



Mottisfont & Dunbridge

# ACORN



The Village Newsletter

June 2017

## Speed Enforcement in Dunbridge

On 22nd May, a police Speed Enforcement Van went into action near the top of Barley Hill.

Following complaints from local residents about traffic speed, Mottisfont Parish Council had sent a request to the Police and Crime Commissioner, who responded to the Council's concerns.



The operator of the van said that the intention was to return later in the week, and again a number of times over the next few months.

The van is quite conspicuous, and quite a lot of sharp braking could be seen, especially by cars coming down the hill. It's not known how many people were caught, but a motorcycle was seen overtaking another vehicle and passing the police van at considerably more than 30mph.

## MOBILE FISH & CHIP VAN

Unfortunately Dawn and Keith's van has to go into the garage for repairs on 6th June, so they won't be able to come to Dunbridge on 7th as planned. The repairs will only take a day or two, so they plan to come on Wednesday 14th June instead. They will be at their usual spot in Mill Rise from 5 – 6 p.m.

Pat & Dave Francis



## Mottisfont Fete

13th August, 1pm – 4.30pm

## Your fete needs you!!

There's a job to suit everyone! You can run a stall, game or children's activity, organise the tug of war, help with teas or cake stall (baking goodies or on the stall), make and serve the Pimm's, do some BBQ-ing, help with car parking, etc.

Please contact Ali McKay (341971) or Michael Horne (340105) or come to the fete meeting on the last Tuesday of the month at the Village Hall.

Also.....

**The Great Mottisfont Bake Off**

and

**The Scarecrow Contest**

are back again this year!! So start planning your entries. More information next month.

## Waste Dumping and Fly-tipping

There have been a number of problems recently with illegal dumping of waste. A case in point is an assortment of household waste which was dumped at the glass recycling point in the car park of the Mill Arms. Recycling points may only be used to deposit the materials specified on the containers; other items must be disposed of at the proper facilities.

Waste is defined as any substance or object which the holder discards or intends to discard.

The Environmental Protection Act makes it an offence to deposit waste not in accordance with a  
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## For Sale

**Black dog cage** with metal tray, two doors 24" x 36" x 28" plus black plastic dog basket 30" x 20". £20.

Margaret 341922

The deadline for inclusion of items in the July edition of the Acorn is 16th June.  
Please email items to [acornnews@mandercom.co.uk](mailto:acornnews@mandercom.co.uk).



## National Trust

hopefully raised a bit of money for the local community.

It was also great to see John Surplice and his beautiful pieces revealing the hearts of fallen trees from the estate. We also recently celebrated some rather special new tree growth with John – a few years ago, he harvested an acorn from the Oakley Oak (or Mottisfont Oak), and grew it into a sapling. Our Countryside rangers Cat and Ryan recently planted this youngster within sight of the 'mother tree', so that even when the majestic ancient oak comes to the end of its life, its genetic material will live on nearby. Thank you, John, that really is fantastic future planning!

The recent warm weather has brought on all the plants in the walled garden, and while Jonny the Head Gardener always adds the proviso that things can change at any point, it's looking as if the roses may start to bloom a little earlier than they have in the last few years. We'll be marking out spaces in the car park as we did at Easter to maximise the number of spaces, and we have additional car parking staff booked in from the late May Bank holiday onwards. Details of our late evening opening are in the events listing on this page, or for a really special experience, you could come to the Wine and Roses evening hosted by St. Andrew's on Wednesday 21st June.

As ever, you're always welcome to bring the kids in to play or for some half term fun, or you may prefer to take advantage of the relative calm of May to pop in to see the exhibition of Shell posters, which is proving popular.

With all best wishes and hope to see you soon,

Louise Govier  
General Manager, Mottisfont & SW Hants Group

### In the gardens...

Rose season - Throughout June  
It's that time of year again. Our walled gardens are filled with heavenly fragrance and colour from thousands of flowers as the National Collection of old-fashioned roses put on their spectacular display.

Unlike modern species, old-fashioned roses tend to flower just once a year, so their full summer

As I write, we're having our first sprinkle of rain for some time, much needed for the gardens (if not the car parks!). Luckily it hadn't quite arrived by the time of our Countryside Day, so we had a lovely day including the excitement of the truck racing down the Abbey Stream. Many thanks to all involved, it was great fun and

blooming is an extraordinary annual sight. The roses are surrounded by deep herbaceous borders, which provide changing displays from June - October. The borders are packed with plants chosen for their structure, scent and wide colour palette.

