



The Village Newsletter

Mottisfont & Dunbridge ACORN



April 2014

Mottisfont Village Hall Committee

Village Supper at the Hall

Friday, 30th May, 7.30pm for 8pm
We hope you can join us for a three-course meal
followed by tea/coffee



£18 per person – Please bring your own wine

Choose from:

Melon with Fruits of the Forest
Chinese Style Chicken Salad



Roast Pork with all the trimmings
Beef Bourguignon
Caramelised Cheese & Onion Tartlets

all served with a selection of vegetables or salads



Raspberry Pavlova
Austrian Coffee Cake
Sticky Toffee Pudding

To book, contact Margaret on 341922
(Payment when booking please)

MIND THE GAP!

Freight traffic on our railways is increasing, and to keep up with this trend, our railway infrastructure is undergoing a number of modifications to allow the use of wider containers.

Network Rail is shortly to begin work at Dunbridge station to reduce the width of the platforms in both directions, each by 75cm (about 30 inches), so the new Euro-style containers can pass through the station.

Network Rail's press release said nothing about difficulties this might cause for passengers using the existing trains, and who will have to negotiate a rather substantial gap.

The *Acorn* contacted their press office for comment: "We have thought of that," said a spokesperson, "and carried out a feasibility study. Passengers disembarking will be asked to take a short run up to the doorway of the train, and our study shows that 97.3% of them should make it safely to the platform. Furthermore, to avoid injury to over-enthusiastic passengers who subsequently crash into the wall on the far side, we will be installing padding along the wall for the full length of the platform."

So that's alright, then.

Footway works to commence

Work is due to start this month on building the roadside footway between Mottisfont & Dunbridge Station and the layby at Barley Hill opposite Mill Rise. The expected start date is 7th April.

The footway should improve safety for pedestrians using Barley Hill to reach the station and beyond.

Mottisfont Parish Council has campaigned for some time for a roadside footway in this area. It is also putting pressure on Hampshire County Council to complete the missing link in the existing Hatt Hill footway along the B3084 at Mottisfont between the River Dun and Hatt Lane, and also the stretch between Hatt Farm and Benger's Lane at Mottisfont.

However, completing this footway is going to cost an estimated £100,000, and Hampshire highway officials say it will require extensive engineering work to implement. But it is an important route linking Mottisfont & Dunbridge Station with the Mottisfont Estate and Abbey.

It is vital that this footway is built not only to make it safer for tourists visiting Mottisfont but also for residents who regularly walk along the B3084 to reach the station and other amenities such as cross-field footpaths, the Mill Arms, the village hall, social club and the church.

Andy Simmonds

The deadline for inclusion of items in the May edition of the *Acorn* is 16th April.
Please email items to acornnews@mandercom.co.uk.

As part of the National Trust's Mottisfont portfolio of properties, our countryside team also manages the northern commons of the New Forest. This includes Bramshaw, Ibsley, Rockford and Hightown Commons, Hale Purlieu and Foxbury. The total area covered by these sites is about 4,000 acres. Our Ranger team, led by Dylan Everett (Countryside Manager), do a superb job, working with volunteers to conserve, protect and enhance these areas for everyone to enjoy.

Foxbury (the other side of Wellow) is a particularly important project. The National Trust bought the site with grant funding in 2005, and since then has been regenerating this area of woodland, overgrown with scrub and rhododendron. Our work here includes the planting of 22,000 new trees, restoring and regenerating ponds, and heathland restoration. Although inside the New Forest National Park, the site is not currently designated SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest), and our aim is to achieve that status, in effecting increasing the SSSI land within the national park for the first time since the 1960s. Heathland is rarer than rain forest and as diversity is so important when it comes to protecting our habitat and environment, the value of this work is massive.

This is all great news for insects, butterflies, birds and reptiles. It's also quite good news for the herd of rare breed cattle that we have introduced for grazing (Belted Galloway and Luining), which people have enjoyed seeing too!

Foxbury has its own events scheduled this year, with walks, talks, cycle events and trails for everyone. If you are interested in joining our Outdoor Ranger team, then just check the website: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/new-forest-northern-commons/things-to-see-and-do/events.

In the gardens...

The gardens are looking really lovely at the moment. The spring bulbs are out in abundance with beautiful chionodoxa sweeping across the lime walk and a sea of stunning yellow daffodils in every direction. There are new plants popping up every day – come and see them.

