



Mottisfont & Dunbridge

ACORN



The Village Newsletter

April 2018

MOTTISFONT FOOTBALL CLUB

QUIZ and RAFFLE

at the



SOCIAL CLUB



8pm

Saturday 7th April

MEET THE NEIGHBOURS

Come and join neighbours and friends for a chat over a drink at the Mill Arms.

This is a regular series of events, roughly monthly, but on different days of the week to avoid too many clashes with other commitments. The next event is on

Tuesday, 24th April at 7pm

Why not invite your neighbours?
It's better with a crowd!

Who is Daisy of Dunbridge?

It was about 6pm on Thursday 1st March and it was snowing hard. We had already spent nearly two hours just getting from Ashurst home to Lockerley. Drifts of snow were everywhere, cars slewing around on ice, and roads blocked.

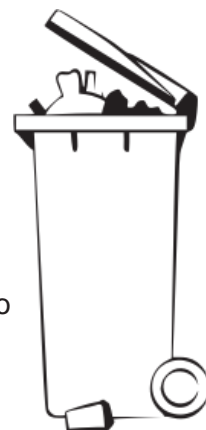
We turned left by The Bear and Ragged Staff and drove over the level crossing. Thank goodness, nearly home. Then the problems really began. Several attempts at getting up the slope were in vain. The wheels just spun around and the car stuck.

Enter Daisy, walking a dog in the gloomy light with a friend. She might have

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NEW WHEELIE BIN REGULATIONS

New regulations about how wheelie bins are left out for collection are to be imposed in the parish.



Under the new regulations, wheelie bins must be left with their wheels no further than 30cm from the boundary between the property and the pavement, with the handles parallel to and facing the road. A resident of a property without a pavement on their side of the road must apply for a special exemption, which, if not granted, may oblige the resident to construct a section of pavement in order to comply with the regulation.

A further restriction is that wheelie bins may not be left out more than one hour before the bin is emptied, and must be taken back in within one hour of being emptied. A local entrepreneur and robotics specialist has developed a system that detects the imminent arrival of the bin lorry, and immediately pushes the bin to the approved location, thereby preventing people from having to get out of bed so early. The system is known as URBAN: Universal Rubbish Bin Active Nudger.

"It may seem a bit of an odd thing," admitted a spokesperson, "but we think that wheelie bins make the place look untidy. We like to think of this new regulation as bringing some feng-shui to the parish, which clearly could do with getting its qi in order anyway."

Fortunately the proposal to make all households complete a risk assessment on putting their bins out was rejected. Common sense prevails!

The parish web site is
www.mottisfontpc.org.uk

Phone, tablet and PC friendly!

What would you like to see on it?

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



**National
Trust**

Dear friends and neighbours,

Spring has well and truly sprung, and by the time you read this we'll be celebrating Easter and new life all around us. We'll have our usual Easter trail, this time all about becoming a mini-ranger for a day, and exploring the nature and wildlife at Mottisfont

(possibly with a small amount of chocolate at the end!).

And of course, if you live locally, you don't need to pay or be a National Trust member to come and visit us, although I know that many of you do support us by being members. Everyone who lives in the parish of Mottisfont & Dunbridge can apply for a Parish Pass, which gives you free entry to enjoy the house, exhibitions, gardens and wider estate whenever you want, all year round.

You need to apply every year, filling in a form that we send you and returning it with proof that you are still a resident of the parish (a recent utility bill works well). Every member of your family needs their own pass, so make sure to include their details on the application.

We hope that as many people as possible will take up the offer. If you'd like an application form, please either call in at visitor reception and ask for a form, or contact our estate office on 01794 344001, or email mottisfont@nationaltrust.org.uk, and we'll get a form out to you.

So do come and see us soon – it's the last few weeks of the Heath Robinson exhibition, spring bulbs around the garden, lovely new plants in the shop and delicious dishes on the spring menu (at the time of writing, there's a salmon fillet with a crunchy topping that is mouth-watering).

With all best wishes,

Louise

In the gallery...

**Heath Robinson: Dreams and Machines
Until 15 April 2018 11am-5pm**

From quirky machinery to exquisite watercolours, this exhibition showcases the wit and talent of this household name. In the 1930s, Heath Robinson became known as "The Gadget King", and he is still most widely remembered for his detailed drawings of eccentric, over-complicated contraptions. But he was also a talented painter, trained at the Royal Academy. Our exhibition features over 60 works covering the extraordinary breadth of his work, from humorous magazine illustrations to dream-like watercolour landscapes and scenes from Shakespeare.

