



Mottisfont & Dunbridge

ACORN



The Village Newsletter

May 2018

STEVE HINTON

It is with much sadness that we heard Steve Hinton, for many years a resident of Dunbridge, had died at Queen Alexander Hospital, Portsmouth, on 25th March, after a long illness.

The funeral was held on 11th April.

When was this photo taken?



Martin Fletcher has sent us this interesting picture taken from Dunbridge railway station. It clearly shows the flour mill, a gantry across the road for loading gravel onto trains, and the railway sidings.

continued on back page

Mottisfont Village Fete 2018

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

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-dot-cox63-at-hotmail-dot-co-dot-uk (*change "-dot-" to "." and "-at-" to "@"*).

The first of this year's Fete Organisation Meetings will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 10th May at the Mill Arms, Dunbridge. Please come and join us if you would like to be involved in this great village event.

Broughton Learning invites you to

AN EVENING WITH GREG DYKE

Film...TV...Football...BBC...lots more

Friday, 1st June, 8pm

Cash bar open from 7.15pm and afterwards

Broughton Village Hall

Greg Dyke has enjoyed a varied and fascinating career, during which he has made successful TV programmes, been a Director of Manchester United, Director General of the BBC, Chairman of Brentford Football Club, the Football Association, the British Film Institute, the London Film School, and a long term resident of Broughton.*

This event will offer the audience the opportunity to ask Greg their own questions.

All proceeds will go to the Broughton Village Hall refurbishment fund.

Tickets in advance only £12, from West View Stores, Broughton, and Broughton Crafts, Stockbridge, or by email reservation with payment by bank transfer, to info@broughtonlearning.org.uk.

**Lots more on Wikipedia!*

MEET THE NEIGHBOURS

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

Thursday, 24th May at 7pm

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

Free to good home!

Two canoes, one a single and the other a double, with paddles. Ring Michael on 340105.

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



**National
Trust**

Dear friends and neighbours,

Hopefully by the time you read this, spring really will have sprung and we'll have been basking in sunshine rather than shovelling snow! We would love some drier weather to dry up the puddles and enable us to use the overflow car park on occasion.

We weren't able to use either overflow area over Easter at all, but we worked hard to keep the queues under control. Occasionally we had to close the property to new entries for an hour or so until the car park had a bit more space in it, and we used signage to ask people not to park on the verges.

We don't ever like to turn away visitors, but sometimes it's necessary to avoid blocking access to the village, so we will do it if we have to.

The gardens are looking lovely after all that rain, so if you're in the mood for daffodils and other spring bulbs, do stop by. At the time of writing, the chionodoxa are creating a lovely blue carpet in the lime walk, and the hyacinths in the parterre are making a cloud of beautiful fragrance.

Having enjoyed Heath Robinson's crazy creations, our next exhibition is the Woman's Hour Craft Prize, which is travelling to us from the V&A. It showcases work by the finalists and winner of this prestigious new contemporary craft competition, everything from giant woven sculpture to furniture, decaying ceramics to a beautifully-made bicycle. It opens on Wednesday 25th April – do come in to have a look.

If you fancy finding out a bit more about what happens behind the scenes here, have a look at the new blog created by our house team. Once a month they will add a new feature on different happenings around the house, ranging from pest management and book cleaning to updates on the restoration of the Whistler room curtains. This month you will find a post about salvage training and procedures at Mottisfont – what would we do to look after our collections if we had an emergency event such as a flood? Open this link in your internet browser: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/mottisfont/lists/mottisfont-house-blog>; alternatively you can go to the Mottisfont homepage: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/mottisfont>. Under 'More about this place' click on 'Our work', then select 'Our house blog'.

Hope to see you soon,

With best wishes,

Louise

In the gallery...

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...

Garden Designer's trail

Saturday 26 May – Sunday 3 June, 10am - 5pm. £1 per trail.

Discover Mottisfont's gardens and design your own with a creative Garden Designer's trail, full of imaginative activities.

We're creating a new garden at Mottisfont. Now it's your turn: what would you do if you could make any garden you wanted? Would you fill it with swings and slides, or rollercoasters and rockets? Your design journey starts now! Follow the trail around Mottisfont's garden and fill up your sheet with ideas...

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.

PLANNING APPLICATION:

18/00873/FULLS

Former Railway Sidings, Dunbridge Construction of 10 two-bedroom dwellings and car park

A full planning application has been made to build ten two-bedroom starter houses on land next to the railway line close to the station at Dunbridge. Residents of Mill Rise were sent letters informing them of the application in early April.

This application was discussed at a special meeting of the Parish Council held on 25th April. This meeting was held at quite short notice as comments have to be submitted by 4th May. After taking the views of residents, the vote was on balance to support the application, but with a number of reservations, including for example to improve the mix of homes.

For further information, please speak to a Parish Councillor.

