



The Village Newsletter

Mottisfont & Dunbridge

ACORN



August 2011

Mottisfont Village Fete

at the Village Hall

Sunday, 14th August, from 2pm

Fun for all the family

Live Music with

The Birnie Boozle Band

**Stalls, Games, Competitions, Tombola, Grand Draw,
Cake Stall, Bar & B.B.Q., Dance demo with John & Tanya,
History, Art & Photography, etc.**

Pet Competition

**The Prettiest Pet, The Most Unusual Pet, and
special categories to suit everyone's pets**

Free to enter, just turn up on the day

Free Admission & Parking

WHEELCHAIR FRIENDLY VENUE

Registered Charity No.291629

Grand Draw: Counterfoils and money are starting to trickle in from the draw tickets included with the July *Acorn*. Tony loves to take your money, it's one of his pleasures in life, as is beating last year's total. Please help him by returning your counterfoils and money before the 14th - make him happy!

Tombola Stall and Cake Stall: As always, we would like donations of bottles, tins or anything that adds to the Tombola Stall - the table is bare at present. Cakes, biscuits, scones, etc. are always in big demand, especially if home made. We don't mind though if you pick one up

on your way through the supermarket, but the W. I. ladies may find out!

The WI is requesting your bric-a-brac (see page 2), and all sales of children's toys and games will go towards the children's Christmas party...

.....but the main thing is:

Please support the fete on the 14th!

Gordon 340129

There will be NO edition of the Acorn in September. The deadline for inclusion of items in the October edition of the Acorn is 16th September. E-mail to acornnews@mandercom.co.uk.

Parish Council News

Would you like to join the Parish Council?

We still have a parish councillor vacancy. If you would like to be considered as a co-opted Member, contact the Clerk or any parish councillor. Telephone numbers are shown on the last page of the Acorn.

Kimbridge Crossing

Network Rail has completed maintenance work at the Kimbridge Crossing to reduce the hump between the tracks. Let us know what you think of their work and we will pass your comments on!

Police Report

June was reported to be a quiet month for crime, and we were pleased to see the police carrying out speed checks on Hatt Hill.

Test Valley Wardens have arrested the driver of a Ford tipper, registration number BG52 JTO, who was looking for scrap metal. This vehicle may be linked to a burglary in West Dean.

A recent bike theft is being investigated by the British

Transport Police.

There has been an increase in lead thefts in the surrounding area.

Highways

Hampshire County Council have assured us that they will do all they can to keep Hatt Lane clear at all times by maintaining the grass and the verges. The blocked drains on Hatt Hill have now been cleared and the stones removed from the road. Additional drainage work has been agreed along Hatt Hill. The drain at the bottom of the hill is still to be cleared.

A local engineer has been appointed to look at the road surface in Church Lane, and Cllr Simmonds continues to chase for a response on the B3084 Speed Limit issue.

Date of the next meeting

21st September at 7.30pm

Sue Holder, Clerk
340130



Update on new visitor facilities proposal

We are progressing with the proposal to build the new facilities on the fringes of the visitor car park (where the current pedestrian entrance and kiosk is located). Some residents had suggested that we investigate the feasibility of turning the stable block area into a new restaurant. However, the historic sensitivity of this building means we would not get permission to do this, so we have been doing an extensive range of surveys on the site in the car park instead.

If anyone would like to see the 3-D model of the facilities, please don't hesitate to phone the Estate Office and we'd be delighted to show it to you.

Assuming that the surveys don't throw up any unexpected surprises, we anticipate submitting a planning application within the next few months, and the plans will be on prominent display for everyone to view and make comment back to Test Valley Borough Council.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the discussion to date - it has been really helpful for us.

Alison Evans
General Manager

Oakley Bridge weight restriction

The National Trust would like to remind users of Oakley Bridge, Oakley Road, of the 7.5T maximum weight limit.

We ask that you observe this limit and ensure that any delivery vehicles, agricultural vehicles and equipment, forestry equipment and other users are also made aware.

