



Test Valley Creative

A network for arts professionals in West Hampshire

June & July 2015

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1. Bureau of Exchange

Bureau of Exchange - challenging our use of money

The team at Chapel Arts Studio (CAS) Andover is delighted to be launching a four week public art project supported by the CAS associate artists, and funded by the Arts Council. The aim is that residents and visitors to Andover will be inspired to consider alternatives to buying and selling; and the values we place on time and the worth of what we need or want.

Last year, a number of artists based at CAS were involved in the Encounters Arts pop-up shop which allowed them to enjoy the opportunity to think more deeply about Andover and their lives here. This year's pop-up shop challenges the use of money, and through different art events encourages people to look at alternatives to paying for services and experiences through free events to share and enjoy.

The shop's first event hosts an 'Andover Zine Fair' which looks at small publications and self-publishing led by artist Tom Mortimer. The Bureau of Exchange can be found at **2b Union St in Andover town centre**, and will be open from Wednesday to Saturday 9am to 5.30pm.

Each week the Bureau of Exchange will host a new resident artist who will transform the shop and bring Andover something new. Each project runs for 3-4 days and will include a range of **FREE** activities for all ages.

Special events hosted inside the Bureau of Exchange shop include an opportunity to create an artwork made from broken and discarded toys 'Broken Toys and Happy Hearts', a 'Swap Shop Extravaganza', a 'Food Waste Café', and an inspiring exhibition of artwork produced by pupils from Icknield Special Needs School in Andover.

Art Workshops
After School for Parents and Children

Broken Toys & happy hearts

Monday's 4.00 - 5.30, **1st, 8th, 15th June**

100%
FREE
of charge



Where? **2b Union St, Andover**
in the Bureau of Exchange pop-up shop

07709 238 966 Booking essential!

BUREAU OF
EXCHANGE

CAS

ARTS COUNCIL
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ENGLAND**

www.chapelartsstudios.co.uk

Other events planned to coincide with the Bureau of Exchange activities include 'Andover Loves Me Back' walk, a performance of nocturnal memories 'Night Vision', and finally a 'March for Optimism' in the town centre, in association with local schools.

For more information about 'Bureau of Exchange' activities and events visit the CAS www.chapelartsstudios.co.uk/projects/shop

2. News and Events

Test Valley Arts Foundation book launch Celebrate Youth Writing 2015

June 16 at 7:30pm, The Lights

Test Valley Arts Foundation invites you to the launch of their first anthology, 'Celebrate Youth Writing 2015'. The new book is full of poems, short stories and initial chapters of novels written by young writers aged eleven to twenty one. The launch will take place on June 16 starting at 7.30pm at The Lights. Everyone who buys a ticket will receive a free copy of the e-book.

The book entries are varied and their themes range from playful comedy to poignant tragedy, from superheroes to the ordinary heroes of World War 1 trenches, from science-fiction-style alien invasions to animal stories.

The launch at The Lights will have a showcase of poems, sketches, and 4 short films by Testbourne School, monologues from Long Overdue theatre company, a dance from Ruby Slippers School especially made for the show and original music, all inspired by the anthology.

"We want to have a fun, party-style feel to the launch. We're very keen to show how exceptional these young writers are. The stories in our book are teaching us what's important to young people in the 21st century." said organiser Cat Randle

Twenty young writers aged eleven to twenty one were chosen out of entries from all over Hampshire.

Tickets to the celebration are on sale at The Lights. The books will be on sale from 7pm onwards.

The event and anthology are sponsored by BeWiser and supported by Test Valley Arts Foundation, Cat's Writing Room and Bees' Nest Books.

**Celebrate Youth Writing 2015
Book launch and Showcase**

June 16th, 7:30 at The Lights, Andover
A Showcase of poems, a skit and short films inspired by young writers

Book Your tickets at The Lights today

Test Valley Arts Foundation Test Valley Arts BeWiser

Test Valley Arts Foundation NEWS

The Test Valley Arts Foundation has recently acquired an ex-library bus. TVAF are currently re-homing and refitting it, transforming it into a [Bus of Many Things](#) to serve, entertain, and inspire the communities of the Test Valley. Due to the fluid and moveable nature of this concept, the possibilities are virtually endless. Imagine the bus parked at a local village hall so that residents are able to come and visit either to take part in workshops, view exhibitions or to simply watch artists working. Right now TVAF are building systems to make it all go: gathering artists, sourcing venues and clients, building databases for calendars and booking etc. TVAF also needs drivers! Not everyone can drive a thing like this, so help is always appreciated. If you want to find out more, please visit the website, or just get in touch with David Dixon 07534 147876. contact@daviddixon.co.uk

You might also like to find out more about TVAF by reading this year's Chairman's report, available on the [website](#).



