



Mottisfont & Dunbridge

# ACORN



The Village Newsletter

August & September 2019

**Sunday 11th August 1pm to 4.30pm  
at the Village Hall**

## Mottisfont Village Fete

*featuring*

**Family Dog Show – Tony's Famous Grand Draw  
Fly Fishing Auction – Live Music – Plants  
BBQ – Teas, Coffees, Cakes and Ice Creams  
Bric-a-Brac – Books – Preserves – Toys  
Crafts – Tombola – Bountiful Bees – Jive Dance  
Bar and Pimms**



**Longest Runner Bean and Heaviest Marrow Competition  
Have a Go at Dry Fly Casting  
Lots of Games and Stalls  
*and much more!***



**Dog Show and Judging by Hansard's Pet Supplies**



**Free Admission – Free Parking – Wheelchair Friendly – Dog Friendly**

### HELP NEEDED!

Can you spend an hour or two on Saturday 10th August from 10am to put up gazebos and stalls? Also on Sunday during or after the fete to help clear up?

### TOMBOLA!

We are open for donations of prizes for the Tombola! Donations can be left at the Social Club, the Mill Arms, or at Dunelm House, Barley Hill.

### TOYS!

Please donate any toys in good condition for the toy stall at the fete. All proceeds go to the Children's Christmas Party. Please call Tracey Sheppard on 341939 to arrange to drop off.

**Fete contacts: Dave and Pat Francis on 340609**

Registered Charity no: 291629

The deadline for inclusion of items in the October edition of the Acorn is 16th September.  
Please email items to [acornnews@mandercom.co.uk](mailto:acornnews@mandercom.co.uk).



**National  
Trust**

Hello everyone,

I know that a number of concerns have been raised with the Parish Council around parking on our busiest days, and I'll be meeting with members of the PC very soon to look at these in more detail, and to discuss solutions. We remain committed to working with the village to keep traffic moving (at a slow speed) and access safe for everyone, so I take these discussions very seriously.

Members of the property team will be at the village fete manning our stall as usual; I'm really sorry but I can't make it this year. I shall have to find other ways to stock up on jam and chutney from Mrs. Clutterbuck and her team! I hope the weather is clement and that everyone has a good time.

You might notice that a group of our lovely garden volunteers have had a big tidy up in the Pit opposite Hazel Cottage. They have done a fantastic job, and will be keeping on top of maintenance as we go forwards. Many thanks too to Mrs. Earthrowl for providing them with some very welcome drinks on a hot day.

Here at Mottisfont, as the summer borders take over from the roses, we've also braced ourselves for the mischievous exploits of Dennis, Gnasher, the Bash Street Kids, and all the other characters that grace the pages of the Beano. Some wonderful colourful artwork is hanging in the art gallery, and a trail complete with a cartoon all about the Beano chums visiting Mottisfont has been created for our visitors, so it promises to be a summer full of fun. If you have kids or some are coming to stay, do pop in for a look.

This edition of Acorn covers September too, so we'll be preparing for our Harvest season by then, with all sorts of lovely things ripening in the kitchen garden. Our chefs are going to the garden every day to choose salad and other produce to use in the kitchens, so if you don't have your own veg patch, you can come and help us eat what we've grown in ours. We'll also have an exhibition of 1960s photography by iconic artists, featuring snaps of royalty, film stars, musicians and many other figures from popular culture. Time to dig out your winklepickers and strike a pose!

Stop press - I've just found out that we are going to need to do some essential external work on Glebe Farmhouse in September that will require the road to be closed during the middle of the day as it's right on the road. We are looking to begin on 9th September (subject to approval of the road closure by Hampshire County Council); weather dependant, the works will be complete within 4-5 weeks – however, the road will not need to be closed every day for this

entire period.

The side of the building that is next to the road will require a temporary scaffold tower to be erected in the road each day that work is taking place on that part of the building. We anticipate that this side of Glebe Farmhouse will take 2 weeks to complete; however, it could be that the 2 weeks are spread out over the 4-5 week contract period. We are only requesting closure on the days actually needed, and outside of peak hours (10am – 3pm), and we will closely monitor timeframes, as once this elevation is complete the road closure can be removed. However the Council has told us that the signage and diversion signs will be in place on all major roads either side of village, and that these will be in place for the duration of the licence, even on the days when the road is not actually closed. We will communicate the actual days of closure as accurately as possible nearer the time so that inconvenience is kept to a minimum. Check the calendar on the Parish Council web site, [www.mottisfontpc.org.uk](http://www.mottisfontpc.org.uk), for the latest information.

Have a lovely summer.

