



Mottisfont & Dunbridge

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The Village Newsletter

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MOTTISFONT & DUNBRIDGE VILLAGE HALL



Sunday 23rd June

Sellers from 10am

**£5 per car, £7 car & trailer or van
£5 per table inside the hall**

Buyers from 11am, 50p per car

**Please phone 340609 to book a table
inside the hall**

Light refreshments available

Village Fete

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New Committee Members Needed

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**Fete Meeting at the Village Hall
on 22nd May at 7.30pm**

The village fete is one of the highlights of the year and is our main source of income. Without it, we will struggle to keep the hall open for villagers to use.

If our fete is to be a success

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'Gina'

Georgina Elizabeth Livermore

14th December 1941 - 19th March 2019



Many of you will already have heard the very sad news of the loss of our dear friend and Lay Reader, Gina. Her dignified and courageous battle with an illness that started about a year ago was lost on 19th March after a sudden and rapid decline. Thankfully, in her last days, she was surrounded by her beloved husband David and family, and reportedly died very peacefully in Southampton General Hospital.

Gina was our wonderful Lay Reader for the past 27 years, serving the parishes of Broughton, Bossington, Houghton, and Mottisfont. She admitted to me several times that she held a very special affection for the church and people of Mottisfont and Dunbridge. In that role she touched the lives of so many in our community with her compassionate care. Many will have come under her wing in times of joy and sorrow, and recall her coming alongside us with her gentleness and thoughtfulness in our everyday trials and tribulations. She had a genuine interest in the lives and families of all whom she met, and a wonderful memory for detail, which in itself bore witness to the depth of her concern and

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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**

Hello everyone,

Hope you all enjoyed the beautiful weather recently. We had a great Easter, and hopefully with the overflow car park in full swing, you didn't experience any disruption in the village. The gardens are looking particularly lovely just now, with tulips in

abundance and lots more colour and interest in the walled garden, even before the roses come out. We're also just about to open a new exhibition of beautiful botanical illustrations from the collection at Kew Gardens – they are gorgeous, so do come and have a look. You can also explore recent work by resident artists Eileen White and Suna Imre, who have been responding to the landscape and grounds through the changing seasons.

We have a new member of our team, Chez Stewart, who introduces himself below – he's taking up the role of Facilities and Support Services Manager, which was previously carried out by Kate Smith. She's very happy in her new home in Cambridgeshire, and sends everyone her best wishes.

See you all soon – can't quite believe that the next time I write, it will be nearly time for the roses!

With best wishes,

Louise

Who's This New Kid On The Block??

As the new kid on the block, I would like to introduce myself as the National Trust's Facilities and Service Support Manager here at Mottisfont. Part of that role is supporting the Trust's tenants in and around the estate together with the Estate Management team.



To that end I intend to get round to all the Trust's properties over the coming weeks just to say hello, introduce myself personally and to get a better feel of the Trust's properties.

In my previous life I served 23 years in the Army after which I have managed student halls of residence, Southampton City Council's central office buildings, and most recently Hythe Marina Village, a private residential marina estate.

I have previously visited Mottisfont as a member of the Trust on a number of occasions, and to say I am extremely happy and pleased to be part of the team here at Mottisfont is a rather large understatement.

I'm looking forward to meeting our tenants and others within the villages of Mottisfont and Dunbridge in the not too distant future, and in the meantime if you wish to contact me do please do so using the details below.

Many thanks and best wishes,

Chez Stewart

Email: letestate-mottisfont@nationaltrust.org.uk

Tel: 344020

Exhibitions...

Plants Portrayed and For the Time Being Saturday 4 May – Sunday 7 July, 11am-5pm

There are two exhibitions side-by-side in our gallery in early summer. *Plants Portrayed* is a selection of 34 contemporary botanical illustrations from the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. The exhibition includes work by Pandora Sellars - one of the world's most important and influential botanical painters - and her former student Masumi Yamanaka, now a renowned artist in her own right. *For the Time Being* showcases ceramic compositions, prints and artist books from a one-year residency by Hampshire-based artists Suna Imre and Eileen White.

