

Mottisfont & Dunbridge





October & November 2024

The Parish Newsletter

VILLAGE FETE

This year's fete was a great success - we raised a grand total of £2000, which will go towards the upkeep of the village hall and grounds. We were extremely lucky with the weather, and everyone who came had a great afternoon.

We would like to thank everyone who helped, either in advance or on the day. We are especially grateful to the members of Mottisfont Cricket Club, whose help made the fete possible.

We look forward to seeing you there next year!

The Village Hall Committee

Community Speedwatch

There is much frustration and anger at the speed at which some drivers choose to travel through our community. Occasional visits by police speed monitoring vehicles seem to have little effect, resulting in a feeling that nothing can be done about it.

Community Speedwatch helps the community fight back. Using approved detection devices, local volunteers record details of speeding vehicles, and this information is sent to the police, who contact the registered keepers of the vehicles.

The Parish Council is looking into establishing a Community Speedwatch scheme in the parish, but it can't work without adequate volunteer support. We already have some volunteers in Dunbridge, and we would like to find more, especially those living near locations where dangerous speeding is a common occurrence.

The Parish Council is in the process of finding out about the scheme, and will be investigating the experience of nearby locations that have a Community Speedwatch scheme in action, to hear their experience of how it runs, and the impact it has had.

If you are interested in taking action against speeding, send the Parish Council an email using the web form at:

https://mottisfontpc.org.uk/ pc/emailacouncillor.php?name=PB

SKITTLES NIGHT at the MILL ARMS on

Friday 15th November 7pm start

Following the successful skittles evening last year arranged by the Village Hall Committee, this year's event has been arranged by the Mottisfont Cricket Club. They would like to invite anyone in the community to come along and form teams of six players.

The cost per person will be £15, which will include a basket meal. There will be a raffle, and hopefully a game of Killer at the end.

Last year's event was a great success, and the aim is to re-establish this former tradition. All proceeds this time will go towards supporting Mottisfont Cricket Club.

Terry Lewis

Have you ever wanted to be a publisher?

In 2006 we took over the editing of the Acorn from Pat and Dave Francis. Eighteen years and one hundred and sixty-five editions** later, we think it's about time to let someone else have a go!

This could be your chance to see all the local news and events before any of it is printed, and to contribute significantly to life in our community.

If you are interested and would like to know more, please email us at acornnews@mandercom.co.uk. We'll be pleased to talk you through it.

Julia and Peter

**All 165 editions of the Barnett-era Acorns are available on the parish web site at www.mottisfontpc.org.uk/acorn/acorn.php. It's interesting to see how some things have changed, and some things haven't!



Autumn Colour at Mottisfont: Escape into Autumn

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As the vibrant hues of autumn settle ational over the countryside, Mottisfont transforms into a spectacle of natural beauty. The ancient trees lining the

estate turn gold, amber, and crimson, creating stunning scenery that is perfect for a relaxing autumnal stroll. The walled garden, river walk, and woodlands offer a front-row seat to nature's dazzling display, making this a prime time to visit, or get out and about in the local countryside.

At Mottisfont this autumn, there are plenty of activities for visitors to enjoy. You can join free, volunteer-led guided walks around the beautiful gardens, soaking in the vibrant seasonal colours. Families can get creative with our Land Art day, perfect for hands-on, artistic fun using natural materials.

October half term is just around the corner, so bring the family along and take part in our Pumpkin Parade family trail and activities. In addition, visitors can explore the house and view a newly acquired artwork by George Cole, now proudly on display. We are very excited about this painting! It was commissioned by Mottisfont's former owner, Sir John Barker-Mill, back in 1839. It was sold at auction in 1933, and we have been able to acquire the painting and bring it back home to Mottisfont. It's the oldest image we have showing the house and newly built stables from the 1800s.

And finally, for younger adventurers, November brings back our popular mini-adventure sessions, where children can take part in leaf rubbings and other nature-inspired activities. Check out our website, or follow us on social media for more information.

