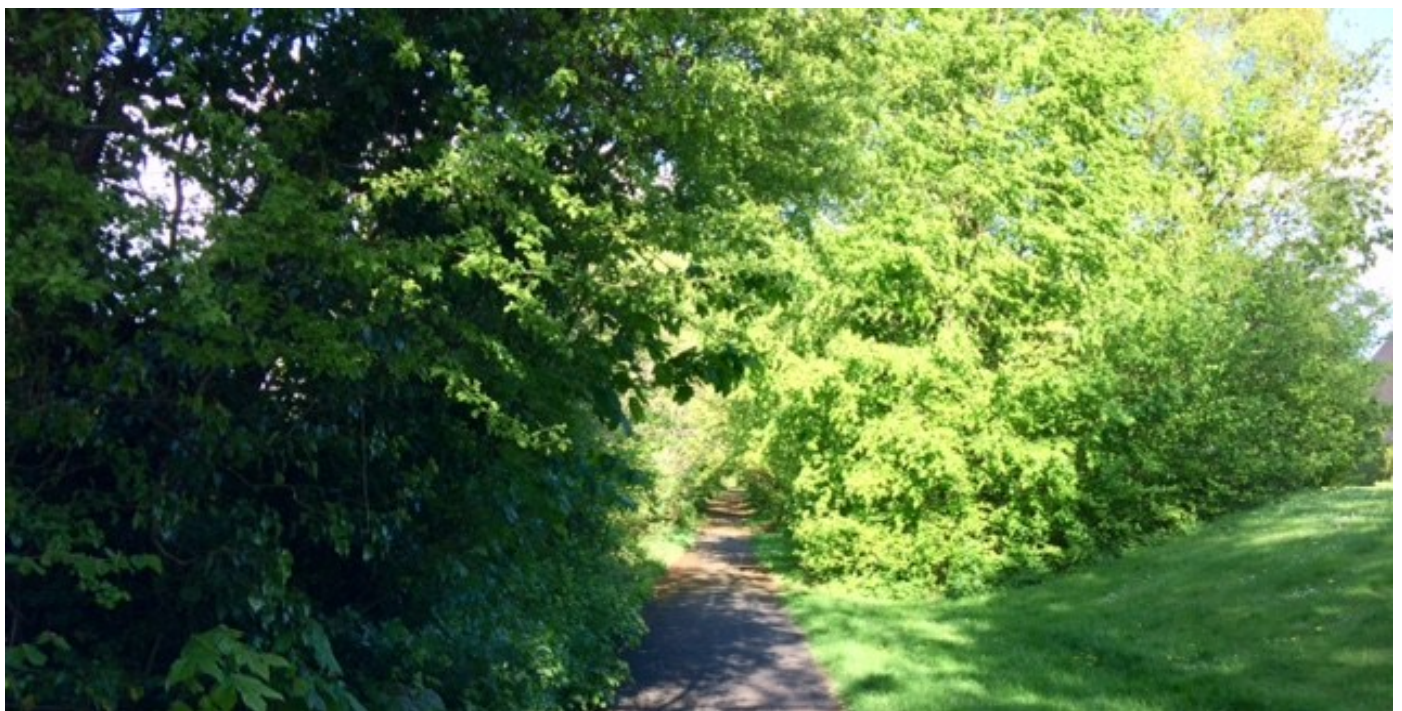




Badger Farm & Oliver's Battery Community News

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Summer 2018 Edition**

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As the weather gets warmer, most people breath a sigh of relief. I am not one of those people I am afraid! So I sincerely hope that you don't find this issue

as lethargic as I feel. There are some fantastic updates from local councillors and our MP, as well as news from local schools and pre-schools.

I have to say, that I had so many contributions this time around, it was hard to know where to start. So a huge thank you to everyone who submitted as always.

The cover is a photo by Simon Lever, which I couldn't quite squeeze into his lovely walk around the area on page 17. It's brilliant to be able to see these places from the comfort of a chair but (as long as it's not too hot), it might be worth checking them out for yourself.

As the warm months hit, please be aware that the vulnerable might not deal with it as well as you do.

Check on your neighbours and help your friends.

Looking forward to the Autumn issue, and the Autumn weather!



