

Mottisfont & Dunbridge

ACORN



The Village Newsletter 🍂

December 2016

Mottisfont Children's Christmas Party Saturday, 3rd December, 2pm – 5pm

This is a free event open to all children aged 12 and under, who either reside in Mottisfont/Dunbridge, or who are affiliated with Mottisfont Social Club.

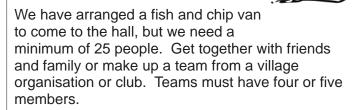
The Social Club kindly provides the venue and pays for the entertainment, and our fundraising at the village fete provides gifts from Santa.

All we ask from parents of children not associated with the Social Club is a food contribution (allocated when you register your child).

Please ensure that you register your child/children with Catherine Jenkins on 340922 or Tracy Sheppard on 341939. For those who are members of the Social Club, please ensure your child's name is written down on the list in the club.

VILLAGE QUIZ Saturday 25th February

There will be another quiz at the Village Hall on Saturday 25th February at 7pm. Cost will be £10 per person, to include a fish and chip supper.



There will be prizes for the winning team, and booby prizes for the losers. It will be a fun evening, and we promise the questions won't be too difficult.

Please let us have a deposit of £6 per person to reserve a place. We will put a reminder in the February Acorn.

Pat and Dave Francis pwfrancis@hotmail.co.uk 340609

Defibrillator Grand Opening Event! at Mottisfont Social Club on Saturday, 10th December at 11.30am

Refreshments available

There will be an awareness session in January - date and location to be advised.

Many thanks to SSE Community Resilience Fund, Community Heartbeat Trust, Three Rivers Rail Partnership, Mottisfont Social club and The Mill Arms for providing the locations, and Rob Aslett for arranging installation.

CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE VILLAGE HALL Sunday, 18th December

Come along to Mottisfont Village Hall on Sunday, 18th December at 1pm, after the carol service at St. Andrew's Church. Bring some food to share, and your own drink. This is an opportunity for everyone in the village to get together.

PARISH PLAN PRESENTATION

Thursday, 15th December, 7pm at the Village Hall

Come and hear all about the findings of the Parish Plan survey, and give us your views on the conclusions.

FIBRE BROADBAND COMES TO DUNBRIDGE!

As we write, a new cabinet is being installed on the pavement opposite Mill Rise. The *Acorn* has been told by the contractors that this is for high-speed fibre optic broadband, and subscribers should be connected in the next week or two. It might even have happened by the time you are reading this!

The deadline for inclusion of items in the February edition of the Acorn is 16th January. Please email items to acornnews@mandercom.co.uk. THERE WILL BE NO EDITION OF THE ACORN IN JANUARY!



Hello from Mottisfont Abbey!

The grounds are still awash with autumn leaves as I write, and it's very peaceful – do pop in for a walk if you've time; it's just lovely at the moment. The team are busy putting up Christmas decorations all around the house, while Nancy's amazing illuminated shark has

taken up residence in one of the Stables offices. ready to join its jellyfish friends and all those made by the village in the lantern parade in Romsey.

Time to apply for annual **Mottisfont Abbey Parish Passes**

It's the time of year when we renew our invitation to all residents of Mottisfont and Dunbridge Parish to visit Mottisfont Abbey as often as you like (during our opening hours of 10am to 5pm or dusk if sooner). All you need to do is apply for a 2017 Parish Pass for each member of your family who is a resident in the Parish. Here's how it works:

- Email mottisfont@nationaltrust.org.uk and say you'd like to apply for a Parish Pass.
- We will forward a form to you. Please fill it in and return it to us, along with proof of your residence in the parish. Each member of your family resident in the parish needs their own pass, so we'll need all of their details.
- Once we've received both the completed form and proof of residency, we'll send the pass(es) to your home address.
- When you visit, just show your pass. The Visitor Reception team may also ask for additional ID, just so we know that you're the person named on the pass.

