hall will hold up to 180 people. It is suitable for wedding receptions, parties or sporting activities. The excellent Social Club private bar can also be hired with the hall. At present, the hall is vacant on a Monday afternoon so if there is something you would like to organise on a regular basis, let Jan in the office know. The hall is also generally free on Saturday afternoons and Sunday during the day. Rates for all rooms are very competitive.

**The Bushfield**

This carpeted room is cheerful and has access to the Community Centre's small attractive garden area. It is smaller than the main hall, holding up to 60 people. With its projection screen, it is ideally suited for meetings, training groups or seminars. The carpet makes it perfect for smaller exercise classes such as yoga and pilates. If you require more space the Bushfield and Warren rooms can be opened up into one large but comfortable room with ample space and use of private bar hire.

**The Whiteshute**

This is a bright and cheerful room holding up to 30 people and is the weekday home to the Badger Farm Pre-School Playgroup. With access to the play area in the Whiteshute Courtyard this room is ideally suited to host children's birthday parties. The lighting in this room is particularly good and is popular for art groups and

calligraphy sessions. Conveniently located next to the kitchen and with hard flooring this is a very versatile room which lends itself to all types of use.

**The Warren**


The Warren is a smaller, quiet room which will hold up to 20 people. Tucked away in a corner of the Community Centre it has a more private feel than our larger rooms. In a lounge bar setting it is a very popular spot for a relaxed get-together or a small, informal or private meeting. This room can only be hired out weekdays until

*"Ideally situated for all transport links, a lovely garden, main hall and smaller, cosy options for room hire"*

4pm but as with the Bushfield Room, there is access to the outside garden area. We are also able to offer WiFi access and items such as flip charts, projector and screen plus urns of hot water for refreshments. Unlimited parking also onsite.

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 Thursday - Friday ~ 9.15 - 12.15  
**Spaces are now available!**  
 All children are funded from the term after their 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday  
 Funding available for 2 year olds if applicable  
**Ideally situated in the Community Centre next to Sainsbury's, with a sports hall**  
 for physical play and an all-weather outside area with a variety of play equipment.  
 Our staff are highly experienced and qualified and we ensure a high ratio  
 of 1:6 enabling plenty of individual time and attention.  
 "Staff place a high priority on helping children develop very good skills in listening, speaking,  
 investigation and discovery. As a result children become confident communicators who enjoy learning  
 and have the necessary skills for their future learning and school."  
 The playgroup operates an open door policy so please feel free to call in at any time and see us  
 in action or call the playgroup supervisor  
 Mrs Denise Tosdevine on 07771 798 474 out of playgroup hours.

## SOME OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY	DAY	TIME	CONTACT	COST	DESCRIPTION
Badger Farm Art Group	Thursday	1.30pm - 4.00pm	Sarah Zimmer snippycards@hotmail.co.uk	£7.00 per person	A friendly "drop in" art group providing a "space to paint" in a relaxed setting. All abilities welcome.
Badger Farm ACOL Club	Friday	7.15pm - 10.30pm	Roland Richardson 023 8025 1277	£1 visitors £15 annual	Bridge Club
Badger Farm Bridge Club	Tuesday	7.15pm - 10.30pm	Fred Hotchen 01794 301185 07771 854 347 fred.hotchen@btinternet.com		Friendly and relaxed local bridge club. New members and visitors very welcome
Badger Farm Pre-School Playgroup	Monday to Friday	Mon.Tues/Wed 9.15am - 3.00pm Thurs/Fri 9.15am - 12.15pm	Denise Tosdevine 07771 798 474	3/4yrs £4.50ph 2yrs £4.70ph	For children from 3 years to school age. Great OFSTED results. Afternoons also available - enquiries to Denise.
Badminton	Thursday	8.00pm - 9.00pm	Wendy King 01962 861525		Fun and friendly for any age and ability. All welcome!
Eucharist (Holy Communion)	Tuesday	10.00am - 11.00am	Rev. Mike Gardner 01962 865240		Church of England Service. All welcome.
FITSTEPS	Wednesday	2.00pm - 2.45pm	Sergiy Bondarenko Info@bdance.co.uk	£5 per session	A new dance-fitness programme combining simple steps from the most popular Ballroom & Latin dances.
Hampshire Wildlife Trust	2nd Wed. of the month	7.30pm - 9.30pm	Lorraine 01962 861182	£4.00 per meeting	Illustrated talks on wildlife for all. Contact Lorraine for details.
Legs, Bums & Tums	Monday Tuesday	9.30am - 10.30am 6.45pm - 7.45pm	Catherine Jones 07990 513 434	£5.00 per class	A fun and friendly class designed to help keep you fit and toned! Discounts available for multiple classes.
Healing Trust	2nd Saturday of every month.	10.00am - 12.30pm	Doreen Rivett 01980 862285 Doreenrivett@talktalk.net	Donation	Come to our group either for healing or to find out more about healing, our group and training courses.
Parents & Tots	Thursday	1.30pm - 3.00pm	Catherine Thomas 07990 037 467	£2 per family per session	All parents, guardians and child minders with children aged newborn to 5 years are welcome. Just turn up on the day!
Royal British Legion	3rd Thursday monthly	7.30pm - 9.30pm	Stanley Judd 01962 841402		A warm welcome awaits you at your local Royal British Legion group meeting.
RugbyTots	Friday	1.00pm - 1.30pm 1.35pm - 2.05pm 2.10pm - 2.55pm	Contact Phil Rowles phil@rugbytots.co.uk 007985 788 069	Enquire direct	A fun, active and confidence building class for boys and girls aged 2-7 years. Free trials available. www.rugbytots.co.uk
Senshi Ryu Karate	Thursday	6.30pm - 7.30pm	Phil Aucott senshyryuukarate@gmail.com	Enquire direct	Become fitter, more flexible, stronger, more disciplined., focused and confident.
Slimming World	Saturday	9.30am - 11.00am	Steve Coombs 07788 683 077		A warm welcome awaits you in your local group! New members always welcome.
Southern England Karate Federation	Tuesday	4.30pm - 5.30pm Children & Adults	Collin Rudkin 07966 303 585 Collinrudkin@btinternet.com	Enquire direct	Friendly and professional Karate club with high standards set at International level. Affiliated to the English Karate Federation and World Karate Federation.
Weight Watchers	Thursday	9.30am - 10.30am 6.30pm - 7.45pm	07455 968 884	Weekly meeting fee of £6.25	Your lifestyle, your choice. With Weight Watchers you choose the weight loss approach that works best for you.
Wessex Wargames Club	Tuesday	7.00pm - 11.00pm	Ian Ackerman 01962 624710	£3 per session (first session is free)	Miniature wargames and role-playing games of all periods and genres played.
Winchester Tae Kwon-Do	Monday Wednesday	6.30pm - 9.00pm	Lucy Scott info@winchestertkd.co.uk	Membership by subscription	6.30pm-7.45pm beginners/intermediates 7pm-8.30pm seniors (black belts to 9pm)
Yoga	Monday 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.
Wyeth Yoga	Wednesday	1.30pm - 3.00pm	ahedlei- sure@psc.ac.uk		Please contact for more details