NOTICE

**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BADGER FARM &
OLIVER'S BATTERY RESIDENTS' COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
WILL TAKE PLACE ON WEDNESDAY 25 JULY 2018
IN THE BUSHFIELD ROOM AT BADGER FARM COMMUNITY CENTRE
STARTING AT 7.30pm**

ALL LOCAL RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

**COME ALONG AND HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT HOW THE
ASSOCIATION IS RUN**

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE ANNUAL USER GROUP MEETING

**ALL MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION, MOTIONS, AND NOMINATIONS
FOR OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO
THE SECRETARY OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOT LATER THAN
TWO WEEKS' PRIOR TO THE MEETING**

**FORMS FOR NOMINATIONS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM
THE BOOKINGS SECRETARY AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SECRETARY CAN BE CONTACTED VIA
THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON 01962-868630 OR BY EMAIL AT
enquiries@bfobrca.org**

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 Holchen 01794 301185 07771 854 347 fred.holchen@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	Sergly 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 - 8.30pm	Stanley Judd 01962 841402		A warm welcome awaits you at your local Royal British Legion group meeting.
RugbyTots	Friday	1.00pm - 1.30pm 1.35pm - 2.05pm 2.10pm - 2.55pm	Contact Phil Rowles phil@rugbytots.co.uk 007985 788 069	Enquire direct	A fun, active and confidence building class for boys and girls aged 2-7 years. Free trials available. www.rugbytots.co.uk
Senshi Ryu Karate	Thursday	6.30pm - 7.30pm	Phil Aucott senshiryuukarate@gmail.com	Enquire direct	Become fitter, more flexible, stronger, more disciplined, focused and confident.
Slimming World	Saturday	9.30am - 11.00am	Steve Coombs 07788 683 077		A warm welcome awaits you in your local group! New members always welcome.
Southern England Karate Federation	Tuesday	4.30pm - 5.30pm Children & Adults	Collin Rudkin 07966 303 585 Collinrudkin@btinternet.com	Enquire direct	Friendly and professional Karate club with high standards set at International level. Affiliated to the English Karate Federation and World Karate Federation.
Weight Watchers	Thursday	9.30am - 10.30am 6.30pm - 7.45pm	07455 968 884	Weekly meeting fee of £6.25	Your lifestyle, your choice. With Weight Watchers you choose the weight loss approach that works best for you.
Wessex Wargames Club	Tuesday	7.00pm - 11.00pm	Ian Ackerman 01962 624710	£3 per session (first session is free)	Miniature wargames and role-playing games of all periods and genres played.
Winchester Tae Kwon-Do	Monday Wednesday	6.30pm - 9.00pm	Lucy Scott info@winchestertkd.co.uk	Membership by subscription	6.30pm-7.45pm beginners/intermediates 7pm-8.30pm seniors (black belts to 9pm)
Yoga	Monday Friday	9.30am - 11.00am 1.30pm - 3.00pm	Chris Wyeth 01962 868346	£35 per 5 week sessions	Experience the balancing effect of yoga on mind and body. Stretch and relax into a healthier life.
Gentle Therapeutic Yoga Reduce pain, discomfort and tension	Tuesday	1.30pm - 3.00pm	Christine Giles https://ahed.psc.ac.uk 01962 889547	Enrol on line or telephone	Become fitter, calmer and more relaxed; improve mobility, strength, stamina, physical and mental health using yoga postures and correct breathing.



Oliver's Battery Primary School

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World book day We celebrated World Book Day on Monday 5th March. Children were invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. There were lots of creative and imaginative costumes on show in all year groups - the costumes seem to get better and better each year! We spent some of the day thinking about why we all enjoy reading and shared some of our favourite books. The teachers loved digging out and reading some of their favourite child hood books. We also did some special activities about our favourite stories and books in our classes during the day. As part of the world book day project, all children were given a £1 book voucher that they could either use towards a book or purchase a book that had



been especially priced as a £1 for the event. We hope that the children enjoyed their new books.

School partnerships As a school, we are continuing to work closely with St Swithuns. Last term, our Year 3 children visited St Swithuns every Thursday for swimming lessons. This ended with a swimming gala that parents were invited to. All the children talked about how much they enjoyed the opportunity to take part in the sessions and how they felt much more confident with swimming.

This term, Year 4 have just begun their drama sessions. In their first session, the children all really enjoyed learning how to use their mouths to make different sounds. They started off by being an orchestra and each child having to make the noise of a different instrument with their mouth and then they went on to making a soundscape. This meant they had different settings that they had to create and show using

only sound. Next half term, our Year 6 children will be visiting to take part in some exciting maths sessions.

Grounds team Huge thanks to everyone who came and helped on the Grounds Day a couple of Sundays ago. We had several dedicated Oliver's Battery parents as well as 16 St. Swithun's School boarders. Everyone got stuck in cutting bramble, scrub, and grass. We all worked really hard and got an amazing amount of work done:

- Bramble was cut from the long grass by the Forest School entrance. This is where a large population of common lizards live, which children like to hunt in the summer.
- Plants and small trees were cut from the back of the wildflower meadow. This will open up a large glade for the butterflies that prefer a slightly different habitat to the meadow. It also creates a nice warm microclimate for solitary bees.
- Dogwood and blackthorn was cut from the top of the wildflower meadow. This means that the meadow will stay grassy for the ants and butterflies that use it and children will be able to see them easily.