With best wishes,

Louise

### **For families...**

#### **Beano Time Travellers!**

**Saturday 20th July – Sunday 8th September,  
10am-5pm**

This summer, much-loved Beano characters are setting up home at Mottisfont for a vibrant new exhibition exploring 80 years of mischief and mayhem. From black-and-red beginnings to the full-colour capers of today, *Beano Time Travellers!* explores the heritage of the longest running children's comic in Britain. Outside, kids can whizz back through Mottisfont's past with their favourite Beanotown residents in a bespoke trail.

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

Flowering right through until October, the herbaceous borders continue to boast a huge variety of plants chosen for their structure, scent and eye-catching colours. Bordering two sides of the historic central pathway in the walled gardens, these deep flower beds boast many of Graham Stuart Thomas's favourite perennials.

### **Harvest time**

**Saturday 21st September – Sunday 3rd  
November, 10am-5pm**

A celebration of autumn harvests and produce around the grounds and estate, and the first anniversary of our new Kitchen Garden. Families can enjoy a seasonal

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## Mottisfont Cricket Club: 200 years, 1819 – 2019

### Cricket Fixtures for August

Date	Opponents	Start	Competition	Ground
3rd August	Pylewell Park	1.00	Hampshire C'ty Div 4 West	Home
10th August	Lyndhurst	1.00	Hampshire C'ty Div 4 West	Away
17th August	Sway 2	1.00	Hampshire C'ty Div 4 West	Home
24th August	Farley	1.00	Hampshire C'ty Div 4 West	Away
31st August	Ellingham	1.00	Hampshire C'ty Div 4 West	Home

***Come and support your village team!***

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## GRUCK RACING

Mottisfont Cricket Club will be running the 19th Gruck (Duck) Race at Mottisfont Abbey on

**Sunday 4th August**

from 4.30pm (first race at 5pm).



Hampshire and IoW Air Ambulance has been chosen to receive part of the proceeds.

There will also be a BBQ and children's competition.



**Come and enjoy this very popular event. Put the date in your diary now!**

MOTTISFONT FLY-FISHING CLUB



THE NATIONAL TRUST

### River Open Day An Invitation to Local Residents

Mottisfont Fly-Fishing Club and National Trust are pleased to invite residents of Mottisfont and Dunbridge to enjoy the beautiful riverbanks of the Oakley, Rectory and Dun beats on Sunday 25th August.

This is during the August weed-cut period when the rivers are not fished, and so can be opened to local residents. You are welcome to picnic, walk, observe the wildlife and enjoy the riverbanks from 9am until 6pm.

The river margins are protected areas of Special Scientific Interest, so we request everyone to observe certain necessary restrictions. Please do not:

- Paddle, swim, or use boats or inflatables
- Leave litter
- Light fires
- Fish
- Drive on to the beats

Dogs are permitted, but due to the wildlife habitats they must be kept on a lead and not allowed in the river.

Access:

- Dun Beat: by the bridge opposite the layby on Hatt Hill.

- Rectory Beat: from the road between the main Abbey Car Park and Mottisfont House.
- Oakley Beat: by the bridge on Oakley Lane.

The Mottisfont River-keeper, Neil Swift, will be giving a talk about the river ecosystem and river management. Please come to the Oakley Hut at 12 noon on Sunday 25th August.

Parking spaces near the beats are limited, so please walk to the river if possible.

### Villagers' Fly-fishing Tickets 2019

Fly-fishing residents of Mottisfont and Dunbridge are eligible to purchase a Village Ticket to fish the waters of the Mottisfont Estate from August to October. We offer one £20 ticket per applicant, and the tickets are strictly for Mottisfont and Dunbridge residents, not for non-local friends or family members.

You don't need to be an expert, but you must have some fly-fishing experience, your own kit, and a rod licence. To book your place, please email Sarah at [admin@mottisfont.org.uk](mailto:admin@mottisfont.org.uk).

### Fly-fishing Tuition 2019

There will be an opportunity for up to 6 local residents interested in learning fly-fishing to have an afternoon's expert tuition from the riverkeeper on Wednesday 14th August.

Tickets are £10. To reserve a place, please email Neil at [neil.swift@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:neil.swift@nationaltrust.org.uk).

## Thoughts from St. Andrew's

### The Service of Induction of Rev'd Philip Bowden

On the evening of Wednesday 17th July the Institution Service for Rev'd Philip Bowden took place in St. Peter's church, Stockbridge. He has now been inducted as the vicar/rector of the Mid Test Benefice. After a splendid procession, the service proceeded in a church full with dignitaries, invited guests, numerous clergy, and people who came representing all six parishes.

