

# Mottisfont & Dunbridge

# **ACORN**



August & September 2024





Mottisfont Village Fete Sunday 11th August 2024 1—5 p.m.

At Mottisfont Village Hall FREE ENTRY

Art Display, Bar, Barbecue, Bats & Bees Stalls, Bric-a-brac, Cakes, Children's Games, Coconut Shy, Face Painting, Fishing Auction, Ice Creams, Preserves, Reptiles & Amphibians, Silent Auction, Skittles, Street Food, Teas, Tombola, Tony's Famous Draw.

AND LOTS MORE



Many thanks to all of you for your support over the May/June Rose Season period. This was especially busy for the property as we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the rose garden, and we had the parkland field open for additional carparking. The unexpected roadworks along the A3057 certainly added to the

operational challenge.

The school summer holidays have been steady in terms of visitor numbers, and our main car park has been coping well so far. The August bank holiday weekend (24th, 25th and 26th August) can be one of our 'super peak' times, depending on the weather and programme, so please do plan for heavier visitor traffic than usual on this weekend.

Details of our programme are below, with details of our river walks.

I hope you all manage to get some time out enjoying the sunshine this summer!

Vicky Fletcher, General Manager

# What's on In the gardens...

The gardens are renowned for their beauty and diversity throughout the year. In August and September, the gardens showcase late summer blooms and the beginning of autumnal changes.

#### August

The famous walled garden is still vibrant with latesummer flowering plants. You can still see a variety of roses, although the peak rose season has passed. The herbaceous borders are filled with a mix of late-summer perennials and lavender providing a lush and colourful display.

#### September

As September progresses, you begin to notice the early signs of autumn with foliage starting to change colour, gourds starting to ripen, and the majestic trees around the grounds become a palette of greens with hints of yellow, orange, and reds.

The overall atmosphere of the gardens in September is tranquil and reflective, with cooler temperatures and a quieter ambiance as summer tourism wanes.

## Summer holidays...

John Burningham's Bedtime Stories: exhibition and activity trail 20 July – 29 September, exhibition 11am-4.30pm, trail 10am-5pm

Discover over 60 original illustrations in our family-friendly exhibition, including favourite stories and characters such as Mr. Gumpy, Avocado Baby, and Oi! Get Off Our Train!. There are comfy reading zones for kids to snuggle into with a book, colourful

blown-up scenes for family photos, and dressing up inspiration.

Look out for the life-size magic bed that transports young imaginations to far away worlds, inspired by Burningham's classic story: The Magic Bed. Sketches and personal items, including the artist's paint palette, reveal how Burningham created his much-loved stories.

Outside, an energetic activity trail weaves through our gardens, introducing families to more characters, with games and challenges to complete. £3 per trail.

#### Keep in touch...

Visit our website, nationaltrust.org.uk/mottisfont, to keep up to date with things to see and do. You can also find us on social media – look out for us on Facebook, Instagram and follow us on X (formerly Twitter) @MottisfontNT for regular updates.

## River Walks Along the River Test

By Jenny Danes, Visitor Experience Officer

This August, we are inviting Mottisfont tenants to join the new River Guide volunteers on a guided walk along the River Test.

The new walk was created in March and gives visitors an opportunity to walk along the banks of the Test, where they can discover more about the importance of chalk streams and the work we're doing at Mottisfont to protect them.

This is also a wonderful opportunity to discover the tranquillity and abundance of wildlife on the riverbanks.

Monday 5th August: The Ebb and Flow of the River Test – Looking after our rivers. Discover how the rivers define, respond to, and react to their ever-changing environment, and the work our Rangers do to support this.

Monday 12th August: England's Rainforest – The Chalk Streams of the River Test. Follow the course of the freshwater as it journeys through the landscape. Discover the challenges chalk streams face, and the careful management we're using to restore our declining rivers.

The walks will start at 11:30am and last about 1 hour. This includes the safety briefing, the walk from Mottisfont out to the river, the guided walk along the banks, and the return to the property.

