



# Mottisfont & Dunbridge ACORN



The Village Newsletter

June & July 2024

## MOTTISFONT VILLAGE FETE SAVED

Thanks to the volunteers who have offered to help, this year's fete has been saved. Despite our earlier concerns, it will now take place on Sunday 11th August from 1 - 5pm.

There will be all the usual stalls: coconut shy, street food, bar, tombola, skittles, refreshments, cakes and much more. Tony Stemp will again run the draw, but tickets will only be on sale on the day, so make sure you come along to the fete to have a chance of winning one of the amazing prizes. The Cricket Club will run the BBQ and they have some exciting ideas for games to keep everyone, particularly the children, amused during the afternoon. If you would like to raise money for yourself or for a local group or a charity of your choice, we ask for a donation of 20% from your takings.

Although we have a dedicated team of volunteers, we still need more people to help with setting up and running stalls or games on the day. Due to a booking on the Saturday, we will now be setting up gazebos, etc., from 9am on day of the fete.

**There will be a meeting for everyone wanting to be involved in the fete at 7.30pm on 24th June at the Village Hall. Please come along; there will be wine and nibbles!**

Please let us know if you can help (if you are able to volunteer but can't attend the meeting, please send us an email).

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## LOCAL HISTORY

Nine files have been compiled on a range of local history topics including railways, local people's stories, lost ale houses, mills, farms, gas pipe laying, etc. These files are in the entrance hall at the village hall.

You are very welcome to borrow them, but please be sure to put your name and the number of the file(s) you are borrowing on the sheet on the table.

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## UPDATE ON PROPOSED NEW HOMES FOR DUNBRIDGE

The developers, Orchard Homes, submitted a pre-application to Test Valley planners in early March for the housing proposals that were displayed at the meeting at the Mill Arms and discussed with local residents.

The purpose of the pre-application was for TVBC to identify where they would like to see amendments to the proposed scheme, or further information submitted. Their response was received by Orchard Homes in mid-May, and is described by their planning consultant as positive.

The next step will be for Orchard Homes to amend their proposals in the light of TVBC's comments and, working with the Parish Council, invite residents to view and comment on the revised scheme.

This second-stage consultation is likely to be arranged for mid-July, and representatives of both Orchard Homes and the Parish Council will be on hand to hear your views so that they can help shape a planning application.

The Parish Council has already pressed Orchard Homes and their consultants on a number of key points: car parking, foul drainage, sustainability, biodiversity, design and character, density, flooding, etc., and you are invited to come and make your views known. The date and time will be advertised when arrangements have been finalised.

## MEET THE NEIGHBOURS



*Meet the Neighbours* is an opportunity to have a chat with and to get to know people who live nearby, over a drink at the Mill Arms.

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

**Thursday, 27th June  
and  
Tuesday, 23rd July**

***Put it in your diary now!***



Our roses are out slightly early this year, so Rose Season is already in full swing. This is our 'super peak' visitor season and we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the creation of Mottisfont's Rose Garden this year.

The property is likely to be particularly busy through the May half term until the end of June. The capacity and flow of our main carpark has been improved by putting in a one way/herringbone system, and we will also be operating a temporary overflow carpark on the 'Parkland Field' when needed. This is just next door to the Rose Garden, accessed from the Oakley Road.

We will be open until 8pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings from 30th May through to 29th June, so do dust off your parish and tenant passes if you want to come in and spend some time with this amazing National Collection of Old Fashioned Roses - a living 'genetic library'. The Pocket Orchestra will be playing on Friday evenings, along with wine tasting from a local vineyard, Black Chalk Wines. Thursday and Saturday evenings are likely to be quieter. A traditional pizza van will be operating from 31st May to 23rd June to support our food and beverage offer on busy days. More information is available at [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/hampshire/mottisfont/events](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/hampshire/mottisfont/events).

We are currently running guided river walks on Tuesdays and Wednesdays until September. We charge our visitors a small fee for these walks, but they are free for Parish and Tennant pass holders. More details are on our website via the link above.

