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Updates from Test Valley Borough Council in response to residents concerns

Test Valley Borough Council have recently been made aware of a number of concerns from residents with regards the infrastructure on the development. We wish to address these and provide residents with the reassurance that we are looking at approaches to remedy these and work with organisations responsible for delivery.

Please can we request that if residents have concerns that they are flagged up via the Community Development Worker Jenny Brain, the St Marys Ward Cllrs (contact details on page 23), or the PTCA Facebook page. This is so that TVBC are then aware of issues and can respond proactively and in a timely manner to prevent escalations of these problems causing frustrations to residents.

Roads - there has been concerns raised about the degradation of the road surface along the first stretch of Picket Twenty Way at the entrance to the development from the A3093 direction. The damage includes loose and lost cobbles as well as rutting where many heavy vehicles have passed over, in particular on the eastbound lane of Picket Twenty Way. Test Valley Borough Council are aware of the damaged road surface and it has been reported to Persimmon Homes for their attention.

However, this issue is further exacerbated by the majority of traffic being forced to use this lane due to vehicles being parked on the opposite side of this main thoroughfare and bus route, which should be kept clear and free from parked cars at all times.

Parking - this is an ongoing issue for many residents but can only be resolved by residents themselves using their allocated parking spaces and parking with consideration for other roads users and pedestrians. Considerate and safe parking includes not parking on or too close to junctions or bends, not parking on or partly on pavements, not parking at or opposite bus stops or along bus routes, including the main entrance from the direction A3093 along Picket

Persimmon Homes Statement provided for Picket Twenty Residents Meeting. Friday 15th January 2016.

Persimmon Homes would like to thank the Picket Twenty residents for the invitation to participate in their residents meeting on Friday 15th January 2016. Unfortunately, given the time and relatively short notice of the meeting, we do not have any members of the team with the sufficient technical knowledge of the issues available to attend. I am, however, able to provide an update and clarification on a number of issues we are advised are to be discussed at the meeting.

Surface water

On reopening the office on 04 January 2016 Persimmon was made aware of the excess surface water on parts of the site that had accumulated over the Christmas period due to the unusually high amount of rainfall. The excess water on the carriageway is usually pumped away by the road cleaning machine but this was understandably not operational during the Christmas period. This issue was resolved within three days.

Due to the final specification of the road in the areas affected being porous paving there may be some localised, but minor, areas of surface water until the final surface is installed. This is because the road surface cannot be completed until construction traffic levels have been reduced. There are temporary gullies in place that are designed to be used in conjunction with the road sweepers, but given the volume of recent rainfall, were unable to deal with the recent volume of water on their own.

The gullies have been re-inspected this week and although there was a fine layer of silt which could be seen, the gullies were not blocked and water could permeate through. The silt sits on top of a membrane to ensure silt does not permeate through to the lower layers of drainage measures and cause blockages.

Street lighting

Persimmon is aware of some issues with regard to street lighting at the site. We are currently working with Scottish Southern Electric and our contactors with regard to repairing the existing lighting and the erection of the remaining lighting. If residents notice any of the street lighting not operational it would be beneficial if they could report this to our Customer Care department on 01329 514300.

Retail unit(s), Public House, Doctor's Surgery and Nursery

As you are no doubt aware, Persimmon has built and delivered the community centre and primary school. The nursery site has been sold to an end user and is also rapidly moving forward towards delivery.

Persimmon is aware of their obligations with regard to their part in the delivery of the retail unit, public house and doctor's surgery. These elements have, for some considerable time, been marketed at a national, regional and local level by the Marketing Agents nominated by Persimmon Homes. From carrying out this exercise it

has become clear there needs to be a sufficient quantum of housing in order to make such uses viable to the end user. The end user and use of these units is dependant upon the market and whilst Persimmon is fulfilling their obligations we cannot influence when and by whom these units are occupied.

Although the doctor's surgery and public house have been marketed for some time there have been no formal offers or indications of firm interest received. The interest in these units may increase should a favourable recommendation for the additional units at the extension land be forthcoming. The pub site has been available for development for some time, subject to planning approval, with the doctor's surgery available for use later this year.

