



Mottisfont & Dunbridge

ACORN



The Village Newsletter

July 2019

MOTTISFONT VILLAGE FETE

Sunday 11th August, 1 – 4pm

Your help is needed to make this year's fete a great success!

A dedicated group have come together over the past couple of months to organise the fete, but we still need volunteers to run the following stalls:

Skittles
Coconut shy
Ice creams
Cakes

Help will also be needed on Saturday 10th August to set up gazebos.

This year we have decided not to have a competition for the best scarecrow, but we hope everyone will join in the fun and put one up in their front garden anyway.

Have you planted marrows and runner beans in your garden? There will be prizes for the heaviest marrow and longest runner bean. Bring them on the day to the Treasurer's campervan.

The Social Club will again have a toy stall to raise money for the children's Christmas party, so good quality toys, games and books can be brought along on the day.

Donations for the tombola and book stall can be left in Dave & Pat's garage at Hawthorn Cottage in Lockerley Road (look out for the house sign on the lamppost in the front garden). Tombola donations can also be left in the porch at Dunelm House on Barley Hill (on the right as you go up the hill).

If you can help in any way, particularly with running a stall, please get in touch with Dave and Pat on 340609 or email patfrancisdottromsey@gmail.com.

Apart from the fete being a lot of fun, the proceeds from this event are vital to the running of our Village Hall.

How fast is your broadband?

If you are interested in a faster connection, please let us know.

A government initiative called Rural Gigabit Connectivity provides vouchers worth £1500 per dwelling and £3000 per business to improve their broadband service. To qualify, broadband speeds must be less than 30 Mbs, which includes most of the parish except for a lucky few in Dunbridge.

About a year ago, a fibre connection was finally made to the street cabinets in Dunbridge that are located between the railway station and the Mill Arms.

For those of us located within a mile or so of the cabinets this meant that we were at last able to enjoy reasonably fast broadband speeds. However, this has not been of significant help to some, especially in the north of the parish, who still get very poor broadband speeds due to their distance from the cabinets.

The Parish Council is considering whether to lead a bid to access this funding, but the rules require this to be a group scheme. This means that we will only have a chance of success if we have several households in the group and if we are able to demonstrate that the current



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From Cathie Wood

There are simply no words to express our heartfelt thanks for the sympathy you all extended towards the family during this sad time of loss.

Gordon was a special husband and father, and life without his love and steady guiding hand will never be the same.

At such a sad time, the love and support of family and friends has been absolutely invaluable.

Our sincere thanks.

Cathie and the family

The deadline for inclusion of items in the August & September edition of the Acorn is 16th July.
Please email items to acornnews@mandercom.co.uk.



**National
Trust**

Hello everyone,

Well, we've had sunshine and showers, and sadly the latter affected our overflow car park during the middle of June. We continue to close the property when we run out of space, and we are very clear with people that they must not park on the verges or in

the village – keeping the access open is our top priority.

We also promote the fact that we've been opening earlier to spread the times people visit, and of course we've had our usual late night opening. We are trying hard to persuade people that lunchtime is a very popular time to visit, and that it's better to come earlier or later, then they are more likely to find a parking space.

Most people have been able to come in and have really enjoyed the rose garden this year – it is looking gorgeous. The gardens team have worked so hard to get it looking pristine, and go round after every downpour or blustery day, tidying up as best they can.

We're also getting excited about the Beano coming to Mottisfont, with an exhibition of all sorts of gems from their archive. They have drawn a special comic just for us as part of the family trail, where Dennis and his friends come on a school trip and go back in time in a special catapult-powered machine to discover Mottisfont's past. They have to explore the site looking for key components to get back to the present - it's going to be a lot of fun.

See you soon I hope,

With best wishes,

Louise

For families...

Beano Time Travellers!