A Good Year for the Roses by The Caravan Gallery

In the beech circle, until 30 June

An outdoor exhibition of 32 quirky, colourful portraits taken in Mottisfont's famous rose gardens in the summers of 2017 and 2018. The Caravan Gallery is a collaboration between artists and photographers Jan Williams and Chris Teasdale, who tour their 1969 Bluebird caravan, working with communities to celebrate the reality and surreality of everyday life.

In the gardens...

Tulips in the parterre, lime walk and central walled garden provide the finale of our bulb showcase from April into May, leading into early-flowering roses. The first flowers emerged in our walled gardens in April, and we should see more of the wall-climbing varieties blooming in May, ahead of the June showcase.

Looking ahead to rose season, we're offering extended opening hours in June: we'll be opening our gardens at 9am, and our evening openings this year will be on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays 6 – 22 June. We'll be open until 8pm on those dates (last entry into property 7pm, house closes at normal time of 5pm), and there'll be live, acoustic music from the FB Pocket Orchestra on Friday evenings.

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Mottisfont Cricket Club: 200 years, 1819 – 2019

The earliest recorded match Mottisfont Cricket Club played was against Houghton at Brook Down on 24th May, 1819. So, we will be celebrating our 200th year in 2019, this time with a match against Broughton on Sunday 30th June at Bengers Lane Sportsfield. Everyone will be welcome to join us on this wonderful occasion, especially current and former players.

The club has done very well, winning leagues and cups in the Salisbury and District League back in the 1950s and 60s. We also ran our own Mottisfont K.O. Cup Competition for over 25 years until 1988, playing many local teams, and winning it several times.

The club was also an original member of the Border League, which has been running for many years. We won the league and cups on a few occasions.

We also played in the Romsey Advertiser K.O. Cup in its 50th and final year. We beat Compton & Chandlers Ford by 10 wickets to win the trophy.

Currently, on Saturdays we play in the Hampshire County League Division 4 West, having been a member for almost 40 years. Our first game was against Bitterne. We were champions in 1987, 2003 and 2013.

We have clearly had some fine players in the club, but more than that, it has always been a family club. In particular, our excellent tea ladies must be recognised for producing first class teas. One visiting skipper was heard to say "Sorry lads, we have not really come to play cricket, but to enjoy your wonderful tea."

The club has been playing regularly at Bengers Lane since 1935. Prior to that they played on the field below the village hall (old school).

Around the 1920s the players travelled to away matches on Mr Biddlecombe's horse and trolley cart, setting out early in the morning to be sure of reaching their destination in time. Later the team went to their matches in Alf Moore's old bone-shaker bus.

We would like to see as many people as possible come to help us celebrate achieving 200th year at the match on Sunday 30th June. Do come and join us!

Tony Stemp

Cricket Fixtures for May

Date	Opponents	Start	Competition	Home/away
7th May	Wellow & Plaitford	6.15	Border League Dive 2	Home
11th May	Redlynch & Hale	1.00	Hampshire League Div 4 West	Home
14th May	Totton & Eling	6.15	Border League Dive 2	Away
18th May	Whiteparish	1.00	Hampshire League Div 4 West	Away
21st May	Langley Manor	6.15	Border League Dive 2	Away
23rd May	Bye		Border Plate Cup	
25th May	Burley	1.00	Hampshire League Div 4 West	Home
28th May	Ampfield & North Baddesley	6.15	Border League Dive 2	Home

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For families...

May half term: garden detectives

Saturday 25 May – Sunday 2 Jun 10am-5pm

Gardens are full of mysterious surprises, if you know where to look. This May half term you can become a nature detective as you explore our grounds and discover some fascinating facts. Learn how to measure trees to find out their age, or study weird and wonderful things up close under a microscope. £1 per trail.

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.