The passes only allow access to Mottisfont Abbey. not any other National Trust property – you'd need to buy National Trust membership for that. You'll need to re-apply for your pass(es) each year. Also, no other family or friends are allowed in with these passes - they are just for people who live in the parish.

I do hope you'll apply for passes. We want to share the Abbey and its grounds and gardens with our local community, and you are all very welcome.

With best wishes.

Louise Louise Govier, General Manager

Festive fun... **Twelve Davs of Christmas**

Until Tuesday, 3rd January 2017 (whole property closed 24 and 25 December)

This winter, the Twelve Days of Christmas come alive at Mottisfont, where you'll find festive rooms and gardens inspired by the classic song. Beautiful bird decorations are dotted around the grounds, from four calling birds in the winding winter garden to seven swans swimming in the stream.

Elegantly decorated trees, twinkling lights and ornamental flower arrangements create a festive atmosphere inside the house. 'Nine ladies dancing' take centre stage in the Whistler Room, as well as our traditional show-stopping tree. Exquisite miniature ballet dresses, designed by Vin Burnham, twinkle in warm festive light.

Children can create their very own 'lords a-leaping' on a new activity trail, packed with things to find and do as it takes families through all the song's famous verses. Suggested donation £1 for the trail.

In the gardens...

Experience the vibrant colours of our winter garden. Stroll through paths that wind through winterflowering shrubs and perennials, chosen for their colour and scent. There are dogwoods with brilliant orange and red bark, and frosty ornamental brambles. Berries, fruit and winter perennials also provide colour during the shortest days of the year.

In the cafés...

Join us for warming treats in the Old Kitchen this winter. Available from 28th November to 23rd December, our Christmas menu features festive favourites alongside hearty, seasonal dishes.

Choose festive dishes separately to enjoy on their own - or enjoy a three course Christmas dinner for £19.50 with crackers, mince pies and coffee to finish. All available from the Old Kitchen counter.

The Coach House Café in the stables will serve lighter bites with a seasonal theme, served on highquality disposable ware, all of which is composted or recycled.

Join us again in the New Year to sample more from our seasonal winter menu.

In the gallery...

Rex Whistler: More than Murals 14th January to 23rd April 2017 A major exhibition exploring the talents of Rex Whistler, on display at the home of his final great artwork. Over seventy items will be on display, from large oil paintings to working designs, sketches and some personal items.

Keep in touch...

Visit our website, nationaltrust.org.uk/mottisfont, to keep up to date with things to see and do. Look out for us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter @MottisfontNT for regular updates.

The WI

At this month's meeting we were taken on a trip from Barry in South Wales to Shanghai, a journey that had been undertaken by the speaker, Liz Barron, in 2013. Liz had traced the journey taken by her grandfather in 1913, calling at the places he had been to, including Germany, Russia, Siberia and China. She had been able to trace his journey using diary entries made by him on his journey in 1913. We were told of her experiences travelling across these countries by train, and of the people she had met on route.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 13th December at 7.30pm in Mottisfont Village Hall. The speaker will be Dennis Grigg, whose subject will be 'Making People Laugh and Cry with Verse'. Guests will be welcome at this meeting, when we will also have a Christmas buffet to enjoy.

The January meeting will be held on Tuesday, 10th January at 7.30pm in Mottisfont Village Hall, when the speaker will be John Richards, giving a talk entitled 'Being a Refugee in England and Wales from Guernsey'. Guests will be welcome at this meeting.

Mary Batten

Have yourself a Merry Recycling Christmas!

Christmas is a busy time, but recycling your Christmas waste is just as easy as recycling all year round.

Having a party? Don't forget to collect your glass bottles and jars and take them to your nearest Local Recycling Centre. For those partial to a mince pie or a glass of Buck's Fizz, you can also recycle aluminium foil and cartons at selected sites. With over 100 Local Recycling Centres across the borough, it's easy to fit a visit in around shopping, the school run or even a trip to the gym. To find your nearest site, visit www.recyclenow.com/local-recycling.