**Saturday 20 July – Sunday 8 September 2019,
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...

The peak of the rose season may be over, but there's still plenty of colour in the walled gardens throughout July. The herbaceous borders provide a

wonderful floral colour palette right through until October, showcasing a huge variety of plants chosen for their structure, scent and eye-catching colours. Agapanthus, geraniums and peonies mingle with pinks, lilies and phlox. The centres of the borders are a mass of soft blues, pinks and whites, whilst stronger yellows, oranges and dark pinks draw your eye along the length of the border. Avenues of purple lavender give both the walled gardens and north lawn a distinctive fragrance.

In the countryside...

Weed cutting on the River Test continues in July.

This is a vital management practice that enables us to maintain diverse and productive habitats.

'Clearing off' days - when the weed is freed from any bridges or obstacles in its way and pushed downstream - result in 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.

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

Brown bin or grey bin?

Do you ever find yourself holding an item you are about to throw away and wondering which bin it should go in? What about margarine tubs, or yoghurt pots, for example?



Test Valley Borough Council says that only the following types of item should go in your brown recycling bin:

- Paper (not shredded paper, though)
- Cardboard
- Plastic bottles

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Mottisfont Cricket Club: 200 years, 1819 – 2019

Cricket Fixtures for June

Date	Opponents	Start	Competition	Ground
2nd July		6.15	Border League Plate Semi-final	
6th July	Winton 2	1.00	Hampshire C'ty Div 4 West	Home
9th July	Langley Manor	6.15	Border League Div 2	Home
13th July	Steeple Langford	1.00	Hampshire C'ty Div 4 West	Away
16th July	Ampfield & North Baddesley	6.15	Border League Div 2	Away
20th July	Paultons 2	1.00	Hampshire C'ty Div 4 West	Home
23rd July	Redlynch & Hale B	6.15	Border League Div 2	Away
27th July	Shrewton 2	1.00	Hampshire C'ty Div 4 West	Away
30th July			Border League Plate Final	

The Shrewton game will be played at Tidworth Army Garrison Ground, A338.

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).



A charity will be 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.

LOCKERLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL SUMMER FETE

Friday 12th July, 5-7pm

Bar, BBQ, raffle, tombola, games, stalls and arena events

This year's theme is Nature.

Everyone in the community is invited to join us!
 Pop the date in your diary now.

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.

Thoughts from St. Andrew's

First of all: some important dates to consider.

Induction of Rev'd Philip Bowden.

We are delighted to announce that the date has been set for the Induction/Licensing Service for our new priest, Rev'd Philip Bowden. It is open to any parishioners who wish to attend, and is to take place at St. Peter's Church, Stockbridge, on Wednesday 17th July at 7.30pm.

We also very much look forward to welcoming Philip at his first service in Mottisfont at St. Andrew's on Sunday 28th July at 11am for Family Communion. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us then to meet and greet him. As always at this service, there will be refreshments afterwards. Meanwhile please pray for him and our whole Benefice as we embark on a challenging, and promising new journey together.

Messy Church Club Picnic, Sunday 14th July, 11am

This will be the last MCC session before the summer break. There will be no services for the first two Sundays in August. As a celebration of the end of the academic year, for Messy Church we plan to have an outdoor service and picnic in the garden of Mottisfont House next to the church. We will meet at

St. Andrew's and leave from there if the weather is suitable. Picnic snacks and drinks will be provided, but please bring a rug or something to sit on. If the weather fails us, we'll just carry on smiling and picnic in the church! Please come everyone if you can.

Finally, as we approach the high summer season, some will breathe a sigh of relief that exams are now mostly behind us. For many, but not all, holidays beckon, and there is an air of excitement and anticipation. So let's give thanks for our many blessings. However let's also be mindful of those whom we know who cannot at the moment share in the relief or rejoicing.

May we keep in our prayers those who are unwell, or anguished, and especially those recently bereaved and struggling with their loss. Thank you, and we wish everybody God's peace, some sunshine and safe travels.

Unfortunately Philip will not be in post early enough in July to meet the Acorn deadline for August. So you'll probably hear from us again once more. There is no September issue, but we anticipate that in the October issue you may be hearing from our new vicar instead of us Churchwardens! "PHEW!"
...(excuse me?.....who said that?)