We will be erecting a new sign highlighting this important restriction.

If you have any concerns regarding the above, please contact Liz Dean, Estate Office Manager, on 344020 or liz.dean@nationaltrust.org.uk

MOTTISFONT & DUNBRIDGE W.I.

Our July meeting was a visit to a lovely garden at Little Court, Crawley. Members and husbands enjoyed wandering around the extensive and beautiful garden but, unfortunately, the weather was rather unkind and plants and flowers had to be viewed whilst sheltering beneath umbrellas. However, the evening was not spoilt, and afterwards we adjourned to the local pub for supper.



The following week about a dozen members, four husbands and three dogs enjoyed a walk from Dean to Dunbridge. This time the weather was good and we appreciated the beautiful views across the Downs.

On Tuesday, 9th August we welcome Mrs Lewis, who will be talking about Creative Embroidery using recycled odds and ends. Guests are very welcome.

Mottisfont Village Fete is on Sunday, 14th August at 2pm. The WI will be running Toy, Book and Bric-a-Brac stalls. Any items for these stalls would be appreciated. Cathie (340129) or Frances (301614) will be happy to arrange collection.

Audrey Atchison - 301156

The Broughton and Mottisfont Community Bus Committee

Charity Number: 284910

ANDOVER SERVICE

A trial is underway of a possible new service to Andover. It has been instigated at the request of Dunbridge and Mottisfont residents who do not have a commercial service to Andover.

The trial will start in July 2011 and will run for six months, subject to monthly review and reasonable demand. The service will run on the 4th Wednesday of each month (i.e. after the monthly runs to Southampton and Winchester and the summer excursions). Thus the first dates will be 27th July and 24th August 2011.

TIMETABLE (4th Wednesday)

		Out	Back
Dunbridge	Lay-by	09.30	13.00
Mottisfont	Village Hall	09.30	12.55
Broughton	The Pound	09.40	12.45
	The Square	09.45	12.45
	North End	09.45	12.45
Andover	Bus Station	10.15	12.15

Fares, 1 April 2011 (Children under 5 free)

Broughton	Adult	£2.90
	Under 16	£1.45
Mottisfont & Dunbridge	Adult	£3.55
	Under 16	£1.75

Timings and fares are shown here.

Please inform your friends and neighbours of this service. If you have any queries please contact the Honorary Secretary on 301045.

Telephone Market Surveys

If you get one of these calls starting off with "We are not selling anything, we are just doing a market survey into... etc, etc. Would you be prepared to answer a few questions?", my advice is don't have anything to do with them!

This is the latest ploy to get round the Telephone Preference Service rules, as while they are not trying to sell you something, they illegally forget to ask your permission when placing your phone number on a marketing list. You will then be directly targeted with calls from someone who is trying to sell you something that

relates to your answers to the questions (again, this is illegal if you are registered with the TPS, as any call list must be filtered to exclude TPS registered numbers).

Another cold calling pest is around: Apple Home Improvements, who in February were being investigated by Trading Standards. They have recently been stupid enough to call me again, and have now had two wasted trips out here.

John Millns

Don't fall for the spoof BT caller!

A local Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator has recently received news of the following scam:

"I received a call from a so-called representative of BT, informing me that he was disconnecting my phone because of an unpaid bill. He demanded payment immediately of £31 or it would be £118 to re-connect at a later date.

"The guy wasn't even fazed when I told him I was with Virgin Media. Obviously the fellow realized I didn't believe his story, so he offered to demonstrate that he was from BT. I asked how, and he told me to hang up and try phoning someone, and he would disconnect my phone to prevent this. AND HE DID!! My phone was dead - no engaged tone, nothing - until he phoned me again.

"Very pleased with himself, he asked if that was enough proof that he was with BT. I asked how the payment was to be made and he said credit card, there and then. I said that I didn't know how he'd done it, but I had absolutely no intention of paying him, I didn't believe that he worked for BT. He hung up.

