



Mottisfont & Dunbridge

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The Village Newsletter

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Where is Little Dunbridge?

As a genealogist, I am keen to learn more about the history of Mottisfont & Dunbridge.

The 1891 Census for Mottisfont parish refers twice to 'Little Dunbridge', with family surnames Bendle and Reed (farm employees) being listed.

Might anyone be able to shed any light on the location of Little Dunbridge?

I was recently trawling the 1861 and 1891 Censuses and found reference to several families listed at Dunbridge 'Work House'.

Fortunately an explanation is forthcoming in Maureen Westwood's book about Mottisfont & Dunbridge: when they became old, the workers of the Barker-Mill Estate were able to live rent free in one of four Almshouses (as they are more commonly known).

Might anyone still have an old bill head from Fletcher's Stores Dunbridge?

If anyone is interested in old maps of the parish or elsewhere a good resource is National Library of Scotland (NLS) <http://maps.nls.uk/> which includes side by side options showing the old and the new for Mottisfont parish – see this link: <http://maps.nls.uk/geo/explore/side-by-side/#zoom=15&lat=51.0373&lon=-1.5421&layers=168&right=BingHyb>

If you have information on the above, kindly contact Martin Fletcher by email: mf-dot-rivendell-at-hot-mail-dot-com (remove the dashes, and replace "at" with "@" and "dot" with ".")

The late Cynthia Fletcher

Angus, Martin & family would like to thank those attending Cynthia's funeral and for any contributions to The Alzheimers Society. A total of £235 has gratefully been raised.

Martin Fletcher

Mottisfont Village Fete 13th August

Once again our fabulous fete was a roaring success, attracting many people to enjoy themselves whilst providing some valuable funding to maintain our village hall.

The total raised after expenses was approximately £2,566. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people involved, who are too numerous to mention. They include the stall holders, entertainment providers, and the many volunteers who helped to make the day possible.

Village Hall Committee

Funds raised for Cancer Research

With the agreement of her family, we gathered together all the handicrafts that used to belong to Helen Charlton, which included bags, hats, scarves, wool, tapestry, fabrics, etc., and decided to sell them on a stall at the village fete on 13th August.

Thanks to everyone's generosity, and in particular the assistance of Ann Stone on the stall, we raised £485, and this has now been donated to Cancer Research UK. All the items not sold on the day have either been taken to the Cancer Research shop in Church Street, Romsey, or donated to related cancer charities.

We think Helen would have been very pleased.

Cathie, Julia and Margaret.

Did you lose anything at the fete?

I have a child's green and blue tracksuit top, a book and gift for Amy Harris who won the children's cake completion, and a white and blue cake plate. Ring 340105 to claim them.

FISH & CHIPS

The Happy Fryer will be in Mill Rise on Wednesday 4th October, at the usual time: between 5 and 6pm.

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



**National
Trust**

Hello everyone,

Hope you've all had a good summer, despite dodging a few rain showers! We've had a good number of visitors in over the summer, including lots to see the Gruffalo and Friends exhibition and to do the trail. The overflow car parks have worked well, and as we head into

the quieter months, we're planning to make some improvements to our main car parks, marking out bays and improving the flow.

As ever, we've got a few projects in the pipeline – we're hoping to start work soon on creating a new garden in our frameyard, the first part of the walled garden, the section that used to be the car park back in the early days of the property being open to the public. Jonny Norton, our Head Gardener (and local resident, living appropriately enough in Gardener's Cottage) has developed a beautiful design for a productive garden inspired by Mottisfont's past, which uses long cloister-like pergolas and raised beds that will be filled with herbs, squashes and soft fruits. This garden will also start to tell the story of our roses, from their ancient and medieval roots onwards.

At the same time, we'll be putting in a new eco-friendly sewerage system to deal with waste from the frameyard loos and a few nearby properties. This will be located in our farmyard area, so you'll probably see some work going on there, but it shouldn't impact the village. We also need to replace the fence at the edge of the property from Hazel Cottage down to the car park entrance. I was really hoping that we could move this back a few feet to give more room for pedestrians, but as we've established over several Parish Council meetings, this just isn't possible. The fence has to attach to existing concrete posts, and moving them would be a massive job. The ground slopes away severely at several points, and there are a number of large mature trees (and a stream!) also in the way. The work should only take a couple of weeks, but the contractors may need to request either traffic lights or daytime road closure periods for safety. If so, this would be outside of peak traffic times.

