

## NEW BUSINESS TO OPEN IN KIMBRIDGE

On the site of the former Annie's, a new tea room, café and events venue will be opening for business in December. To be known as Kimbridge Barn, the business will be part of Ideal Collection, which runs similar businesses at five other locations in Hampshire.

Kimbridge Barn will offer breakfast, brunch, lunch and afternoon tea. Events planned for the months after the launch include wedding fayres, arts and crafts workshops, festive wreath making, book and poetry readings, yoga, and cinema nights.

Further information can be found at www.kimbridgeonthetest.com/restaurant/.

# THE ACORN'S TAKING A BREAK

As in previous years, the Acorn will be taking a break at Christmas, so there will be no January edition.

We'd like to thank all who help make the Acorn what it is: the Mill Arms, the Social Club and Mottisfont Abbey for covering our printing costs, the people who send in all the content, and our network of people who turn out in all weathers to deliver copies to your door (and especially Gordon and Cathie Wood, who fold 175 copies of each edition!).

We hope you all have a very happy Christmas, and a most excellent New Year!

Julia and Peter

# MEET THE NEIGHBOURS

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

Friday 14th December, 7pm Friday 18th January, 7pm



# VILLAGE HALL NEWS

A very big thank you to everyone that made the November village supper such a success. Judging from the empty plates it looked as if the food went down well! We raised £390.01 for village hall funds.

The next event will be the Wassail Evening on Saturday 15th December at 7.30pm. It would be helpful if you could let us know if you are going to attend so we can work out how many mince pies and how much mulled wine we will need.

Chris Kennard will bring his keyboard to accompany some favourite Christmas carols and several people have already offered to do Christmassy readings. If you would like to read a poem or a short extract from a book please let us know. Donations of mince pies will also be very welcome. No charge for the evening, but donations towards the upkeep of the two village defibrillators will be welcome.

In the future we are keen for more fund raising ideas. Perhaps you would like to help organise a quiz, a summer garden party, a bring and buy sale or a jumble sale. Please don't be backward in coming forward.

Dave and Pat Francis, tel. 340609 patfrancis\*dot\*romsey\*at\*gmail\*dot\*com

# The Broughton and Mottisfont Community Bus

makes regular trips to Andover, Romsey, Salisbury, Southampton, and Winchester. Anybody can use the bus, and if you have a bus pass it is free.

Andover: monthly (4th Wednesday of the month) Romsey: twice weekly (Thursday and Friday mornings and afternoons) Salisbury: weekly (Tuesday mornings) Southampton: monthly (1st Wednesday of the month)

Winchester: monthly (2nd Wednesday of the month)

The full timetable is available at http://www.broughton-hants.net/village-bus

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



Festive greetings from all at Mottisfont Abbey!

National Trust We hope that any plans and preparations for time with family and friends are progressing just as you'd want them, and that visions of brussel sprouts are not keeping you awake at night!

By the time you read this, our Christmas offer will be up and running at the Abbey, with lots of decorations around the theme of "T'was the night before Christmas". As I write, the florists are concocting gorgeous displays on every mantelpiece, many trees are being decorated, and our Mottisfont Makers are setting up delightful little scenes in each room with tiny mice carrying out a range of festive tasks.

There's a fantastic family trail around the grounds that will get the youngsters nicely tired out, and as always some tempting treats in the cafés should you want to warm up afterwards. Of course, the shop is fully geared up to help you out with a bit of stressfree shopping, so do come on in, even if it's just for a walk to work off some of that Christmas pudding. We're open every day from 10am until 4pm apart from Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

We're looking forward to the carols around the nativity in the orchard on Spearywell Road on the evening of Friday 14th December, and hope to see many of you there. As usual, our lovely bakers will be providing mince pies to go with the mulled wine and hot chocolate brought over by St. Andrew's, and I'm sure we'll all be in fine voice once the vocal chords have been warmed up by a few libations!

We're starting the new year with a brand new exhibition of paintings and drawings by Norman Thelwell, including many works that have never been exhibited before. As well as his plump ponies, there will be many cartoons and satirical works, as well as some more of his stunning local landscapes. He really loved the countryside of the Test Valley, and spent as much of his free time as possible travelling around it in his camper van (very wise, so he could make a cup of tea wherever he was), setting up his easel to make beautiful watercolours of the views around him.

