

There's lots of interesting information online about any hobby . . . . from fishing, music, knitting and walking to painting, poetry, bell ringing and bee keeping, the list is endless! You can also play games online, watch TV or listen to the radio from around the world.



## Hobbies

The internet is a good place to find out about hobbies and share information with others who have the same interest.

Find out how to research your family tree, listen to and download music, find recipes and cooking tips, as well as how to publish, print and sell your own writing and much more.

## Fun

You can use your computer and the internet to amuse yourself with a range of games and puzzles, such as Solitaire and Sudoku.

There are also games on the internet that allow you to play against others from all over the world.

You can also use the internet to search for words to help solve crossword puzzles or keep up to date with your favourite sports.



## Entertainment

You can look up radio, television, cinema and theatre schedules on the web.

With a broadband connection and sound, you can also watch television, listen to radio and download music on your computer. On the BBC and other sites you can watch or listen again to recent programmes.

Learn more at: [www.hants.gov.uk/computer-skills/hobbies-and-fun](http://www.hants.gov.uk/computer-skills/hobbies-and-fun).



# Hobbies and fun

## Family History

Find out about your family history by collecting information about the family around you, talking to older family members, consulting archives and searching on the web.

Try these websites for Hampshire Archives and Family History:

- [www.hants.gov.uk/archives](http://www.hants.gov.uk/archives)
- [www.hants.gov.uk/hampshire-heritage/family-history](http://www.hants.gov.uk/hampshire-heritage/family-history)

You can visit Hampshire Archives and Local Studies in Winchester or a library to help your research.

## Play Solitaire on your computer

If you have a computer with Windows software installed, you can have a go at playing Solitaire and other games. You do not need to be connected to the internet to do this.

1. Click on the **Start** button on your computer (you will find it in the bottom left-hand corner)
2. Select **Programs**
3. You should see a folder called **Games**, click on this
4. Select **Solitaire** and start playing.

There are usually other games in the 'games folder' that you can play, including Minesweeper and other card games.

## What's on at the cinema

Find out what's on at your local cinema

1. Go to [www.odeon.co.uk](http://www.odeon.co.uk) (see below \*)
2. Under **Book NOW!**, select your local cinema
3. Select the film you want to see
4. Select a date and time
5. Click **GO**.

You will then see a plan of the cinema where you can look at the available seats and prices and then go on and book your tickets, or start again with a different time or film.

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