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The Village Newsletter

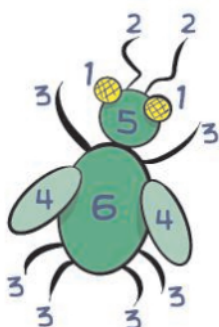
March 2020

BEETLE DRIVE!

A fun evening playing the game of Beetle, with all proceeds going towards maintaining our two village defibrillators.

Fun for all ages!

Prizes!



7pm, Saturday 28th March

at

Mottisfont Village Hall

Just £5 each!



**Price includes a
Ploughman's Supper
Fresh Bread, Butter,
Cheese & Pickle**



Please bring your own drinks

Please book early with Michael Horne
call 340105
or email
horne-at-btinternet-dot-com

Surplus to requirement

Anyone living in the village who would like to have a 4ft mattress in very good condition can apply to 368346 for conditions of donation. New owner must provide transport.

MOTTISFONT & DUNBRIDGE DEFIBRILLATORS

Each year we have to raise approximately £350 to cover the maintenance of the two defibrillators and their associated satellite phones. Hopefully they will never be needed, but they have saved lives in other towns and villages. There are collecting tins in The Mill Arms and the Social Club; over the last few months these have raised over £70 just from people donating their small change.

The Community Heartbeat Trust have now set up an on-line donation page where anyone can add funds, anonymously if they wish, for our defibrillator. The link is:

<https://communityheartbeat.charitycheckout.co.uk/Mottisfont-DunbridgeDefibAppeal>

Alternatively, cheques can be sent to The Community Heartbeat Trust, PO Box 168, Haverhill, Suffolk, CB9 1AX, or direct payment made to their account at Barclays Bank plc, Melton Mowbray, sort code: 20-63-66, account no. 33949745. However, it is important to put "Reference: MOT001" on your donation to make sure it goes into our village account.

Please support the Beetle Drive on Saturday 28th March, which will, we hope, raise much needed funds for the defibrillators.

Pat Francis

SHED BURGLARIES

There have been a number of shed and summer house burglaries in the area recently.

Please make sure that your property is fully secure, and that belongings are locked away and not visible. Please also check that access ways to your gardens are secure, and your sheds and other outbuildings have adequate security.

If you have witnessed anything that you believe to be suspicious in your area please contact us on 101, and if you believe a burglary is in progress call us on 999.

Your Neighbourhood Policing Team

The deadline for inclusion of items in the April edition of the Acorn is 16th March.
Please email items to acornnews@mandercom.co.uk.



**National
Trust**

Hello everyone,

Hopefully by the time you read this, Storm Dennis will be a distant memory, and ideally not because it's been superseded by Storm Esme and Storm Frank or another even worse weather event! For now, we're still clearing up fallen trees and branches and doing

our best with localised flooding around the Abbey.

We had a tree down in the river which caused flooding in new places, and knocked out some essential services for a couple of days, but that's all been sorted out now.

If you need something to make you smile after all the terrible weather, pop up to the gallery to see the 'Comedy and commentary' exhibition of cartoons and satire from the 18th century to the present day. From witty observations about every day life to cartoons that poke fun at players from every side of the political divide, there will be something to make you chuckle I'm sure.

We've had an incident of someone shouting at a licensed dog walker in our woods, so I did just want to clarify the position with commercial dog walkers on the Mottisfont estate. In response to local concerns about commercial dog walking companies using the woods to exercise large numbers of dogs who were not always under control, we talked to known dog walking companies about how they needed to behave in our woods. The lady who was shouted at was in fact someone who is licensed by us to walk multiple dogs on our estate, and she is very clear on how we expect that she and the animals in her care will behave. If you do see what looks to be a commercial dog walking outfit and you're not sure if they should be in the woods, rather than challenging that person directly, please do contact the Mottisfont Estate Office and our rangers will check out the situation. That keeps everyone safe – thank you.

You may also by now have heard my news: I'm going to be leaving Mottisfont in mid-May, to take up the position of CEO of Artsworld, a Southampton-based charity that helps provide opportunities across the South East for children and young people to be creative, access cultural activities and gain extra skills for the workplace. It's something that's always been close to my heart, and when the job came up, I just couldn't say no! I will however be very sad to be leaving both the National Trust, and this lovely parish. I will have a few more Acorn contributions to make before I go, so it's not goodbye quite yet, and I will no doubt be back to visit often and replenish my jam and marmalade stocks from Mrs Clutterbuck's range of fine preserves! My replacement is being recruited now; as soon as I have more news, I'll let you all know.