### **Trees & Storms Update**

Our team has the responsibility and challenge of managing the National Trust tree stock across the South West Hants Portfolio. Many of the trees are within or close to property boundaries, along highways and public rights of way. With an increase in storm frequency as well as other biotic and abiotic factors, trees are experiencing a growing number of stresses. These factors can lead to them losing branches or failing at the base, which on occasion can block roads and impact access.

The National Trust has a detailed approach to managing tree safety. We routinely undertake tree surveys to assess for defects and hazards, where necessary judging any risk control measures that may be needed, and managing any remedial works. A key element of our tree safety policy is ensuring that any management is proportionate, working to strike a balance between possible risks and the benefits trees provide.

If trees do become unstable or wind blown during or after storm conditions, and you believe them to be

under our ownership, it's important that you report them to us. You can do that by contacting our main office: [mottisfont@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:mottisfont@nationaltrust.org.uk), 340757. If you are a National Trust tenant, you can also contact the Tenant Repairs & Compliance Team.

For staff safety we cannot attend site during storm conditions, but we will respond as soon we are able. Any trees blocking the roads should be reported to Hampshire Highways by calling 0300 5551388 (8.30am to 5pm) or 101 if out of hours. If you believe it poses an immediate risk to public safety you can call 999.

### **What's on**

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

Our walled gardens are home to the extraordinary National Plant Collection of pre-1900 shrub roses, which creates an annual spectacle in early summer. Over 400 varieties of rose bloom in our walled garden during peak season. Our gardens stay open until 8pm (last entry 7pm) on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 30 May - 29 June, with live jazz and wine tastings on Fridays 7, 14 and 21 June.

After the rose displays finish for another year, colourful herbaceous borders in the walled gardens provide changing displays until September. Lavender lines the pathways of the walled garden and edges the north lawn behind the house. Sweetpeas and sunflowers bloom in the Kitchen Garden, and the raised beds are full of scented herbs and produce.

#### **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](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 X (Twitter) @MottisfontNT for regular updates.





# A Country Evening in Mottisfont

Saturday 29th June 2024

6.30-10.00pm at Mottisfont Village Hall  
*Live Country and 60s/70s music from*  
*local band~Second String~*

To include first drink and  
a HOT DOG  
.... more available to purchase ...

Adults

£10

Over 12s

£5

**LICENCED BAR**

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**Lager  
Wine**

Tickets on  
entry, or in  
advance  
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Own  
picnics  
welcome

and  
**Soft  
Drinks**

Hosted by  
Mottisfont PCC  
in aid of St  
Andrew's  
forthcoming  
essential  
renovations.

Cowboy  
Hats will  
be permitted!



## Lockerley Primary School

The Summer term is always filled with enrichment opportunities for the children. During the summer months we really encourage the children to enjoy being outdoors. Every class participates in outdoor learning throughout the week. We are working hard to encourage biodiversity in our school grounds by encouraging wild flower pockets, and the children are enjoying seeing the different habitats that are being created. We continue to provide opportunities to enrich the learning for the children with everyone showing a drive for all children to achieve personal success. This term, Junipers class are exploring our local area, and have been for walks around the village. Swallowtails have started to learn the trumpet as part of their Listen2me sessions, and Emperors have been creating databases in IT.

As part of the Summer Term RE curriculum and our Create term, all of the children took part in 'Spirituality Week' in the week beginning 20th May. This involved each class designing and making large pieces of art work which were displayed in the School Hall as a collaborative frieze. Each afternoon, children participated in different activities including litter picking in the village, gardening, and other art activities. We invited families to join us on 24th May to share the children's work from this half term in their Celebration of Learning. We also opened the new 'Spiritual' area of the school garden, which was blessed by Vicar James.

We are continually looking for new ways to excite the children, and to instil a love of learning and for their environment. If you would like to know more about Lockerley Primary School, please visit our website [www.lockerleyprimary.co.uk](http://www.lockerleyprimary.co.uk) to see all that we are doing.