With regard to the retail unit, within the last few weeks we have received an indication of firm interest from a food retailer in light of the fact the development is reaching the required number of units for a retail use to be viable which we are advised to be in excess of 1200 units. Persimmon hopes to enter into a contract with this retailer and submit a planning application in order for the units to be constructed. This is envisaged to be submitted within the next three months for which we intend to undertake a public exhibition. Based on the initial negotiations the proposal is likely to comprise one medium sized retail store and three smaller retail units.

Adoption of open space and associated facilities

The process of adoption of areas of open space and play facilities has begun with Test Valley Borough Council, however, due to the legal nature of the transfer the process is not immediate. The play area within phase 1a has already been transferred with the open space within phase 1b, phase 3, Harewood Common, Urban Park and Sports Pavilion currently being in the process of being handed over to the Local Authority. Negotiations to transfer the applicable roads and sewers are also underway.

Closing comments

Picket Twenty is a large development site, providing over 1200 residential houses in the local area as well as well as providing substantial amounts of infrastructure and community facilities. As such, a site of this scale will always take a significant amount of time to complete and as part of this there is bound to be some minor disruptions. Notwithstanding this, the development has, to date, provided approximately 800 dwellings, open space, community facilities, primary school and play areas, amongst other benefits. Going forward the outstanding issues and requirements at the site are in the process of being addressed. Persimmon is aware of some disruption to the local residents but also thank you for understanding and patience in these matters.

If, further to the above, any specific questions from the meeting arise, Persimmon would welcome the opportunity to answer these if possible. Any questions can be sent to the Technical Department, Persimmon Homes South Coast, 100 Wickham Road, Fareham, PO16 7HT.

Picket Twenty New **Neighbourhood Survey**

As a resident of this new neighbourhood at Picket Twenty, it is important that we understand your views about the needs of your community. Your views can help Test Valley Borough Council and other agencies to plan services and help tailor the future provision at Picket Twenty. Those of you who have lived at Picket Twenty for more than a year may recall completing a similar survey in 2014, so thank you to everyone who completed these. The results from all of the surveys are very helpful to build an accurate picture of life at Picket Twenty.

We would be grateful if you could spend a few moments of your time completing the survey online at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PicketTwentySurvey>

If you would prefer a paper version to complete, please contact Jenny Brain by emailing jbrain@testvalley.co.uk.

The results of the last survey of 2014 can be found on the Picket Twenty pages of the Test Valley Borough Council website: www.testvalley.gov.uk

Thank you. We appreciate your time and ideas.

Picket Twenty **Community Association**



The Picket Twenty Community Association (PTCA) (Charity number 1157516) is Picket Twenty's very own registered charity. It was established in April 2014, by residents and non residents, who together make a team of trustees who volunteer their time and provide valuable opportunities for everyone at Picket Twenty.

Since becoming a registered charity, the trustees and volunteers of the PTCA, have worked incredibly hard and with the invaluable help and support from residents and organisations they have already achieved a great deal in such a short space of time.

The biggest under taking for the PTCA, since forming, has no doubt been the management of the brand new, purpose built community centre. The team of trustees and volunteers have been busy ensuring there is a variety of activities, groups, classes, events and much more available for residents to enjoy at the centre.

Picket Twenty Community Centre can be found on Picket Twenty Way, next door to Pilgrims' Cross Church of England Aided Primary School.

Want to get involved?

If you would like to get involved with volunteering at your community centre, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the team either by emailing recruitment@ourpickettwenty.org.uk or phoning **01264 336393**. This phone is not always manned but has an answerphone service so please leave your details in a message and a trustee will return your call.

Enjoy what's on at your community centre

There is a variety of regular classes and groups which meet at the Community Centre already, please refer to the 'What's On' guide on pages 16 to 19.

Hiring the Community Centre

If you are interested in hiring the community centre as a venue for running a regular class, holding meetings or having a party then do get in touch with the trustees who manage the facilities. Simply email bookings@ourpickettwenty.org.uk for more information or to arrange a visit to view the facilities.