We're starting to get autumn colour around the grounds already, and there's lots in the house with the Kaffe Fassett textile exhibition, so do pop in if you can. Our new autumn menu has just launched, and for those organised souls amongst you, the Christmas ranges have arrived in the shop (too soon for me!).

See you soon,

With all best wishes,

Louise Govier
General Manager, Mottisfont & SW Hants Group

In the gallery...

**Kaffe Fassett's Colour at Mottisfont
Until Sunday 14 January 2018 11am-5pm (closing
at 4pm from Monday 30 October)**

Celebrating the dazzling work of world-renowned artist Kaffe Fassett, this vibrant exhibition showcases a wide range of textiles from a career spanning over 50 years. Our gallery has been transformed with pools of colour, providing the perfect backdrop for Kaffe's distinctive knitwear, tapestry, quilts and more.

In the grounds...

Autumn colour

Our gardens are ablaze with colour in autumn, decorated with glowing colours from October through to November. We're home to the National Collection of plane trees, which includes the great plane, thought to be the largest of its kind in Britain. Framing the east side of the house, this veteran tree boasts a dazzling autumn display. Another star of our colourful show is the hornbeam, which explodes into a canopy of orange and scarlet. Chestnut trees lining the upper half of our main pathway glow with yellow-orange leaves. Two tulip trees also come into their own during this season, as their acid green summer foliage turns a magnificent pale gold. A fresh walk through the gardens offers opportunities to take in these stunning sights. Take a stroll along the river, where the crystal clear waters of the Test reflect the colours of the season. We offer daily guided walks, too - just chat to one of our outdoor guides to find out what's on offer when you visit.

Land Art

Saturday 14 – Sunday 15 October 10am-5pm

Help create large-scale pieces of temporary art, using natural materials found in the grounds. These free sessions are suitable for all the family. We've created some incredible spectacles in previous years - what will we make this year?

Autumn colour creative workshops

Saturday 21 – Sunday 22 October 10am-5pm

Drop-in creative workshops with artists Daniel Lobb and Laurence Rushby, inspired by the autumn colours of our gardens. Test Valley Arts Foundation is a charitable organisation set up to inspire creative development and champion arts in the Test Valley area.

For families...

October half-term

Saturday 21 - Sunday 29 October 10am-5pm

Inspired by Kaffe Fassett's colourful exhibition in our gallery, create an autumn patchwork with your own drawings and natural materials. Add your drawings of feathers, tree bark and more to your patchwork trail sheet, as well as colourful leaves and crunchy twigs. At the end of the trail, you'll have the chance to make a frame for your finished artwork out of natural materials. Suggested donation £1 per trail.

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The WI



We welcomed six visitors from neighbouring WI's, and Dr. Alick Jones, who gave an illustrated talk on garden weeds and wild flowers. The slides showed a variety of weeds and wild flowers that may be desirable or not in our gardens. An interesting subject, and enjoyed by all members present.

We had another very successful stall at the Mottisfont Fete and some of the proceeds will be donated to local organisations.

Specials thanks to Farmer Jenkins who arrived in his trusty red steed to help ferry boxes from the scout hut to the stall. Also lots of thanks to Chris Egg for helping to set up tables and the gazebo, and thanks to the ladies who helped set up and run the stall. Thanks also to Cathie Wood for all her hard work in the weeks before the fete.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 10th October at 7.30pm in Mottisfont & Dunbridge Village Hall. The speaker on this occasion will be Mr. Birchmore, talking about 'Graphology - your character in your handwriting'. Visitors will be very welcome to come along and have an interesting evening, and a cup of tea or coffee.

Mary Batten

Test Valley Lecture Series

The next event is on
Wednesday 18th October
in Broughton Village Hall at 8pm
Speaker: Matthew Campbell,
Foreign Features Editor, The Sunday Times

Good news and fake news; the changing face of journalism.

With so many new sources of information available to us, newspapers might not survive for much longer in their present form. But Matthew Campbell argues that good journalism deserves all our support in an age of fake news, click bait and Google algorithms.

Matthew Campbell has been a foreign correspondent for almost three decades, covering most of the world's hot spots including wars in Africa and the Middle East. He began his career at Reuters in Central America, where he was posted as Managua Bureau Chief before joining The Sunday Times. He was the paper's correspondent in Moscow, Washington and in Paris, where he lived for 15 years.

