



The Village Newsletter

Mottisfont & Dunbridge

# ACORN



November 2019

## Victorian Magic Lantern Show

*with authentic Victorian moving slides!*



at the Village Hall  
on

**Saturday 30th November at 7.30pm**

The show will last about two hours with  
a break for tea & coffee.

You are welcome to bring your own  
drinks and snacks.

### PREPARE TO BE AMAZED!

Tickets £5, £3 for 16 years & under.  
Tel. 340609 to book.

### FOR SALE

Two dark wood ladder back rush seated dining  
chairs. In reasonable condition. £10 each.

Call Cathie Wood on 340129.

## ROMSEY LANTERN PARADE

Romsey Lantern Parade will take place on Friday  
6th December.

If you would like to take part,  
lantern making kits will be  
available at various locations in  
the town during the early part of  
November.

Kits will be £7 each and will  
contain everything you need to  
make a lantern, including  
detailed instructions and photos.  
You will also be given details of  
how to join the parade.

More information and venues will  
be announced in the Romsey  
Advertiser and on the Romsey  
Lantern Parade website:  
[romseylanternparade.org.uk](http://romseylanternparade.org.uk).

Pat Francis  
340609



## MORE LATE TRAINS!

No, not more trains that are running later than  
advertised, but trains available later in the evening.

Arriva has recently sent this:

"...from Monday 16th December (excluding  
Sundays) we will gain a later train departure from  
Salisbury to Mottisfont & Dunbridge at 10.45pm, and  
an extra departure from Southampton at 10.38pm  
calling at Romsey at 10.50pm. These may come in  
handy when planning events next year. Also on  
Sundays from 15th December trains will call at  
Mottisfont & Dunbridge every hour until  
approximately 9.30pm instead of every 2 hours".

Sounds good for evenings out in Salisbury leaving  
the car at home, or trips further afield without having  
to rush back to catch the early last train.

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



**National  
Trust**

Hello,

We're still awash with gourds and pumpkins, both hanging from the gourd walk and in displays both in the garden and around the house, so we're feeling very autumnal as I write. We also have scarecrows representing some of the famous folk who've visited here in the

past, connecting into the annual scarecrow tradition in the village. I think my favourite is Audrey Hepburn up by the rose garden, though Rex Whistler gives me a turn sometimes, sitting outside on the terrace, especially if he's listing slightly to one side!

It's the last chance to pop in and see the 'Snapping the Sixties' exhibition of black and white photography by Lichfield, Donovan and Duffy. There are some iconic shots of the stars of the Sixties in their hey day, complete with atmospheric music, Sixties wallpaper and even the odd spider plant! The photographs are wonderful, and usually hidden away in archives, so this is the only chance to see them any time soon.

After that, we'll be getting ready for Christmas, transforming the house with decorations inspired by the Winter Flower Fairies. We'll have original artwork by the Flower Fairies artist and author, Cicely Mary Barker, and every flower featured will be one that you can find in the gardens or in the countryside on the estate. There will also be miniature costumes made for some of the flower fairies by textile artist and costumier Vin Burnham, plus the traditional giant tree.

We've been welcoming visitors from the wider local community through a project that the Wessex Heritage Trust are running with us. Each week, a group of people come to meet each other, try different activities and get out and about – some of them have been quite isolated through illness or for other issues, and the project provides a way for them to meet other people, find out more about Mottisfont's culture, and generally have an interesting and enjoyable time.

Hope we'll see you soon, and enjoy the Autumn sunshine in between all the showers,

With best wishes,

Louise

### **In the gallery...**

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

**Until Sunday 10 November, 11am-4pm**

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.

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

The last autumn colour displays adorn our grounds as November begins. The veteran Great Plane glows, while the hornbeam explodes into a canopy of orange and scarlet.

On the paddocks, chestnut trees are dressed in yellow-orange leaves alongside pale gold tulip trees. As autumn colour begins to fade towards the end of the month, our specially planted Winter Garden will begin to come into its own.

