



Mottisfont & Dunbridge

# ACORN



The Village Newsletter

October 2019

## MOTTISFONT VILLAGE FETE

Another highly successful village fete was held on Sunday 11th August.

The weather was very kind to us with just a short, sharp shower soon after we started.

The dog show was a particular favourite, and we must thank Diane at Hansards for arranging and running this again this year.

Sarah Cox's daughter brought the band 'Swedish Keith', and Romsey couple Evelyn and Colin presented a spectacular dance display. Tony Stemp organised the grand draw.

Thanks to all the volunteers who ran the stalls. Unfortunately we did struggle to find enough people this year, but despite this, the fete was a great success and very well attended. We've received lots of very positive comments. Ours is a traditional village fete with mainly locally run stalls without lots of trade stalls, and we feel sure this is what makes it so popular.

The fete is the main source of income for the village hall. This year it raised £2,342.19.

We are looking for new people to organise and run the fete in 2020. Please let us know if you are a willing volunteer.

Pat & Dave Francis – 340609

## MAGIC LANTERN SHOW MOTTISFONT VILLAGE HALL Saturday 30th November at 7.30pm

People who have lived in the village for some years may remember the magic lantern show we had at the village hall.

On 30th November Alan Brindle will be bringing his Victorian Magic Lantern. The slides he will show are from the early Victorian period dating from about 1830 to 1880. They include rotating slides, slip slides and comic series. These are either hand painted or chromolithograph transfers. All of the slides in the show were professionally produced and represented cutting edge

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## Whist Drives

### at Mottisfont Village Hall

The next monthly whist drives will be on:

Friday 25th October

Friday 29th November

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



All commencing at 7pm

Wonderful prizes and refreshments as always!



## Interested in an allotment?

Dunbridge Allotments is a lively community of gardeners working on 14 allotments in the middle of the village. All of the plots are currently filled, but we do not have a waiting list. If you are interested in joining the waiting list for a plot, please contact me on 07811 116761 or kim\*dot\*bown00\*at\*gmail.com.

Kim Bown

## WANTED!

Unwanted babies' and toddlers' bath time/ seaside plastic toys suitable as swimming aids.

Having recently qualified as a baby and pre-school swimming teacher, and my own daughter long grown out of bath time and summer holiday toys (she's almost 20!), I am currently seeking clean, unwanted, small, plastic floating toys to enhance my teaching programme.

I am particularly seeking 'themed' toys such as: food, weather, festivals such as Halloween, Christmas, Easter, etc.

Any donations would be gratefully received.

Jane Hunt  
340905

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



**National  
Trust**

Hello everyone,

Autumn seems well and truly to have arrived, so we're enjoying the golden sun and the fruits of the gardeners' labours in the Kitchen Garden. These will be the centrepiece of a lovely celebration of Harvest, with carved gourds and hundreds of pumpkins

coming in to join the wonderful hanging gourds decorating the pergolas, and different salad and herb crops in the raised beds.

Scarecrows representing different people from history who've visited Mottisfont over the years are popping up around the grounds, and we'll be celebrating the fruits of nature over the next couple of months in talks and different activities, with a great trail for October half term.

Up in the art gallery, we have two new exhibitions opening – 'Snapping the Sixties', featuring iconic black and white photographs by Lichfield, Donovan and Duffy, and 'Portraits from the Derek Hill Collection', a chance to have a more in-depth look at some of the different representations of people in our collection.

We'll also be starting some remedial works in the main car park to maximise the number of spaces we have there, including marking out the bays so that visitors remember to park neatly and efficiently. This will help to minimise the times that we need overflow car park provision. We continue to work on car parking and sustainable travel to Mottisfont Abbey with the Parish Council.

Lastly, we're pleased to be adopting the red phone box on Spearywell Road. These iconic features of our landscape are disappearing fast, but we're keeping this one. We'll be working with local resident and fount of much local knowledge Andrew Simmons on a display about the history of the village to go inside it, once we've sourced a new door and returned it to a good state of repair.

Hope you enjoy the autumn sunshine when it's out, and do pop in to see us.

With all best wishes,

Louise



*Jonny Norton with one of the gourds grown in the Kitchen Garden*

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

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

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

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

Our gardens are ablaze with colour in October. The veteran Great Plane framing the east side of the house boasts a particularly dazzling autumn display. Chestnut trees lining the upper half of our main pathway glow with yellow-orange leaves, and the acid green summer foliage of our tulip trees turns a magnificent pale gold.

The raised beds in our innovative new Kitchen Garden are bursting with produce and hanging gourds spill over the pergola walkways.

