

Nursling & Rownhams

# Village News



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**April 2020**

A Newsletter for all in the Parish of Nursling and Rownhams

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## **A message from the Editors**

Unfortunately the normal edition of the April Village News, although printed, could not be distributed around the village before the whole country was placed into lockdown to limit the spread of the coronavirus Covid-19.

The Village News is valued by many residents who are not on the internet. Because it pops through the letterbox and it does not have to be searched for it is more widely read than otherwise would be the case. Many keep it handy for quick reference.

This digital version is our attempt to keep publishing the Village News during these extraordinary times. Events have overtaken us this month rendering much of the content totally out of date. It is probably safe to assume that all the events and activities planned have been cancelled, and no doubt the organisers will advise us in due course of their revised plans once they are in a position to make them.

This digital edition has been heavily edited because it will be online.

If you wish your personal contact details to be available in our next digital edition please let us know by confirming that it is your personal information and that you are willing for it to be published on line in this way.

Recurring adverts have been suspended and will start appearing again in our next printed edition. We will not include paid adverts in the digital editions.

Let us hope that we can soon revert to a more normal way of life and a more normal Village News before too long. Meanwhile, if you know of someone who may not be online, please do print out a copy and offer it to them so that they can retain their connection.

# Nursling and Rownhams Parish Council

## Report for March 2020



### Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 7 April 2020 at 7.30pm in Nursling & Rownhams Village Hall.

### Annual Parish Meeting – Village Hall - 22 April 2020 at 7.45pm

Whilst this date has been fixed, due to the coronavirus situation, it may be necessary to postpone it. Under current legislation the meeting has to be held between 1 March and 1 June. Further advice is currently being sought to determine whether or not the legislation will be amended to extend the current deadline. It is hoped that in the event of a postponement the meeting can be held beyond 1 June. As the situation is changing on a daily basis please check the date on our website [www.nandr.org.uk](http://www.nandr.org.uk) and our notice boards.

### Motorway Bridge

If all goes to plan the bridge will be fully open during the middle to the end of March. The contractor, Osborne, must be congratulated on completing the £19m project within planned timescales with the minimum of disruption to local residents and motorway users during the 2 year period of demolition and construction. It is planned to remove the construction site by 20 March 2020.

### Arson - Play Equipment – Jubilee Park

On Wednesday 26 February, at approximately 6.45pm, flames were visible some 8 metres high emanating from the small slide within the Play Area. Silhouetted against the light of the flames, a male figure of medium stature was observed energetically stoking the flames with what appeared to be branches or sticks of wood. The fire brigade attended but too late to save the equipment which was totally destroyed. When the fire brigade arrived, two groups of young persons appeared and started to chant at the fire crew. The blaze was possibly aggravated in the damp conditions by a flammable accelerant as several empty glass bottles were found at the site. These were taken for analysis and checking for finger prints. If any resident has information that might lead to the successful prosecution of the perpetrator please report it to the police.

### Speed limit – Redbridge Lane and dropped kerbs in Hillyfields

The Parish Council will liaise with HCC Highways to consider a request to make Redbridge Lane a 30 mph limit from Romsey Road to Hillyfields. Also, in order to assist residents with push chairs and mobility scooters we are hoping to organise the installation of dropped kerbs in Hillyfields.

### Annual Parish Assembly – Wednesday 22 April 2020

**All residents** are warmly invited to attend the Annual Parish Assembly on Wednesday 22 April 2020 in Nursling & Rownhams Village Hall, Nursling Street, at 7.45pm.

**Subjects to be discussed:** Development in Nursling & Rownhams

**Presentations from:** -TVBC – Climate Change, Hampshire County and Test Valley Borough Councillors and The Chairman's annual report. There will be time for questions from the public. **Please come along and find out what is going on in your Village!**

# **Report by Borough Councillors Phil Bundy & Alison Finlay**

## **March 2020**

### **Care Home Facility – Bargain Farm, Nursling**

The current Borough Local Plan was prepared via a democratic process which involved scrutiny by a Government Inspector who approved the Plan which was then adopted in January 2016 by TVBC. This plan clearly showed that land at Bargain Farm would comprise a Park & Ride facility of 3ha, employment provision classes B1/B2 of 2ha and 23 dwellings around Bargain Farm House. All to be screened with suitable landscaping to “retain the character of Nursling” and “provide the perception of separation and transition” from Southampton. Vehicle access to this site was to be via Adanac Drive with another access for pedestrians and cyclists only from Frogmore Lane.

Bearing in mind that all of the above was approved by a Government Inspector we now have a situation, following a recent appeal, that the access from Frogmore Lane will also become an access for vehicles. This was agreed by another Government Inspector in 2019 (only 3 years after the Local Plan was approved) who overrode the original Government Inspector. One person effectively blew a hole in a well constructed plan and opened the floodgates for the latest proposals which now include a Lidl store on the portion of Bargain Farm under the control of Southampton City Council.

Hence we are where we are today, Therefore at a Southern Area Planning Meeting on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2020, Phil and Alison felt that the latest proposal of a well designed care facility was a better proposition than yet more industrial units which would have had a much greater impact on the houses in Bargain Close. The architecture had been much improved and fitted better in this particular area. We will now have to wait for more details about the approved NHS health campus and the revised park and ride scheme to be located adjacent to the care facility.

