



Dear Neighbours

How easy it is to introduce the months of June and July. Two months characterised by blooming meadows, choral birds and the promise of so much outdoors to enjoy. The long, light days reward us with the illusion of more time and the picture perfect sunsets lead us to rest with a feeling of tranquillity.

But this isn't to say I haven't enjoyed the months since our last Acorn edition:

The Village Hall Open Morning returned in March to celebrate, encourage and support the efforts of the volunteers who keep our important community hall open. The event provided an opportunity to meet the groups who use the hall (over coffee and cake of course) and there was even a chance to learn how to play whist; the English trick-taking card game popular in the 18th and 19th centuries.

In April the dogs and I were fortunate enough to secure a place on the K9 Enrichment Walk. It was a great morning that was about so much more than just getting the dogs out. Sandra expertly led us through some of the most beautiful woodland and flower-filled fields, providing humans and canines alike with exercise, mental stimulation, and a chance to socialise.

I also enjoyed a lovely evening at one of the Meet the Neighbours nights. It was fun hearing stories of the village in years gone by from those of you who have lived here long enough to remember. And it was so nice to see some new faces there too. You really are a lovely bunch.

Since our last edition I have been approached by one of you lovely neighbours with a request to see if there would be interest in resuming a regular litter picking morning around the village. Please do drop me an email at acornparishnews@outlook.com if this is something you too are interested in, and I will do my best to organise.

And finally, I leave you all with a quick reminder that this is our village newsletter to keep us all informed about local news, events, and activities - and importantly to keep us all connected. I can only do this with your help, and I invite you all to share your stories, walks, recipes, poems, puzzles, or whatever you like at acornparishnews@outlook.com.

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The Acorn is very grateful to the PCC of St Andrew's church who has kindly sponsored this edition.



WELL DONE GINA

In May Gina from the Mill Arms completed her first Mighty Hike half marathon, hiking the Norfolk coastline.

Due to everyone's amazing generosity she raised £1,000 and the team of three other ladies she completed the hike with raised £2,575 in total - with the current total raised for Macmillan for the whole day being over £1.7million.

Gina would like to thank everyone who has supported her in this worthy cause

Gina's next Mighty Hike is in July when she will be undertaking the Jurassic Coast Hike with her 3 sisters and 3 nieces. For those of you who would like to sponsor her, the new sponsorship sheet is in the pub.

This is a reminder to all Mottisfont Parish Residents,

You can apply to Parish Passes, Mottisfont Abbey, with your names and address to get a free pass to go to Mottisfont at any time.

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 25th of June
and
Thursday 24th of July**

Put these dates in your diary now!



Broughton and Mottisfont Village Bus

Scheduled services

The new timetable came into use on 1st April, and seems to have gone down well with passengers. The routes are now as follows:

Tuesdays: Salisbury via Dunbridge, Mottisfont, and Broughton

1st Wednesdays of the month: Southampton via Stockbridge, Houghton, Broughton, Mottisfont, Dunbridge, and Timsbury

2nd Wednesdays of the month: Salisbury via Dunbridge, Mottisfont and Broughton

4th Wednesdays of the month: Andover via Dunbridge, Mottisfont and Stockbridge

Thursdays: Winchester via Dunbridge, Mottisfont, Broughton and Stockbridge

Fridays: Romsey via Mottisfont, Dunbridge and Awbridge

In the timetables, the Dunbridge stop is shown as Russell Drive, but this does not mean that the actual pick-up point has changed! The official bus stop is on Barley Hill at the corner with Russell Drive, and has to be listed as Russell Drive in our timetables, but it is clearly safer for the bus to turn into Mill Rise and pick up passengers there. This location is close to and clearly visible from the official bus stop.

The full timetable is available on the Broughton village web site: www.broughtonvillage.net. Click on "Services" and then scroll down to "Village Bus". The timetable can also be seen on the noticeboards in Dunbridge and Mottisfont village.

Excursions

We hope you will be able to join us on this year's excursions. We have once more managed to keep the fares down at £15 per person.

Wed 18th June Gunwharf Quays

Wed 16th July New Forest

Wed 20th August Swanage

Wed 17th September Bath

Wed 19th November Street



To book places please call 01794 234794 after 9am on the first day of the month for the trip. Bookings will be taken on a first come, first served basis, but consideration will be given to over booking on subsequent trips.

If you have any suggestions for trips, please send them to us at thevillagebus@outlook.com, or call 01794 234794.