To join the walk, please contact Business Support by email to mottisfont@nationaltrust.org.uk, with the title 'Tenant River Walk'. Please be aware that there are limited spaces available and so it will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you do join the walk, please wear suitable outdoor footwear and dress for the weather. Assistance dogs are welcome on the walk.

# MILL ARMS COUNTRY PUR & DOUBLE

### Mill Arms for sale

We are aware that a number of our customers have seen that the Mill Arms is listed for sale, so thought we would clarify the situation.

Gina and Lorna have a commercial 10 year lease on the property to run a hospitality business as we see fit. This continues to be the case, and we pay rent to a commercial landlord who has no involvement in the running of the Mill Arms. When we took on the lease in August 2017, the building was owned by Enterprise Inns, who were then bought by Stonegate (another pub company). In 2019, Stonegate sold the building to an American investment fund, who have been our landlord since then. It is the American investment fund that is now selling the building and if successful, we will have yet another landlord (our fourth) to pay our rent to.

If you have seen the sale particulars, you will note that they confirm there is an in situ business at the property (us) that has a 10 year lease that runs until August 2027.

We appreciate the concern shown and the recognition from our lovely regulars that they enjoy the business we have built. You can't get rid of us that easily!!!

We look forward to continuing to welcome you.

Gina and Lorna

#### **CAN YOU HELP AT THE FETE?**

Can you spare an hour or two on Saturday 10th or Sunday 11th August to help set up the fete? We will be at the hall from 10am on both days, and the more volunteers the quicker we can be ready.

The fete runs from 1-5pm on Sunday 11th. Perhaps you can give us an hour of your time to give stallholders a break, take round refreshing drinks, or be around at the end of the day to help us clear up?

The fete brings in funds to support the running of the hall and helps us to keep booking charges as low as possible, so village support is crucial.

### Have you lost any keys?

These keys were found in the village hall car park on election day.



Please contact me if you've lost them.

Dave Francis 340609

#### **Mottisfont Cricket Club**

#### Fixtures for August and September

	Team	Time	Competition	Ground			
August							
3rd	Bramshaw	1pm	Hampshire County Div 4 West	re County Div 4 West H			
6th			Hampshire Border League Plate Final				
8th			Hampshire Border League KO Cup Final				
10th	Steeple Langford	1pm	Hampshire County Div 4 West	Α			
17th	Pylwell Park	1pm	Hampshire County Div 4 West	Н			
24th	Amesbury	1pm	Hampshire County Div 4 West	Α			
31st	Lyndhurst & Ashurst	1pm	Hampshire County Div 4 West	Н			
September							
1st	Sussex Cougars	TBC	Friendly				
твс	T10 (8 a side) competition						

Race/Presentation Night 27th September, 7pm for 7.30pm start, at the Social Club

### **Lockerley Primary School**

Well done to our Year 6 pupils. They have shown excellent resilience and determination when sitting their SATs tests this year. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them for doing their best.

64% achieved the Expected Level in reading, maths and SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) compared to 61% nationally.

We have had a busy and fun end to the year. We enjoyed a wonderful Key Stage 2 production of Mary Poppins Jr., a sunny Summer Fair, and an active Sports Week. This involved a village walk and picnic with the whole school, families and volunteers, Sports Day, Outdoor Learning, Interhouse Rounders and House Captains Day. We were all enjoyed a great week of sport and activities!

We hope you all enjoy your Summer holidays and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

### **Caterpillars Playgroup**







Every Tuesday during term-time 10:00 – 11:00am

£2 'play as you go'

at Lockerley Primary School

We invite you to come along to our playgroup, from birth to 5-year olds.

There will be songs, stories, crafts and toys.

Run by a qualified teacher

We have baby-weighing scales.

Refreshments served.

No need to sign up, just come along and join the fun.

Starting again on Tuesday 3rd September.

### Open mornings

Wednesday 18th September 9:30-10:30 Tuesday 15th October 9:30-10:30

#### Come and see how we make a real difference.

We warmly welcome you and your child to come to see our school. There will be many different activities for your child to get involved in, including pond dipping, gardening, sports and arts.