News from The Lights, Andover

LIGHTS ALIVE – Tickets on sale now

The new summer season at The Lights will see a brand new development for Andover's popular venue.

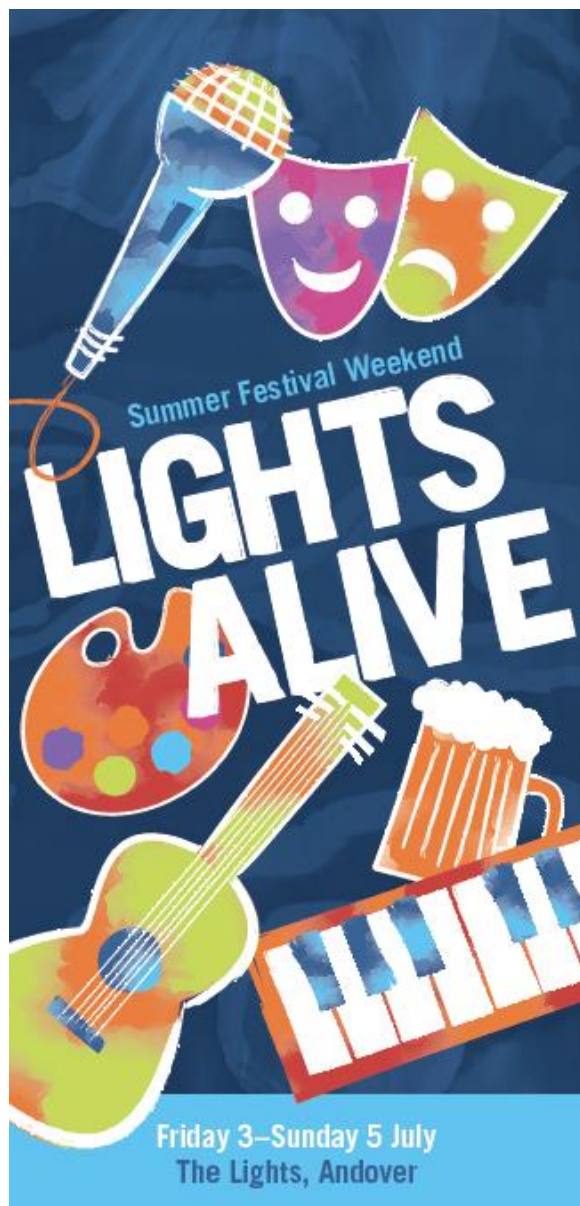
For the first time this year The Lights will be staging a summer festival, providing a weekend of events throughout the venue and outside in the landscaped grounds.

The Lights Alive weekend is billed as a boutique family friendly festival with live music, markets, creative workshops and art fairs. The fun will start on the evening of Friday 3 July with local favourites Torn Off Strips playing to the crowds.

Throughout the day and night on Saturday 4 July there will be live music out on the decking and in the Arena; an open art fair; free creative workshops and street theatre plus real ales from local breweries and a range of fabulous street foods.

Sunday 5 July will see another full day of live music including a special appearance from the Southampton Ukulele Jam, free face painting for the children, a traditional Wishing Tree and more creative workshops for the whole family to enjoy. The festival flags will be fluttering in the breeze so make a date to support The Lights Alive festival weekend.

Full details and ticket prices are available at www.thelights.org.uk or call our box office on 01264 368368



Summer Festival Weekend
LIGHTS ALIVE
Friday 3–Sunday 5 July • The Lights, Andover

A boutique family friendly Festival with fabulous live music line up, markets, creative workshops and art fairs.

Friday 3 July, 7.30pm–11pm
Steph Boulton • Torn Off Strips

Saturday 4 July, 12.30pm–11pm
Morrison • Lee Rasdell-Dove
The Ingenious Gentlemen • Tinderbox
Jim Chorley • Uncle Tom's Cobbleys
Fred's House • The Roving Crows
Creative Workshops

Family Sunday 5 July, 11.30am–7pm
Sarah Saville • Common Ground Duo
Southampton Ukulele Jam • Jake Ward
Sam Paine Trio • Creative Workshops
Free Face Painting

Plus:
Street Theatre
Festival Wishing Tree
Real ales
Fabulous street food

Day or Weekend tickets available:
Weekend: £30/£10* – Spotlight Member: 2 for £30
Friday: £8.50/£5* • Saturday: £15/£2* • Family Sunday: £10/£5*
*Children

01264 368 368 • www.thelights.org.uk

Andover Farmers' and Crafts Market

Dates for 2015

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

The Andover Farmers' and Crafts Markets will run throughout 2015, 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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Oscar Winner at Andover Film Club

Monday June 8 2015, 8.00pm

Andover Film Club's next presentation at the Odeon will be the 2014 American movie "Still Alice" (cert 12A).