Free to a good home! **Rabbit/guinea pig hutch**

Good condition
Contact Gordon Collins on 340065

Broughton Village Summer Fete

**Sunday 19th May, Broughton Sports Field
12noon - 3pm.**

Entry £2 (children free)

BBQ, refreshments, cake stall, ice cream and candy floss, brass band, fire engine, tractors, dog show, maypole, games, bouncy castle, books, plants, face painting, tug of war, pony rides, raffle and much more!

News from St. Andrew's

Several residents in the Mottisfont area might have heard a rumour that the Church has recently received a substantial legacy. This is correct, as Charles Hamblen Thomas, a one time resident of Mottisfont House has generously left several thousand pounds to the Friends of St. Andrew's in his will, with the restriction that it is to be spent on the "fabric and building".

As the principal function of the Friends of St. Andrew's is to maintain the building, it will be the Friends who receive the money, which arrives at a very opportune moment, in that major roof repairs are required, the central heating system is on its last legs, and the vestry is no longer fit for purpose.

Much good will therefore come of the legacy bequest.

However, what local people might not realise is that the Friends is an independent body from the PCC, and their money cannot be used for day to day expenses, and running costs of the Church. This is the sole responsibility of the PCC, who receive no benefit from the legacy. Therefore the work of the PCC will continue this year, and for the foreseeable future, to raise sufficient cash

(between £12,000 and £20,000 a year over the last 5 years) in order to keep the Church open and available for regular Church services, weddings, funerals and baptisms, or just a place of sanctuary for prayer or reflection in good times and bad.

Funding the upkeep of such a large and historic building falls on local people, mainly members of the congregation, who are few and getting fewer. The PCC is extremely grateful for their support, and we hope we will be able to keep St. Andrew's open for us all.

Trish Armstrong and Sue Clutterbuck.

BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

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

Events for May

2nd May: Mr. David Sullivan
9th May: Mr. Ivan Perryman
16th May: Members Meeting
23rd May: Visit URC in Hythe
30th May: Mrs. Ann Freeland

Everyone welcome, please come and join us.

Barbara Perry, Booking Secretary, 301466

CHURCH SERVICES FOR MAY

	5th May 3rd of Easter	12th May 4th of Easter	19th May 5th of Easter	26th May Rogation
8am	BROUGHTON HC CW	-	BROUGHTON HC BCP	-
9.30 am	BOSSINGTON HC BCP ----- BROUGHTON The Bible Uncovered	BROUGHTON HC CW ----- HOUGHTON HC CW	BROUGHTON Family Service ----- MOTTISFONT HC BCP	-
11am	-	MOTTISFONT Messy Church Club	-	BOSSINGTON HC CW for the Benefice
6pm	MOTTISFONT Evensong	-	BOSSINGTON Meditation	-

HC = Holy Communion

CW = Common Worship

BCP = Book of Common Prayer

Change and Growth

Thank you to everyone who contributed to a great Easter! The Churches looked beautiful and lots of people came to celebrate the Good News of Easter.

Welcome to May! By the time you read this there will be a new selection of people serving on our Parochial Church Councils. There will also be other good news with the filling of various vacancies for clergy across the Deanery. So, change for all of us. I think it is good to look back on where we have come from. It is also important that we should not view the past through rose-tinted spectacles. Some aspects of church life have changed in the last 50 years – Private Confession, Sunday School, fasting and services.

We do not now publish times for Private Confession but there are many people in the parishes who have a Spiritual Director or Soul Friend, with whom they meet regularly to talk about how God is at work in their lives. There are also a few who continue to value Private Confession as part of their spiritual journey.



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

Although we no longer have so many Sunday Schools we probably have more contact with children than ever before. People from our Churches go into our schools to help with reading, to be Governors and to lead Collective Worship (Assemblies).

We now have liturgy that is in modern language, easier to understand than the language of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP). However, for those of us who like the rich language and inheritance of the BCP its services are available several times each week.

