



Mottisfont & Dunbridge

ACORN



The Village Newsletter

March 2019

DEFIBRILLATORS

We are holding a demonstration on how to use the defibrillators that are outside The Mill Arms and The Social Club. The demonstration will be on Thursday 28th March starting at 7pm, will last about 90 minutes, and will be held in the function room at The Mill Arms.



The Community Heartbeat Trust will be demonstrating the use of defibrillators, explaining how the equipment works and its benefits to the community in saving precious minutes in the treatment of sudden cardiac arrest.

Everybody is welcome and no special skills are required, just your willingness to play an important role in the event of a medical emergency.

To give us an idea of numbers, if you are planning to attend, please ring The Mill Arms on 340355, and just give them your name.

For any inquiries about this session, please ring Michael Horne on 340105.

FREE

Play table measuring 1040mm wide x 840mm deep x 600mm high. Too good to go to landfill.

Contact Pat and Dave Francis on 340609, or email patfrancis-dot-romsey-at-gmail-dot-com.

MEET THE NEIGHBOURS

Come and join neighbours and friends for a chat over a drink at the Mill Arms.

**Friday,
22nd March, 7pm**



VILLAGE QUIZ AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 23rd March, 7 for 7.30 pm

Have you booked your team for a fun evening at the village hall? If not there is still time. Teams of up to five at £2.50 per person. A great chance to meet up with friends and family.



There will be amazing prizes for the winners and booby prizes for the losers.

Bring your own drink and nibbles and we will provide tea and coffee.

All profit from the event will go to the upkeep of our lovely village hall.

Give us a ring or send an email to book your team.

Pat and Dave Francis
340609

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The Broughton and Mottisfont

Community Bus

makes regular trips to Andover, Romsey, Salisbury, Southampton, and Winchester. Anybody can use the bus, and if you have a bus pass it is free.

Andover: monthly (4th Wednesday of the month)

Romsey: twice weekly (Thursday and Friday mornings and afternoons)

Salisbury: weekly (Tuesday mornings)

Southampton: monthly (1st Wednesday of the month)

Winchester: monthly (2nd Wednesday of the month)

The full timetable is available at
<http://www.broughton-hants.net/village-bus>

The deadline for inclusion of items in the April edition of the Acorn is 16th March.
Please email items to acornnews@mandercom.co.uk.



**National
Trust**

Hello everyone,

More signs of spring are emerging every day, so welcome after the winter. We are still awash with snowdrops and colour in the winter garden, with beautiful crocuses and the first daffodils coming out.

I've been asked by our office team to remind you all about Parish Passes, as it's time to renew or to request a pass for 2019 (which lasts until the end of February 2020). The Parish Pass is for everybody who lives in the parish of Mottisfont & Dunbridge, so you can enjoy Mottisfont mansion, gardens and estate whenever you want, for free, all year round. Mottisfont Tenants do not need to apply for a Parish Pass as they have free admission through the custodial system.

There are some terms and conditions to point out:

1. The pass is only for Mottisfont, and cannot be used on any other National Trust property. For that, you will need to purchase National Trust Membership – we know that many of you do, and thank you for your support!
2. You will need one pass for each member of the family who is five years and older during that year.
3. The pass is not transferable, and only residents of Mottisfont & Dunbridge can use it.
4. Our Visitor Reception staff might ask for proof you are a resident in the parish.
5. You will need to re-apply each year and prove you are a resident.
6. The pass cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer, and is subject to National Trust terms and conditions.

Please email Mottisfont@nationaltrust.org.uk or call 344020 for an application form. You can see what is going on at Mottisfont through the year at www.nationaltrust.org.uk, and of course we share the next few highlights coming up in these very pages.

Whilst we often talk in the Acorn about the woods around Mottisfont, we do of course also look after woodland in several other locations around South West Hampshire. We have some great news to report about some new woodland planting in our wider countryside estate, by the River Hamble near Southampton. Thanks to a generous donation from SC Johnson, we're planting 6,000 new trees at Curbridge Nature Reserve to create a new 10-acre woodland.