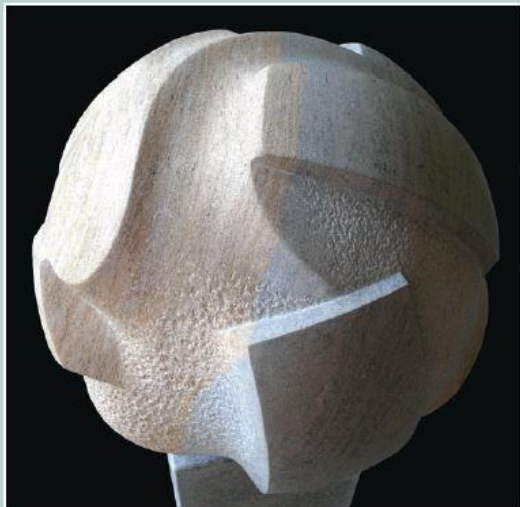
This film tackles a difficult theme that is familiar to many of us- the onset of Alzheimer's disease in a close member of the family. The movie has been widely praised for its sensitive but unsentimental portrayal of the disease's impact, and Julianne Moore received an Oscar for her performance in the lead role.

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



THE GARDEN GALLERY

TRUTH TO MATERIAL
SUMMER EXHIBITION 2015



VISUAL SYNTAX - Jason Mulligan MRBS (Ancaster Weatherbed)

PRIVATE VIEW
Saturday 9 May 2015 11-5
Including 'Meet the Artist'

EXHIBITION OPENING TIMES
12 MAY - 18 JULY
THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS, SATURDAYS 11-5
All other times by arrangement

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Café Culture – Public Art at Augusta Park

Thursday 16 July, 7pm at The Lights

Our next Café Culture event is planned for **Thursday 16 July** and will be held at The Lights in Andover at 7pm. We will welcome Laurence Dube-Rushby from the Augusta Open Space project. Laurence will be sharing her experiences of running the Public Art community engagement project at Augusta Park in Andover, talking about what creative activities were designed to explore with the community what their idea of public art might look like for the new development.

The outcomes of Laurence's project will inform the next public art commission for the Augusta Park development area. If you are interested in finding out about how community engagement and public art projects are designed and led then this one is for you. Please book your place [here](#).

New and Events

'Summer Jewels' Set to Sparkle at the Sir Harold Hillier Gardens

An exhibition of the best contemporary jewellery by more than twenty designers and makers from the Association for Contemporary Jewellery Wessex in the Visitors Pavilion at the Sir Harold Hillier Gardens.

The region hosts a wealth of talented craftsmen that work together to improve their skills, support each other and promote their craft. From diverse backgrounds with wide influences, they use a range of materials, not just precious metals.

This unique exhibition will showcase the work of some of the most talented designer/maker jewellers in the region and will also be manned by the makers themselves. The work is of an exceptionally high standard with a number of the makers winning awards, being published or teaching their skills to others.

'Summer Jewels' opens at [The Sir Harold Hillier Gardens](#) in Romsey, Hampshire on the 1 July to 19 July 2015. Entry to the Visitors Pavilion, exhibition and café is free (entry charges to the gardens apply)



Summer Open Exhibition at Rum's Eg, Romsey

24 June - 5 September

Rum's Eg are inviting professional and amateur artists to submit two dimensional artwork, painting, collage, textile pieces, mosaic and original prints (etchings, screen prints, lino prints, collagraphs, etc). All styles and media are acceptable. The exhibition encompasses the busy Hampshire Open Studio dates in August and provides an opportunity for artists to showcase and sell their work in the professional high street gallery.

Prizes will be awarded on the Private Viewing evening: £150 1st prize, £75 2nd prize and Rum's Eg vouchers for 3rd and highly commended work.

<http://www.hampshireartandcraft.org/summer-open-exhibition.html>

LIGHTS ALIVE ART FAIR

As part of the LIGHTS ALIVE summer festival we are planning an open air art market on the green outside The Lights.

We are inviting applications from artists who are interested in selling their work and demonstrating their art for the Saturday 4 July.