The disappointment about this situation is that one person, a Government Inspector, can override and undo the democratic process leading to the adoption of the Local Plan and change the character of an area totally disregarding the recommendations of the previous Government Inspector.

### **Coronavirus**

The Chief Executive has established a coordinating group to assist with business continuity planning and to seek to manage the risks to council staff and customers of coronavirus. Many viruses such as influenza and coronavirus are common across the world. Typical symptoms of coronavirus include fever and a cough that may progress to a severe pneumonia, causing shortness of breath and breathing difficulties. Viruses are easily passed when an infected person talks, coughs or sneezes and expels the virus into the air. It can also be spread through touching an infected person or surface contaminated with the virus and then touching your own face. However, it is not yet known for certain how COVID-19, the new coronavirus,

is spread. Therefore, to avoid catching or spreading germs, the NHS offers the following advice:

- ◆ Cover your mouth with a tissue or sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- ◆ Put tissues in the bin immediately
- ◆ Wash your hands with soap and water often - use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available. Check the label to ensure any gels contain a minimum alcohol content of 60 per cent
- ◆ Don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean

Approximately 80 per cent of people who test positive for coronavirus suffer only mild symptoms. Generally, coronavirus causes more severe symptoms in people with weakened immune systems, older people, and those with long-term conditions such as diabetes, cancer and chronic lung disease.

### **Telephone call blocker campaign**

The National Trading Standards (NTS) Scams Team is releasing more call blockers for free to the general public from Friday 13th March 2019 at 9am. A call blocker is a unit that filters unwanted scam or nuisance phone calls from your landline (this unit does not work with mobile phones). These were a huge success last year and they ran out very quickly. Applications can be made through their website.

### **Two successful prosecutions in two days**

Two Andover residents have been prosecuted for illegally dumping their waste in September last year. Following investigations into rubbish that was found along Green Drove and Genoa Court respectively, two residents were ordered to pay for their actions at Basingstoke Magistrates' Court on February 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. One admitted his crime in court on February 27<sup>th</sup> and was fined £320 as well as being ordered to pay £30 costs and a £32 victim surcharge. The other resident pleaded guilty after a warrant was issued for her arrest and had to pay the council £120 costs.

In a separate case at Winchester Crown Court on March 9th, a resident from another borough was made to pay more than £700 for fly-tipping along Bullington Lane near Barton Stacey.

### **MND Charter**

TVBC formally adopted the Motor Neurone Disease Charter at its meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020. The Charter is a statement of the respect, care and support that people living with MND and their carers deserve and should expect. The five points of the Charter are:

- The right to an early diagnosis and information
- The right to access quality care and treatments
- The right to be treated as individuals and with dignity and respect
- The right to maximise their quality of life

Carers of people with MND have the right to be valued, respected, listened to and well-supported. More support and information is available from the MND Association.

## Could you provide some Job seeking and/or IT assistance?



The Job-IT sessions in the Nursling and Rownhams Village Hall have been running now for 5 years. There are three volunteers involved and they have decided to give up their roles at the end of April. The decision has not been taken lightly and we have enjoyed our time meeting many interesting people and helping them with their job searches and computing queries. The sessions could continue if two or more people are willing to volunteer and take over organising and running the sessions with Test Valley Borough Council's help and support.

The sessions have run twice a month on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 10:00 to 12:00.

For the job search aspects, it would help if you have past experience of recruiting people and an understanding of what employers are looking for in a CV, its layout and the benefits of tailoring CVs and covering letters to a specific job opportunity. We already have many resources to get you started.

Most of our clients, however, enquire about various aspects of using their laptops, tablet computers and mobile phones. If you can solve most of your own problems with these devices from existing knowledge or searching the internet, you will be able help with the vast majority of the queries that arise. Over the years there have been one or two that have stumped us, but there is no shame in not being able resolve a problem. You will undoubtedly learn more along the way and our clients are always very appreciative.

The sessions are supported and overseen by Test Valley Borough Council. If you would like to know more, **please phone Marianne, Community Engagement Officer at TVBC, on 07899 664209.**

### **Remaining sessions under the current team**

Under the current team there are just 2 sessions left on **8th and 22nd April** so if you are looking for help with your CV or would like advice on improving your computer skills then call in to see us on one or both of these dates in Nursling and Rownhams Village Hall between 10.00 and 12.00. Just drop in as no appointment is necessary. All sessions are free and you will receive a warm welcome, a cup of

## **Defibrillators can be found outside**

### **The Village Hall in Nursling Street and Community Centre in Horns Drove**

Someone not breathing or breathing erratically? Call 999. Do CPR Ask someone else to go and get the defibrillator. 999 will give them the code to access the equipment. Follow the spoken instructions given by the defibrillator.

## **Coronavirus**

At the time of writing, it is not clear exactly what will be happening when you receive this copy of the Village News. However, it is likely that the country will be experiencing a much higher level of confirmed Covid-19 cases and more vulnerable members of our community may have been advised to stay at home. With that in mind, a number of villagers have expressed their willingness to help those who cannot go out, or are unwilling to do so, eg collecting prescriptions, shopping etc.

If you need a bit of help, please call Sarah 07887 420656 who is co-ordinating this initiative.

How heartening to see the village pulling together. If you are on Facebook, consider joining the Nursling and Rownhams Information page where you will learn a lot of local information including Sarah's original post.