All are welcome. Entry £4 to include a glass of wine or soft drink.

OPEN MORNING AND MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING WEDNESDAY 18TH OCTOBER 9.30AM TO 12 NOON

We would like to invite the local community and all current and prospective parents to visit our Lockerley Primary School on Wednesday 18th October. This will be an opportunity to meet the staff, tour the school and see the children in their learning environment.

We are supporting the MacMillan Coffee Morning on this day, and refreshments will be served in the main hall from 8.45am. We look forward to welcoming you.

For further details please contact Julie Black, the School Admin Officer, on 340485, or call into school.

Applications for children due to start primary and junior school in September 2018 will open on Tuesday 1 November 2017 at www.hants.gov.uk/admissions

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Keep in touch...

Visit our website, 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.

STOCKBRIDGE CINEMA

Friday 13th October at 7.30pm: La Traviata (12A)

This is a 'recorded live' film of Richard Eyre's 2016 Royal Opera House version of La Traviata. One of Verdi's most popular and enduring operas, it tells the story of the Parisian courtesan Violetta Valéry, one of opera's greatest heroines, based on the real-life courtesan Marie Duplessis, who died in 1847 aged just 23.

Wednesday 18 October at 4.30pm and 7.30pm: Their Finest (12A)

Starring Gemma Arterton, Sam Claflin and Bill Nighy. 1940, and with the nation bowed down by war, the British ministry turns to propaganda films to boost morale at home. The team of scriptwriters set out to make an epic feature film, based on the Dunkirk rescue and starring a gloriously vain former matinee idol, to warm the hearts of a nation.

Proceeds from this film are being donated to the Southampton and Winchester Visitors Group (SWVG).

Films showing at Stockbridge Town Hall, SO20 6HE. Doors open 30 minutes before the start time. Tickets £5.00 from Garden Inn and John Robinson in Stockbridge, or online via our website www.stockbridgecinema.org.uk.

STEWARDING AT ROMSEY ABBEY

There are always stewards present in Romsey Abbey during the daytime, wearing identifying robes and welcoming all visitors. We operate a rota, with two stewards on each two hour duty, to give a welcoming feel to everyone coming in.

If you don't have working commitments every day, can you spare a couple of hours every fortnight to be a steward?

Volunteers to stand in for absences, and help at weekends, are most needed at the moment. We operate a weekly email request system for convenience.

If you can say 'Welcome to Romsey Abbey' or 'Have you come far?' you could do it! And as a newcomer you would have an experienced co-steward for company. An initial walk round and induction is also given before you start.

Stewards come from all faiths, and none. Romsey Abbey offers so much to the local area, and your support would make a real difference.

Why not send me an email with your questions at sheilalTIMER-at-hot-mail-dot-com*, or give me a ring on 523120?

Sheila Latimer
Stewards' Co-ordinator

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BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

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

Events for October

5th October: 84th Anniversary Service
12th October: Mr. Malcolm Green
19th October: Members' Meeting
26th October: Mr. Lee Phillipson (Sasra)

84th Anniversary Service

This year's Bright Hour Anniversary Service will be held in St. Mary's Church on 5th October at 2:30pm.

The guest speaker will be Mr. Chris Lloyd, who is the Founder and Chair of Trustees of Education Uganda. This registered charity was formed in 2006 with the aim of improving primary school education in Uganda by the use of individual blackboards, known as slates. Chris will be speaking about his involvement with the organisation over the years. Education Uganda operates a twinning scheme between Hampshire and Kasese District Primary Schools; Broughton School is twinned with Kajwenge Primary School in Kasese.

Please come and join us for an interesting and informative afternoon.
Tea will be served in Broughton Village Hall after the service.

Everyone welcome, please come and join us.

