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ABBOTSWOOD PUBLIC ART PROJECT KICKS OFF WITH THE ART BUS IN ROMSEY



Nicola Henshaw talking to visitors on the Art Bus

Test Valley Borough Council has commissioned local artist Nicola Henshaw to sculpt a creative trail of public art to link Romsey to Abbotswood.

Nicola specialises in wood sculptures and is seeking ideas and inspiration for designs from local residents. She will be hosting a series of community events during the next few months to gather as many thoughts and concepts as possible. The aim of the project is to design a trail of sculptures, benches, stepping stones and storytelling panels that will create a sense of place and connect the Abbotswood development to existing communities in Romsey.

The first community event took place on Saturday 17 October in Romsey town centre. Members of the public came on board the Art Bus to meet Nicola and her creative team and shared their memories, thoughts and feelings about living and working in Romsey and the surrounding area.



Visitors reading the information panels about the project

Community and Leisure Portfolio Holder, Councillor Tony Ward, said: "We are looking forward to supporting Nicola to create a beautiful series of artworks in the local area. The project has been funded by Section 106 contributions from the Abbotswood development and will support the Council's corporate priority to provide opportunities for residents to contribute to and be part of a strong community."

Nicola has created a blog to keep members of the public up to date about upcoming events where they can share ideas. Simply visit www.romseytoabbotswood.org for the latest information.

WORKSHOPS

WRITING FOR RADIO AND PODCASTING WITH ANGIE

Saturday 21 November, 10 - 3pm, Salisbury Arts Centre

Let your writing be heard! By popular demand here is a brand new writing workshop suitable for all levels of writing experience.

Come and find out how to think aurally and make the most of your writing skills on the airwaves. We'll focus on how to create soundscapes, atmosphere, and locations, as well as creating characters and telling a story using sound, music, silence and speech. You will get a chance to discover and try out techniques to make your radio script stand out and be heard above the cacophony in the BBC Writersroom and on the Internet. A totally aural experience!

Tickets £30. Box Office 01722 321744 or book online@ [Salisbury Arts Centre](#)
Bring or buy lunch in The Arts Cafe

JEWELLERY COURSES AT THE WORKSHOP GALLERY



Well equipped 2 – bench jewellery workshop in studio of experienced jeweller and tutor Ruth Facey. Offering courses for complete beginners or for those with some experience. All tools, techniques and projects for silver jewellery making. Courses from £65pp, silver charged per gram used.

Ideal for best friend treats, birthdays 18 -80, special occasions, Christmas presents. Gift vouchers available.

Contact Ruth to discuss your booking, dates to suit you.

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OUT OF THE BOX ART STUDIO



Here at the out of the box art studio, I am ridiculously excited about the up and coming new series of cork'd art ladies workshops, fab for you or to make for yourself or perhaps a xmas present for someone. So voila, here are some dates for your diary.

- **Let's play with clay** Wednesday 4 November, Cost £10
- **Jewellery, design and make a necklace tutorial** Wednesday 18 November, Cost £20
- **Button art/button Christmas tree** Wednesday 25 November, Cost £10
- **Thrifty vinyl bowl, definitely an oldie but goodie** Wednesday 2 December, Cost £10

Workshops include everything needed. So pop the kids to bed, leave your partner with the remote and come along and enjoy a couple of creative hours and maybe a glass of wine. Please email or call to book a place.

Theme for the new term- Awesome Autumn/Magical Christmas

Monday 9 November till Monday 14 December. 4 p.m-5.15 p.m

Weekly children's art class. For each workshop a different material will be used including painting, batik, collage, clay and 3D materials. Our fun workshops are fully designed and supervised by our professional art educator.

6 Week block. Cost £36, discount for siblings

Ages: 4 –11 years

Contact Kaz at craftycottage1@gmail.com or call 07920837168

You can also find 'out of the box art studio' on Facebook

EVENTS

FRESH! A Platform Designed for Emerging Artists and Dance Graduates - Friday 27 November, 7:30



Tickets: £3. For more information please contact The Lights, Andover on 012 6436 8368 or visit their [website](#)

New Dimensions in Dance alongside [The Point](#) are collaborating with The Lights, Andover to produce the premiere of Fresh: a new dance graduate platform - set to include a diverse and exciting mix of dance. The aim of the platform is to discover work from emerging artists and showcase the fantastic work that is in and around Hampshire.

Wacky Comedy at Andover Film Club

Monday 9 November 2015, 8.00pm



In stark contrast with the serious movies shown so far this season, Andover Film Club's next presentation at the Odeon will be recent US comedy "Mistress America" (cert 15).