Your Area Dean, James

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commitment to us all. She worked tirelessly and dutifully in her calling to serve God through serving each one of us as her parishioners, through the church's outreach, through her friendship, her caring, and her capacity for fellow feeling. She was a superb and trustworthy organiser, a willing helper, a great team player, and fun to be with. In her life and work Gina exemplified, in her quietly robust yet self effacing manner, her unshakable faith. A more compelling example of Christian love and values would be hard to find, and we have lost a very special person indeed.

Gina's funeral took place at All Saints Church, Houghton on Friday 5th April. The service was led by the Rt. Revd. David Williams, Bishop of Basingstoke. The address was given by The Very Revd. Gordon Wynne. It was a simple yet moving service largely designed by Gina herself, so it felt especially poignant and touching. Typically, Gina apparently left strict instructions that there should be no tributes. That's a tall order indeed when it's about Gina! However, everyone tried their best to abide by her wishes. Perhaps the greatest tribute then was that people came in their hundreds, and from far afield to give thanks for Gina, and to grieve. A marquee adjacent to the church to which the service was transmitted was packed with standing room only outside.

Gina leaves behind her husband David, and three daughters, and their families. Our sincere thoughts, prayers and every sympathy goes out to them at this very sad time.

Finally, David Livermore has asked me to circulate this brief message on his behalf:

"Dear All,

The family and I would like to thank everyone for their kind support over the last few weeks, especially for your presence at Gina's funeral and also for the very many cards and letters. They were much appreciated and heartening at this sad time.

David"

Charity Whist Drive

Mottisfont Village Hall

Friday 26th July at 7.30pm

Top Quality Prizes!

Refreshments and a Grand Raffle!

Gordon and Cathie Wood, 340129

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again this year, we urgently need more volunteers to help us organise it and support us on the day. If you can help in any way, please come to the meeting on 22nd May.

There is also a need for new members of the Village Hall Committee. After several years as our secretary, Jenny Wineberg has decided to step down. Many thanks Jenny for all your work with us. We are keen to see new members, so even if you do not want to take on the role of secretary, you will be very welcome to join the committee.

Meetings are monthly, usually on Thursday evenings at 7.00pm. Please contact the Chairman, Lynn Young on 340134 or email lynnhenmatt-at-aol-dot-com for details.

MEET THE NEIGHBOURS

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

**Wednesday,
29th May, from 7pm**



**Test Valley Villages Lecture Series
8pm, Wednesday 15th May
St. Mary's Church, Broughton**

A Passion for Books

Speaker: Elaine Sperber, owner of the BOOKMARK bookshop, Stockbridge

Elaine is a former television and film producer both in the US and UK. After producing or executive producing over 50 series for the BBC and CBBC, winning numerous BAFTA, RTS and Broadcast Awards for her shows, she decided to hang up her spurs, and move into her new career as a bookshop owner in Stockbridge.

Elaine's passion is stories. She will discuss her evolution from West Los Angeles to West Tytherley, and from book lover to book seller.

All are welcome. Entry is £5, to include a glass of wine or soft drink. Full time students free. No booking necessary.

STOCKBRIDGE CINEMA



**Friday 17 May
Free Solo (12A)**

Documentary following free climber Alex Honnold as he prepares to climb Yosemite's El Capitan without ropes or safety gear. At 3,200-feet, El Capitan is the largest mountain face ever scaled without equipment, and extensive mental and physical preparation is required. However, Alex's family and friends remain unsure if the rewards are worth the risk.

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

**Wednesday 22 May
Colette (15)**

Colette (Keira Knightly) is a young country girl living in Paris after marrying Henry (Dominic West). She begins to write, and he convinces her to write novels suggesting they be released under his name as the purported author. The success makes 'Willy' a well-known writer, but Colette grows frustrated at her lack of recognition and things begin to spiral out of control.

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.



Wherwell Primary School Fete

Longparish Rd, SP11 7JP

We hope you can join us for an afternoon of family fun at the Wherwell School Fete, which will be held on the school's playing field on 19th May from 12pm-3pm.