The new exhibition opens on Saturday 5th January, and will be just the thing to chase away the post-Christmas blues.

May the New Year bring health and happiness,

With all best wishes,

Louise

#### Festive fun... The Night Before Christmas Until Sunday 6 January, 11am-4pm

This year, scenes from the much-loved poem 'The Night Before Christmas' will be brought to life around the house and grounds. Follow pathways illuminated by decorated lanterns to discover Father Christmas's sleigh in front of the house; and, of course, Dasher, Dancer, Prancer and Vixen – all crafted from willow. Inside the house, oversized books and set-dressed rooms will take you through each verse of the poem, and there are little mice hidden in secret corners. Each room will be enhanced by luxurious, traditionally-styled decoration and sparkling trees. Families can follow in Father Christmas's footsteps around the grounds with a fun, active trail – great for warming up on cold days.

#### In the gallery...

#### Thelwell: Laughter and Landscapes Saturday 5 January – Monday 22 April

A welcome return to the world of Norman Thelwell. There'll be old favourites on show, including the antics of iconic characters Penelope and her mischievous pony, Kipper. The exhibition also includes other satirical cartoons, with astute and amusing observations on country life, and breathtaking landscape art. Some of this work has never been publically shown before, including a selection of Thelwell's early sketches.

#### In the gardens...

The winter garden glows with brilliantly coloured winter bark from dogwood and ornamental bramble, while berries, fruit and late- and early-flowering perennials such as bergenia and hellebores also provide colour during the shortest days of the year. Sweet-scented daphnes and winter-flowering honeysuckles, wintersweet and witch hazel all contribute to a subtle fragrance in the crisp cold air.

Delicate drifts of snowdrops will begin to appear beside our waterways from January.

#### On the wider estate...

Essential forestry works are being carried out across the estate over the winter season. These include thinning operations to allow the remaining trees to grow to maturity and the felling of trees to improve light conditions along our ride networks to improve wildlife habitats. Please take note of safety signs and path closures; they are for your safety and the safety of the forest workers. We will try to keep disruption to a minimum.

#### 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.

## Seasonal Thoughts from St. Andrew's

Greetings all! What a challenge....'Thoughts' that encompass all that unfolds over the next two months...the waiting season of Advent with its heightening anticipation week by week, the festival of Christmas itself, the drama as 2018 slips into 2019. January's end will herald early spring and Easter beyond that. You might reasonably assume I am approaching this from a religious point of view, even though I sidestepped Christingle, Epiphany, and the journey to Lent. Yet, might it not equally well be the agenda of any self-respecting retailer preparing his workforce at this time of year. Can anyone escape the hype that conditions us both consciously and subconsciously in growing intensity from the end of August and beyond. For many it is the harbinger of 'seasonal overload', fraught with pressure, stress, anxiety and deadlines. Spectacular expectations are set by the media, by advertising, and by long standing traditions that MUST be met lest we disappoint. And who do we fear disappointing? Well, above all, I think it is ourselves. So, we promise TOO much, fret about how to finance it, and rush about in a frenzy to build the perfect Christmas, and sadly completely miss the point! So often the glitz, the glamour, and even greed may subordinate the life changing reality of Christmas. We've heard it all before; we hear it every year.

Now, it's not for me to preach to anyone about how to do it differently; I'm as brainwashed as the next. Ah, do I hear some of you musing that I am surely brainwashed....by faith!? (In truth, that would be a blessing). However, I do believe that by stopping and reflecting regularly in the weeks ahead on the true meaning of Christmas, that one may become more spiritually grounded to face the madness that ensnares us. Likewise, remembering that for others Christmas brings a different type of stress focuses us on a more human and compassionate perspective. It may turn up the volume on loneliness, loss, grief, nostalgia, any emotional burdens, social problems and all forms of neediness.

