

Mottisfont & Dunbridge

ACORN



July 2014

All change at the Mill Arms

Last month saw a change of landlords at the Mill Arms. After over eight years, Andrea and Ian have moved on, and Kaye Taylor and Richard Solomons have moved in

Our new landlords bring with them a great deal of experience. Richard trained at Westminster College Catering School, and has worked in both independent hotels and restaurants, and one of the major hospitality chains. Kaye has worked in event and reservation management for a five-star hotel chain, and most recently for the Royal National Mission for Deep Sea Fishermen based in Whiteley.

They also bring two children: Oliver who is 11, and Georgina who is 8. Oliver will be starting at Test Valley School in September, and Georgina will be going to Lockerley Primary School.

Kaye and Richard are keen that the Mill Arms should be a central part of the community, commenting: "Since opening, we have met many people from the village, their children and their dogs!"

At present, the Mill Arms remains closed on Sunday evenings and all day Monday, but they are aiming to open for drinks on Mondays soon. Finding suitably qualified chefs is proving difficult, so Kaye and Richard are thinking of developing their own by offering an apprenticeship, ideally for someone local. Interested candidates are invited to contact them.

The Mill Arms already has a new menu, with food sourced locally where possible. There's a good focus on wine, too, with a Hampshire-based supplier who specialises in importing from small wine makers, sourcing interesting wines from makers you probably haven't heard of.

"We have lots of plans, but we'll try one thing at a time," said Kaye.

We wish them a warm welcome to the village, and success with their new business! -Eds.

Mottisfont Village Fete

Sunday, 10th August, at 2pm

Free parking and admission

As well as our usual attractions (Birnie Boozle Band, Pet Competition, Bar, BBQ), we have some exciting new attractions, such as Archery, Bell Ringing, and a Hand Bell Display.

We would like some help to set up and put away, and we have a couple of stalls that we need some more volunteers for, so if you would like to help, please contact Michael Horne on 340105 or email hornes@btinternet.com.

GRAND DRAW

I am running the Grand Draw at the Village Fete once again. In previous years I have attached books of draw tickets to the Acorn for all households in the village, but this year I have decided not to do this.

If you would like to sell books of tickets before the fete, please collect them from me at 1 Mill View, Barley Hill, Dunbridge, or telephone me on 340398.

I am also looking for a volunteer to help me sell draw tickets on the day of the fete. If you can help, please contact me on the number above. This would be very much appreciated.

Thank you.

Tony Stemp

Art Group

We meet every Thursday afternoon at the Village Hall, 2-4pm.

Everyone is welcome to come and have a go. No experience is needed. You may turn out to be another Michelangelo or Turner!



Gordon 340129

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



With a number of projects underway at the Abbey, here is a brief update on where we are up to:

Wildplay & Waterplay The new children's play areas complete with "wild" climbing structures and water pump in these two areas should be complete and open to the public in early July. If you are not a member of the National Trust, remember that if you are a resident in Mottisfont or Dumbridge, you can request a "Wild Card" for your children to come in free to use these areas

StoryScape interpretation Opening on 20th September, 2014, this project will revitalise, refresh and interpret 20 points across the property, including our medieval heritage shown in the Lower Corridor and our Maids' Rooms upstairs, which will be open to the public for the first time

New visitor facilities The ground work has started for the services and will continue through July. Construction for the new visitor reception, toilets and shop starts in September and should complete in September 2015. The new Café in the stable yard will be open by the end of 2015.

Café redesign The existing café is being redesigned. The work starts in September and will complete at the end of October this year. It will have all the charm and looks of a traditional 19th century kitchen, combined with a more efficient layout for visitors.

New walled garden in the Frame Yard After a visit from the National Trust gardens panel recently, we are working-up some designs with Tristan Knight (RHS Young Designer of the Year 2012) and hopefully we can start building this new garden in 2016. Fundraising has started in earnest and if you are interested in supporting this project, please visit: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/mottisfont/donate-now/.

Paul Cook, General Manager

In the gallery...

Catch our Gardens of Delight exhibition while you can, as it's only with us until 6th July.

Then get ready for lots of summer fun as we introduce Quentin Blake and Friends, our new exhibition and creative trail for the summer opening 19th July. Visitors will be able to see for the first time 21 new drawings made by Quentin for the hit West End production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, full of his usual wit and sharp-eyed observations. There will also be stunning watercolour illustrations by artists including Michael Foreman, Emma Chichester Clark, John Burningham

and Oliver Jeffers.