The main hall is a large, flexible space with a floor area of 142m² (approximately 9m x 15m). It is suitable for a number of uses; anything from hosting coffee mornings to toddler groups to Christmas parties, and the sprung wooden floor makes it an ideal venue for dancing. The maximum capacity of the main hall is 150 standing or 100 seated, with tables and chairs available on request.



The kitchen has a large refrigerator and serving hatch as well as a hostess trolley, perfect for serving from at events. Crockery and other kitchen utensils are available for use if required.



The IT suite has six computers, connected to high-speed fibre broadband, which are available to hire for training courses or meetings. The suite will soon be open on a regular basis for local residents.



The meeting room is a well equipped space which can seat up to 16 people with the current boardroom style set up. AV equipment, including a projector and a screen, is also available.

Not-for-profit

All funds that are raised from the hiring of the facilities are invested back into the community centre to ensure it remains open and provides services that go from strength to strength.

Updates from around the development



Urban Park and Sports Pavilion

The Urban Park, including the Sports Pavilion, football pitches, cricket pitch, tennis court and surrounding landscaped areas are currently in the snagging phase between the developer and Test Valley Borough Council. Once these snags have been rectified the site will be adopted by Test Valley Borough Council.

Housing occupations

Figures provided by the developers at Picket Twenty show that there are approximately 760 homes occupied. This figure includes homes which are provided by Housing Associations, the Military of Defence as well as privately owned homes.

Homes under construction

Persimmon Homes Ltd is currently constructing and selling homes at The Paddocks 2. Charles Church is also currently constructing The Fairways and properties here are now also selling.

Shop, pub and medical centre

The designated plots for the Shop, Pub & Medical Centre are all being marketed to prospective buyers by an agent on behalf of Persimmon Homes Ltd. Interest has been shown in the parcel of land allocated for the shop but none of these parcels have been bought yet. When any subsequent information about the sale of any of them is known, we will be able to update you accordingly.



Harewood Common

The land at Harewood Common is currently in the final snagging stages and is likely to be legally transferred to Test Valley Borough Council in the Spring.

Local Recycling Centre

The Local Recycling Centre facility at Picket Twenty now has an aluminium foil recycling bin. The facilities also include a Salvation Army clothing and shoes donation bank, two mixed glass recycling banks and a general waste litter bin.

You can recycle other materials at the Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC) located in Scott Close at nearby Walworth Industrial Estate. Operated by Hampshire County Council, the centre allows the public to dispose of any domestic waste, garden waste, recyclable materials, oil and limited amounts of rubble - they do not accept commercial or trade waste. For queries call: 01264 351421

Royal Mail postal service

The nearest Royal Mail post box for Picket Twenty can be found towards the south east end of Picket Twenty Lane, just near the entrance to Mile Close and opposite the turning to Forest Lane. The letter box was recently replaced after a vehicle collided with it taking it out of action for a short time.

Pirates in the Park at Quicksilver Cover Play Park opening!



The Mayor of Test Valley officially opened the 'Quicksilver Cove' play park in the summer last year

More play parks planned

Following the opening of Quicksilver Cove last summer, we are delighted to advise that there are additional children's play parks planned for Picket Twenty which will cater for a variety of age ranges. Residents will be invited to take part in a public consultation, during which they can share their thoughts and ideas about the theme, material, style and type of play equipment they would like to be considered. More information about this will be available in the new year.

Egg Day Nursery at Picket Twenty



Egg Day Nursery at Picket Twenty will be opening on 1 April 2016. To apply for a place or to find out more, complete an online enquiry form at www.eggdaynursery.com. Click on the 'Admissions' tab and select 'Picket Twenty, Andover Admissions'.

Alternatively, you can call the team at the Sutton Scotney Nursery on 01962 760125 or email picket20@eggdaynursery.com

While the nursery is being built, the team welcomes you to go and meet them at their nursery in Sutton Scotney.

NEW Test Valley Children's Centres website

For more information about these Sure Start Children's Centres and others in the Test Valley visit: <http://services.actionforchildren.org.uk/test-valley-childrens-centres/>

On this website you can also find the Hampshire Sure Start Children's Centre Family Registration Form, regular newsletters, fabulous What's On Guides and much more.

