



Mottisfont & Dunbridge

ACORN



The Village Newsletter

November 2018

Fish and Chips

The Fish and Chip van will not be at Mill Rise on Wednesday 21st November, but will normally come on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, from 5pm until 6.15.

BROUGHTON FIREWORKS 5th November

Broughton's fantastic annual family firework event will once again take place on 5th November with a children's torch procession leaving The Square (by the Greyhound pub) at 6.30pm.

The procession will then make its way to the sportsfield in Buckholt Road (SO20 8DA) where the bonfire will be lit at approximately 6.45pm. The firework display will commence around 7.30pm and will last about 20 minutes.

Free parking adjacent to the cemetery/allotments & new car park in School Lane (off Salisbury Road – please follow signs). Refreshments, hot food and merchandise for sale. Licensed bar. Tickets available on the gate and entry is £6.00 for adults and £5.00 for concessions and children.



MEET THE NEIGHBOURS

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

**Friday 16th
November, 7pm**

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



COMING EVENTS AT MOTTISFONT VILLAGE HALL

Village Supper



**Saturday
10th November
7 for 7.30pm**



There is still time to book your place, but please do so before 8th November.

Menu

Fish pie – Chilli con carne – Vegetable bourguignon with chestnuts

Fresh fruit salad – apple pie

£12 per person

Bring your own wine, beer or soft drinks

Please contact Pat Francis 340609 or Sarah Cox 278834 to book a place

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**On Saturday 15th December
at 7.30pm**

Wassail Evening

Join us at the Village Hall for an evening of Christmas carols and readings with mulled wine and mince pies.

If you would like to do a reading please contact Dave and Pat Francis on 340609 or email patfrancis*dot*romsey*at*gmail*com.



Volunteers to make mince pies will be very welcome!

Donations to the Mottisfont and Dunbridge defibrillator fund.

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



**National
Trust**

Greetings from Mottisfont Abbey.

At the time of writing, the leaves are starting to turn and we're just clearing up after a wonderful weekend of creativity when our visitors used the natural bounty around to make wonderful land art. Leaves, twigs, conkers and much more were made

into all sorts of patterns, from the arty to the fantastical (there was even a T Rex made by one young dinosaur enthusiast!). It's the perfect time for an autumn stroll, and to warm up with one of the new soups and 'one-pot' dishes on the menu – the butternut squash and bean hot-pot is really delicious, and much better for me than the 'blondie', which remains something of an Achilles heel of mine...

We have much to celebrate at the moment, not least the beautiful Kitchen Garden that Jonny and his team of tireless helpers have been finishing off in the first section of the walled garden. All sorts of different gourds and squashes are growing on the long pergolas, and a wonderful array of salads is now being produced for our café, and will be available for visitors to buy as salad bags in the future. If you haven't popped in to see the progress for a while, it's worth a visit now – the grass in the centre is down, and it's just about complete.

We've also been remembering with great thanks the life of a former colleague whom many of you will have known, Phil Marshall, who very sadly died recently. Phil worked for the National Trust from 1987 – 2012, and made a really significant contribution to landscape and wildlife in our area. He was incredibly lively and engaging, but everything he did was rooted in solid scientific and environmental understanding, and it has had long-lasting effects on our local countryside. Phil was the original advocate for the National Trust's decision to take over active management of the Mottisfont fishery in 2004. He was a lynchpin of the partnership between the National Trust and Mottisfont Fly-Fishing Club from its foundation – a partnership that continues to this day. Phil championed the transformation of the fishery into an exemplar of sensitive ecological management to become a flagship project for the National Trust, and a huge influence on river-keeping practice in chalk stream fisheries throughout the country. Phil was quite rightly proud of what has been achieved at Mottisfont – it is a thriving legacy that he leaves here.

Phil was closely involved in the National Trust's acquisition of our sites on Rockford and Ibsley Commons, and the former plantation at Foxbury near Half Moon Common that we've been restoring back to heathland, and where we're also planting 22,000 new trees. He trained and mentored rangers who have gone on to work in many other organisations, and in more recent years was continuing his work as

part of the Broadlands team and as an advisor both in the New Forest National Park and to the Government.

His love of wildlife and the natural world was only equalled by his interest in history. Phil did extensive local history research, particularly about Mottisfont Abbey, and was always happy to share what he had learned. He was someone with a great zest for life, a mischievous sense of humour, and a playful approach that belied the seriousness of his achievements; he will be very much missed. Our thoughts are very much with Debbie and Phil's family; we will work hard to ensure that the countryside and wildlife that he loved continues to flourish into the future.

See you soon,

Louise

In the gallery...