In the gallery...

It's the last chance to see our exhibition, *Lichfield: A Life through the Lens*, which is with us until 21 April. To make the most of this, why not join us on a special free curator talk? It takes place on 12 April at 1pm. There's no need to book - just meet in the art gallery.

Our next exhibition is called *Gardens of Delight*, which opens on Saturday, 3 May.

Easter eggstravaganza...

Join us throughout the Easter holidays for lots of fun as we have a special spring trail starting from 5 April.

Then we welcome Cadbury back for the long Easter Weekend where we have a brand new trail with lots of activities with a chance to win a Cadbury's chocolate egghead!

Keep in touch...

Our website (nationaltrust.org.uk/Mottisfont/) is brilliant to keep up to date with what we are up to, but did you know that you can get regular updates from us?

We have a Facebook and Twitter page, where you can find us if you search for 'MottisfontNT' and we have our own e-newsletter. If you would like to sign up for our email newsletter just email victoria.bell@nationaltrust.org.uk

TIEBRIDGE FARM OPEN DAY

Looking for a free fun afternoon out for all the family?

Tiebridge Farm in Houghton is holding a family friendly Open Day on Saturday, 10th May from 12 noon - 3 pm. All proceeds from the event will be donated to the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance.

Tiebridge Farm is home to Barn Store Stockbridge, an independent, family run, high security self-storage business; to Freeheelin', an independent children's shoe shop; and to Studio Yoga, who offer a range of beginners to advanced yoga and Pilates classes.

Barn Store, Freeheelin' and Studio Yoga will all be open with tours and demonstrations taking place, and other local businesses have been invited to come along and showcase their produce and crafts. Food and refreshments will be available and visitors can also take advantage of the rare opportunity to picnic in the water meadows of the River Test. Free parking is available in the paddock. There will be plenty to see and do.

Barn Store Stockbridge owner and franchisee Tara
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TEST VALLEY LECTURE: WAR HORSES AND THE REMOUNT SERVICE

Wednesday, 16th April

During the First World War over a million horses were obtained from Britain and North America by the Army Remount Service for military use. The impressive Remount Camp at Romsey could train 5,000 horses for war at any one time. It had a military compliment of 2,100 men, one of whom was Lionel Edwards, the distinguished artist who spent his later years at Buckholt.

The camp had a veterinary hospital and employed many civilians too. Trained horses were shipped to France via the camp at Swaythling. Given that the population of Romsey was only 7,000, this settlement on Pouncefoot Hill, a mile from the town centre, must have been startling.

Phoebe Merrick is chairman of Romsey Local History Society. She has worked and published on Romsey history for 40 years, and has spent the last 4 studying the Remount Camp in depth.

Join us at the village Hall, Broughton, at 8:00pm (doors 7:30pm). Price £3 (free to students), includes snacks and wine.

The Romsey Singers Easter Concert

**Romsey Abbey, Saturday, 12th
April at 7.30pm**

The Romsey Singers Easter concert will feature Fauré's *Requiem*, and Allegri's *Miserere*, with other pieces.



Tickets can be bought from the Romsey Tourist Information office, or on-line at www.romseysingers.org, price £14 or £12 reserved, and £10 unreserved. At the door prices are £16, £14, and unreserved are £12.

This chamber choir draws singers from a wide area.

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Scougall said "We wanted to open our doors to showcase not only the diverse businesses located at Tiebridge, but also to help promote other local businesses, all against the backdrop of the beautiful River Test. In addition, we hope to be able to raise some much needed funds for the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance. "

For more information, please contact Tara Scougall on 01264 316166 or stockbridge@barn-store.co.uk.

MOTTISFONT & DUNBRIDGE W.I.

At the March meeting we were entertained by Mike Brook, who gave an insight to life in an amateur dramatic society. During his talk he gave three monologues which were fun and very entertaining.



A Birthday Dinner was held on Friday, 21st March at the Old House at Home in Romsey.

We are also planning a lunch at the Greyhound pub in Broughton on Monday, 28th April.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 8th April at 7.30pm in Mottisfont & Dunbridge Village Hall, when there will be a talk from the RNLI about Charity Support. Guests will be very welcome on this evening.