Spring Meadow Children's Centre – Smannell Road, Andover. SP11 6JP. Tel: 01264 336718

Acorns Children's Centre – Vigo Road, Andover. SP10 1JZ. Tel: 01264 356190

Travel Plan

Wheeler's bus route

Picket Twenty's main bus service is now provided by Wheelers Travel Ltd. The number 10 bus route, which includes Picket Twenty, has altered since 1 September 2015.

The new route for Picket Twenty includes stops at Saxon Fields, Andover War Memorial Hospital, Andover Train Station, Bridge Street, Andover Bus Station, Sheep Fayre, Wool Grove, Admirals Way and Picket Twenty.

For full details of the new Picket Twenty route and all Wheeler bus services, please visit: www.wheelerstravel.co.uk or telephone 023 8047 1800.

For queries about any timetables including Picket Twenty, call Traveline on **0871 200 2233** or visit www.traveline.info.

Discounted bus passes for Wheelers buses

As Picket Twenty is now predominantly served by Wheelers Travel Ltd, the subsidised bus pass scheme, which is offered by Test Valley Borough Council, is now in conjunction with the Wheelers buses (instead of Stagecoach).

Residents living within Picket Twenty can apply for up to a year's worth of subsidised bus travel. The bus passes cost £10 (payable by cheque, debit card or postal order at the Council Offices, Beech Hurst), for three months and can be used for unlimited travel on Andover town bus services provided by Wheelers. The passes are limited to one per household (on first occupation only), on a first come, first served basis, until funds for this scheme are depleted. The bus pass is transferable between members of the same household and can be used during bus operating hours to access key services and facilities within the town.

Application forms can be downloaded from Test Valley Borough Council's website at www.testvalley.gov.uk. Alternatively, email jbrain@testvalley.gov.uk to request a copy via email, or pop into the community centre where you can pick up a paper copy.

Stagecoach bus route

Picket Twenty is also now included as a stopping place for the number 76 Andover to Basingstoke bus. For full details about this and all Stagecoach routes, visit:

www.stagecoachbus.com.

Cycle scheme

Firstly, thank you to all residents who have contacted me to request details about how to claim your cycle discounts. I would also like to send my sincerest apologies for the delay in getting these details to you all. Since the last newsletter, in which the Cycle Scheme was advertised as involving a £50 Halfords voucher, there have been some changes to the scheme itself which have unfortunately led to this delay. The scheme is now going to mean that residents will be eligible to receive a £50 discount on the purchase of bikes and cycle goods from a selection of local bike shops. The details of the scheme and instructions about how to claim your discounts are being finalised. I will contact you all and advertise them widely as soon as they are complete.

I would like to reassure those of you who have already enquired, that I have a list of all your details and I will send you all the information you need to receive your discount as soon as possible. If you would like me to add your name to the list, please email me at jbrain@testvalley.gov.uk and include your full name, address and confirmation that you are the first occupants of your address. Thank you.

My Journey

My Hampshire offers live rail and bus departures, journey planners, advice and local travel information for in and around Hampshire. Whether you're looking for information about local cycle routes to work, walking maps or links to public transport, you can find it all on their website at <http://andover.myjourneyhampshire.com/>



best foot forward



Want to get more active? Then we're here to help!

Walking is a great way to get fit, explore what's on your doorstep and make new friends.

Join one of our free and friendly short walks today.

Picket Twenty Health Walks

Every 1st Wednesday of each month

10.30 – 11.30am - meet at community centre

From **10am** to register before the walk begins

Call Jenny on: 07876 898 079
or email: jbrain@testvalley.gov.uk



Visit our website to find out more
about your local health walks:
walkingforhealth.org.uk

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Pilgrims' Cross Church of England Aided Primary School

2015 was another very busy but productive year at Pilgrims' Cross Primary School. In addition to all the wonderful work the children and staff have achieved, the building itself has reached a real milestone with the completion of the second phase now accomplished. Building work has now ceased for one year, after which phase three will commence.

In January 2016 Mr Jon Le Fevre will become the permanent Headteacher. In September 2016 the school will have their first Year 5 class, as the current Year 4 class progress.