Test Villages Lecture, 18th January Broughton Village Hall, 8pm

Broughton Learning has no lecture planned for December, as the third Wednesday will be too close to Christmas.

In January, we will resume the programme with 'Inside the Ethics Committee', a talk and discussion with Tom Woodcock, who has many years of experience as a surgical consultant, and as an active participant in ethics committees and international groups dealing with these life and death decisions. Tom has promised to get us thinking.

As usual, all are welcome. £4, including drinks.

Lockerley Primary School

Friday, 2nd December Christmas Fayre 3.30pm - 5.30pm

> Raffle, Tombola, Games, Stalls, Winter BBQ, Refreshments and Someone Special in the Grottto!

From Dr. Jane A. Hunt

Dear Editors.

In response to your piece of last month I would like to acknowledge, in print, within *The Acorn*, that on behalf of residents of Mottisfont and Dunbridge, I would like to offer up thanks for all your work of the past 10 years and that of others named who ensure its safe delivery.

Thank you,

Jane

Thank you, Jane! - Eds., blushing somewhat...

Paper and cardboard, including envelopes, greetings cards and packaging, as well as plastic bottles, tins and cans should all be put in your brown bin for recycling. Extra recycling can be placed next to your brown bin in a large cardboard box and will be picked up by our collection teams. Unfortunately, *gift wrap must* be put in your black bin as many contain foil and plastic film which cannot be recycled.

Once the festive season is over, you can dispose of your real Christmas tree at one of our temporary collection sites across the borough. Sites will be in operation from Tuesday, 3rd January to Sunday, 15th January. Your nearest site is in the Alma Road car park, Romsey.

For more Christmas waste and recycling tips follow Recycling Stars on Facebook.

Thank you for supporting Recycling Stars in 2016.



SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2016 AND JANUARY 2017

Date	Time	Location	Service		
	8am	Broughton	Holy Communion CW		
Sunday, 4th December Advent 2	9.30am	Bossington Holy Communion BCP			
	9.30am	Broughton Bible Study			
	6pm	Mottisfont	Evensong		
Sunday, 11th December Advent 3	9.30am	Broughton	Holy Communion CW		
	9.30am	Houghton	Holy Communion CW		
	11am	Mottisfont	Messy Christingle		
Thursday, 15th December	2.30pm	Broughton	Broughton Primary School Carol Service		
Friday, 16th December	6.30pm	Bossington	Carol Service		
Sunday, 18th December	11am	Mottisfont	Carol Service		
Advent 4	6pm	Broughton	Carol Service		
Wednesday, 21st December	7pm	Houghton	Carol Service		
Saturday, 24th December	5pm	Broughton	Crib Service		
Saturday, 24th December	11.30pm	Broughton	Midnight Communion		
Sunday, 25th December Christmas Day	9.30am	Bossington	n Holy Communion BCP		
	10am	Broughton	Family Service		
	10am	Houghton	Family Communion CW		
	11am	Mottisfont	Family Communion CW		
Sunday, 1st January Christmas 1	9.30am	Bossington	Holy Communion BCP for the BENEFICE		
Sunday, 8th January 1st after the Epiphany Baptism of Christ	9.30am	Broughton	Holy Communion CW		
	11am	Mottisfont	Messy Church Club		
	6pm	Houghton	Christingle		
Sunday, 15th January Epiphany 2	8am	Broughton	Holy Communion BCP		
	9.30am	Broughton	Family Service: Christingle		
	9.30am	Mottisfont	Holy Communion BCP		
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Sunday, 22nd January Epiphany 3	11am	Mottisfont	Family Communion CW		
	6pm	Houghton	Evensong		
Sunday, 29th January Epiphany 4	9.30am	Broughton	Holy Communion CW for the BENEFICE		

Every Wednesday 9.30am St. Mary's Church, Broughton, HC BCP HC = Holy Communion; BCP = Book of Common Prayer; CW = Common Worship



Christmas is coming, the Church is glad to sing, and let the Advent candles brightly burn in a ring!