The Mottisfont Open Exhibition 2018

Until Sunday 11 November, 11am-5pm (4pm from 5 November)

An exciting mix of work submitted by artists from all backgrounds and selected by a panel of arts specialists. The call out this year saw a fantastic response, with over 400 entries received; works were submitted by a diverse mix of artists, with the vast majority from Hampshire and the surrounding counties. The exhibition showcases a fascinating variety of media and styles, from drawings, paintings and textile pieces to 3D works, including sculptural pieces from some unusual materials.

In the gardens...

The last of the autumn colour will adorn our grounds as November begins. We're home to the National Collection of plane trees, which includes the great plane, thought to be the largest of its kind in Britain; framing the east side of the house, this veteran tree boasts a dazzling autumn display. Another star of our colourful show is the hornbeam, which explodes into a canopy of orange and scarlet. Chestnut trees lining the upper half of our main pathway glow with yellow-orange leaves, and pale gold tulip trees are another autumn highlight. As this seasonal colour fades towards the end of the month, our specially planted winter garden will begin to come into its own.

Festive fun...

The Night Before Christmas

Saturday 24 November – 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.

On the wider estate...

Essential forestry works will be 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 and 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.

TEST VALLEY VILLAGES LECTURES
8pm on Wednesday, 21st November, in St. Mary's Church, Broughton

THE PURPOSE AND OPERATION OF WATERMEADOWS

Speaker: Dr Hadrian Cook

Watermeadows are integral to the landscape of Wessex. They were commonly constructed in the seventeenth century and represent a huge effort of human labour that modified river floodplains in order to bring grass production forward in the spring and increase the productivity of hay crops. The talk will describe their form, operation, their historic economic importance and outline their value today.

Dr. Hadrian Cook is a hydrologist and soil scientist who specialises in river catchment and floodplain management. He has researched the operation and history of watermeadows for over 20 years. He is currently a Trustee and Drowner for the Harnham Water Meadows Trust in Salisbury. Hadrian has taught in schools, at Wye and Imperial Colleges in the University of London, and more recently at Kingston University. He has published widely in areas of hydrology, sustainable agriculture, environmental science and history and water policy.

The timing of this talk will prepare those who are interested to visit one of the winter "drownings" in Salisbury.

No booking is required. Entry is £5, to include a glass of wine or juice. Free to full time students.

The WI



At our last meeting we were pleased to welcome Chris Hall from Romsey Young Carers.

We were given an insight into the problems that face youngsters who have to care for siblings or parents on a daily basis.

The work carried out by the Young Carers organisation provides support and activities for these young people in the form of clubs and events including outings.

Romsey Young Carers rely on help from volunteers to support these youngsters, and if you have some free time please contact them on admin@romseyyoungcarers.org.uk or by phone on 01794 515908. I am sure they would love to hear from you.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 13th November at 7.30 in Mottisfont Village Hall. The speaker will be Geoffrey Wheeler, talking about The Mayflower ship.

A warm welcome awaits any visitors, and you will be able to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit.

Mary Batten
President

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 half-day 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!

Thoughts from St. Andrew's

We will remember them.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the end of the Great War, and also happens to fall on the same day. So, at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month, we and many others will be at the Cenotaph in London, or in our Parish Churches doing just that.

We owe our lives and our freedoms to those who gave their lives for us, such as the 24 people from Mottisfont. This is always a shock to us as the names are read out; so many from our small community. Just imagine what it would be like if that happened today.

The end of November also brings the services of All Saints, when we remember those who have been beatified and made saints for their work and the miracles that they did.

All Souls is also when we remember those who have died, our loved ones, and all those who have gone before us.

On 30th November we will remember Saint Andrew, our Patron Saint.

A time to remember, and to give thanks for all our blessings.

Susan Clutterbuck and Trish Armstrong.

BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

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

Events for November

1st November: Rev'd Dr. Stephen Sizer
(Peacemaker Trust)
8th November: Mr. Desmond Graves
15th November: Members' Meeting
22nd November: Canon Peter Lippiett
29th November: Christmas Lunch

Everyone welcome, please come and join us.

Barbara Perry, Booking Secretary, 301466

Tim Iles

Helen, Dan, Nick, Ben and Bex would like to thank everyone for their support and comfort following Tim's untimely death.

We have been inundated with cards, letters, flowers, food and offers of help. The love and support received from the community has been heart-warming, and a huge comfort at this very difficult time.

Thank you x

CHURCH SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

	4th November All Saints	11th November REMEMBRANCE	18th November 2nd before Advent	25th November CHRIST the KING
8am	BROUGHTON HC CW	-	BROUGHTON HC BCP	-
9.30 am	BOSSINGTON HC BCP ----- BROUGHTON The Bible Uncovered	-	BROUGHTON Family Service (Shoebox Service) Operation Christmas Child ----- MOTTISFONT HC BCP	BROUGHTON Family Communion CW
11am	-	10.45 BROUGHTON HOUGHTON MOTTISFONT Remembrance Service	-	MOTTISFONT Family Communion CW
6pm	MOTTISFONT Evensong	-	BOSSINGTON Meditation	HOUGHTON Evensong

All Souls Service at Houghton, Friday 2nd November, at 7pm

HC = Holy Communion

CW = Common Worship

BCP = Book of Common Prayer

November is a time for remembering...