### Open Morning: Monday, 24th June

We are excited to announce the first of our Open Mornings for children starting school in September 2025. We invite you to visit our school to see what we are all about. You will see:

- \* Children being inspired and engaged in their learning.

- \* Staff who love their job and work tirelessly to enrich the learning for all pupils

- \* Beautiful school grounds and a learning environment we are proud of.

During the morning you will be able to look around the classes, meet the children and teachers and join in with some activities, including pond dipping, outdoor learning and many more!

We look forward to meeting you on Monday, 24th June at 9:30-10:30. If you would like to register your interest, please contact:  
[adminoffice@lockerley.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@lockerley.hants.sch.uk) or 01794 340485

## 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 by the next meeting of the trustees in September (date TBD).

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

## Garden Party in the Old Vicarage in Stockbridge

(by kind permission of Robin and Chrissy)  
Early evening on Tuesday, 16th July

In aid of the link between the churches of the Romsey deanery and the South Rwenzori diocese in SW Uganda.

We are supporting their Teenager Project.

The Bishop of Winchester, Philip Mountstephen, will be present and speaking.

## Caterpillars Playgroup



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

£2 'play as you go'

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.

## A CHURCH VIEW

### D-Day

The 80th anniversary of D-Day this month is a salutary reminder of all those who fought and gave their lives to protect our freedom in this country. There will be few now remaining who will have live memories of those significant days. Visiting a Commonwealth cemetery in Tunisia recently was a stark reminder of the sacrifices that young men made in their thousands. Those remembered there mostly died in 1943, the year after El Alamein when the allies were removing the axis troops finally from north Africa. To see so many graves of young men between the ages of 21 and 27 was sobering.

The Christian gospel spread to north Africa in the early 2nd century, and probably was taken there by the gospel writer Mark. The list of those present at Pentecost reminds us that some came to Jerusalem at that time from Cyrene in Libya. Carthage in Tunisia became a principal city in the Roman empire and great church leaders emerged such as Tertullian and Augustine. Severe persecution of the Christian church is evident from 180 AD, and Tertullian records the martyrdom in Carthage of Perpetua aged 21 and her companions at the Colosseum in El Jem in southern Tunisia. Sobering again to be reminded of those who today face persecution for holding to their

faith in Middle Eastern countries and beyond.

Augustine, born in Algeria, started a monastic community in Hippo, and was then appointed bishop. He wrote prodigiously – some 250 works - the most famous of which, the Confessions, is still voted the most widely read Christian book apart from the Bible. How we need to give thanks for these roots of our Christian society that date back over centuries, and which are distinguished by courage, determination, and a single minded commitment to Jesus as Lord and Saviour. How we need to recapture some of that purpose in our daily lives, and especially our church life.

Pentecost reminded us in May of the power that was released and came down upon the frightened and weakened disciples through the giving of the Holy Spirit. The church has not looked back since then, and the Holy Spirit continues to inspire and embolden normal Christian people for the task of reaching out to those who are disadvantaged and those who are penitent, with a message of hope and reconciliation. Please pray that God will provide someone as our new rector who longs to share the good news of Jesus with us all.

### CHURCH SERVICES FOR JUNE AND JULY

	Bossington	Broughton	Houghton	Mottisfont
<b>2nd June Trinity 1</b>	-	9.30am Parish Eucharist	-	6pm Evensong
<b>9th June Trinity 2</b>	-	11am Parish Eucharist	6pm Evensong	11am Morning Worship
<b>16th June Trinity 3</b>	9.30am BCP Parish Eucharist	10am Pet Service	9.30am Baptism	-
<b>23rd June Trinity 4</b>	6pm Meditation	8am Holy Communion (CW or BCP) 11am Family Service with Baptism	9.30am Parish Eucharist	11am Parish Eucharist
<b>30th June St. Peter</b>	10am United Benefice Eucharist, Stockbridge Church (Patronal)			
<b>7th July Trinity 6</b>	-	9.30am Parish Eucharist	-	6pm Evensong
<b>14th July Trinity 7</b>	-	11am Parish Eucharist	6pm Evensong	11am Morning Worship
<b>21st July Trinity 8</b>	9.30am BCP Parish Eucharist	-	-	-
<b>28th July Trinity 9</b>	6pm Meditation	8am Holy Communion (CW or BCP) 11am Family Service	9.30am Parish Eucharist	11am Parish Eucharist



## STOCKBRIDGE CINEMA



**Friday 21st June, 7.30 pm**  
**The Zone of Interest (12A)**

The commandant of Auschwitz, Rudolf Höss, and his wife Hedwig, strive to build a dream life for their family in a house and garden next to the camp.