"I dialled 1471: number withheld. I phoned the 0800

number he gave me: not recognized. So I phoned the police to let them know. I wasn't the first! It's only just started apparently, but it is escalating.

"Their advice was to let as many people as possible know of this scam. The fact that the phone does go off would probably convince some people it's real, so please make as many friends and family aware of this.

"How is it done? This is good but not that clever. The cutting off of the line is very simple: he stays on the line with his mute button on and you can't dial out - but he can hear you trying. This is because the person who makes a call can hold the line open even if the recipient rings off. When you stop trying he immediately calls you back.

"This is not about getting the £31. It is all about getting your credit card details so that it can be used for far larger purchases."

The moral of this story is never to give out your credit card details to anyone whose identity you are at all uncertain about - especially people who call you!

Dear Friends,

Sunday, 25th September will mark a special day for us at St. Andrew's. It is our Harvest Festival Service plus our Gift Day. A time to give thanks for the harvest - not only the crops but the harvest of life, of you and me, of our loved ones and families, and of all that we have that is good and constant and supportive. Thanking God for those who love us, and for those who are married a chance if they wish to renew their vows.



It is also St. Andrew's Gift Day when we can bring something to help support St. Andrew's financially, perhaps making a pledge to give something monthly as it costs a considerable amount to keep our ancient and beautiful church open and functioning. It is supported by a loyal band of people who give so much of their time, money and energy. Village churches like St. Andrew's although beautiful and ancient are vulnerable if we don't all help even if in a small way with paying for ministry and the upkeep and repairs.

Most important of all is the opportunity to come and worship as we approach the autumn, to be together to thank God, to offer our prayers and to bring before God the needs of the world and those whom we carry in our hearts who are in special need.

With blessings

Ron Corne

Rector

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

Time	7 August TRINITY 7	14 August TRINITY 8	21 August TRINITY 9	28 August TRINITY 10
8.00	Broughton HC (CW)	Broughton HC (BCP)	-	-
9.30	Bossington HC (BCP)	Broughton Family Service	Mottisfont HC (BCP)	Broughton HC (CW)
		Houghton HC (CW)		
11.00	<u>No service</u>	<u>No service</u>	Broughton HC (CW)	Mottisfont Family Communion
6.00	Houghton Evensong	-	Houghton Evensong	Houghton HC BCP
Time	4 September TRINITY 11	11 September TRINITY 12	18 September TRINITY 13	25 September TRINITY 14
8.00	Broughton HC (CW)	Broughton HC (CW)	-	-
9.30	Bossington HC (BCP)	Broughton Family Service	Mottisfont HC (BCP)	Broughton HC (CW) HARVEST FESTIVAL
		Houghton HC (CW)	Broughton Sunday Club	Broughton Sunday Club
11.00	Mottisfont Matins	Mottisfont Family Service	Broughton HC (CW) and Coffee Club	Mottisfont Family Communion HARVEST FESTIVAL
6.00	Houghton Evensong	-	Houghton Evensong	Houghton HC BCP

Every Wednesday: 9.30am - Broughton - Holy Communion (BCP)
BCP - Book of Common Prayer CW - Common Worship

Can you join us?

Sunday, 25th September at St Andrew's Church, Mottisfont will be a time for celebrating the Harvest of fields, farms, businesses, families and anything else appropriate to our Village.

It will also be our Gift Day when gifts and promises of monetary offering for the church can be made.

Everyone is welcome. So do come along and bring your family and friends and any Harvest goodies if you wish, as we can add these to the decorations in the church and pass them on to a needy cause afterwards.

We hope to have a guest speaker and there will be refreshments.

In addition to this we want to make it a special day for thinking about marriages, past, present and future. In 2008 we mounted an exhibition in St. Andrew's of photographs of couples who began their married lives in our Church. This sparked a pleasing amount of interest and more than 60 photos were contributed, which resulted in many people coming to see the display and reminiscences were swapped.