Events

We have lots of exciting events over the next couple of months; including specialist walks and brilliant outdoor theatre.

The Tempest: Friday, 25th July, 7pm

The critically-acclaimed Pantaloons put their own unique - and hilarious - twist on Shakespeare's romantic tale of shipwrecks, sorcerers and silly servants.

Expect music, magic and mayhem in one of the Bard's best-loved plays - in the open-air where it belongs.

The Pantaloons History of Britain: Saturday, 23rd August, 7pm

Mud, blood and stiff upper-lips! It's the History of Britain as you've never seen it before. Harold II and William the Conqueror don't see eye to eye. Henry VIII decides five marriages just isn't enough. Queen Victoria is most certainly not amused. What a load of old monarchs!

Tickets for both performances are £16 for adults and £8 for children.

For full details of our programme and to book, just visit our website or call 340757.

Keep in touch...

Our website (www.nationaltrust.org.uk/mottisfont/) is brilliant for keeping 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 @MottisfontNT and we have our own e-newsletter. If you would like to sign up to our email newsletter, just email wictoria.bell@nationaltrust.org.uk and you will be added to our list.

The Thomas Dowse Trust

The next meeting of the Dowse Trust will be on Wednesday 2nd July, so there is still time to put in an application for consideration. Meetings are normally held quarterly.

Anyone under the age of 25 living in the Parish can apply for a grant for educational purposes. This could be for learning materials, school trips or music lessons.

Applications forms are available from: Mrs. Christine Hoskins, Fripps, High Street, Broughton, SO20 8AD or by email: <a href="https://doi.org/10.2006/nc.2006/



Beating Blood Cancers

GARDEN OPEN DAY

at

LONGSTOCK PARK WATER GARDEN

Nr. Stockbridge, SO20 6EH

By kind permission of John Lewis Partnership

SUNDAY 20th JULY, 2-5 pm

ADMISSION: Adults £6, children £2 Children under 5 FREE but supervised.

This garden is only open for a limited period each year, so this is a rare opportunity to enjoy a large colourful water garden

No dogs please

For tickets contact Liz Tuckey Email: liztuckey@hotmail.com

MOTTISFONT & DUNBRIDGE W.I.

18 members and 1 visitor enjoyed a talk on *Medieval Buildings, Houses, Castles and Cathedrals* at the June meeting.



The talk was given by Nick Griffiths, and slides were shown on various venues including many in Salisbury and some in Southampton.

We will be collecting Bric-a-Brac for a stall at Mottisfont Village Fete to be held in August. Collection of items can be arranged, if needed, by phoning Cathie on 340129.

The next meeting on 8th July will be a Bar-B-Que and outdoor skittles to be held at 7.30 in Mottisfont Village Hall. Guests will be welcome - please bring your own meats.

Mary Batten

Friday 4th July, 6-8pm

LOCKERLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL BIZARRE BAZAAR

Stalls, games, raffle, tombola, BBQ and bar.

Great fun for all the family.

We look forward to seeing you!

Mottisfont FC

Mottisfont FC begins next season on 31st August. No fixtures will be confirmed until closer to the time.

After finishing 3rd last season we have been promoted to Division 6 of the City of Southampton Sunday Football League, along with rivals Fawley RBL. Details can be seen at the league website: www.cssfl.org.uk.

Last season's Players' player of the year was Matt Bosanquet (who scored 40 goals!) and Manager's player of the year was captain Jason Gradidge.

We begin training at the end of June, with all of last season's squad continuing in to next year.

Fixtures won't be going up on the notice boards – unfortunately last season's weather played havoc with printing the fixtures (printed on Monday and fixtures changed on Tuesday) so they can be found at www.cssfl.org.uk, or if you would like them emailed to you please contact Alan Stewart.

Club positions this season have been confirmed as: Alan Stewart, Secretary and Treasurer; Graham Collins, Chairman; Alan Bosanquet, Manager; Steve Hannam, Member.

We will hopefully confirm a new main sponsor for the season in the next two weeks, who will fund a new strip. We are looking for a small sponsorship to get a National Trust leaf symbol put on the strip; the club will make a matching donation to the National Trust, which is part of us building a closer relationship with the National Trust.

If you are interested in helping, sponsorship or anything else, please contact Alan Stewart on 340492 or 07955 835472.