Here are details of just some of the activities that take place at Badger Farm Community Centre. Please contact the organiser direct for more information. 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@bfobrcra.org



**St. Georges Day fun and a brilliant book corner; It's all go at the pre-school!**

As the title suggests, we have been celebrating St. Georges Day with the children and they decided to create a castle within- the pre-school. They had great fun sponge painting it. They then went on to create their own armour with the necessary swords and shields!

Our exciting annual trip to



is being planned for the 23<sup>rd</sup> June. A massive thanks to Graham Shankland, a father at the pre-school, who has completed a sponsored

triathlon and the children have taken part in a sponsored obstacle course so that the trip is subsidised for all.

Our reading corner has been updated with a fab new stripy sofa and chair set thanks to sponsorship from another Dad, Peter Vincent, running the Winchester half marathon.

Please contact Jackie Johnston our pre-school leader on mobile 07941 796 958 or email [olivers-batterypreschool@gmail.com](mailto:olivers-batterypreschool@gmail.com) to pop by to see our happy pre-school.

- Rated across the board as 'good' by Ofsted in November 2016 and where "Children form strong bonds with staff"
- Conveniently located in the beautiful and spacious grounds of Oliver's Battery Primary School.
- We accept all children aged

two years to school age, regardless of which primary school they will attend

- All children are funded from the term after their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

- If eligible, we accept funding for two-year olds.

**· Opening times:**  
**9am-3.15pm Mon-Weds**  
**9am-12.30pm Thurs-Fri**



## Badger Farm Toddlers

Thursdays 13:30 - 15:00  
 Badger Farm Community Centre

**Come and join Esther and Catherine at this friendly drop-in group!**

**All welcome, run by qualified pre-school teachers!**

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 Info: Catherine 07990037467  
 or Esther etsouramanis@icloud.com

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



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The children finished the term with an exciting Easter Egg hunt organised by the Friends of Oliver's Battery School. All the children enjoyed it and worked cooperatively to solve the clues and find the eggs. We have some exciting events coming up - Our Sports Day and Science Day for the whole family which is taking place on Saturday 24 June 11am - 2pm and all are welcome.

Our year 6 will be taking part in a series of leavers events which include a camp, play and leavers assemble before they move on to their chosen secondary school. We will also be welcoming our new Reception children who are due to start with us in September. We will be holding various events for them to get used to being at 'big' school. We have got some open days coming up if you would like to visit the school - these will be held on a Friday 29 September and Friday 17 November in the morning - please contact the school for more details. We will be hoping for good weather this term to make use of our beautiful grounds.

"A School that's moving from strength to strength" - Ofsted March 2016. We have places available at our school. Please arrange a visit anytime of the year and see the school at work.

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# Stanmore School

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## An electrifying afternoon!

We love having our fabulous Patron of Reading, Ali Sparkes visit us so when Ali asked if she could launch her latest novel 'Thunderstruck' at Stanmore, Mrs Richardson had no hesitation in saying yes please! Looking resplendent in her forked lightning waistcoat and sparkling lightning earrings and necklace, Ali revealed lots of mind boggling facts about lightning strikes and told the children all about the sad, true story that provided the inspiration for 'Thunderstruck'. When she walked with her children on Southampton Common years ago, Ali regularly passed a graveyard. An inscription on one the gravestones told of the sudden death of three children who were struck by lightning. What a dreadful end, thought Ali and I wonder if their ghostly presence still haunts the Common? Maybe that would make a good story.....