We now invite any of these couples to come on 25th September, and there will be an opportunity to re-dedicate themselves to one another either silently or as part of a group renewing their wedding vows.

Those who are now on their own or single are, of course, equally welcome to join us as we celebrate Harvest and give thanks for the special friendships which sustain, support and refresh all of us in our everyday lives.

We welcome, too, those whose wedding took place in any other establishment, and at any time, and maybe we shall also have some of the more recent St. Andrew's weddings represented. This year must be a record as we have had 5 weddings in the village church.

Please do come along, and bring photos if you wish. There are sure to be others who would like to talk about them with you.

So, it's Harvest for All, Gift Day and Wedding Celebrations on Sunday, 25th September at 11am in St. Andrew's Church, Mottisfont.

Please make a note of the date, and we hope to see you there.

Any enquiries to Rev. Ron Corne on 301287 or Valda White on 368346.

BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

There will not be any meetings in August.

Barbara Perry, Booking Secretary, 301466

ACORN GOES ON HOLIDAY



Please note that there will be no edition of the Acorn in September.

The next edition of the Acorn will be delivered at the beginning of October.

Items for inclusion in the October edition should be delivered to the editors at acornnews@mandercom.co.uk by 16th September.

We wish you a very pleasant summer!

Julia and Peter

NEED HELP WITH YOUR GARDEN?

University student requires gardening work in the Mottisfont/Dunbridge/Kimbridge/Timsbury areas during the summer vacation.

Very keen responsible hard worker with experience in horticulture. £10 per hour.

Contact Justin Groves on 341301.

The Thomas Dowse Trust

The Thomas Dowse Trust was created to provide people up to the age of 25 years with financial assistance towards educational requirements. The Trust meets four times a year (March, June, September and November) to award grants to those who show a need for financial assistance towards their education, whether it be for Pre-School, School, College or University.

The next Trust meeting will be held in September. All applications for the September meeting must be submitted to the Secretary, Mrs Christine Hoskins, The Old Thatch, High Street, Broughton, no later than the end of August. Any application received after this date will be carried forward to the next meeting in November 2011.

If you live in the Benefice of Bossington and Mottisfont and would like to apply for a grant, application forms can be obtained from the church, the village hall or the Secretary.

House of Fairy Tales and the Mottisfont Enigma

Over 2,000 people flocked to the National Trust at Mottisfont for the recent launch of *Enchanted Garden: Flower Fairies™ and Dark Tales*, which aims to draw visitors into its magical summer landscape as it reveals what delightful and shadowy creatures hide within. The ancient house and lush gardens of flowers, water and shady woodland are the perfect setting for this incredible three month project, which is already delighting adults and children alike.

In the garden, arts-based education charity The House of Fairy Tales has created a unique, interactive trail for both children and adults entitled *The Mottisfont Enigma*. This exciting game of challenges and clues takes visitors into a magical realm where they are given the task of saving the enchanted garden of Mottisfont and its fairy folk from goblins who wish to destroy it.

Children clutched their precious *Mottisfont Enigma* maps as they raced across lawns, peered around trees and visited the ancient font and Stable Block area, looking for clues to solve the puzzle. The route took them along the river and into Mottisfont's ancient thatched fishing hut where artist Stephen Whitehead was helping children to explore the relationship between Mottisfont's natural landscape and the world of enchanted folk. Together, they worked on creating stunning fairy homes from moss, twigs, clay and lichens, which hung on fine threads from the ceiling of the hut.

In addition to the exhibition and *The Mottisfont Enigma* challenge, children at the launch were invited to the first of several Fairy Gatherings, which saw many arrive in fairy costume for an afternoon of free storytelling, magical face-painting and craft activities. Further Fairy Gatherings run on 6 & 7 August and 3 & 4 September, 10am – 5pm.