This donation enables us to create a woodland for the future, while protecting nearby ancient woodland today, providing new habitats for wildlife and new spaces for the local community. You can find out more about this project here:

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/mottisfont/projects/creating-a-new-woodland-at-curbridge-nature-reserve.

See you soon I hope,

With best wishes,

Louise

In the gallery...

Thelwell: Laughter and Landscapes Until Monday 22 April

A welcome return to the world of Norman Thelwell. There are old favourites on show, including the antics of iconic characters Penelope and her mischievous pony, Kipper. The exhibition also includes other satirical cartoons, with astute and amusing observations on country life, and breath-taking landscape art. Some of this work has never been publically shown before, including a selection of Thelwell's early sketches.

In the house...

This year we're revealing stories of Mottisfont's fascinating architectural history, from the 12th century right through to the present day. As you explore the interior, look out for new signs which will help you unravel the complexities of this intriguing house.

The house team will be carrying out more of the annual 'deep clean', concentrating on the Long Gallery and the Study in March. There may be some limitations on access while we carry out this work, but you'll be able to get up close to some of this conservation in action when you visit.

In the gardens...

Discover delightful displays of blossom and greenery as our gardens burst to life in spring. We've planted masses of mixed, naturalising bulbs under ancient trees, in the winter garden, the walled gardens, and in the cherry orchard. The winter garden continues to showcase bright colour and fragrance throughout spring, and you'll find big, bright daffodil displays spread out near the font, and clustered by the pathways of the winter garden.

On the wider estate...

The first spring wildflowers are beginning to emerge in the estate woodlands. Wildlife survey season begins in March, with breeding birds - this is when we can monitor the effects of our winter conservation projects such as scrub clearance and coppicing.

Keep in touch...

Visit our website, nationaltrust.org.uk/mottisfont, to keep up to date with things to see and do. You can also find us on social media – look out for us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter @MottisfontNT for regular updates.

Test Valley Villages Lecture Series

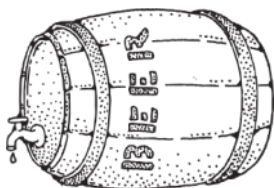
8pm, Wednesday 20th March
at St. Mary's Church Broughton

LOCAL PASSIONS 1 – BREWING REAL BEER

Speaker: Tim Abram, Director of Test Brewing

During Tim Abram's varied working life, a constant has been the appreciation of good quality real ale.

After building ocean yachts, running a restaurant, and other contrasting occupations, he has embarked on his first professional venture as a brewer.



Tim will explain what brought him to the point of opening the microbrewery in Broughton; the process of making the range of the beers currently on offer; the challenge of scaling up production; and the plans for future development.



All are welcome. Entry £5 includes a sample of one of the beers, or a soft drink. Full time students free.

The beers are available locally, but orders can be placed after the talk.

***Have you seen the calendar of local events at
www.mottisfontpc.org.uk?***

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Village Hall will be holding a Quiz on **Saturday 23rd March** at 7pm. Get your teams of up to 5 ready or just come along yourself and join in the fun.

The Village Hall AGM will be held at the Village Hall on **Monday 18th March** at 7.30pm. Please come along and join us to hear what we have achieved over the last year, and to let us know your views and ideas. Drinks and nibbles will be available.

The Grand Mottisfont and Dunbridge Village Fete will this year be held at the Village Hall on **Sunday 11th August** from 1 - 4pm. Fete meetings will be starting in March; anyone from the village is welcome to attend.

If you would like to help on the fete weekend or have any ideas for stalls and attractions, please phone Sarah Cox on 07903 652016 for more information.

OPEN GARDENS, LONGSTOCK SAT 15th & SUN 16th JUNE 1.30pm to 5.30pm each day

Eight gardens will be on show in Longstock, some of which are maintained by retired professionals from Longstock Park Nursery, whilst others are tended by enthusiastic and knowledgeable amateurs.