The school is currently organised as follows:

Early Years: Two reception classes (operating as a reception unit)

KS1: Two Year One classes and one Year Two class

KS2: One Year Three class and one Year Four class

Number of children on roll is currently: 162 pupils

For all enquiries please contact the school on by emailing admin@pilgrimscross.hants.sch.uk or phoning 01264 365434.

Are you looking for childcare places in Test Valley?

Services for Young Children (SfYC) are here to support parents, carers, families and everyone working in childcare and early years education. Their aim is to ensure that Hampshire's young children have access to everything they need for the best start in life.

Services for Young Children also work closely with Children's Centres across Hampshire. Children's Centres aim to give every child the best possible start in life. They are places where families with children under the age of five can easily access a range of different services to support them, including:

- **information and advice on family support services**
- **drop-in sessions for parents, carers and childminders**
- **access to early education and childcare for children under five**
- **access to child and family health services, and**
- **links with Jobcentre Plus, further education and training opportunities.**

If you are searching for childcare and cannot find what you need, or you have a question about your childcare search, please contact the Family Information Service on 0300 555 1384, or email childrens.services@hants.gov.uk

For further information, please contact Shelia Sahota at Test Valley Services for Young Children, The Wedge, London Road, Andover, Hants, SP10 2PS. Tel. 01264 387443
Email sfyc.tv@hants.gov.uk

Tuesday

Youth Groups run by –



Toddler Group 10am - 11.30am

Adult supervision required for children at all times

Children & Young Persons Section

Infant School Age 4-7 2.50pm-3.50pm

Adults may stay or children can be left as long as consent form has been completed.

Please ensure you arrive promptly to collect your child at 3.50pm

Junior School Age 7-11 4pm-5.30pm

Adults may stay or children can be left as long as consent form has been completed.

You must keep your child behind the gate until we have cleared the earlier session.

Your co-operation is greatly appreciated in ensuring the safe leaving & arrival of all children

Please ensure you arrive promptly to collect your child at 5.30pm

Senior / College Age 11-17 7pm-9pm

Most youth arrive by themselves but we must have a consent form completed.

All sessions are still only 50p entry with free squash and other refreshments available to buy.

Children & Young Persons Section, PTCA, P20 Community Centre Picket Twenty Way, Andover SP11 6TY

Email: chyps@ourpickettwenty.org.uk

Also coming soon in 2016 is the 'Dream Scheme' a new and exciting initiative for young people at Picket Twenty. If you have any queries then come and see us at the Community Centre or email us at: chyps@ourpickettwenty.org.uk

Children & Young Persons Section PTCA, Picket Twenty Community Centre, Picket Twenty Way, Andover SP11 6TY Registered Charity Number 1157516



SKATE SESSION OPEN TO ALL AGES

2-3PM WORKSHOPS ARE TO GIVE AN UNDERSTANDING OF PARK ETIQUETTE AND HOW TO RIDE SAFELY

3-4PM ALL ARE WELCOME PARTICULARLY LOOKING FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO CAN BECOME SKATE PARK RANGERS TO BE MENTORS TO YOUNGER USERS AND ASSIST LOOKING AFTER THE PARK

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE WORKSHOPS WILL NOT TAKE PLACE IF THE SKATEPARK IS EXCESSIVELY WET. ANY CANCELLED SESSIONS WILL BE ADDED TO THE END OF THE PROGRAMME

TO BOOK A PLACE PLEASE CONTACT LAURA JONES ON **01264 368831** OR EMAIL **LJONES@TESTVALLEY.GOV.UK**

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12 FREE WORKSHOPS

**URBAN SPORTS PARK
SMANNELL ROAD
ANDOVER**

SATURDAY 6TH FEB 2-4PM

SATURDAY 13TH FEB 2-4PM

SATURDAY 20TH FEB 2-4PM

SATURDAY 27TH FEB 2-4PM

SATURDAY 5TH MAR 2-4PM

SATURDAY 12TH MAR 2-4PM

SATURDAY 19TH MAR 2-4PM

SATURDAY 26TH MAR 2-4PM

SATURDAY 2ND APR 2-4PM

SATURDAY 9TH APR 2-4PM

SATURDAY 16TH APR 2-4PM

SATURDAY 23RD APR 2-4PM

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What's on - Picket Twenty Community Centre – Regular Groups and Classes