Enchanted Garden: Flower Fairies™ and Dark Tales runs until Sunday 2 October, 11am to 5pm (last entry 4.30pm). The exhibition and all related activities are free upon normal admission charge to the property.



A tale of modern finance

My daughter and I went to the drive-through window at a certain well-known fast food chain and after ordering, I gave the clerk a £5 note.

Our total was £4.20, so I also handed her a 20 pence piece.

She said, 'You gave me too much money.'

I said, 'Yes I know, but this way you can just give me £1 back.'

She sighed and went to get the manager who asked me to repeat my request.

I did so, and he handed me back the 20 pence and said 'We're sorry, but we do not do that kind of thing.'

The clerk then proceeded to give me back 80 pence in change.

I hope they handle the food better than the money!

ART GROUP



Meets every Thursday, 2pm - 4pm at the Village Hall.

All standards, from beginners to professional, catered for.

Refreshments served.

Everybody welcome.

Gordon

WALKING GROUP

- ◆ Friday 12th August, 10am, meet outside the Mill Arms for car share to Farley Mount.
- ◆ Friday 9th Sept, 10am, meet outside the Mill Arms.
- ◆ Friday 14th October, 10am, Mill Arms - something different !



Gordon, 340129

Mottisfont Children's Christmas Party

We have started fundraising for this year's party and will be running a used toy stall again at the village fete. Please can you have a look through your children's toys for anything that they may have grown out of and you would be willing to donate?

Please contact either Tracy on 341939 or Catherine on 340922 and we will arrange to collect your donations.

All the money raised will go directly towards the children's Christmas party.

Thanks

Tracy and Catherine

HISTORY GROUP

We will be meeting on Wednesday 31st August at 2.30pm at Mottisfont Abbey, to follow up the session on reflections on life in the old days in the area. All are welcome.

More details from Michael Horne on 340105.

GARDEN CLUB

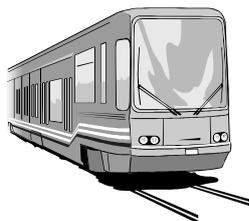
We have an outing to The Garden Show at Shepton Mallett on Saturday 3rd September, and still have a few seats left. The price is £19.50, which includes coach and entrance.

Ring Michael Horne 340105 for more information.



Mottisfont & Dunbridge Railway Station

If you would like to volunteer to help occasionally with the odd tidy up, weeding or watering the planters, your help would be greatly appreciated!



You would also be welcome at the Three Rivers Partnership meetings we have at the Mill Arms.

Gordon 340129

Recipe of the month

This month's recipe is **MONKFISH CASSEROLE**.

South coast monkfish are plentiful at this time of year. As we look for lighter meals in the (sometimes!) hotter weather, this dish is an ideal choice.

This recipe serves four.

Ingredients:

1 large onion, finely chopped
1 red pepper, de-seeded & chopped
Olive oil
2 cloves of garlic, minced or very finely chopped
3 tomatoes, peeled, de-seeded & chopped
2 tsp of paprika
250ml of good fish stock (if you use stock cubes, use a whole one)
125ml of white vermouth
4 bay leaves
Peel of half an orange
½ tsp of saffron threads
150g of cream cheese
Salt & black pepper
250g raw peeled king prawns
4 monkfish fillets, about 175g (6oz) each (make sure all membrane is removed)
Handful of fresh parsley, chopped

How to make it:

Start by frying the onion and red pepper in a large pan or skillet with a little olive oil until soft. Add the garlic, tomatoes and then the paprika. Cook slowly down to a thick paste.

Now introduce the stock, slowly mixing it in. Add the vermouth, bay leaves and orange peel. Simmer for 10 minutes.

Pour a tablespoonful of hot water over the saffron in a cup and leave to soak. While the saffron is soaking, boil the fish stock mixture for 5 minutes to concentrate the flavours. Now add the saffron liquid along with the cream cheese to the pan. Season with pepper and a little salt.