Mary Batten

The Broughton and Mottisfont Community Bus Committee

Registered Charity Number: 284910

Excursions 2014

Last year's excursion programme was very successful: most trips went off with the bus full. The committee plans to run the excursions shown below during 2014, reflecting the discussions at the Annual General Meeting earlier this year, and subsequent recces.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESTINATION</u>
21/5/14	Poole
18/6/14	Weymouth
16/7/14	Swanage
20/8/14	Bath
17/9/14	Isle of Wight
15/10/14	Windsor

You will be pleased to hear that after last year's modest increase we have managed to hold prices as they were. There will be no increase on last year's price of £14.00 per person per trip. As before, there will be a supplement to cover the ferry costs on the Isle of Wight trip. Bookings can be made with Pam Dawkins on 301203. Please do not contact her before the first day of the month in which you wish to travel. It is important to note that bookings once made must be paid for. The start time is 9.30am from the Square.

George Vaughan
Honorary Secretary - 301045

Rector's Letter

Dear Friends,



As we step into April with its lengthening days and its promise of light and new life, we also enter the great celebration of Easter with its own promises of Christ's eternal light and resurrection. What a glorious combination and how exceptional is this month!

However the world as we know is a mixture of glorious wonder and terrible darkness and chaos. This challenges us to ponder, reflect and yearn for something better, something with more substance and which does not end in death. This yearning is brought about not by our natural self but by our eternal souls, which have both a need for God and a need for transformation and resurrection.

This is not part of the natural desires of living of which there are many: the desire to get rich, to be successful, to enjoy good health.

Something more profound within our souls looks beyond the obvious to the horizon of life and exclaims surely there is something more than this, something that speaks of the eternal city of God and of new life! The reality is that only by a gift of God who will clothe "this corruptible body with incorruptibility and this mortal body with immortality," in virtue of the victory of Christ over death (see I Cor. 15:53-57) can bring this about. Easter is about celebrating this transformation and the answers to these longings.

Please join us for Easter celebration services happening throughout the Benefice to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus, and hence our own delivery to life eternal through faith in him, who is the way the truth and the life.

Please note there will not be an early outside morning communion this year. All Easter Services will be in the churches.

Ron Corne
Rector

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES FOR APRIL

Time	6th April Lent 5	13th April Palm Sunday	20th April Easter Day	27th April Low Sunday
8.00	Broughton HC CW	-	-	-
9.30	Bossington HC (BCP)	Broughton HC CW and Sunday Club	Broughton Family Communion CW, & Easter Egg Hunt ----- Bossington HC BCP	-
11.00	Houghton Family Service	Mottisfont Family Service	Houghton HC CW ----- Mottisfont Family Communion CW	Mottisfont Holy Communion CW for the Benefice
6.00	Mottisfont Evensong	Houghton Evensong	-	-

EASTER WEEK: Maundy Thursday, 17th April: Eucharist and Foot Washing at 7.30pm, St. Mary's, Broughton
Good Friday, 18th April: Meditation on the Cross at 2.00pm, St. Mary's, Broughton

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

BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

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

Events for April

3rd April: Mr. Peter Beadle
10th April: Mr. Philip Mutton
17th April: Mrs. Gina Livermore
24th April: Mrs. Sheila Few

Everyone welcome. Do come and join us.
Barbara Perry, Booking Secretary, 301466

Glass event

All those who came to the glass evening recently were treated to an educational, amusing and dare I say enlightening talk by Maurice Bennett, and there were certainly some fascinating exhibits for all to share. I hope others found it as enjoyable as I did.

The proverb says 'Many hands make light work'. It was certainly true for me, so a big THANK YOU to all concerned in whatever way you helped.

People were also very generous financially, and a profit of £205. was realised.

Just as valuable though was the amiable feeling amongst all who came. A good time was had by all, I think.

Valda White

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY of PRAYER

On Friday, 7th March at St. Mary's Church in Broughton we were so privileged to join with people across the world in the WOMEN'S WORLD DAY of PRAYER, which is an international inter-denominational service prepared this year by the Christian women of Egypt.

The theme was *Streams in the Desert*, and was a reflection on spiritual drought and peace for all nations. People from Broughton and surrounding villages supported each other in the wave of prayer, which rose with the sun over the island of Samoa, and then travelled across Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe, Broughton, and the Americas, until it finally arrived back in Samoa. There were 170 countries taking part this year, and we thought it was a very moving and wonderful Service. Over £100 was raised at Broughton for the WW Day of Prayer charities. Our speaker this year was Mrs. Gina Livermore.