Private hire

We can provide a private hire service, subject to timing and driver availability. Contact us by email or phone (as above) to discuss your requirements.

Drivers wanted!

Would you like to volunteer as a driver? Why not speak to one of the drivers to find out what it's like.

Lockerley Church of England Primary School

would like to thank all those who joined their VE Day Street Party Celebrations. Everyone enjoyed cake and refreshments alongside traditional playground games.



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INSPIRING WOMEN

In April, the advertised speaker, local historian Phoebe Merrick, was unwell, and unable to attend. However, Mary Harris, from the Romsey and District Society, kindly agreed to give Phoebe's talk in her absence. The topic was 'Houses of the rich, to the west of the River Test' - and what a lot of rich people there were in days gone by! The talk was illustrated with slides, often showing the owners of the mansions with their families and friends, enjoying life to the full. Many of the houses have now become schools, offices or multi-residential properties. Attendees learned background details of Moor Court, Roke Manor, Embley Park and Melchet Court among others. Rectories and Vicarages too, although not usually owned by the rich, were nonetheless imposing dwelling houses. Several members had interesting stories to tell of attending village activities held at these prestigious houses.

The new annual programmes were given out, with details of a very interesting speakers in the months to come.

May was the month of the WI AGM, with a disappointing number of members present. What is it about AGM's which turns people off? Luckily business was kept to the minimum, with the committee all volunteering to stand again, and Marj Donahoe agreeing to stay on as President 'One last time.' Well done to all of them! At least everyone had a glass of wine to help them through the proceedings. Afterwards there was an impromptu Beetle Drive, amidst great hilarity. This was followed by coffee and a scrummy chocolate cake to reward the loyal members who had turned up.

Next month's speaker is Chris Watkins from The Art House in Romsey, which some of you may have visited during the Open Studios Week held each Summer. Chris has had a very interesting life, and this promises to be an entertaining evening. If you would like to join the WI, do go along on June 10th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. You will be most welcome.

Oh, and Cathie Woods has put out a renewed plea for items for the Bric a Brac stall at the Village Fete on 10th August - time to Spring Clean the cupboards, and find some bargains please. This is the main fund-raising event of the year, and the WI need everyone's help - please.

The K9 Club

Do you want to bond with your dog while building their confidence?

Join Sandra and the K9 Club on Saturday Mornings at Mottisfont

Village Hall for the Play and Learn enrichment classes. Welcome to dogs of all shapes, sizes and ages. Sandra hosts blocks of 6-week classes where you can learn all about the power of enrichment, build confidence in your dog and deepen your bond.

Fancy joining — check the website:
k9club.uk

or contact Sandra
on 07766391572



On the 27th of April a group of dog owners and their four-legged friends joined Sandra of K9 for an Enrichment Walk.

Under Sandra's expert guidance and armed with plenty of water and treats, they walked the beautiful countryside of Mottisfont providing owners and dogs alike with a balance of exercise, mental stimulation and socialisation.

The dogs were encouraged to respectfully explore and sniff the terrain, hunt for their treats and develop their instincts. Owners were encouraged to chat, share doggy stories and strengthen their connection with their dogs.

The Enrichment Walk was an excellent opportunity for community contact whilst teaching our much loved dogs important social skills and increased confidence.

Is your child starting school in September 2026?

Lockerley Primary School will make a real difference and will warmly welcome you and your child.

Open Mornings

Tuesday 24th June 9.30am

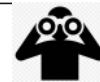
Wednesday 17th September 9:30am

Tuesday 14th October 9:30am

Wednesday 12th November 9:30am

There will be many different activities for your child to get involved in including pond dipping, gardening, sports and arts.

What's Going On in your Neighbourhood?



Lockerley Primary School is delighted to announce that their **Summer Fair**

will be on

Friday the 11th of July

And they would love to see you all there!

There will be raffles, produce stalls, tombolas, games, bouncy castle, BBQ and refreshments.

What's On at Mottisfont Abbey

Late evenings in the rose garden

We'll be open until 8pm on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays until the 21st of June.

Experience the annual spectacle of Mottisfont's world-famous rose garden as day turns to dusk. Our beautiful walled garden, home to the National Collection of pre-1900 shrub roses, is at its most spectacular in early summer and at its most fragrant in the evenings. On Thursdays ambient, acoustic jazz will serenade visitors on their way up to the rose garden. On Fridays, we're making the evenings extra special: pack a picnic or enjoy food from the Walled Garden kiosk and take part in traditional outdoor games on the lawn. It's the perfect way to unwind and welcome the weekend with friends and family in the beautiful surroundings of Mottisfont.

