



Mottisfont & Dunbridge

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The Village Newsletter

October and November 2021

FREE MONEY!!

Mottisfont Parish Council heard at its most recent meeting in September that Hampshire County Council and Test Valley Borough Council have grants available to support improvements in communities such as ours.

Unfortunately the support won't extend to providing everyone with ultrafast broadband, but maybe you have some ideas of more modest actions that would improve life in the parish in some way. If so, please let us know your ideas by contacting any councillor (you can use the email links at www.mottisfontpc.org.uk/pc/pc.php). The Parish Council will then select the best ideas and make an application for a grant to implement them.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Broughton & Mottisfont Community Bus



Since July 2021 the bus has once more been providing a normal service, with regular scheduled journeys from Mottisfont to Romsey,

Salisbury, Andover, Winchester and Southampton. No booking is required.

Covid precautions are being followed, and passengers are requested to wear face-masks.

For further details, see:

www.broughtonvillage.net/village-bus

or telephone 234794.

KINDLING WOOD FOR SALE

£5 a bag

Contact David on
07967 657003

Can deliver locally



VILLAGE HALL NEWS

When you next visit the village hall you will see that our decorator has been busy painting the exterior windows and doors of the hall and the Scout Hut.

Over the winter months we hope to plan some talks by local speakers, so look out for more information on the village noticeboards and the WhatsApp group. If you are not already on the WhatsApp group please email:

jeffmottisfont@btinternet.com

with a request to be added.

2022 sees the 70th anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne. The May Bank Holiday weekend will be moved to Thursday 2nd June, with an additional Bank Holiday on Friday 3rd. The village hall committee has booked the hall to celebrate this historic milestone. Do you have any ideas for an appropriate event? You can share your ideas via WhatsApp, speak to any member of the committee, or leave a note through the village hall letterbox.

LOCKERLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

OPEN MORNINGS

Wednesday 13th October
Wednesday 24th November

If your child was born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018, they will be eligible to start school in the school year beginning September 2022.

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

Please telephone the school office on 340485 to book a place, or call into school.

Applications for children due to start Primary School in September 2022 will open on Monday 1st November 2021.

See www.hants.gov.uk/admissions.

Mottisfont Cricket Club Season 2021

After the suspension of league cricket in the 2020 season because of Covid-19, we were able to start the 2021 season on time. We played in the Hampshire League Division 4 West, but did not make a good start, losing to Shrewton. But we then went on a good run of victories which took us up to 3rd place, and with a strong batting line-up we were scoring a lot of runs without losing many wickets. This run included a very exciting tied match against Bournemouth 3rd XI. We continued our good run with only two more defeats and we finished with a creditable 5th place. The weather could have been better.



On Tuesdays we played in the Border League Div 2 and finished undefeated to win the league. We also reached the Border League Plate K.O. Final., losing to Lyndhurst/Ashurst. We had one of our best seasons ever with only five defeats through the entire season.

Before the season started, a lot of work was carried out on the pavilion: painting inside and outside, and laying a new concrete base at the front. We also put up new nets, plus other work. The sports field looked the best it has ever been. A lot of effort was put in by members of the club, which was very much appreciated, including by visiting teams.

Tony Stemp

Parish telephone support line closed

Shortly after the start of lock-down last year, the Parish Council set up a telephone support line for local people to call if they needed help, or just a chat. The phone line was manned by a rota of local people, and we are grateful to them for providing this support.



The phone line was provided free of charge by TTNC, a company providing cloud-based telephone services, which allowed us to establish a rota so that calls to the helpline would go to different people at different times. Our grateful thanks go to TTNC for providing this service.

Recently we noted that no calls had been made for several months, so we have taken the decision to close the service.

The WI

The new president, Marj Donahoe welcomed almost a full house of members and visitors to the September meeting. The buzz of conversation indicated how pleased everyone was to be meeting together in the Village Hall after such a long absence.



The guest speaker was Bob Sprague, retired primary headteacher, who gave us a most enjoyable poetry reading evening, interspersed with memories of his own schooldays and those of his teaching career. It was a very mixed programme. Some were well remembered poems from our own schooldays and some which were new to us. Many were amusing and brought chuckles, but some were moving and thought provoking.

Bob was raising money for his special charity - a safe house for children in danger from abuse and deprivation in South Africa.

After coffee and more chatter, the business part of the meeting was kept to the minimum.

We remembered Valda White, a member and past president who had recently died.

There is to be a lunch time get together at Poppies restaurant on 21st October, and a proposed visit to the Plaza to see an Alan Ayckbourn comedy in December.

Next month's speaker will be Sarah Delldes who will talk about the history of handbags. So if you have an interesting handbag from years ago, which you can't bear to throw away, please bring it along and share its story with us. Visitors and new members always welcome - Mottisfont Village Hall, 12th October at 7.30 pm.

Yvonne Goodridge

Change of address for Tony

After 67 years at 1 Mill View in Dunbridge, Tony Stemp's new address from Saturday, 2nd October will be 9 Mill Rise.



After so many years at one address, Tony, aided by a number of friends, has been busy for the last few weeks clearing sheds and deciding what furniture to take to the new bungalow.