*Sarah Sign*

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## **Aldermoor Farm**

Some of you may be aware that Aldermoor Farm sells free range eggs (chicken, duck and goose), fresh vegetables, all grown organically on their own land, local honey and so on, but did you know they are doing refills of many products we use regularly?

For example they sell laundry and dishwasher products, hand soap etc. These are supplied by SESI whose ethos is that : Ethical and environmental issues are at the heart of our social enterprise. Ethical i.e. not tested on animals, vegan, biodegradable, fair wages for everyone in the supply chain, no single-use plastic – all the containers are washed and re-used.

What's not to like! The shop is open on Wednesday and Saturday, from 9am to 5.00pm at Aldermoor Community Farm, Aldermoor Road, Southampton, SO16 5NN. Just along the road from Sainsbury's! Do check their website for where to park nearby if coming by car. More information can be found at: [www.aldermoorfarm.org.uk/refill-detergents](http://www.aldermoorfarm.org.uk/refill-detergents) and [www.aldermoorfarm.org.uk/how-to-find-us](http://www.aldermoorfarm.org.uk/how-to-find-us)

Well worth a visit and how good it is to know there's somewhere locally to help us in our efforts to care for our precious planet Earth!

*Angela Jones*

## The Practical Camera Club



We have been pleased with the results we have achieved in the Southern Counties Photographic Federation (SCPF) inter-club leagues. We were placed first in League 7 of the projected digital image competition and second League 5 of the print competition. We therefore look forward to promotion at the end of the season!

As the first quarter's events draw to a close, we are considering topics for the coming months. We have seen a gratifying influx of new members in recent months and several have been doing well in our internal competitions, and raising the overall standard of entries.

We are a learning community of friendly amateur photographers with a broad range of experience. Our meetings take a practical approach in order to help us enjoy our hobby and improve our photography. The practical approach marks us out as unique in the local area.

We welcome new members to our meetings, so do come along and find out more about us. It is advisable to check our programme of events and the "Latest News" pages on our website before you set out just in case we are out going to be out and about that evening.

Our website [www.practical-camera.club](http://www.practical-camera.club) has some of our work and lots of information about the club, including our programme of events for 2020; and for our members there is a dedicated area with competition entries and results, plus a wide variety of resources and tips.

If you have a question about the club do send an email to: [chair.p.c.club@gmail.com](mailto:chair.p.c.club@gmail.com). The club meets on Tuesday evenings from 7pm - 9pm at the Sports Pavilion, Sandy Lane, Off Castle Lane, North Baddesley. The nearest postcode is SO52 9LY. Access to the pavilion is from the Sandy Lane, about 100m from the Botley Road / Castle Lane traffic lights (NB: there is no access via Nutbeam Road).

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and  
Community Centre in Horns Drove**

## Welcome to Coffee Break

Come and join us for coffee, delicious home made cake and a chat. Whether you're a carer, someone who is cared for, home alone or just looking for something different, you'll be most welcome.



We meet from 10am-noon on the first and third Thursdays of each month. So come and join us on 2 and 16 April in our usual venue, the Community Centre, Horns Drove. Do drop in. Need a lift or more information?

Church Office 023 8073 8293

*The Coffee Break team*

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## Friendship Club

The weather during March did not deter members and meetings were well attended. The rain always seemed to be heavier at 2pm on a Thursday afternoon!!! However good entertainment and the welcome cup of tea and a chat helped to brighten the afternoon.

On a sad note we learned of the passing of Stan Gover who had been a loyal member for many years. We send sincere condolences and love to Doris and her family.

We are now endeavouring to arrange various outings and events for the year and at the AGM members were asked for ideas. Hopefully we will soon have dates etc.

### Entertainment for April

- April 2nd** Carol Bishop and the Longlea Singers
- April 9th** Lemonade. An entertaining Duo plus Hot Cross Buns
- April 16th** Cheryl Branning. Singer
- April 23rd** Kim. All-round Entertainer
- April 30th** Skittles

Meetings are on Thursday from 2.0pm- 4.0pm at the Nursling Village Hall Nursling Street where a friendly welcome awaits you.

*Sheila*

## Nursling And Rownhams History Group



Russel Ince is the archivist at Wisdom House, Romsey, home to the Daughters of Wisdom. At our February meeting he explained how the religious order was founded in 1703 in France. The nuns were forced to seek ministries elsewhere due to laws in France and they arrived in Romsey in 1891 following an invitation from a local bishop to care for orphan boys. They settled into a disused flour mill which burnt down 1925 and a new school and convent was constructed on the site. They established a school for boys then later La Sagesse Convent School which closed in 1995. In 2010 the Abbey House was redeveloped as it was considered unsafe for the nuns and reopened as the Wisdom Centre, leaving just the Victorian façade and St. Joseph's Church, and giving a new modern home for the nuns. The Miracle Room where Sister Gerard was miraculously cured in 1927 was demolished but the bed where the miracle happened was moved into the Church.