It was a fascinating afternoon. We heard all about the (truly awful)

fashion of the 1970's, the delights of popping melted tarmac bubbles in the long hot summer of 1976 and the frightful fate of the doll that could eat food and poo – she came to a gruesome end! The afternoon concluded with an excitable line of children queuing up to have their very own copy of 'Thunderstruck' signed by Ali.

**I can't eat that, it's a snail!** Year 3 children might have started off being determined not to sample one of the classic delights of French cuisine but by the time the Brasserie Blanc staff had shown them all round the kitchens and restaurant, most of them decided to be brave and lots of them actually enjoyed the buttery garlicky taste.

The visit launched their French topic where the children have learned all about Paris and the different regions of France. It's been great fun and in addition to a picnic in the sunshine enjoying camembert, baguette and

strawberries, parents were invited to a French Café. Selecting items from menus prepared by the children, parents were treated to enjoy home-made strawberry tarts and were thoroughly surprised by the 'flash mob' singing Frère Jacques in a round. Fabuleux !

**Summer fun** The summer term is always very hectic with lots of events to pack in before the end of

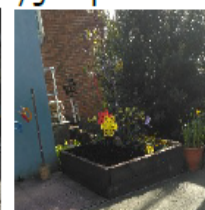


another school year. We're looking forward to Sports Days, a Harry Potter Studio Tour, a Woodmills activity day, a trip to Swanwick Lakes, an Hawaiian themed disco, our Year 6 production and plenty more besides. It's going to be busy!



## A BRAND NEW GARDEN FOR BADGER FARM PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

Wednesday 5 April saw the grand opening of our new garden! As previously reported, Sainsbury's have kindly helped us with garden renovations and new planters. With Sainsbury's continuing support through their fundraising, we have been able to complete the garden with brightly painted planters and lots of new equipment. We would like to say a huge thank you to Lee and Daryl from Covers who have provided the equipment and manpower to build our new "Mud Kitchen." The children will be able to explore, create and develop skills relating to the world. Once again, a massive thank you to Sainsbury's and Covers for their support from all of us at Badger Farm Pre-School Playgroup.



Pictured: New equipment; Denise Tosdevine, Pre-School Supervisor, with Jane & Matt from Sainsbury's; the children and staff enjoying the garden; new plants and the "Mud Kitchen".

**Dates for your diary** - Our Summer Fair will be on Friday 9<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) or check out our twitter @stanmoreprimary 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.

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## **From your MP - Steve Brine** **(Conservative Party)**



Regular readers will know of my long-standing interest in (and the importance to many of us) rail service for our area.

So it was big news this Spring when Ministers announced a coalition led by FirstGroup

will take over the contract to regenerate the South Western rail franchise, from Stagecoach/South West Trains, this August. The group, who I met with many times during the bidding process and impressed me with their ambition, will invest some £1.2bn over the period of the franchise which runs until at least 2024.

Their undertaking to increase capacity - in new spacious carriages - deliver wi-if (that actually works), a modern smart and flexible season ticket policy as well as new lower fares for 16-18 year olds are really exciting. And I have already secured an undertaking from First to work afresh with me and local councillors on finding a long term solution to the parking problems at Shawford Station, which will be of interest some in this area of course, because everyone knows what we have now is not sustainable in the long-term. As I said on the media at the time, I look forward to working with the new team and will hold them to every promise they have made. My rail site sits at [www.stevebrine.com/trains](http://www.stevebrine.com/trains)

Thank you to the many constituents from the Oliver's Battery and Badger Farm who got in touch after the terrifying events in Westminster on 22nd March. I was in the Chamber at the time taking the Pension Schemes Bill through its final stages as part of my Ministerial work at the DWP. We were actually voting when the rampage begun but it

quickly became clear hundreds of MPs were not there.

As we're now aware, our attacker acted alone but we didn't know that at the time and a full lockdown of the Commons chamber – with heavily armed close protection officers on every door – followed. For me it was a horrible reminder that an open, accessible Parliament can never be 100% safe and, in any event, we cannot beat this kind of twisted hatred with force alone. All our love and prayers remain with the family of PC Palmer and the others who lost their lives that (seemingly ordinary) day in March.

As I said on my Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/stevebrinewinchester](https://www.facebook.com/stevebrinewinchester)) late that night as I left the Commons, "today darkness had a victory today but tomorrow the light will flow back in". And it did.

Finally, congratulations to Cllr Jan Warwick who will be the new County Councillor for this area. I look forward to working with her on many local issues, including a renewed effort to look afresh at the dangerous junction of OB Road South and Badger Farm Road. Jan has strong connections with the leadership at HCC which could be to our advantage.

You can find more about my work via my website which now includes a fast growing Brexit mini-site (with links to all the key information including recent PM speech) at

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[Steve Brine addresses students from Kings school in parliament on the day of the terror attacks]



### **Badger Farm**

### **Parish Council**

Your Parish Council have had a busy start to 2017.

We've just heard back from the Department for Communities and Local Government giving us approval to borrow funds for the Central Play Area. We received some fabulous designs from the companies that tendered and have chosen the design that best matches the play equipment you requested, for a competitive price. By the time you read this we'll have applied for a loan and hope to have the Central Play Area completed this coming Summer.

After many meetings over many months Whiteshute

Ridge has now been passed back to Winchester City Council. Plans are on-going to have cattle on the Ridge from next year. WCC arranged a cattle Meet and Greet at the end of April for local residents to chat to The Wildlife Trust about what to expect with cattle on the Ridge.