We were also honoured by the presence of the new suffragan Bishop of Southampton, Bishop Debbie, who along with Area Dean James Pitkin, took part in the ceremony. Bishop Tim of Winchester presided. Rev'd Philip was introduced by Timothy Weale, the Deputy Lieutenant representing the Queen, who is the Patron. He read, with great aplomb, the lengthy

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### CHURCH SERVICES FOR AUGUST

	<b>4th August TRINITY 7</b>	<b>11th August TRINITY 8</b>	<b>18th August TRINITY 9</b>	<b>25th August TRINITY 10</b>
8am	<b>BROUGHTON</b> HC CW	-	<b>BROUGHTON</b> HC BCP	-
9.30 am	<b>BOSSINGTON</b> HC BCP	<b>BROUGHTON</b> HC CW ----- <b>HOUGHTON</b> HC CW	<b>BROUGHTON</b> Family Service ----- <b>MOTTISFONT</b> HC BCP	<b>BROUGHTON</b> Family Communion CW
11am	-	-	-	<b>MOTTISFONT</b> Family Communion CW
6pm	-	-	-	<b>HOUGHTON</b> Evensong

### CHURCH SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

	<b>1st September TRINITY 11</b>	<b>8th September TRINITY 12</b>	<b>15th September TRINITY 13</b>	<b>22nd September TRINITY 14</b>	<b>29th September TRINITY 15</b>
8am	<b>BROUGHTON</b> HC CW	-	<b>BROUGHTON</b> HC BCP	-	-
9.30 am	<b>BOSSINGTON</b> HC BCP	<b>BROUGHTON</b> HC CW ----- <b>HOUGHTON</b> HC CW	<b>BROUGHTON</b> Family Service ----- <b>MOTTISFONT</b> HC BCP	<b>BROUGHTON</b> Family Communion CW	<b>10am LECKFORD</b> Harvest Festival for the Benefice
11am	-	<b>MOTTISFONT</b> Messy Church Club	-	<b>MOTTISFONT</b> Harvest Festival	-
6pm	<b>MOTTISFONT</b> Evensong	-	-	<b>HOUGHTON</b> Evensong	-

HC = Holy Communion

CW = Common Worship

BCP = Book of Common Prayer



## BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

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

### Events for September

5th September:

Mrs. Georgie Bateman

12th September:

Mrs. Liz Trasler

19th September:

Members' Meeting

26th September:

Members' Meeting

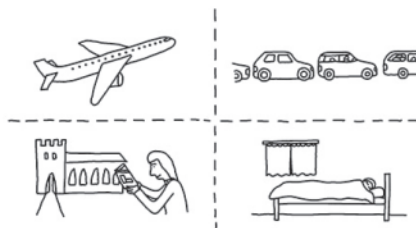
Everyone welcome, please come and join us.

There will not be any meetings in August.

**Please note: Anniversary Service 3rd October**

Barbara Perry, Booking Secretary, 301466

## AUGUST



THE MINISTRY TEAM HAVE GONE ON HOLIDAY



THE 10 A.M. SERVICE HAS BEEN LEFT IN A BOX FOR THE CONGREGATION



Cartoon supplied by the Area Dean, James Pitkin. ©cartoonchurch.com

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Letter Patent before Philip was instituted as Rector by the Bishop.

The wardens of the 6 parishes welcomed Philip to the Mid Test Benefice and symbolically presented him with the keys to their respective churches at the door of St. Peter's. He then tolled the church bell several times. Later during the service token gifts from each parish were carried up to the altar and presented. These included a Bible, a Prayer Book, oil, water, bread and wine. The atmosphere of the whole event was warm and relaxed without losing any of its pomp, solemnity or spiritual gravity.

Congregational hymns, led by a large choir, were sung with great gusto, ending with a rousing "Praise my soul, the King of Heaven". It was a moving service full of hope and prayerful commitment on both sides.

After the service there were splendid refreshments in the Grosvenor Hotel where people had the opportunity to meet and greet the new Rector.

Many people had worked hard to ensure a smooth, joyful, and hospitable occasion, and deserve our thanks. We heard many very positive comments both after the event and in subsequent discussions expressing what a magnificent evening it had been, and a fitting tribute to all who have worked and prayed hard over several years to bring this interregnum to a happy ending. So, welcome to Philip and his family.