# 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 should be sent in before the next Trust meeting on Sunday 8th September.

Email address: tinastuart1atgmaildotcom (change "at" to "@" and "dot" to ".").

# Residents urged not to bin batteries following string of vehicle fires

Test Valley Borough Council is urging residents to dispose of old batteries safely, and NOT to put them in their household bins, due to the risk of them catching fire.

This follows multiple bin lorry fires, including two in one day earlier this year.

When the waste is compressed in the back of the lorry, the crushing pressure causes the battery to spark.

And as well as causing damage to collection vehicles, they can also cause fires at the waste and recycling processing sites.

You can safely recycle your batteries at your local household waste recycling centre, supermarket or other battery recycling point.

Vapes containing hidden batteries are common culprits, but electrical items including laptops and mobile phones along with any loose batteries are also a major risk.

Many vape retailers will collect your used vapes.

Most people won't appreciate the dangers from placing items such as vapes in their black or brown bins. But they have caused multiple fires in Test Valley alone. It is simply good luck that nobody has been injured so far. In addition, each bin lorry costs around £220k to purchase, so the costs to repair them can be significant. But, critically, throwing a battery in your black bin could cost someone's life.

You can find out more at www.testvalley.gov.uk/binfires.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER							
	Bossington	Broughton	Houghton	Mottisfont			
4th August Trinity 10	-	9.30am Parish Eucharist	-	6pm Evensong			
11th August Trinity 11/BVM	-	11am Parish Eucharist (Patronal)	6pm Evensong	11am Morning Worship			
18th August Trinity 12	9.30am BCP Parish Eucharist	-	-	-			
25th August Trinity 13	6pm Meditation	8am Holy Communion (CW or BCP) 11am Family Service	9.30am Parish Eucharist	11am Parish Eucharist			
1st September Trinity 14	-	9.30am Parish Eucharist	-	6pm Evensong			
8th September Trinity 15/BVM	-	9.30am Parish Eucharist (Patronal)	6pm Evensong	11am Morning Worship			
15th September Trinity 16	9.30am BCP Parish Eucharist (Harvest)	9.30am Bible Uncovered	-	11am Harvest Family Service			
22nd September Trinity 17	6pm Meditation	8am Holy Communion (CW or BCP) 11am Family Service (Harvest)	9.30am Parish Eucharist (Harvest)	11am Parish Eucharist			
29th September Trinity 18	10am United Benefice Eucharist - Broughton Church Service led by The Rt. Rev'd Geoff Annas, Acting Bishop of Southampton						

### **Special Children's Harvest Service**

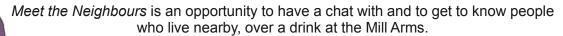
Do come to our special Children's Harvest service on 15th September at 11am.

Have you grown a HUGE sunflower? Do bring it, or anything else that you have grown in your garden, to show us, and to join in the fun.

Please wear a flowery hat.

St. Andrew's Church.

### **MEET THE NEIGHBOURS**



So, why not come and join us for the next two *Meet the Neighbours* events from 7.30pm on:

# Thursday, 22nd August and Tuesday, 24th September

Put these dates in your diary now!



# STOCKBRIDGE CINEMA

Wednesday 28th August 4.30pm and 7.30pm The Holdovers (15)





A curmudgeonly teacher at a New England prep school is forced to remain on campus during the Christmas break to babysit the handful of students with nowhere to go. Eventually he forms an unlikely bond with a damaged, brainy troublemaker and with the school's head cook who has just lost a son in

Vietnam.

# Friday 13th September 7.30pm Perfect Days (PG)



Hirayama seems utterly content with his simple life as a cleaner of toilets in Tokyo. Outside of his very structured everyday routine he enjoys his passion for music and books. He loves trees and the shadows they create and takes photos of them. A series of unexpected encounters gradually reveal more of his past. A deeply

moving and poetic reflection on finding beauty in the everyday world around us, from director Wim Wenders.