This was one of the little ditties or introductions the choir used to sing in one of my previous churches, and the words never leave my mind as we approach this time of the year. It is an exciting time as we are getting ready for something very special and unique.

Families are preparing to get together, and others are making sure that no one is intentionally left alone. But it is also unique, as it's all about the rescue of us by (of all things) a young child...The baby Jesus came to us to point the way to life and a relationship with God.

It is always so special to be able to worship again with our well-known carols, and be reminded of Christ's humble but spectacular beginnings. He was born into a humble dwelling, but with fanfares of angels. What a way to arrive from a place in heaven to humility on earth - an arrival that meant that he could encompass everyone, and no one would be excluded from the invitation to come to him.

The angels brought a really important message for us throughout all ages: 'and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy.' (Lk 2:8-10)

Fear not! Joy is coming into the world. This is the message of the angels, and that joy is available to all of us today. We can hold that Christ child in our hearts, and know that God is with us no matter what circumstances we find ourselves in.

Jesus said, 'fear not little flock for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom' (Lk 12:32). When we are linked to him in faith we are renewed as his children, and as his people, and then as such we receive the reassurance that we are God's, and no matter what happens to us in the world, God will be with us even to the end of time. We are his forever!

Please join us, bring all that you are, all your concerns, and all your thanksgivings to our Christmas services, and join with us as we celebrate the casting out of fear and the gift of faith in the New Born King!

With Christmas Blessings,

Ron Corne Rector

BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

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

Events for December

1st December: Christmas lunch 8th December: Carols and mince pies Please note: There will be no meetings in January. We will resume in February 2017.

Everyone welcome. Please come and join us.

Barbara Perry, Booking Secretary, 301466

Break-ins

There have been several break-ins in the area recently, generally to garages and outbuildings.

Be vigilant, ensure that you lock up and check regularly, and report anything that seems out of the ordinary.



Join us for late night shopping on 9th December, from 5.30pm to 9pm.

Books, CDs, cards, gifts and so much more.

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- Pedestrian safety in Mottisfont village: to implement the full scheme proposed by Hampshire Highways would cost £14,000. The Parish Council felt this would not improve the situation greatly and was not therefore a good use of parish funds. Hampshire Highways are prepared to implement a virtual footpath with a white line. The Parish Council is to suggest to Hampshire Highways that parish funds be used to implement a coloured virtual footpath in addition to a white line, as this would define a clearer walkway and therefore be more effective.
- The potholes at Mottisfont and Dunbridge station will be repaired as part of a re-surfacing project for the Lockerley Road/B3084 junction. It is estimated that this work will take between two and five days, and is due to take place on or after 12th December. Pedestrian and reasonable access to adjoining properties will be available.
- Copies of agreed Parish Council meeting minutes will be published on village notice boards when they become available.

Christmas Lantern Parade in Romsey

Lantern workshops were held at the village hall on 6th and 13th November, in preparation for the Christmas Lantern Parade in Romsey on Friday, 9th December.

The workshops were very successful, with nearly 30 lanterns completed by the mums, dads and children taking part.

The village hall was full to capacity with happy creative people!

Gordon 340129



Photo by John D. Critchley

Walking Group

The next walks are scheduled for 9th December, 13th January and 10th February. We will set off at about 9.30 – 10am, and are usually back by mid-afternoon, having stopped somewhere for a pub lunch.



We may also slot a local walk in between Christmas and the New Year.

Please telephone for details.

Gordon & Cathie, 340129

Walkies!



Friendly, reliable, trustworthy lady available to walk and care for your dog whilst you are at work.

I can collect your dog, and either walk from your home or transport them in the car for a 60 - 90 minute walk (travel time not included).

Dogs can be walked on or off the lead, regularly or as a one off if you need to go out for the day.