Trish Armstrong and Sue Clutterbuck

CHURCH SERVICES FOR JULY

	7th July TRINITY 3	14th July TRINITY 4	21st July TRINITY 5	28th July TRINITY 6
8am	BROUGHTON HC CW	-	BROUGHTON HC BCP	-
9.30 am	BOSSINGTON HC BCP	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	-	-	HOUGHTON Evensong

HC = Holy Communion

CW = Common Worship

BCP = Book of Common Prayer

The summer is now here (can't be sure about the weather though). The 15th of July is St. Swithun's Day. Swithun was a humble man appointed Bishop of Winchester in 852, and who died in July 862. When dying, he asked to be buried outside the church in a place where he would be trodden by the feet of passers-by and receive raindrops from the eaves. However, when a new cathedral was being built, Ethelwold, the new bishop, decided to move Swithun's remains into a shrine in the cathedral, despite dire warnings that to move the bones would bring about terrible storms. He was duly translated on 15th of July 971 and, though many cures were claimed and other miracles observed, it apparently rained for forty days as forecast. Thus the feast day of St. Swithun became synonymous with long, summer storms, rather than as an occasion for celebrating Christian simplicity and holiness.

THE HOLIDAYS



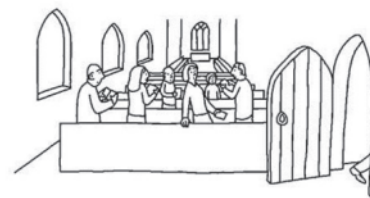
THE RELIEF ORGANIST PLAYS
TUNES WE DON'T REALLY KNOW



BUT MY PEW
IS OVER THERE
THE COVER CHURCHWARDEN DIRECTS
PEOPLE TO UNEXPECTED SEATS



THE TEMPORARY FLOWER ARRANGER
CREATES CHALLENGING DISPLAYS



THE VISITING SIDESPERSION TOOK
THE COLLECTION, AND WAS
NEVER SEEN AGAIN

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

In July, children who have reached the end of their time in their Primary Schools will be saying their goodbyes to their friends. It's a sad time but one in which memories of happy times can be recalled and treasured. Enjoy the Summer!

Your Area Dean, James

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Tins and cans
Aerosol cans

All these items should be clean and dry, and not contained in plastic bags.

The following types of item can be taken to Local Recycling Centres, from where they will be taken for recycling: aerosol cans, cardboard, cartons, foil, glass bottles and jars, paper (including newspaper, magazines, directories, plastic-lined paper cups, but not tissues or tissue paper), plastic bottles (but not the tops), textiles and books, tins and cans, Yellow Pages.

The following **cannot** be re-cycled by TVBC: mixed plastics (e.g. yoghurt pots, margarine tubs, meat trays, etc.), polystyrene, shredded paper, tissues and tissue paper.

What happens to my waste?

The contents of your brown bin are taken to a local materials recovery facility where the items are sorted and sent on for recycling. The contents of your black bin are taken to an energy recovery facility where they are burnt to produce electricity.

Mixed plastics

We were pleased to discover that Sainsburys at Badger Farm, Winchester, now has a facility for recycling mixed plastics, including: drinks bottles; shampoo, washing up liquid and detergent bottles; margarine, icecream and confectionary tubs; rigid plastic food packets; yoghurt pots. Sadly they still don't take polystyrene, plastic food wrapping, plastic bags, cling film, meat trays and toys. However, it has proved so popular that last time we visited, it was full!

Further information on waste and recycling is available at <http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling>.

BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

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

Events for July

4th July: Mr. Vic Anderson
11th July: Mr. Malcolm Green
18th July: Members' Meeting
25th July: Tea at Ann's

Everyone welcome, please come and join us.
Please note: there will not be any meetings in
August.

Barbara Perry, Booking Secretary, 301466

Charity Whist Drive

Mottisfont Village Hall

Friday 26th July at 7.30pm

Top Quality Prizes!