Barbara Perry, Booking Secretary, 301466

CHURCH SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2017

	1st October TRINITY 16	8th October TRINITY 17	15th October TRINITY 18	22nd October TRINITY 19	29th October BIBLE SUNDAY
8.00 am	BROUGHTON HC CW	-	BROUGHTON HC BCP	-	-
9.30 am	BOSSINGTON HC BCP BROUGHTON The Bible Uncovered	BROUGHTON HC CW HOUGHTON HC CW	BROUGHTON Family Service MOTTISFONT HC BCP	BROUGHTON Family Communion CW	HOUGHTON HC CW for the Benefice
11.00 am	-	MOTTISFONT Messy Church Club	-	MOTTISFONT Family Communion CW	-
6.00 pm	MOTTISFONT Evensong	-	BOSSINGTON Meditation	HOUGHTON Songs of Praise for Harvest	-

HC = Holy Communion; BCP = Book of Common Prayer; CW = Common Worship

LITTLE FISHES

Little Fishes is a singing and music-making group for babies and pre-school children and their parents and carers. It meets on Mondays from 9.45am until 10.30am in Lockerley and East Dean Memorial Hall, and the cost is £2 per family. Little Fishes is led by singing teacher Annie Tatnall, and is supported by St John's Church.

Do come along and give it a try!

For further information phone Annie on 07796 517476 or Jay on 01794 340215.

Deanery Pilgrimage to the Holy Land (with optional Jordan extension) 13-25 November 2017

We are delighted to confirm that, although Tim is sadly unable to join us, the pilgrimage is going ahead and will be jointly led by Rev'd Victoria and Rev'd Andrew Ashdown. Together they have years of experience of leading pilgrimages in Israel/Palestine, and throughout the region.

Join us for an inspiring journey in the footsteps of Jesus and other Biblical figures, through ancient landscapes, and an encounter with the Christian communities of today. We shall also gain insights into the current complex realities in the land.

There are still some places available. For more information contact Rev'd Victoria Ashdown: Tel: 02381 788031, e-mail: revdvictoria-at-g-mail-dot-com.*

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"How to be a Christian here and now"



Mission in Action

Romsey Deanery

Pre-Advent Course 2017

Mind the Gap, Bridge the Gap, Close the Gap

**Wednesdays,
1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd November**

*Each evening will include
input/discussion/interaction/refreshments/fun!*

This course is an opportunity for church members from across the Deanery to come together to share with and learn from one another, in line with our Deanery Vision & Mission Action Plan.

Venue: Poppies, Choice Plants,
Timsbury, SO51 0NB
Time: 7.30 – 9.30 pm

Plenty of parking available

Advance indication of numbers
attending will be helpful.

Please email
Braishfieldbenefice@gmail.com

Food for thought?

A Romsey and Southampton group met recently, and as I read their report I thought what a good opportunity it is for us all to consider the horrifying facts about UK FOOD WASTE.

Thrown away daily: 24 million slices of bread; 5.8 million potatoes; 1 million slices of ham; 1.5 million eggs; 1.5 million tomatoes; 1.4 million bananas - and so it goes on: yoghurts, sausages, and even whole chickens (5,500 daily). You can find out more at www.wrap.org.uk.

Monthly food waste costs the average family £60, or £720 per year. Globally, a third of food produced is wasted. Horrific, but thankfully there are projects being set up to help, e.g. pop-up food waste cafes and therealjunkfoodproject.org.

Is there anything we can do? Jamie Oliver suggests

that we plan meals before going shopping; distinguish between best before and use by dates; use wonky fruit and vegetables; chop fruit that's on the turn, bag it and make it into smoothies; consider using vegetable peelings for home-made stock. There are many others, some of which you probably do already.



Test Valley Borough Council recommends www.lovefoodhatewaste.com This is encouraging.

Can I do better? Can you?

Valda White

Parish Council

The next three Parish Council meetings will be on:

Wednesday, 22nd November
Wednesday, 17th January, 2018
Wednesday, 14th March, 2018

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

We have had notice that the road at Kimbridge level crossing is expected to be closed on 18th and 19th October between 22:00 and 06:00 the next day.



ART GROUP



Looking to be a bit creative during the forthcoming winter months?

Why not come along to the Village Hall on Thursday afternoons, 2 - 4pm and try your hand at a bit of painting or drawing.

Complete beginners always welcome.

Very sociable & friendly.

Gordon 340129

BROUGHTON FIREWORK EVENT 5th NOVEMBER

Broughton's fantastic annual family firework event will once again take place on 5th November with a children's torch procession leaving The Square (by the Greyhound pub) at 6.30pm. The procession will then make its way to the sportsfield in Buckholt Road, where the bonfire will be lit at approximately 6.45pm.

The firework display will commence around 7.30pm and will last about 20 minutes.