Ann Ridout, 01980 862232

Easter Egg Hunt Palm Sunday, 13th April

All young children (under 12) from the benefice are invited again this year to take part in the Easter Egg Hunt at Houghton Lodge, from 4pm onwards.

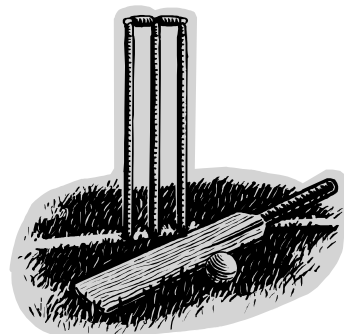
This will be followed as usual by a delicious tea. Offers of help and contributions of food would be very welcome.

For more details, please ring Gina on 388433.

Nostalgia Corner!

The Mottisfont Cricket Club has kindly provided these two photos of teams from over fifty years ago.

The top photo is from 1957, and the bottom one is from some time in the 1960s.



Do you recognise anyone? If so, we'd love to hear from you!



WALKING GROUP

Our walks are usually held on the second Friday of each month, between three and five hours (5 - 10 miles maximum) with a picnic or pub lunch.



- Friday 11th April, 9.30am: meet outside the Mill Arms. Car share: walk in the north of the region. Pub lunch.
- Friday 9th May, 9.30am: meet outside the Mill Arms. Car share: Broad Chalk area and the Wiltshire Downs

Gordon / Cathie
340129

Art Group at the Village Hall



We meet every Thursday afternoon at the Village Hall, from 2pm to 4pm. Tea and biscuits provided.

A friendly little group - experience isn't necessary.

Only £2, including refreshments.

Gordon, 340129

Cricket Club

The cricket season starts at the end of the month and the club is always on the look out for players, sponsors, helpers or supporters.

We are particularly keen to welcome new players to the two Tuesday teams, as the evening league is much more relaxed and the teams include youngsters, part timers and non-cricketers.



If you fancy a game then get in touch with StephenPGodwin@hotmail.com (07801 522979) or see Tony Stemp (340398) in the village. Alternatively, Bengers Lane is a great venue to watch cricket (most Tuesdays and Saturdays).

2013 was a great season for the Club with the Saturday Team winning the Regional Div 1 League, losing only one match all season. The first game of the season sees the A team take on the B team on Tuesday 29th April!

Steve Godwin

What's on at the Mill Arms

Half price dining voucher

Voucher valid until 28th April, 2014
1 voucher per person

Available Tuesdays and Wednesdays,
for lunch or dinner.

Choose only from the menu below (2 courses).

Menu

Soup of the day with warm crusty bread
Pan fried mushrooms with garlic and herbs on toasted croute
Mill Arms fish cake, tomato and chilli jam and salad

Mains

Flack Manor Brewery ale battered fish and hand cut chips
Owtons local sausage trio – traditional pork, pork and spring onion, lamb and mint, mashed potatoes and onion gravy
Pan fried chicken breast, sauce coq au vin and seasonal vegetables
Cheese, caramelised onion and potato cakes, poached eggs and wilted greens
28 day aged rump steak, hand cut chips, roasted tomatoes and sautéed mushrooms (£4.75 supp)

VOUCHER PRICE £12.00pp

**New Voucher offer available until
29th May 2014**

Only on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays
Lunch or dinner, 2 courses:

Prawn cocktail
with brown bread & butter

8oz aged Hampshire rump steak
Hand cut chips, roasted tomato, sautéed mushrooms, onion rings and peppercorn sauce

Normally £26.95

Offer price £13.95 per person

1 voucher per person only – maximum of 6 vouchers per table.

For either offer, phone up and let us know you are coming, bring this voucher with you, give it to the manager...sit down, relax and we will do the rest.

Voucher must be produced upon arrival and all tables must be reserved in advance.

The Mill Arms, 340401

KIMBRIDGE RESTAURANT

Indian spiced lamb

This recipe serves 6 persons.

Ingredients:

1.5kg diced lamb
1 tablespoon lemon juice
Salt and pepper
100g cashew nuts
4 garlic cloves, roughly chopped
7cm piece of root ginger, grated
2 tablespoons clear honey
1 teaspoon cumin
1 teaspoon turmeric
¼ teaspoon of cayenne pepper
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
250g Greek yogurt
Chopped coriander to garnish



*Kate Buchan,
Sous Chef
at Kimbridge
Restaurant*

How to make it:

Place the yogurt, cinnamon, cayenne pepper, turmeric, honey, lemon juice, ginger, cumin and garlic into a food processor and mix together.