We're harvesting the gourds from our Kitchen Garden at the end of October and will be placing a selection on our produce sale table for visitors. Donations taken here go towards our garden apprenticeship scheme.

### **Festive fun...**

**An Enchanted Christmas with the Flower Fairies  
Saturday 23 November – Sunday 5 January 2020,  
10am-4pm**

Magical woodlands await this Christmas, with decorations inspired by Cicely Mary Barker's exquisite Winter Flower Fairy illustrations.

The original artworks are on show in the gallery, while the house and gardens are beautifully dressed with native winter foliage and traditional festive colours. Families can explore with a fairy-themed activity trail.

### **On the wider estate...**

Essential forestry works are 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](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.

**Broughton Talks**  
(formerly *Test Valley Villages Lectures*)

**8pm, Wednesday 20th November**  
**Broughton Village Hall**

**Wallop Brook: The life of a chalk stream**  
with  
**SIMON COOPER**  
fisherman, naturalist and author.

We are delighted to welcome Simon Cooper to talk about the life of our most local river, which is happily back with us for the time being, after all the rain. Simon lives in the Wallop Valley, where he writes books, and runs a business organising fishing breaks, river walks and talks.

His tale is not just about the river, but the community that lives by it, as every creature, including man, has a niche and a role in the life of a chalk stream. As we all know, all is not as it should be after decades of neglect, and there is much to do to prevent its demise.

All are welcome. Entry is £5, to include a drink. Full time students are free of charge.

**Thursday 14th November and**  
**Thursday 12th December**  
**Community Lunches**  
**at Lockerley Primary School 12.10 to 1pm**

Please give us call on 340485 to make a reservation to come and have lunch with the children.  
We look forward to welcoming you.

**Thursday 14th November**  
**Lockerley Primary School**  
**Open Morning at 9.30am**

For parents of children starting school  
in September 2020.

Please call the school on 340485  
to book an appointment.

**Friday 6th December**  
**Lockerley Primary School**  
**Christmas Fair**  
**3.30 - 5.30pm**

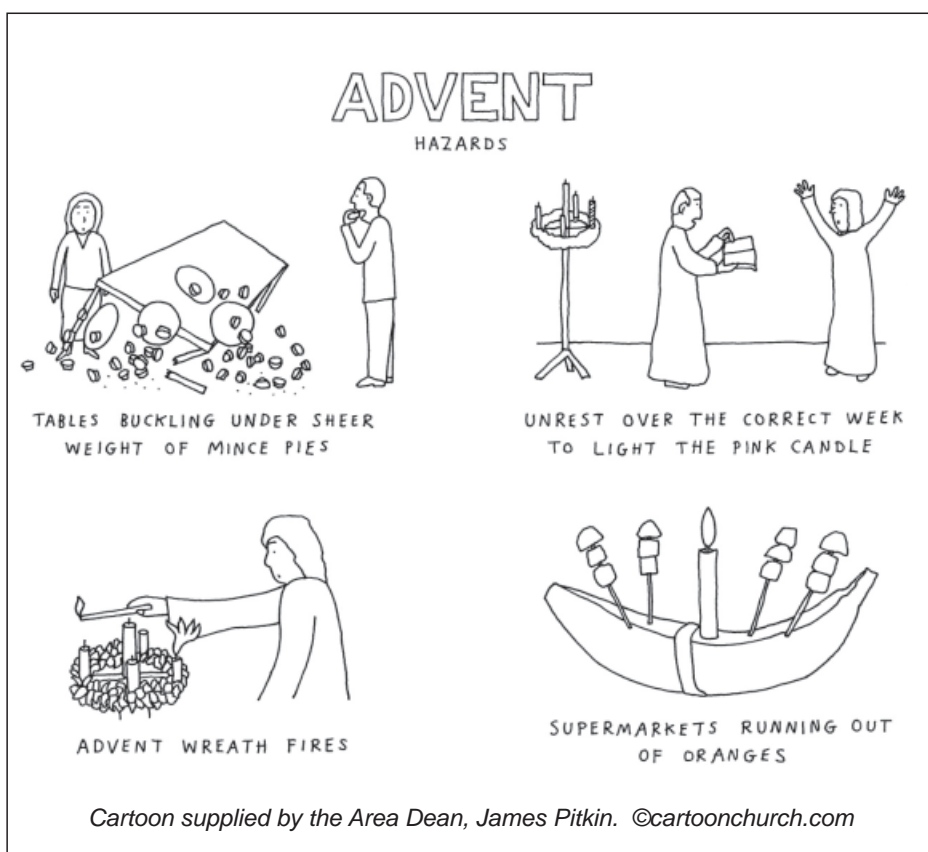
Games, stalls, raffle, crafts, refreshments  
and **someone special** to visit!