The Woman's Hour Craft Prize exhibition

25 April - 24 June 11am-5pm

Discover bold, beautiful and brilliantly diverse works by the 12 finalists of the £10,000 Woman's Hour Craft Prize - some of the most innovative and exciting craft makers in the UK. From a bespoke bicycle to futuristic glass figures, the Woman's Hour Craft Prize exhibition provides an important snapshot of how contemporary British craft practice reflects on, and engages with, the world today.

For families...

Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt: mini rangers trail

30 March – 15 April 10am-5pm

Become real rangers for the day and find out how Mottisfont's countryside team look after this beautiful estate. Study 'mini-beasts' under the microscope, investigate the life of bats in Mottisfont's medieval cellarium, spot river wildlife, and hunker down in a tent to discover sounds of the estate at night. There are loads more fun nature activities to get stuck into, plus Cadbury chocolate treats for all participants. £2 per trail.

In the grounds...

Our gardens burst to life in spring, from sprouting bulbs to newly hatched ducklings and cygnets on the river. We've planted masses of mixed, naturalising bulbs under ancient trees, in the winter garden, the walled gardens, and in the cherry orchard. These newly planted bulbs include narcissi, fritularia, leucojum, cyclamen and crocus – and thousands of tulips.

In the house...

This year, we're exploring the life of Raymond Russell, youngest son of Maud and Gilbert. Raymond was a talented musician, with a keen interest in collecting; among other curious objects, he eventually amassed an important collection of early keyboard instruments. As you explore the house, you can find out more about Raymond, his life and interests.

We're also beginning the process of restoring the Whistler Room curtains in late spring-early summer. Created by the artist Rex Whistler before he was killed in action in World War Two, the Whistler Room provided the perfect backdrop for Mottisfont's glamorous guests. Its precious curtains, marked with Rex's own brush strokes, are suffering from pests and general wear. They need to be removed for a special freezing treatment and other remedial conservation works, some of which you'll be able to see first-hand.

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.

**Test Valley Villages Lecture
8pm Wednesday 18th April
Broughton Village Hall**

**The Holbein Code?
Uncovering the Secrets of
The Ambassadors
(that's the painting with the sloping skull)**

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



Following Louise's fascinating talk last year on looking at art in general, she is now going to unpick the layers of one of Britain's most enigmatic Tudor portraits.

We can discover all sorts of hidden meanings, from widely used symbols to more secretive messages. Produced at a time of religious and political turmoil, this huge painting was clearly designed to communicate on multiple levels. When does plausible art history become conspiracy theory, and what did this painting really mean when it was first painted?

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). Despite her general management role, she remains attached to her first love, Art History.

Entrance £5, includes a glass of wine or soft drink. No booking necessary. All are welcome, and full students are free of charge.

The WI



The group is taking part in the Dress a Bollard event and some members are already busy knitting and crocheting squares and making flowers, etc., in readiness for the bollard to be decorated on Maundy Thursday.

Dress a Bollard started last year in Romsey, and was so popular that it will happen again this year. You can choose your bollard in the Town Hall in Romsey, and we have chosen one near the Old Magistrates Court. How you go about dressing the bollard is up to the participants. Decorations remain in place from Maundy Thursday for about two or three weeks.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 10th April at 7.30pm in Mottisfont Village Hall. The speaker will be Madeleine Salvetti, asking the question 'Why do we say this?' This is to be an open meeting at which visitors will be very welcome to join us and have a biscuit and a cup of tea or coffee.

Mary Batten

The Broughton and Mottisfont Community Bus Committee

Charity Number: 284910

There is an ongoing need to recruit a small number of new volunteers to drive the Community Bus. In the first instance we are looking for people aged between 21 and 70, with a normal car licence (to include Group D – on the reverse), and willing to make a contribution to the village and community life. The commitment is not onerous, and duties are planned and negotiated.

Full briefing and familiarisation is given.

If you are interested, please contact either Peter Broome on 301635, or George Vaughan on 301045.

continued from page 1 completely ignored our plight and tramped off in the snow to a warm house. Instead she offered to drive our car up the road, while we waited at the bend ready to give it a helping push at the corner.

