



Mottisfont & Dunbridge

# ACORN



The Village Newsletter

June 2018

## MOTTISFONT SOCIAL CLUB

# Family Fun Day!

**Saturday 7th July, 3pm**

**Fun day at the Club for all**

**with**

**Bouncy Castle  
BBQ  
Disco in the evening  
Guest Ale**

## Mottisfont Village Fete 2018

**This year's Fete will be held at  
the Village Hall on  
Sunday 12th August, from 1pm - 4.30pm.**

Many of the traditional stalls and attractions have already confirmed they will be there on the day, and there are also new exhibitors wishing to take part.

This year we will be changing the site plan of the Fete slightly so it will incorporate a central arena, which will host the displays, games and competitions.

Due to popular demand, the Mottisfont and Dunbridge Scarecrow Competition will take place again this year, so start collecting your creative ideas for your 'Wurzel Gummidge' or 'Aunt Sally' ready for the summer. The date to start displaying your Scarecrows, so we can photograph them, will be announced in the July Acorn.

There will also be Summer Hat competitions this year: one for under 16s, and one for 17s and over. We would love you to parade your hats in the

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## Volunteer Police Cadets

### The Andover Unit is in need of leaders!

The scheme provides a safe environment where young people can learn as individuals, develop positive relationships with the police, and actively support the community.

The Andover Unit is made up of a fantastic group of local young people who are committed to helping making Andover a safer place.



Cadets are issued with a uniform and attend one weekly evening session lasting two hours. Cadets learn about a wide range of policing and community-related topics and get the opportunity to work alongside police officers and staff at a variety of events and policing operations, leading them to achieve our Police Cadet Volunteering Awards.

Our cadets are often involved in crime prevention initiatives, large events such as Moonwalk, New Forest Show, Victorious Festival, the Duke of Edinburgh Award, and helping the police understand issues from a young person's perspective.

### How can I help?

The scheme is run by teams

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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**

Dear friends and neighbours,

Finally a bit of sunshine and dry weather – we are loving this! It's very good news for our overflow car parks, so we're likely to be in a positive position to welcome our June rose visitors with minimal impact on the village. After a very slow start to

spring, the roses are now all coming on very well, and we are set for a wonderful display. I spent some time in the walled garden with the team today (I was sweeping paths – very sensibly, they don't let me near any of the things that require actual horticultural skill!). It was glorious: you can almost see the buds swelling before your eyes.

If you do tend to pop in to see us once a year for the roses, then you will notice a difference in the frameyard, the first part of the walled garden where the refreshment kiosk is. The transformation of this area into a new kitchen garden is well under way, as wood and brick vegetable beds are constructed, long pergolas for hanging gourds are raised, and a central dipping pond with rills is added. The roses that used to be in this garden are all safe, so don't worry when you don't see them. Some are in our nursery beds, and will come back into the new garden. Others, particularly the older stock, have found good homes throughout the village, so they continue to flourish in local gardens.

Work will continue in the frameyard throughout June, but visitors will be able to access the outer edges of the garden and watch the construction and planting going on, whilst still being able to get a drink or an ice cream from the kiosk and use the toilets. We've refurbished the loos in the frameyard – it was time!

I also hope that many of you will come to the special rose and wine evening on Friday 29th June, in support of St. Andrew's Church. As usual, David Stone will be on hand for poetry, pearls of wisdom and so much more. Very few groups get the opportunity to have the rose garden all to themselves, and this is always a special evening, so please do come.

See you soon I hope,

Louise  
Louise Govier, General Manager, Mottisfont & SW  
Hants Group

### **In the gardens...**

#### **Rose season**

Our walled gardens are filled with heavenly fragrance and colour from thousands of roses in early summer. We're home to the National Collection of pre-1900 old-fashioned roses, which reach their

peak in June. On some evenings during June, our gardens will stay open a little later, giving you a chance to enjoy these spectacular flowers as evening draws in. On Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays 7-23 June the gardens will be open until 8pm (last entry into the property 7pm, house closes at normal time of 5pm).

### **In the house...**

#### **Kuniko Kato performance**

**Saturday 23 June, 7pm for a 7.30pm start**

A rare chance to see world-renowned percussion virtuoso Kuniko Kato, performing in the unique setting of the Whistler Room. The programme will include works by J.S. Bach, Akira Miyoshi, and Somerset-based composer Hywel Davies.

The performance is supported by the Agency for Cultural Affairs, Government of Japan, and the Toshiba International Foundation.

Tickets £15 – please book via 01794 344020.

#### **Restoring the Whistler Room curtains**

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.

At the end of May, they'll be removed for a special freezing treatment and other remedial conservation works, some of which you'll be able to see first-hand in the first week of June.