## From the Area Dean

The Churches in the Deanery were beautifully decorated for Harvest Celebrations – I hope that you managed to see some of them! Lots of food was taken to Trussell Trust Foodbanks – thank you. November is a time for remembering. Each year it is often the custom to hold a service (near to All Souls' Day, 2nd November) at which we remember those who have died, particularly those who have died recently. For Remembrance Sunday (10th November), there will be a wide selection of events to help us remember – there is certain to be one near you.

Next month, it is Advent and Christmas! Before Advent there is a rather good series of evenings being held at Poppies, Choice Plants in Timsbury, SO51 0NB. Each evening will include: input/discussion/interaction/refreshments/fun! The evenings will focus on "Encourage, Inspire, Challenge" and will be on Wednesdays 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th November from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Come to any that you can – no need to commit to all. In Advent (starting 1st December) we prepare for Christmas (and our diaries fill up!); remembering the coming of God to earth, as a vulnerable child. I hope that you will find time, and make time, to remember and to prepare.

Your Area Dean, James  
romseyareadean@gmail.com



## From the Rector

The coming month of November takes on a character of reflection and remembrance as many of the religious and civic events during the month cause us to pause for a moment and look back to what has passed before pointing us to a new future.

At the beginning of the month, on the 1st November, the Church marks the feast of All Saints' Day, when we remember the many faithful individuals who have gone ahead of us in the faith, and have passed that faith down to us across the centuries. The following day is All Souls' Day when we remember people whom we have known and loved and lost across the years. Both are times of recalling people and events of the past, and reflecting on how they have shaped our present.



Later in the month, on Remembrance Sunday (10th November) and also Armistice Day (11th November) our communities will pause to remember lives that have been lost in past wars and fighting. Not allowing the events of the past to fade from our collective memory is so important for two reasons: the sacrifices of the past were made to benefit current generations, and also because we can only preserve our present, by avoiding the mistakes of the past.

It is this focus on the future that the Church reflects on for the rest of November, as the readings and themes in worship turn toward the "last things", the "end times". Christians believe in a promise of a New Heaven and a New Earth where the sorrow and pain of the past is washed away and God dwells with us. The purpose of our reflections on the past is to discover our own roles in making this future a present reality.

Phillip Bowden

### CHURCH SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

	<b>3rd November All Saints</b>	<b>10th November 3rd before Advent</b>	<b>17th November 2nd before Advent</b>	<b>24th November Christ the King</b>
8am	-	<b>BROUGHTON</b> HC CW	-	<b>BROUGHTON</b> HC BCP
9.30 am	<b>BROUGHTON</b> Parish Communion CW	<b>BOSSINGTON</b> Parish Communion BCP	<b>BROUGHTON</b> Parish Communion CW ----- <b>MOTTISFONT</b> Parish Communion BCP	<b>BROUGHTON</b> Family Service (Shoebox Service) ----- <b>HOUGHTON</b> Parish Communion CW
11am	-	<b>BROUGHTON</b> <b>10.30</b> Laying of wreaths <b>10.45</b> Remembrance Service ----- <b>HOUGHTON</b> <b>10.45</b> Remembrance Service ----- <b>MOTTISFONT</b> <b>10.45</b> Remembrance Service	-	<b>MOTTISFONT</b> Family Communion CW
6pm	-	-	-	<b>BOSSINGTON</b> Meditation

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 November

7th November: Mr. and Mrs. Ron Tonge  
14th November: Captain Tim Hyde (Church Army)  
21st November: Members' Meeting  
28th November: Rev'd Philip Bowden

Everyone welcome, please come and join us.