We will start our summer visits in April. Our meetings start again in September and are held in the Nursling and Rownhams Village Hall, Nursling Street, on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm. Visitors and new members are always welcome. Further information is available on the number shown below or on our website, [www.nandrhistorygroup.wix.com/nurslingandrownhams](http://www.nandrhistorygroup.wix.com/nurslingandrownhams)

*Julie Gundry*

Our Summer Visits:

**Thurs April 16th Northington Grange Heritage Tour starts 11am**  
(book with Liz by Wed 8th April. 023 80736668 Cost £5 pp)

**Thurs May 14th** Ringwood Meeting House

**Fri June 19th** Eling Tide Mill

**Thurs July 9th** Wimchester Cathedral Kings and Scribes Exhibition

Romsey Group Meetings in the Town Hall in April (free to our members)

**Mon 20th** - Defence of the Realm Dr. Cheryl Butler 7.30 pm

**Thurs 26th** - Medieval Cloth Trade in Hampshire Phoebe Merrick 7.30 pm

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## Ladies Night

Ladies Night members meet at 7.45pm for 8pm on the last Thursday of each month in the Community Centre, 31 Horns Drove, Rownhams SO16 8AH.

Meetings are friendly and informal for ladies of all ages.

Guest Speakers give talks on such topics as history, gardening, fashion, entertainment etc., and some have a humorous twist. Following the speaker there are light refreshments, a raffle and time to chat with friends.

We also have outings, quizzes, skittle evenings and a Christmas meal at a local restaurant.

Visitors are welcome to any meeting. Membership is currently £15 a year (September to July – no meeting in August or December) on a sliding scale. Alternatively, you can ‘pay as you go’, on an occasional basis, for £2 a meeting.

Why not come along and give us a try? Your first meeting will be FREE. You’ll find a friendly welcome.

Next meetings:

<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Historical Journey of Handbags – <i>Sarah Delves</i>
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	My Role as a Tourist Guide – <i>Jake Simpkins</i>
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Now that's a Puzzle – <i>Ian Abrahams</i>
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July</b>	The Mayflower's Maidens, Matrons and Minors – – <i>Sandra Lock</i>

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## Nursling and Rownhams Toddler Group

We are currently open every Tuesday from 9.30am–11.30am, term time only, at Nursling and Rownhams Community Centre, Horns Drove, SO16 8AH. We welcome parents, grandparents, carers, babies and children up to the age of 5 years old.



We have a lovely wide selection of toys and activities to keep them all entertained, so pop along and join us – no need to book! Only £2 per visit per family (1 adult/2 children). Children under 12 months £1 (1 adult/1 under 1).

**For all enquiries please contact:**

Please see our Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/Nursling-and-Rownhams-Toddler-Group-170372686348395](http://www.facebook.com/Nursling-and-Rownhams-Toddler-Group-170372686348395)



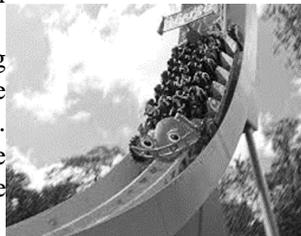
## 21<sup>st</sup> Romsey (Nursling & Rownhams) Scout Group



Whilst most of the country was beginning to worry about reports of a new viral illness that had emerged in China, the big event for 66 Cubs from Romsey District was a trip to Disneyland Paris. Although the opportunity for Scouting adventures abroad is a regular occurrence for our older age groups, this was the first time that our District had organised an overseas trip for Cubs. 21<sup>st</sup> made up nearly half the contingent. I'll let Sam, who at 7 years old was one of the youngest, take up the story:

"I really enjoyed the Cub trip to Paris despite the very early mornings involved, which didn't hamper the enthusiastic singing on the coach. The weather was cold but mostly dry, unlike the UK at this point. We stayed in small dormitories and enjoyed making new friends.

"My favourite ride was the RC car, a kind of giant swing based on a character from Toy Story. Others enjoyed the Tower of Terror and Hyperspace Mountain rides. Surprisingly nobody was actually sick! We all loved the fireworks, and the parade of many Disney characters. We came back very happy, but incredibly sleepy.



Can I join with all the parents in registering my thanks and admiration for the leaders who were involved. Whilst the photos showed that they also enjoyed the rides, taking other people's children abroad is a huge responsibility and required a lot of organisation.

Much closer to home about a dozen of our Scouts also participated in a District event – the annual winter camp. Weekly section meetings involved a wide variety of activities ranging from craft activities (Beavers), to a walk around historic Southampton (Cubs), to map bingo (Scouts). Most of the sections found time for pancakes to be part of the programme. For older ones it was a chance to practise with the stoves that they will be using at camp; for younger ones it was a case of decorating the pancakes with as many sticky toppings they could find. Perhaps appropriately, one Beaver Colony arranged for the next session to be on care of your teeth!



Behind the scenes our Executive Committee has been active, arranging for completion of the next phase of our energy-efficiency drive. Our old hot-water tank, with its immersion heater that was on 24/7, has been replaced with a modern, smaller unit that is programmed to supply hot water only when needed. The final phase, if/when we can afford it, is to improve the insulation of the hall, potentially with a suspended ceiling across part of it.

*Randell McKay*  
Group Scout Leader

## March Litter Pick

A rather smaller group of pickers worked around the Bakers Drove area and turned up the expected haul of discarded fast food rubbish. It seems that each clump of bushes/ hedging accumulates glass and plastic bottles, along with cans and other packaging.

At a time when we are being challenged to make real efforts to avoid buying the stuff in the first place, it is really depressing that this totally unnecessary pollution is STILL happening. We have to get on top of the problems.

However, this doesn't mean that our Saturday sessions are depressing: in fact, it is usually a sociable ,friendly time and we leave with a sense of a job well done, although it is never finished.