Free autumn National Trust passes

The National Trust are giving away a limited number of autumn passes so you can get free entry to a place of your choice. Experience the awe of the season at places in our care by claiming a free, single-use pass to use between 16th September and 18th October, 2024. Check out the National Trust website to find out how to claim a free ticket. It's a wonderful opportunity to experience this beautiful season at National Trust properties. Please note that we may be busier than usual on the weekends of 5th & 6th October and 12th & 13th October, especially if it is sunny, as a result of this autumn offer.

Event highlights: Check out our webpage for more information

October half term: Pumpkin Parade Saturday 19th October – Sunday 3rd November

Land Art Day

Sunday 27th October

Wands and Potions – 4th November Leaf Rubbings – 5th November Treasure boxes – 6th November Leaf Creatures – 14th November Leaf Challenge – 15th November

A Nutcracker Christmas at Mottisfont

Saturday 23rd November – Sunday 5th January

Blossom project update

As many of the village may now know, we obtained funding from a joint funding project between National Trust and CJS wildlife, under a programme called Blossom. The aim of this programme is to inspire anyone anywhere to celebrate blossom season. For our team, having applied for and won funding, we are using it to create a new orchard area accessible to the public and people of the village, alongside a newly planted scrub block of blossom-rich species and a new wildlife pond. This project is underway in Post Office Paddock, the field behind the old post office and very close to our existing millennium orchard.

The pond is being created in October by Aquascience, a company who excel at creating wildlife ponds, and have already worked for us in creating a pond at our Hamble river site. They will create a lined pond of varying depths and plug planted with over 200 plants. Being one of the highest points in the area, our test pits showed that the groundwater levels here are minimal - so it will likely be an ephemeral pond, but these are just as valuable for wildlife as ponds that stay wet all year round.

The new orchard will consist of a variety of species: pears, apples, plums and greengages, which once established will put on a good show of blossom in the spring, and fruit in the summer-autumn. Come ready with your scrumping baskets! The tree cages will be installed during October, and the fruit trees planted over the winter.

We will also be planting a scrub block in the furthest corner, using species that are blossom-rich in spring and berry-heavy in autumn, thus providing important nectar sources for invertebrates, and food sources for birds and small mammals. The scrub block will continued on page 3

YOUR VILLAGE HALL NEEDS YOU!	continued from page 2		
Can you spare a couple of hours a month?	be planted in February.		
Do you have basic computer skills (email and Word)?	Once the project is finished and the field is ready to be open to the public, we will open the gate for all to come and wander round and enjoy at their leisure.		
Would you like to get involved in your local community?	Please note that it does back on to residential gardens (not in view due to hedge/bramble), so when you do visit, please respect the neighbours		
The Village Hall Committee is looking for a volunteer to manage our bookings. This will involve dealing	and don't have loud parties in the new orchard!		
with enquiries by phone or email, adding the bookings to our online calendar and issuing invoices. If you would like to join the committee that	We hope you will enjoy the fruits of our labours (pun intended) for many years to come.		
would be a bonus, but is not essential. We will provide full training and give you plenty of support.	Catherine Hadler		
If you are interested or would like more information, please contact:	The station needs fresh fish!		
Lynn Young on 340134 (lynnhenmattATaolDOTcom)	Several years ago my late husband Gordon thought it would be a good idea to decorate the platform fence at the station with plywood cut outs of trout.		
or Pat Francis on 340609 (patfrancisDOTromseyATgmailDOTcom) <i>Change AT to @ and DOT to .</i>	The fish were painted by the children from Lockerley school.		
	Time moves on and the fish are in need of some tender loving care.		
2 REBRIC RESIL	Would anyone be interested in this job?		
	Cathie Wood 340129		
Patron: Professor David Owen Norris MA (Oxon) FSA FRAM FRCO STOCKBRIDGE MUSIC			
Friday 8th November, 2024 at 7.30pm Doors open at 6.45pm	Car Parking Scams Games		
St Peter's Church, Stockbridge	Hampshire Alert has brought to our attention a scam where you receive an email or text about an alleged unpaid parking fine, demanding immediate payment.		
	Hampshire Alert points to an article by Which? that gives more detail: see https://s-url.co/thgWAA.		
	In a similar story, the RAC has an article warning about fake QR codes stuck on car park payment machines that take you to a fake payment site: see		
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Nadine Benjamin MBE			
soprano	Hampshire Alert strongly recommends informing your credit card company/bank IMMEDIATELY if you		
SOPTANO Andrea Kmecova, piano "Puccini and More	Hampshire Alert strongly recommends informing		
SOPTANO Andrea Kmecova, piano "Puccini and More The Joys and Challenges of Love"	Hampshire Alert strongly recommends informing your credit card company/bank IMMEDIATELY if you believe you have been scammed. If you realise you've been scammed and wish to		
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Lockerley Primary School

Rated "Good" in all five Ofsted judgement areas.