We wish Tony every happiness in his new home.

The Thomas Dowse's Trust

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 towards the cost of such things as uniform, school trips, music tuition, overseas educational trips, 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.

Please email the secretary, Tina Stuart, for an application form or collect one from Broughton Primary School, St. Mary's Church (Broughton) or Mottisfont Church.

Applications received will be considered at the next meeting of the Trustees. The closing date for applications in time for the next meeting is: Sunday, 31st October 2021.

Email address: tinastuart1atgmaildotcom. (remove the dashes, and change "at" to "@" and "dot" to ".").

From the Rector

A supportive community

The month passed has caused me to reflect on how lucky we are here in the Test Valley to be part of supportive, caring and generous communities, that look out for both the people that make them up as well as the institutions that support them.

In the weekend just passed, I completed my annual penance: that of taking part in the Ride and Stride event which raises funds to support both individual church communities and also the Historic Churches Trust that maintains ancient church buildings. The 25 mile route around all 8 churches in the benefice is pleasant and picturesque, but also hard work.

However, that is nothing compared to task of raising sponsorship. Not only did others raise sponsorship in my name, but several others also undertook the task and far exceeded the more than £1,000 raised on my behalf. Individuals and businesses in these villages have all been incredibly generous towards this event, and I feel so grateful to be part of communities that have responded in this way.

The following day I saw another example of a community caring for its own at the Broughton "newcomers' picnic" – an event for people recently moved to the village to meet and greet those amongst whom they live. It was a great chance for those on the edge of a community to be made to feel welcome, and was well attended, not only by families that had recently moved in, but also by many old-comers who have lived in the village for many years, but wanted to extend a friendly welcome.

Earlier that morning I had led worship at Longstock church where we celebrated Longstock's patronal festival – that is the festival of St. Mary, after whom the church is named. At the service we were joined by and expressed thanks to the many local people as well as several grant awarding trusts, that generously supported last year's appeal to help rebuild the collapsed churchyard wall.

We reflected on our shared heritage in the village, the many people who had lived there in the past, shaped its character, built up its institutions, and been in the church at the significant moments in their lives. That tradition is continued in the current day as the modern-day community support the people and institutions of the village.

So since arriving in the Test Valley a couple of years ago I have been taken aback at just how supportive these communities are, of both their members and institutions. Thank you all, so very much.

Phillip Bowden

Fund-raising events at Broughton

Friday 15th October, at 7pm "Can art change the World? – art that has something to say." An illustrated talk by Val Woodgate, renowned art lecturer. Broughton Village Hall, in aid of St Mary's Church. Tickets from Broughton Crafts, Stockbridge, or Broughton Community Shop. £15, includes wine.

Saturday 16th October, starting at 10am The great Macmillan coffee morning, with cake. Broughton Village Hall.

At the same time, also in the Hall, a sale of mainly local paintings by the late Ann Parr, wife of Dr Robert Parr, whose archive was donated to the village last year. Proceeds from the sale will go to the archive, and to Riding for the Disabled. Prices will be low, but the quality is higher.

Everyone welcome!

CHURCH SERVICES, OCTOBER 2021					
	3rd October Trinity 18	10th October Trinity 19	17th October Trinity 20	24th October Last Sunday after Trinity	31st October All Saints Sunday
8 am				Broughton Holy Communion CW or BCP	
9.30 am	Broughton Parish Eucharist		Bossington Parish Eucharist BCP ~~~~~ Broughton The Bible Uncovered	Houghton Parish Eucharist	10am Houghton United Benefice Eucharist (Houghton Patronal celebration)
11 am		Broughton Parish Eucharist ~~~~~ Mottisfont Morning Worship		Broughton Family Service ~~~~~ Mottisfont Parish Eucharist	
6 pm	Mottisfont Evensong	Houghton Evensong		Bossington Meditation	
CHURCH SERVICES, NOVEMBER 2021					
	2nd November All Souls Day	7th November	14th November Remembrance Sunday	21st November	28th November Advent Sunday
8 am					Broughton Holy Communion CW or BCP
9.30 am		Broughton Parish Communion	Broughton 9.30 Parish Communion ~~~~~ Houghton 10.00 Remembrance Service	Bossington Parish Communion BCP ~~~~~ Broughton Bible Uncovered	Houghton Parish Communion
11 am			Broughton 10.50 Act of remembrance at the War Memorial ~~~~~ Houghton 10.50 Act of remembrance at the War Memorial ~~~~~ Mottisfont 10.50 Parish Communion		Broughton Family Service (Shoe Box) ~~~~~ Mottisfont Family Communion and Baptism (Patronal)
6 pm	7.30pm Houghton All Souls Service	Mottisfont Evensong			Bossington Meditation

STOCKBRIDGE MUSIC



GESUALDO SIX

Friday 22nd October 2021, 7.30pm
St Mary's Church, Stockbridge

The Gesualdo Six have emerged from a crowded field as one of the most exciting vocal ensembles specialising in Renaissance polyphony.

We are delighted to welcome them back to Stockbridge celebrating the 500th anniversary of the hugely influential French Renaissance composer Josquin des Prez (c. 1450 – 1521), the greatest composer of his age.