In April, we are joining forces with the Co-op staff to carry out a good Spring Clean of the area around Nursling shops. We will meet in the car park by the Scout HQ in Joe Bigwood Close to collect up anything that shouldn't be there. We would love to see you on Saturday 4th April at 10am: as always, all ages are welcome, but we do need children to come with adults.

The prevalence of bottles and cans in what we collect, suggests that the introduction of a deposit scheme for containers is worth campaigning for, so it would be good if everyone concerned about the current situation were to work at this, whether or not you can join us on the ground.

Wishing everyone a Happy Easter and an enjoyable spring.



## We Write Stuff

The rain it poureth and the lawn is a bog but, by the time you read this at the end of March you will all be basking in glorious sunshine (or possibly hollow laughter). Whatever, it's all part of being British; stiff upper lip to keep the rain out of your mouth. Now, more than ever is the time to curl up with a good book. Most of ours should be available by now in Lordshill Library or you could seek us out and buy your own copies. As ever, we will be found at the Four Horseshoes on the second Monday of the month between 7.30pm and 10pm. Next one April 13th. Writers and listeners always welcome. No charge, no pressure. Details from [jon.sims@live.co.uk](mailto:jon.sims@live.co.uk)



Dear Corona,

My feelings for you is a pendulum swing. Like a fever, hot and cold. Somehow I always knew you would be in the world but now you're here I don't know whether to take you seriously or not. You've taken so many others to bed, what are the chances that you would be interested in someone like me?

You see I've been hurt by ones like you in the past, Influenza, that pompous Epstein Barr and that low life the Common Cold. If you choose me will I recover?

Oh Corona, I see how you've driven people mad, and I too have wondered about buying toilet paper and pasta, just in case.

Oh Corona, your infectious cough, your breathless presence, how do we escape your aura?

I know what you really want to tell us Corona, that the world needs balance, that we can't act like bunnies when there are no foxes around. That nature will make a predator if there wasn't one before.

I know why you are here, Corona, but I hope to never meet you.

Yours

*Ester*

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# Nursling and Rownhams Bridge Club



We welcome anyone who wishes to play Bridge. It helps if you have some knowledge of how to play and you will soon improve as our members are happy to give advice.

We play two evenings a week on a Tuesday and Thursday at the Lordshill Community Centre, Cromarty Road, Southampton SO16 8LX. We start at 7pm and generally finish around 9:45pm. We normally play 24 hands of duplicate bridge. Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided free of charge. Please come along and try it!

The first time you come will be free of charge; after that it is £3.00 per night for members and £3.50 for visitors. The annual subscription is £10.

## Commentary:

This hand illustrates the importance of establishing tricks before drawing all the trumps.

After S opens with 1club, W bids 1 heart and N risks a 1spades bid. E competes with 2 heart and S, with a good 17 points and singleton heart, bids 4 spades, knowing that N must have at least four cards in that suit for their bid.

	Dealer N	Non-Vulnerable
	♠ J 10 6 5 2 ♥ A 6 4 2 ♦ 9 3 2 ♣ 7	
♠ K Q 3 ♥ Q J 9 5 ♦ 7 6 4 ♣ A 8 5	N W            E S	♠ 7 ♥ K 8 7 3 ♦ Q J 10 8 ♣ 6 4 3 2
	♠ A 9 8 4 ♥ 10 ♦ A K 5 ♣ K Q J 10 9	

E leads the diamond Queen. N sees there are at least two tricks to lose: the Ace of clubs and a top trump, possibly two trumps if (as it happens), they are the wrong side of the Ace and do not split 2-2. It is important not to lose a diamond trick as well.

To avoid losing a diamond trick as well, the club suit needs to be established, so after winning the first trick in dummy, the club King is led. W wins and returns a diamond, but now the trick is won in dummy and a top club is led and the losing diamond in the N hand is discarded. Now the trumps can be drawn, playing the Ace then another in case they are 2-2. If N tries to draw all the trumps before playing the clubs, W will lead a third diamond and N will lose a trick in that suit. There are no losing hearts, as one can be ruffed in the S hand and the clubs are good for discards of the others.

*Peter Ransom*

# Nursling Primary School Garden Project – Ready to Welcome Spring!



The past few months have been quiet in the garden, but busy behind the scenes - preparing for Spring

We were pleased to support the new business of ex Nursling school pupil, Josh Saint of J Saint Builders. Josh and his Team insulated, put down flooring and painted the inside of our Cosy cabin. They can also carry out all aspects of building work, carpentry, landscaping and driveways and we'd like to thank them for their hard work to get the cabin interior looking fresh and ready for us.

The Crafty ladies from Grove Place have also been busy helping us - producing some fantastic outdoor bunting for the front of the cabin, complete with some Nursling mascot squirrels, made by Nursling Mens Shed. This will take pride of place above the door when we have finished painting the outside of the cabin. We're looking forward to working with the Crafty ladies and Mens Shed in the future - bringing new fixtures and special resources, to our unique outdoor space.

Some early flowers have been brightening up the pond and allotment areas, starting with snowdrops, crocus, daffodils, tulips and hyacinths. The pond itself is looking clear with the plants and pondlife emerging.



The children have been filling the bird feeders and we now have two bird tables, donated by a local resident, who has fond memories of her own son attending Nursling gardening club.

We were delighted with the response to the Waitrose Community appeal during December. Thank you to everyone that voted.