"Pupils are rightly proud of their kind and welcoming school. Everyone knows each other exceptionally well, with one pupil describing the school as 'just one big family."" "This school is inclusive and nurturing" Ofsted May 2021

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.

Open mornings

Tuesday 15th October 9:30-10:30 Wednesday 6th November 9.30-10.30

Caterpillars Playgroup



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

£2 'play as you go'

At Lockerley Primary School

Come along to our playgroup, from birth to 5-year olds.

Each week there will be a variety of toys, songs, stories, and craft activities run by a qualified teacher.

We also have baby-weighing scales.

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

Refreshments served.

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 17th November.

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

ADVENT SUNDAY at St. ANDREW'S CHURCH

An additional service will take place on

Sunday 1st December at 11am

to celebrate the beginning of Advent, when we start to prepare ourselves for the coming festival of Christmas and our Saviour's birth.



The first candle on our Advent wreath will be lit. We will also be remembering St. Andrew's Day, our Patronal Day, during this service. It seems a long way off, but it'll come in no time!

Refreshments will be available after the service. All welcome.

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:

Wednesday, 23rd October and Tuesday, 19th November

Put these dates in your diary now!

Welcome to our new Rector, Reverend Joe Sweetnam

We have now received the formal announcement of the appointment of Revd Joe Sweetnam as Rector of the Mid Test Benefice. Revd Joe's current appointment is Associate Priest, Swaythling.



Joe Sweetnam has lived in Hampshire all his life, and is delighted to be moving to Mid Test with his wife Kelly and their three children. Before being ordained he was an architect, working on projects across the south coast. Joe comes to Mid Test after serving at Swaythling in Southampton, Valley Park in Chandlers Ford, and Winchester. Joe has a passion to see all people flourish to become the people God wants them to be, and is very much looking forward to starting ministry in the Mid Test.

The Collation/Induction Service for Revd Joe will take place on Wednesday 6th November at 7.30pm at St. Peter's Church, Stockbridge. The Right Revd Philip Mounstephen, the Bishop of Winchester, will officiate.

For October and part of November we will continue to be supported by the Clerical Registry and the team of lay worship leaders. Revd Joe will commence his ministry on Sunday 10th November.

We are grateful for the help and support of Acting Bishop Geoff, who has worked well with us during the recruitment process, and who came to take a service at Longstock in July, and the Benefice Service in Broughton on 29th September. He will now return to his retirement, which we hope will be long and fulfilling. We are also most grateful to the Rural Dean, James Pitkin, who has always been available for help and advice. Finally, our thanks to the clergy who have helped us during the vacancy, including the retired local vicar, Revd John Rennie, and from the registry: Revd Matthew Grayshon, Revd Jill Bentall; Revd Sue Kipling; Revd Sue Hobbins; Revd Warwick Heathcote; Revd Peter Brown; Revd David Mapes and Revd Tom Benson from the Braishfield Benefice, who has help us on more than one occasion.

The churches have all been maintained during the vacancy; weddings, funerals and baptisms have continued, and as always fund raising has continued. The churchwardens are grateful for all the help and support from the many volunteers who turned out for all the many jobs which need doing.

Revd Joe will find congregations looking forward to his ministry and growing in faith together, and churches and communities in good heart. We feel blessed he and his family are joining us.

