



The Village Newsletter

Mottisfont & Dunbridge ACORN



October 2012

Cricket Club celebrates its successes

Mottisfont Cricket Club enjoyed a really successful season despite the lack of a sustained summer. It started in late spring with the Indoor League team winning their division, the cup and the Fair Play Award. This was followed up during the summer with the Tuesday evening team winning the Holt & Haskell Border League Cup, easily defeating Ashurst at Romsey Sports Centre. The Saturday team finished a creditable fourth in their division, sealing promotion.



The victorious Holt & Haskell Border League Plate winners

Star with the bat was the indomitable Ian Bradwell ably supported by the young Tim Trant. With the ball, the ever reliable Neil Barnes led the line, but he was well supported by brother Dave Barnes and veteran Ian Jerram. A number of youngsters came through the ranks and the future looks bright for the club as we approach its 200th anniversary!

Off the pitch once again the players were well supported by groundsman David "Lardy" Lawrence, scorer and all-round good guy Tony Stemp, chairman Pete Holmes, tea lady Linda Holmes and "Scoreboard Operator" Bob Peach. Club stalwarts Graham Collins, Stephen Godwin and Ed Moody also provided invaluable support behind the scenes to keep the Club running.

Nets start up again next Spring and the club extends a warm welcome to anyone who fancies playing, helping out or supporting the club to ensure this vital part of the local community is sustained for the future.

A wonderful afternoon at the fete

A big thank you to all those who helped to make it a success, and for the great turn out*. An extra thanks to Tony Stemp for organizing the raffle and to Gordon Wood for the written instructions he gave us on what to do and when, so there were no unwanted surprises!

We raised nearly £2,000, which goes towards the running costs of the Village Hall, such as the work we had done last year on the roof, cesspit, oil tank plus the annual insurance.

We already want people's ideas for next year's fete, which will be on Sunday, 11th August, so please contact Michael Horne if you have any thoughts for next year. You can phone him on 340105 or email hornes@btinternet.com.



Rev'd Gill Nobes getting in a jam on the St. Andrew's Church stand? (Photo: John Millns)

We are also looking for volunteers to join us on the Village Hall Committee. The next meeting is on Thursday, 18th October, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Please do come along!

Michael Horne.

** and for arranging the perfect weather! -Eds.*

**The deadline for inclusion of items in the November edition of the Acorn is 16th October.
Please e-mail contributions to acornnews@mandercom.co.uk.**

Open Water Exhibition

Now the summer holiday is over and with the success of the Wind in the Willows and Worn to be Wild exhibitions still in the air, we now turn to the Open Water exhibition which will be open from Saturday, 29th September.

We'd like to say a big congratulations to Gordon Wood and Rex Traythorne who have both made it to the final selection!

We would also like to tell you of a series of workshops that we will soon want your help with. You may remember that last year we had a display of batik banners that were part of a series of community workshops run by a local artist.

This year we have funding from one of our supporter groups to run some more co-creative workshops with community groups. This year we will be making paper lanterns in readiness for a lantern parade being held in Romsey.

We are working with Gordon Wood on this project so keep your ears pricked for more news on what's going on and how you can get involved.

Lily Isherwood
Visitor Operations Manager

Inspired by the volunteer games makers?

How about becoming a heritage supporter?

What a great summer for team GB and the hundreds of volunteers who helped to make the Olympics such a great event.

Volunteering has always been at the heart of what we do here at Mottisfont Abbey. Volunteers help to give our visitors a great time by providing information, walks, talks and stories, and also work behind the scenes to keep the gardens looking spectacular. We have volunteers doing a range of roles through the house, offices and grounds, but we do need more.

Have you been inspired by the great work of volunteers over this summer? Do you have some spare time to help in your local community? Why not try volunteering and join in with this great band of supporters. We are flexible and try to accommodate people's commitments.

To learn about opportunities for volunteering at our lovely property in the picturesque Test Valley, email **helping.mottisfont@nationaltrust.org.uk** for more detail, or come along and speak to our existing volunteers and staff.

Lynn Willmott
Central Volunteering Team
Mottisfont
Email lynn.willmott@nationaltrust.org.uk or telephone 341564.

ADVICE FROM ROMSEY POLICE AND HAMPSHIRE TRADING STANDARDS

Loft and cavity wall insulation businesses have been cold calling in the Portchester, Fareham, Stubbington and surrounding areas of Hampshire.

Reports have been received that during such doorstep cold calls, some sales representatives have been making false claims to be Government or Council Officials and that failure to agree to such works will result in a fine. It has also been alleged that some representatives have been aggressive in their manner when talking to consumers.