All the usual popular attractions will be there including kids games, face painting, bouncy castle, book stall, bottle tombola and plant stall. The Grand Raffle has over twenty fantastic prizes to be won! Mouth watering refreshments will be available at our BBQ & Pimms Bar, as well as plenty of home made cakes, ice cream, teas and coffee. There will be live swing, blues and jazz music from Add Hoc, followed by enthusiastic country dancing and maypole performances by the children.

The Fete is the school's major fundraiser of the year. Funds raised at last year's Fete have been used to update IT equipment, purchase library books and dictionaries, provide maths aids, obtain sports kits and replace outdoor play equipment; without the Fete these just would not have been possible.

The theme for this year's Fete is 'Protecting the Environment' and we are hoping to use some of the funds raised on the day to purchase an anaerobic

digester for the school, which would recycle all our food waste for years to come. With the recent worrying news of the proposal to build a large waste incinerator just three miles from our school we feel that taking responsibility for our waste is a timely and important message to be teaching our children from an early age.

Please come along to the Fete on the 19th May, enjoy the day and help us put the fun back into Fundraising!

Entry is just £1 and kids go free. Sorry, no dogs.

www.wherwellschoolpta.co.uk

MOTTISFONT PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting dates

Annual General Meeting – Wednesday 15th May

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

Elections

All the current members of Mottisfont Parish Council (Julia Barnett, Peter Barnett, Jeff Channing, Gareth Jenkins, John Millns, Andrew Simmonds) stood for re-election. As no others stood, and the number of candidates did not exceed the number of places, all six have been re-elected, uncontested.

The WI

At our April meeting The Chantrelle Singers from Shirley filled the hall with harmonious joyous singing. Enough to make us all rush to join a local choir for the joy it brings to people who partake in this almost spiritual pastime.

Our next meeting on 14th May will be the AGM. After the appointment of officers for the coming year we will have a fun evening with a photographic competition and a quiz.

We have some wonderful speakers to enjoy over the next 12 months, including:

The Stained Glass Workshop

Horatio's Garden

and

the world famous

Romsey Ukulele Group!

Everyone is most welcome to our meetings.

Cathie Wood
Vice President



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 2nd June).

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

11th May: charity disco & raffle 8pm, to raise money for Southampton cancer centre and Papyrus, the national charity dedicated to the prevention of young suicide (see papyrus-uk.org)

25 May: the monthly quiz with snowball question over £100

22 June: 80s/90s Disco.

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.

Leagues

With winter turning into spring leagues are coming

to an end. The Test Valley Billiard League was the first to finish, with the Mottisfont team winning the league for the first time in the league's history.

The league started in 1926 but Mottisfont did not join until 1973. At one point the club had three teams in the league with the best finish being runners up a number of times.

Dan Jenkins and David Chase won the pairs KO cup, and Dan was runner up in the Cannons KO cup. David was also runner up in the singles KO cup.

The Mottisfont Skittles League has also finished with The Star finishing top, and the Club's team finishing fifth.

Sue Davis from Beryl's Babes won the Ladies' Individual Trophy with a score of 43, and Jan Goodchild from Mottisfont Club finished as runner-up with 38.

The Men's Individual Trophy was won by Graham Blake from The Blakes team with a score of 46, with Micky Dean scoring 42 as runner up from the National Trust team.

Mottisfont Club Skittles League Final Table

The Star	32
Blakes	30
Odds & Sods	28
National Trust	23
M.S.C.	23
Beryl's Babes	14

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR DOG POO!

With summer approaching, grass is growing fast so cutting is in full swing, but when mowing or brush cutting, finding dog poo is not a very nice experience for the operator. So please can you pick up your dog poo. Dog poo carries several diseases that can cause harm to humans and animals.

Toxocariasis – can affect the liver, lungs, eyes and brain, and is more common in young children as they have a tendency to put their hands in their mouths after playing with infected soil.

So please can you get into the habit of doing this, especially in areas that the public use, i.e. Dunbridge Playing Field, Cricket Field, Village Hall and all other public areas.