The Village Allotments will also be open and representatives will be there to give advice and proudly show off their work. St. Mary's Church will be florally decorated and will be worth a visit, as will its recently renovated churchyard.

Programmes will be on sale in the Village Hall (postcode SO20 6DP) and also at one of the two other designated parking areas in the village.

Entry prices to all gardens (covering both days) are £8 for adults. Under 16's get in free.

Teas will be served in the Village Hall on both afternoons, starting at 1.30pm, where there will be a plant stall with many quality plants and bargains.

A limited amount of free mini bus transport will be available to take visitors up and down the village.

Unfortunately it will not be possible for dogs to enter any of the gardens.

All proceeds will be in aid of St. Mary's Church, Longstock.

Cricketers Wanted!

Your local village team, Mottisfont Cricket Club, is looking for players. We play in the Hampshire County Division 4 West on Saturdays, and on Tuesdays we play in the Border League Division 2.

We supply superb teas for Saturday matches!

The season starts in early May. Please contact Tony Stemp on 340398 if you are interested.

Terry Morris

I would just like to say a huge "Thank You" to the wonderful, kind people of Mottisfont and Dunbridge, who have helped me through the last twelve months.

I appreciate every one of you.

Yours very sincerely,

Dorothy Morris

BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

Thursdays at 2.30pm
in the Meeting Room
at St. Mary's Church, Broughton

Events for March

7th March: Mr. Peter Bacon (Gideons)
14th March: Mr. Chris Lloyd
21st March: Members' Meeting
28th March: Mrs. Vanessa Bedford (Alabare)

Everyone welcome, please come and join us.

Barbara Perry, Booking Secretary, 301466

Thoughts from St. Andrew's

As we write this, we are about to celebrate St. Valentine's Day, a day when we remember the special people that we love. How apt then, is the second verse of that wonderful hymn, Loving Shepherd of thy Sheep?

Loving Shepherd thou didst give
Thine own life that we might live.
And those hands outstretched to bless
Bare the cruel nails impress.

God so loved his son Jesus, and He gave his life for us.

The words lead us on to Lent, Good Friday and Easter.

Let us spread that love which is with us every day, to our families, our friends, and indeed to all in need around the world, so that we can show that His sacrifice was not made in vain, and His love can be shared by one and all.

Tricia Armstrong
Susan Clutterbuck

Bossington Meditations

Last month we revealed that the three subjects of the Spring Meditations had all been the subjects of films. You probably got the first two, Murder in the Cathedral and The Inn of the Sixth Happiness, although you may not have known the name of the film about Corrie ten Boom, which, unsurprisingly, is called The Hiding Place.

Now it so happens that each meditation was written by a different person. If you can work out their names, please come in June to collect your prize: first come, first served!

Since our message last month, we have discovered that Easter Sunday falls on the third Sunday of April, so the April Meditation will be held on the fourth Sunday, that is to say the 28th. We hope this is not an inconvenience.

As usual, Meditations begin promptly at 6 pm, and are followed by refreshments at 6.30. See you soon!

CHURCH SERVICES FOR MARCH

	3rd March Next before Lent	10th March 1st of Lent	17th March 2nd of Lent	24th March 3rd of Lent	31st March 4th of Lent & Mothering Sunday
8am	BROUGHTON HC CW	-	BROUGHTON HC BCP	-	-
9.30 am	BOSSINGTON HC BCP ----- BROUGHTON The Bible Uncovered	BROUGHTON HC CW ----- HOUGHTON HC CW	BROUGHTON Family Service ----- MOTTISFONT HC BCP	BROUGHTON Family Communion CW, followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting at approx. 11am	BROUGHTON Family Service ----- HOUGHTON Family Communion CW
11am	-	MOTTISFONT Messy Church Club	-	MOTTISFONT Family Communion CW	MOTTISFONT Family Communion CW
6pm	-	-	-	HOUGHTON Evensong	HOUGHTON Evensong

HC = Holy Communion

CW = Common Worship

BCP = Book of Common Prayer

As mentioned below, every six years the Church Electoral Roll is revised (everyone removed and asked to re-apply). It is your parish church's register of electors. In the same way that being on the civic Electoral Roll allows you to vote in parliamentary and local elections and referenda, joining the Church Electoral Roll means that you can vote on Church matters, attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and stand for election to the Parochial Church Council (PCC – the Church Council, not the civil parish council). Forms with more information on them are in many of the churches – please do complete one.