Test Valley Villages Lecture

**Wednesday 16th May at 8pm
at Broughton Village Hall**

The Bees' Knees, and Other Gadgets

**An opportunity for a closer look at the
honeybee, the tools of her trade and how she
uses them**

Speaker: Christine Coulsting

Taking a look down the microscope from antenna to sting, we will find out how the honeybee worker is equipped with many gadgets to enable her to carry out her many tasks. Christine will explain how the famous waggle dance enables the colony to maximise foraging, and why the honeybee is such an efficient and important pollinator.

Christine Coulsting is a qualified beekeeper, and Chair of Romsey & District Beekeepers' Association. She enjoys passing on her knowledge and passion of bees and beekeeping to new and aspiring beekeepers, as well as to the general public.

All are welcome. Booking not necessary. Entry is £5, and includes a drink. Full time students can attend free of charge.

Friends of Broughton School

proudly present

BROUGHTON VILLAGE SUMMER FETE

on Sunday 13th May

**at Broughton Football Ground,
Buckholt Road, Broughton**

12 noon – 3pm

**A great, fun packed day out for the whole family
with maypole dancing & traditional games, fun
fair rides including bouncy castles, fire engine,
tractors, dog show, tug of war, pony rides, face
painting, plus stalls offering homemade jams,
cakes, gifts, plants, books, raffle and much
more!**

**Refreshments include BBQ, savoury bites,
veggie options, cakes & ice creams!**

Entry £2 (children go free)

The WI



At our April meeting Madeline Silveti explained “Why do we say this”. Flogging a dead horse, running amok, tickity boo, between the devil and the deep blue sea, and as common as muck were some of the sayings she quoted. The one that brought a smile to our faces was “Saved by the bell”. The Victorians had a fear of being buried alive. A rope was attached to a bell so that if the person hadn't properly died they could pull on the rope, the bell would ring and the grave watchers could pull them out!

We are very proud of our decorated bollard which is opposite the Post Office in Church St. Romsey. Members had knitted coloured squares, crocheted beautiful flowers, and made pompom insects. A wonderful effort for such a small group!

The next meeting is the AGM, 8th May 7.30 at the Village Hall. After a brief session of committee appointments, we will enjoy a BBQ with lots of chat.



We have lots of excellent speakers, theatre trips and various outings to look forward to.

Why not come along and see what we do?

Cathie Wood
Vice President

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

Dear Friends,

Our Easter services across the benefice were really well attended and even the sun shone on our Easter Egg hunt at St. Andrew's after the service on Easter Day.

We are pleased to announce that the new benefice, which will comprise our parish of Mottisfont, together with the existing parishes in the Broughton benefice, as well as those of Stockbridge, Longstock and Leckford, will be called the Mid Test Benefice. We are hoping to have a new vicar in place to work with us by Christmas. Until then it is "business as usual" with weddings, baptisms and general services throughout the summer.

An important date for your diary is Sunday 6th May at 11.00am, when there will be a special service of Rogation, the blessing of the fields, at the lovely little church of St. James, Bossington - right in the middle of our beautiful countryside. It will be held outdoors if the weather is kind, so please bring a rug or a chair to sit on.

We would love to see you at any of our services, where you will be assured of a warm welcome.

Susan Clutterbuck, Trish Armstrong
Churchwardens

BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

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

Events for May

3rd May: Mr. Peter Ponting
10th May: Mr. Adam Stacey (Sailor's Society)
17th May: Visit to U.R.C. Hythe
24th May: Mr. Ron Caddy
31st May: Rev'd Jill Bentall

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 MAY

	6th May ROGATION	13th May EASTER 7	20th May PENTECOST	27th May TRINITY
8am	BROUGHTON HC CW	-	BROUGHTON HC BCP	-
9.30 am	BROUGHTON The Bible Uncovered	BROUGHTON HC CW ----- HOUGHTON HC CW	BROUGHTON Family Service ----- MOTTISFONT HC BCP	BROUGHTON Family Communion CW
11am	BOSSINGTON HC CW Rogation - outdoor service, bring your own garden chair	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

THE CHURCH BUDGET

WHERE THE AXE IS LIKELY TO FALL

SERMONS

6 MINUTES
SHORTER



PRINTING

ONLY
INTERESTING
NOTICES
ALLOWED



WASTE

CUTTING
DOWN
ON IT



CRAYONS

REDUCTION IN
UNNECESSARY
COLOURS

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.

~~~~~

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.

~~~~~

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.

Singers in harmony with countryside charity

Two internationally renowned choirs will join together for a charity concert to raise vital funds to help protect the Hampshire countryside on 19th May 2018.

The a capella singing group made up of the all-male group The Close Shaves and the all-ladies group The High Heels will perform at Stockbridge Town Hall at 6.30pm on Saturday 19th May.

The performance will raise funds for the Hampshire branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England.