Maybe treating yourself to the best Christmas ever is as simple as opening yourself to Advent's preparation. It's there in the Gospel, and the CofE website, as is Epiphany for that matter. There's plenty there to reflect upon and inspire us. And what about mindfulness? Mindfulness has apparently now established itself in the repertoire of self-help strategies. One definition of Mindfulness is "the basic human ability to be fully present, aware of where we are and what we're doing, and not overly reactive or overwhelmed by what's going on around us." (https://www.mindful.org/what-is-mindfulness/)

Combine it with prayerfulness and it may just be the perfect antidote to the Christmas 'Hyperactivity-no-Nativity' syndrome. (I made that up myself...and I'm well chuffed with it. Just joking!) But let's not forget the original meaning of mindfulness, which is "to stay aware and be heedful of our responsibilities." At this time especially, those responsibilities are to loved ones, friends, to the needy, to ourselves, and to God. Maybe in this way we come closer to the profound sense of awe, the joy, the peace, and the hope held in the mesmerising story of the coming of God as a wee baby in a stable, no less.

And finally, I thought I'd share this moment....familiar to many I'm sure:

"Granna, Santa Claus isn't real is he? He can't be," asks my granddaughter, citing her reasons for doubt, all quite logical to be fair. Somewhere deep inside me my heart sinks, but thankfully I'm driving and she's in the back seat, so misses any non-verbal clues. She's only 5 years old! Wasn't I asking the same questions at 10 years of age? Things were different then. So, what does one say? What came out, no doubt inviting criticism, was:

"I know what you mean, darling. I've had those worrying thoughts myself, but what I think is that its a special kind of magic that no-one can understand, but it doesn't mean it's not real. I don't know how Santa can be in so many houses delivering to children all over the world in one night either! But when you believe the magic, and its special powers, then mysteriously and amazingly it becomes real. But you must believe it first. It's called having faith." Silence, no more was said, for now anyway.

And it suddenly struck me, not for the first time... the beautiful innocence... and the wonderful coincident analogy! Matthew 18 v3.

Please join us at St. Andrew's for the Advent and Christmas services listed in this edition and in the parish Christmas card. Let's get together and fill our church when the world about us seems to be going slightly crazy, and find peace there. Have a wonderful Christmas, and happy new year to everyone.

Trish Armstrong on behalf of the churchwardens

## Romsey Deanery Link with South Rwenzori Diocese, Uganda

Great news about the Carpentry and Tailoring Workshops we set up many years ago and have continued to fund. Having successfully trained many students they are about to become self supporting. Tools for Self Reliance, a charity based in Netley, is preparing tool kits which will be sent out early next year to Hima and Kilembe. These kits will allow the workshops to be self-sufficient in the future. This is a very positive development and cause for much rejoicing.

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# SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2018 & JANUARY 2019

Date	Time	Location	Service
Sunday, 2nd December Advent	8am	Broughton	HC CW
	9.30am	Bossington	HC BCP
	9.30am	Broughton	The Bible Uncovered
	11am	Mottisfont	Advent & St. Andrew's Patronal Festival
Sunday, 9th December 2nd of Advent	9.30am	Broughton	HC CW
	9.30am	Houghton	HC CW
	11am	Mottisfont	Christingle & Messy Church
Friday, 14th December	6.30pm	Spearywell Orchard	Carols around the Crib + refreshments
Sunday, 16th December 3rd of Advent	8am	Broughton	HC BCP
	11am	Mottisfont	HC BCP
	6pm	Broughton	Carol service with children's tableau and Broughton choirs
Tuesday, 18th December	2pm	St. Mary's	Broughton Primary School carol service
hursday, 20th December	6.30pm	Bossington	Carol service
Friday, 21st December	7pm	Houghton	Carol service
Sunday, 23rd December 4th of Advent	9.30am	Broughton	Family Communion, CW
	11am	Mottisfont	Carol service
Monday, 24th December	3pm	Mottisfont	Crib service
	5pm	Broughton	Crib service
	11.30pm	Broughton	Midnight Communion
	9.30am	Bossington	HC BCP
Tuesday, 25th December Christmas Day	10am	Broughton	Family Communion
	10.15am	Mottisfont	Family Communion
	11am	Houghton	Family Communion
Sunday, 30th December 1st after Christmas	10am	Stockbridge	HC CW for the benefice
Sunday, 6th January Epiphany	8am	Broughton	HC CW
	9.30am	Bossington	HC BCP
Sunday, 13th January Baptism of Christ	9.30am	Broughton	HC CW
	9.30am	Houghton	HC CW
	11am	Mottisfont	Messy Church Club
Sunday, 20th January 3rd of Epiphany	8am	Broughton	HC BCP
	9.30am	Mottisfont	HC BCP
	10.15am	Stockbridge	Coffee & croissants
	10.45am	Town Hall	Family service
Sunday, 27th January 4th of Epiphany	9.30am	Broughton	Family Communion & Christingle
	11am	Mottisfont	Family Communion CW
	6pm	Houghton	Evensong
HC: Holy Communi	on BCF	P: Book of Comm	on Prayer CW: Common Worship