We're holding our Annual Parish Assembly on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> May, which is just a few days after the article deadline so we'll report on that next time. Our Parish Council meetings are held on the second Monday of every month, with the exception of August, in the Bushfield Room, Community Centre. If we need to plan a different day, or need to have an extra meeting, our Notice Boards will have details. All residents are invited to all meetings.



## Badger Farm Social Club

Your Family Friendly  
Community Club

We are a social club for all the family hidden within the Badger Farm Community Centre, run for the Community by the community. We always welcome new members from the local area and have lots on offer for you to enjoy. So do come in and see what we have to offer!

Support your club team - join our team who compete in league and cup matches.

Darts; both Men's and Ladies team's who continue to have had success promotions (League) and Cup wins!

Pool; Join the Men's team who play Wednesday's. We'd like to recruit new members as well as set up a Ladies team.

Nb. We have FREE pool - every Tuesday from 7pm. All Welcome!

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joining a team or even want to set up a new team, do come in and ask the Club. We don't bite! We can support our teams with food in home matches and help with transport to other venues.

Each week we run a meat draw with fantastic joints from a local butcher. We have Lottery machines, weekly Lottery Bonus Ball winner and a newly acquired League-Standard Football Table.

Throughout the summer we will be running events for cricket, including country and international matches. Come and support Hampshire! We even have the odd club match, should you fancy trying out.

Bank Holiday barbecues are in the pipeline so keep your eyes peeled, and a big one especially for the August Bank Holiday. Other events at other times soon to be confirmed.

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For further information please contact

Mrs D Stanning,

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## First Green Party Candidate at recent HCC election

**Max ran as one of the candidates for Winchester Downlands, along side candidates for the Conservatives, Liberal Democrats and Labour Parties. See full results below.**

"First of all I like to thank everyone who voted for me at the Hampshire County Council elections. Having checked the results for past elections in the Downlands division from 2005, I realised that voters had no Green option to vote for. This needed to change and I agreed to stand as a candidate. It is encouraging to receive nearly 300 votes despite the limited resources for our election campaign in comparison to others. This is a first step to give local issues of pollution, congestion, lack of public transport, recycling and climate change a voice. I am optimistic that our increasing presence as Green Party will encourage more voters to come to the polling stations in the future (and with luck vote Green). I am very interested to hear what we can do to help people locally.

I am concerned that the new development of Winchester Village (many ask why village?) has done too little to address traffic issues: no facilities for cyclists, only a very narrow path on one side of Romsey Road for pedestrians and P&R that is already used to the limit.

Traffic on Badger Farm Road continues to rise year on year causing pollution right on our doorsteps and makes it extremely difficult to cross the road for walkers and cyclists. In particular, the junction at

Oliver's Battery Road is of great concern to the people living there or walking to school.

As a cyclist you have to carry your bike down the stairs on one side and push it back up on the other or choose to cycle amongst the cars via Romsey Road. How would this encourage young people to cycle to school or college? I can't even imagine how a parent with a pushchair would manage to go through the subway, not to mention a person in a wheelchair.

People living at the far end of Oliver's Battery struggle to get to town or Sainsbury's if they don't have a car. Who is can be surprised that less people are using our busses in Winchester if the prices are going up and the buses are running less frequently? A family pays much more for a return ticket into town than for parking and fuel.

I have a vision of a happy, healthy, sustainable and Green Winchester. It can be done. Have a look at our website. WinACC has done brilliant campaigning in recent years. Contact us or just come along to our meetings to find out more."

## **Max Priesmann - Green Party Candidate for County Council Winchester Downlands 2017**

Winchester Downlands - results					
Election Candidate	Party	Votes	%		
Jan Warwick	Conservatives	3524	49%	<b>Elected</b>	
Eleanor Bell	Liberal Democrats	3087	43%	Not elected	
Catherine Mary Hutchinson	Labour	304	4%	Not elected	
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### **ST LUKE'S SENIORS HOLIDAY CLUB**

We have been holding the Seniors' Holiday Week at St Luke' Church Centre since 2008.

The club is open to all residents of Stanmore, Badger Farm and Oliver's Battery and offers a week's holiday without having to pack a suitcase. There are 5 days of activities, including an outing on the Wednesday. Morning coffee, a hot lunch and tea and cake are provided each day. We can also offer transport to and from St Luke's – all included in the very reasonable cost for the week.

Activities over the past years have ranged from talks on bee keeping to Tai Chi, a visit from a choir to craft sessions. The Holiday Week this year will run from 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> August. If you would like any more information please telephone Pam Turner on Winchester 867828



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- Reply to the Government consultation about Air Quality "draft Air Quality Plan **"Tackling nitrogen dioxide in our towns and cities: A consultation"**." by 15 June, or send your ideas about what you want the Government to do to BREATHE@WinACC
- Join the Stanmore walking project to improve walking routes locally – email: Richard@winacc.org.uk

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## WinACC Winchester Action on Climate Change



On Sunday 30 April, Incredible Edible Winchester, the Food Action Group of Winchester Action

on Climate Change (WinACC), launched its own community allotment, at Edington Road just 10 minutes' walk or a short bus ride from Winchester city centre. In addition to this exciting news, Incredible Edible Winchester are inviting local people to join them in digging, sowing, planting, harvesting, cooking and eating locally grown food.