Our local Bishop (Bishop Jonathan of Southampton) moved on in February to be Dean of York Minister. By the time that this newsletter comes out we may know who the new Bishop of Southampton is!

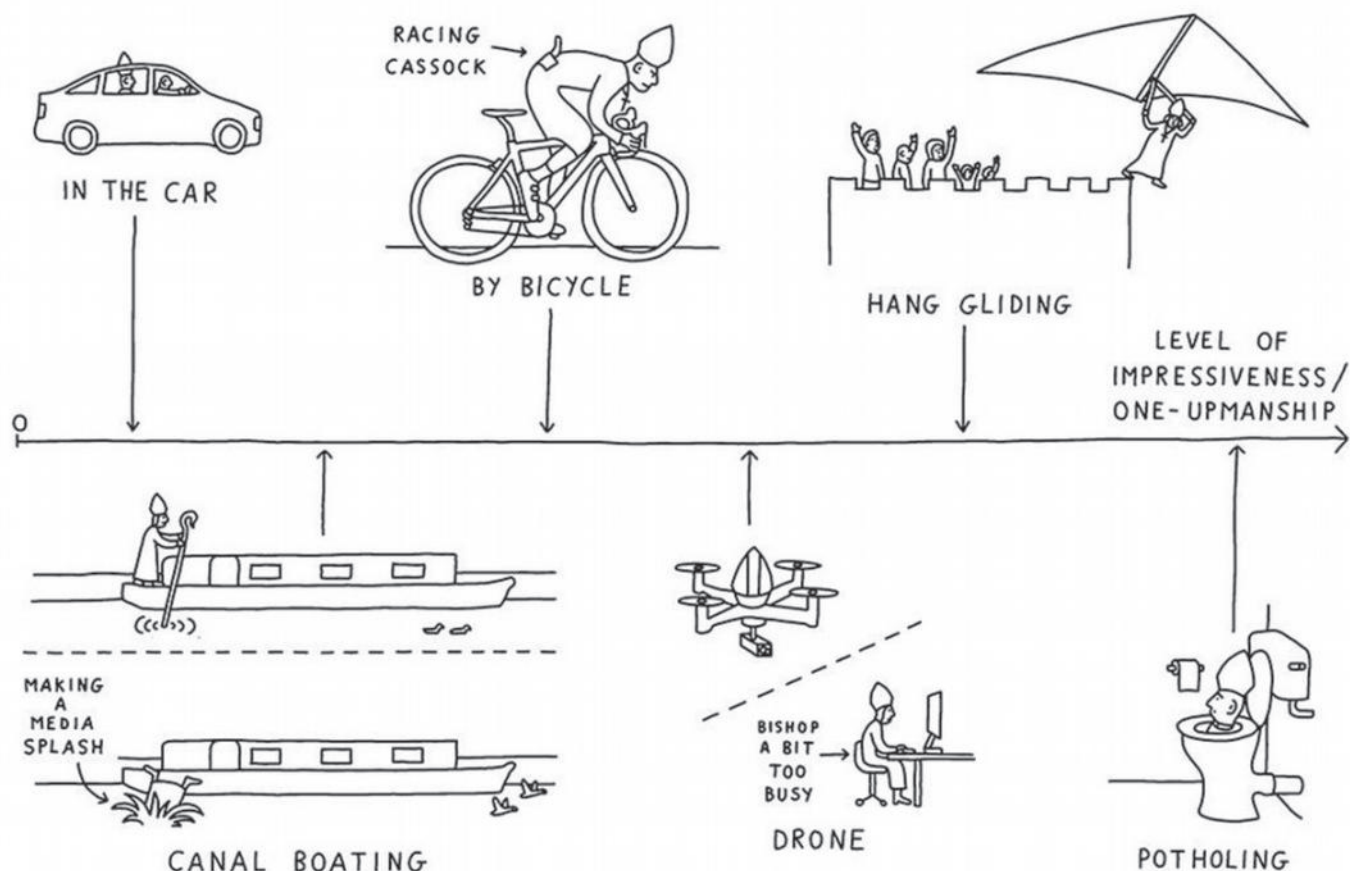
Your Area Dean, James

Rev James Pitkin, revjamespitkin-at-gmail-dot-com

NEW BISHOPS

TRAVEL THEIR DIOCESES TO VISIT ALL OF THE CHURCHES

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the Area Dean,
James Pitkin.
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ECCLESIASTICAL ROLL

Every six years the Ecclesiastical Roll has to be renewed/revised and this is due in 2019.

Any resident of the parish who is a member of the Church of England or a church of another denomination with the same beliefs is eligible for membership.

In a similar way to the Parish Council, this entitles the member to attend Church Meetings, have their say, take part in discussions, and vote to make decisions.

Membership is also open to non-residents, like me, who attend St. Andrew's church on a regular basis.

If this interests you, then pick up a form from the church, or contact me via valdawhite-at-outlook-dot-com (change "-at-" to "@" and "-dot-" to ".") before 15th March.

I will also answer any relevant questions.

Valda White.

Don't forget the village web site:

www.mottisfontpc.org.uk