Trading Standards advises consumers not to agree to any work that is instigated as a result of a cold call or via a leaflet drop. Furthermore, consumers who wish to have home insulation may be eligible to have the work carried out free. To find out whether you qualify, call the Insulate Hampshire team on 0800 952 0037 or visit their website on www.insulatehampshire.co.uk.

For any other type of work, consumers should obtain at least 3 written quotations from reputable businesses or traders who are either members of the Hampshire County Council Trading Standards Buy With Confidence Scheme or a recognised trade association. Members of the Buy With Confidence scheme are fully

audited to ensure their trading practices are legal, honest and fair. All members have been checked for trustworthiness and compliance with consumer protection laws. Details can be obtained by telephoning 01962 833620, emailing buy.with.confidence@hants.gov.uk, or via the website www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk.

Traders who agree work at the home of an individual or at a place other than their usual business premises are required by law to provide consumers with a Notice of Right to Cancel, which gives consumers a 7 day cooling off period. Work should not commence until this period has ended, unless written agreement is obtained from that consumer beforehand.

If you have any information about traders who are cold calling, or require any advice on doorstep crime, contact Hampshire County Council's Quick Response Team on 01962 833666 (Monday – Friday 0900hrs to 1700hrs), where specially trained officers are on hand to provide advice.

If assistance is required outside of these hours please contact Hampshire Police on their non-urgent number 101 or dial 999 if you feel threatened or intimidated.

MOTTISFONT & DUNBRIDGE W.I.

Eighteen members were present at the August meeting to hear a fascinating talk given by Dennis Bright entitled "Waterways and halcyon days". This was illustrated by a superb slide show of the Itchen Navigation Canal, the Itchen river and the wildlife to be found in and around these two waterways.

Also included were slides of the conservation work on the banks being undertaken by the Environment Agency. This is encouraging the return of otters and other wildlife and waterfowl to both waterways. It is also hoped that salmon will return in the not too distant future. It was emphasised that although conservation work was in progress, there is still a lot to be done to preserve both wildlife and fauna around these two waterways. The slide show ended with some amazing pictures taken by Dennis of beautiful Kingfishers.

On Tuesday, 11th September, a very interesting and informative talk was given by Lt. Cdr. Mike Hill, Royal Navy, on his service life and time spent aboard the Royal Yacht Britannia. He served aboard the yacht from June 1960 until December 1963.

The yacht was first commissioned in 1954 and a compliment of 240 sailors was required and recruitment boards were held worldwide. It travelled over 1 million miles during her service to the Queen

and country, and she was decommissioned in 1997 when there was a very sad farewell ceremony held at the HM Naval base at Portsmouth.

During her service life there have been 2,400 personnel serving on board, many of whom will get together again next year to celebrate her 60th anniversary. We were also shown many slides of the various trips undertaken by the Queen.

Thank you to all the people that donated items for the Bric-a-Brac stall at Mottifont Fete.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 13th November, at 8pm, and the speaker will be Mrs. Avril Outen talking about "Life as a Tiller Girl". Guests will be very welcome.

Mary Batten, 341262



Dunbridge, Mottisfont and Awbridge Oil Group

Thanks to all those who have joined the local oil consortium since the last Acorn. The next oil order will be placed during November. If you wish to join the group and/or place an order, please contact Helen on 342204 or helenbowers1@btinternet.com

Please let me know your orders by Friday, 2nd November.

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Dear Friends,

I am replacing my letter this October with a letter from Bishop Jonathan who will be visiting our Deanery and Benefice this November and would like to meet as many people as possible. He is specifically coming to St. Andrew's Church, Mottisfont, on Friday, 23rd November, where we are starting with prayers at 9am followed by coffee and then a conducted walk through the Mottisfont Estate at 10am (by kind permission of the National Trust).



During the walk he will have a chance to talk to you, finishing with an optional lunch in the National Trust Tea Rooms. On Thursday, 22nd November at 7.30pm he is coming to an open meeting in Stockbridge Town Hall to answer your questions on faith. Then on Saturday, 24th November, at 8.30am he is speaking at our Parish Breakfast in The Tally Ho in Broughton (you need to book, £7.50 for your full cooked breakfast, john.dumper1@btinternet.com).

So, lots for your diaries! Please Come!