# Wednesday 18 September 5.00pm and 7.30pm All Of Us Strangers (15)



One night in his near-empty tower block in contemporary London, Adam (Andrew Scott) has a chance encounter with a mysterious neighbor Harry (Paul Mescal), which punctures the rhythm of his everyday life. As a relationship develops between them, Adam is preoccupied with memories of the past, and finds himself drawn back to the suburban

town where he grew up, and the childhood home where his parents (Claire Foy and Jamie Bell), appear to be living, just as they were on the day they died, 30 years before.

Showing at Stockbridge Town Hall SO20 6HE. Tickets £6.00 (incl £0.50p booking fee) per adult ticket) on sale via www.stockbridgecinema.org.uk or by telephone from TicketSource 0333 666 3366 (no additional charge). Tickets on sale from 1st August.

Please visit our website for full details of all films.

# Somborne Community Cinema

Thursday 8th August The Lobster [5] 1h:59m



2015 Comedy / Drama / Romance



According to the rules of The City, single people are arrested and taken to The Hotel where they are obliged to find a mate in 45 days. If they fail, they are transformed into an animal of their choosing and released into The Woods. The Lobster is an hilarious black comedy with an outstanding cast – not to be missed.

# Thursday 12th September Hidden Figures 2h:7m 2016 Biography / Drama / History



The story of three brilliant women at NASA who served as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in history: the launch of astronaut John Glenn into orbit, an achievement that restored the nation's confidence, and turned around the Space Race.

Tickets for these films are just £6 each, and are available from the Somborne Community Cinema web site at www.sombornecommunitycinema.co.uk, or at the door at King's Somborne Village Hall on the night.



Doors open at 7.15pm, and the films start at 8pm, leaving plenty of time to get your drinks and snacks from the well-stocked bar.

# Broughton and Mottisfont Village Bus



Here are our regular services: Romsey: Thursday mornings and Friday afternoons

Salisbury: Tuesday mornings
Southampton: 1st Wednesday of each month
Winchester: 2nd Wednesday of each month
Andover: 4th Wednesday of each month

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

You can use these services free of charge if you have an older person's bus pass. And the pass is free too!

For more information, please call 01794 234794, email thevillagebus@outlook.com, or visit

www.broughtonvillage.net/village bus.



In June, we welcomed June Wilkins from 'Baby Necessities'. This is a local charity, based in Romsey, but serving PIRING WOMEN Southampton, Eastleigh, Totton and the surrounding areas as

well. It was started during the Covid pandemic, and quickly grew, becoming a registered charity within three months.

Its aim is to provide the basic essentials needed for babies and young children - prams, cots, bedding, clothing and toys - for families needing such support. These often include the homeless, those experiencing domestic abuse, and asylum seekers. Such families are referred to the charity by Health Visitors, Social Workers and other professionals.

The items given are all clean and in good condition, and are often returned when the children outgrow them.

The referral rate has grown by 90% since its inception, but obviously depends upon sponsorship and volunteers. All contributions would be gratefully received.

Towards the end of the month, members enjoyed an extra meeting, this time in the beautiful garden of Mrs. Clutterbuck. Luckily we had a warm, balmy evening, and we were able to wander on her beautifully manicured lawns beside the river and admire the colourful herbaceous borders. We then enjoyed a delicious selection of sweet and savoury nibbles and glasses of wine or soft drinks, all kindly provided by our hard working committee. Mrs. Clutterbuck was about to celebrate her 90th birthday. so she was presented with a yummy chocolate cake, made and decorated by one of our talented members, which she cut and shared with us all. Our grateful thanks to our hostess for a most enjoyable evening.

In July, our speaker was Richard Suggett. He was

representing the Gosport branch of The National Coastwatch Institution. This, according to Sir Robin Knox-Johnson is "one of the best kept secrets of the Search and Rescue Agency."