In the meantime, I'm very happy to confirm that the National Trust will again be providing financial support towards the printing costs of Acorn, for those who don't access it online. Happy reading!

With all best wishes,

Louise

In the gallery...

Comedy and Commentary: the Best of British Cartoons

Until Sunday 19 April 11am-5pm

Witty works from some of Britain's best cartoonists commenting on current affairs, showcasing the distinguished history of contemporary British cartooning. You'll come across plenty of topical characters, including Boris Johnson and Donald Trump, in a show that explores social and political preoccupations that have gripped the nation. Humour is at its heart, with funny, beautifully drawn works from the likes of Matt of the Telegraph and Mike Williams of Private Eye, alongside past masters such as Ronald Searle and John Tenniel.

In the house...

An Evening with Peter Brookes

Monday 16 March 6pm

Join us for a Q&A session and live drawing from a master of satire featured in our Comedy and Commentary exhibition. Since starting his career with The Times in 1992, Peter's work has depicted many of the world's leading stories and famous faces in his trademark colourful and amusing style. Peter will be divulging his many stories to the audience whilst drawing some of his most well-known characters. These will then be sold at the end of the evening with all proceeds going towards our Rose Garden Restoration appeal.

£12 per person, call 344020 to book.

Deep Clean

The house team will be finishing the annual 'deep clean' in March, and you'll be able to get up close to some of this conservation work when you visit. Look out for the team using a huge array of interesting equipment to make sure our rooms are looking their best for the year.

Art installations...

Casting Light by Heinrich & Palmer

Until 8 November

An immersive installation in the Red Room, which takes an imaginative journey through the architectural layers of Mottisfont using a combination of lighting, 3D laser scanning technology, video projection and sound.

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Pilgrim by Hywel Davies Until 31 August

A sound experience in the Beech Circle and Gardener's Cottage, combining Japanese percussion, bass baritone voice, and intimate accounts of personal journeys, inspired by Mottisfont's heritage as a place of pilgrimage.

In the gardens...

Discover delightful displays of blossom and greenery as our gardens burst to life in spring. We've planted masses of mixed, naturalising bulbs under ancient trees, in the winter garden, the walled gardens, and in the cherry orchard.

The winter garden continues to showcase bright colour and fragrance throughout spring, and you'll find big, bright daffodil displays spread out near the font, and clustered by the pathways of the winter garden.

On the wider estate...

The first spring wildflowers are beginning to emerge in the estate woodlands. Wildlife survey season begins in March with breeding birds; this is when we can monitor the effects of our winter conservation projects such as scrub clearance and coppicing.

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.

BROUGHTON COMMUNITY SHOP

Village Hall, High Street,
Broughton, SO20 8AX
Telephone number: 01794 502495



Opening Hours Broughton Community Shop

Weekdays: 8.00am - 5.30pm
Saturdays: 8.30am - 12.30pm
Sundays: 9.30am - 12.30pm

Broughton Post Office

Weekdays: 9.00am - 5.00pm
Saturdays: 9.00am - 12.00pm
Sundays: Closed

Coffee Shop

Weekdays: 8.00am - 4.30pm
Saturdays: 8.30am - 12.00pm
Sundays: 9.30am - 12.00pm

**Broughton Talks
8pm, Wednesday 18th March
Broughton Village Hall**

Words and images: Bob Cramp Commercial Photographer

*"Old photographers never die,
they just lose their focus"*

Bob Cramp was in the right place at the right time: London was a cultural hotbed throughout the early time of his career in the 1970s as a commercial photographer. Although not well known to the general public, he has created many iconic brand images, as well as one particularly famous political one, the "Labour isn't working" poster.

Follow the trials, tribulations and ultimate triumph of Bob's career from the start of everyday use of colour in advertising photography in 1969, until 1983, when research and globalisation started to change the creative process, before the dawn of mobile phones, computers and the digital revolution.

All are welcome. No need to book. Entry £5, to include a drink. Full time students free.

The Broughton and Mottisfont Community Bus Committee

Charity Number: 284910

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Broughton and Mottisfont Community Bus is run as a charity under the provisions of the law and the Charity Commission. An Annual General Meeting is held each year, to which members of the public are welcome.

The 40th Annual General Meeting will be held in the Broughton Village Hall on Monday 2nd March starting at 7pm. The bus will collect people who wish to attend, starting from Dunbridge at 6.30pm.