Revd. Ron Corne (Rector)

Romsey Deanery Emmaus week

I am looking forward to joining my brothers and sisters in the Deanery of Romsey for an 'Emmaus Week' (18th -23rd November 2012). I am most grateful to Ron Corne (Rural Dean) and Sarah Boothman (Deanery Lay Chair) and to so many others who have agreed to host meetings or arranged visits to schools or organisations in the Deanery.

In Luke's Gospel, the Risen Lord draws alongside two friends on the road to Emmaus. The friends had shared much together, some of it distressing, difficult

and challenging. But through a journey and hospitality offered, new joy is discovered in the presence and recognition of Jesus. I find this passage an immense encouragement because it is so down to earth: Jesus meets us where we are and not where we might be, and meets us in the ordinary things of life. Our questions are his concern.

By calling my visit an 'Emmaus Week', I hope to indicate my conviction that Christian faith is a journey, down to earth and better together. The treasures of Jesus's passionate personal spirituality and the Kingdom of God are almost always discovered in the company of others.

A planning group has worked hard on a programme of activities and fellowship which will give me, as your brother and Bishop, an opportunity to grow in the knowledge of the different communities and contexts of the Deanery. I pray that some of those we meet in our communities will think about Christian faith for the first time, that many others will rediscover fresh joy, confidence and encouragement – perhaps even a new challenge or vocation – in their living faith. I pray, too, that connections will be made between the life of the Church and the life of the communities for the sake of the Kingdom.

The Deanery of Romsey is held in my love, prayers and rejoicing: I look forward to sharing an 'Emmaus Week' with you later on in the Autumn and to all the Lord will do and show us as we share together. Do pray for me, and for Abbot Giles, who will be my prayerful friend along the way during the week.

God bless,

+Jonathan Southampton

SUNDAY BENEFICE CHURCH SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

Time	7th October TRINITY 18	14th October TRINITY 19	21st October TRINITY 20	28th October St. Simon and St. Jude
8.00	Broughton HC (CW)	Broughton HC (BCP)	-	-
9.30	Bossington HC (BCP) (Harvest)	Broughton Family Service Shoe Box Service Houghton HC CW	Mottisfont HC (BCP) Broughton Sunday Club	Broughton Family Communion (CW) Broughton Sunday Club
11.00	Mottisfont Matins	Mottisfont Family Service	Broughton HC (CW) and Coffee Club	Mottisfont Family Communion
6.00	HOUGHTON Songs of Praise for Harvest	-	Houghton Evensong	Houghton HC (BCP)

Every Wednesday: 9.30am, St. Mary's Church, Broughton - Holy Communion (BCP)
BCP - Book of Common Prayer CW - Common Worship

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING IN THE WORLD will be at St. Mary's Church, Broughton, on Saturday, 20th October, between 10am and 12 noon.

There will be a warm welcome to everyone, so come along and enjoy a cup of coffee and delicious biscuits, and chat with friends.

The very popular Bring and Buy Table will be laden with goodies, so bring along lovely gifts, home made jams, cakes and produce, and this will all help towards the support Macmillan offers people who are receiving treatment.

£25 pays for one hour for a Macmillan nurse to support a family affected by cancer, and £138 pays for three hours of free confidential support and information.

Broughton's coffee mornings have raised £3,327 over the last six years and we are keen to help even more this year.

We look forward to seeing you on **20th October**.

Sally, Ann and Barbara (301292)

WALKING GROUP

The next three walks are:

► Friday, 13th October, 10.00am:
Local walk.

► Friday, 9th November, 9.56am
train to Dean, then indirect walk
back to Dunbridge.

► Friday, 14th December, 9.56am train Salisbury
direction, Christmas Special walk with pub lunch.



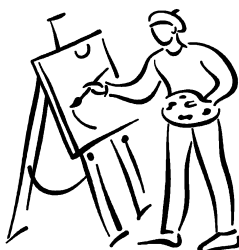
Further information from Gordon on 340129.

Art Group

We meet at the Village Hall
every Thursday afternoon from 2
to 4 pm.

Modest charge of just £2, which
includes refreshments!

Gordon 340129



Found

A piece of portable electrical equipment under the seats by the pavilion at the Mottisfont sports field on Thursday, 13th September. Please contact Tony Stemp on 340398 to identify and claim it if you think it may belong to you.

BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

Thursdays at 2.30pm in the New Room at
St. Mary's Church, Broughton

Speakers for October

4th October: Members Meeting

11th October: 79th Anniversary Service in the
Village Hall, 2.30pm

18th October: Mrs. Ann Freeland

25th October: Mrs. Mary Savage
(Samaritan's Purse)

Everyone welcome. Please come and join us.