# -ollowTheStar

The Star of Bethlehem, also called the Christmas Star, revealed the birth of Jesus to the Biblical Magi, and later led them to Bethlehem. The star leads them to Jesus' home in the town, where they worship him and give him gifts. The wise men are then given a divine warning not to return to Herod so they return home by a different route. Many Christians see the star as a miraculous sign to mark the birth of the Christ (or Messiah).

"For many of us, Christmas brings up so many emotions, memories and expectations. We have one nativity story, but it can seem like we all have very different Christmases.

"For you it might be a time of joy and togetherness. Or perhaps it's all about planning and to-do lists. Many others can find it a sad and lonely time – nagged by the feeling that your Christmas is not like those 'perfect' ones we see in the media.

"But just like the unexpected assortment of people who were invited to meet the baby Jesus, #FollowTheStar doesn't ask you to be perfect. It says: come just as you are to take the life-changing

says: come just as you are to take the life-changing Christmas journey."

Archbishops Justin Welby & John Sentamu

This Christmas, everyone across the Deanery is invited to create a star for their garden (or windows) – angels and shepherds would also be welcome. This will remind everyone that Christmas is coming – and that Jesus, the Son of God, was born on earth. So that this idea can happen in all parishes, please don't put any angels or stars out until Friday 7th December - and please ensure that they are put away by the end of Sunday 6th January.

James, Area Dean of Romsey

# **BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR**

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

## **Events for December**

6th December: Carols and mince pies

Everyone welcome, please come and join us.

This will be our last meeting for this year. Meetings start again in February 2019.

Barbara Perry, Booking Secretary, 301466

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The total cost of sending the tool kits, including transport, will be over  $\pounds$ 3,000. We have already been given a  $\pounds$ 1,000 donation, ring fenced for this project. We need a further  $\pounds$ 2,000 by early next year. Can you or your parish help raise this sum?

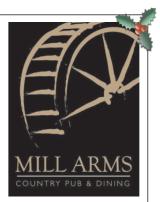
The bulk of the funds which we currently hold are needed to pay the fees for the 250+ vulnerable children and orphans who we support. (As the school year begins in January, we make our largest contribution in December each year). Can we as a Deanery meet the challenge to complete the tool kit funding by the end of January 2019?

Please send contributions to our Link Treasurer, Mrs. Jane Horne, at 6, Love Lane, Romsey, SO51 8DE. Cheques should be made payable to South Rwenzori Link.

Thank you so much!

Supplied by the Area Dean. THE CHRISTMAS CHECKLIS James Pitkin. © cartoonchurch.com FOR CHURCHES 1010 T DECORATE THE TREE AND CHURCH CHOOSE PEOPLE TO READ THE LESSONS DELIVER THE CHRISTMAS MAKE SURE THE CHOIR Π DECIDE WHICH CLERGY Do WHICH SERVICES BUY PRESENTS FOR PEOPLE CLEAN EVERYWHERE CARRY IN EXTRA CHAIRS REHEARSE THE NATIVITY PLAY WHO HAVE WORKED HARD WEETS MORE SWEETS CHOCOLATE PIZZA 8 EXTRA SWEETS ANDLE 6 6 46 RED FOIL CRISPS GIN OLD P.C.C. MINUTE 6 È O O E 6 ORDER SUPPLIES FOR VICAR'S MAKE THE CHRISTINGLES COPY THE ORDERS OF SERVICE WRITE ALL OF THE SERMONS PREPARE THE CANDLES

A hard to believe it's December again and we're getting ready for our second Christmas at the Mill Arms. A lot has happened during 2018. The newly refurbished bedrooms have been open for 12 months, and we've had a wide variety of guests – lots of fishermen, families visiting Paultons Park, plenty of wedding guests plus a lovely group of regular business people who visit us month after month. We are delighted to welcome the Tytherley Skittles League – 14 teams who play on a Monday and Wednesday night and the support of Nigel Fox and his colleagues. We had our first live music event – Double Barrel in October, with more planned for 2019, and have hosted birthday parties, christenings and wakes along with having our first wedding planned for 2019.