Anyone wishing to serve on the committee, or nominating someone else, should contact either the chairman, Peter Broome on 07715 055938 or the secretary, Andrew Illingworth on 301295. The latest date for such nominations is 24th February 2020.

Drivers We are always looking for drivers and volunteers to help support the village bus.

For more information see contacts above, or thevillagebus@outlook.com, 01794 234794

From the Rector

February has been a difficult month in the Test Valley. Not only has the weather been horrendous, I have conducted the funerals of two significant figures in their communities: Garry Headley and Dieter Dent.

The usual cycle of the year means preparations for annual church meetings, which is a good opportunity to celebrate all that has happened in church life in the last 12 months, but is a lot of work.

Now that March has begun so has the season of Lent, traditionally a penitential 40 days during which Christians seek to put right all that is amiss in their lives in preparation for the Easter celebration.

The question of what is amiss in your life is left as an exercise for the reader, but it is one that I encourage you to answer.

None of us lives a perfect life, and none of us is

exactly in the place that we would want to be - both individually, and collectively as a Church, a community or even a nation.

However, as winter draws to a close, spring brings with it the promise of new life, fresh growth, renewal, and the hope of abundance.

As we seek to put aside all the things that separate us from God during Lent, we are preparing to marvel in the mystery of the defeat of death, won for us by Jesus sacrifice and resurrection.

So I encourage you to engage with the spirit of Lent: look honestly at all that is not the way you would like it to be in your life and faith, and look forward with hope to the fulfilment of God's promise that "behold, I make all things new."

CHURCH SERVICES FOR MARCH

	1st March Lent 1	8th March Lent 2	15th March Lent 3	22nd March Lent 4 Mothering Sunday	29th March Lent 5
8am	-	BROUGHTON HC	-	BROUGHTON HC BCP	-
9.30 am	BROUGHTON Parish Communion	BOSSINGTON Parish Communion BCP ----- BROUGHTON The Bible Uncovered	BROUGHTON Parish Communion followed by Annual Parochial Church Meeting, starting approx. 10.30am ----- MOTTISFONT Parish Communion BCP	BROUGHTON Family Service for Mothering Sunday ----- HOUGHTON Parish Communion	10am LONGSTOCK Parish Communion for the Benefice
11am	-	MOTTISFONT Messy Church	-	MOTTISFONT Family Communion	-
6pm	-	HOUGHTON Evensong	-	-	-

The World Day of Prayer, Friday 6th March, St. Mary's Church, Broughton, at 2.30pm

HC = Holy Communion

BCP = Book of Common Prayer

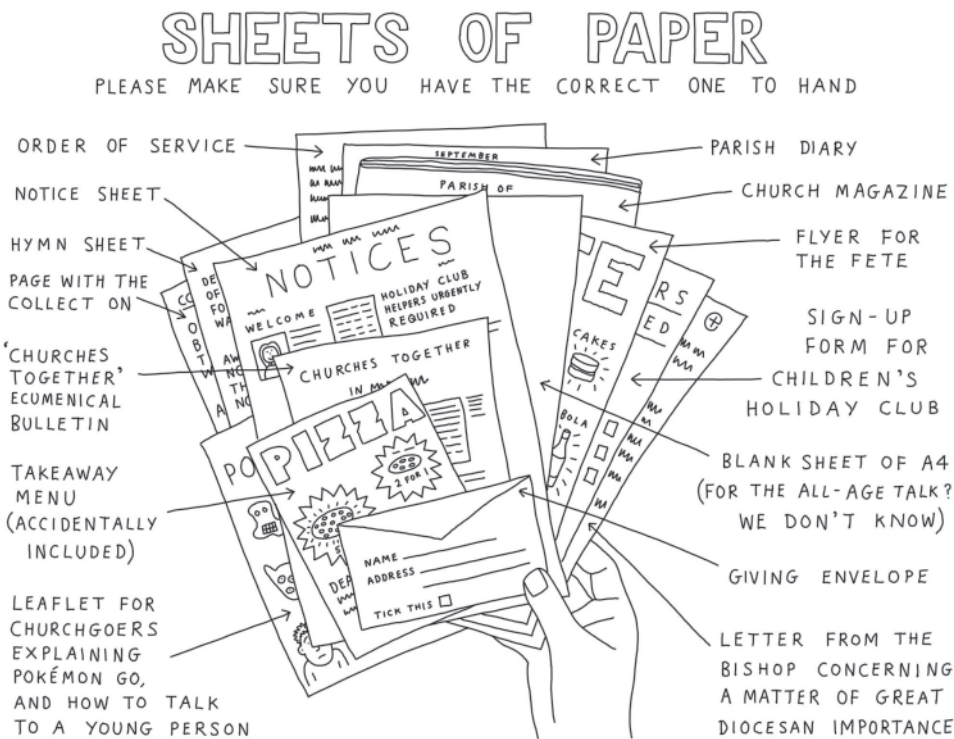
All of March is within Lent (the six weeks leading up to Easter). Lent was a long, strict religious fast when people gave up all rich food (it does not include Sundays, which are always days of celebration – remembering Jesus’ resurrection!). It is a time of preparation when some Christians try to overcome their own faults. Christians try to put aside more time for prayer so that they can really let God into their lives. It can also be a time of learning, so I have been asked to explain some of the obscure language we use about Church. Here’s a starter that might help:

Benefice: One of those words, loved by the lawyers, that are difficult to define. The Shorter Oxford Dictionary says “an ecclesiastical tenure”, whatever that may mean. For our purposes, it may do to say that it relates to all that an incumbent accepts on appointment to a parish – any endowments, the cure of souls in the parish, the freehold, the occupation of the clergy residence, be it vicarage or rectory. It used to include tithes, when they were payable to an incumbent.

Communion: The Holy Communion service is a memorial of the institution of the Lord’s supper by the Lord Jesus Christ on the night of His betrayal. Indeed, its alternative name is the Lord’s supper. The Book of Common Prayer requires communicant members to attend at least three times a year, one of these attendances being at Easter.

Eucharist: An alternative name for the Holy Communion service, meaning thanksgiving.
Matins: This service, like Evensong, follows the pattern in The Book of Common Prayer and consists of choral music, scripture readings, and prayers.
Evensong: This service follows the traditional pattern in The Book of Common Prayer and consists of choral music (psalms, canticles, and anthems) from the rich Anglican musical tradition, scripture readings, and prayers.

Your Area Dean, James



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CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN
SOMBORNE & DISTRICT

invite you to hear

The Bishop of Southampton,
the Rt. Rev. Debbie Sellin,
who will lead our
LENT TALK
"CARING FOR GOD'S WORLD"
on
WEDNESDAY, 11 March

Where: Village Hall, King's Somborne
When: 12.30pm – 2pm

A light lunch will be served

BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

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

Events for March
5th March: Miss Barbara Hillier
12th March: Mr. Philip Mutton
19th March: Members' Meeting
26th March: Mrs. Margaret Pickett

Everyone welcome, please come and join us.

Barbara Perry, Booking Secretary, 301466

MEET THE NEIGHBOURS

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

**Wednesday, 11th March,
from 7pm**



Whist Drives

at Mottisfont Village Hall

The next monthly whist drives will be on:



Friday 27th March
Friday 24th April



All commencing at 7pm

MOTTISFONT PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting dates

18th March: Ordinary Meeting

22nd April: Annual Parish Meeting

13th May: Annual General Meeting

Lockerley Primary School

PTA Quiz Night Friday 20th March at 7pm

Tickets £10 to include jacket potato and chilli supper, available from the school office on 340485.

Bar and Raffle

CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF ROMSEY

A new green shopping space on Broadwater Road, opening up access to the Fishlake stream and a new location for the Aldi supermarket are just some of the proposals being considered as part of the plans to redevelop the area south of Romsey's town centre.

The first stage of the draft plan has now been published, following feedback from the first consultation held in late 2018.

Residents, businesses and other interested parties can have their say on the proposals through an online survey, or pop along to a number of events to be held at Romsey Town

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STOCKBRIDGE CINEMA



Friday 13 March The Farewell (PG)

Comedy/drama in which a Chinese family discovers that their grandmother has only a short while left to live, and decide to keep her in the dark, scheduling a wedding to gather together before she dies. [In Mandarin with English subtitles]



Golden Globe and BAFTA nominated in 2020 for Best Foreign Language Film and winner of the Golden Globe for Best Actress (Awkwafina).

Showing at Stockbridge Town Hall, SO20 6HE, at 7.30pm.

Wednesday 18 March Yesterday (12)

Romantic comedy in which a struggling singer-songwriter wakes up after a mysterious blackout and discovers he is the only person in the world to remember The Beatles, finding himself with a very complicated problem.



Showing at Stockbridge Town Hall, SO20 6HE, at 4.30pm and 7.30pm.