As the room will look quite different with the curtains removed, we're using the opportunity to tell more of the room's story. Rex Whistler's original design sketches will be shown in here for the first time, placed beside the final artwork on the walls.

### **In the gallery...**

#### **The Woman's Hour Craft Prize exhibition**

**Until 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.

### **In the countryside...**

Weed cutting on the River Test is carried out three times over the course of each summer. It is a vital management practice that enables us to maintain

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## Latest news on the Mid Test 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 five times and made good progress in setting up a 'Benefice Council' which will link the parishes together.

On 1st April the name of the new Benefice was announced as the 'Mid Test Benefice'. The arrangements for the Mid Test Benefice Council were agreed at a joint meeting of all of the PCCs on 2nd May 2018.

The Benefice Profile (a document needed to recruit a new priest) is developing.

James Pitkin  
Area Dean

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arena, and these will be judged on the day.

If you would like to have a stall at this year's fete, or if you have any great ideas and would like to help, please contact Sarah Cox on 278834 / 07903 652016 or email [sarah.cox63@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sarah.cox63@hotmail.co.uk).

The next Village Fete meeting will be held at 7pm on Friday 8th June at Mottisfont Village Hall. Please come and join us if you would like to be involved in this great village event. Drinks and nibbles provided.

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diverse and productive habitats. 'Clearing off' days, when the weed is freed from any bridges or obstacles in its way and pushed downstream, start on 13th June this year. Huge rafts of weed can often be seen floating down the river at this time. The weed will eventually reach Romsey, where it will be removed from the river, collected by the Environment Agency and composted.

Elsewhere on the estate, butterfly, dragonfly and bird monitoring are in full swing, and glow worm surveys take place on Stockbridge Down this month.

### 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.

## The WI



There were fifteen members present at the May meeting, which was also the AGM. A committee of six members was voted to serve for the year, with Mary Batten being re-elected as president for 2018/19.

After the business part of the evening was completed we enjoyed a hot dog and coffee or tea, which was provided by the committee. It also gave a chance for everyone to have a natter, and it was a very relaxed evening.

The next meeting is to be held at Mottisfont & Dunbridge Village Hall on Tuesday 12th June at 7.30pm. The speaker will be James Haddow, telling us about 'The Life & Love of a Taxi Driver Poet'. Guests will be very welcome at this evening, so why not come along and enjoy the talk and a cup of coffee or tea.

Mary Batten

## MEET THE NEIGHBOURS

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

**Tuesday, 26th June at 7pm**

Come and join us!  
The break will do you good!

**Don't forget the new village web site:**

**[www.mottisfontpc.org.uk](http://www.mottisfontpc.org.uk)**

**for the village calendar and lots of other information!**

## 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.

## ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

The long festival of Easter, which began way back on the 14th of February with the commencement of Lent, and continued until the 10th May, Ascension Day, is now over for another year. Pentecost, or Whit Sunday, is also passed, and, glancing at the church calendar of festivals for the year, we could be forgiven for thinking that the Church itself takes a long and well-earned holiday throughout the summer months before Advent makes its first appearance on the horizon of late autumn and early winter. But, of course, it doesn't. Saints Days and other Feast Days populate the otherwise empty calendar, and all are being celebrated, somewhere, within the family of the wider church, although not necessarily here at St. Andrews.

It would be wrong to think of the great festivals of Christmas and of Easter as being fixed in time, for, in fact, every day and every church service is a celebration of Christ's birth, His life, His sacrificial death on the cross, and the wonderful miracle of His resurrection. Every time the Apostle's Creed is spoken or shared, His life and death are acknowledged, and every time the bread and wine are shared, His life and death and continued presence through the Holy Spirit, is celebrated.

This, then, is why our lovely old church is still with us, still very much alive. For it has a purpose to fulfil and a job to do, that of witnessing, every day, to the life and love of Jesus. Every day, not just Sundays! For the church is its people, and its people are the church, and whether they be many or few, their message is the same. Jesus lives! Alleluja!

In Christian love,

David Stone

## BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

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

### Events for June

7th June: Mr David Stone  
14th June: Mrs Sheila Few  
21st June: Members Meeting  
28th June: Mrs Helen Carter

Everyone welcome.  
Please come and join us.

Barbara Perry, Booking Secretary, 301466

## THE FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, HOUGHTON

### DRINKS AND CANAPES WITH LIGHT MUSIC

On Saturday 2nd June 2018,  
6 – 9pm at All Saints

This is an opportunity to hear the recently installed audio system in beautiful surroundings, and a chance to visit the churchyard to appreciate all the recent work undertaken by volunteers.