This film, the latest collaboration between director Noah Baumbach and actress Greta Gerwig, zips along at a furious pace. Starring alongside Gerwig is the up and coming Lola Kirke, and the pair give a brilliant portrayal of a graduate fresh out of college being led astray by her soon-to-be elder stepsister. It is another example of Baumbach's cutting observation of contemporary East Coast life in the US.

As always the show is open to the public as well as club members. Prebooking is recommended at www.andoverfilmclub.org.

OUTSIDE IN IS COLLABORATING WITH SALISBURY ART CENTRE IN SHOWING AN EXHIBITION THEMED 'WORTH FIGHTING FOR'

Salisbury Art Centre from Thursday 19 November to Sunday 20 December



Outside In provides a platform for artists who find it difficult to access the world of art.

Local Outside In artist and Ambassador Brian Gibson will be showing a body of his work along with other artists who submitted works for selection.

Tidworth artist Joanne Pudney has four pieces of work selected showing her response to severe depression and treatment. Piece attached is 'Resurrected' - 2015

'I have been battling with Severe Depression over the last three years. Part of my treatment has been Electroconvulsive Therapy; seizures are electronically induced to provide relief from psychiatric illnesses. This treatment was effective for me in part and has led to a new train of thought around Memory. My memory has been affected by the ECT, this is an expected side effect. I am starting to work on pieces to explore the processing, the continuity, the blurring, the loss, memory recall and the representation of memory.' Joanne Pudney

To find out more about OutsideIn visit www.outsidein.org.uk

PROJECT WORKSHOPS OPEN STUDIOS

CHRISTMAS SALE WEEKEND

21 & 22 November, 10am – 5pm



Project Workshops
Christmas Sale
2015
Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd November
10am to 4pm
gifts from £2.50 to £10,000 * Free Entry & Parking
come and enjoy relaxed Christmas shopping.
choose from, handmade glass, sculpture, jewellery,
paintings, metalwork and pottery,
all made by our resident artists and craftsmen.
We look forward to greeting you with a glass of wine & mince pie.

Two wonderful days for all the family aimed at the Christmas Market and offering direct sales from the artists studios.

Mark Taylor and David Hill, who are well known for their astonishing range of reproduction Roman and Georgian glassware, will be demonstrating glass blowing. The Talos Foundry will be showing work in progress and all the studios will be open including sculptors, artists, ceramicists, letter carvers, knife maker and jewellery.

Wine and mince pies will be offered and there is ample free parking.

All, including children under supervision, are very welcome.

Quarley, Nr Andover, Hampshire SP11 8PX

SHEEP SHED GALLERY AT THE WEYHILL

FAIRGROUND - Losing the Thread

26 October to 15 November

Contemporary Mixed Media Textile Art by a group of artists based in the Newbury area. The group was formed in 1992 and now has ten members. They have exhibited widely in the South of England, and we are proud to host them at the Sheep Shed Gallery.



For more information visit <http://www.sheepshedgallery.co.uk>

MOTTISFONT ABBEY AND GARDENS

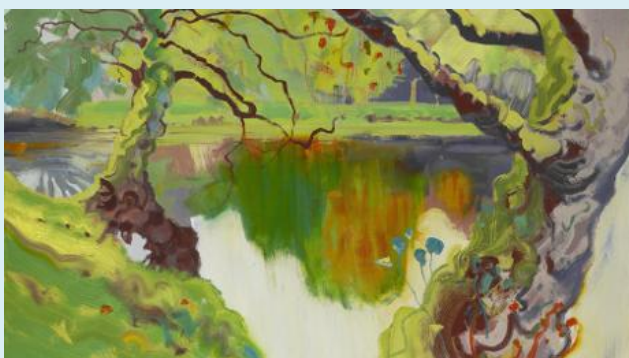
Arborealists: the Art of Trees
19 September - 15 November

The current exhibition celebrates the art of trees through paintings, drawings, prints and sculpture. Created especially for us, 'Arborealists: the Art of Trees' draws on a rich tradition of the tree as a vital subject for art.

A new group of contemporary artists called the Arborealists have created a unique show for Mottisfont, which includes new work exhibited for the first time. On display are intricate pencil drawings of root systems, gorgeous autumnal colours and beautiful natural sculpture.

For more information visit

<http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/mottisfont/visitor-information/article-1355909517665>



Andover Christmas Lights Switch On

Fabulous festive fun!

Friday, 20 November,
5pm - 7.30pm



Father Christmas • Live music • Fireworks
Street theatre • The Big TV Screen • Rides

Brought to you by  Test Valley Borough Council



Hosted by  thebreeze andover 1054

Lights andover Wrapped Up CHRISTMAS FOOD & GIFT FAIR

 A wide range of stalls selling gifts, jewellery, homeware, food and produce!