Barbara Perry, Booking Secretary, 301466

## Romsey Deanery Overseas Partnership Group (RDOPG)

At last, a consignment of carpentry tools and sewing machines are on their way to the Diocese of South Rwenzori and the four workshops we have been supporting for at least 12 years or more.

It has taken us over 3 years to raise enough money to pay for all the equipment asked for by our partners in Uganda in order to become self sufficient and no longer dependent on regular charitable donations.

The second hand tools and sewing machines have been lovingly restored by volunteers at Tools For Self Reliance (TFSR) at their headquarters in Netley Marsh, and will be better, and last longer, than anything

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## ADVENT SERVICE

at  
**St. Andrew's Church**  
and at  
**Mottisfont Abbey**

**Sunday, 1st December at 11am**

Once again it is almost that time when we will celebrate the beginning of the Advent Season, and the beginning of a new year in the Christian liturgical calendar.

It's a time of pensive expectation, not the frantic countdown to the commercial hype of Christmas we can't escape, but a time to reflect on something so much more profoundly meaningful.

In church we will be lighting the first of the four candles on the evergreen Advent wreath...winter evergreen to symbolise life in the midst of death.

After the service we will all progress to Mottisfont Abbey where we will light another candle on their Advent wreath followed by delicious refreshments by kind courtesy of the National Trust.

Everyone is welcome, and we hope some members of the wider Benefice will be able to join us as we unite with our neighbours at the NT in Mottisfont to mark this first Sunday of Advent 2019.

Do please come!

## ROMSEY DEANERY

*Sharing God's Life across the communities of mid-Test Valley*

### 'Encourage, Inspire, Challenge'

(with insights from the Bible – First Letter of Peter)

### Pre-Advent Course 2019

**Wednesdays**

**6th, 13th, 20th and 27th November**

In our 'Pre-Advent' course this year, as part of our reflections and preparations for Advent and Christmas, we shall explore together Biblical Themes of 'Encourage, Inspire, Challenge'

Each evening will include input/discussion/refreshments/fun!

These evenings are open to all in the Romsey Deanery. You are most welcome to join us to share with and learn from one another as we seek to grow.

Venue: Poppies, Choice Plants, Timsbury, SO51 0NB

Time: 7.30 – 9.30 pm

Plenty of parking available. Advance indication if attending will be helpful: please email [Braishfieldbenefice@gmail.com](mailto:Braishfieldbenefice@gmail.com)

"The book of 1 Peter is a personal favourite of mine. There is so much in it that is pertinent for the Church, for the world, for the times we are living in and for us as we seek direction for the Anglican Communion in the years ahead."

Archbishop Justin Welby



## MEET THE NEIGHBOURS

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

**Friday, 22nd November,  
from 7pm**



## Whist Drives

**at Mottisfont Village Hall**

The next monthly whist drives will be on:

Friday 29th November  
Friday 20th December (Christmas special with mulled wine and mince pies!)



All commencing at 7pm

Wonderful prizes and refreshments as always!

## MOTTISFONT PARISH COUNCIL

### Meeting dates for 2019

The final Parish Council meeting for 2019 will be held on  
Wednesday 20th November

***Don't forget the parish web site:***  
**[www.mottisfontpc.org.uk](http://www.mottisfontpc.org.uk)**

## 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 lasts 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 for adults and £5 for concessions and children.

## STOCKBRIDGE CINEMA



### Friday 15 November: The White Crow (12)

Young Rudolf Nureyev becomes a top ballet dancer in Russia, but a life-changing visit to Paris soon makes him seek asylum in France (subtitled). Showing at Stockbridge Town Hall SO20 6HE at 7.30pm.

### Wednesday 20 November: Rocketman (15)

A musical fantasy about the uncensored human story of Elton John's breakthrough years. Showing at Stockbridge Town Hall SO20 6HE at 4.30pm and 7.30pm.