Until 13th July: **The Making of the Mottisfont Angel - the Artistic Legacy of Boris Anrep**

This beautifully curated exhibition explores the life and work of Russian-born painter, poet and mosaicist Boris Anrep (1883 – 1969), including his deep connections to both Mottisfont and to renowned creative collective the Bloomsbury group. The Art gallery at Mottisfont is open 11am–4.30pm daily; last entry 4pm.

19th July-2nd November: **Chitty Chitty Bang Bang: Celebrating 60 years!**

Step into the world of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang with our extraordinary new exhibition, celebrating Ian Fleming's iconic tale like never before. See over 80 original illustrations, including, for the very first time, the complete set by legendary artist John Burningham, created 60 years ago.

Guided walks on the River Test

This is the second year that we're offering guided walks along the banks of the River Test – free to parish and tenant pass holders. Led by volunteers, the walks will highlight the importance of chalk streams and the work we're doing to protect them. Tuesdays and Wednesdays 11.30am-12.30pm & 2pm - 3pm.

Mottisfont Parish Community Resilience Group

Join us at our open meeting

In line with many other communities across Test Valley and the wider Hampshire area, we are setting up a Community Resilience Group for Mottisfont Parish, and we are keen for others in the local community to join us. We can hear the shout now - *Why on earth do we need a Community Resilience Group?* - Essentially Community Resilience Groups support communities when emergencies arise. Often, when emergencies have wide ranging impacts (e.g. widespread and protracted loss of a utility service; extremes of weather, such as, cold, heatwaves, flooding, and high winds), the emergency services must prioritise those in greatest need or danger. Consequently, if there were to be an emergency where life was not in immediate danger, the community would need to be able to look after itself. In these circumstances, a local resilience group with an emergency plan would be able to support their community, especially those who are vulnerable, until external assistance arrives or normal services are resumed.

A community resilience group may also directly support the emergency services' response to an incident by providing local knowledge, initial shelter opportunities, or transport to support localised evacuation hubs.

Community resilience is all about us, as a community, developing our ability to respond and then bounce back quickly from incidents and emergencies that may affect us. By bringing together local resources and expertise, we can build our resilience in a way that supports and complements the responses by the emergency services. Involvement in the Community Resilience Group can take many forms, and because we are at the start of our journey, there is ample opportunity for members to give input into potential directions that the group wishes to follow in achieving its aims.

If you are at all interested in joining us or finding out more about the group and the Community Resilience Emergency Plan, we will be hosting a meeting at **Mottisfont Village Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 18th June 2025.**

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Mark Taylor, Peter Barnett, Julia Barnett

Caterpillars Playgroup

Lockerley Primary School invite you to their new playgroup, from birth to 5 year olds.



Every Tuesday during term-time 10 – 11.15am
£2.00

Songs, stories craft and toys.

Run by a qualified teacher

Baby-weighing scales

Refreshments served

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



Mottisfont Village Fete
Sunday 10th August
1.00pm - 5.00pm
at Mottisfont Village Hall
FREE ENTRY

**Art Display, Bar, Barbecue, Bats,
 Bric-a-brac, Cakes, Children's Games,
 Face Painting, Ice Creams, Preserves,
 Reptiles & Amphibians, Silent Auction,
 Skittles, Street Food, Teas,
 Tombola, Tony's Famous Draw
 AND LOTS MORE**



Registered Charity No. 291629

THE VILLAGE FETE NEEDS YOU

The village fete will take place on Sunday 10th August from 1 – 5 p.m. This is the major fund raiser for the village hall, but we do need lots of help.

Weather permitting we will be setting up gazebos from 10 a.m. on Saturday 9th August and final setting will be from 10 a.m. on the Sunday morning.

Can you spare an hour or so to help with setting up on either day? Could you run a stall or just spare an hour or so during the Sunday afternoon to give a stallholder a break. Maybe you have an idea for a stall you would like to run yourself, or have crafts to sell.