LATE NEWS Our first pre-season friendlies are confirmed as:

10th August: Mottisfont v Bitterne Ducks 17th August: Mottisfont v Testwood Tornadoes 24th August: Mottisfont v Waterside AFC They are all at home, with a 1030 kick off.

Dear Friends,

As we approach the mid-point of the 2014 World Cup, I'm sure some of you are relishing the different matches taking place, whilst others long for it all to be over...

Whichever camp you fall into, I think that we would all acknowledge that the most important part of football is the team – a group of people working together in harmony. We admire the players who pass the ball across to their team mate who is better placed for a shot on goal, just as much as those who score the winners. Everyone is an essential part of the team; they train together and each person plays their part to ensure that their team bears fruit. And, without a fully functioning team, we can't really have a game.

Fruitful churches are a bit like football teams. They consist of people who come together, each uniquely gifted, each with a different part to play. But unlike a football team, there's no restriction on numbers and everyone is welcome.

Jesus brought together a small group of followers who travelled around with him as he preached, taught and healed during his ministry in the Holy Land. When Jesus had left them they were empowered to carry out ministry in His name. They

gathered together to worship God, to learn together, to support one another and to send out some of their number to tell others about Jesus and to serve the communities around them.

Thus the first churches were born and today Jesus calls us to do the same; to cooperate and work together in harmony for the common good, share His love and help make the world a better place. Each of us has a part to play in making that work fruitful!

Blessings,

Gill

Football footnote:

Football has a curious way of bringing people together. On Christmas Day 1914, British and German troops held a truce. They met in No Man's Land, exchanged gifts, took photos and played football. The 1914 Christmas Truce remained a unique event on the Western Front, and it is an important one that we should commemorate in this centenary year of the beginning of the First World War.

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES FOR JULY									
Time	6th July Trinity3	13th July Trinity 4 Sea Sunday	20th Jul Trinity 5	27th July Trinity 6					
8.00	Broughton HC CW	-	Broughton HC BCP	-					
9.30	Bossington HC BCP	Broughton Pet Service HC CW Mottisfont HC BCP		Broughton Family Communion CW					
11.00	Houghton Family Service	Mottisfont Pet Service	Houghton Family Communion CW	Mottisfont Family Communion CW					
6.00	Mottisfont Evensong	Houghton Evensong	-	Houghton Evensong					

Every Wednesday at 9.30am, St. Mary's Church, Broughton: Holy Communion BCP

CW = Common Worship BCP = Book of Common Prayer

SAVE THE DATE!!

A Summer's Evening with Wine and Cheese, Strawberries and Cream

20th July, 6.30 - 9pm

Mottisfont House

by kind permission of Mrs. S. Clutterbuck

All are warmly invited to join us for this event in the wonderful setting of a riverside garden.

This is being organised by the Friends of St. Andrew's Church, to raise funds for the essential refurbishment of our historically important grade II listed church organ. We would gratefully appreciate your support, and in return promise a delightful evening. Please invite your family and friends! A raffle is planned.

Tickets are £12.50 per adult, £6 for under 16s, and under 5s free. Advance tickets will be available from Mrs Clutterbuck (tel: 340475). Tickets will also be available at the door on the evening.

WHAT WILL YOU BE DOING IN AUGUST?

On the first three Sundays in August (3rd, 10th, 17th) there will be an informal gathering at St. Andrew's Church at 11 o'clock for reading, listening, music, doing activities and probably eating too.

It's for families, friends and anyone else who has an hour to fill.

We don't want presents or money, just your presence and good company.

If you've never been in the church before, or not for ages, come and look around. Try our Quiz. You may be surprised at what you find!

On the third Sunday, 17th August, we'll plan a Miracle and Munch time, including a picnic at the Millenium Orchard in Hatt Lane at 11.45. Anyone can join us.

Will you be there?

I will.

Valda White

(This is in addition to normal church services, not instead of \ldots)

BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

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

Events for July

3rd July: Mrs. Janet North 10th July: Mrs. Liz Trasler 17th July: Mrs. Rachel Alderman 24th July: Mrs. Carole Boast 31st July: Tea at Ann's. Please note: there will be NO meetings during August.

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

Sunday, 13th July

All Creatures Great and Small!

Bring your pets (large or small) to Mottisfont's informal Pet Service at St. Andrew's.