Following two years' experience of growing food in planters at the railway station and last year's highly

successful Vertical Garden at the Hat Fair, Incredible Edible Winchester has spread their green fingers more widely in Winchester. "I'm learning a lot" said Sam Watts, a volunteer with the group "and I'm having fun on the allotment – including the frogs!". Anyone who wants to find out how easy it is to grow their own food is welcome to drop in to one of the sessions on Tuesday mornings 9.30-11.30 or Saturdays 10.00 - 12. Families welcome (children must be supervised). Contact Incredible Edible Winchester at [food@winacc.org](mailto:food@winacc.org), on Facebook - incredibleEdibleWinchester, on twitter @winacc, or ring 01962 827083 for times, dates and more details.

The Incredible Edible Winchester team has spent the last couple of weeks uncovering a fantastic array of rhubarb, raspberries and gooseberries from the previous allotment holder. Now they are planting parsnips,

broad beans, pea seeds and herbs. Incredible Edible Winchester want to recruit novices and experienced growers alike, to learn and inspire each other to grow their own food. Their aim is to give people the confidence to grow their own food, and maybe even start their own allotment with the new friends they have made.

If you would like more information about WinACC then visit [winacc.org.uk](http://winacc.org.uk)

*Photo: Sam at the Incredible Edible Winchester community allotment*

## County Council Elections - From Cllr Jan Warwick

This May saw all-out elections to Hampshire County Council. Badger Farm & Oliver's Battery combine with the areas of Compton, Otterbourne, Hursley, Shawford, Sparsholt, Crawley, South Wonston, Littleton, Weeke and Harestock to form the

County Division of Downlands. I was elected to represent Downlands as your new County Councillor. There was a good turn out for all four candidates.

The Conservatives were re-elected as the majority party across the County of Hampshire as a whole and will continue to run the authority for the next four years. I would like to thank

everyone who supported me and will continue work for all residents in both my capacity as District and County Councillor. In Winchester Downlands 7204 votes were cast with a 50% turnout as shown opposite

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## Badger Farm Art Group


I have been working with the group for nearly a year now, and we have had a super time together. We have been experimenting with

some different watercolour techniques, such as using cling film and salt to get some exciting effects. We have drawn from still life set ups, looking at colours and composition, and we have drawn directly from a life model. All this as well as the individual projects which are ongoing. In fact we had had such a positive year, that we have arranged an exhibition to show off our work. Our exhibition will be on the weekend of 8 and 9 July, from 10.00 – 4.00 at the Community Centre at Badger Farm. Some of the work will be for sale, and we are also hoping to have tea and cakes available too.

Please come along with your friends and families

to have a look at our work. You could maybe buy a piece of original artwork and have a cup of tea with us.

Our group runs on a Thursday afternoon, 1.30 to 4.00. The cost is £7 per session, pay as you go. We are a friendly group with a variety of experience, using a variety of materials and techniques. The first session is a free 'taster', so there is no pressure and no obligation. If you know anyone who would like to join us, please tell them, and do come and see our art work at the exhibition.



### FOLKS SINGING

There is a **NEW** singing group opening in Badger Farm Community Centre, starting on September 20th, Tuesdays in term time, 1.30pm-2.45pm. **FREE** first session, no obligation! £5 a week thereafter. Learn folk songs, mainly from the '60s and '70s, beautifully arranged in 3 and 4 part harmony, voices only. With songs by Donovan, Dylan, Peter Paul & Mary, The Seekers, Crosby, Stills & Nash, Simon & Garfunkel, Bob Marley, Woody Guthrie, Joan Baez and many more.

No experience necessary; all welcome, from shower singers to seasoned choir goers! There's no need to read music as all songs are taught by ear. To find out more you can email Jac on [jac@folkssinging.com](mailto:jac@folkssinging.com), check the website [www.folkssinging.com](http://www.folkssinging.com), or text/phone on 07941 246685.



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## Moving Along With the Oliver's Battery Plan

In March, we sent round our **first draft of the Oliver's Battery Plan (Abridged)** to every household in Oliver's Battery. We pulled ideas together across the range of different **Threads** we'd been investigating and we shaped these into five broad **aims**. Here they are: -

- Aim 1 To develop the things we value about living in Oliver's Battery**
- Aim 2 To improve road safety**
- Aim 3 To improve local transport**
- Aim 4 To maintain, support and develop facilities and amenities**
- Aim 5 To develop sense of community and involvement.**

From these broad aims, we identified specific **objectives**, and from them, more detailed **actions**. When you first read the draft Plan, it may look rather simple but the substance of the Oliver's Battery Plan is securely grounded in the views and opinions of our residents.

The aims, objectives and actions have sprung from the results and responses of the **Oliver's Battery Questionnaire**, from which we had a remarkable **73%** response rate. The questionnaire was written by a representative set of people from the community, after the first consultations to interested groups. Consequently, we can say with confidence that our Plan has been developed by Oliver's Battery residents and is an expression of community opinion. All our work on the Oliver's Battery Plan is supported and advised by Winchester City Council's Community Planning Manager, Steve Lincoln, who has said our structure and processes of consultation and participation are in accordance with national good practice guidelines promoted by Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE), and similar to work undertaken by more than twenty other communities across the District.