The Close Shaves and The High Heels
(Credit: CPRE Hampshire)

Dee Haas, Chairman of CPRE Hampshire, said: "We were lucky enough to have a concert from these two Bach Choir groups three years ago and they were stunningly good. You cannot understate the quality of their music making - something for everyone but all of very high quality, as you would expect from members of this famous choir. They will give us another special evening of songs across the centuries, all beautifully arranged."

The singers originally met while performing with the Bach Choir, but their concert included a wide range of music, from pop classics to musical theatre songs, as well as classical pieces.

The money raised will support the work of CPRE Hampshire, which strives to protect the county's beautiful countryside.

The charity supports local communities campaigning to see developments putting the right houses in the right places.

This will be a rare and special opportunity to see them perform together. Tickets are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment!

To book tickets, please email
admin@cprehampshire.org.uk.

STOCKBRIDGE COMMUNITY CINEMA

Sunday 6 May Paddington 2 (PG)

Paddington, happily settled with the Brown family, and a popular member of the local community, picks up a series of odd jobs to buy the perfect present for his Aunt Lucy's 100th birthday, only for the gift to be stolen. This is a fund-raising film on behalf of the Friends of Stockbridge School - all welcome.



Showing at Stockbridge Town Hall SO20 6HE at 2.30pm, 5.00pm and 7.30pm. Doors open 20 minutes before the start time.

Friday 18 May Call Me By Your Name (15)

Coming-of-age romantic drama. Elio Perlman (Timothée Chalamet) is a young man who lives with his parents in their Italian villa. When Oliver (Armie Hammer), a graduate student comes to stay he captivates the attention of Elio, and soon the two attract each other.

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

Wednesday 23 May Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri (15)

After months have passed without a culprit in her daughter's murder case, Mildred Hayes (Frances McDormand) makes a bold move, painting three signs leading into her town with a controversial message directed at William Willoughby (Woody Harrelson), the town's revered chief of police.

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

Art Group

We meet on Thursday afternoons from 2 – 4pm.

We are able to offer materials and advice if you should require anything to get you started.



Gordon 340129

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.

WHIST DRIVES AT MOTTISFONT

Our next series of Whist Drives will commence on Friday 28th September, and then will be monthly on the last Friday (except in December).



Come and learn to play
– plenty of time before
September!



Gordon & Cathie
340129

Last chance!

The Acorn has two e-mailing lists it uses: one for reminding people of the copy deadline, and one for delivering copies of the Acorn to people who don't get a paper copy.

New data protection regulations require us to re-confirm permission from time to time from all individuals on the lists, so when we last sent out a deadline reminder, we asked people to reply giving their permission to remain on the list. Of 48 people on the list, only 16 have replied!

It looks like 32 people are about to be removed from the list. If you don't want to be one of them, please email us at acornnews@mandercom.co.uk.

Or if you'd like to be on either list, please let us know.

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 2 June at 8.00pm: 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.

Regular events

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 ".").

With summer approaching, the winter leagues are coming to an end. The Test Valley Billiard League was the first to finish, with the Mottisfont team finishing runners up and winning the Charity Shield Team Knock-Out.

Peter Holmes and Kallum Tarrant reached the final of the pairs, but lost to Ian Hares and Peter Green from Wherwell in a close game. Better news for Kallum: he went on to win the Scratch Cup, beating Nigel Horne by 12 points.

The Mottisfont Skittles League has also finished, with the Mottisfont Club team finishing fourth.

Sarah Cox from Beryl's Babes won the Ladies Individual Trophy with a score of 45 and Jan Goodchild from Mottisfont Club finished as runner-up with 40.

The Men's Individual Trophy was won by Stewart Collins from The Blakes team, beating Kallum Tarrant from the Odds & Sods in a play-off after both finished on a score of 46.

Mottisfont Club Skittles League Final Table

The Star	1872
Odds & Sods	1816
Blakes	1789
M.S.C.	1726
National Trust	1725
Beryl's Babes	1615

Where's the Who's Who, What's What and Where's Where?

For as long as we can remember, we have shown a list here of about 40 names, phone numbers and emails of local people with various roles in the parish.

New data protection regulations coming into force this month mean that we would have to get the approval of each individual to publish their personal details - and that's a lot of work!

So as our time is limited, we've taken the decision to delete the list, at least for now. If you would like to see it reinstated, let us know, and we'll see what we can do.

Julia and Peter, Editors.

continued from front page

Martin also points out that there appear to be no allotments in the picture.

Martin writes, "Given that the Flour Mill burnt down in 1939, and George Fletcher did not move to The Stores until 1935, I believe the photo dates before 1935, probably between 1920-1930.

"I must admit that I have been searching for such an image for the past 20 years, given that my father has often spoken of the gantry and bucket line over the road to the railway which had served the gravel pit behind what is now Mill Rise & Barker Mill Close".

He would be interested to hear from anyone who can help date the picture. If you are able to help, please contact him on 023 8073 4441 or by email at m-dot-j-dot-fletcher-at-sky-dot-com (change "-dot-" to "." and "-at-" to "@").