Join one of our garden team from 2-3pm daily throughout June as they answer your gardening questions.

On some evenings during June, our gardens stay open a little later, giving you more opportunities to enjoy this experience. On Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays 8th - 10th, 15th - 17th and 22nd - 24th June our gardens will be open up until 8pm (last entry into property 7pm, house closes at normal time of 5pm).

### In the gallery...

Discovering Britain: the Shell Heritage Art Collection  
Saturday 6 May – Sunday 2 July 11am – 5pm  
Iconic landscape images that promoted escape and adventure from the 1920s to the 1950s. On show will be posters and original paintings by artists such as Paul Nash, Graham Sutherland, Edward McKnight Kauffer and Vanessa Bell, some of whom feature in Mottisfont's own collection.

The works reflect a diversity of artistic styles emerging in Britain after the First World War, and explore the British countryside through images of inspiring landscapes and historic landmarks. The exhibition also includes some of the famous Shell guides, valentine cards and film.

### Keep in touch...

Visit our website, [nationaltrust.org.uk/mottisfont](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/mottisfont), to keep up to date with things to see and do.

You can also find us on social media – look out for us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter @MottisfontNT for regular updates.

## JUMBLE SALE

**Mottisfont & Dunbridge Village Hall**

**Saturday 17th June  
at 2 pm.**

*All proceeds will go towards Village Hall funds*

If you have any jumble or can help on the day please contact:

Pat & Dave Francis 340609  
or  
Michael Horne 340105

## The WI



Richard Tanner was the speaker at this month's meeting, and his subject was 'Living with Jane Austin'. He took us back to the time of his grandfather, who was the gardener at the Austin's home, and brought the subject back to present times.

Members were treated to lovely cup cakes, tea and coffee, during a break in the evening. This was followed by the AGM when a committee of seven members was chosen for 2016/2017.

Thanks were expressed to Valda White and Sheila Line, both of whom were standing down from the committee. Mary Batten was re-elected as President for the coming year.

We are starting to collect bric-a-brac for the stall at Mottisfont fete in August, and any contributions will be gratefully received. If collection is required, please telephone Cathie Wood on 340129.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 13th June at 7.30 in Mottisfont Village Hall. The speaker will be Tasha Ault, talking about 'The Rat Race Syndrome' and how to deal with the stress and problems of modern life. Guests and visitors will be very welcome at this meeting.

Mary Batten

You are invited to  
**Summer Drinks and Canapes**  
**Wednesday 14 June - 6.30 pm**



Join us in the  
beautiful  
**Walled  
Garden  
of  
Houghton  
Lodge  
SO20 6LQ**



Tickets: £12.50 pp (in advance only, please) available from:

Julie Moldon      01794 388204      [jmmoldon@googlemail.com](mailto:jmmoldon@googlemail.com)

Sue Marshall      01794 388538      [susanmarshall42@icloud.com](mailto:susanmarshall42@icloud.com)

*Proceeds in aid of Friends of All Saints' Church, Houghton*

Dear Friends,

As the year goes swiftly by, we are now at that heady point in June - approaching mid-summer - when flowers and trees are at their loveliest and all Creation sings in perfect harmony.

Surrounded as we are by some of the most glorious gardens in Hampshire, we are spoilt for choice when it comes to deciding which one to visit. However, this month we have a number of unique opportunities right here within our parishes:

- on 14th June, the walled garden at Houghton Lodge will be open for a special evening;
- on 21st June, the rose garden at Mottisfont Abbey will also hold an evening event;
- on 25th June several of the private gardens in Broughton will be open for our benefit.

So why not come along to celebrate the wonder of this summer season?

Roses in particular weave a power and a magic of their own, but everywhere we look there are glimpses of extraordinary beauty. Over the years, gardens have inspired artists, poets, and musicians to compose some of their most memorable work. The bible story of the Creation features a garden, a paradise where God walked in the cool of the evening, and on the first Easter Day, Jesus was seen in a garden, an occurrence which has brought hope and joy to all his followers ever since.