We were able to burn most of the cuttings and enjoyed cake, homemade cookies (thank you Paul) and tea. I'd like to say thank you to Graham, Paul, Archie, Elliot, Kerry-Anne, Zac, Jack, Tyler, Kirsteen, Kali and all the hardworking girls and staff from St. Swithun's, who kindly gave up some of their Sunday to do the work. It would not have been possible without you all.

Reception class visitors There have been exciting visitors in Squirrels during the last half term. The first six eggs arrived and soon they had hatched into beautiful fluffy ducklings. They are very friendly and children across the school have had a chance to see them, including the Preschool. There has been lots of writing, maths and art related to the ducklings which will be displayed after Easter in the Year R corridor. We are sad to say goodbye to them, but are happy



they are going to live on a lovely farm with other ducks. We would like to say a big thank you to FOBS for paying for this fantastic experience

Art Gallery It was lovely to see so many parents come and visit the art gallery. Every class in the school had spent time learning about a different movement in art and created a piece of art based on their movement as inspiration. It was a great opportunity for children to have a look at great artists across many different movements and be inspired by them. Every child's work looked lovely in their frames and well worth the £3.50! I am looking forward to putting some up around the school when the building works are



finished. I would like to say a big thank you to the FOBS team for supporting the school with this and giving up their time in order to frame the pictures.

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

www.oliversbatteryprimary.com



We require a handyman to do odd jobs around the parish, painting, maintenance of play equipment etc. This is on an ad hoc basis, an hour here and there as required and is a paid position. If you are interested then please give Badger Farm Parish Council a ring on **01425 656010**.



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Are you ready for a new challenge?

At Oliver's Battery Primary School we are currently looking for a new co-opted governor to join our friendly team. Our governors come from a range of different backgrounds, skills and experience, but all share a common interest of wanting the best possible education for the children in our school. This volunteer position is selected by informal discussion and is subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service check.

We would be delighted to hear from anyone who:

- Is interested in children's education and the performance of the school
- Is community spirited and would like to represent the community
- Has spare time and the energy for the role – it does mean being able to get in during school time and evening meetings a couple of times a term each (you might find that your employer gives you time off for this)
- Is able to work well as part of a team
- Has an enquiring mind and the confidence to ask questions and debate issues that affect the school
- Can consider matters objectively and make informed judgements

What is the role of the governing body?

- Helping to set and review the schools strategic direction and agreeing targets for improvement
- Holding the headteacher and school leaders to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure public money is well spent

What does the role offer?

- A chance to develop your own personal skills
- Access to a programme of free training in respect of education/ governance matters
- A sense of achievement in helping make a difference to children reaching their potential
- The support and guidance from fellow governors

What experience do we need?

- HR
- Legal
- Business/finance

If you are interested then please contact the school office for an application form on 01962 869496/ email the address below governoradmin@oliversb.com/ visit the website below this will need to be completed and returned to the email address above. If you would like to discuss any aspects of the role before submitting an application please feel free to contact the chair of governors at the email address above.

For further information please also look at the information for prospective governors on the Hampshire County Council website at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/governors/volunteer> - you will find video, e-learning and written information on the site and all of these will provide you with further details about the role. Governors are essential for the effectiveness and success of the school and it is an extremely rewarding and fulfilling role.



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Spaces are now available!

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

Funding available for 2 year olds if applicable.

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

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

"Staff are qualified, experienced and knowledgeable about how children learn. They provide children with a good range of activities to engage and motivate them. Children are kind and caring towards one another and behave well. Staff are positive role models and this helps to create a relaxed and homely environment where children settle happily. Ofsted 2018"

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

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Badger Farm Toddlers

Thursdays 13:30 - 15:00

Badger Farm Community Centre

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All welcome, run by qualified pre-school teachers!

Bikes, puzzles, Play-dough, books and much more for toddlers!

And for new mums and babies a well stocked and comfortable baby mat area. (We also provide baby scales and a baby changing area in the room!)

We offer a cuppa and a chat for you, fun and a snack for the little ones!

Open term time only!

Info: Catherine 07990037467
or Esther etsouramanis@icloud.com

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



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The group runs on Tuesdays term time only

12:30 - 1:45

At

St Marks Church Hall

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



BADGER FARM
PARISH COUNCIL

Badger Farm Parish Council

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

We hope the warmer weather will have arrived by the time you read this. The very wet weather has left us all looking soggy and in need of some dry weather so we can get out and enjoy our lovely parish.

Following on from the successful litter pick organised by a local resident in March, the parish council would like to concentrate on getting the parish looking really neat and tidy. Nothing looks more depressing than seeing the place you live in blighted by litter, dog poo or over grown areas. With this in mind, councillors are going to be out and about in the near future walking around our parish looking for unkempt areas that need a bit of TLC. If you know of any unsightly areas where there are overgrown shrubs, bushes etc or collapsed fences please do let us know via email on clerk@badgerfarm-pc.gov.uk by phone on 07463 760801 or you can write to us care of the Community Centre. Once we have a better idea of the scale of the issues, council will be looking to address the issues found. In some cases it will mean forwarding issues to

WCC, in others we are looking at using our lengthsman and handyman to tidy the parish up. However, in some cases responsibility lies with the landowner. Where this is the case, residents who are elderly or disabled and struggle to maintain their boundaries can be directed to agencies who can assist.

