

Dear Residents

South of Romsey Town Centre

Those who have visited Romsey recently will be aware of the significant changes taking place within the town centre. Currently work is ongoing around the Palmerston statue to make the very heart of the town more easily accessible for pedestrians and vehicle owners. Not only is this work, being undertaken, a continuation of the upgrading of side streets, but there is a larger plan on the horizon to develop that part of the town south of the centre, around the bus station and the Crosfield Hall area and nearby car parks. Funding for the improvements will be met from the New Homes Bonus, a fund to provide “compensation” for development across the Borough. It is envisaged that improvements and developments within the area will include some housing, to reflect the current wish of some residents to live within a town centre.

County Council news – Scam alerts –

Hampshire Trading Standards are warning against cold callers re driveways, blocked drains (not necessarily yours but in the wider network), etc. Offers are made, and money is demanded up front. Advice is not to agree to work. Get written quotes - Hampshire County Council Trading Standards Buy With Confidence Scheme or a recognised trade association provides names of reputable companies. Traders who agree work at the home of an individual or at a place other than their usual business premises are required by law to provide consumers with a Notice of Right to Cancel, which gives a 14 day cooling off period from the date the work starts. Even if work has started, there is still a legal right to cancel, although some payment may be required for materials.

Gardening helper – Need help with light gardening chores, mowing lawns, cutting back shrubs, weeding etc? Young student Daani can help. Call him on 07463 827302. Responds/works weekends only.

Library services Chandlers Ford Library runs lots of activities for all ages, including for little ones, for aspiring young authors, for young coders, for adults wanting help with computers, for crocheting enthusiasts, film buffs, family history adventurers (never know what you’ll discover about your past relatives), etc. see www.hants.gov.uk/library

Test Valley attractions in July

30th Jun-1st July-Hillier Gardens Ampfield - NAFAS Flower show

Sun 1st July -Romsey War Memorial park- Mayor’s Picnic. www.rotaryclubofromseytest.org.uk

Sun 1st July- Romsey Inside-Out Art trail- www.romseyfestival.org/events/inside-out-art-trail

Sat 14th July –Romsey Beggars Fair summer music festival. www.beggarsfair.org.uk

Sun 22nd July – Romsey Summer Carnival. www.romseycarnival.co.uk

Sat 7th July-Sun 2nd Sep- Mottisfont exhibition & family trail – The Tiger Who Came to Tea

Mon 23rd July @ 7pm– Mottisfont – the Importance of Being Earnest – outdoor theatre

(Wed 29th Aug)@ 6pm- Mottisfont – Peter Pan outdoor theatre – Tel: 0344-249-1895

Sat 6th Jul @7:30pm – Romsey Abbey, Choral Society, Mendelssohn’s Elijah

Sat 13th Jul @7:30pm – Romsey Abbey, Southampton Youth Orchestra Gala Concert

Children go free at Butser Museum, Army Flying Museum, Spinnaker Tower, Mottisfont Gardens, Watercress Line. Discounts available at many other attractions. See their online sites for codes etc.

Advance Notice – Sun 6th Oct, 1-4pm. I will be organising a Sustainability Fair at Chilworth Hall with support from Borough Council officers. Local residents will have electric cars on display. Also electric bikes, recycling ideas for the home, clothes, perhaps a designer swap shop etc. I would be delighted to see you all there.

Best wishes,

Alison

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