Barbara Perry, Booking Secretary, 301466

THOMAS DOWSE'S TRUST

Are you under 25 living in Mottisfont Parish? If so,
you could be eligible for a grant.

The Trust was set up to support children and young
people for educational purposes. Past grants have
been awarded for a whole range of activities such
as school trips, books and other equipment for
further and higher education.

This is not a means tested grant, so anyone can
apply.

Application forms are normally available in St.
Andrew's Church or the Village Hall, or you can
contact the secretary, Mrs. Christine Hoskins on
301555. Meetings take place four times a year and
the next one will be in November.

Whist Drives at Mottisfont

Sept 2012 - April 2013

Commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Friday, 28th September '12

Friday, 26th October '12

Friday, 30th November '12

Friday, 21st December '12

Friday, 25th January '13

Friday, 22nd February '13

Friday, 22nd March '13

Friday, 26th April '13

We look forward to your support.

John Jenkins (301614)

Gordon Wood (340129)

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directed by Amanda Knott*

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Whats On Stage

Hard Times
The Fair Maid of the West



Remote Goat

Hard Times
Look Back in Anger



The Stage

Hard Times

"He is the very pine-apple of politeness"

"She is as headstrong as an allegory on the banks of the Nile"

A day in the life of a circle of socialites swooping in on the fashionable city of Bath, to take the waters, find romance and have a jolly good gossip! No, it's not another modern day "docusoap", it's Richard Brinsley Sheridan's hilarious 18th century masterpiece - **The Rivals**. Written in 1775 by the Irish playwright, Richard Sheridan's first and most famous play is about to have an outing across the UK. Packed full of the most extraordinary comic characters ever to grace the stage; Mrs Malaprop with her famous twisted phrases, her niece Lydia Languish busy falling in love with the handsome Jack Absolute, who himself is being pushed around by his explosive father Sir Anthony Absolute.

After several misinterpreted love letters, cross-conversations and an organised street fight, the day ends with each suitor happily paired off and country bumpkin, Bob Acres, throwing a big party for them all!

This important classic piece of British theatre will be revived by the acclaimed ensemble theatre company Creative Cow. With their slick, fast paced, inventive and stylised signature on the most fashionable comedy ever written, **The Rivals** will be one show not to miss!

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Look Back in Anger

KIMBRIDGE RESTAURANT

EASY BIRYANI

As it is soon National Curry Week (8th-14th October), here is my shortcut recipe for a great vegetable biryani. You still need a little stock of spices, but then you can make it again and again! This recipe serves 4 persons.

Ingredients:

400g basmati rice, soaked in plenty of cold water for 1 hour
125ml of sunflower oil
6 medium onions, peeled & sliced
3 cloves of garlic, peeled & finely sliced
1 400g tin of chopped tomatoes
250g of natural yoghurt
2 bay leaves
6 cardamom pods, bruised
1 cinnamon stick (10cm/3½")
Half a teaspoonful of whole cloves
1 teaspoonful of cumin seeds
2 star anise
1 teaspoonful of turmeric powder
Half a teaspoonful of mild chilli powder (or ¼ teaspoon of hot chilli powder)
Half a teaspoonful of ground ginger
Salt & black pepper
1 large carrot, peeled & diced
1 medium potato, peeled & diced
150g of fine green beans, washed & trimmed
150g of frozen peas
1 packet of fresh coriander (25 grams), all chopped, stems included



*Ian
Wooldridge,
Head Chef
at Kimbridge
Restaurant*

How to make it:

After the rice has soaked, rinse well and then cook in a pan of salted water until almost tender, about 8 minutes. Drain and rinse again with cold water. Set aside.

Now heat the oil in a pan and add the onions. Fry until golden, then remove half to a bowl with a slotted spoon. Turn the heat up and fry the remaining onions until they are really crispy. Remove to a piece of kitchen towel, sprinkle with a little salt and set aside.

Return the reserved onions from the bowl to the pan. Add the garlic and fry gently for 2 minutes. Next add the tomatoes, yoghurt, bay leaves and all the whole and ground spices. Season well with plenty of salt and a good grinding of black pepper. Cook for a few minutes, then add the carrots and potatoes with 300ml of water. Simmer gently uncovered for 20 minutes and then add the fine beans with a little more water if required. Simmer for a further 10 minutes and remove from the heat.