Our new website is now up and running and more content is being added daily. You can find the home page at www.badgerfarm-pc.gov.uk along with details about your local councillors. If you have any bright ideas of things you would like to see covered on the website, please do let us know. We are also keen to showcase any photographs you have of the parish throughout the seasons. Get in touch if you have some photographs that you are willing to share.

Finally, we say good by to Councillor Mrs Heather Nicholson who stood down at our annual meeting in May. Heather has given many years of service to Badger Farm Parish Council and chaired the sub-committee set up to oversee the installation of our two new playgrounds. Thank you Heather, you will be missed by us all.



NEWS FROM BADGER FARM PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

How wonderful Spring has finally arrived! With the warmer and drier weather the children have started

again to explore outside! Our local environment is very important to us and the children have been out and about. A trip to the Ridge looking for bugs and butterflies also gave

us the opportunity to look at the wonderful views of Winchester pointing out the landmarks and listening for the trains. We missed the cows but will re-visit on their return.



Our local underpass gives us plenty of learning opportunities which we regularly use.

The play areas provided by the Parish Council are very much appreciated by all our children who can experience a wealth of opportunities to promote physical development. The zip wire and roundabout proved very popular with all! The pictures show some of the children enjoying their outing!

We have recently undergone our OFSTED inspection where we were rated overall as good where "all children develop skills that prepare them well for the next stage in learning including their eventual move to school."

For full details either call in to see us or contact OFSTED via the website.



Village Fete and Living Portraits at Hat Fair - St John's Alms houses, Saturday 30th June, 12 - 5pm

The Hat Fair team are delighted to welcome Winchester's older residents to a Village Fete on Saturday 30th June, as part of Hat Fair. We're creating an oasis of calm within the festival, especially for older people and holding it within the gorgeous gardens of St John's Alms houses. Students from Winchester School of Art will be decorating the gardens with a centrepiece tent where we'll be offering plenty of free tea, coffee and cake. We'll also have a piano for residents and audiences to play and you'll be able to meet some of Winchester's best activity providers for older people.

Just next door at St John's Chapel, we'll be showcasing the work of our intergenerational project, *Living Portraits*. At this wonderful exhibition, you'll see digital portraits celebrating the lives of some of Winchester's older residents. If you saw the first part of *Living Portraits* at Woolly Hat Fair, you're sure to enjoy this second instalment!

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OLIVER'S BATTERY COMMUNITY CENTRE

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A MILESTONE IN OUR JOURNEY

Oliver's Battery Community Centre Ltd (OBCC) held its second Annual General Meeting in April. OBCC is the charity formed two years ago to further the benefit, and provide a focus, for the residents of the parish and neighbourhood and to build a new community centre to replace the ageing St Mark's Church hall. Members present listened to guest speaker Tim Houghton, Chief Executive of Community First, Winchester, who congratulated the Management Team on its progress so far, but acknowledged the difficulties that needed to be overcome. Those obstacles were not unrecognised and many new community builds went through similar experiences. He encouraged more residents to become actively involved in the exciting project and to help in moving

it forward in its next phase.

The Chairman in thanking Tim gave an update on the past year's activities, which included several fund-raising events, which were well supported and helped increase the charity's funds. He also reported that they had had significant support from the local NHS Trust and Southern Health and that the 'Winchester Live at Home Scheme' charity was very interested in using the proposed facilities.

He went on to say that much had been made of concerns about parking, but it was clear that the major pressures on parking were caused by local businesses and by parents' daily journeys to and from Oliver's Battery School. Indeed, the current high level of activities at St Mark's was accommodated despite these pressures, and without noticeably increasing them. Therefore, the right approach to parking was to treat it as a concern to be addressed rather than a matter preventing other plans from going forward. It should be noted that OBCC Ltd had organised several fund-raising events during the last two years with attendances of up to 80 people and there had been no parking issues on these occasions. In closing, a

vote of thanks was passed for the Chairman, Dr Geoff Sharman, who was standing down as a director after more than five years involvement in the project.

Following the success of last year's event, OBCC is again holding another **Community Quiz Evening on Saturday 30th June at St Mark's Church hall**. Due to the limitations of the existing building, a number of residents were unable to attend last time, so please buy your tickets early. These are available by contacting: Terry Morris on 01962 861082 or

email: obccLtd2016@gmail.com.

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OLIVER'S BATTERY PARISH COUNCIL

Elections May 2018

At the recent election, David Kirkby, Connie Leach, John Furlong, Fabrizio de Liberali, Rebecca Hare and myself were elected to serve a further four years on the Parish Council (PC). At the same time, Rob Ducker stepped down from the PC and Brian Collin was elected. The PC would like to thank Rob for his two years of service on the PC.