For your interest this brief profile of Philip was printed on the back of the service booklet:

*"Philip Bowden was born and grew up in Hampshire – spending his childhood in Longparish a couple of villages up the valley, before moving to Winchester in his teenage years. Before being ordained, Philip worked as a software engineer, writing point of sale systems of [for] retailers, theme parks and railways.*

*As a priest, he has served in the parish of St. Mary's, Portsea, where he developed a passion for ministry in urban contexts, spending several years as a Portsmouth Street Pastor supporting the night-time economy.*

*He comes to the Mid Test Benefice after serving in the newly formed Benefice of Dallington and St. James, where Philip oversaw the formation of a new benefice from two previously separate parishes, working to promote social justice causes in the area. He was involved with the Northampton homeless Nightshelter from when it first opened as well as promoting causes that affected the lives of local people such as nursery provision in the area."*

Trish and Sue

Please join us at St. Andrew's to celebrate at our

## HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE ON SUNDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER at 11am

The church will be decorated for harvest and we will give thanks for the glorious beauty and abundance that surrounds us in our area, in our farms, fields, lanes, hedgerows, gardens, rivers, and in the world beyond our own little piece of heaven in Mottisfont and Dunbridge.

Refreshments will follow service.

## New dog-walking business



Sally Coe has started a new dog-walking and pet-sitting service.

For details, contact her on 07342 273541, or visit the web site at [auntsallysdogwalkingandpetsitting.com](http://auntsallysdogwalkingandpetsitting.com).

## MEET THE NEIGHBOURS

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



**Tuesday, 27th August, from 7pm**  
**Friday, 27th September, from 7pm**

## The Acorn's Summer Holiday



Your editors are taking a summer break, so watch out for the next edition around the beginning of October.

Have a great summer!  
Julia and Peter

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scarecrow spotters trail, and there are opportunities to help contribute to our compost and learn more about the wider estate.

### In the gallery...

**Lichfield, Duffy and Donovan: Snapping the Sixties**

**Saturday 21st September – Sunday 10th November, 11am-5pm (closing at 4pm from 4th November)**

Capturing the unique glamour and style of the Sixties, this exhibition showcases portraits by some of the decade's more famous photographers. Featured subjects include models and musicians, film stars and politicians - but far more than just celebrity portraits, these are artistic and evocative photographs which helped define an era. Alongside the photographic exhibition, we're also hosting a show of painted portraits from our own permanent 20th century art collection in one room of the gallery.

### 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, Instagram and follow us on Twitter @MottisfontNT for regular updates.



## STOCKBRIDGE CINEMA

**Wednesday 28th August**  
**Green Book (Cert 15)**

When Tony Lip, a bouncer from the Bronx, is hired to drive Dr. Don Shirley, a world-class black pianist, on a concert tour from Manhattan to the Deep South, they must rely on "The Green Book" to guide them to the few establishments that were then safe for African-Americans. Confronted with racism and danger, as well as unexpected humanity and humour, they are forced to set aside their differences to survive and thrive on the journey of a lifetime. [Winner of the 2019 Academy Award for Best Film]



Showing at Stockbridge Town Hall SO20 6HE at 4.15pm and 7.30pm. Doors open 30 minutes before the start time.

**Friday 20 Sept 2019**  
**Woman At War (12A)**

Icelandic comedy drama in which a 50 year old environmental activist crusades against the local aluminium industry while simultaneously attempting to adopt a child from the Ukraine.

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

**Wednesday 25 September 2019**  
**Fisherman's Friends (12A)**

Comedy drama based on a true life story in which a fast-living, cynical London music executive heads to a remote Cornish village on a stag weekend, where he's pranked by his boss into trying to sign a group of shanty singing fishermen.

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).

## MOTTISFONT PARISH COUNCIL

### Meeting dates for 2019

**Wednesday 7th August:** meeting to discuss a planning application for 10 houses on the former railway sidings. Full documentation can be found on the Test Valley Borough Council web site, planning reference 19/01603/FULLS.

**Wednesday 25th September:** ordinary meeting

**Wednesday 20th November:** ordinary meeting

### Broadband coverage

Thank you to all who are supporting the Parish Council's proposal to seek better broadband coverage in the parish. Following a helpful discussion at the last Parish Council meeting, we are now in contact with both Openreach and Virgin.

We now have a list of 12 addresses where service is poor (below 30Mbps) but we know there are more, so if you would like to support this initiative please let us know by emailing

**[broadband@mottisfontpc.org.uk](mailto:broadband@mottisfontpc.org.uk)** with your address, the name of your broadband provider and your download speed (if known). Let us know please if you are a business.

No promises, but we are trying and we will keep you updated!

### Mottisfont and Dunbridge WI

16 members were present at this month's meeting, and all enjoyed an evening of Bingo.