Starts at 11.00am.

All are welcome – with or without pets!



Car-Boot Sale, 9am, Saturday, 9th August

Behind Windover Farmhouse by the Longstock/Stockbridge Crossroads, SO20 6EJ

Come and sell, come and buy



Sellers £7 per car, buyers free

Any enquiries: 01264 810715

Refreshments available on the day

In aid of St Mary's Church, Longstock

WALKING GROUP

For our June walk we began with coffee in "our John's" garden at Hinton Ampner. The weather was perfect, one of those days we always long for when out for a walk in our wonderful countryside.

The pub lunch was at the Millbury's, Beauworth, on the South Downs, followed by a different return route back to Hinton Ampner, N.T., then a walk around the gardens and more refreshments.

Our next walks are:

- ► Friday, 11th July: A walk by the sea. Car share, departing at 9.30am.
- ► Saturday, 12th July: Mottisfont circular walk. Meet at 11am at Mottisfont & Dunbridge station.
- ➤ Sunday, 13th July: Dean station to Mottisfont station via Dean Hill, Gambledown and Carter's Clay. Depart on the 11.29am train from Mottisfont to Dean.
- ► Saturday, 19th July: Mottisfont & Dunbridge station to Romsey via Carter's Clay, Newtown and Squabb Wood. Meet at Mottisfont station at 11am, return by train.
- ► Sunday, 20th July: Circular walk from West Dean. Depart from Mottisfont station at 11.29am, or meet at Dean station.

Everyone is welcome – nothing too serious!

All walks are around three and a half to four hours plus a stop or two on the way. Please bring your own refreshments and drinks.

Further details from Gordon and Cathie on 340129.

Sunday, 24th August, 6pm at St Andrew's Church, Mottisfont

Come and listen and sing along with

The Birnie Boozle Band

An evening of music and songs on the lighter side. Folk, Skiffle and Gospel, with a bit of other stuff thrown in!

Children welcome.

Refreshments

Donations in aid of the Organ Restoration Fund.

Gordon and Cathie 340129

Internet awareness sessions

In today's world so much needs to be done on the internet, sometimes in order to get the best deals such as with banking, insurance, travel and shopping; for keeping in touch with family and friends; for homework.

Many of us are wary of taking the step in this direction and so we are missing out on what is available in this brave new world.

Parents want to know how they can help their children make the most of it and stay safe, now that the internet is very much part of their lives.

Teenagers might not realise the long-term impact of what they post, building their online reputation.

For 3 Fridays in September a series of sessions covering these areas will be run in Romsey Abbey Church Rooms, by Diane Kingston (an IT specialist with IBM).

Internet for the wary is on Fridays from 2pm to 3:30pm, starting with refreshments.

To help us learn how to use the Internet, by providing basic knowledge that will enable us to connect and explore Internet resources such as email and social media, along with online resources that can help us make the most of this.

12th Sept - Introduction to the Internet

19th Sept - Searching, downloading information and security

26th Sept - Social Media

These sessions will include handouts with exercises to try out at home, or at the library. You don't need to bring a computer with you.

Internet for parents, teachers, youth leaders & community members is on Fridays from 7:30pm to 9pm, starting with refreshments.

12th Sept - Helping children stay safe while online 19th Sept - Explore the dangers and signs of cyberbullying

Internet for 11-18 year olds is on Friday 26th Sept from 7:30pm to 9pm, starting with refreshments. This session will be on controlling your online identity - protecting your digital reputation.

There is no charge for these sessions, but there will be a retiring collection to cover costs, and any profit will be split between Romsey Abbey and Mary's Meals (a charity providing daily meals to schoolchildren in some of the world's poorest communities).

KIMBRIDGE RESTAURANT

This recipe serves 4 persons.

Ingredients:

4 x 6oz duck breasts Port 50g beef stock 50g chicken stock

1 punnet of blackberries

15g butter

1 dessertspoon of gravy granules

How to make it:

Place a good slug of port into a saucepan and heat until it catches fire. Once the alcohol has burned off, the flames will go out. At this stage, add the stocks and reduce down by 1/3.

Once reduced, add the granules to help to thicken the sauce. Once smooth and thick, add the butter and stir in. This will give the sauce a nice shine. Add the blackberries and leave to one side until the duck is ready.