Parking and Waiting Restrictions

I reported last time that the PC had met with Winchester City Council (WCC) to review roadside parking and waiting restrictions, particularly at junctions and around bends. A Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) was prepared and a formal consultation process undertaken. As a result of comments from residents affected, the TRO was amended and there will be no double yellow lines and new single yellow lines will not be installed at the Compton Way/Austen Avenue junction. WCC have confirmed that the amended proposal will be taken forward although an implementation date has not yet been confirmed.

Texas, Texas Drive

The PC understands that the Inspector has dismissed an appeal, by the developer of Texas, Texas Drive, against the December 2017 planning refusal because it was submitted outside the allowable time period. However, the developer has also appealed against the enforcement order that requires him to comply with the planning permission granted in October 2016 and to reverse changes to the landscape. It is not yet known if the appeal will be accepted. The PC will continue to work with others to oppose any changes to the October 2016 planning permission.

Texas Drive Field

The provisions of the Localism Act 2011 give local groups a right to nominate a building or other land for listing by the local authority as an asset of community value (ACV). An asset can be listed if the principal use furthers the community's social wellbeing or social interest. It was the PC's view that the Texas Drive field met the criteria because of its extensive recreational use by residents.

The PC agreed to submit to WCC an application to register the Texas Drive field as an ACV. However, WCC have refused to accept PC's nomination of the field as an ACV on the basis that the current actual use of the field, over the last 15 years, has been grazing by a farmer. The PC believes this to be an error and have asked WCC for an explanation as to how it has arrived at this decision. WCC replied on 30 April 2018 but did not answer any of the specific queries raised by the PC but simply stated that once a decision has been made it cannot be reviewed let alone changed, consequently the only option is to submit a new nomination.

Oliver's Battery Plan 2018

The Plan has recently been published and copies of the Summary Report delivered to all households in the parish. The PC has formally adopted the Plan and are currently considering the actions identified for the PC.

Brian Mitchener - Chair Oliver's Battery Parish Council

cllr.mitchener@oliversbattery.info - 01962 623585



Badger Farm Social Club

Your Family Friendly Community Club

Did you know there is a social club inside your Community Centre?

We're 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 local league and cup matches:

DARTS – both Men's and Ladies teams who continue to have had success with promotions (League) and Cup wins! We even run in house darts tournaments.

POOL – Join the Men's team who play Wednesday. We'd like to recruit new members as well as set up a Ladies team. So please come and join us!

CRIBBAGE – Come and join in the fun!

If you are interested in joining a team or even want to set up

a new team do come in and ask at 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 where you can win fantastic quality joints from a local butcher! We also have lottery machines, weekly Lottery bonus ball winner **and juke box!**

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For the months ahead we'll have a barbeque at the end of May over the Bank holiday weekend so look out for the posters. Look out too for the BIG FAMILY party over the August Bank Holiday weekend.

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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 Monday 20th to Friday 25th August.

If you would like any more information please telephone Pam Turner on Winchester 867828

Human to Human Communication

Being 'comfortable with oneself' rather than projecting a personality that others want or expect to see must be healthier and certainly less stressful.

In the acting profession there is a phrase, 'in character'. The actor or actress suddenly 'clicks' into the stage character. Dame Judi Dench is renowned for this. The audience of course does not witness the transition, but the producers, fellow actors, and camera crew certainly do. Many in the acting profession are terribly shy. On stage, they become 'someone else' rather than themselves.

We engage with family, friends, colleagues, neighbours and the local community in general. But we should not feel 'obligated' to 'put on a face'. To engage with harmony, kindness and a genuine smile, or best of all, a good laugh WITH each other is positive and healthy.

Quality social media is for the good of the community, and ensures those who wish to receive (and 'post') information can do so with confidence. The key message is be ourselves, build and project our positive qualities and the situations where we are comfortable and relaxed. Every person is different, unique. Something to celebrate!

We are all human after all!

Simon Lever



It was a busy spring term at the pre school, with topics including spring and Chinese New Year. The children got creative with Mother's Day crafts and finished the term with our annual Easter Egg Hunt and picnic for them and their families.

The children are now getting ready for Summer, and our teachers have lots of exciting activities planned for them. The children have been learning about St George's Day, will be taking part in their own Sports Day, have a day trip to Adventure Wonderland and the annual end of term leavers' picnic to look forward to. The children will also be enjoying the fresh air in our secure outside space, with fully equipped mud kitchen and abundance of outdoor toys.

The pre school's "home corner" changes every few weeks to ensure the children have a varied learning environment. So far this year it has already been a builders', fire station and spring garden. It is currently being transformed into a castle for the Royal Wedding!