RSVP to Sue Marshall on 388538

*Donations Welcome*

## CHURCH SERVICES FOR JUNE

	3rd June TRINITY 1	10th June TRINITY 2	17th June TRINITY 3	24th June TRINITY 4
8am	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
11am	-	MOTTISFONT Messy Church Club	-	MOTTISFONT Family Communion CW
6pm	MOTTISFONT Evensong	-	BOSSINGTON Meditation	HOUGHTON Evensong

HC = Holy Communion

CW = Common Worship

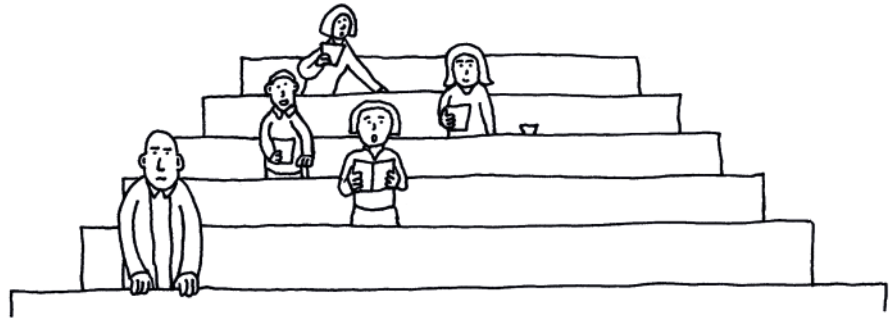
BCP = Book of Common Prayer



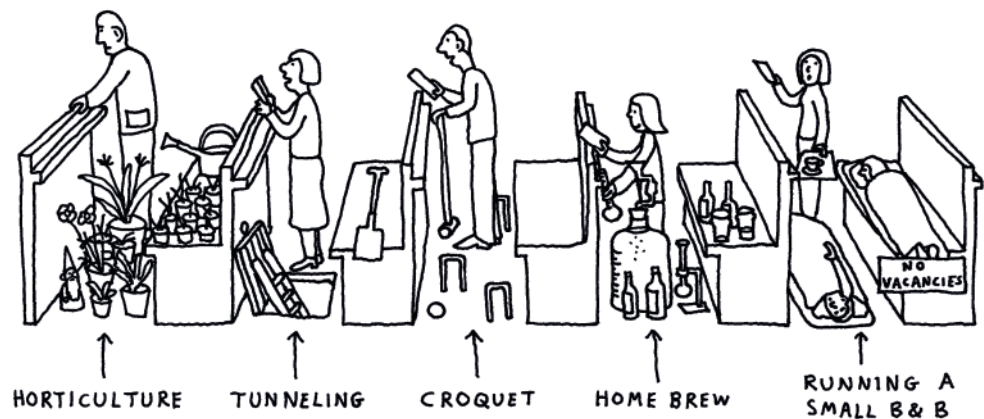
# IN THE PEWS

WHAT IS GOING ON?

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ACTUAL  
ACTIVITIES →



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

## ROSE AND WINE EVENING at MOTTISFONT



This delightful annual evening event held in the glorious walled rose garden of Mottisfont Abbey will take place on

**FRIDAY 29th JUNE at 6.30 - 8.30 pm**

Entry at the gate: £10pp, age 5-16 £6, under 5s free

This will provide a privileged opportunity to stroll with friends and family amongst the fragrant roses and flowering plants, whilst enjoying a glass of wine or fruit cup. The proceeds will also help us to maintain our beautiful 12th century village church.

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Once again, David Stone, rose expert and former curator of the ancient rose collection at Mottisfont will be available for short guided tours and questions.

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There will be a raffle too!

We are very grateful to the National Trust for this generous support to St. Andrew's Church.  
Free parking and access via the staff car park.  
NT concessions do not apply to this event.

## Lockerley Primary School Open Morning

**Wednesday 13th 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 13th 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.

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## Lockerley Primary School Bizarre Bazaar

**Friday 6th July 5-7pm**

**Bar, BBQ, Tombola, Raffle, Family Games & Bouncy Castle**

**All Welcome!**

### Home-owners to be bombarded with junk mail after the Royal Mail sent out pamphlets telling firms how to exploit EU data protection laws?

- \* Companies have been advised by the Royal Mail to send unaddressed letters
- \* This is in a bid to dodge new EU laws that hope to crackdown on junk mail
- \* The new laws, are set to come into force starting from 25th May

After reading about this, I thought that a warning and providing opt-out info would be helpful.

Full info is given here, with a link to the opt-out form, etc.:

<https://stopjunkmail.org.uk/guide/door-to-door-opt-out>

Note: For some inexplicable reason, this mandate has to be renewed every two years to keep it in force!!