Last minute walks can be arranged.

I will ensure your dog will be happy and nicely tired when returned to its home after a walk.

Prices from £8.50. Please call Alice on 341568/07824 634616.

SANSARA CHOIR

St. Peter's Church, Stockbridge Monday, 12th December, 7.30

Sansara have performed twice in Stockbridge to capacity audiences. In 2015 Sansara won the 'International A Capella Choir Competition' at St. John's, Smith Square. The judges praised them for their inventive programming, ability to create varied moods, and dynamic performance style.

'Sweet was the song' is the title for their forthcoming concert of music throughout the ages celebrating Mary. This rich vein of music, composed by all the great composers, will be explored by Sansara during the evening, giving us an interesting insight into the role of Mary and the various stories attributed to her in Christian churches around the world.

PLEASE NOTE THIS CONCERT IS BEING HELD ON A MONDAY

Further information: 01264 810601, timlowden@gmail.com

Whist Drives at Mottisfont Village Hall



Our next Whist Drives will be on Friday 16th December at 7.30pm, Friday 27th January and 24th February.

The cost is just £2, and there's a draw and refreshments.

In most cases, everyone comes away with a prize!

Gordon & Cathie, 340129

Annie's Kitchen

So here we are, in our 4th week as the new owners of Annie's Kitchen, and only amazing things are happening! The new menu has been a great success, using fresh produce with vibrant flavours. Local people have been very supportive and kind. We have had great feedback from diners directly to our team, or via social media.

Our new winter Sunday roast was a great success on its launch on Sunday 13th November, with 110 roast lunches served between noon and 3pm. Fresh and plentiful, with homemade bread and apple sauce, yummy crackling, monster Yorkshire puddings and homemade stuffing, the Sunday lunch was so successful that bookings are flooding in for it. If you haven't tried it yet, then I highly recommend you do; we still have a few tables left for Sunday 4th December.

We also offer sandwiches from our Sunday sandwich specials board. The pulled pork sandwich is so good. I would say that, because I make the BBQ sauce!

Pop in and try something from our new menu, available Monday to Saturday from 9am to 5pm. Start your day with our new Mediterranean breakfast: warm sourdough bread topped with fire-roasted peppers, chorizo, crushed avocado and two poached eggs. Vegan and vegetarian options are available. Or for something more traditional, go for our full English.

For lunch tuck in to something from our new menu, like our new four cheese Mac'n'Cheese with Red Leicester, Black Bomber, Barber's Cheddar, farmhouse cheddar, and garlic bread; or our eighthour slow cooked braised lamb shank with mashed potato, honey and thyme roasted carrots and parsnips with a minted gravy.

If you want to keep it simple you could go for good old honey glazed ham, soft poached hen's egg, mixed leaf salad and double-cooked chunky chips.

If you want something light, try a selection of warm mixed bread, olives, and dipping oils, a homemade soup, or salmon and cod fishcake, crushed minted peas, homemade tartare sauce, and soft poached hen's egg.

Dark chocolate and amaretto cheesecake

This recipe serves 8 people.

Ingredients:

200g melted dark chocolate 400g full fat soft cream cheese 50g amaretto 1 packet of amaretto biscuits (150g) 50g melted butter 100g double cream

How to make it:

Grease the edges of an 8-inch loose bottomed tin, and line with baking paper. Blitz the amaretto biscuits in a blender, or place the biscuits in a sealed bag and hit with a rolling pin, until all broken up. Then melt



Kate Buchan, Catering Supervisor at Annie's Kitchen

the butter and mix it with the crushed biscuits. Make an even layer of the mixture in the bottom of the tin, and chill it in the fridge while making the filling.

Beat the cream cheese until soft, and then add the cream and the amaretto, mixing to loosen the cheese. Once this is thoroughly mixed, melt the dark chocolate and leave it to cool slightly. Then pour the chocolate into the cheese mix, and gently combine the two. If it is not sweet enough, add a little icing sugar.