These are just some of the reasons why people find gardens to be places of both solace and delight, and most probably prompted Dorothy Gurney to write in her poem:



The kiss of the sun for pardon,  
The song of the birds for mirth,  
One is nearer God's heart in a garden  
Than anywhere else on earth.

With blessings,

Gina

## BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

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

### Events for June

- 1st June: Mr. Bill Thompson
- 8th June: Mr. Philip Mutton
- 15th June: Members Meeting
- 22nd June: Mrs. Margaret Pickett
- 29th June: Mrs. Sally Ratcliffe (The Boaz Project)

Everyone welcome. Please come and join us.

Barbara Perry,  
Booking Secretary, 301466

## CHURCH SERVICES FOR JUNE 2017

	4th June Pentecost	11th June Trinity	18th June Trinity 1	25th June Trinity 2
8.00 am	<b>BROUGHTON</b> HC CW	-	<b>BROUGHTON</b> HC BCP	-
9.30 am	<b>BOSSINGTON</b> HC BCP ..... <b>BROUGHTON</b> The Bible Uncovered	<b>BROUGHTON</b> HC CW ..... <b>HOUGHTON</b> HC CW	<b>BROUGHTON</b> Pet Service In the Henderson's field behind St Mary's Church. ..... <b>MOTTISFONT</b> Holy Communion BCP	<b>BROUGHTON</b> Family Communion CW
11.00 am	-	<b>MOTTISFONT</b> Messy Church Club	-	<b>MOTTISFONT</b> Family Communion CW
6.00 pm	<b>MOTTISFONT</b> Evensong	-	<b>BOSSINGTON</b> Meditation	<b>HOUGHTON</b> Evensong

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

## FROM THE QUIET GARDEN AT LOPCOMBE

In these troubled times when people frequently say that they feel sad about happenings in their own lives and in others, I invite people to visit our Quiet Garden to find peace. Some say, 'I would love to come but I don't know how to pray', or 'can you just say a prayer for me'. These statements are actually sad to me, as I know I can always turn to God if I am feeling sad, as He is there always in whatever situation I am in.

Our garden is open to you all. Many people are a little afraid of enquiring if they can come. Please do give me a ring, because that's why our garden was created. It was to give a safe place for people to just be. Nothing will be asked of you, and there is always a welcome and some refreshments waiting. If you need some help with prayer or meditation, the help is here, or if you just need to spend some time on your own, you can here!

Our Quiet Garden, and others all over the world (over 300), are places where people can go to find a Quiet Place, just for them. The number of Quiet Gardens is actually growing, and every one is different. There are three within a five mile radius of our home. So there is a great need locally. They are interdenominational and for people who are still searching.

Please call us, Ann & Brian, on 01980 862232.

*Quiet Gardens is a local initiative and resource for people from your area. They are accessible, friendly, and adaptable to local needs, and aim to be places where people can find welcome, stillness and spiritual refreshment. This is a statement from The Quiet Garden Organisation, [www.quietgarden.org](http://www.quietgarden.org).*

## The Thomas Dowse's Charity What do we do? Can we help?

The Thomas Dowse's Charity is able to provide grants to individuals up to the age of 25, living in Broughton, Bossington, Mottisfont and Dunbridge.

The grants are for educational purposes, including such things as the cost of school trips, music tuition, overseas educational trips, uniform, swimming lessons, transport to educational establishments, laptops, and books.

Here are a few of the thank you messages we have received recently:

*"I've recently returned from my rugby tour ... a massive thank you for your donation"*

*"... we are so thrilled, it will be such a help to us ..."*

*"Thank you very much for the donation. It is much needed and will help me so much over the next year."*

*"We are so pleased. He is going to have an amazing first trip. Thank you."*

Applications are treated in strict confidence. Applicants must demonstrate need, but there is no means testing.

Applications for consideration at the next meeting should be received by the secretary by Sunday, 4th June.

Grant application forms are available from St. Mary's Church, Broughton, Mottisfont Church, Broughton Primary School, or by email from [tinastuart1 at gmail dot com](mailto:tinastuart1@gmail.com).

## Test Valley Villages lecture: Wednesday 21st June, 8pm Broughton Village Hall

**Speaker: Dr Louise Govier, General Manager and Curator, Mottisfont Abbey**

### Looking at Art: a Practical Guide

If you've ever stood in an art gallery and thought that you could be getting more out of your visit, this is the talk for you. Dr. Govier will share tips drawn from years spent exploring art with people who don't have specialist knowledge but are interested in looking and thinking about what they can see. You'll come away with a toolkit of questions and approaches to try for yourself.

