



Test Valley Creative

A network for arts professionals in West Hampshire

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1. Features

GRAND OPENING - ABBOTSWOOD PUBLIC ART PROJECT

On Thursday 14th July the new Artwork trail for the Romsey Canal, created by artist Nicola Henshaw in collaboration with the local community, will be officially unveiled by the Deputy Mayor of Test Valley, Cllr Carl Borg-Neal.

Following a series of community events to gather thoughts and concepts Nicola created a trail of sculptures, benches, stepping stones and story-telling panels to create a sense of place and connect the Abbotswood development to existing communities in Romsey.

The whole trail enhances the walk along the canal, and will give people places to sit and reflect on the beautiful environment.

All participants in the project will gather on 14th July to celebrate the culmination of the project, and view the newly installed artwork. There will be an opportunity to walk the trail and view the artwork that people created during the project on the Green at the end of Mercer Way.



The artworks have been made possible by Section 106 contributions for Public Art from the Abbotswood Development in Romsey.

2.Workshops

Powertex Art Workshops at The Sheep Shed Gallery

24 July 11am to 2pm. Make a Powertex Wall Plaque. £35

25 September 10am to 3pm. Powertex Fairy Workshop £80



Powertex is an environmentally friendly, waterproof medium which enables fabric to be sculpted, coloured and hardened to create a wide range of items. The plaque or fairy can be displayed outdoors once hardened. Booking required.



More information about our exhibitions and workshops can be found at: www.sheepshedgallery.co.uk

Make and Take Something Special.... a stunning silver pendant!



Expert tuition from Ruth Facey, at The Workshop Gallery, will help you to make an original silver pendant. Hammered finishes and beads can be added to personalise your design. Pendants are finished with coloured leather cords. All tools and equipment are supplied, cost of session is £10.

All you need to do is...be there!!

Workshops are being offered as part of Hampshire Open Studios on Sunday 21 and Sunday 28 August, hourly from 11am – 4pm. Max number 4 per session, age 18+. Please contact Ruth in advance to book your place:

Ruth Facey @ the workshop gallery
2a Bishops Way Andover SP10 3EH
E:ruth.facey@ntlworld.com M:07794440769

3.Events

Hampshire Art and Craft Workshops at Rum's Eg, Romsey

A range of art and craft workshops are available to book from now right through until the end of the year. For more information visit:

www.hampshireartandcraft.org/adult-workshops--courses.html

Love Andover

Following on from the Encounters Project and last year's bunting in the High Street, we now want to encourage people to send a postcard from Andover.

Postcards will be available at The Lights, the main Council Offices at Beech Hurst and in local shops, so pick them up free of charge, and pop one in the post to someone special!



Andover Farmer's and Crafts Market

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Dates for 2016

Sunday 20 March
Sunday 17 April
Sunday 15 May
Sunday 19 June
Sunday 17 July
Sunday 21 August
Sunday 18 September
Sunday 16 October
Sunday 20 November
Sunday 18 December

The Andover Farmers' and Crafts Markets will run throughout 2016, and are part of a broader programme of events planned to encourage people to visit Andover High Street and support the town.

These markets are an important part of the calendar of events in Andover High Street. They involve local farmers and traders within our community and encourage people to keep things local.



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2016 dates listed here, pitches available at £10 per month, contact hwhittam@testvalley.gov.uk or call 01264 368814.



Hampshire Open Studios is an annual art trail where the visiting public can meet artists in their studios and galleries.

In the week leading up to August bank holiday Monday, 250 studios, galleries, artists and art groups (in excess of 500 artists) open their doors to exhibit original artwork, give talks and demos to the visiting public. This is an amazing opportunity for you to meet professional and amateur artists who show their work in diverse venues around the county.