If you can answer yes to any of the above please get in touch with: Lynn Young (lynnhenmatt@aol.com) or Pat & Dave Francis (pandafrancis@btinternet.com)



CHURCH SERVICES FOR JUNE AND JULY

	Mottisfont	Broughton	Houghton	Bossington
1 June Easter 7	6pm Evensong	9.30am Parish Eucharist		
8 June Pentecost	11.00am Morning Worship	11.00am Parish Eucharist	6pm Evensong	
15 June Trinity Sunday		9.30am Bible Uncovered		9:30 BCP Parish Eucharist
22 June Trinity 1	11.00am Parish Eucharist	8.00 Holy Communion (CW or BCP) 11.00 Pet Service	9.30am Parish Eucharist	6pm Meditation
6 July Trinity 3	6pm Evensong	9.30am Parish Eucharist		
13 July Trinity 4	11.00am Morning Worship	11.0am Parish Eucharist	6pm Evensong	
20 July Trinity 5				9:30 BCP Parish Eucharist
27 July Trinity 6	11.00am Parish Eucharist	8.00 Holy Communion (CW or BCP) 11.00 Family service	9.30am Parish Eucharist	6pm Meditation

*29th June - 10am United Benefice Eucharist – Stockbridge Church (Patronal)

ENTERTAINMENT

STOCKBRIDGE CINEMA

Friday 18 July
7.30 pm

The Seed of the Sacred Fig (15)

Shot entirely in secret, Mohammad Rasoulof's award-winning thriller, **THE SEED OF THE SACRED FIG**, centres on a family thrust into the public eye when Iman is appointed as an investigating judge in Tehran. As political unrest erupts in the streets, Iman realizes that his job is even more dangerous than expected, making him increasingly paranoid and distrustful, even of his own wife Najmeh and daughters Sana and Rezvan. Academy Award and BAFTA nominated for Best International Film 2025.

Wednesday 23 July
4.30pm and 7.30pm

Bridget Jones: Mad About The Boy (15)

Bridget Jones, now a widowed single mother, navigates the challenges of parenthood, work, and modern dating with the support of her friends, family, and former partner, Daniel Cleaver. As she re-enters the dating world, she finds herself pursued by a younger man while also forming an unexpected connection with her son's science teacher.

*Information common to both films
Showing at Stockbridge Town Hall SO20 6HE.
Tickets £6.00 on sale from 1 July via
www.stockbridgecinema.org.uk or by telephone from
TicketSource 0333 666 3366 (no additional charge).
Please visit our website for full details of all films.*



STOCKBRIDGE COMMUNITY CINEMA

Friday 13 June
7.30 pm

I'm Still Here (15)

One afternoon in 1971, Rubens Paiva, a former congressman and outspoken critic of Brazil's newly instituted military dictatorship, was taken from his home in Rio de Janeiro by government officials, told nothing more than that he must give a "deposition" to authorities, and disappeared. Adapted from his son Marcelo Rubens Paiva's memoir, this overwhelming, richly realized political drama from Walter Salles stays tightly wedded to the perspective of Rubens's wife, Eunice (a shattering Fernanda Torres), whose indefatigable search for the truth about her husband would stretch out for decades. A devastating true story, **I'm Still Here** is exhilarating in its portrayal of human tenacity in the face of injustice. Winner of the 2025 Academy Award for Best International Feature and Golden Globe Award for the Best Performance by a Female Actor in a Motion Picture, Drama (Fernanda Torres)

Wednesday 18 June
5.00pm and 7.30pm
A Real Pain (15)

American Jewish cousins David and Benji travel to Poland to see their late grandmother's childhood home. Benji (Kieran Culkin), an outspoken and free-spirited drifter, starkly contrasts David (Jesse Eisenberg), a quiet and practical husband and father. Their adventure takes a dark turn when the odd couple's old tensions resurface against the backdrop of their family history. Kieran Culkin won the Best Supporting Actor award at the BAFTA, Oscars and Golden Globes for his performance in the film.

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Patron: Professor David Owen Norris MA (Hons) FSA FRAM FRCC

STOCKBRIDGE MUSIC

Friday 4th July, 2025 at St Peter's Church, Stockbridge 7.30pm -
Doors open at 6.45pm



Michael Collins MBE
"Paris to Broadway"

Tickets £25 (U18s £5) from stockbridgemusic.uk (or on the door, if still available)

SOMBORNE COMMUNITY CINEMA

Thursday 12th June 2025

Juror #2 (12)

2024 Crime/Drama/Thriller

While serving as a juror in a high-profile murder trial, a family man finds himself struggling with a serious moral dilemma, one he could use to sway the jury verdict and potentially convict or free the wrong killer. Directed by Clint Eastwood.