Our Christmas menu is now available (but must be pre booked) and will be served Tuesday to Saturday from Saturday 1st December until Saturday 22nd. Weekend dates are going fast so if you are planning on dining with us can we suggest you get in touch soon.

Our Christmas Quiz will be on Tuesday 18th December, and we will again combine that evening with our Christmas Draw. First prize this year will be a Pin of Beer (that's 36 pints for on site consumption), along with wine, spirits, chocolate and toys. The Draw sheets are pinned up in the bar – purchase a square for 50p and the more squares we sell the more prizes we buy. Please note that in order to win the Pin you must be present at the draw – all other prizes can be won without being present.

Dates and times for Christmas and New Year openings are as follows :

Tuesday 18 December: Quiz (7.30pm) and Raffle (9.30pm). Teams of up to 6 people, £1 entry per person. Prize for the winning team, and mince pies all round.

Christmas Eve:	12 noon to 11pm
Christmas Day:	12 noon to 2pm
Boxing Day:	12 noon to 5pm
New Year's Eve:	12 noon to 5pm
	and 7pm to late
New Years' Day:	12 noon to 5pm

(food served 12-4pm regular lunch menu) (bar only) (food served 12-4pm special brunch menu) (food served 12-3pm regular lunch menu) (ticket only - £5 to include first drink) (food served 12-3pm special brunch menu)

We look forward to seeing you over the festive season and raising a glass or two. Gina, Lorna and the staff wish you a Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous 2019.

On a final note, we will be holding our staff Christmas Party on Sunday 13th January, so will be serving food 12-4pm and closing at 6pm on this date.

# **Whist Drives**

at

### Mottisfont Village Hall

The next monthly Whist Drives will be on

Friday 21st December (Christmas Special, with mulled wine & mince pies!)

Friday 25th January Friday 22nd February Friday 29th March Friday 26th April

All commencing at 7.30pm.

Wonderful prizes & refreshments always!

Gordon & Cathie 340129

## STOCKBRIDGE COMMUNITY CINEMA

#### Wednesday 5 December Mama Mia! Here We Go Again (Cert PG)



Get ready to sing and dance, laugh and love all over again. Five years after the events of Mamma Mia! (2008) you are invited to return to the magical Greek island of Kalokairi in an all-new original musical based on the songs of ABBA. Sophie prepares for the grand reopening of the Hotel Bella Donna as she learns more about her mother's past.

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

Charity Number: 284910

The Community Bus provides regular scheduled journeys from Mottisfont to Romsey, Salisbury, Andover, Winchester and Southampton. For a full time table please see



http://www.broughton-hants.net/village-bus

or call Peter Barnett (Mottisfont Parish Council's representative on the bus committee) on 340793.

### **Drivers Wanted**

We are always looking for additional volunteer drivers. The normal commitment is about one halfday a month. No previous experience is required, just an ordinary driving licence. Full training is given. It's fun and a great way to contribute to the community!

## The WI



We welcomed 14 members and 2 guests to last month's meeting, when the speaker was Geoffrey Wheeler.

He gave a short, concise history lesson dealing with events that led up to the sailing of the Mayflower and its sister ship the Speedwell. These ships arrived is Southampton in July 1620 to take on board supplies and passengers ready for their departure on 16th September 1620.

They arrived in America just before Christmas in 1620. A memorial was erected in Southampton in 1913 to celebrate this voyage.

Our December meeting is to be a Christmas party and the theme will be 'A Children's Party'. There will be party games and suitable party food!