Pre-heat the oven to 180C/160C fan or gas 4. Use a sharp knife to score the skin of the duck breast, then season well with salt and pepper. Place the duck breasts skin down into a hot frying pan and fry for 6-7 minutes. Then turn over and fry.

Once sealed, transfer the duck into a tray and place in the oven for a further 5-6 minutes for pink or 10-12 minutes for well done. Once cooked, remove the tray from the oven and allow the duck to stand for 5 minutes before slicing.

Gently re-heat the sauce so it is warm, but do not boil as you don't want to break all the blackberries up.

Once rested, slice the duck into 4 or 5 slices and fan them out onto a plate. Spoon over some of the sauce, making sure to share out the blackberries evenly. A nice complement to serve with this dish would be a fondant potato.

What's on in July

- ► Tuesday, 1st July: Summer Flower Arrangement Workshop. To book contact Kay on 341110.
- ► Friday, 4th July: Evening fully booked.
- ► Saturday, 5th July: Evening fully booked.
- ► Friday, 11th July: Evening fully booked.
- ► Saturday, 12th July: Evening fully booked.
- ► Tuesday, 15th July: Painting with Marina. This week: sketching with water colour pencils. Ring Marina on 07796 097966 to book.
- ► Wednesday,16th July: Buffet evening. Come and relax with good food and wine. Hot buffet, only £7.95 pp, 6pm start.
- ► Friday, 18th July: Evening fully booked
- ► Saturday, 19th July: Closed from 1pm for a wedding.
- ► Wednesday, 23rd July: The Kimbridge Quiz and hot buffet, £8.95 pp. Any size of team.
- ► Friday, 25th July: Evening Bistro, 6pm till 10pm. SPECIAL 3 courses including coffee £25.00 per person.
- ► Saturday, 26th July: Family fun and BBQ, 3pm till 7pm. Children eat free.
- ► Wednesday, 30th July: DC Sax with the smoky voice of Steph, and hot buffet. A night of music and song not to be missed. 6pm. £9.95.

For the latest information about events, please go to <u>www.kimbridgerestaurant.co.uk</u>, call us on 340556, or email us at <u>kimbridgerestaurant@gmail.com</u>.

REDUCING THEFT FROM CARS An ex-thief's comments, May 2014

"I would simply just walk down the road trying car door handles. It was so easy to find insecure vehicles. I would normally then take any loose money or valuables left within the vehicle before moving onto the next vehicle.

"I would sometimes go with a group of people and target nice areas, and we would easily find 50 insecure vehicles to take items from. These would be a mixture of vehicles on the road and in people's driveways.

"It was amazing that sometimes we would re-visit areas and find the exact same vehicles again insecure with valuables. The owners must be stupid to leave their car unlocked again.

"If I saw something of value inside a vehicle but it was locked then I wouldn't smash the window or break into the vehicle. I would simply just move onto the next vehicle. Having said that, I know others who wouldn't think twice and would smash the window!

"As an ex-thief, my advice would be not to leave anything in your vehicle of any value, and lock it!"

(An extract from the Romsey police rural weekly crime update, 14-18 June, 2014)

Mottisfont Social Club

The club is very well situated in the heart of the village, welcoming families and offering 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. 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, and can assist you in organising your parties. If you are new to the village please come in and meet us. Joining is easy; we welcome new members and encourage families to socialise without having to travel too far.

News

Firstly some great news that was reported during our recent AGM: following on from our plea for support in 2012 our treasurer was delighted to announce that the social club cleared £5k profit during 2013!! This is fantastic, and we can only hope that it continues along the same path in the future.

We have seen a significant rise in the number of

local residents who are joining the club and, more importantly, using our facilities. This in turn is contributing to the increasing community spirit coming back to Mottisfont.

From September the Social Club will be reopening on Wednesday evenings. We will be taking part in the Airbourne darts league and we are also instigating a new local pool league. If you are interested in playing in any of our teams for darts, snooker, pool, billiards, crib or skittles, please pop in and have a chat.

What's on

Mondays: Ladies darts, Snooker

Tuesdays: Billiards

Wednesdays: Closed until September and then

Airbourne Darts, Pool League

Thursdays: Bingo, Crib

Fridays: Men's darts, Thrift Club

Saturdays: Chase the Aces and occasional

entertainment Sundays: Skittles

Club Opening Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday:

7pm till 11pm

Wednesday: closed until September Sunday lunchtime: Noon till 2pm Sunday evening: 7pm till 10.30pm

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

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