Stir in the frozen peas. →

What's on

► 2nd October: Creative art workshop with Marina from studio art. This month fabric painting. £20, including buffet lunch. Please email her directly to book. See her website on www.studeoart.co.uk

► 5th October: Fish fryday from 12pm till 3:30pm. £8.95

► 10th October: Wednesday evening buffet, 5.30pm till 9pm. 3 hot dishes with vegetables. Plus, back at popular demand, "Close hand magician" James Prince. See him on www.jamesprince.co.uk. £11.95

► 12th October: Anglo Indian curry buffet night. Your chance to enjoy homemade Indian food from our experienced chefs.

► 16th October: Flower workshop. Halloween table centres with Pomp and Petals, including buffet lunch. See www.pompandpetals.co.uk.

► 24th October: Wednesday evening buffet, 5.30pm till 9pm. 3 hot dishes with vegetables. Plus fun folk rock band Swinging the Lead, the antidote to the boy band. £11.95. Catch up with the guys on www.swingingthelead.co.uk.

► 2nd November: Fish fryday from 12pm till 3:30pm. £8.95,

► 6th November: Creative art workshop with Marina from studio art. This month is Mosaics, £20, including buffet lunch. Please email her directly to book. See her website on www.studeoart.co.uk

► 7th November: Murder Mystery Evening. Come and solve the murder most foul. Tickets available now.

► 21st November: Wednesday evening buffet, 5.30pm till 9pm. 3 hot dishes with vegetables. Plus 'Sticky Toffee Jazz', £11.95. See Sandy's repertoire on line at www.sandyince.moonfruit.com

► 24th November: **Christmas lunches and pre-booked dinners start today until 23rd December.**

► 27th November: Flower workshop. Fresh Christmas wreathes with Pomp and Petals, including buffet lunch. See www.pompandpetals.co.uk

→ Now you will need a large casserole (about 4 litres capacity) or pan with a lid. Spread half the cooked rice on the bottom, then pour the curry mixture on top. Sprinkle half the coriander over, saving the best leaves for the garnish. Spread the remaining rice on top as a final layer. Soak a tea towel in water & wring out. Place this over the casserole or pan tightly and put the lid on. Wrap the hanging parts of the tea towel back over the lid to prevent it from burning. Place on your smallest ring at the lowest setting for 20 minutes.

To serve, mix the biryani as you place on the plate or bowl. Garnish with the crispy onions and coriander leaves. It goes really well with a curry sauce, mango chutney, naan bread and the like!

Mottisfont Social Club

Mottisfont Social Club is a good sized venue for all of your celebrations, right on your doorstep. We are free to use to all of our members.

We welcome families and offer a friendly face and reasonably priced bar. We have a range of giant games for children, and for the adults there is a choice of a snooker table, pool table, 5 dart boards, skittle alley, adequate parking and a garden for the warmer weather. The club is very well situated in the heart of the village and members can take advantage of the premises for their birthday parties and family celebrations - come in and ask for details.

What's on

Mondays: Ladies darts, Snooker
Tuesdays: Billiards
Wednesdays: Airborne Darts (mixed)
Thursdays: Bingo, Crib
Fridays: Men's darts, Thrift Club
Saturdays: Chase the Aces and occasional entertainment
Sundays: Skittles.

Forthcoming entertainment

Friday, 5th October: Pool Competition - all welcome, if you are interested in taking part please pop in and sign up.

Wednesday, 17th October: WI Skittles Evening

Friday, 26th October: Halloween Party

Saturday, 15th December: Children's Christmas Party

Club Opening Hours

Monday - Saturday: 7pm till 11pm
Sunday lunchtime: Noon till 2pm
Sunday evening: 7pm till 10.30pm

Children's Christmas Party

I know it's still a few months away but we need to get organised. This year's party will be on Saturday, 15th December, 2pm - 5pm. For those new to the village - welcome - each year myself and Catherine Jenkins organise a Christmas party for all of the children aged 0 - 11 that live in Mottisfont and Dunbridge. We are lucky enough to have sponsorship from the village social club who allow us to join in with their celebrations for the members' children. This means that we have a venue and entertainment free of charge! All we ask is that you support our efforts of fund raising at the village fete and bring along a plate of something tasty for the party table.

This year, in an effort to keep things local, Santa has asked Roundabout Toys in Romsey to supply the presents to him. In order for this new union to be successful, we will need names and numbers of those children wishing to attend by **Monday, 31st October**. Please call Tracy on 341939 or Catherine on 340922 or pop into the Social Club to sign your child up.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Tracy

Who's Who, What's What and Where's Where in Mottisfont and Dunbridge

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The Acorn is also available at www.theacorn.org.uk where you will also find links to local schools, pubs, trains, council, church, WI and more.