There is free parking adjacent to the cemetery/allotments (off Salisbury Road – please follow signs). Refreshments, hot food and merchandise will be available, and there will be a licensed bar. Tickets will be available on the gate, and entry is £6 for adults and £5 for concessions and children. This is a not for profit event and all proceeds are donated to worthy causes.

Please note that this year's event falls on a Sunday, so we are expecting a higher than normal number of attendees. Please do allow yourself enough time for parking, so as not to miss this fantastic display.

The Broughton and Mottisfont Community Bus Committee

Registered Charity Number: 284910

SOUTHAMPTON ROUTE TIMINGS

Comment has been made for some time that the duration of stay on the monthly trip to Southampton is too long. This was reiterated at the Annual General Meeting earlier this year.

To confirm people's views about this, and other routes, a survey was conducted. No meaningful results arose for the other routes, but the opinion that Southampton was too long was confirmed.

The Committee therefore proposes to modify the timing, and stops, on the Southampton route. Initially these revised timings will apply for a trial period of three months: the runs that are made in September, October and November 2017.

The new timings are shown in the table below. If they prove satisfactory, application will be made to the Traffic Commissioners to make the change permanent.

TIMETABLE FIRST WEDNESDAY

Broughton	The Hollow	09.30	14.30
	South Rd	09.30	14.25
	Village Hall	09.30	14.25
	The Square	09.35	14.25
	Chapel Lane	09.35	14.20
	North End	09.35	14.20
	School Lane	09.35	14.20
Mottisfont	The Pound	09.35	14.20
	Spearywell	09.45	14.10
Dunbridge	Abbey Gates***	09.45	14.10
	Lay-by	09.50	14.05
	Timsbury	09.55	14.00
	Jubilee Hall	09.55	14.00
Southampton	Near Bargate	10.30	13.30

*** When previously booked with Pam Dawkins on 301203

G E Vaughan
Honorary Secretary
Tel. 301045

Something fishy's going on at the station!



If you use Mottisfont & Dunbridge Station you will probably have seen the latest additions.

Twenty fish of varying sizes have now replaced the four Shaun the sheep, who have gone to that sheep pen in the sky (Bunny Lane).

The fish are the artistic work of pupils from Lockerley Primary School.

Well done them!

Gordon

WHIST

The next scheduled monthly Whist Drives at the Village Hall are:

- Friday 27th October • Friday 24th November
- Friday 15th December

The cost will remain at £2 per person. As ever, refreshments are included; there's a raffle, and more importantly, good company with a laugh or two.

Gordon & Cathie, 340129

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, 12th November.

Grant application forms are available from St. Mary's Church, Broughton, Mottisfont Church, Broughton Primary School, or by email from tinastuart1-at-g-mail-dot-com (remove the dashes, and change "at" to "@" and "dot" to ".").



Scenes from the village fete

Photos: John Millns



MOTTISFONT SOCIAL CLUB

Forthcoming events

2nd December: Children's Christmas Party

9th December: Christmas Meat Draw and Christmas Raffle

Regular events this winter

Mondays: We now have two snooker teams playing in the Southampton Snooker League and there is the Romsey Ladies Dart League.

Tuesdays: Test Valley Billiards League and the ladies play in a local Darts League.

Wednesdays: The club is hoping to carry on staging the Pool League, but at the moment there are not enough teams. If you are interested in entering a team, please contact Peter Holmes at the club.

Thursdays: Bingo, with a chance of winning up to £100. Also the Romsey Crib League takes place.

Fridays: Romsey Men's Darts League, with two teams representing the club.

Saturdays: Meat draw every other weekend.

Sundays: Mottisfont Skittles League.

If you are interested in participating in any of the above, please contact the club on 340521 or email david-dot-chase-159-at-bt-internet-dot-com (remove the dashes, replace "at" with "@" and "dot" with ".").

GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOURS!

Thursday 5th October 7pm at the Mill Arms

Even in friendly villages such as Mottisfont and Dunbridge, it's sometimes difficult to make the time to have a chat with nearby friends.

So we're going to try to do the hard bit for you!

The idea is to find a regular slot for people to get together at the pub for a natter and a drink.

Let's kick off with Thursday 5th October, and see how it goes.



We may need some creative ideas for how to avoid clashing with commitments that some people already have, but we're sure we'll find a way!

Cheers!

Julia and Peter

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

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		Peter Barnett	340793			Non-emergency calls	101

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