### **Harvest time**

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

A celebration of autumn harvests and produce, and the first anniversary of our Kitchen Garden. Join a guided tree walk to take in some of our best autumn colours and help contribute to our compost. Head to Gardener's Cottage next to the Kitchen Garden to find out more about our wider estate and discover the commoning community of the New Forest with an exhibition in the Stables. Inside the house, you'll find seasonal floristry displays and an exhibition of sculpted gourds.

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

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

Our Harvest celebrations include plenty of family activities which will run throughout October half term. Spot scarecrows inspired by some of the famous guests who have visited here throughout Mottisfont's history and have a go at the "Vegetable Olympics". You can plant a seed to take home in the Kitchen Garden, and make a green man mask, too.

### **In the countryside...**

October marks the beginning of felling season and a wide variety of works will be carried out across the estate. In the Mottisfont woodlands we have an active working coppice where we cut hazel on rotation to produce an

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

**Wednesday 16th October**  
**8pm in Broughton Village Hall**

**The Police and the Public:  
can policing ever deliver what the  
public wants?**

**Speaker: Kory Thorne, Chief Inspector,  
District Commander Test Valley,  
Hampshire Constabulary**

Policing has changed and continues to change, and may not meet the expectations of our wider communities and the judiciary. Crime and other threats are also changing and evolving. The police are struggling to keep up due to cuts and skills shortages. Kory Thorne will also consider whether the expectations of communities are rooted in the Dixon of Dock Green era.

Kory Thorne joined Hampshire Constabulary in 1993, and served in Basingstoke, Tadley, Fleet and Aldershot. At the Roads Policing Unit he trained as a Senior Investigating Officer and Family Liaison Officer for fatal and serious road traffic collisions.

He was promoted to Chief Inspector in 2006 and helped to design a leadership development programme for Hampshire police officers.

He has been District Commander for Test Valley since 2012. He represents Hampshire on national and local projects, including the current task of recruiting and training additional police officers as a result of the Prime Minister's August announcement.

No booking necessary. All are welcome. Entry £5 to include a drink. Full time students free.

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ongoing supply of produce such as charcoal and faggots. Pine plantations that were once put in for timber crop are being removed across the estate, so we can plant up these areas with native broadleaf species which previously grew here, enhancing the woodlands and encouraging wildlife. Woodland rides will be cut to open up vital corridors for bats, butterflies and other species.

**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.

**Lockerley Primary School**

**OPEN MORNINGS**

**for parents of children starting school in  
year R in September 2020**

**Wednesday 16th October  
and  
Thursday 14th November**

There will be an introduction by the headteacher, Mrs. Katy Kwiatek at 9.30am followed by a tour of the school with our year 6 children.

Please contact Julie Black, our School Business Manager, to book a place on 340485 or call into school.

Applications for children due to start Primary School in September 2020 will open on Tuesday 1st November 2019 at [www.hants.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions)

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These spectacular shows provided exciting entertainment long before the birth of the cinema. This will be a chance to revisit a time when magic lantern slides thrilled and amazed their audiences and were fun!! The young loved the jokes played by little rascals and the tricks done by monkeys and other such animals. The old loved the morals and philosophy behind the stories. This show includes the most famous moving slide ever produced, 'The Rat Swallow'.

The show will last about two hours with a break for tea and coffee. You are welcome to bring your own drinks and snacks. Tickets will be £5.00 and £3.00 for children 16 years and under.

As there is limited space in the hall please book as soon as possible to avoid missing this interesting evening.

Dave and Pat Francis  
340609

**Did you know?**

If you are entitled to a bus pass, you can use it with the Broughton and Mottisfont bus, for trips to Romsey, Southampton, Salisbury, Winchester and Andover.





## From the Rector

Blessed as we are, to be living in such an idyllic part of the world, we residents of the Test Valley receive certain benefits by virtue of the place we have made our homes. One of these is to be surrounded by the natural world and the beauty of God's creation. This rural way of life can bring its challenges, but many benefits as well. One such benefit is that we are so much more aware of, and in tune with, the natural cycles of the year, the seasons, and the blooming and fading of life itself in everything that surrounds us.

At this time of year especially, the evidence of this changing of the seasons takes on a particularly visual display, as the landscape changes hue. The nights draw in, the jumpers go on, and the wood pile starts to slowly reduce in size.

The common life of the Christian community in the local parishes of the Mid-Test benefice is also at a transition point as we move from one season to another. As Christians from as far afield as Mottifont and Leckford and everything in between look into new ways of working together, the churches in our communities are themselves also undergoing some changes as we adapt to a new reality.

Of course, such a season of change can feel uncomfortable. Just as the change of the seasons can bring challenges as well as great beauty, so other changes in our lives can also bring both benefits and difficulties.