This year we are particularly remembering 100 years since the Armistice in Europe. 'Remembrance 100' has been part of the remembering this year; it recalls how, on Sunday, 4th August 1918, the fourth anniversary of the declaration of war, King George V and Queen Mary joined members of the House of Commons and the House of Lords for a special service at the Church of Saint Margaret, Westminster. The King had asked that 4th August 1918 should be observed as a National Day of Prayer: 100 days later the war ended.

On 4th August 2018 churches across the country and across the spectrum of denominations started 100 days of prayer, peace and reconciliation. In the Deanery, some churches are also part of 'There But Not There' which, through the installation of silhouettes, helps to commemorate those who died in the First World War and to educate all generations, particularly today's younger generation who were born nearly 100 years after the outbreak of WW1, to understand what led to the deaths of 888,246 British and Commonwealth service personnel.

In our remembering we also seek to heal today's veterans who are suffering from the mental and physical wounds of their service.

In December there are interviews planned for a new rector for the Mid Test Benefice and a vicar for Kings Somborne. Usually, those taking up the posts will need to give 3 months' notice, so it will be 2019 before they move in. In the meantime, your churchwardens will be busy sorting out worship and events in your church – please encourage them! Below is their guide to what might need doing as we come closer to Christmas.

Your Area (Rural) Dean, James

THE CLERGY DIARY

DECEMBER (APPROXIMATE)



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

THANK YOU TO THE RESIDENTS OF MOTTISFONT & DUNBRIDGE

The Chase family would like to thank the residents of Mottisfont who came out to wave to everyone travelling on the tractor and trailer to the wedding of our daughter Laura to Edward Lewis on Saturday 28 July 2018.

It was also lovely to see the many residents of Mottisfont & Dunbridge who came to watch Laura's arrival at St Andrew's Church to be married; all of which helped to make Laura and Edd's day extra special.

Thank you from us all.

David, Gillian & Richard Chase





Art Exhibition

**Clarendon Group
Winterslow
Village Hall
2 & 3 November**

Free wine & canapés

Friday 6pm - 9pm
Saturday 10am - 4pm
Refreshments all day

All art work for sale

LOCKERLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL



CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Friday 30th November

3.30pm - 5.30pm

**RAFFLE, TOMBOLA, GAMES,
WINTER BBQ,
CAKES, CHRISTMAS GIFTS,
AND
SOMEONE SPECIAL IN THE
GROTTO!**

STOCKBRIDGE COMMUNITY CINEMA

Friday 9 November

Journey's End (Cert 12A)

A screening to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. Led by young



officer Stanhope, whose mental health is rapidly disintegrating, a group of British soldiers await their fate in an Aisne dugout during the end of World War I. A Q&A session with the film's producer Guy de Beaujeu will follow the screening of this film.

Showing at Stockbridge Town Hall SO20 6HE at 7.30pm. Doors open at 7pm.

Wednesday 21 November

Lean on Pete (Cert 15)

Charley, a teen living with his single father, finds work caring for an aging racehorse named Lean on Pete. When he learns Pete is bound for slaughter, the two embark on an odyssey across the new American frontier in search of a place to call home. "Emotional... Epic... A Masterpiece." Kevin Maher (The Times).



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.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

August seems such a long time ago, now that we are well into Autumn, but despite the wet weather we did pretty well at the fete, finishing with a profit of just over £1,900.



Thank you to everyone who helped.

This money is essential for the day to day running costs of the hall, so please don't be backward in coming forward to help with next year's fete.

We are always short of volunteers to run stalls, and even if you don't want to spend the whole afternoon on one stall, extra help will be welcome to give the stalwart few a break.

By the time you read this we hope that the concrete plinths in the hall will have been removed and replaced with floorboards.

We will also be purchasing a trolley to store the large tables.

Funding for this work has come through our Hampshire County Councillor, Andrew Gibson, and a grant from Test Valley Borough Council.

Pat Francis

Whist Drives

at

Mottisfont Village Hall

Our next monthly Whist Drives will be on

- Friday 26th October
 - Friday 30th November
- and our Christmas Special on
- Friday 21st December

all commencing at 7.30pm.

Fantastic prizes guaranteed!!

Gordon & Cathie
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MOTTISFONT PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting dates for 2018 – 19

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.

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

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, 4th November.

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

MOTTISFONT SOCIAL CLUB

Forthcoming events

11th November: Club Skittles 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.

17th November: Quiz Night, 8pm. Teams of up to 6 people. £2 per person.

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.

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.