What would **you** like to see on it?

Painting & Drawing Group

Meets every Thursday afternoon from 2pm – 4pm
at Mottisfont Village Hall

Anyone welcome. We can provide all materials to get you started.

Why not come and enjoy a couple of hours. Good company, who are always happy to help.

The art group started about 21 years ago after the W.I. introduced an art course into their evening's activities, and subsequently abandoned it. We formed from them, opening it up to male and female participation.



Gordon 340129

Whist Drives

at

Mottisfont Village Hall

Commencing at 7.30pm

The next monthly Whist Drives will be on

Friday 29th March
Friday 26th April

All commencing at 7.30pm.



Highly entertaining: a few bust-ups, fighting over the lousy prizes and refreshments, cold tea and coffee, etc.
Plenty of excitement!

Gordon & Cathie
340129

STOCKBRIDGE COMMUNITY CINEMA



Friday 15th March The Guardians (15)

French drama set on a farm during the First World War, in which the women must grapple with the workload while the men, including two sons, are off at the front. Newly found independence is acquired, yet emotions are stirred especially when the men return from the front on leave. [In French with English subtitles.]

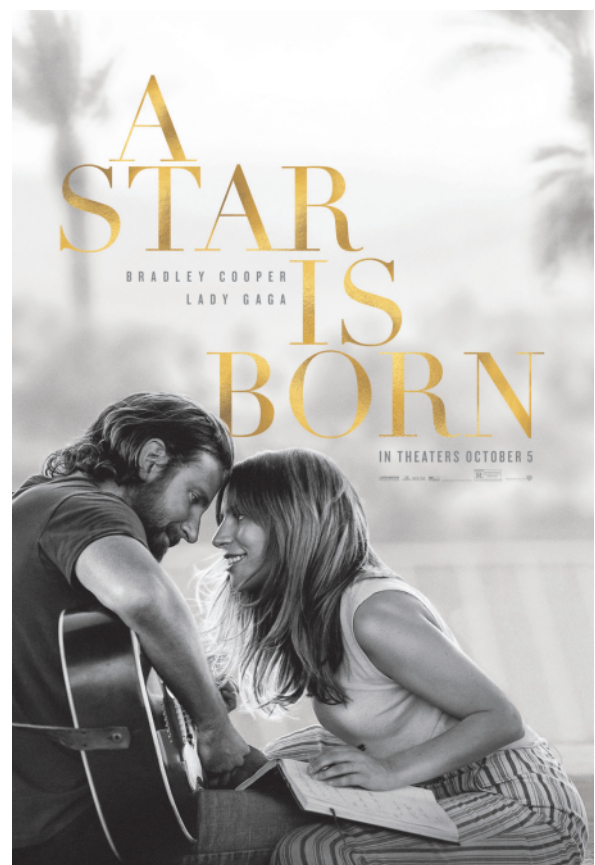
Showing at Stockbridge Town Hall, SO20 6HE, at 7.30pm. Doors open at 7pm.