 Cafe serving seasonal offerings, including mince pies and mulled wine

 FREE face painting and glitter tattoos for children!

 FREE festive activity table for children

 A perfect opportunity to get ahead with Christmas shopping!

~ Saturday 28 November ~
10am-3pm

FREE ENTRY www.thelights.org.uk

The Lights, West St, Andover, SP10 1AH

CHRISTMAS SHOWS AT THE LIGHTS



Have you seen our amazing billboard on London Street, Andover yet?

It showcases the fabulous family festive fun available at The Lights this Christmas.

From the enchanting Snow Play to the magical delights of the Snow Queen ballet, to Santa's Christmas Cracker and the excitement of Sing-a-long-a Frozen.

For a chance to win a bonanza prize of a family ticket to all four of the shows featured, simply take a picture of yourself/your family in front of the billboard and send it to us on facebook, twitter or by email to stop@thelights.org.uk by Tuesday, 1 December. We will choose our favourite to be the winner.

Be serious, be wacky, be creative, the choice is yours...



CHRISTMAS SHOWS AT THE PLAZA IN ROMSEY

Michelmersh Silver Band Christmas Concert

Monday 7 and Tuesday 8 December 19:30 £10/£9

Jack and the Beanstalk By James Barry

Run from Tuesday 14 to Saturday 30 January, 19:30

Panto with a twist! The Plaza panto brings you loads of Fe Fi Fo Fun! Jam packed with laughs, slapstick, fun, frivolity and singing and dancing to some of the biggest recent hits! Come to panto land to help Jack get Daisy back, win the love of Princess Rose and fight Giant Plunder!

£12/14, family ticket £40, 10% discount for groups of 10, not suitable for children under 3.

OPPORTUNITIES

HAMPSHIRE POET FOR 2016



Continuing the success of the local laureateship projects HCT is launching a search to appoint a Hampshire Poet for 2016.

The winning Poet will receive three paid commissions to celebrate activities during the year, including the exciting exhibition programmes. As well as being a talented poet the winner will be a confident speaker and advocate for the pleasures of reading and writing. It's an exciting opportunity to be part of the cultural life of the county.

- The competition is open to those living, working or studying in Hampshire, including Portsmouth and Southampton, aged 18+.
- Entrants must send two poems from their portfolio plus a short personal statement of what they can bring to and gain from the experience.
- The successful poet will be announced as the winner in the New Year.

Launching: Thursday 8 October, National Poetry Day 2015.

Closing date: Thursday 10 December 2015

The application form can be downloaded here:

http://hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk/sites/default/files/PoetryEntryForm2016_1.pdf

A CALL OUT FOR THE VOICES OF ANDOVER

An exciting new local project is just about to begin called Voices of Andover, and it wants your input!



Commissioned by New Dimensions, Voices of Andover aims to give local people the opportunity to work with composer John K Miles to create a new piece of choral music that will draw on the stories, experiences and memories of Andover residents.

The project is calling for schools, community groups, local businesses and residents of all singing abilities to join them and help create a piece of music through a series of collaborative workshops at The Lights Theatre, Andover beginning in November, ready for a grand debut performance in March 2016.

John K Miles is a successful composer of numerous film and television scores who has written prolifically for theatre, jazz groups, world music ensembles, and the classical concert hall. He is a professor at The Guildhall School of Music and Drama.

The project is part of New Dimensions, a major music initiative being delivered in key areas of Hampshire; led jointly by Anvil Arts, Basingstoke and Turner Sims Concert Hall, Southampton, and funded by Hampshire County Council.

So if you are a school, community group, local business or individual who is interested in taking part then please contact Heather Whittam at The Lights: hwhittam@testvalley.gov.uk

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE AT THE OBSERVATORY



Artists from all disciplines are invited to submit expressions of interest to undertake one of six residencies for a period of up to eight weeks in Year Two at The Observatory.

Near Hive Beach, Burton Bradstock, West Dorset – between mid January 2016 and June 2016.

West Cornwall – between mid July 2016 and December 2016.

The fee for each residency is £4,000. For more information see the link.

<http://www.lookinlookout.org>

TEST VALLEY ARTS FOUNDATION SEEK A NEW DEVELOPMENT OFFICER



The Test Valley Arts Foundation will shortly be starting their search for a new Development Officer. The role will be part time, starting March 2016, and pay £300 per month to take on a number of responsibilities including:

Fundraising, building partnerships, support for Chapel Arts Studios, meeting support and documentation for the Board, volunteer management, press and marketing and event support.

Full details of how to apply and closing dates will be posted on the Test Valley Arts Foundation website towards the end of October. If you are interested keep checking in at

<http://www.testvalleyarts.org/>