On the second attempt our car flew up to the junction of Dunbridge Lane, where we caught up with it. Daisy had succeeded!

We wanted to thank Daisy again for being so helpful on a freezing, snowy night. Can any of your readers identify this young, slim, smiley, community-minded young women? She is a local hero!

Barbara and Derek Needham
Top Green, Lockerley.
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(replace "-at-" with "@", and "-dot-" with ".")

THOUGHTS FROM ST. ANDREW'S

(Supplied by the Churchwardens during our ongoing Interregnum)

April and Easter Day falls on the 1st day of the month. Easter is the greatest festival of the Christian year when we commemorate Jesus rising in triumph from His terrible ordeal on the cross as a propitiation for the sins of the world. His sacrifice is almost too hard to get our minds around, yet Jesus died for us, all of us. The promise of his forgiveness and love for evermore is the spur we need to try and follow his teaching, to keep his commandments at all times, and endeavour to do our best to make the world a better place...a place worthy of Him.

Of course, only those most eager to dive into their new Acorn on April Fool's day will be reading this whilst still enjoying the Easter weekend. For many the festive break will be behind us, the chocolate eggs a lingering memory on the lips and the hips! However, in Christian liturgy the Easter season endures until Pentecost. This is fifty days after Easter Day....so plenty of time yet to fathom the significance of all that has happened, of what it means to us individually, and why we should marvel and rejoice (but now without the chocolate!). So a very happy Easter to you all!

Meanwhile we welcome spring, another reason to marvel and rejoice. The great awakening of nature and new birth...there is always hope in the spring. Where better than the countryside about our parish to watch it unfurl and unleash itself, changing daily as if in slo-mo, then gone in a flash. Buds,

blossoms, and bluebells, and suddenly..... it's summer! The God-given beauty of April touches us spiritually if we but look and let it bring us closer to Him. Let's immerse ourselves in the glory of His creation with special thankfulness for the wondrous spectacle of the spring, and the blessings of the senses by which we can appreciate it.

We wish you all a joyful season ahead as we await the first "cuckoo!"

Susan Clutterbuck
Trish Armstrong

BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

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

Events for April

5th April: TBA
12th April: Mrs. Carol Vose
19th April: Members' Meeting
26th April: Mrs. Margaret Pickett

Everyone welcome. Please come and join us.

Barbara Perry, Booking Secretary, 301466

ADDITIONAL FOR GOOD FRIDAY, 30TH MARCH

10am: Holy Week Trail at All Saints, Houghton
2pm: Meditation on the Cross at St. Mary's,
Broughton

CHURCH SERVICES FOR APRIL

	1st April EASTER DAY	8th April EASTER 2	15th April EASTER 3	22nd April EASTER 4	29th April EASTER 5
8am	-	-	BROUGHTON HC BCP	-	-
9.30 am	BOSSINGTON HC BCP ----- HOUGHTON HC CW ----- BROUGHTON HC CW	BROUGHTON HC CW ----- HOUGHTON HC CW	BROUGHTON Family Service ----- MOTTISFONT HC BCP	BROUGHTON Family Communion CW	MOTTISFONT HC CW for the BENEFICE
11am	MOTTISFONT HC CW	MOTTISFONT Messy Church Club	-	MOTTISFONT Family Communion CW	-
6pm	-	-	BOSSINGTON Meditation	HOUGHTON Evensong	-

HC = Holy Communion

CW = Common Worship

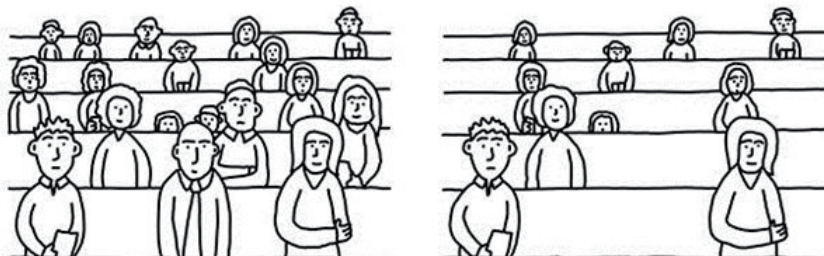
BCP = Book of Common Prayer

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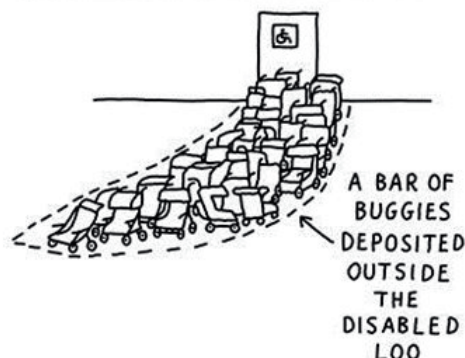
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EROSION