Classes	Times	For more information contact
Monday		
Sing and Sign - Fun baby signing classes for babies of 6 months to 2 years old.	9.45am – 12.30pm Main hall	Jennie Roper 07720 321 502 jennieandmark@hotmail.co.uk
KMD Ju Jitsu Academy – for children Master Simpson has in excess of 30 years experience in Ju-jitsu and makes learning this martial art fun for all. Suitable from 4 years +	6pm – 7pm Main hall	Paul Simpson 07538 835 563 master.paul@kmd.org.uk www.kmd.org.uk
KMD Ju Jitsu Academy – for adults Developed by the Samurai, Ju-jitsu combines many techniques from other martial art such as judo, aikido & karate.	7pm – 8pm Main hall	Paul Simpson 07538 835 563 master.paul@kmd.org.uk www.kmd.org.uk
Tuesday		
Bumps, Babies and Toddler group A fun and friendly free play session for you and your children to enjoy together. Just pop along for as long as you like – no booking necessary!	10am – 11.30am Main hall *All year round*	Jenny 07876 898 079 jbrain@testvalley.gov.uk Booking not required
Youth Group for 4 - 7 year olds A friendly group with lots of fun, crafty & creative activities as well as sports & games. Pop down with your children and stay and play if you like!	2.50pm – 3.50pm Community Centre *All year round*	chyps@ourpickettwenty.org.uk Parental consent form is required, but no booking necessary Facebook: search 'chyps'
Youth Group for 7 – 11 year olds A popular group with lots to do including bowling, table football, craft, table tennis and other fun games & activities	4pm – 5.30pm Community Centre *All year round*	chyps@ourpickettwenty.org.uk Parental consent form is required, but no booking necessary Facebook: search 'chyps'
Youth Group for 11 – 17 year olds If you're between the ages of 11 & 17 and want to suggest some activities for your youth group, come along and let us know!	7pm – 9pm Community Centre *All year round*	chyps@ourpickettwenty.org.uk Parental consent form is required, but no booking necessary Facebook: search 'chyps'

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Wednesday		
<p>Health Walks Join us for a 60 minute Health Walk along some of the lovely local footpath routes around Picket Twenty—bring clothing for unpredictable weather!</p>	<p>10.30am – 11.30am (arrive 10am to register) Every 1st & 3rd Wed of each month Meet at the community centre *Recommencing Wed 3rd Feb '16*</p>	<p>Jenny 07876 898 079 jbrain@testvalley.gov.uk www.testvalley.gov.uk and type 'health walks' into search engine Booking not required</p>
<p>Drop in to the Community Centre You're welcome to pop into the community centre with any queries you may have or to ask more about what's on in the community</p>	<p>3.30pm – 5.30pm Main reception *All year round* Andover Foodbank boxes are available to collect at this time on presentation of vouchers</p>	<p>Jenny 07876 898 079 jbrain@testvalley.gov.uk Booking not required</p>
<p>Jungle Fitness High intensity, easy to follow workout for all. fitness workout for all</p>	<p>6.30pm – 7.30pm Main Hall First Class only £2.50</p>	<p>Michaela - 07843 528 452 Amanda – 07841 848 281 JUNGLEBODYHAMPSHIRE.CO.UK</p>
<p>Insanity Fitness Athletic training drills, cardio conditioning & strength training to reach your personal best, no matter where you're starting from</p>	<p>7.45pm – 8.45pm Main Hall</p>	<p>Ali 07775 967 239 Facebook: INSANITY Abbots Ann</p>
Thursday		
<p>Toddler Sense Each week has a unique theme, creating a whole new world of magical delights. Suitable for 13 months – 5 years</p>	<p>Spring Term 14 Jan – 24 March 10 – 10.50am (13 – 20 mnths) 11.10 – 12pm (20 mnths – 3 yrs 6 mnths)</p>	<p>Katie Hayes 07979 818 662 toddlersensekt@gmail.com www.toddlersense.com Booking required</p>