Wednesday 20 March A Star is Born (15)

Seasoned musician Jackson Maine (Bradley Cooper) discovers - and falls in love with - struggling artist Ally (Lady Gaga). She has just about given up on her dream to make it big as a singer until Jackson coaxes her into the spotlight. But even as Ally's career takes off, the personal side of their relationship is breaking down, as Jackson fights an ongoing battle with his own internal demons.

Showing at Stockbridge Town Hall, SO20 6HE, at 4.30pm and 7.30pm. Doors open 30 minutes before the start time.

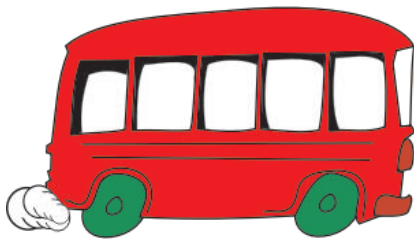
Tickets £5.00 from Garden Inn and John Robinson in Stockbridge or online via our website www.stockbridgecinema.org.uk.



The Broughton and Mottisfont Community Bus

Charity Number: 284910

The Community Bus provides regular scheduled journeys from Mottisfont to Romsey, Salisbury, Andover, Winchester and Southampton. For a full time table please see



<http://www.broughton-hants.net/village-bus>

or call Peter Barnett (Mottisfont Parish Council's representative on the bus committee) on 340793.

Drivers Wanted

We are always looking for additional volunteer drivers.

The normal commitment is about one half-day a month. No previous experience is required, just an ordinary driving licence. Full training is given.

It's fun and a great way to contribute to the community!

The WI

At our February meeting Janet Ayres spoke about Your Natural Voice. Janet teaches folk songs from around the globe in harmony.



Performance is about sharing the songs, the stories, the meaning and the joy with others, and by doing so, inspiring more people to sing.

Other community work includes seated circle dance for dementia, and bringing music and singing into care homes, hospital and hospice settings. Singing in a choir can bring healing and meaning to people's lives.

We are looking forward to two trips to the Plaza to see Gimme Abba - Here We Go Again, and Goodnight Mr. Tom.

The next meeting will be held at Mottisfont Village Hall at 7.30pm on 12th March. This will be our 21st year of WI at Mottisfont. Sue Franklin will talk and bring samples of Needlework Bygones.

Lots of exciting talks and trips in the pipeline!

Come and join us and see what we do.

Cathie Wood, Vice President

MOTTISFONT PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting dates for 2019

Wednesday 13th March 2019

Annual Parish Meeting - Wednesday 24th April 2019

Annual General Meeting – Wednesday
15th May 2019

Parish council minutes, etc. can be found at
www.mottisfontpc.org.uk/pc/pc.php

LOCAL ELECTIONS

Local elections for district and parish councillors will be held on 2nd May. If you would like to stand for election for the parish council or another elected role, detailed guidance and nomination forms are on the Electoral Commission website at <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/candidate-or-agent/parish-and-community-council-elections-in-england-and-wales>.

If you should like information on what Mottisfont parish council does and what the role of parish councillor entails, the chairman would be very happy to talk to you (jeffmottisfont-at-btinternet-dot-com) and if you need further information on how to apply, contact the Mottisfont parish clerk (Sue) at mottisfont-dot-clerk-at-mottisfontpc-dot-org-dot-uk.

The Thomas Dowse's Charity: What do we do? Can we help?

The Thomas Dowse's Charity is able to provide grants to individuals, up to the age of 25, living in Broughton, Bossington, Mottisfont and Dunbridge, for educational purposes, including such things as the cost of school trips, music tuition, overseas educational trips, uniform, swimming lessons, transport to educational establishments, laptops, and books.

