

Dear Residents

**Sensory Garden** - The Parish Council is intending to develop the patch of land beside Chilworth Hall to create a sensory garden. This will be a space for all ages and all abilities. There will be areas within it which, it is hoped, will engage all members of our community, from younger to older, including those who are less able to get about and those who may need wheelchair access. There will be space for commemorative trees and an area to grow specific plants which you think appropriate and also those which will encourage wildlife. The Parish Council has commissioned "Step-Change" to provide a plan. In turn, Step-Change would like to take your views into account and incorporate appropriate ideas into its plan. There are details overleaf for you to engage in this process which runs until 9<sup>th</sup> April. Your thoughts and ideas are important to the Parish Council so please do respond.

**Gardening Club outing on 1<sup>st</sup> June** - The Gardening Club is planning to visit West Dean Gardens near Chichester, Sussex. The gardens are a great tribute to their restoration since the storms of 1987. In addition to the beautiful gardens, an Arts & Crafts festival will be taking place and, as a bonus, the house at West Dean, internationally recognised for its restoration work, will also be open. ([www.westdean.org.uk](http://www.westdean.org.uk)). The coach will leave Chilworth at about 9:30am and return by 5pm. The cost of admission will be £10 and provided booking is made sufficiently in advance will reduce by 20%. The cost of the coach will be £12 per head. For tickets please contact me, Alison Finlay at [afinlay@btinternet.com](mailto:afinlay@btinternet.com) or on 8076-9987

**Next Gardening Club meeting** – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30pm at Chilworth Manor when the speaker will be Alan Edmondson, an RHS-approved speaker, who will speak on "The shady garden". Future speakers include Andy Lester, who writes regularly for the local press, speaking on sustainable issues.

**Tennis Club** – Open Day, Sat 14<sup>th</sup> April from 10am till noon -The tennis club in the Old Village is gearing up for the summer. Tea, cake and new keys provided on that day. Rates are £65 per family of up to 5, £45 per couple, £35 single. Concessions - Student, 16-21yrs, OAP's- £20. You have to be a member to use the court. Further info from Val Thorpe – [valthorpe55@gmail.com](mailto:valthorpe55@gmail.com)

**Talk about the Arctic – Sat 28<sup>th</sup> April** at 7pm -Have you always wanted to know what it is like to travel around the Arctic? A very interesting talk is planned at St Michael's Church Hall on Bassett Avenue by someone who has done just that. Tickets at £10 include a ploughman's supper and can be obtained from Lorna Mairs (Tel:8076-9116)

**Easter activities for the young at heart**

Winchester Discovery Centre – [see www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/library/libraryfinder/winchester](http://www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/library/libraryfinder/winchester) which will also provide information about what the county's libraries can provide.

Winchester Science Centre & Planetarium –[info@winchestersciencecentre.org](mailto:info@winchestersciencecentre.org) for a range of interesting events for young people.

Alresford - Thomas the Tank Engine rides - <https://www.watercressline.co.uk/>

Mottisfont Abbey and Gardens - Easter egg hunts during the school holidays, Heath Robinson exhibition as well as the beautiful grounds to explore.

Hilliers at Braishfield – beautiful walks here and in the New Forest and, of course, Paultons Park will be open.

**Dates for your diary:**

Easter Services: St Denys - Easter Sunday – Service & Communion at 11:30am.

St Michaels & All Angels- Good Friday 12 noon and 1:30pm, Easter Sunday 8am, 10:30am & 6:30pm

For fuller information see respective web pages.

*Moviola* film: - Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April @ 7:30pm at Chilworth Hall, "Film Stars Don't Die in Liverpool" Tickets can be reserved online at [www.chilworthhants.org.uk](http://www.chilworthhants.org.uk)

Best wishes, Alison

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