Classes	Times	For more information contact
Thursday continued		
<p>Resident Coffee group</p> <p>Pop down to the community centre for a friendly and relaxing chat over a nice cup of something and a biscuit or two!</p>	<p>1pm – 3pm Bistro area *All year round*</p>	<p>Christine Battrick 07767 882 418 bookings@ourpickettwenty.org.uk www.ourpickettwenty.org.uk Booking not required</p>
<p>KMD Ju Jitsu Academy – for children</p> <p>Master Simpson has in excess of 30 years experience in Ju-jitsu and makes learning this martial art fun for all. Suitable from 4 years +</p>	<p>6pm – 7pm Main hall</p>	<p>Paul Simpson 07538 835 563 master.paul@kmd.org.uk www.kmd.org.uk</p>
Friday		
<p>Baby Sensory</p> <p>Suitable from birth, to aid your child's development, with a variety of sounds, smells, textures, music, dance, singing & massage</p>	<p>Spring Term 8 Jan – 18 March 9.30 – 10.30am (6 – 13 months) 11am – 12pm (Birth – 6 months) 12.30 – 1.30pm (Birth – 13 months)</p>	<p>Imogen Coleman 07762 364 132 winchester@babysensory.co.uk www.babysensory.com Booking required</p>
<p>The Long Overdue Theatre School</p> <p>Drama, singing & dance classes where children can gain confidence, learn new life skills, make new friends, keep fit and have fun!</p>	<p>5.30pm – 6.30pm (4-7yrs) 6.45pm – 7.45pm (7-10yrs) *Term time only for 12 weeks at a time* For holiday workshops please visit website</p>	<p>The Long Overdue Theatre School 0845 838 2994 admin@tlots.co.uk www.tlots.co.uk Booking required</p>
<p>What's on at Picket Twenty Community Centre – Monthly Groups</p>		

Classes	Times	For more information contact
Third Thursday of each month		
<p>Women's Institute - The Picket Twenty Fillies</p> <p>The Picket Twenty Fillies is a brand new WI group and they meet in the lovely community centre. Why not come down and check it out!</p>	<p>7.30 – 9.30pm Main hall or meeting room *Every 3rd Thursday of each month*</p>	<p>Barbara Long pickettwentyfillies@outlook.com Booking not required – ask Barbara about membership fees</p>
First Sunday of each month		
<p>Picket Twenty Friends and Family on Sunday</p> <p>You're invited to a time of friendly fun, making new friends, singing and sharing refreshments with a group of local Christian friends</p>	<p>4pm – 5pm Main hall *First Sunday of each month*</p>	<p>Email the group on: P20ffos@gmail.com Booking not required – just turn up</p>

Please note: All classes are subject to exceptions, so please speak to the contact listed above for each class to check details before attending. Thank you

All details were correct at the time of writing so please do contact the organiser to confirm.

Andover Men's Shed

The Andover Men's Shed group has been set up by a volunteer group of men who wish to provide a place for men to come together and share practical interests, learn new skills, give something back to the community and be in the company of fellow men. It is primarily aimed at men who are aged 50 or over.

The Andover Men's Shed will provide a new network of friends and a renewed sense of purpose for its members. Men's Sheds started in Australia, where there are now more than 900 groups, and are spreading around the world. In the UK there are growing numbers of Shed groups and a UK Men's Shed Association has recently been formed. Read more at www.menssheds.org.uk.

If you would like to get involved in the Andover Men's Shed project, please contact Brian Cooke on **07776 216516** or email brian.cooke@hotmail.co.uk



Me & My Dad Club

...because Dad's are important too

Me & My Dad Club is an Andover based group which encourages fathers to spend more quality time with their children doing activities, going on outings and attending special events. The group normally meets every other Saturday from 9.30am to 11.30am at Spring Meadow Children's Centre in Andover. There is no charge to attend, however if you wish to contribute to the running of the group you're welcome to donate 50p.

For more information visit www.meandmydadclub.wix.com/andover or call or text the Dad's Club mobile on **07834 678030** with queries or for timetable of activities.