We raised £273 and the funds will help towards clearing a remaining overgrown area of the garden – where we've discovered another pond. The teachers are keen for this to be a goldfish pond, so pupils can learn to look after their own fish and surrounding habitat.



## Sunny Dayz Pre School



As part of the community spirit, our friends at Horns Drove Preschool have invited us to join them in St John's Church for an Easter Celebration. Joining together, we have come up with some springtime songs, hoping for a wonderful Easter bonnet parade (Don't forget to make them at home!!) a wonderful song from Reverend Graeme which the children are so enjoying singing, a fantastic puppet show and finally our own prayer.

This is what the children commented on when we talked about writing our own prayer. We would like to share it with everyone.....

### Our Prayer

We would ask everyone to do kind things, be kind to each other and share our hugs with our families and friends sharing love and kindness always. We would ask for the bees and insects to survive and flourish. Through these experiences and many more we can create a meaningful life

Amen

HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!!!

Sunny Dayz is a fun place to play and learn. Please give us a call if you would like a space for your child. See the contact details below.

**BIG on caring!** We are a small, friendly Pre School set in St John's Church Hall; We are open from 8.30am – 3.30pm every week day. If you would like to find out more information on our Pre School, please send an email to: [enquiries@sunnydayzpreschool.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@sunnydayzpreschool.co.uk). Or alternatively have a look at our website [www.sunnydayzpreschool.co.uk](http://www.sunnydayzpreschool.co.uk)

### Nursling and Rownhams Helping Hands Scheme



Do you need a bit of help, perhaps to change a light bulb, to fill in a form or a lift to a medical appointment? Please ring **075 9999 8572** and leave your contact details together with a message for the 'Helping Hands Team'. Messages are checked daily but it helps a lot if you can give a week's notice.

We would also love some more volunteers, particularly drivers and co-ordinators. It is a VERY flexible way of volunteering as you only do what suits you. Please ring the above number or email [helphands@outlook.com](mailto:helphands@outlook.com) for more information.

## Nursling and Rownhams Twinning Association

Due to an typing error there was no report in last month's village news.



We held our **AGM on 13 March** at the Community Centre, Horns Drove.

We have decided to keep our subs the same as previous years:

Individual    £8  
Family        £12

These are due in March and we welcome payment at the AGM.

### **Would you be interested in joining us? Have you just moved into the area?**

We are a friendly group of Twinners who live in Nursling & Rownhams. Throughout the year we hold various events in the Village ('Themed' Evenings, Wine Tastings, and Quizzes). We also try to hold our 'Annual Meal' at a pub/restaurant within easy reach of the Village. You will find a contact name and number inside the cover of the Village News. You can also contact Janet Richards (Chairperson) on 02380 731425 or Mary Judd (Vice Chairperson) on 02380 739608. We have a Facebook account where you will find photographs of some of our events.

Facebook: Nurslingandrownhamstwinning

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## **Romsey Flower Club**

Romsey Flower Club is a NAFAS affiliated club, which meets at North Baddesley Village Hall at 7pm for 7.30pm start, on the 2nd Wednesday of every month. Meetings are a variety of demonstrations, workshops and talks from guest speakers for anyone with an interest in flowers and floral arranging. No previous experience is required. If you love flowers, come and join us. Visitors are welcome, cost £5.

### **Future meetings:**

**8th April**            Demonstration - 'Whiskets' by Christine Payne  
**13th May**            Chairman's Evening, competition & American Supper

Contact:    romseyflowerclub@gmail.com  
or via our Facebook page.

## Horns Drove Wood

### Mid-February 2020 – Mid-March 2020

Our conservation day was dry and bright, but unfortunately, because of all the rain we have had, we could not use the northern path as it was under water in places and very slippery. Seven of us cleared twigs and branches from the path, and cut up trees which had been brought down in the wind. We replaced some dead-hedging along Horns Drove, which had been damaged by falling laurel, relocated a robin nestbox which was on a fallen tree, collected rubbish and pulled some brambles.



All the primroses are blooming along with some lesser celandines. The cherry laurel is now coming into leaf after flowering and some of the purple cob trees are coming into leaf. Most of the other trees are showing no indication of leaves. There are many lords and ladies leaves but no sign of flower yet. We have a good display of scarlet elf cap, one of the first fungi to appear.

We saw, heard or noted flying over 19 species of birds including three jays, a mallard flying over and the first tree-creeper seen this year. As yet there is no sign of chiffchaff but they have been heard elsewhere. We also noted squirrels, wood lice, earth worms, slugs, bees and a few mini beasts.

We welcome volunteers to help us look after the wood. Please come along on the first Tuesday of the month from 10.00 am to 12.30pm to help us or to visit. Please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council on 023 8073 6766 to arrange a visit at another time.

We hope to see you in your sturdy footwear and with your gardening gloves.

*Pam Ward, Sue Lambert, Selwyn and Jan Capstick and the volunteers.*

**CORONA VIRUS**

**HELP NEEDED?**

**HELP OFFERED?**

Please call Sarah **07887 420656**

## Community News from Gavel and Bell

### OYEZ! OYEZ! OYEZ!

In March in my role as Romsey Town Crier, I appeared at the 21st Annual Reminiscences event staged by The Rotary Club of Romsey Test and Romsey Inner Wheel in Crosfield Hall.