On behalf of the Mid Test Benefice Council

CHURCH SERVICES FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER					
	Bossington	Broughton	Houghton	Mottisfont	
6th October Trinity 19	-	9.30am Parish Eucharist	-	6pm Evensong	
13th October Trinity 20	-	11am Parish Eucharist (Patronal)	6pm Evensong	11am Morning Worship	
20th October Trinity 21	9.30am BCP Parish Eucharist	9.30am Bible Uncovered	-	-	
27th October Trinity Last	6pm Meditation	8am Holy Communion (CW or BCP) 11am Family Service	9.30am Parish Eucharist	11am Parish Eucharist	
3rd November 4th before Advent	-	9.30am Parish Eucharist	-	-	
10th November Remembrance Sunday	-	10.45am Remembrance service	10am Remembrance service 10.50am Act of remembrance at the war memorial	10.50am Remembrance service	
17th November 2nd before Advent	9.30am BCP Parish Eucharist	9.30am Bible Uncovered	-	-	
24th November Christ the King	6pm Meditation	8am Holy Communion (CW or BCP) 11am Family Service	9.30am Parish Eucharist	11am Parish Eucharist	

STOCKBRIDGE CINEMA

Friday 18th October, 7.30pm La Chimera (15)

Tuscany, early 1980s. Arthur (Josh O'Connor, The Crown) has just been released from a short



stint in prison. During his earlier studies in the region, he fell in love with Beniamina, the daughter of a local aristocrat Flora (Isabella Rossellini), but now she's gone. Arthur has fallen in with the Tombaroli, a rowdy crew of twenty-somethings who pretend to make their living as farmers and entertainers, but instead pilfer the area's ancient Etruscan tombs for earthenware and ornaments to sell on the black market, hoping to one day strike it rich. Meanwhile Flora's live-in maid and tone-deaf music student catches Arthur's eye but she has her own secrets. [In English and Italian with subtitles]

Wednesday 23rd October, 5pm and 7.30pm The End We Start From (15)

When an environmental crisis sees London submerged by flood waters, a young family is torn apart in the chaos. As a woman (Jody Comer) and her newborn baby try and find their way home, the profound novelty of motherhood is brought into sharp focus in this intimate and poetic portrayal of family survival.

Friday 15th November, 7.30pm lo Capitano (15)

This acclaimed film won top directing and acting prizes at the Venice Film Festival and presents a "reverse shot" of the immigration experience while unfurling an epic, cinematographically magnificent odyssey from West Africa to Italy. The story is told through the mind's eye and experiences of two Senegalese teenagers living in Dakar who yearn for a brighter future in Europe. Yet between their dreams and reality lies a treacherous journey through a labyrinth of checkpoints, the scorched Saharan desert, a fetid North African prison and the vast waters of the Mediterranean where thousands have died packed inside vessels barely fit for passage. [In Wolof, French, Arabic and English with subtitles]

Wednesday 20th November, 4.45pm and 7.30pm Twisters (12A)

Kate Cooper (Daisy Edgar-Jones) is a former storm chaser haunted by a devastating encounter with a tornado during her college years who now studies storm patterns on screens safely in New York City. She is lured back to the open plains by her friend Javi to test a groundbreaking new tracking system. There, she crosses paths with Tyler Owens, the charming and reckless social-media superstar who thrives on posting his storm-chasing adventures with his raucous crew, the more dangerous the better. As storm season intensifies, terrifying phenomena never seen before are unleashed, and Kate, Tyler and their competing teams find themselves squarely in the

SOMBORNE COMMUNITY CINEMA

Monday Matinee Social Hub is back at Kings Somborne Village Hall

Free Films and Free Transport!

7th October: The Miracle Club 21st October: Everest 4th November: Brooklyn 18th November: Radioactive 2nd December: A Little Chaos

There will be six further films between January and March. Details will be in the December and January edition of the *Acorn*.

Doors open at 1.45pm, films start at 2.15pm Free to all - no ticket required Tea, coffee and biscuits provided

Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult.

As last year, free transport will be provided by the Broughton and Mottisfont Community Bus.

The bus will pick people up at Mill Rise, Dunbridge at 1.30pm, and Mottisfont Social Club at 1.35pm. Return times depend on the length of the film.

The use of the Community Bus is funded by Test Valley Borough Council, and by Broughton and Mottisfont Parish Councils.

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.

paths of multiple storm systems converging over central Oklahoma in the fight of their lives.

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 for October films on sale from 1st October, and November films from 1st November.