If you would like to apply please contact me at

fperkins@testvalley.gov.uk

or call 01264 368844

<http://www.thelights.org.uk/WhatsOn/details/932>

Project Workshops for Hampshire Open Studios

Three studios at Project Workshops in Quarley will be open during the Hampshire Open Studio fortnight, 22 to 31 August. Find artists Sally Milligan in studio 20, Linda Powell in studio 21 and Soraya French in studio 11.

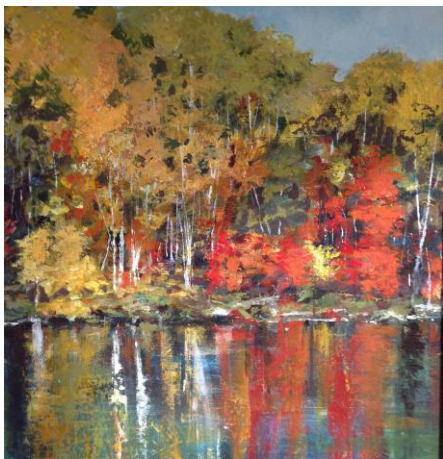
Have a look at the website for exact times and directions to Project Workshops.

<http://www.hampshireopenstudios.co.uk/>

Sally Milligan - Tuscan trees, oil on muslin
60x75mm



Linda Powell - Canadian Autumn oil 2014



The course of true love never did run smooth

20th June 2015
6.30pm

William Shakespeare's
A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

Gates open 5.30pm
In the open air @ Springhill Meadow, St Mary Bourne
Tickets £8 from the St Mary Bourne Shop
You can picnic after the show

A Priors Players Production. Box Office 738403/738705

Once every twenty-five years for village dreamers

June 20 at 6.30pm

Every twenty-five years Priors Players, the amateur dramatics group in the Hampshire village of St Mary Bourne put on an open air performance of Shakespeare's, A Midsummer Night's Dream. It usually takes place in a field, meadow or one of the gardens of the larger houses close to the centre of the village. This year, following on from performances in 1964 and 1989, a production of the play will take place in Spring Hill Meadow.

As you would expect it will take place as close to Midsummer's Eve as possible. Directed by the author, Morag Joss and performed by amateur talent, young and old, from the villages of Longparish, Stoke and St Mary Bourne. It promises to be a magical summer event.

Tickets are now on sale. The audience are invited to bring a picnic to enjoy in the grounds after the play.

Prices of tickets are £8 and can be purchased at the St Mary Bourne Village shop or ordered from the Box Office telephone numbers 01264 738403 or 738705.

The event has sponsorship from a variety of organisations and businesses including Knight Frank, Basingstoke Borough Council, Hampshire County Council, Vitacress Ltd and the Parish Council. An audience of at least 300 or more are expected to see the play.

The Art Society

The Arts Society will be at a village event in Wildhern on 27 & 28 June. Gardens will be open for public viewing for a cost of £5, and there will be a plant sale and refreshments.

You can view the arts works of the Arts Society at the Village Hall which will be open from 2-5:30pm.

a-n announces new Writer Development Programme

a-n is inviting applications from members for its new Writer Development Programme. Led by freelance writer and editor Chris Sharratt – a-n’s news editor – the programme is aimed at artists and arts organisers who wish to develop their reviewing, critical writing and journalistic skills. The 10-month programme will involve a variety of writing tasks, face-to-face workshops and commissions. It will explore reviewing, interviewing, feature writing and working with an editor.

There are five places on the inaugural pilot programme, and while applicants do not need to be widely published, they must be able to demonstrate a commitment to developing their writing in this area. “The programme is about writing for publication and all that involves,” says Sharratt. “I’ll be drawing on my experience as a writer and editor for print and online, as well as bringing in expertise from other writers. The programme will involve a lot of doing, rather than just being told what to do. If you want to develop your writing skills there’s only one thing better than writing itself, and that’s the process of being edited. Through mentoring, a variety of tasks and the three workshops, we’ll be doing a lot of both.”

Successful applicants will receive a bursary of up to £300 to support attendance at workshops and travel expenses will be reimbursed. The deadline for applications is 12 noon, Tuesday 2 June 2015.