OF THE CONGREGATION OVER TIME



SEDIMENTARY FORMATION



GLACIATION



ERUPTION



PLATE TECTONICS



SLUMP



Supplied by the Area Dean, James Pitkin. © cartoonchurch.com

News on Mottisfont and a new Benefice

On 1st February 2018 the Romsey Deanery Synod endorsed the plan to make a new Benefice (comprising Leckford, Longstock, Stockbridge, Houghton, Broughton with Bossington and Mottisfont) with one full time paid priest, whose residence would be in Stockbridge.

The churchwardens of this new Benefice have now met twice.

There are decisions to be made about the way the new Benefice works but, if agreements can be reached and recruitment documents satisfactorily completed, the new post could be advertised in September 2018 with an appointment made before December 2018.

All 6 PCCs (Parochial Church Councils) will need to make decisions to help meet this schedule.

Your Area (Rural) Dean, James
Rev James Pitkin
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(remove asterisks, change "at" to "@", "dot" to ".")

LIFE UNDER PUTIN?

A man in Moscow goes into a department store, and at the bread counter asks for a loaf. "No bread" he is told, so he gets out his notebook and writes "No bread".

He then goes to the meat counter and asks for some sausages. "No sausages" he is told, so he writes in his notebook "No sausages".

Another man comes up to him and asks why he is writing down these shortages. "You should be proud of being Russian," says the man. "This country has come such a long way. Not long ago, you would have been taken round the back and shot for what you are doing."

So he writes in his book "No bullets".

MOTTISFONT FOOTBALL CLUB QUIZ and RAFFLE



at the
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8pm, Saturday 7th April

Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting will be on

25th April: Annual Parish Meeting

Come and hear what the Parish Council has done over the last year, and some guest speakers.

Records of last year's meetings are now available on the new web site:

www.mottisfontpc.org.uk

Just click on "Parish Council" in the blue panel of links on the left (may be at the bottom on a phone!).

STOCKBRIDGE MUSIC

Friday, 20th April

The Town Hall, Stockbridge, 7.30pm

MAIASTRA STRING QUARTET

They will be playing:

Beethoven String Quartet in D major, Op. 18, No. 3

Shostakovich String Quartet in C major, Op. 49

Brahms String Quartet in C minor, Op. 51 No. 2

Tickets: £14 available from:

www.jumblebee.co.uk/stockbridgemusic

The Lights Theatre Box Office (01264 368368)

The local box offices will open one month before the concert.

Art Group

Our Art Group, which meets each Thursday afternoon at the village hall, is well established and friendly.

New painters or dabblers always welcome. Refreshments available. Why not come and have a go?



Free to start, and materials available.

Gordon 340129

WHIST DRIVES AT MOTTISFONT

The last of the current series of our popular Whist Drives will be at 7.30pm on Friday 27th April.



Don't miss out on this last batch of fabulous prizes.

Whist will start again on Friday 28th September, then it's usually the last

Friday of each month (except December).

Gordon & Cathie 340129



STOCKBRIDGE COMMUNITY CINEMA

Friday 13 April

The Other Side of Hope (Cert 12A)

A newly arrived refugee to Finland befriends a former travelling salesman trying to start a restaurant. Subtitled comedy drama which Time Out has described as "a deeply humane film, as well as a quietly hilarious one".



Showing at Stockbridge Town Hall SO20 6HE at 7.30pm. Doors open at 7.00pm.

Tickets £5.00 from Garden Inn and John Robinson in Stockbridge or online via our website www.stockbridgecinema.org.uk

Wednesday 18 April

Film Stars Don't Die in Liverpool (Cert 15)

Hollywood actress Gloria Grahame (Annette Bening) finds romance and happiness with a younger man (Jamie Bell), but her life changes forever when their passion and lust for life is tested to the limits by events beyond their control in the 1970's.