Louise is General Manager of the Mottisfont and South West Hampshire group of National Trust properties, and curates exhibitions for the art gallery at Mottisfont. Before joining the National Trust, Louise worked for The Art Fund, was an art history lecturer and was Head of Adult Learning at the National Gallery. Her books include 'One Hundred Great Paintings' (Yale University Press / National Gallery, 2010).

All are welcome. Entry £4, includes a glass of wine or juice. Full time students free.

## Boot Camp is coming...

Would you like to get fitter and have fun at the same time? Whatever your level, come along. You'll be trained by a top class professional fitness coach.

The training will help increase all round fitness through both cardio and strength training.

Boot Camp will be held at the Mottisfont Village hall lawns on Tuesdays at 6pm from 6th June.  
£6 per person.

To secure your place, please email Stanny\_16 at yahoo dot co dot uk (type it as you would read it).

Any questions? Call Alex Stanbridge  
on 07999 306067

## Scarecrows for the Fete

Now is the time to start to plan your new scarecrow masterpiece in readiness for our fete in August.

I'm sure everyone must agree that last year's scarecrows, our first year of inclusion in the fete, were a terrific success.

They all looked fantastic popping up all around the village, and showed lots of talent.

So get planning, and create your new scarecrow!

Best of luck.

Gordon  
340129



## Art Group

The Art Group meets every Thursday at the Village Hall, between 2 and 4pm.

Come along and get your creative side active!

Everyone will be welcome.

Gordon 340129



## Parish Council

At its AGM on 17 May, the Parish Council welcomed as a new parish councillor Peter Barnett, who has volunteered following a number of advertisements to fill the vacant seat. Jeff Channing was re-elected chair, and Julia Barnett as deputy.

Councillors agreed to lead on particular themes, including Andy Simmonds on transport issues, and Gareth Jenkins on police liaison.

The Parish Council agreed to make a contribution to the Village Hall's fund to maintain the defibrillators (although we have since learned that sufficient money has been raised this year by the Village Hall Committee) and agreed to obtain quotations to set up a parish website. If you have views on what the website should contain, please contact Jeff or Peter.

Parish Council meetings for the remainder of 2017 will be on:

**Wednesday, 12th July**  
**Wednesday, 20th September**  
**Wednesday, 22nd November**

## Sir Humphrey? Never!

A senior politician found that civil servants were always obstructive, with "a difficulty for every solution".

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Ronald Reagan, the oldest man ever to be elected US president was once described as "a triumph of the embalmer's art".

## Lockerley Primary School Open Morning

**Wednesday 7th June 9.30am to 12 noon**

We would like to invite the local community and all current and prospective parents to visit our school on Wednesday 7th June. This will be an opportunity to meet the staff, tour the school and see the children in their learning environment.

This is also our 'Bring a Bear' to school day, so please remember to bring a furry friend! If you would like to stay for our Teddy Bears Picnic from 12 noon until 1pm, please bring a packed lunch.

For further details or to arrange an alternative time to visit please contact Julie Black, the School Admin Officer, on 340485 or call into school.

**Lockerley Primary School Bizarre Bazaar**  
**Friday 7th July 5-7pm**

Bar, BBQ, tombola, raffle, family games & bouncy castle. All welcome!

## Calling all children: Recycling Stars needs you!

Recycling Stars is giving children across Test Valley another chance to see their artwork on the side of a collection vehicle. This summer, children are invited to design a poster to encourage everybody to reduce their food waste and save money.



The average UK family throws away £700 worth of food a year; that's £60 a month. More than half of the food we throw away can be eaten. Saving food is not just about reducing your food bill though. It takes a great deal of resources such as water, energy, fuel and packaging to produce food, all of which can be saved if we only bought what we could eat.

The competition launched on Monday 15th May and the deadline for entries is Friday 9th June. Two winning designs will be chosen and each made into a specialist promotional panel for our waste collection vehicles. The prize winners will also win their school £100 of books or school equipment, and a £25 book token and some Recycling Stars goodies for themselves. The winning designs will be revealed during July. To find out more and download an entry form, visit [www.testvalley.gov.uk/competition](http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/competition).