A feature of our faith is its resilience and consistency across millennia. Although there is great diversity of Christian practice, the kernel of Christian faith has remained the same for two thousand years. In the same way, although it may feel as if there are things changing in the churches of the Mid Test benefice, we will surely see the cycle of the seasons repeat themselves and eventually come to realise that our church life remains fully intact.



### CHURCH SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

	<b>6th October</b> <b>TRINITY 16</b>	<b>13th October</b> <b>TRINITY 17</b>	<b>20th October</b> <b>TRINITY 18</b>	<b>27th October</b> <b>TRINITY 19</b>
8am	-	<b>BROUGHTON</b> HC CW	-	<b>BROUGHTON</b> HC BCP
9.30 am	<b>BROUGHTON</b> Parish Communion CW	<b>BOSSINGTON</b> HC BCP ----- <b>BROUGHTON</b> The Bible Uncovered	<b>MOTTISFONT</b> HC BCP	<b>BROUGHTON</b> Parish Communion CW ----- <b>HOUGHTON</b> Parish Communion CW
11am	-	<b>MOTTISFONT</b> Messy Church	<b>BROUGHTON</b> Harvest Festival followed by "Bring & Share" finger food lunch	<b>MOTTISFONT</b> Family Communion CW
6pm	<b>MOTTISFONT</b> Evensong	<b>HOUGHTON</b> Evensong	<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 October

3rd October: **86th Anniversary Service**

10th October: Mrs. Vida Reynolds

17th October: Members' Meeting

24th October: TBA

31st October: Mr. Desmond Graves

Bright Hour's **86th Anniversary Service** will be celebrated in St. Mary's Church on Thursday October 3rd at 2-30 pm. The guest speakers will be Vic Anderson and Peter Bacon, representing GideonsUK. This will be followed by tea in our wonderfully refurbished village hall. Everyone welcome, please come and join us.

Barbara Perry, Booking Secretary, 301466

October is often the time when Harvest is celebrated in churches – even though here in Hampshire most of the harvest was gathered in by the end of August! As well as hosting Harvest Supper, many churches also take the opportunity to remember how important animals are to us and to say thank you to God. (East Tytherley Church is having an Animal Service at 2pm on Sunday 6th October. Please come along and bring any well-behaved animals!)

We also remember those who have less of the good things in life, and many will be giving to the Romsey or Andover Foodbanks. They are particularly short of tinned spaghetti, tinned tomatoes, tinned fruit, pasta, pasta sauces, rice, custard, biscuits, 500g sugar, long life milk, long life fruit juice (the stock of tinned soup and cereal is still plentiful). Collection points in Romsey are at Waitrose, the Abbey and the Library.

Your Area Dean, James

## Meditations

Over the recent past, we have been running a series of services in St. James's, Bossington, which are different from the usual church services. In each we study the life of a Christian man or woman, who has made a significant impact on the society of his or her time, from ancient times to the modern day. Their life-stories and achievements are interspersed with readings from their own published works, and each reading is followed by music appropriate to the period and context.

The whole service usually lasts about 40 minutes and concludes with a glass of sherry. These Meditation services are held at 6pm on the third Sunday of the month with three services in the Spring and three in the Autumn. For this Autumn, they will be on 15th September, 20th October and 17th November. All are welcome - please come.

David Livermore

## 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.

**Tuesday, 22nd October,  
from 7pm**



## STOCKBRIDGE CINEMA

We have no films showing in October due to the replacement of the window in the hall which is therefore unavailable for us to use.

Details of our November films will be in the next edition of the *Acorn*.

## Have you lost some keys?

Back in July some keys were found near the entrance to the allotments at the bottom of Barley Hill. They have been fixed to the gate post in the hope that someone would recognise them, but so far nobody has claimed them.



## Review: Stockbridge Music The Maiastra String Quartet

*Friday 13th September 2019*

Take three musically advanced young string players, post graduates ambitious to make chamber music their careers – in this case a Latvian, Korean, and a Briton – put them together for just ten days with a renowned professor from the Guildhall School of Music and the Yehudi Menuhin School, and you can enjoy a concert of the highest quality, thinking you were listening to a long established group.



Tel: 01264 810 601  
timlowden@gmail.com

At least you can in the hands of the Aidan Woodcock Trust. Woodcock, who died three years ago, and for some years was in the London Symphony Orchestra, later in life became dedicated to nurturing young string playing talent. He named his annual ten day free residential courses after the Maiastra, a bird with magical powers from the Romanian folklore.

So after just a few days of moulding together, here was this quartet playing three of the most challenging works in any string quartet's repertoire, by Beethoven, Turina and Schubert.