For more information visit: www.hampshireopenstudios.org.uk/

Andover Art Society Exhibition



As part of the Open Studios, Andover Art Society will be exhibiting their work at The Sheep Shed Gallery, Weyhill Art & Craft Centre from Tuesday 16 August - Sunday 28 August from 10.00am - 4.00pm. The Ewe & I café will be open to support the event. Free entry and free parking.

Forthcoming Exhibitions at the Sheep Shed Gallery

12 - 31 July Wildlife Art

An exhibition featuring Andrea Craddock, Claire Newell, Andrea Graves and Keith Pattison



2 - 13 August 'Urban Jumble'

Colin Adey decided to paint a townscape ... and found himself painting a series, as he explored ideas of community through his quirky 'urban jumbles'.

30 August - 10 September 'A Very Personal View'

Popular local artist Keith Pattison presents an exhibition of his colourful abstracted landscapes.

14 - 24 September An exhibition of paintings by Renate West.

Renate West seeks to create an emotional response in the viewer with her vibrant images.

More information about our exhibitions and workshops can be found at: www.sheepshedgallery.co.uk

FOUR FUN FRIDAYS

INSTALLATIONS, PERFORMANCES AND WORKSHOPS
EVERY FRIDAY IN AUGUST
11AM - 3PM, ANDOVER HIGH STREET

5 **URBAN CANVAS**
ITALIAN CHALK PAINTING
FRASER HOOPER 'BOXING'

12 **THE AMAZING CAMERA OBSCURA**
GRANNY TURISMO
THE ART ROOM

19 **THE PENTAGON**
THE NOTIONAL TRUST

26 **THE LIFT**
WATCH THE BIRDIE
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Summer Open Exhibition at Rum's Eg



29 June to 3 September

This is the third Summer Open at Rum's Eg and includes the busy Hampshire Open Studio dates 20 - 29 August. It provides an opportunity for all artists, whether emerging or established, amateur or professional who are working within a 70 mile radius of Romsey to showcase and sell their work in the spacious, contemporary high street gallery.

An exciting programme of art and craft workshops are held in the Leckford Art Studio on the second floor. Rum's Eg is now open 7 days a week, please check their website for opening times as they are subject to seasonal changes. Rum's Cafe on the first floor offers great coffee and summery chilled drinks such as home-made lemonade with a new summer light lunch menu.

Supported by: Test Valley Arts Foundation



Dissolution and Revolution - an exhibition of glass & ceramics at Romsey Abbey and Rum's Eg and 'Royal Blood' schools glass artwork project

3 August to 4 September 2016

This exciting exhibition and a related Community Arts Project are being organised and curated by volunteers on behalf of Rum's Eg Art & Craft Gallery which is run by a community interest company, Hampshire Art & Craft CIC. They are an important part of HA&C CIC's expanding Community Arts brief and in response to Hampshire Cultural Trust's "Big Theme" for 2016, which is entitled 'Royal Blood'. The schools Art project is funded by HA&C CIC Community Fund, Hampshire County Council and a contribution from the schools themselves.

Alongside the work of some of the top glass and ceramics artists of the south of England, the exhibition will showcase the 'Royal Blood' glass artwork made by children at 3 local primary schools (Halterworth, Awbridge and Wellow) created in workshops tutored by one of Rum's Eg's featured artists, Sue Tinkler, who specialises in glasswork. Teachers at the schools are working with HA&C CIC and Sue to encourage creativity, dexterity and talent amongst our schoolchildren and



awareness of our local heritage. The children are designing and creating glass squares reflecting images of the theme relating to Romsey and royal connections with the Abbey; Sue Tinkler will take them away to be fired in her studio and mount them together in 3 large pieces which will be

displayed in Romsey Abbey.

Viewing at the Abbey can be restricted for short periods due to weddings, funerals and other services.