I am pleased to report that Southampton has just appointed their new Town Crier who has become a member of both guilds and I am looking forward to meeting him in his role.

#### DIARY PAGE

<b>Saturday 4 April</b>	Romsey Makers Market, Town Hall	10am
<b>Sunday 26 April</b>	Southampton Marathon	
<b>Saturday 2 May</b>	Romsey Makers Market, Town Hall	10am
<b>Friday 8 May</b>	Bank Holiday	

#### GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

*Terry Hamer*

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## St John's Church of England Primary School

### PTA Update

Despite the atrocious weather of late, the new play equipment has finally been installed and we even managed a photograph in the sunshine. After over two years of fundraising, consultations with the children and arranging the installation, the PTA volunteers are delighted to see it in place. The children are excited to start playing on it, so let's hope that April brings us only showers.



Our PTA quiz night was well supported by the local community, which was lovely to see. We are very happy to welcome locals at our events. On that note, if you would like to support our Summer Fair on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June, which will be our next large event, please get in touch via [rownhamspta@gmail.com](mailto:rownhamspta@gmail.com) to book a stall or for any other information.

## Ladies Night

Ladies Night members meet at 7.45pm for 8pm on the last Thursday of each month in the Community Centre, 31 Horns Drove, Rownhams SO16 8AH.

Meetings are friendly and informal for ladies of all ages.

Guest Speakers give talks on such topics as history, gardening, fashion, entertainment etc., and some have a humorous twist. Following the speaker there are light refreshments, a raffle and time to chat with friends.

We also have outings, quizzes, skittle evenings and a Christmas meal at a local restaurant.

Visitors are welcome to any meeting. Membership is currently £15 a year (September to July – no meeting in August or December) on a sliding scale. Alternatively, you can ‘pay as you go’, on an occasional basis, for £2 a meeting.

Why not come along and give us a try? Your first meeting will be FREE. You’ll find a friendly welcome.

### Next meetings:

<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Historical Journey of Handbags – Sarah Delves
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	My Role as a Tourist Guide – Jake Simpkins
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Now that's a Puzzle – Ian Abrahams
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July</b>	The Mayflower's Maidens, Matrons and Minors – <i>Sandra Lock</i>

### **DVLA Scam text**

I wanted to make your readers aware of a scam text that I received today.

The text was from “DVLA” stating that I had overpaid for my road tax and I was owed £79.22, I just had to “click on the link“. There was also a telephone .

My first thought was that it must be a scam, as I pay by monthly dd. Just to clarify this I did eventually get through to DVLA in Swansea, they said that they DO NOT send out texts and would not communicate that way.

I really hope that nobody has fallen for this?!

## St Boniface News

### Wedding dresses through the ages

We will be having an exhibition of wedding dresses through the ages on :-

**Friday 8 May** 10am - 4pm

**Saturday 9 May** 10am - 4pm

The church will be decorated as for a wedding and members of the flower team will be on hand to answer questions about bespoke wedding flowers.

We look forward to seeing you.

Refreshments available.

*Avis Wood*

## Job & IT Drop In

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Sessions are held 10-12 on  
2nd and 4th Wednesday of  
each month.

Dates:

11 & 25 September 2019

9 & 23 October 2019

13 & 27 November 2019

11 December 2019

8 & 22 January 2020

12 & 26 February 2020

11 & 25 March 2020

8 & 22 April 2020

## May Fair Update

Thank you to those who responded to our appeals in the Village News. We now have a small team of willing and capable volunteers, but are still looking for more people to join us.

We now have insufficient time to get the necessary preparations completed for this May, and we have the added complication that this year the May Day Bank Holiday has been moved to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May due to the VE Day 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. This means that we do not have the usual weekend preparation time and that there will also be a number of additional events in the area that will be held on the Friday as well. So, there will not be a May Fair this year.

Our aim now is to deliver a high quality May Fair in 2021 as this will allow us sufficient preparation time. We still need more help both in the planning and in running the event on the day. Please consider whether you can give some of your time to help, especially if you have relevant skills or experience.

For 2021 we want to increase the involvement of local businesses and groups, through sponsorship, their presence on the day or other means. We are looking for a volunteer who can help promote the May Fair to local businesses and develop relationships with them. If you have the skills to do this please get in touch.

We will publish further updates throughout the year, as we will be needing more help.

*The May Fair Committee*

*Email: [mayfair@nandr.org.uk](mailto:mayfair@nandr.org.uk)*

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# Church Services This Month



## St John's, Rownhams



## St Boniface, Nursling

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 5 Palm Sunday</b>		
8.00 am	Holy Communion		
10.00 am	All-Age Worship	10.45 am	Morning Prayer
6.30 pm	United Communion		
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 9 Maundy Thursday</b>		
7.30 pm	Holy Communion		
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 10 Good Friday</b>		
2.00 pm	Hour at the Cross	9.30 am	Hour at the Cross
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 12 Easter Sunday</b>		
8.00 am	Holy Communion		
10.00 am	Family Communion	10.45 am	Holy Communion
6.30 pm	Easter Praise		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 19</b>		
8.00 am	Holy Communion		
10.00 am	Morning Praise	10.45 am	Morning Prayer
6.30 pm	Evening Prayer		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 26</b>		
8.00 am	Holy Communion		
10.00 am	Morning Prayer	10.45 am	Morning Prayer
6.30 pm	Evening Praise		

**Midweek services.** There is Morning Prayer at 9am on Tuesdays at St John's and on Fridays at St Boniface.

At the 10am service at St John's there is a **crèche** for the under 3's and **Sunday Club** for 3-11 year olds. **Ichthians** for those aged 11-16+ meet in term time.