Beethoven's String Quartet in D (Op. 18 No. 3) owes much to his influence by Haydn and Mozart. In this work, the players have to lead us through the contrasts of calm reflection with warm sonorities drawn from their strings to much jabbing of the same strings to elicit relentless disquiet. Abrupt dynamic changes, unexpected tonalities, key modulations – all were expressed with admirable authority here.

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## Ladies Craft Evening

**Ideas for you to make  
this Christmas**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October  
Elim Church,  
Middlebridge St.**

**From 6.30pm - 9.30pm  
(doors open 6.15pm)**

**Tickets £8.50**

**Demonstrations, stalls  
and refreshments**

**Tickets available from  
Oasis (next to Romsey  
Post Office)**



## 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.



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During a day of bullfighting in Madrid, while mingling with some horses back stage, the composer Joaquín Turina (1882-1949) found a small door leading into an incense-filled chapel where toreadors were praying before facing possible death. Inspiration was immediate. The arena's tumult, a fiesta to come – and the prayers for protection – all are in his one movement work *La Oración del torero*. The Maiastra proved masters of the work's vivid mood painting, guitar derived ornaments and conflicting emotions.

The final work in this inspirational concert was Schubert's Quartet No. 14 in D minor, dubbed the Death and the Maiden, not his title but named later after a song of the same name he'd written seven years earlier; he'd used its theme for this Quartet's second movement and added five variations, the portions of the work that's made it so well known. This four movement Quartet with all its contrasted demands of frenzied, gentle, rhythmic, strenuous, scurrying, expressive elements requires the greatest thought and skill. Superbly played.

Stockbridge Music's education mission is paying local audiences dividends.

James Montgomery

## Mottisfont and Dunbridge WI



At the September meeting we were given an illustrated talk on the speaker's travels on a narrow boat from the north of England down through the canals of Wales, taking in Bristol in the west and across to London in the east.

As a group we entered an exhibit in the WI tent at the Romsey Show entitled 'A Recycled Roast Dinner'. This was presented in a recycled wooden seed tray and comprised of a cockerel made from wire and paper-mache, the feathers being made from plastic, paper, etc. It also included decorated flower pots filled with sage and onions all on a bed of straw.

We also entered two dresses in another competition, which were made by two members, and were then donated to the charity 'Little Dresses for Africa'.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 8th October at 7.30pm, and will be held at Mottisfont Village Hall. The speaker will be Marilyn Taylor talking about 'The Stained Glass Workshop'. A warm welcome to all visitors and guests, so please come along and enjoy the evening and a cup of tea or coffee with biscuits.

## MOTTISFONT PARISH COUNCIL

### Meeting dates for 2019

The final Parish Council meeting for 2019 will be held on

**Wednesday 20th November**

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### Broadband coverage

Homes furthest in the parish from the street cabinet near the railway station in Dunbridge (e.g. Spearywell, Oakley) are currently receiving a very poor level of broadband service, and the Parish Council is investigating whether there is anything that can be done to improve this.

Discussions with providers have started, but from what we have learned so far, obtaining a service that meets today's needs in these areas may well turn out not to be simple.

If you have not already registered with us, and are interested in having access to improved broadband, please email [broadband@mottisfontpc.org.uk](mailto:broadband@mottisfontpc.org.uk) with your address (including postcode), current provider, typical maximum download rate, and whether you run any form of business from the premises.

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

## MOTTISFONT SOCIAL CLUB

### Forthcoming events

► 12 October: A celebration evening to mark the 100 years since the building of Mottisfont Club House. All ex-stewards and committee members welcome with current members to reminisce about the club. A buffet will be provided.

► 19 October: Phil Stoner Disco from 8pm.

► 26 October: Monthly Quiz & Snowball question to raise money for the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit at Southampton General Hospital. 8pm start.

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

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

► 14 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

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@outlook.com](mailto:mottisfontclub@outlook.com), pop in to the club, or phone on 340521 so they can be invited to our celebrations.

### 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.***

### Participate in Test Valley 2020 Borough of Culture

Test Valley 2020 Borough of Culture is a year long festival of events which celebrates the people, places, heritage and culture of the Test Valley. The festival aims to include and provide opportunities for all parishes through Test Valley. It will celebrate and promote the rich cultural scene that exists in Test Valley; create new opportunities for people to engage with the Arts; encourage collaboration and innovation; inspire creativity, innovation, joy, emotion and expression everywhere!

Test Valley Arts Foundation, the project organisers,

want to make a real splash and place Test Valley on the cultural map, and we need the support of every parish council within the Borough to help us spread the word and engage local residents.



More information can be found at [www.testvalley2020.org](http://www.testvalley2020.org). If you have any ideas for events that may benefit from participation in the festival, contact your

nearest parish councillor (see [www.mottisfontpc.org.uk/pc/pc.php](http://www.mottisfontpc.org.uk/pc/pc.php)).