We are writing the final draft of the Plan. Thanks to all of you who gave us feedback on the first draft. We are taking your comments on board as we develop our ideas. Our final Plan will need to be expanded, developed, illustrated and supported with extracts from the consultation data. We are currently in the process of tidying up and triple checking the data itself. Although this is taking some time, we anticipate that the final Plan will be ready before autumn. In accordance with good practice, we first intend to present it to the Parish Council for their consideration and approval. This is an important stage, as although the Parish Council has supported our work, the Oliver's Battery Plan is independent from them. This is standard good practice when developing this kind of community Plan. But above all, a community Plan such as ours stands or falls on people getting involved. We have some lovely ideas to develop our community - some of them, like the Film Nights and the Golf Club Supper Nights are running already, some ideas, like developing a baby-sitting scheme, or running a newsletter, will need residents to help develop, implement and deliver any actions they are particularly interested in.

How can you help? We look forward to hearing from you ..... **The Oliver's Battery Plan Team**

### **The Parish of St Luke, Stanmore**

With St Mark's, Oliver's Battery, Winchester

From the desk of Revd Mike Gardner, Vicar of St Luke with St Mark, your Parish Churches. Greetings as the 'summer' approaches with some hesitation.

We have a number of events you might like to support over the next few weeks and of course the August 'Holiday' week for senior members of our community [21st -25th]. There is to be a fund raising Ploughman Lunch with stalls on Saturday 17th June, noon to 2.00pm in St Marks and an International themed Quiz on Saturday 15th July also at St Mark's 7.00pm. look out for details and posters.

Members of our churches are opening their gardens again over the summer months, a good chance to see the grass on the other

side of the fence and have some tea and cake, and would love you to join them. With the possibility of long warm evenings and lazy hot days [holidays or holy-days] we should be able to find time to reflect upon the wonders of creation [*why the grass grows more as we groan more*] and give thanks for the variety of life buzzing around us. Many around the world have little or too much of what we too easily take for granted. I start my 20th year in the Parish in June, where has that gone, and as there is still a few years left in me I hope to see many of you somewhere sometime over the summer ... yours looking forward to a Holy-day .... Revd Mike

**Revd Mike Gardner**  
**Vicar St Luke with St Mark Winchester**

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## OLIVER'S BATTERY PARISH COUNCIL



### Play Equipment for Younger Children

The work on the new play equipment and the changes to other equipment, details of which were included in my last

report, was completed just after Easter. The new layout has already attracted considerable interest and favourable comment. There will be a formal "launch" of the new play equipment at a community picnic to be held at the Recreation Ground on 17 June 2017. The Primary School children have chosen the name Storm-Chaser for the Viking ship.

### Road Junction with Badger Farm Road

Following a meeting in October 2016 with Hampshire County Councillor Rob Humby, details of which were in my Winter 2016 report, the suggested changes to the junction prepared by the PC in 2015 were resubmitted to Councillor Humby. I, together with two of our Winchester City Councillors, attended a site meeting at the junction on 3 April 2017 to discuss with the HCC appointed highways engineer the suggested changes. The PC is awaiting the results of the feasibility study.

### Texas Drive

The PC are working with our City Councillors and local residents to try to ensure that WCC Planning Enforcement requires the development currently underway at Texas Drive to comply with the original planning consent given in October 2016.

### Pitt Vale Development

The appeal by Linden Homes against the WCC planning refusal for their proposed Pitt Vale development will be heard in October 2017. The PC

### **Olivers Battery Countryside Group**

Over the autumn and winter the countryside group have had some very successful work parties in the wildlife area (next to the recreation ground). Our main jobs have been: coppicing; clearing brambles; thinning and tidying. But there is always more to do! Come and see our cowslip meadow and look out for orange tip, red admiral, peacocks and speckled wood butterflies. (Don't forget to

chalk up on our board what you see!)

We will be having more gentle work parties later in the early summer so look out for dates on our notice board!

The two wild flower beds on the Battery by the village sign are doing well. They should begin to flower in June so keep watching! We are planning a further wildflower area on the Battery with the Parish Council. A small area on the steep banks and ditch will be left uncut until the

autumn to create a habitat for insects and small mammals. We welcome your thoughts and observations on this exciting new project.

We are always happy to welcome new members! If you are interested in wildlife and enjoy the outdoors then why not look at our website for details of how to join us?



will continue to work with our City Councillors to oppose this unwanted scheme.

### Footpaths

An Ease of Access Survey was undertaken at the end of April of footpaths within the Oliver's Battery Parish. The survey was carried out in conjunction with the Ramblers and the results will be reported to the Annual Parish Meeting on 16 May 2017. A review of footpath signage is also being undertaken and omissions corrected.

### Community Centre

Because of its well-documented concerns, the PC is not able to support the project proposed by Oliver's Battery Community Centre Ltd (OBCC) for the replacement of St Mark's Church Hall. A confidential OBCC Business Plan was recently issued to the PC but it did not effectively address these concerns. The position of the PC regarding the project remains unchanged from that set out in the Chairman's Report to the 2015 Annual Parish Meeting in which the following statement was made:

*"The PC supports the principle of creating a new community centre in Oliver's Battery but has expressed some concerns regarding the Project Group proposals. The PC makes it clear that, in the immediate future, it would focus its attention on the Parish Plan which will review the community's requirements in relation to a community centre in the light of views expressed."*

The PC will await the publication of the final plan report to review the views expressed by 73% of the residents of Oliver's Battery regarding, amongst many other matters, their requirements for community facilities.