Services at **8 am** and **10.45 am** use the **Book of Common Prayer**.

**The Parish Office** is in St John's Church for both churches. We aim to staff it from 9 am to 11 am Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays, but hope you will understand that there will be days when this is not possible. Phone messages (023 8073 8293 - the same number as the vicarage) are checked every day, email - [office@twinspires.org.uk](mailto:office@twinspires.org.uk).

**St. John's Church is often open** from 9am to 11am on weekday mornings. St Boniface Church is often open on Friday mornings from 10am – noon. For details of all activities at the Parish Churches, please see the Twin Spires News (available from either church) or see our web site: **www.twinspires.org.uk**.

**Churchyard** – There are benches available in both churchyards for quiet reflection.

**Newly Engaged?** – Have you considered getting married in one of our beautiful churches? Come and collect a wedding brochure from our church office or see <http://yourchurchwedding.org/> for details of church weddings.

**Recycling** – There is a recycling point in St John's Church for plastic milk bottle tops, used stamps, spectacles (but not cases) and **inkjet** cartridges (most makes now but no toner cartridges please). We can also recycle plastic pens and non-savoury biscuit wrappers. Sadly we can't take mobile phones. **Please note we don't take aluminium foil.** Items can be brought at any of the above times. Please don't leave recycling in the church porch.

**Funny Money** – we are pleased to receive foreign currency (notes and coins) and out of circulation UK notes and coins, which we are able to convert into funds for our churches. There are collecting points in each church.

**NET** (School years 4- 6) meets 6.00 pm to 7.15 pm in the Church Hall, Rownhams Lane most Tuesday evenings in term time.

**Prayer Requests** - This month we would especially love to hear any special prayer requests from people living or working in Nursling Industrial Estate, Upper or Lower Toothill Road, Packridge Lane, Rownhams Park & Greenhill Lane. But wherever you live you are welcome to ask for prayer. Please leave a phone or email message (see Parish Office details).

**Messy Easter** – Come and join us at the Scout HQ, Joe Bigwood Close on **Good Friday, 10 April from 10-11.30am** for breakfast, crafts, games and a Bible story. For more details contact St John's parish office, see above.

## **HALL BOOKING CONTACTS**

### **Nursling and Rownhams Community Association, Horns Drove**

For booking please note the new contact number for the Community centre is 023 8073 0953. You will be greeted by an answerphone which is accessed daily. After leaving your contact details you will receive a return call. You may also contact us by email to: nrcommunitycentre@gmail.com. The Community Centre is available for all types of social gathering - parties, classes or the smaller room for meetings. Kitchen facilities are available.

### **St. John's Church Hall, Rownhams Lane**

This centrally heated Church Hall is available for hire for a variety of meetings, functions and activities. For information please see [twinspires.org.uk/Hall.htm](http://twinspires.org.uk/Hall.htm). Hire fees are very reasonable, so please contact the Parish Office (023 8073 8293 email: [office@twinspires.org.uk](mailto:office@twinspires.org.uk)). The office is open on weekdays 9 - 11 am. The office is located in St. John's Church.

### **Nursling & Rownhams Village Hall, Nursling Street**

A hall for the bigger occasion (weddings, family parties, social events etc.) with seating for 150. Smaller rooms are also available all at reasonable rates. Please note the change of telephone number and call 023 8073 2346 where you will be greeted by an answer phone which is accessed throughout the day on a regular basis. After leaving your contact details you will receive a call to discuss your requirements. You may also contact us by email to: [nrvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:nrvillagehall@gmail.com)

### **See Something Say Something.**

The scheme is always open to new members. To be kept informed please email the Clerk with your postal address to: [clerk@nandr.org.uk](mailto:clerk@nandr.org.uk). All emails are sent blind, so that your email address will remain confidential.

### **Dial a Ride - Romsey**

For the dial-a-ride service to Romsey from Nursling & Rownhams on Thursdays. Tel: 01264 356808 between 10am – 1pm Mon – Fri by noon on the day before travelling.

## Contacts

### Nursling and Rownhams Parish Clerk

Nursling & Rownhams Parish Council, PO Box 1780, Southampton, SO15 9FX

Tel: 023 8073 6766. Email: [clerk@nandr.org.uk](mailto:clerk@nandr.org.uk). Website: [nandr.org.uk](http://nandr.org.uk)

### Your Member of Parliament

The local MP is Caroline Nokes. She can be contacted by writing to her at:

The House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA.

### Police

You should call **101** to report crime and other concerns that do not require an emergency response, eg if your car has been stolen, your property has been damaged or you suspect drug use or dealing in the area; or to give the police information about crime in your area or speak to the police about a general enquiry. You can report non-emergency incidents online at [www.hampshire.police.uk](http://www.hampshire.police.uk) giving as much detail as possible or email [test.valley.police@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:test.valley.police@hampshire.pnn.police.uk).

You should always call **999** when it is an emergency, such as when a crime is in progress, someone suspected of a crime is nearby or when there is violence or danger to life.

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or post to: 33 Horns Drove, Rownhams SO16 8AG (Envelopes should be marked "Village News")

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