**Wednesday 26th June**  
**4.45 pm and 7.30 pm**  
**One Life (12A)**

The true story of Sir Nicholas 'Nicky' Winton, a young London broker who visited Prague in December 1938. He found families who had fled the rise of the Nazis in Germany and Austria, living in desperate conditions with little or no shelter and food, and under threat of Nazi invasion. How many children could he and the team rescue before the borders closed?

Fifty years later, Nicky is still blaming himself for not doing more.

**Friday 19 July, 7.30 pm**  
**The Taste of Things (12A)**

Peerless cook Eugenie (Juliette Binoche) has worked for the famous gourmet Dodin for the last 20 years. Bonding over a passion for gastronomy and mutual admiration, their relationship develops into romance, giving rise to delicious dishes that impress even the world's most illustrious chefs. But Eugenie is fond of her freedom, and has never wanted to marry Dodin. So, he decides to do something he has never done before: cook for her.

**Wednesday 24 July**  
**5.00 pm and 7.30 pm**  
**Wicked Little Letters (15)**

Based on a stranger-than-fiction true story, Wicked Little Letters follows two neighbours: deeply-conservative local Edith Swan (Olivia Colman) and rowdy Irish migrant Rose Gooding (Jessie Buckley). When Edith and fellow residents start to receive wicked letters full of unintentionally hilarious profanities, foul-mouthed Rose is charged with the crime.

All showing at Stockbridge Town Hall, SO20 6HE. Tickets £6 (incl. 50p booking fee) per adult ticket, on sale via [www.stockbridgecinema.org.uk](http://www.stockbridgecinema.org.uk) or by telephone from TicketSource 0333 666 3366 (no additional charge).

Tickets for the June films will be on sale from 1st June, and for the July films from 1st July. Please visit our website for full details of all films.



Patron: Professor David Owen Norris MA (Oxon) FSA FRAM FRCO

## STOCKBRIDGE MUSIC

**Friday 5th July, 2024 at 7.30pm**

**St Peter's Church, Stockbridge**



## Stile Antico

**Early Music Vocal Ensemble**

**"A Garden of Delights"**

**Tickets £20 (U18s £5)**

from [stockbridgemusic.uk](http://stockbridgemusic.uk) or on the door, if still available



## Home Support Service

Unity Home Support Service provides an extra layer of support to those living independently within The Test Valley.

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### CONTACT US:

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[www.unityonline.org.uk](http://www.unityonline.org.uk)

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In April we had a visit from the Motorbike Vicar, otherwise known as Rev. Tom Benson, vicar of Braishfield, Awbridge and surrounding villages. He told us of his early life in South

Derbyshire, where he became a psychiatric nurse in a very large hospital. He then moved with his wife and children to become a charge nurse in North Devon, and on attending a church service there, had a vision of light, which really changed his life. Tom eventually became a priest, and he told us several amusing stories involving couples about to be married who had hidden secrets, a cannabis farm in a church roof, and alternative burials. The life of a vicar is never dull!

May is the month of our AGM, where our President Marj Donahoe gave her annual report on our activities during the past year and thanked the committee for their hard work. The committee was then re-elected en bloc with the addition of a new member, Janet Pearson. Marj agreed to remain as President for the year ahead. Our thanks to all the committee for a most enjoyable year with a varied selection of speakers - something for all tastes. The new programmes for the next year were distributed, and that, too, promises an interesting year ahead.