Brian Mitchener - Chair Oliver's Battery Parish Council

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**Winchester Local Group Hampshire and IOW  
Wildlife Trust**


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 in the beautiful Hampshire countryside. Non-members are always very welcome. For further information about the Group please phone Anne on 01962 861182 or email atardill2@gmail.com. Alternatively visit the Trust website at [www.hiwwt.org.uk](http://www.hiwwt.org.uk)

**Sat 3 June, 10.30 am – 1 pm, Old Burghclere Lime Quarry Walk** Enjoy the late spring butterflies (we hope for small blue, dingy skipper and others) 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 farmyard (map ref: SU 470 578) (in area to the left of the entrance), reached by a rough lane, south off minor road through Old

Burghclere between the manor house and old railway bridge. For further information, please phone Mary on 01962 864440 or Mervyn on 01264 358737. Sorry, no dogs. Suggested donation £4.

**Sat 17 June, 11 am – 3 pm, A Wildlife Walk at Broughton Down** Join the Winchester local group 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. Bring a packed lunch. Meet at 11 a.m. at the western end of Buckholt Road, Broughton, off the B3084 (map ref SU 301 325). Hilly. For further information, phone Mary on 01962 864440. Sorry, no dogs. Suggested donation £4.

**Sat 5 Aug, 10.30 am - 3 pm, Butterflies and Flowers at St Catherine's Hill** Join Brian Fletcher for a walk to see the summer wildlife at this wildlife trust reserve. Meet in Parking Area G of the St Catherine's Park and Ride (parking charge applies, or use the park and ride bus). Map ref SU 487 281. Post code SO23 9BN. For further details, please contact Mary on 01962 864440 or Brian on 01962 882746. Bring a packed lunch. Sorry, no dogs. Suggested donation £4.



**Winchester Horticultural Society**

Summer has arrived and you will be busy doing the many jobs in your garden that you know so well. But even experienced gardeners seldom now everything. We may be able to help you widen your horticultural knowledge if, on a spare Wednesday evening, you decided to join us for one of our monthly meetings where you can ask questions, exchange gardening tips with like-minded people and listen to informative and interesting talks given by expert speakers. This is what we have on offer during the Summer months:

**Wednesday, 14th June** - Do you

sometimes wonder where the plants in your garden originate from? Mary Holliday-Bishop will be giving a talk on **plant hunters**, in particular Sir Joseph Banks and Captain James Cook, both of whom brought back numerous plants from their travels.

**Wednesday, 12th July** - Many gardeners love **Dahlias and Chrysanthemums** and want to learn more about how best to grow and look after them. Bryan Madders will be able to help you. He has been a national dahlia judge for 30 years and knows a thing or two about these wonderful flowers.

**Wednesday, 9th August** - Peter Rogers will come to talk to us on **General Produce for Showing**, sharing his vast knowledge of the

topic. So if you are keen on entering your flowers and produce in local shows, this talk will be a must for you.

As it happens, we will be holding our very own **Late Summer Show** at Badger Farm Community Centre from 2pm-4pm on **Saturday, 26th August**. It is an open show which non-members are very welcome to participate in. Just ring 01962-275498 to request a schedule.

Our monthly meetings are held at the Winchester Club, Churchill Room, Worthy Lane, Winchester and start at 7.30pm. Visitors £3. You can find out more about us on our website:

[www.winhortsoc@weebly.com](mailto:www.winhortsoc@weebly.com)

We look forward to meeting you.

The ladies of the OB WI continue to grow in number with over 60 attending our April meeting. With the approaching AGM this month there is a frisson of excitement with new members joining the Committee and bringing with them fresh ideas and new energy. Meanwhile a debt of thanks is owed from all members to all ladies retiring from the current Committee and who have done such sterling work in providing the members with a wonderful programme of talks and entertainment over the last 12 months.

In February we had a most interesting talk from a local

botanist Celia Cox entitled 'Plants that affect our Life'. It took no time at all for Celia to make us acutely aware of just how important plants are to our everyday existence, from shelter, food, clothing and travel.....and to appreciate that without plants the human race would simply not survive and we therefore do need to have huge respect for our flora!

March found us enjoying an entertaining and informative talk from Mary Farlenza who regaled us with anecdotes of the history of particular women who have left a legacy of change for women, under the heading of 'Empowering Women'. It was a recognition (humorous and entertaining) of how far women have moved in society/life/politics over the

decades since she was born (70 years ago). With Spring drawing to a close we had a hands on talk and demonstration in April from the Falconhigh Display team based in Hampshire. Magnificent Hawks and Owls were held and admired by all of us with a talk on their diet, flight and habitat given by the staff and the trust between bird and trainer was both profound and tangible during the evening.

Visit our Summer Sale on 20<sup>th</sup> May at St Marks Hall where you will find interesting jewellery to purchase, a tombola of mugs, plants and the usual bakery bonanza! More talks and visits will follow. If you are interested then please contact the president

Katherine.elsmore@homail.co.uk

## Ann's Computer Corner



Browser extensions are little programs that extend the functionality of your browser.

They're easy to add (see the great

instructions on [lifewire.com/installing-and-managing-browser-add-ons-and-extensions-4115522](http://lifewire.com/installing-and-managing-browser-add-ons-and-extensions-4115522)) and can make your browser a safer, more productive or more fun place. There are thousands available and the ones that work best for you will depend on how you use the internet. Here are four of my favourites to give you ideas.