Refreshments and a Grand Raffle!

Cathie Wood, 340129

MEET THE NEIGHBOURS

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

**Thursday,
25th July, from 7pm**



The Acorn's Summer Holiday



The summer break is coming up, and your editors will be taking their usual rest from long editorial meetings, battles with the print union, and other unlikely excuses.

This means that next month's edition will cover events for both August and September.

The Broughton and Mottisfont

Community Bus...

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



Andover: monthly (4th Wednesday of the month)

Romsey: twice weekly (Thursday and Friday mornings and afternoons)

Salisbury: weekly (Tuesday mornings)

Southampton: monthly (1st Wednesday of the month)

Winchester: monthly (2nd Wednesday of the month)

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

New phone number

There is a new phone number for bookings and other matters: 01794 234794



STOCKBRIDGE CINEMA

**Friday 19 July 2019
Can You Ever Forgive Me
(15)**

When demand for her trademark biographies of famous women dries up, Lee (Melissa McCarthy) finds a lucrative alternative in turning out literary forgeries.

Her partner in crime is Jack (Richard E. Grant), one of the few friends she has not alienated by her cantankerous behaviour. But her newfound wealth arouses the suspicion of the FBI.



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

Wednesday 24 July 2019

Stan & Ollie (PG)

With their golden era long behind them, Laurel and Hardy (Steve Coogan and John C. Reilly) embark on a variety hall tour of Britain and Ireland. The tour becomes a hit, but Stan & Ollie can't quite shake the spectre of their past and the long-buried ghosts, coupled with Oliver's failing health, start to threaten their precious partnership.



Showing at Stockbridge Town Hall SO20 6HE at 5.00pm 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.stockbridgcinema.org.uk.

MOTTISFONT PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting dates for 2019

Wednesday 10th July
Wednesday 25th September
Wednesday 20th November

*Much more information at
www.mottisfontpc.org.uk/pc/pc.php*

Broadband speed - continued from front page

...broadband service is really poor. At the moment, we don't have enough people signed up and we need your help.

So, if you are interested in a better broadband service, please email broadband@mottisfontpc.org.uk by 9th July with your address, the name of your broadband service provider, and your download speed.

Then why not come to the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 10th July, where it will be discussed?

Mottisfont and Dunbridge WI

At our June meeting Ian Mackay, an Independent Dog Listener, demonstrated and spoke to us about dog behaviour problems.



Dog listening is an amazingly effective, gentle yet powerful way to improve your dog's behaviour without force, gadgets, shouting or domination – whatever its lifestyle, age, gender or breed.

Members brought along their dogs and benefited from Ian's helpful guidelines.

A trip to Eastleigh College with a delicious 3 course meal prepared by the catering students was very much enjoyed.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 9th July at 7.30pm in Mottisfont Village Hall. This will be a games evening. We will also be discussing our entry for this year's Romsey Show competition.

We are collecting bric-a-brac and small items of furniture for our famous stall at the Village Fete in August. Some donations from the proceeds will be given to local charities.

We welcome visitors to any of our meetings. Why not come along and see what we do?

Cathie Wood
Vice President

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

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;
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. (remove the dashes, and change "at" to "@" and "dot" to ".").

MOTTISFONT SOCIAL CLUB

Forthcoming events

► **6 July:** Mottisfont Social Club would like to invite all to its Fun Day from 2pm there will be free face painting and fruit shoots. Children's entertainment and Bar-b-q late afternoon.

► **27 July:** the monthly quiz with snowball question over £100.

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.



Saturday 27th July

King's Somborne Recreation Ground,
SO20 6PP

Registration from 1.15pm
Pedigree classes start at 2pm
Novelty classes start at 2.45pm

Held in conjunction with the
King's Somborne Fun Day
and Flower Show

£2 entry fee

**All proceeds go to King's Somborne
Village Hall**

***For more information please contact
Annie Leete on 388229 or
kingsomborndogshow*at*gmail*dot*com***