Showing at Stockbridge Town Hall SO20 6HE at 4.30pm and 7.30pm. 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

**The Broughton and Mottisfont
Community Bus Committee**
Registered Charity Number: 284910

Excursions 2018

As in previous years, the Bus Committee intends to run a series of excursions in 2018. We have taken careful note of the popularity of various destinations in the past, and we canvassed opinions at the AGM held in February. The final list, with dates and drivers is shown below. Some are old favourites, some are revivals and at least one is completely new. The discussions took in other suggestions which have not made it to the list, purely on the basis of numbers indicating support. For instance, some people asked for a return to Poole. That was popular for a good few trips but gradually fell off in terms of numbers participating, and when considered this year had less support than those shown here.

DATE	DESTINATION	DRIVER
16/5/18	Swanage	Rodney Allsop-Seward
20/6/18	Weymouth	Rodney Allsop-Seward
18/7/18	Isle of Wight	Michael Horne
15/8/18	New Forest (touring)	Rodney Allsop-Seward
19/9/18	Oxford	Rodney Allsop-Seward
17/10/18	Windsor	Peter Broome
21/11/18	Street	Michael Hoskins

Once again we have been able to hold the fares - for the fifth year running. There will be no increase on last year's price of £14.00 per person per trip. As before there will be a supplement to cover the Isle of Wight trip. The ferry costs have gone up since last year, so we propose a fare of £20.00 per person, but with a £2.00 refund if the bus takes 14 people. The start time for this excursion will be 08.15 from the Square. The start time otherwise is 09.30 from the Square. Bookings can be made with Pam Dawkins on 301203. Please do not contact her before 09.00 on the first day of the month in which you wish to travel. It is important to note that bookings once made must be paid for. In the event of overbooking we will try to ensure that person has priority for a subsequent trip.

I am sure that everyone will recognise the contribution made by our volunteer drivers, not least Rodney, who seems to be running a one-man excursion operation.

George Vaughan – Honorary Secretary - 301045

The Mill Arms

Just a quick update this month.

We will be open on Easter Monday (2nd April), 12-8pm with food being served from 12-5pm.

Then, commencing in April we will be open 7 days a week, so our new hours from Monday 9th April will be:



	BAR HOURS	FOOD HOURS
Mondays to Fridays	11.30am - 11pm	Noon - 2.30pm and 6pm - 9pm
Saturdays	11.30am - 11pm	Noon - 9pm
Sundays	Noon - 9pm	Noon - 6pm

Don't forget the new web site:

www.mottisfontpc.org.uk

What would you like to be on it?

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, 10th June.

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 ".").

MOTTISFONT SOCIAL CLUB

Forthcoming events

Saturday 7 April at 8.00pm: Mottisfont Football Club Quiz. Come and test your knowledge, have some fun, and support the village football team.

Saturday 14th & 28th April: Meat draw, tickets available at the bar. Meat supplied by Owtons Family Butchers.

Regular events this winter

Mondays: We now have two snooker teams playing in the Southampton Snooker League. There is also the Romsey Ladies Darts 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. Find the Joker game: £1 a ticket (rules available from the Club).

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 ".").

DARTS

The club has ladies' darts teams representing them in the Romsey Ladies Darts League, the Eastleigh Ladies Darts League and the men in the Romsey Darts League.

The Romsey Ladies League is played on a Monday night with three teams representing the Club. Teams have four players playing singles and doubles games, best of three legs. At the moment the league has only six teams in it with the club's B team presently in 2nd place. To see the full league please follow this link:

http://romseyladieswinterleague.leaguerepublic.com/l/fg/1_325500786.html

The club has one team in the Eastleigh Ladies League playing on a Tuesday night. Teams have five players playing single matches, best of three legs.

The Romsey Darts League is played on Friday nights with two teams representing the club. Teams have six players or more playing six singles and three doubles games, best of three legs 501. The league this season only has seven teams, down from eleven last season.

To see the full league please follow this link:

http://romseydarts.leaguerepublic.com/l/fg/1_779434670.html

If you once played darts and would like to start playing again, or would just like to have a go, please contact the club.

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