Thursday 10th July 2025

Mr Burton (12A)

2024 Biography / Drama

The story of the wild schoolboy Rich Jenkins, son of a boozy miner and an English teacher who recognised his talent, Philip Burton. A moving, untold story of how Rich Jenkins became Richard Burton the biggest star Wales has ever produced.

Tickets for films are just £6 each and are available from the Somborne Community Cinema web site at www.sombornecommunitycinema.co.uk or at the door on the night.

King's Somborne Village Hall

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.



Summer Garden Party

WEDNESDAY 18TH JUNE
6:00 - 8:30 PM

Join us for a delightful evening in the beautiful gardens of The Old Rectory in support of the Romsey Deanery – South Rwenzori Diocese partnership in SW Uganda. This event raises funds for the Teenage Project, which provides vocational training for young people facing unemployment, offering them a brighter future.

Drinks & light refreshments provided
Guest speaker: Rhiannon, Bishop of Southampton
Admission: £25 (cash at the door)

THE OLD RECTORY,
STOCKBRIDGE
(BY KIND PERMISSION OF
ROBIN & CHRISSIE)

MOTTISFONT SOCIAL CLUB

THE MIKE HUGHES QUIZ

Every other Friday

£2.50 per person, teams of up to six.

Starting at 8pm

Friday 13th & 27th June 2025

Friday 11th & 25th July 2025

SKITTLES

Saturday 14th June

£3 per person to play with draw and food. Starting 8pm.

BEETLE DRIVE

will take place on

Saturday 28th June

Tickets on sale from the bar



WHIST AT MOTTISFONT VILLAGE HALL

Friday 20th June 7pm start

Friday 28th July 7pm start

Mottisfont Cricket Club

Hampshire Cricket League 5C (Saturdays at 1pm)

7th June - St Cross 6th XI (Home)

14th June - Easton & Martyr Worthy 2nd XI (Away)

21st June - Mansbridge (Home)

28th June - Broughton (Away)

5th July - Littleton & West Hill (Home)

12th July - St Cross 5th XI (Away)

19th July - Ampfield & North Baddesley 2nd XI (Home)

26th July - Paultons 3rd XI (Away)

Hampshire Border League (Tuesdays at 6:15pm)

3rd June - Cadnam 2nd XI (Away)

17th June - Old Tauntonians & Romsey 2nd XI (Away)

24th June - Ampfield and North Baddesley (Away)

8th July - Wellow & Plaitford Knights (Away)

15th July - Michelmersh & Timsbury (Home)

29th July - Cadnam 2nd XI (Home)

Dear Friends,

As we step into the heart of summer, I find myself increasingly grateful for the quiet rhythms of life where we live. The urgency of spring has passed, and summer hasn't yet reached its peak. It's a time of gentle growth, quiet tending, and the steady unfolding of beauty - hedgerows heavy with bloom, birds in full voice, and the soft rustle of crops beginning to ripen.

In the Church's year, towards the beginning of the month we have the celebration of Pentecost - the moment when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples like wind and flame. Pentecost is sometimes seen as the Church's birthday, a time of renewal and commissioning. It reminds us that the Spirit of God is active not only in grand moments but in the quiet corners of life too.

June marks the beginning of Ordinary Time in the Church's calendar - a title that can seem, at first glance, to downplay its significance. But it is in this 'ordinary' season that we are invited to notice the extraordinary work of God in the everyday. Pentecost sends us out into these very days - to live with intention, to speak words of life, and to build up community in simple, faithful ways.

One of the joys of being rector here is witnessing how faith is lived out in small, faithful acts. From those who arrange the flowers each week, to the quiet prayers offered in our ancient pews, to the volunteers who keep our churchyards so lovingly cared for - these gestures speak volumes about the strength and warmth of our community and reveal the presence of the Holy Spirit at work among us. Pentecost was not just a one-time event; it is an ongoing invitation to be bearers of light and grace.

So, as summer stretches ahead of us, I invite you to make space to notice God in the everyday. Come to a service, wander through the churchyard, pause in a moment of silence. Whether you're a regular or haven't stepped through the church doors in years, you are warmly welcome among us.

May this season - rooted in the Spirit of Pentecost - be one in which we each find grace not only in special occasions but in the steady, faithful rhythm of ordinary life.

With every blessing,
Rev'd Joe

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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Local produce, essentials and treats, fresh and frozen goods, wine and spirits, newspapers, magazines, fresh flowers and beautiful greeting cards, and of course parking is FREE!

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