### Sunday 24 November: Aladdin (PG)

Live action version (2019) of the Disney animation in which a young thief encounters a genie who grants him three wishes. Showing at Stockbridge Town Hall SO20 6HE at 3.00pm.

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)

## STOCKBRIDGE MUSIC PATRON'S CONCERT

Friday 22nd November,  
Town Hall, Stockbridge  
7.30pm



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

### DAVID OWEN NORRIS PIANO TRIO

David Owen Norris  
John Mills  
Joseph Spooner

Piano  
Violin  
'Cello

### HAYDN, SCHUBERT, SAINT-SAENS

David Owen Norris, pianist, composer and broadcaster, will be making his fourth appearance in Stockbridge, his first in the Town Hall. He will be performing on a Steinway Baby Grand piano generously loaned by a member of Stockbridge Music.

Tickets £15, now on sale from:  
Robinsons Butchers, Stockbridge  
[www.jumblebee.co.uk/stockbridgemusic](http://www.jumblebee.co.uk/stockbridgemusic)  
The Lights Theatre, Andover (01264 368368)  
Roger Tym, The Old Manse, High Street,  
Stockbridge

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bought locally.

When I first visited Uganda in 2017 I challenged the parishes of Hima and Kilembe to take on the ownership of their workshops. Last year when I went out, there were management committees in place for all of them, and all were making things to sell locally...a big step towards self sufficiency and independence. The tools will be our final hand out.

Thank you to all who have contributed towards the cost of this initiative, which was over £3,200 to TFSR and almost £1,000 towards the shipping. This was money well spent to be able to train so many vulnerable young adults and give them means to be able to earn a living.

It has given the congregations at Hima and Kilembe the incentive to be independent and manage their own way of making the workshops pay their way.

Meanwhile, we continue to fund the education of some 200 or more vulnerable children in the Diocese. There is a waiting list of them wanting to be able to move on to higher classes but cannot because they need to pass the annual examination and their guardians cannot afford the fees which include the taking of the exam.

Each year, the fees cost more and we are unable to replace 'leavers' with new 'starters'. If you feel you are able to help, please have a word with me. My

phone number is 521713. All the money we receive goes towards education. There are no hidden expenses!

Please pray for all the children who long for education but can't get it.

Jane Horne  
Treasurer,  
Romsey Deanery Overseas Partnership Group

## Fairy interesting!

Have fairies been secretly meeting at the village hall? Here's the fairy ring they left.

Legend has it that if you step inside a fairy ring under the moon to join the dancing fairies, you could be lost to time and place, and may even disappear forever. Try it if you dare!!!



## Mottisfont and Dunbridge WI



A very enjoyable and interesting meeting was held this month with 19 members and guests present to see a demonstration of stained glass work given by Marilyn Taylor. We were shown how to make a fish glass hanging. Marilyn showed two types of stained glass work and photos of commissions that she has done.

I am pleased to advise that as a result of money made on our stall at Mottisfont Fete we have been able to donate £100 each to The George's Trust for Teenage Cancer and Southampton General Hospital Childrens Department, to be used in the Sensory Ward for Sick Children. Once again thank you for everyone who bought from our bric-a-brac stall.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 12th November at 7.30pm in Mottisfont Village Hall, when the speaker will be Neil Gwynne telling 'All about RAODS'. Visitors will be very welcome to come and listen to Neil and have a chat and a cup of coffee or tea.

Mary Batten

## 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 Sunday, 9th November).

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

► 30th November: Monthly Quiz & Snowball question. 8pm start.

7th December: Children's Christmas Party 2pm to 5pm.

14th December: Christmas Draw and bumper Meat Draw. Tickets on sale at the bar.

New Years Eve: Party to celebrate 100 years of the club.

No Quiz in December.

### Christmas opening times

Christmas Day 12 noon to 2pm

Boxing Day Closed

New Years Day Closed

### 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.***

## CLUB CENTENARY

On 12th October, former stewards and committee members came together with current members to celebrate the club house being built 100 years ago - see photo below.



More celebrations are planned to take place on New Year's Eve.