Community IT suite

During October and November 2015, the IT suite at Picket Twenty Community Centre hosted an eight week programme of basic IT support sessions for residents. The programme was jointly run by the Picket Twenty Community Association, Spectrum Housing and Sovereign Housing. Residents benefited particularly from guidance and support from Sharon Wood, who is a Digital Champion and trustee of the PTCA. Staff from Spectrum and Sovereign Housing, who jointly funded the facility, were also on hand to offer skills training, advice and guidance to residents. The feedback from these sessions was very positive.

The Mayor of Test Valley joined residents, trustees and staff from Spectrum Housing and Sovereign Housing at the relaunch of the IT suite at the community centre.

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Opening times for IT suite in 2016

In early 2016 there will be a new weekly timetable of opening hours for the IT suite. The timetable will include daytime and evening slots when the IT suite can be opened by trustees and made available to residents. Residents will be able to drop in to use the IT facilities at the community centre and have the opportunity to attend sessions where they can benefit from the guidance of Sharon, who is the Digital Champion for the community centre.

New 'My Hampshire' electronic newsletter

Hampshire County Council is creating a new electronic newsletter, My Hampshire, for Hampshire residents to keep them better connected to latest news. The newsletter will include links to leisure activities, public consultations that may be of interest, roadworks, public notices, job opportunities and more.

Hampshire County Council would really value your feedback to help inform the development of the newsletter. You can complete a short survey and register online at <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/myhampshire-subscribe>

Celebrating **community champions**

If you know someone who volunteers and goes the extra mile for others to make a real difference in their community, here's your chance to nominate them for an award which recognises their dedication. The 2016 Good Neighbour Awards is now open for nominations.

The awards are designed to recognise the commitment and kindness of individual neighbours and individual volunteers from voluntary organisations. The winners, and those who nominated them, will be invited to a special ceremony in The Great Hall on Tuesday 26 April 2016.

For full details and to submit an online application form visit; <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/goodneighbourawards.htm>

The closing date for nominations is Monday, 8 February 2016.

Hants Alert

If you're keen to be kept right up to date with current incidents, or alerts local to your area then sign up to Hants Alert, a new update service provided by Hampshire Police. Visit www.hampshirealert.co.uk.



Picket Twenty **Neighbourhood Watch meetings**

The Picket Twenty Neighbourhood Watch meetings take place on the first Monday of each month in the meeting room at the community centre from 7pm to 8pm.

The next meetings will take place on Monday 1st February, Monday 7th March and Monday 4th April.

You are very welcome to come along.

If you are interested in becoming a Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator for your street or you would like to know more about what the role entails, please email jbrain@testvalley.gov.uk



Useful Contacts

PCSO Natalie Lock

PCSO Natalie Lock currently covers the St Marys Ward, which Picket Twenty is within. Her beat is growing with all the new developments, but Natalie is keen to tackle the local issues which may arise. To contact PCSO Lock:

Call: **101**

Email: natalie.lock@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Jenny Brain

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Picket Twenty Community Association

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01264 336093 This phone line has an answerphone service for times when nobody is in the office. Please leave a clear message with your name, phone number and brief message and someone will return your call.

www.ourpickettwenty.org.uk

Booking enquiries email:

bookings@ourpickettwenty.org.uk

St Mary's Ward councillors

As you probably already know, Picket Twenty is within the St Mary's Ward of Test Valley.

Last year, the local borough elections resulted in the election of two new borough councillors for the St Mary's Ward. Councillor David Denny and Councillor John Cockaday began their term as councillors. They joined a returning councillor, Councillor Iris Andersen, who in May this year also began the role of Mayor of Test Valley.



Councillor **David Denny**

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Councillor **Iris Andersen** - Mayor of Test Valley

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Councillor **John Cockaday**

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Councillor **Timothy Rolt**

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Andover Farmers' and *Crafts Market*

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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For more details, including 'What's On' visit The Lights website at www.thelights.org.uk

or contact the Box Office on 01264 368368.

Visit Hampshire

If you'd like to know more about what's on in Hampshire, visit the official tourism website for Hampshire, which has details of local events, places to visit and much more.

See www.visit-hampshire.co.uk