Many people are not aware that in 1991 HM Coastguards ceased their look-out operations, and instead worked from an inland destination, relying on wireless technology. After the Bass Point tragedy in Cornwall in 1994, a team of locals took over the job of physically watching the coastline for possible dangers, and formed National Coastline Volunteers to assist in the protection and preservation of lives at sea along the UK coastline. There are now over 60 stations around the coast, seven of which are in the busy Solent area, providing "eyes along the coast", a visual and radio watch on our coastal waters in daylight hours 364 days a year. They notify the Coastquards of any possible incidents on which they may need to act. Their stations are well equipped, and are annually assessed. Volunteers are often newly retired men and women anxious to make a useful contribution to their area, although there are younger members too. They are all trained on the job, and, as is so often the case, the organisation is funded by charity donations. They also have weather stations giving regular updates on the state of weather at sea, which are available on the internet. Last year alone, coastquards dealt with 840 incidents, almost half of which had been initiated by the NCI. A very worthwhile organisation indeed.

In August we will welcome Simon Morgan, who will tell us about his Life in Music, and September finds us prolonging the summer with a talk on Madeira with Kevin Brunger. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month, at 7.30pm in Mottisfont Village Hall, and we always welcome visitors.

PS Don't forget to visit our Bric-a-Brac stall at Mottisfont fete on 11th August and grab a bargain or two!

# **BROUGHTON COMMUNITY SHOP**

Village Hall, High Street, Broughton SO20 8AX. Tel.: 01794 502495

Broughton Community Shop: Weekdays: 9.00am - 5.00pm Saturdays: 9.00am - 12.30pm Sundays: 9.30am - 12.30pm

Broughton Post Office: Weekdays: 9.00am - 5.00pm Saturdays: 9.00am - 12.00pm Sundays: Closed

Coffee Shop: Indoor and outdoor seating, and takeaway drinks (Closes 30 minutes before Shop closure)

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Local produce, essentials and treats, fresh and frozen goods, wine and spirits, newspapers, magazines and much more plus, centre stage, a great range of dry and liquid refillables – just bring your own container!

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#### **Parish Council Matters**

**Traffic hazard** The July meeting of the Parish Council discussed traffic speeds and the experience of Beech, an East Hampshire parish, which has installed compress to monitor everage.

installed cameras to monitor average vehicle speeds and identify speeding motorists. The system is described at https://store.autospeedwatch.org/ (which you may want to look at) and depends upon Hampshire Police to follow up with speed traps to catch the offenders.

Other measures that might be taken to reduce speeding in our parish include using SIDS - speed indicator devices - or setting up a Community Speed Watch. This has been successful in Kings Somborne, and requires volunteers to spend 2-3 hours a month monitoring vehicles using a handheld speed gun. Please contact the Parish Council via mottisfontpc.org.uk/pc/pc.php if you are willing to volunteer.

**Proposed new housing at Dunbridge** The Parish Council was reminded that over 40 people had attended the December consultation event arranged by Orchard Homes, and 29 had completed questionnaires.

The recent July event had been attended by around 20 people.

The three key remaining issues were (1) the density of homes proposed – around 60% of questionnaire respondents thought that 12 was too many; (2) the possibility of increased on-road parking; and (3) drainage/sewerage issues.

Some members of the public attending the meeting suggested that the site should be acquired and used for community purposes. The Parish Council had explored this option in 2021 as one of a number of possibilities, and decided that the major funding and organisational issues were beyond their capacity to resolve. They would be interested if a viable proposal for consideration could be made in advance of the next Parish Council meeting on 19th September.

Community resilience The Mottisfont Parish Community Emergency Plan has been in development for some months and its first issue is nearing completion. The plan will help inform residents of what to do or who to contact in case of major emergencies such as serious flooding or major power outages. More information to come in due course.

### **MOTTISFONT SOCIAL CLUB**

#### THE MIKE HUGHES QUIZ

Every other Friday £2.50 per person; teams of up to six, starting at 8pm 9th and 23rd August 6th and 20th September 4th and 18th October

#### **SKITTLES**

Saturday 7th September starting at 8pm £2 to play Cash prizes and draw

Mottisfont Cricket Club
Presentation and Race Night
Friday 27th September from 7pm

# WHIST AT MOTTISFONT VILLAGE HALL



Friday 16th August, 7pm start Friday 20th September, 7pm start

