

Dear Residents

Boundaries, again: Last month I advised you of the consultation being conducted by the Parliamentary Boundary Commission for England regarding the re-drawing of boundaries covered by MPs. This is in response to the need to reduce the number of MPs from 650 to 600. Following the first consultation, where I and my colleagues did not object because we were content that no changes were proposed to our own ward of Chilworth, Nursling & Rownhams which would continue to be included within the Test Valley constituency, we have now been allocated to New Forest East constituency. We do not think that this will be beneficial to our community here where we have strong ties to Romsey and the lower Test Valley, whereas the focus of the New Forest area is on National Park needs. It now needs your support, urgently, to revert to the original proposal. I would urge you to simply log on to the website page below, put in your post code and add a comment such as "I wish to remain in the Test Valley constituency." <https://www.bce2018.org.uk/>.

It is really important that you do so before the consultation closes on 11th December.

In addition to the above boundary review, the Borough Council is also reviewing parish boundaries and, presently, no changes appear to be being proposed.

Scams- Do warn relatives to avoid being entrapped by fraudsters posing as police officers over the phone. This has been happening in Hampshire, where a person posing as bank security staff, phones a home, advises of a possible fraud on the home-owners credit card by bank staff and advises them to dial 999. Meanwhile, the telephone line is held open for an accomplice to take it over and impersonate the police. The result is that a courier arrives to collect money which the homeowner has been asked to withdraw to "trap fraudulent bank staff" whom they've been asked not to alert.

Fly-tipping – The main perpetrator of local fly-tips, featured on Channel 4 in the past, has now completed his second jail term and is back in circulation locally. Ensure that you only entrust waste to registered carriers as you could be fined if your waste is fly-tipped. Be suspicious of unsolicited offers to remove your waste, ask for waste carrier's details, note vehicle registration, check via 03708-506-506; ask where the waste will be deposited; get a receipt with relevant carrier's details.

Shopping – I repeat overleaf the list of Romsey traders that I supplied last year (not updated, sorry but largely the same). There are many excellent small businesses there, including gift shops and a small department store, Bradbeers. Parking is cheap and is free in the town centre after 4pm. Vouchers for an hour's free parking on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, are available from the Romsey Tourist Information Centre. Wheelers provide a very convenient bus service through Chilworth too.

Dates for your diary:

Tue 5th Dec @ 7:30pm– Gardening Club Party – Community Centre – phone 8076-9987 to join in.

Thur 7th Dec @ 6pm– An evening with Shirin Dehghan – Global Game Changer- Science Park – Tickets if still available at www.science-park.co.uk/events/evening-with-shirin

Sun 10th Dec @ 7 for 7:30pm - Moviola at the Hall – The Viceroy's House - £5. Tickets via Hall's website www.chilworthhants.org.uk

Various services at local places of worship including St Denys, Chilworth Old Village. Tel 8073-7617.

Finally, may I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

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