



Royal Vic News

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Welcome to the October edition of the RVCP Volunteer Newsletter.

The Chapel is now operating on the winter opening hours, Wednesday - Sunday, 10.30am—4.00pm. Have you found our new exhibition stand? The InfoAktiv tablet has photo galleries, kids activities, a hospital quiz and additional information about the hospital. Many thanks to the Heritage Group and Tim F for designing the content. Pop in and try it out!



Volunteers needed for Halloween activities

Thursday 31 October 2019, 6pm to 8pm

The education team are running an evening event of spooky night stories around the campfire with toasted marshmallows for the parks' young visitors. We are looking for a few helpers to dress in Halloween attire and join in with the fun! Please email michele.meek@hants.gov.uk if you can help.



Can you help at the Fireworks in the Park?

Saturday 2nd November 2019

We are looking for event stewards to assist at our annual fireworks event. If you are able to help on the evening please email nicky.myers@hants.gov.uk All tickets will be pre-sold this year.

Refreshments and delicious cakes for everyone at the end of the event.



Decorating the Chapel for Christmas

Is your community group looking for a craft project for October/November 2019?

Why not decorate a wreath for The Royal Victoria Chapel this Christmas! The theme is a Victorian Christmas with a choice of green, red and gold or any combination of the three colours. We have 12 wreaths available to decorate which are 50cm in diameter. We will label the wreaths with your group name.

The group that makes the best decorated wreath will receive a free tower visit and tour.

Contact: joanne.basham@hants.gov.uk



Volunteer Social Evening

Many thanks to our Chapel volunteer Trevor and his colleagues of the Newport Session Band who performed for our park volunteers and guests at the September Social.

It was a lively evening in The Chapel Café of singing, music and refreshments.

Join us in November for coffee and cake in the café. Please see the next page for more details.



Conservation Volunteers

The conservation volunteers have started the huge task of repairing our boardwalk through the woods to the cemetery.



The Wednesday conservation group will be recommencing on 23 October at Royal Victoria Country Park. If you are interested in attending please email

joanne.basham@hants.gov.uk

Volunteer Coffee Morning

Tuesday 12 November, 10am in The Chapel

Join us for an informal morning. Nothing more than coffee, cake and chat.



Join Bernie on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 10am - 12pm for conservation tasks across the park.

The gardening group continue to meet every Thursday from 1.30pm - 3.30pm at the shop.



Update from Friends of RVCP

Police Band Concert, 16 November, 7.30pm

Join the Friends of the Park and the Hampshire Police Band for an evening of music in the Chapel. Tickets cost £10 which will include parking. Tickets are on sale now and available from the Park shop.

Cake Sale

Well done to Elizabeth, Ty and Saffi, the children of a local dog walker. In August they decided to make some cakes and sell them to raise money for the Park. On the day they raised £30.



Diary of

Chapel Events



- 02/11/19 RVCP Fireworks Evening
- 9-10/11/19 Portrait Exhibition
- 16/11/19 Police Band Concert
- 30/11/19 39 Steps, Black Box Theatre Company
- 14/12/19 Christmas Carol Concert
- 19-24/12/19 A Christmas Carol, 404 Productions

If you would like to assist with these events, tasks will include setting up the Chapel for the event and helping visitors on their arrival and departure.

Please email joanne.basham@hants.gov.uk to take part.

Park Upkeep

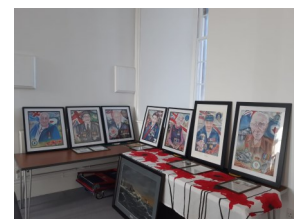
Terry and Owen at it again clearing around the Victorian Lamp Post at the rear entrance to the Park. Many thanks for your support.



Exhibition to Return

We were very pleased to host a portrait exhibition of WW2 Veterans by artist Nel Brooks.

If you missed the recent exhibition it will be returning for Armistice Weekend. It will be available to view on the first floor gallery of The Chapel on the 9 and 10 November 2019.



How to volunteer

To get involved at the Park email joanne.basham@hants.gov.uk or call 023 9224 4064 for an informal chat.