Once blended together, pour the mix over the diced lamb and stir. Then cover the lamb and leave to marinate overnight in the fridge.

After the meat has marinated overnight, place the mix into a saucepan and bring up to the boil stirring occasionally. Then reduce the heat to simmer and leave to cook until the meat is soft and tender, stirring frequently throughout cooking.

Once the meat is soft and tender, the yogurt and spice mix will have reduced and thickened to make the sauce. Now add the cashew nuts and season to taste with the salt and pepper.

Serve with rice and a sprinkling of chopped coriander.

Quick and painful...

(with apologies to Tim Vine)

Q: What is short, green and goes camping?

A: A new boy scout.

Did you hear about the novice actor who thought Hamlet was an omelette served with bacon?

Did you hear about the man who entered a pun contest in a newspaper? He sent in ten different puns, in the hope that at least one of the puns would win the prize. Unfortunately, no pun in ten did.

I have kleptomania. But when it gets bad, I take something for it.

Q: What is a water otter? A: A kettle.

Is a onesie a posh selfie?

What's on In April

► 6th (Sunday): Children under 12 eat free from the children's menu.

► 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th: Fish Fryday. Come and enjoy our homemade battered cod and chips from 12 till 3pm. £8.95.

► 13th (Sunday): Children under 12 eat free from the children's menu.

► 16th DC Solo sax with the smoky voice of Steph, and a hot buffet. A night of music and song not to be missed. From 6pm. £9.95.

► 18th (Good Friday): Come and enjoy the very best in good local homemade cooking. Book early!!!! We particularly recommend the fish.

► 19th (Easter Saturday): Fun filled day for all the family. Free Cadbury's Cream Eggs for the kids (after their meal of course!) and a free raffle for Mum and Dad.

► 20th (Easter Sunday): 3-course lunch for £16.95. Sittings at 12 noon and 2.30pm. If both sittings are full, there will be a 5pm sitting. Children half price.

► 23rd (St Georges Day): Special Quiz and Hot Buffet. Come and enjoy a relaxed fun filled evening. From 6pm. £8.95.

► 27th (Sunday): Children under 12 eat free from the children's menu.

*For the latest information about events, please go to
www.kimbridgerestaurant.co.uk*

VOUCHER

Available until 30th April

Monday to Thursday only:

Two for the price of one on all

Full English Breakfasts

Also back with great demand:
Soup and half a sandwich, £5.95 per person
(not available on two for one)

If you would like to be added to our mailing service,
send your email address to
kimbridgerestaurant@gmail.com
or phone 340777 or 340556

Mottisfont Social Club

Mottisfont Social Club welcomes families and offers 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 as a free venue for their birthday parties and family celebrations - come in and ask for details.



Cricket Club Quiz

Mottisfont Cricket Club will be hosting another of their popular Quiz Nights on Saturday, 5th April at Mottisfont Social Club (8:15 start). Everyone will be welcome; you don't have to be involved with the Cricket Club to come along. Past Quiz Nights have been well attended and provided much needed funds to keep cricket going in the village. Come along with a team, or come along on your own and we will sort you out with a team.

What's On

Mondays	Ladies Darts, Snooker
Tuesdays	Billiards
Wednesdays	Closed
Thursdays	Bingo, Crib
Fridays	Men's Darts, Thrift Club
Saturdays	Occasional entertainment
Sundays	Skittles

Club Opening Hours

M/T/T/F/S	7pm till 11pm
Wednesdays	Closed
Sunday Lunchtime	Noon till 2pm
Sunday Evening	7pm till 10.30pm

DOWSE TRUST

The next meeting of the Douse Trust will be on Monday 10th March, so there is still time to put in an application for consideration. Following meetings will take place in July and September.

If you are under 25 and live in the Parish of Mottisfont you are eligible to apply for a grant. Examples of past successful applications are: school trips, school, college or university study material or music and singing lessons.

Applications forms are available from: Mrs. Christine Hoskins, Fripps, High Street, Broughton, SO20 8AD or by email: hoskins12@btinternet.com

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.