Stir in the prawns and then nestle the monkfish fillets into the stew. Poach the fish by simmering for 7 to 10 minutes with the pan covered.

Check that the fish is cooked through.

Garnish with the parsley. Serve with new potatoes and green beans or with rice and chunks of bread.



*Ian
Wooldridge,
Head Chef
at Kimbridge
Farm*

Mottisfont Social Club

Mottisfont Social Club welcomes families and offers a friendly face and reasonably priced bar. We have a range of giant games for children, and for the adults there is a choice of a snooker table, pool table, 5 dart boards, skittle alley, adequate parking and a garden for the warmer weather.

The club is very well situated in the heart of the village and members can take advantage of the premises for their birthday parties and family celebrations – come in and ask for details.

There is to be a special celebration this October when Linda celebrates her 5th year as the Stewardess for the club. Linda has really made an impact on the club since she has been there and is always welcoming to all of our members with a friendly smile. She puts in a lot of time, over and above what she is paid for, to aid the smooth running of the social club and helps out in whatever way she can.

Sunday lunchtime regulars know that they are going to get some tasty treats on the bar, normally some hot roast potatoes, and it's the little things like this that we all appreciate and love about her. So if you would like to come along and raise a glass to Linda you would be most welcome on 1st. October.

Incidentally, Linda and Pete will also be celebrating their 1st wedding anniversary so look forward to music, dancing and good times.

Club Opening Hours

Monday – Saturday: 7pm till 11pm
 Sunday lunchtime: Noon till 2pm

Sunday evening: 7pm till 10.30pm

What's On

Sat 23rd July	Race Night in aid of Mottisfont Cricket Club
Sat 30th July	Scotty
Sat 20th Aug	Comedy Night with 3 Comedians
Sat 10th Sept	Mottisfont Cricket Club Presentation Evening
Sat 1st Oct	Z Factor – Linda and Pete's 5th year celebrations and 1st year Wedding Anniversary.
Sat 15th Oct	The Starlights
Sat 17th Dec, 3pm	Mottisfont Children's Christmas Party with Silly Scott
Mondays:	Ladies darts, Snooker
Tuesdays:	Billiards
Wednesdays:	Airborne Darts (mixed)
Thursdays:	Bingo, Crib
Fridays:	Men's darts, Thrift Club
Saturdays:	Chase the Aces, Meat draw and occasional entertainment
Sundays:	Skittles.

Don't forget to turn out at the sports field on Tuesday evenings and Saturday afternoons to support your village cricket teams. Fixture listings are available behind the bar at Mottisfont Social Club.

Tracy

Who's Who, What's What and Where's Where in Mottisfont and Dunbridge

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History Group		Michael Horne	340105	Test Valley Councillor	Steward	Tracy Holmes	341939
Horticultural Society		Michael Horne	340105			Linda Holmes	340521
First Responders	Coordinator	Marion Gray	341370	Village Bus	Secretary	Neville Whiteley	01264
Football Club	Secretary	John Fryer	512695		Bookings	George Vaughan	301045
Hampshire County Councillor		Andrew Gibson	01264		Private Hire	Pam Dawkins	301203
			861138	Village Hall	Operations	Julie Smith	301470
Member of Parliament		Caroline Nokes	512132	(Reg.Charity	Chairman	Mike Howe	301723
Mill Arms		Andrea & Ian Bentall	340401	No. 291629)	Secretary	Lynn Young	340134
Mottisfont Abbey	Est. Manager		340757	W.I.	Bookings	Alan Groves	341301
Neighbourhood Watch	Mottisfont	Alan Earthrowl	341799		Secretary	Cathie Wood	340129
	Dunbridge	Cliff Astur	341922	Police	Press reporter	Cathie Wood	340129
Parish Council	Clerk	Sue Holder	340130		Village	Audrey Aitchison	301156
	Chairman	John Millns	340347			PC John Viney	0845
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		Jacque Horne	340105				0845
		Andrew Simmonds					0454545
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