For hints, tips and information to help your family reduce food waste and save money, visit [www.lovefoodhatewaste.com](http://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com).

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waste management licence. Magistrates can impose a sentence of up to 12 months in prison and/or an unlimited fine for such an offence.

Illegal deposits of waste should be reported to Test Valley Borough Council, either online or using one of their mobile phone apps.

### Did you know?

Householders have a duty of care to ensure that their waste is properly disposed of, and are required by law to check that anyone removing waste from their property is authorised to do so. If you use a private contractor to remove household, garden or construction waste, ensure that they are a registered waste carrier, and keep a record of their waste carrier number.

## Annie's Kitchen and Tea Room

Hello and welcome to Annie's Kitchen and Tea Room news blog.

As I write this, we are fast approaching the Whitsun bank holiday. The sun is out, and fingers crossed it stays that way for the bank holiday.

We are open all over the holiday, 9am - 9pm, with our new brilliant value children's 99p meal deal.

Maybe you just want somewhere to have a relaxing drink? Come into Annie's and either sit in our cosy lounge barn or enjoy the open air courtyard; both will provide a great area to socialise and have a drink with friends.

So what's ahead?

June will see the return of our ever popular Jazz, Blues and Swing Nights, starting on 14th June, at £16.95pp which includes a hot buffet. It starts at 7pm, so book now and don't miss out. And put 26th July in your diary for the next Jazz Night.

Also there is the return of our Fantastic Fish Fridays, offering such classics as fish and chips, lobster thermidor (on pre-order) and mussels in a white wine, garlic and herb cream sauce, plus much more.

Please pop in or go to our website to see the new menu.

Look out for our up and coming new and exciting summer specials, such as the Golden Oldies, smaller portions for smaller appetites, 2 for 1 in June with a voucher from the Test Gazette.

Also, if you have a party planned for 10 or more, in June, we are offering 10% off all bookings, Monday to Friday, between 12pm and 8pm, made, confirmed and deposit paid.

Maybe on your visit to us, take the opportunity to have look around Owton's Farm Shop, with many changes (all for the better!), and with an amazing range of food and drink.

Visit our website or follow us on our Facebook page to take full advantage of our special deals through the summer.

[www.annieskitchen.co.uk](http://www.annieskitchen.co.uk)  
[enquiries@annieskitchen.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@annieskitchen.co.uk)  
Kimbridge Lane, Timsbury  
SO51 0LE

## MOTTISFONT SOCIAL CLUB

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 June:** The Kate Fryer Memorial Skittles Evening, in aid of Romsey Hospital. 8pm start.

**9th, 10th & 11th June:** The Mottisfont Social Club **Beer Festival**. A weekend of fun with music, hog roast and different beers to try. On 9th June it starts at 5pm; 10th June from 4pm, with entertainment from Evie Armour in the evening and BBQ; 11th June from 12pm, with entertainment from Joe Mongan and Paisley Jones between 7 & 10pm.

**Saturday 29th July:** Disco from 8pm, to celebrate the beginning of the school summer holidays.

## Post Offices in the area

Here are some of the Post Offices in the area around Mottisfont. For a more comprehensive list, see [www.postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder](http://www.postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder).



### Lockerley

Lockerley and East Dean War Memorial Hall, Butts Green, Lockerley, SO51 0JG  
Monday & Thursday 9:30am – 1:30pm

### Sherfield English

Hill Farm Caravan Park, Branches Lane, Sherfield English, SO51 6FH  
Caravan park: Tel: 01794 340402  
Monday to Friday: 8:00am – 5:00pm  
Saturday: 8:30am – 4:00pm.

### Broughton

West View Stores, High Street, Broughton, SO20 8AX Tel. 0345 6112970  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 09:00-17:30  
Wednesday: 9:00am - 4:30pm  
Saturday: 9:00am - 12:30pm

### West Tytherley

West Tytherley Village Stores, West Tytherley, SP5 1NF  
Tuesday, Friday: 9:30am - 1:00pm

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

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Mill Arms		(Vacant)	340401		Secretary	Lynn Young	340134
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	Councillors	Julia Barnett	340793			(request to be put through to Romsey to speak to Joanna Cole)	
		Peter Barnett	340793			Non-emergency calls	101

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