During the evening, discussion took place regarding the group's entry at the Romsey Show. Ideas were put forward as to how we could use recycleable items. It was decided that members would go away and think of ideas, and we would all meet up before the show and produce an entry.

We will be having a bric-a-brac stall at the annual Mottisfont Fete on Sunday 11th August, and we would be grateful for any donations for the stall. If you need anything picked up please contact Cathie Wood on 340129.

The August meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th August at 7.30pm in Mottisfont Village Hall, and the speaker will be Phoebe Merrick telling us about 'Romsey Remount'. The meeting in September will be on Tuesday 10th at 7.30pm, also at Mottisfont Village Hall, when the speaker, Mrs. Waldron, will be talking about 'Travels on a Narrow Boat'.

Guests will be warmly welcome at both of these meetings, so please come and join us for a pleasant evening with a cup of tea or coffee.

## MAIASTRA STRING QUARTET

### TOWN HALL STOCKBRIDGE

7.30pm, Friday 13th September

This string quartet will be made up of carefully selected post graduate level students from The Royal Academy and other leading Academies, who are planning to make chamber music their career.



Tel: 01264 810 601  
[timlowden@gmail.com](mailto:timlowden@gmail.com)

The Aidan Charitable Trust provides four ten-day courses per annum for these students, each course culminating in three public performances, one of which will be in the beautifully refurbished Town Hall in Stockbridge.

Under the supervision of an established professional player, in this case Professor Arisa Fujita of the Guildhall School of Music, they will perform a varied programme of music, including Beethoven's String Quartet in D major, Op 18, No. 3.

Tickets: £15 on sale from:

Robinsons Butchers, Stockbridge;  
[www.jumblebee.co.uk/stockbridgemusic](http://www.jumblebee.co.uk/stockbridgemusic);  
The Lights Theatre Box Office (01264 368368);  
Roger Tym, The Old Manse, High Street, Stockbridge (810363);  
and at the door.

Sponsored by  
The Stockbridge Community Cinema

### 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 at least 10 days before the next meeting (i.e. by 25th August).

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](mailto:tina-stuart-1-at-gmail-dot-com). (remove the dashes, and change "at" to "@" and "dot" to ".").



## MOTTISFONT SOCIAL CLUB

### Forthcoming events

- ▶ **3rd August** from 8pm: Music from Loose Change.
- ▶ **31st August:** the monthly quiz with snowball question.
- ▶ **28th September:** the monthly quiz with snowball question.
- ▶ **19th October** from 8pm: Disco with Phil Stoner.

On 12th October the club will be celebrating its centenary. Do you know anyone who was either on the committee, was a steward, or was related to anyone who has been involved with the club at any point in its history? If you do, please can you let us know at mottisfontclub\*at\*outlook\*dot\*com, pop in to the club, or phone on 340521 so they can be invited to our celebrations.

During the summer the club will be closed on Wednesday evenings opening again in September.

### Regular Activities at Mottisfont Social Club

#### Mondays:

Ladies' Darts Teams in the Romsey and District Ladies Dart League  
Snooker Teams in the Southampton Snooker League

#### Tuesdays:

Billiards Team in the Test Valley Billiards League  
Ladies' Darts Team in the Eastleigh and District Ladies' Dart League

#### Wednesdays:

Free snooker and pool night  
Pool Team in local Pool League

#### Thursdays:

Bingo - this is very popular with a chance of winning up to £100.  
Find the Joker game

#### Fridays:

Darts Team - Romsey Men's Darts League

#### Saturdays:

Quiz (last Saturday of the month)

#### Sundays:

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

Most of these activities take place between September and May apart from Ladies' darts and bingo 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.***

### Patch

**1 June 2002- 15 July 2019**



We would like to thank all Barley Hill residents who opened their doors, wittingly or unwittingly, to Patch, our beloved cat.

Patch came to live with us at the age of six years as a rescued cat, with a propensity to wander, seemingly tens of miles. He had been found abandoned in Salisbury. When he first came to live with us we were concerned that he would find his

way back to Salisbury. However, together, we and other Barley Hill residents clearly made his life far too comfortable to wander back to Salisbury; we do not think he ever subsequently wandered much beyond Barley Hill. However, we will never know where and how far he roamed after he came to live in Dunbridge!

Often renowned for spending much of his time on the pavement, or more dangerously in the road, he seemed to be a free spirit and to belong not just to us but to many on Barley Hill. So, thank you whoever you are!

His love of the outdoors and spending hours lying in the sun regrettably resulted in him developing a type of skin cancer that, in his latter weeks, significantly impacted on his quality of life. We hope those whose lives he touched on Barley Hill will remember him as fondly as we do.

Jane and Maisie