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For more information, please contact our pre school leader, Jackie Johnston, on mobile 07941 796 958 or

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From your MP - Steve Brine

As I am sure readers of this magazine have noticed, **the environment** – and especially concerns about **single use plastics** – have shot up the agenda in recent months.

The Prime Minister recently launched a landmark 25 Year Environment Plan which sets out how the UK will improve the quality of air and water, create richer habitats for wildlife and crucially, tackle plastic in the oceans. Furthermore, and to wide acclaim, we've said in coming years we will crackdown on plastics by eliminating all avoidable plastic waste.

So the announcement just before Easter that DEFRA will consult on plans to introduce a bottle deposit return scheme in order to increase recycling rates and slash the amount of waste polluting our land and seas was welcome. I am convinced this is right as we must act now to tackle this threat and curb the millions of plastic bottles a day that go

unrecycled. We have already banned harmful microbeads and cut plastic bag use, and now we want to take action on plastic bottles to help clean up our oceans.

Locally, the commitment too, on this agenda is as strong as ever and I recently met a working Mum who lives in Winchester with a passion for the environment. As a working Dad with the same, we hit it off and you have to take your hat off to the momentum Michele Ingerslev has generated for her **Final Straw Winchester** campaign which is asking local businesses to stop using single-use plastic straws. Her recent straw 'amnesty' was, as you can see, a huge success!

You can find out more and back Michele's campaign at www.facebook.com or follow her on Twitter at [@FinalStrawWinch](https://twitter.com/FinalStrawWinch)

Secondly, readers will know how proud I am to be the Cancer Minister in this Government and how much the NHS means to me locally. So it was double delight recently to visit the site of what will become the new adult hospice in Winchester. Hampshire Hospitals, on the RHCH site in Winchester, are converting an historic building as part of a £2.5 million project that will have 10 inpatient beds and become a community hub for specialist palliative care services. With no hospice currently situated in the city, Winchester Hos-

pice will allow patients and their families to spend less time travelling to receive care or visit a loved one, and more time enjoying special moments together. See more; www.hampshirehospitals.nhs.uk/winchester-hospice

And finally, my congratulations to all successful candidates in last month's local elections. I will carry on working with all new – and existing – representatives for the benefit constituents no matter who they represent and I will never give up my mission to get positive politics (and campaigning) across the board in Winchester.

More of my work, in Westminster and here in Winchester at www.stevebrine.com or find me at www.facebook.com/SteveBrineMP

Steve Brine MP for Winchester



Movement Strategy for Winchester

of Winchester and will help the County Council to bid for national funding.

Some of the themes from the initial public consultation include embracing the City's historic layout, use of traffic technology, being innovative in the use of existing infrastructure (such as the Chesil Tunnel), maximising the benefits of the M3 Junction 9 improvements, improving the flow of traffic through the centre, reducing the number of HGVs and the quality of the Park and Ride service.

For further information and updates: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/winchestermovementstrategy>

Cllr Jan Warwick
Hampshire County Councillor: Winchester Downlands

Hampshire County and Winchester City Council are working on a traffic and transport strategy for Winchester City. The strategy will identify opportunities to improve movement across the City for the next 20 years. The draft strategy is due to be published later this year for public consultation.

Both councils have engaged with residents and visitors on issues such as economic vibrancy, air quality and achieving the right balance of traffic. The strategy aims to improve the way people move in and out



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From the Desk of Revd. Mike Gardener

In church terms we are just about to enter 'Ordinary Time' but we find it far from ordinary as we get into the

rhythm of the summer. I would hope by now you may have heard that I have changed my job title and adjusted my work load [*but hope you have not noticed*] I now work as the associate Priest of St Luke Stanmore [*that includes St Mark Oliver's Battery*] and also of St Barnabas Weeke, so that Revd Ed Dines who is Priest in charge at St Barnabas will also be P-in-C of St Luke with St Mark. I will be focusing on the Pastoral sign and Ed the buildings and governance stuff. A new way of working for the next five years or so.

The changing seasons give each of us a new way of working and as each year goes by we have to adjust our way of working, leisure time and socialising. With that in mind you may be interested in one or two things we offer from your parish church ...

Coffee Pop-Inn and access to the community book case in St Mark's on Thursday from 10.30 for an hour [*books can be exchange at any time St Mark's is open*] ...

The annual Seniors' Holiday [*at home*] Club in St Luke's at the end of August, keep an eye out for information ...

While I am off to be ordinary [*as if I could*] enjoy the summer and hope to see/speak with you soon ... **Mike**



Walk on the Bright Side

Positive thoughts about the rain watering the flowers and ensuring a truly bright green and colourful start to the late Spring and Early Summer can be quite challenging!



We have enjoyed many sunny days; even sitting outside for a tea or coffee, but with umbrellas at the ready! It was so warm for the time of year. Deciding to brave the strong winds and walk over Whiteshute Ridge during



late Spring is rewarded by the joy of everything shimmering in many shades of fresh bright green.