Full details of how to apply can be found at: <http://www.a-n.co.uk/about/a-n-writer-development-programme>

Test Valley Creative Network

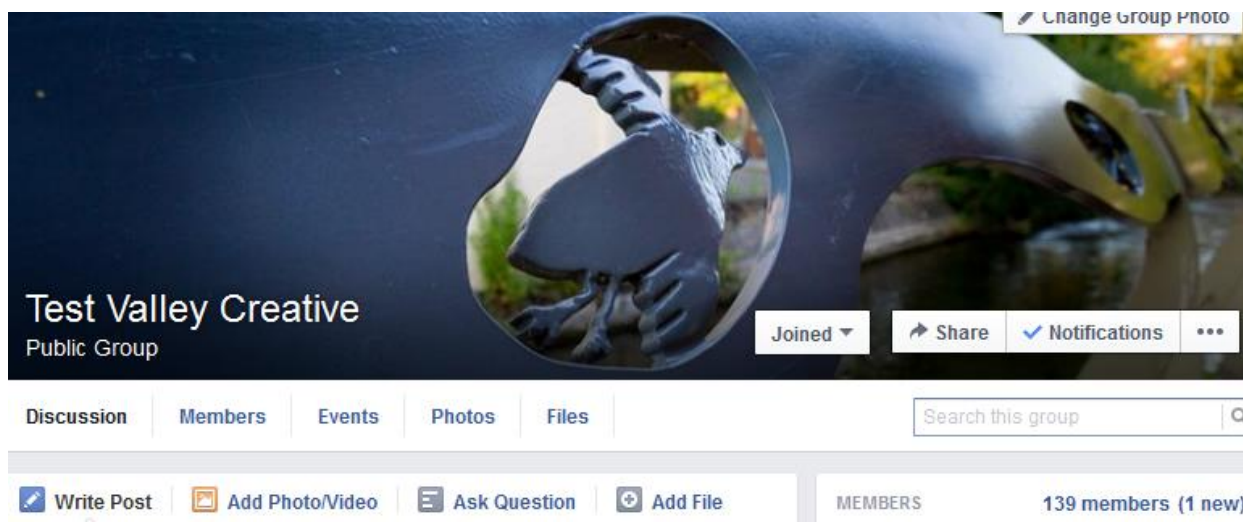
As you are on our mailing lists you receive all the newsletters and information that comes to us about arts and culture in the Test Valley. My aim is to share a variety of information but I do rely on you, the network, to let me know what’s relevant and what’s missing. So please do keep in touch with us and let us know what you think?

We will be meeting in July for the next Café Culture event here at The Lights, and I’ll be planning in another soon. If you have any ideas then let me know...

In the mean time please do come and find us on Facebook. (This is what we look like – below) We invite you to share your own events and activities here.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/400359953318332/?ref=bookmarks>

We are also on Twitter @t_v_creative so come and follow us there too.



The image shows a screenshot of the Facebook page for 'Test Valley Creative', a public group. The cover photo features a close-up of a hand holding a small, dark, textured object, possibly a sculpture or a piece of art, against a blurred background of green foliage. The group name 'Test Valley Creative' is prominently displayed in white text, with 'Public Group' underneath. Below the name, there are buttons for 'Joined', 'Share', 'Notifications', and a three-dot menu. The navigation bar includes 'Discussion', 'Members', 'Events', 'Photos', and 'Files'. A search bar is visible on the right side of the navigation bar. At the bottom of the page, there are buttons for 'Write Post', 'Add Photo/Video', 'Ask Question', and 'Add File'. The member count is shown as 'MEMBERS 139 members (1 new)'.

3. Funding

Test Valley Borough Councillors Community Grant Scheme

Supporting local people to establish their own priorities and deliver local solutions to local issues.

The Test Valley Borough Councillors Community Grant Scheme aims to encourage community led initiatives, supported by local councillors who will play an active part in helping their communities deliver their ambitions.

Who can apply?

Voluntary groups, not for profit organisation, incorporated clubs and societies, Parish or Town Councils, Schools, in relation to their wider community role and Borough Councillors

What can I apply for?

You can apply for up to two-thirds of the cost of the project or activity. A maximum grant is £1,000

How do I apply?

Discuss your proposal with your local Borough Councillor. Read the eligibility criteria and guidance notes –and complete the appropriate application form (follow the link below)

Guidance notes and application forms can be found on the following link:

<http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/resident/communityandleisure/workingwithcommunities/communitygrants/caf/>

Test Valley Borough Council Community Asset Fund

The Council is committed to supporting community led planning and has established the CAF (Community Asset Fund) to support capital projects and to improve community infrastructure – if you have a project or would like to discuss submitting an application for possible funding please contact, Marianne Piggin.

Contact Marianne Piggin for information, Telephone: 01264 368623, Email: mpiggin@testvalley.gov.uk

Test Valley 4 Community Funding Portal

The Test Valley 4 Community is an online hub of grants and funding information. It has a user friendly website that allows you to quickly and easily filter through hundreds of grant schemes and find funding suitable for your project or organisation.

<http://www.idoxopen4community.co.uk/testvalley>