**uBlock Origin:** Adverts are a mixed blessing. Reputable sites use advertising revenue to pay for valuable content they make available for free. But when websites allow the adverts take over, you can use an adblocker like uBlock origin to do something about it. By default, uBlock is very simple: it hides all the adverts on a page. If you decide you want to support the website, just a couple of clicks will show the ads. uBlock also warns you if you click on a link that will take you to one of the questionable sites it's aware of.

**LastPass:** Although there have been some recent concerns about security vulnerabilities in password managers, the advice is still that "the benefits ... outweigh the risks" ([telegraph.co.uk/technology/0/safe-use-password-manager/](http://telegraph.co.uk/technology/0/safe-use-password-manager/)). I rely on LastPass to remember all my passwords; this extension automatically pops the right password in the right place, allowing me to login with ease. It also recognises when I use a new password and will save it if required.

**Dream Afar:** I love the simplicity of Chrome. But to me, the New Tab page takes that simplicity too far

and is just ... boring! To fix that, I've installed Dream Afar. The stunning pictures can be set to change daily or hourly, while choosing a one-minute update interval pretty much guarantees you'll see a different image each time you open a new tab. Love a photo? Download it with a single click and keep it forever. Add to that an easily accessible search bar, a list of my most visited sites and quick links to my Chrome bookmarks, apps and history and you have what I think is one of the best new-tab extensions out there.

**Save to Pocket:** If you've ever found yourself reading an article or watching a video when you really should be doing something else, just because you're afraid you won't find it again, help is here. A single click on Save to Pocket will save the page to a read-it-later list at [getpocket.com](http://getpocket.com) allowing you to

easily go back to it when you've got some free time!

My other favourites include

**OneTab** and



**Wayback Machine.** Share yours in the comments on my blog (<http://www.winchestercomputertutor.co.uk/anns-thoughts>).

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## Nature Notes from Oliver's Battery Summer 2017

"The answer lies in the soil". These words will be remembered by older readers who, over fifty years ago were fans of the classic comedy radio programme "Beyond our Ken". Kenneth Williams played the part of farmer Arthur Fallowfield whose answer to any question was this phrase and became incorporated into everyday speech. The fact is the answer does lie in the soil. How would we live without it? All land life depends upon it from the tiniest micro-organism to the largest land mammal. Have you ever wondered why you feel so good when gardening, digging your allotment or walking in the countryside? Yes, it is good to be surrounded by nature while we exercise, it is meditative and elemental in connecting us with life while we nurture and cherish what we grow. However, recent research has uncovered another reason. Amongst the billion or so bacteria in the soil is one named *Mycobacterium vaccae* which

triggers the release of serotonin a chemical in the brain which is a natural mood stabilizer with similar effects to Prozac. It is also thought to improve cognitive function so it is good to know that our local school actively involves its children in growing things in their grounds.

However, we must not be complacent and take our soil for granted; it takes a thousand years to generate three centimetres. Since mankind evolved from hunter-gatherers into farmers 10,000 – 12,000 years ago the human race has reaped the benefits of the soil so producing large civilisations. But in my lifetime our precious soil has so rapidly been exploited to produce more and more to feed an ever increasing world population now said to be over 7 billion that it is becoming so degraded that some authorities believe that in Britain we only have one hundred harvests left. We cannot prove this but, if it is true our grandchildren's grandchildren will be the first to experience our short-sightedness. In addition to providing us with a medium in which to grow food soil also

absorbs carbon dioxide and, if we are globally losing 30 soccer fields of soil every minute then it is difficult to see how we can stop an increase in global warming. The message in a Sanskrit text of C1500 BC says "Upon this handful of soil our survival depends. Husband it and it will grow food, our fuel and our shelter and surround us with beauty. Abuse it and the soil will collapse and die, taking humanity with it".

EU Directives have been beneficial to UK wildlife protection so we need to give thought to the possible outcome of Brexit. A General Election looms so now is our opportunity to vote for the party most likely to retain or enhance these. We are fortunate in both parishes to have gardens where we can husband our soil but the fields surrounding Texas Drive are a wasteland waiting for housing development. If only we could cultivate these fields to benefit our community as well as managing them for wildlife. Maybe we could persuade the lapwing to return? Is it pie in the sky?

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### Dementia Carers' Café

Support for families and carers  
of people with dementia



**When?**  
First Tuesday of every month, from 2pm to 4pm

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Clifton Gym, B Level, Royal Hampshire County Hospital,  
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HHFT Dementia Team

## Another Rip Roaring Success for Oliver's Battery Community Centre Charity

The Little Big Band (who very kindly performed for free) played to a sell-out concert at St Mark's hall on the evening of Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April where over £800 was raised for the Charity. Over 80 residents enjoyed the evening. It was lovely to see our community meeting up, appreciating their music and having fun.

This was the second large fund-raising event and more are in the planning stages for the rest of the year. Our grateful thanks are extended to all our helpers who put the event together.

We are very mindful though that St. Mark's building is coming to the end of its days with Rev. Mike Gardner stating recently that it may have to close within the next 5 years. What a pity it would be to see this valuable community facility disappear. The charity has been set up with the full support of St Mark's Church specifically to establish a new community centre building on the site.

We continue to work hard to make this project happen and, whilst we have been unable to obtain Parish Council backing at present with our application for a small grant turned down recently, we are hopeful that our large and ever growing support will persuade them to come on board in the near future.

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