The view of Winchester Cathedral is special with a welcoming glow as the sun

bathes the roof and tower. Walking further away along Whiteshute Ridge, the Cathedral seems to become closer. With the Tame English Cattle having a 'break' back in St. Cross it did seem a bit strange not experiencing their sultry glances and gentle manner. Their absence for a short time is part of the plan.

March Winds, April Showers, May Thunderstorms and Flaming June seem to have visited our lovely area during one week



in April! The vivid colours of the blossom ranging from a deep glorious pink to vivid white contribute to an almost magical sense of well being.

There are so many easy walks around Badger Farm, and the pathway at the side of the Ridgeway is no exception. In in

the early summer it provides a leafy cover. Enjoying a relaxed stroll, a robin's distinct call becomes a physical reality as this proud bird presents itself for a photographic opportunity!

The quintessentially English Bluebells provide a unique welcome to the the woodlands and walkways. Forget-me-Nots have their own story to tell and the Dutch and Germans use their own translated version.

Dandelions are never in short supply! They are so colourful, but prolific weeds. The name



'dandelion' is French 'lion's tooth' because of the shape of the leaves. All this within a short walk, whether in Oliver's Battery or Badger Farm.

People are friendly and engaging, and often an exchange of greetings result in genuine smiles. Talking of warm greetings and enthusiasm, Colin who can be seen grass cutting on Whiteshute Ridge has received a well deserved Mayor's award for service to the community.

A smile can brighten the day for someone!

Simon Lever





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For general information and advice go to www.hampshire.police.uk

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Nature Notes from Oliver's Battery Spring 2018

Writing this on 2nd May, a cold wet day, I am thinking when will we have some sustained spring weather? We had a few lovely days earlier but it has been a cold, wet spring with a prolonged violent storm of lightning and thunder right overhead and hail breaking the heads off daffodils and tulips. Then we had snow; two falls in March and the second, far heavier disrupting daily routines and, for all its scenic beauty, the only beneficiaries children off school passing my window with their sledges. Do you wonder what passes your windows in the night when you are fast asleep tucked up in your warm bed? Well, neighbours sent photographs of puzzling tracks in the snow in their front garden and I would like to know what you think may have made them from the photo presented here. Clearly the main tracks are rabbit but what are the mysterious holes at regular eight inch intervals; surely not a rabbit with a walking stick? Do please get in touch.

Despite the weather there is much bird activity - nest building, incubation of eggs and

hopefully successful fledging. If you walk on the Battery have you noticed the six new nesting boxes in the trees, two each for blue tits, great tits and open fronted for robins. These were provided by the Winchester branch of the RSPB in memory of Maurice Walker, an Oliver's Battery resident who was long time chairman of the group. Many will remember him leading the local Neighbourhood Watch for many years. The boxes, made as flat packs by an RSPB member were put together by members of the Winchester Club for people with Learning Disabilities known as 'Go LD'. They chose the bright green colour which will fade in time but the birds don't seem to mind because there has already been great interest. See if you can spot them and note they are labelled accordingly BT1 and 2, GT 1 and 2 and R 1 and 2 although the blue tits may not be too fussy which ones they choose! Oliver's Battery Parish Council approved the plan and the boxes were put in place by members of the RSPB and Oliver's Battery Countryside Group. It is planned to erect more boxes in the autumn in the Wildlife Area and recreation ground.

It has not been good for frogs in our pond this year. We had dozens busily mating in mid-February producing a mass of spawn but four frogs have since been found dead in the

pond covered in a slimy substance and there are no tadpoles. We have had dead frogs in the past couple of years and now fear we have one of several frog diseases, hard to eliminate. We have made the sad decision to fill in the pond in the autumn. It is a salutary warning not to take spawn from one pond to another. I hope yours are in good health.

Norma Goodwin

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'The Mixed Palette' Art Exhibition

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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 in the beautiful Hampshire countryside. Non- members are always very welcome.

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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

Sat 2 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 469 578, post code RG20 4NU) (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.

Wed 18 July, 10.30 am - 3 pm. Crab Wood and Farley Mount. Join Brian Fletcher to see the butterflies and flowers in this mixture of downland and woodland. Meet at the Junction car park (SU 419 291) near Farley Mount, on the minor road (marked as Sarum Road at Winchester end) from Winchester to Ashley. The car park is at the junction between Sarum Road and Farley Mount Road. For further details, please contact Mary on 01962 864440 or Brian on 01962 882746 . Bring a packed lunch. Sorry, no dogs. Suggested donation £4.

Tues 21 August 10.30 am - 3 pm, A Wildlife Walk at Broughton Down Join Brian Fletcher for a visit to this Trust reserve to see the butterflies and flowers and learn about the Trust's management of this chalk downland site. Bring a packed lunch. Meet at 10.30 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.

