

Dear Residents

### **Boundary Commission reviews**

Over the last few years there have been several reviews affecting the boundaries of a) the parliamentary constituency of Romsey and Southampton North, b) the county division of Romsey Rural, c) the borough ward of Chilworth, Nursling and Rownhams and d) the parish of Chilworth, in which we all live. As a result of the erudite responses of local residents to a) we will remain within the Romsey constituency (assuming it is renamed as such and assuming that parliament passes the legislation to do so\* – see below for further comment), we are remaining in the county division of Romsey Rural and we are remaining within the existing boundaries of the parish of Chilworth. The one major change is that we are to have an extra 500 voters from Valley Park within our borough boundary, which will have an impact on our borough council voting next May. Hence borough boundaries have been re-drawn to accommodate extra voters here since Valley Park does not have sufficient voters now to retain 3 councillors. Valley Park voters are not happy. In addition we will have about 200 extra voters from the new developments in Rownhams. So voting preferences will be interesting next May.

\*Although we have secured the recommendation of the Boundary Commission for England to remain within the Romsey constituency, there is some doubt as to whether this Commission's recommendations will be implemented nationally by MPs since it reduces their number from 650 to 600. *Would turkeys vote for Christmas, if they could choose?*

### **Further roadworks**

Roadworks are taking place at the Millbrook roundabout and its junction with the M275 for 28 weeks. For more information see: <https://www.southampton.gov.uk/roads-parking/road-maintenance/millbrook-roundabout>  
As previously advised, a large number of roadworks are being undertaken along the M27 as a result of its proposed conversion to a smart motorway between Junctions 4 and 11 and the work will take place during the following two years, starting in October/November this year. The Highways Agency website provides more information. <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/m27-junctions-4-to-11-smart-motorway/>

### **Broadband**

The battle continues with BT to obtain a better service for those who live in the Old Village and Manor Road areas. Meanwhile, BT procrastinates over the request to reorganise their network to connect these areas to a more suitable "box" on the Science Park rather than Bassett Heath Avenue. BT have been considering this for many months/years.

Meanwhile, Virgin, who have a major commercial connection into the Science Park, is also considering our request to allow residential use on this line. An agreement would need to encompass enough residents to make this commercially viable.

Undaunted, two residents have hit on solutions with which they are delighted. One lives in Manor Road, the other in Heatherlands Road. This involves buying a "box" from one of the suppliers in West Quay shopping centre (3E or E-E?), and this has given them an excellent broadband service. If you are interested I can put you in touch with at least one resident.

### **Police Beat Surgery**

The police ran a surgery at short notice recently and hope to repeat the exercise. You may need to be on my email list to get notice of the next one. Please subscribe if you do not already do so.

### **Community tribute to those involved in the Great War (1914-1918)**

Residents are invited to pay tribute to those who gave their lives in pursuit of freedom from domination during the above time, the centenary of the end of which takes place shortly. The Willis Fleming family who owned much of Chilworth's land had family members who fought and died in pursuit of this aim. Such effort relies not just on those who took part but also on those who supported them in Chilworth, other family members. Thus there are many to whom tributes can be paid. Those of any persuasion, whether religious or not, who would like to take part are asked to assemble at the War Memorial opposite the pub on the morning of 11<sup>th</sup> November next at 10:45 when a short remembrance event will take place. This will be followed by refreshments in the Chilworth Hall.

**French student (18) seeks work placement - in December/Jan:** Live-in au pair, restaurant/café, retail or similar work would help. Phone 023-8019-5295 for details.

### **Dates for your diary**

Gardening Club – 16<sup>th</sup> Oct@ 7:30 at Chilworth Manor – Exbury Gardens talk – Visitors welcome for small fee.  
Moviola films at Chilworth Hall at 7:30 prompt; Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Oct – Entebbe; Thus 15h Nov – The Bookshop

Best wishes, *Alison*

Please contact me at [alisonf@btinternet.com](mailto:alisonf@btinternet.com) to be on the mailing list for more frequent updates about burglaries, utility failures, local news etc, Tel: 023-8076-9987

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