Please visit our website for full details of all films.

the women

Firstly, although it seems a long time ago, a very big thank you to all those members, husbands and friends who helped with the WI stall at the Village Fete on that very hot Sunday in August. Your

hard work was really appreciated.

In August, we had a return visit from Simon Morgan, complete with some of his musical instruments - and his very smart uniform! He began by playing 'Jerusalem' on his tenor saxophone, and went on to tell us of his life of music with the Royal Marines.

Starting as a cadet at only 16 years old, he first had to learn to play the saxophone and march at the same time! He toured in Northern Ireland and Malta several times, and in 1976 had a tour of America, where the band performed in 48 different cities in 63 days. Subsequently he played in the Queen's Silver Jubilee Pageant on the River Thames, when it poured with rain. He later took a bandmaster's course in conducting, and eventually became Bandmaster of the Fleet, before taking on an administrative job.

To conclude, he played the Regimental March of the Royal Marines, which had us all humming along.

September's guest speaker was Kevin Brunger, accompanied by his wife. He told us of life on the island of Madeira, where the climate is so mild that virtually anything will grow. During the 15th and 16th centuries, sugar cane was the main crop, and the levadas, used for irrigation, were built by slaves. Nowadays the main crops are grapes and bananas, and the islanders depend a lot on the tourist trade.

We then tasted a local delicacy: lupin seeds preserved in brine, and a delicious cake, accompanied of course with little glasses of Madeira wine. A most enjoyable evening.

Several members intend going to the first show at the newly refurbished Plaza theatre, which will be Gilbert and Sullivan's comic operetta, "The Pirates of Penzance". Some are also planning to attend a fashion show at the Crosfield Hall. Later, in December, we will have a pre-Christmas lunch at the White Horse in Ampfield.

On 8th October at 7.30pm, Jill Perryman will tell us of her adventures with "57 Cathedrals in a Campervan", which sounds great fun. Do come along and join us. Visitors are always welcome.

St Peter's Church Stockbridge, SO20 6HF Friday, 11th October 2024 - 7pm

Mark Jennings - Guitarist

The Spirit of Spain An Evening of Virtuoso Guitar Classics

> Tickets: £15 (under 14s free) In Advance: midtestbenefice@gmail.com or 07958 229446 or on the door. Interval Bar at the back of the church markjenningsmusic.com

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. Dogs are welcome outside and on a lead. Closes 30 minutes before shop closure.

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You can call us, free, 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday: 0808 812 6681

You can visit us:

9.30am to 12pm, Monday to Friday Former Magistrates' Court Church Street Romsey SO51 8AQ

or

9.30am to 12pm, Monday to Thursday 1st Floor, Chantry House Chantry Way Andover SP10 1LZ

Help make a difference: volunteer with us

Do you have some spare time on your hands and want to work as part of a team making a valuable contribution to people's lives in the community?

Do you have good IT and communication skills?

If so, become an adviser in our Romsey or Andover office, or from home!

Give information by email, phone or face-to-face on topics relating to housing, benefits, money, consumer rights, employment, family, law, health and more.

No experience is necessary as full training will be provided.

If you're interested in volunteering with us, we'd love to hear from you!

Email grahamm@testvalleycab.org.uk Phone: 0808 178 6882 Visit: testvalleycab.org.uk/news/volunteer



MOTTISFONT SOCIAL CLUB

THE MIKE HUGHES QUIZ

Every other Friday £2.50 per person, teams of up to six. Starting at 8pm 4th and 18th October 1st, 15th and 29th November 13th December



On **Saturday 26th October** there will be a **Quiz** to raise money for Planets Cancer Charity. £2.50 per person, with teams of up to six, and a draw. Starting 8pm. Quiz master: Peter Holmes

MOTTISFONT CRICKET CLUB CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Saturday 23rd November £2.50 per person, with teams of up to six, and a draw. Starting 8pm.

CHRISTMAS SKITTLES

Saturday 7th December £3 per person, with draw and food. Starting 8pm.

CHRISTMAS DRAWS

will take place on Saturday 14th December. Tickets on sale from the bar

WHIST AT MOTTISFONT VILLAGE HALL



Friday 18th October, 7pm start Friday 15th November, 7pm start



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