WINCHESTER HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Hopefully, by the time you read this, Summer will have arrived and some of your evenings and weekends will be taken up with planting, weeding, watering and mowing the lawn. With it comes the joy of being out of doors and seeing your flowers and vegetables thrive under your care. When you need a break and it happens to be the second Wednesday of the month, we would like to invite you to join us for one of our monthly meetings where you will hear an interesting talk on a horticultural topic, socialise with like-minded people and swap gardening tips. Here is what's on offer during the next few months:

Wednesday, 13th June - Roger Butler will give a talk on **Pelargoniums** (formerly called Geraniums) and advise us how best to look after them.

Wednesday, 11th July - Derek Dexter's favourite plants are **Fuchsias** of which he grows and exhibits many varieties. Here is your chance to ask any questions you may have.

Wednesday, 8th August - Under the heading of **How to be a 21st Century Gardener** Timothy Walker, Director of Oxford Botanic Gardens, will discuss the future of gardening which promises to be really interesting.

Another event in August, on **Saturday, 18th August**, will be our **LATE SUMMER SHOW**, held at Badger Farm Community Centre from 2pm-4pm. It is an Open Show and schedules can be obtained online at www.winhortsoc@weebly.com or by ringing 01962-275498. Take part or come and see what we have managed to produce in our gardens because of, or despite, the Summer weather. Tea and home-made cake will be available.

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Ann's Computer Corner



A few years ago, I couldn't have imagined giving up on Windows Live Mail. But in January 2017 Microsoft ended support for

this much-loved program, leaving it susceptible to security vulnerabilities, so I decided to hunt for a replacement. If you make the same choice, this may help.

Windows 10 Mail: The easy option is the Windows 10 Mail app. This offers a very modern look and a simple interface, which makes it easy to learn. Being an inherent part of Windows 10, it integrates well with Microsoft's other apps such as Calendar and People. But its simple interface brings simple functionality: you can read and write emails, sort them by date or name, print or flag them or organise them into folders, but that's about it.

Outlook: With an interface that's familiar to Live Mail users, but with enough extra features to keep the most mail-addicted business user happy, this may be the obvious choice. That is, until you see the price. Outlook is only available as part of Microsoft Office, either in the Home and Business version, with a one-off price of £229.99 (RRP), or as part of the Office 365 subscription package with an RRP of £59.99/£79.99 (one/five users) a year. If you already use Office or if you want the extra functionality (read more on tinyurl.com/wct-outlook) it's probably worth it but otherwise you may want to consider alternatives.

Thunderbird: Often recommended in reviews of email clients is Thunderbird (thunderbird.net). Developed by Mozilla, who make the Firefox browser, its pedigree shows in its unique design using tabs to show your messages. Also like a browser, you can use Add-ons to extend its functionality or change its appearance. If you love tinkering with apps to get them just how you want them, it's a good choice. But be warned, it has a much steeper learning curve than the others.

eM Client: If you only have one or two email addresses to manage, take a look at the free version of eM Client (emclient.com). Easy to set up, with the option to import your information directly from Live Mail. It's similar enough to Live Mail, both visually and functionally, that it's easy to find your way around, although it uses a classic toolbar rather than Microsoft's ribbon. Nice touches are an automatic backup, the variety of colour themes, the "deduplicator" and the nifty conversation history sidebar.

If Windows 10 Mail is too simple, Outlook too expensive and Thunderbird too different you may find that eM Client becomes your new favourite.

You can read more of my research on winchestercomputertutor.co.uk/anns-thoughts.

Ann

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BADGER FARM TODDLERS

Are you able to spare a couple of hours a week to help out at our very popular Badger Farm Toddler Group? We are anxious to find some willing Mum's, Dad's or in fact anybody who would like to become involved. It's a really friendly group with lots of activities for the youngsters, tea and coffee for the grown-ups and lots of chat and laughter! This lively and lovely group are sadly now finding it difficult to manage without more volunteer help and if you would like to lend a hand, you would be made most welcome.

If you are interested, please contact Jan at the Community Centre on 01962 868630 or Catherine Thomas on 07990 03746



**THE BADGER FARM
THURSDAY GROUP
NEW MEMBERS WANTED!
COME AND JOIN US!**

The Badger Farm Thursday Group is a small, friendly social group of adults with a physical or disabling condition who meet every other Thursday at Badger Farm Community Centre in Winchester from 10.00am to 12.30pm. The group provides a much needed opportunity for people to meet together who may otherwise experience difficulties in accessing social outlets. We are looking for more disabled and able people to join our group. We would also very much welcome a volunteer who would be willing to help make light refreshments such as tea/coffee, soft drinks, etc. for around 10 people. Also we would welcome somebody who could help with planning activities which may include quizzes, games, raffles, meals out, fundraising events or even a guest speaker. If you feel you would like to become involved with this friendly and sociable group, contact Jan at the Community Centre on 01962 868630 for further details.



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