Their programme highlights some of the "jewels in the crown" of this period of Italian Renaissance repertoire by chasing themes of pedagogy and patronage in Northern Italy over 150 years featuring works by Brumel, Josquin, Mouton & L'Heritier.

"The sheer beauty of the group's sound in lofty, high Renaissance style is spell binding. It is wonderful."
- *The Telegraph*

Tickets: £18
from our new on-line box office at
www.stockbridgemusic.uk/buy-tickets/

St. Andrew's Church PCC
invites you to

A November Evening of Music, Songs and Prose

on
20th November at 6pm
at

St. Andrew's Church
Mottisfont, SO51 0LL



Please join us for a concert of music, song recitals and prose comprising works played on our recently refurbished organ by

SARAH SEYMOUR

our organist and musical director,
with sung performances by mezzo-soprano

JANE GATFIELD

Wine and nibbles will be served during the interval.

This is an informal evening to bring together the community and wider benefice, and to raise funds for maintaining our beautiful church.

Tickets £10pp in advance from Mrs. Clutterbuck
(Tel. 340475)

In aid of St. Andrew's PCC Mottisfont

(We regret that public conveniences are not available at the church.)

THE FOODBANK

WAYS YOU CAN HELP IN 2020-2021



FIND OUT
WHAT IS
NEEDED



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ITEMS WHEN
YOU SHOP



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THE FOODBANK



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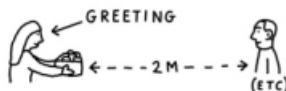


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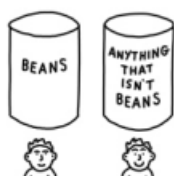
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ONLINE
NOW



GREETING
VOLUNTEER
(REALLY IMPORTANT AS
MANY VOLUNTEERS OVER 65
AND NOW SELF-ISOLATING)

WHY IS THE
NEED FOR
FOODBANKS
INCREASING?



[BUT
CHECK
LOCALLY]



HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!
ASK PEOPLE FOR
FOODBANK DONATIONS
RATHER THAN PRESENTS



LIKE THE
SOCIAL MEDIA
PAGE



ASK AWKWARD
QUESTIONS

**"In February
2021, there
were more
than 2,200
food banks in
the UK ...
while there
are
approximately
1,300
McDonald's
restaurants"**

- Huffington Post,
24/9/2021

Cartoon by Dave Walker - cartoonchurch.com

THE SOCIAL CLUB

We have Club skittles starting again on Sunday 3rd October, with teams of 5 players. These will hopefully happen on a regular basis as was the case prior to Covid.

The Club has arranged a 70's and 80's music evening on Saturday 20th November, with requests being taken on the evening. This starts at 8pm, with free entry to non-members.

We have quiz evenings arranged for 9th October and 13th November, with a special Christmas quiz on Saturday 4th December, coupled with prizes for the best Ladies', Gents' and Children's Christmas Jumpers. All quizzes start at 8.15.

Our Christmas meat draw will be on 11th December, and the Christmas raffle will be on 18th December.

We will be open on Christmas morning from midday until 2pm, and on Christmas eve we will be holding our usual cheese and biscuits evening; all are welcome!

The Club has been fortunate to welcome some new members from the village recently and would invite anyone thinking of becoming a member to contact the Club on 340521 for further information.

The Social Club Committee.

October primed for a series of creative events for the arts and culture sector

A new programme of **Test Valley Creative Events** is set to take place throughout October, providing a varied schedule of talks and workshops for those in the arts and culture sector.

Aimed at people living and working in Test Valley, all of the scheduled events are free to attend and will take place in person or online. The extensive new programme aims to give attendees the chance to reconnect with others in the art world and has been devised to provide opportunities to share ideas, learn, network and collaborate with peers.

The first event will take place on Monday 4th October offering creative business guidance to start-ups and those thinking about building a creative business. Other events taking place throughout the month will see experts offering valuable advice on a range of subjects, such as how to apply for an Arts Council National Lottery Project Grant, top tips for successful bid writing, and an insight into marketing and social media.

Interactive sessions are also planned including a Walk and Draw morning on 19 October, where participants can enjoy trying out some fun drawing exercises in Romsey. There will be the chance to explore environmental art at Mottisfont Abbey and join conversations about the arts and wellbeing at the Sir Harold Hillier Gardens.

Individual artists, musicians, writers and performers, as well as established businesses, start-ups, community and cultural organisations are welcome to attend every session, and are encouraged to book tickets in advance as places are limited. More information and booking details can be found at: www.testvalley.gov.uk/testvalleycreative

Community and leisure portfolio holder, Councillor Ian Jeffrey, said: "We hope the series of events planned for next month will provide some useful tools for those in the creative sector. Not only will these events offer some great learning opportunities, but will offer those in the arts world the chance to come together and connect with other local artists and organisations.

"The council has put together an extensive list of events, and there are lots more to be announced soon including a session about photography and a networking event with Andover College."

More details about each event and access to book can be found at: www.testvalley.gov.uk/testvalleycreative