Applications are treated in strict confidence. Applicants must demonstrate need, but there is no means testing.

Applications for consideration at the next meeting should be received by the secretary at least 10 days before the next meeting (date still TBD).

Grant applications should be made on the new application forms which have the Trust's Privacy Notice attached for your information. These are available from St. Mary's Church, Broughton, Mottisfont Church, Broughton Primary School or by email from tina-stuart-1-at-gmail-dot-com. (remove the dashes, and change "at" to "@" and "dot" to ".").

MOTTISFONT SOCIAL CLUB

Renewal of subscriptions is now due. £15, £8 for concessions.

Forthcoming events

AGM - Wednesday 20th March, 8.15pm.

Monthly Quiz - Saturday 30th March.

The club will be opening at 7pm on Fridays, instead of 6pm.

Regular Activities at Mottisfont Social Club

Mondays: Ladies' Darts Team, Romsey and District Ladies' Dart League. Snooker Team - Division 2 of the Southampton Snooker League.

Tuesdays: Billiards Team, Test Valley Billiards League.

Wednesdays: Free snooker and pool night.

Thursdays: Crib Team, Romsey Crib League.

Bingo - this is very popular, with a chance of winning up to £100. Find the joker game.

Fridays: Two Darts Teams, Romsey Men's Darts League.

Saturdays: Meat Draw every other week - Meat supplied by Owtons.

Quiz - On the last Saturday of each month. Up to 6 people per team. £2 each. There will be a snowball round.

Sundays: We have our own Skittle League, 10 people in a team. We are always looking for new teams to join.

Most of these activities take place between September and May apart from ladies' darts, bingo and the meat draw which take place all year round.

If you are interested in any of these activities, please contact the club on 340521, or pop in for a drink.

Take Part in Test Valley 2020, Borough of Culture

Test Valley Arts Foundation is pleased to announce plans for an exciting new Borough-wide arts and culture project for 2020. The independent charity aims for Test Valley 2020 to celebrate and promote the Borough's rich and diverse arts scene, whilst also seeking out opportunities to "fill the gaps" and create new events in areas which are less active. From workshops to music festivals, arts trails to plays, the programme will represent and connect with a diverse range of audiences throughout the region.



The Foundation is now seeking to connect with organisations, clubs, schools, parishes, venues and individual artists who would like to take part in the project. Test Valley 2020 will offer support and help to promote the full range of activities. Opportunities will also be created for new arts initiatives.

Please contact the Foundation whether you already have plans or ideas for 2020, or simply want to know more about how to get involved.

There is a launch event for any interested participants on Friday 8th March 1-3pm at King John's House, Romsey. This event is free to attend, but places are limited so please book via the website www.testvalleyarts.org, where further information can also be found.

Test Valley takes a tough line on fly-tipping

A man has been prosecuted after harmful chemicals and other cleaning supplies were left dumped.

Commercial waste from a mobile cleaning business, including oven-cleaning chemicals and used tissues, were left in a layby last year.

Adrian Vicker-Craddock pleaded guilty at Basingstoke Magistrates' Court earlier this month to both knowingly causing or permitting the unlawful disposal of commercial waste, and also to disposing of the waste in a manner likely to cause pollution to the environment or harm to human health. He was sentenced to a 12-month community order, 100 hours of unpaid work, and ordered to pay the council's full clean up and legal costs of £1,882.50. He was also made to pay an £85 victim surcharge.

Environmental portfolio holder, councillor Graham Stallard, said: "We are committed to stamping down on this selfish and irresponsible crime, and we will investigate every report that we receive.

"I hope this acts as a deterrent for anyone thinking of leaving waste of any kind illegally in our borough. If there is sufficient evidence, then we will see you in court. There is no excuse."

Any incidents of fly-tipping can be reported via www.testvalley.gov.uk/mytestvalley, or by calling customer services on 01794 527700 or 01264 368000. All reports will be investigated.