Tickets £5.00 from Garden Inn and John Robinson in Stockbridge, or online via www.stockbridgecinema.org.uk.

STOCKBRIDGE MUSIC

The Brompton String Quartet

Town Hall, Stockbridge
20th March, 7.30pm



Tel: 01264 810 601
timlowden@gmail.com

The fantastic Brompton String Quartet from The Royal College of Music is comprised of musicians from the UK, Austria & Slovenia. Formed in 2018, they were winners at the St. Martin-in-the-Fields Chamber Music Competition in 2019.

PROGRAMME

Beethoven String Quartet Op. 95
Schubert String Quartet No. 14 in D Minor
(Death of a Maiden)
Panufnik Memories of my Father
Tickets: £15 available from:

John Robinson, Butchers
www.jumblebee.co.uk/stockbridgemusic
The Lights Theatre Box Office (01264 368368)
Roger Tym, The Old Manse, High Street,
Stockbridge (01264 810363)

www.stockbridgemusic.uk



Mottisfont and Dunbridge WI



At the February meeting, attended by 19 members, we had a talk from Pip Hollingsworth from the Hedgehog Rescue centre at Wellow. We learned a lot about the habits of these creatures, and also about some of the reasons why they turn up at the Rescue Centre. Unfortunately hedgehogs seem to be in decline, but we all can help in their survival by feeding them, making our gardens more hedgehog-friendly by not using pesticides or slug pellets, and making provision for them to move from garden to garden. Much emphasis was put on the fact that hedgehogs don't sunbathe so if you see one out during the day it may mean they are poorly, so a call to the Hedgehog Rescue centre is needed. Their telephone number can be found online under 'Hedgehog Rescue'.

The next meeting will be held on 10th March at 7.30pm in Mottisfont Village Hall, when the speaker will be Stephen Hackett, telling us about Horatio's Garden. Guests will be very welcome on this evening, and to come and share a cup of tea or coffee and a friendly chat.

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, 24th May).

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 ".").

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Hall and The Royal British Legion, as well as the country market pop-up stall until 20th March.

The draft plans form a number of short, medium and long-term proposals covering the potential future of the area for the next ten years. The short-term goals include enhancing the passageways and access to green spaces, while the medium-term plans consist of a new green area along Broadwater Road that could make more of the River Test and potentially house new shops.

It would also improve the road layout and allow for more flexible transport options by forming a new bus station.

In the longer-term, the plans consider the possibility of a new site for the Aldi supermarket, the relocation of a new large community facility similar to the current Crosfield Hall but closer to Romsey Rapids, and a smaller venue within the town centre. This would help to meet the growing needs of the town, as well as cater for the provision of car parking, enabling residents to park just outside the town and walk in, using improved pathways and access routes.

Along with the developments, a number of accessibility improvements have also been suggested. New access points to Broadwater Road from the bypass have been proposed, alongside better pedestrian access from the area towards Romsey Rapids.

The first draft of the plan for the area has also taken into account the recommendations of the citizens' assembly which was held late last year. Around 50 residents, selected to represent the demographic makeup of the town, spent two weekends listening to experts and casting their votes on how best to maximise the area including the bus station and Crosfield Hall.

The main themes of the assembly included improving the night-time economy, and creating more green spaces and better transport connections, for vehicles and pedestrians.

Chair of Romsey Future and deputy leader of Test Valley Borough Council, Nick Adams-King, said: "At the beginning of the first stage of this consultation, I was clear that all ideas were welcome as this was a completely blank slate. Now, although we've had a considerable amount of input from residents and members of the citizens' assembly, we are still very keen to hear what the community thinks of the plans so far.

"There were many suggestions in the first stage of the consultation but hopefully it will be clear why these participants' proposals have been taken

MOTTISFONT SOCIAL CLUB

Forthcoming events

► Wednesday, 18th March: AGM, 8.15 start

Saturday, 28th March: Quiz, 8pm

Saturday, 18th April: Cricket Club Quiz, 8pm

Saturday, 25th April: Monthly Quiz, 8pm

Mondays:

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

Tuesdays:

Billiards Team in the Test Valley Billiards 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.

forward.

"With these proposed changes to the area, I understand that parking and accessibility will be extremely important, and these plans provide plenty of flexibility for improving both of those aspects moving forward. I would encourage anyone who would like to have their say to take this opportunity to do just that. Residents can get involved by going along to one of the events or by completing an online survey through the Romsey Future website."

The consultation will end on 20th March.