There followed an hilarious 'Chinese Draw', where members were each issued with two numbered tickets. Five mystery prizes were placed in the centre of the circle of members' chairs. As numbers were drawn, the recipients claimed their gifts - BUT, the next lucky winner could claim them back, only to lose their prize again at the call of another number. Great hilarity ensued, but eventually the five lucky members holding the gifts when all the numbers had been called were allowed to keep the gifts and take them home.

After coffee and biscuits, a short quiz was held, for the benefit of those members who were to represent

M and D in the Group Quiz on the following Friday. Let's hope it got them into the 'Quizzing Mode'.

On Thursday 27th June, Mrs. Clutterbuck has kindly invited members to spend an evening with drinks and nibbles in her beautiful garden - we hope for a warm, sunny evening.

In June we will welcome Gillian Williams to tell us all about Baby Necessities. I can only assume that this is the name of a worthwhile charity, as I cannot imagine that any of our members are in need of information on the topic! Why not come along and find out for yourselves? We always give a warm welcome to new members - 7.30pm on 11th June.

NB The WI will run the White Elephant/Bric-a-Brac stall at the Village Fete on Sunday 11th August. Contributions of suitable items for sale (no clothes, please) to Cathie Woods, Tresilion, 9 Barley Hill, or phone 340129 if you need us to collect them.

## 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, or email [thevillagebus@outlook.com](mailto:thevillagebus@outlook.com).

There's more on our web page at [www.broughtonvillage.net/villagebus](http://www.broughtonvillage.net/villagebus).

# 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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## Art Draw Paint

**Courses + Workshops + Retreats  
Online + On Your Doorstep + Away**

**Art Draw Paint** has a range of exciting art workshops, courses, and retreats throughout the year. These are different lengths, for all abilities, and available at Mottisfont Village Hall, online, or immersed in a holiday retreat.

More information, dates, times, and prices are available on our website: [www.artdrawpaint.com](http://www.artdrawpaint.com).

Our aims are to encourage you, to remove the fear factor, and to help you to develop new skills. Most important of all is that you learn to enjoy the process.

In June our three day course is **Trees – Portrait or Symbol?** Poets, writers, painters, sculptors, and artists of all sorts have been inspired by trees. This course offers a fresh look, exploring different approaches with reference to creative giants over the centuries. You will produce many pieces of work, enjoying the process of recording, observing and discovery.



July has a still life course, **Everyday Objects**. We tend to overlook the everyday, but this is where we live our lives. Each day you make choices and discoveries, choose one cup over another, or you find the yellow of the bleach bottle is interesting against the enamel yellow jug.

These will be personal, individual pieces of work that will help you find new sources of inspiration. It is the incidentals that make life just a bit brighter.

Both courses are suitable for all abilities. Any medium will be welcomed. Both are taught by Kate Measham.

## MOTTISFONT SOCIAL CLUB

### THE MIKE HUGHES QUIZ

Every other Friday, starting at 8pm  
£2.50 per person, teams of up to six  
14th & 28th June  
12th & 26th July

### OKEE DOKEE DISCO

Saturday, 22nd June  
With Karaoke & BBQ

## WHIST AT MOTTISFONT VILLAGE HALL



Friday 21st June, 7pm start

Friday 19th July, 7pm start

## Somborne Community Cinema

Thursday, 13th June  
**Wicked Little Letters (15)**

1hr:42min

**2023 comedy/crime/drama**

When people in Littlehampton - including the very conservative local Edith - begin to receive letters full of hilarious profanities, rowdy Irish migrant Rose is charged with the crime. Suspecting that something is amiss, the town's women investigate.



Thursday, 11th July  
**Next Goal Wins (12A)**

1hr:44min

**2023 comedy/drama**

The true story of the American Samoa soccer team, infamous for their brutal 31-0 FIFA loss in 2001. With the World Cup Qualifiers approaching, the team hires a new coach hoping he will turn the world's worst soccer team around in this heartfelt comedy.

Tickets for these films are just £6 each, and are available from the Somborne Community Cinema web site at [www.sombornecommunitycinema.co.uk](http://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.