John Millns

## STOCKBRIDGE COMMUNITY CINEMA

**Friday 15th June**



### Loveless (Cert 15)

Zhenya and Boris are going through a vicious divorce marked by resentment, frustration and recriminations. Already embarking on new lives, each with a new partner, they are impatient to start again, to turn the page - even if it means threatening to abandon their 12-year-old son Alyosha. Until, after witnessing one of their fights, Alyosha disappears. (In Russian - subtitled)

The film will be introduced by Times newspaper chief film critic Kevin Maher and a Q&A session will follow the screening.

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](http://www.stockbridgecinema.org.uk).

**Wednesday 20th June**

### Darkest Hour (Cert PG)

During the early days of World War II, the fate of Western Europe hangs on the newly-appointed British Prime Minister Winston Churchill (Gary Oldman), who must decide whether to negotiate with Adolf Hitler, or fight on against incredible odds.

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](http://www.stockbridgecinema.org.uk).

### For Sale

2 wet suits: Rip Curl, size large, Aloer size medium. £20 each, ono. Any money raised will be donated to a cancer charity.

Cathie Wood, 340129.

### For Sale

Lady's 3 speed bike, £40  
Good condition, not used much  
Bell, good tyres and brakes  
Bike stand  
Ring Paula or Simon on 341734

## STOCKBRIDGE MUSIC

Friday 8th June, 7.30pm

St. Peter's Church, Stockbridge

### INDEX CANTORUM CHOIR

#### Caledonian Connexions

A concert of sacred and secular choral music from the Renaissance to the present day having links to Scotland, including works by Carver, Weelkes, Vaughan Williams and arrangements of traditional folksongs.

INDEX CANTORUM is a well established choir that delights in combining their Early Music specialism with other familiar or newly commissioned repertoire, to create stimulating performances. INDEX CANTORUM is celebrating its 30th anniversary year, since their first concerts in the London churches of St. Paul's, Covent Garden, and St. Patrick's, Soho Square.

INDEX CANTORUM performs regularly in Winchester Cathedral, singing Evensong, Compline services and the lunchtime concert series. The choir has sung in Salisbury and Chichester Cathedrals and in other venues in Hampshire as part of the Hyde Festival, the Winchester Early Music International Festival, and Stockbridge Music in 2016.

INDEX CANTORUM makes a welcome return to Stockbridge Music after their captivating performance and dynamic quality singing in 2016.

This is a choir not to be missed!

Tickets, £14, are on sale from :  
www.jumblebee.co.uk/stockbridgemusic  
The Lights Theatre Box Office (01264 368368)  
The local box offices, (Robinsons Butchers & Roger Tym) will open one month before the concert.

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We will keep your email private to the best of our ability, and will only use it for the purposes described above.

***If you were on either list before, and didn't tell us that you'd like to stay on it, you will have been removed from it!***

## MOTTISFONT PARISH COUNCIL

### Meeting dates for 2018 – 19

Wednesday 11th July 2018

Wednesday 19th September 2018

Wednesday 21st November 2018

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.

### 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 2nd June at 8pm: Kate Fryer Skittles Evening**

This is the annual skittles game between the men and women of the village/club to raise money for Romsey Hospital in memory of Kate. Please come and support this local cause - £2.50 to play which includes a buffet and there will be a large draw.

**Saturday 7th July at 3pm: Family Fun Day**

Fun day at the Club for all with Bouncy Castle, BBQ, Disco in the evening and a Guest Ale

### Darts - End of Season Report

The Ladies' and Men's Romsey Winter Darts Leagues have come to their conclusion. The Ladies' B side finished third behind The Parish Lantern, so the champions are Romsey Conservative Club. The A team finished fourth, Kings Somborne Club were fifth and our C team finished bottom.

The Men's League had better news with the Club's A team beating Comrades A in the last game to finish top of the league with 32 points. The B team did not do as well, and finished bottom of the league.

To see the full leagues please follow these links:  
[http://romseyladieswinterleague.leaguerepublic.com/l/fg/1\\_325500786.html](http://romseyladieswinterleague.leaguerepublic.com/l/fg/1_325500786.html)  
[http://romseydarts.leaguerepublic.com/l/fg/1\\_779434670.html](http://romseydarts.leaguerepublic.com/l/fg/1_779434670.html)

The club is always looking for players, so if you are interested in playing darts please contact us.

### **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.

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of fantastic volunteers from the force and the local community. The Andover team needs new volunteers to get involved and help.

You do not have to have previous experience, only an interest in helping young people achieve their best and reach their full potential.

Leaders usually volunteer around 2 hours per week in term times, to run the sessions and assist in the supervision of the cadets at community and policing events. However, any help you can offer would be much appreciated.

Whatever time you can spare will be valuable to us. If you can't commit to every week but still want to get involved, your help will always be appreciated.

So, if you're looking for something fun to do that is full of opportunities and is extremely rewarding, you can get involved now as a Volunteer Adult Leader.

Applications now open: please contact PS 18 Plascott on 101 ext 4712217.