The meeting on 8th January 2019 at 7.30pm will be a skittle evening at Mottisfont Social Club. Visitors and guests will be very welcome at this event, so please come along and join in the fun.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all readers a very Happy Christmas and a good New Year.

Mary Batten President

# **MOTTISFONT PARISH COUNCIL**

# Meeting dates for 2019

Wednesday 16th January 2019

Wednesday 13th March 2019

Annual Parish Meeting - Wednesday 24th April 2019

Annual General Meeting – Wednesday 15th May 2019\*

\* Please note that the date of the AGM may be subject to change in the event that the Village Hall is needed as a Polling Station for elections.

Parish council minutes, etc. can be found at www.mottisfontpc.org.uk/pc/pc.php

## IS THERE SOMETHING THE PARISH COUNCIL CAN DO FOR YOU?

The Parish Council is looking for your ideas about things that could be done to improve life in the parish.

Please send in any ideas you have by clicking on any of the name links at www.mottisfontpc.org.uk/pc/pc.php, emailing acorn-news-at-mandercom-dot-co-dot-uk (removal all the dashes, change "at" to "@" and "dot" to "."), or ringing Julia or Peter on 340793.

### 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, 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.

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, 25th February.

Grant applications should be made on the new application forms which have the Trust's Privacy Notice attached for your information. These are available from St. Mary's Church, Broughton, Mottisfont Church, Broughton Primary School or by email from tina-stuart-1-at-gmail-dot-com. *(remove the dashes, and change "at" to "@" and "dot" to "."*).

# **MOTTISFONT SOCIAL CLUB**

#### **Forthcoming events**

**1st December: Quiz Night, 8pm.** Teams of up to 6 people. £2 per person.

8th December: Children's Christmas Party at 2pm. Please contact Tracey Sheppard to book a place for your child.

**15th December: Christmas Raffle Night.** The Christmas meat draw and Christmas raffle will take place, with a wide selection of meat to be won, and a large raffle with lots of Christmas goodies. The meat will be supplied by Owtons Butchers. Tickets will be available from the bar for both draws.

#### 16th December: Christmas Skittle Evening, 8pm.

Come and enjoy a game of skittles with a team of five, or just turn up and join a team on the night. Skittle prizes and food £2.00 per person, with a raffle on the night.

#### **Christmas Opening Times**

**24th December:** 7pm to 11pm - Bring cheese, nibbles, etc. and enjoy a Christmas social get-together.

25th December: 11.30am to 2pm. 26th December: CLOSED.

**27th to 30th December:** Normal opening times. **31st December:** 7pm to 12.30am. Come and see the New Year in with music on the large screen and karaoke.

1st January: CLOSED.

Due to lack of support the club will be opening at 7pm on Fridays, instead of 6pm.

#### **Regular Activities at Mottisfont Social Club**

**Mondays:** Ladies' Darts Team, Romsey and District Ladies' Dart League. Snooker Team - Division 2 of the Southampton Snooker League.

**Tuesdays:** Billiards Team, Test Valley Billiards League.

Wednesdays: Free snooker and pool night.

**Thursdays:** Crib Team, Romsey Crib League. Bingo - this is very popular, with a chance of winning up to £100.

**Fridays:** Two Darts Teams, Romsey Men's Darts League.

**Saturdays:** Meat Draw every other week - Meat supplied by Owtons. Find the joker game.

**Sundays:** We have our own Skittle League, 10 people in a team. We are always looking for new teams to join.

Most of these activities take place between September and May apart from ladies' darts, bingo and the meat draw which take place all year round.

If you are interested in any of these activities, please contact the club on 340521, or pop in for a drink.

# **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

This year's Mottisfont & Dunbridge Children's Christmas Party will be held at 2pm on 8th December at Mottisfont Social Club.



All children from birth to school year 6 are welcome to come along and join in the festivities, where there will be entertainment, party food and a visit from Santa with a gift.

There is no charge for attendance as the event is hosted and provided by Mottisfont Social Club and money is raised on the toy stall of the village fete. However, we do ask that those who are not members of the Social Club contribute a plate of party food on the day.

Please call or text Tracy Sheppard to book your child in on 07817 379717. Alternatively, if you are a member of the Social Club, please go in and put the names on the board.

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