Retrieve the chilled base from the fridge. Put the cheesecake mix in a layer on top of the base, and then knock it gently on the table so that any air at the bottom of the tin is removed. Once the mix is spread evenly, return the tin to the fridge to chill overnight for the best result.

Once thoroughly chilled, remove the cheesecake from the tin, and discard the paper lining. Using a hot clean knife, cut the cheesecake, wiping the knife each time so you get a clean cut. Serve without delay.

If sandwiches are your thing then hold tight, as we have some new and tasty sandwiches like the Fishwich, with homemade vodka-battered fish fingers, homemade tartare sauce and crispy lettuce, or Brie with red onion marmalade, rocket and sun blushed tomatoes.

If you are feeling really brave, try our Annie's triple club sandwich with corn-fed chicken, farmhouse cheddar, tomato, crisp gem lettuce, cucumber, egg mayonnaise, crispy bacon and crushed avocado.

If you just want to relax with some homemade cakes or scones with a selection of teas and coffees, then come to Annie's Tea Room.

We are also launching our Christmas Party menu, available from Thursday 1st December.

To find out more about our new menu, our Christmas Party menu or to book a table, please call us on 340777.



MOTTISFONT SOCIAL CLUB

With winter fast approaching, the club is involved in many competitive leagues:

Mondays: Snooker and Ladies' Darts

Tuesdays: Billiards and a new Ladies' Darts team

playing in the Eastleigh League

Wednesdays: Pool League, which is run by the club **Thursdays**: Crib League, and also there is Bingo -

don't forget the club opens at 5pm

Fridays: Men's Darts League, and don't forget the

Club opens at 5pm

Sundays: Skittles League also run by the club.

If you are interested in any of these, please come to the club and speak to Linda or a committee member.

WHAT'S ON AT THE CLUB

Saturday, 3rd December: 2pm to 5pm, Children's Christmas Party for club members and all village children aged 11 years and under. Presents, food and entertainment all provided.

Saturday, 10th December: 9pm, Christmas Meat Draw

Saturday, 17th December: 9pm, Big Christmas Draw

Saturday, 31st December: 7pm, New Year's Eve Disco. Come and see the new year in at your local club.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Chair: Jeff Channing, tel: 340555 Clerk: Sue Holder, tel: 340130

The next Parish Council meetings will be held at Mottisfont Village Hall

at

7.30pm on Wednesday, 18th January 7.30pm on Wednesday, 15th March

Do come and join in!

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From the recent Parish Council meeting

Here are a few points from the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday, 23rd November:

- Louise Govier reported that the National Trust car park is to be redesigned to make it more efficient. Any plans will require planning permission.
- Parliamentary boundary changes: the
 Government's aim is to have an electorate of 75,000
 per constituency, and changes are still under
 discussion. The proposal is that Mottisfont, as part
 of the Dun Valley, should become part of New
 Forest East constituency. The Parish Council is in
 favour of Mottisfont being part of the proposed Test
 Valley constituency. It was agreed that Mottisfont
 should join other local Parish Councils in making
 their objection to the proposed

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

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Art Group		Gordon Wood	340129			Trish Armstrong	341120	
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History Group		Michael Horne	340105		Steward	Linda Holmes	340521	
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			861138		Private Hire	Julie Smith	301470	
Kimbridge Restaul	rant				Operations	Peter Broome	301506	
& Annies Tearoom	ns	Allan Gray	340777	Village Hall	Chairman	Lynn Young	340134	
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Mottisfont Abbey	Gen. Manager	Louise Govier	344001	W.I.	Secretary	Valda White	368346	
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Parish Council	Clerk	Sue Holder	340130	Police	Village	Joanna Cole	101	
C	Chairman	Jeff Channing			0	(request to be put through to Romsey to		
	Councillors John Millns		340347		speak to Joanna Cole)		., .,	
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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