Supported by: Hampshire Art & Craft CIC and Hampshire County Council



Hampshire & Berkshire Guild of Craftsmen

7 September - 15 October

Work by this talented group in a variety of disciplines and media, representing the best in British craftsmanship. Talks by the exhibiting craftsmen - please check Rum's Eg website for up to date information on dates.

www.hampshireartandcraft.org/

MAKE YOUR MARK

Andover, Mottisfont and Romsey 2016

A community based art project to celebrate Test Valley Arts Foundation's 25 years (TVAF25)

Decorated copper panels for Andover, Romsey and Mottisfont
Designed by Ruth Facey DipAD MA Artist, jeweller and several other things.

Open access events for participation in making decorative copper panels at Romsey Show: Sunday 10 September; Festival of Motoring, Andover: Sunday 24 September; Mottisfont: Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 October.

Tools and materials supplied and expert guidance will help you to 'Make Your Mark'.

All ages welcome but children must be accompanied by an adult. The finished panels will be assembled and become free-standing panels for display in Andover, Romsey and Mottisfont.



Volunteers are sought for each event. Training early September in Andover will be given but some experience of hand tools and metalwork would be useful. Please contact Ruth Facey ruth.facey@ntlworld.com

4. Opportunities

Public Art Commissions with Test Valley Borough Council in 2016

Urban Realm

The Urban Realm public art commission has just been awarded to Sally Hogarth and Amy Jackson. The commission seeks to highlight the pedestrian route from The Lights Theatre in Andover to the town centre, and will incorporate participatory work with communities and mentee artist Stuart Melrose.

Summer Artists' Residency Opportunity at Rum's Eg Art & Craft Gallery in Romsey

Rum's Eg have an opportunity for four artists, designers or craftsmen aged 18 or over to work in the Leckford Art Studio on the top floor at Rum's Eg for part or all of August 2016. Preference will be given to emerging or re-emerging artists or recent graduates. Full details will be found on their website and applicants should complete the downloadable application form and return it with a page or two of images of their work by Monday 18 July before a shortlist is drawn up to be called for interview that week and to see examples of their work. Please send hard copies in an envelope marked 'Artist in Residence' to Siroil Sherlock (Acting Arts Curator) at Rum's Eg, 27 Bell Street, Romsey, SO51 8GY.

The spaces are offered free of charge but the selected artists will be required to give at least one day (per number of weeks residency) as a volunteer to support the organisation - there are various different ways to work with us which we can discuss. You must also be happy to chat to customers who may be interested in your work. Any work sold during the residency or commissions taken will be subject to normal gallery commission charges according to their Exhibitors Information & Terms (also downloadable from our website). There may be an opportunity for continuation of a part-time residency after August.

Apply for the Mottisfont Open Art Exhibition

Would you like to have your work on display in Mottisfont's gallery? Applications are now open for the Mottisfont Open Exhibition 2016, on show 1 October - 13 November 2016. Mottisfont's 'Open' exhibition is held every two years and is open to all artists, full-time or part-time.

There is no specific theme this year. Works for 'Mottisfont Open 2016' will be selected by a panel of specialists. The selectors will be looking for high quality works that clearly reflect the ideas and interests of the artist.

Visit their website for more information and to download an application form: <http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/mottisfont/features/apply-for-the-mottisfont-open-exhibition-2016>

The closing date for submission is 5pm on Friday 5th of August 2016.

STUDIO SPACE REQUIRED

Painter requires studio space to rent within reasonable travelling distance of Andover.

Must be dry, light and secure.

Minimum of 300 sq ft, would consider sharing.

Contact Diane Haddon- Moore

email:- diane.haddonmoore@btinternet.com

Have we got your correct contact details?



We share this newsletter directly to our **Test Valley Creative** email database of artists and arts organisations and also via Facebook and Twitter. If you would like to make sure you are on our list and that we have the correct email address for you then please drop a note to:

tmckenzie-robinson@testvalley.gov.uk

Please send any items for inclusion in the next edition by Monday, 3 October, to Tracey McKenzie-Robinson, tmckenzie-robinson@testvalley.gov.uk