



The Village Newsletter

Mottisfont & Dunbridge

ACORN



July 2011

The Village Fete, Sunday, 14th August, at 2pm.

This year's fete, organised by the Village Hall Committee along with other loyal supporters, is the main fund raising event for the Village Hall. The profit made last year helped to resurface and improve all the hard standing area.

It also benefits our other local clubs and societies financially.

This year the fete will be better than ever - especially with your help!

The Draw Tickets enclosed with this month's Acorn are for you - please accept them and support our efforts. We are still sorting out the prizes, but I'm sure there will be at least thirty on the day.

Your early return of the counterfoils along with the money will very much be appreciated. Please drop them in or post them to Tony Stemp, 1 Mill Cottage, Dunbridge, Romsey SO51 0LF. You can call Tony on 340398 if you have any questions.

We are also making a plea for bottles, cans, etc., for the Tombola Stall - anything you would like to win for yourself! Please contact me if you can make a donation.

Help with setting up and taking down afterwards will also be greatly appreciated.

Thanks, Gordon (340129)

9/10/11-Walk the Test Way

Put Sunday, 9th October into your diary now and then register for the annual "Walk the Test Way". Walk one of six set distances down the beautiful Test Way: distances of 2 miles up to the marathon 25½ miles. Walk for and raise money for your chosen charity.

The Rotary Club of Romsey Test is now taking registrations for this year's walk. This will be the 8th walk organised and managed by the club. Walkers are transported to their chosen start point and all walks finish in the Memorial Park in Romsey. The way is well signposted. Rotary marshals are present along the whole route to provide guidance and help if required. Careful checks are made to ensure that everyone who starts out arrives back safely, and St. John Ambulance will be in attendance throughout the day.



Over £200,000 has been raised for charities since the event started. With your help let's push that towards £300,000. Walk with a friend or put a team together. Events such as this are always much more fun if done with others.



This year the BBC Children in Need will be taking part and media coverage is also expected from BBC Radio Solent, Wave FM and, of course, the Romsey Advertiser together with its sister local newspapers in Winchester and Andover, and the Southern daily Echo.

For further details and to register please visit www.walkthetestway.org.uk

Graham Lee
07831 146199

The deadline for inclusion of items in the August edition of the Acorn is 16th July. E-mail to acornnews@mandercom.co.uk.

**ADVANCE NOTICE:
NO SEPTEMBER
EDITION!**

Parish Council News

The Parish Council's May meeting was the statutory AGM. We welcomed Gareth Jenkins as a new parish councillor and John Millns was reappointed as chairman. Other lead responsibilities were allocated to other councillors.

We also discussed speeding traffic, the surge in the use of Mottisfont and Dunbridge station - now up to 25,000 passengers a year - and road closures as a result of the programme of bridge works on the Romsey-Salisbury line due to start later this year. Councillors also attended a site meeting to view the pre-application planning proposal to build a new visitor centre at Mottisfont Abbey.

Kimbridge Crossing Network Rail has programmed

maintenance work at the Kimbridge crossing for mid June, to include work to reduce the hump between the tracks. Hopefully by now the work has been done!

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.

Date of the next meeting: 21st September at 7.30pm

Clerk: Sue Holder 340130

MOTTISFONT & DUNBRIDGE W.I.

At our June meeting we were treated to an absorbing talk "History of Jewellery" by Mrs. Davis, who started jewellery making five years ago.

She told us how semi-precious stones, in necklaces for example, always feel cold whereas plastic imitations feel warm. Amber is the only stone warm to the touch, as it is a resin. We were then shown pictures of Roman, Minoan, Egyptian and Byzantine jewellery, and also through the 13th and 14th centuries to the present day.



In May several members enjoyed a day trip to Edinburgh, via Southampton Airport, and were in Princes Street by 9.00 am! A marvellous day out!

Members also took part in the Group Quiz, which was won by Houghton WI. We were further down the list, but it was an enjoyable evening.

We recently had a guided tour of King John's House and Garden in Romsey, followed by tea and cakes in the Tea Room. Looking ahead, we have a garden visit in July, followed by a pub supper.

On Sunday, 14th August, we are holding a Toy, Bric-a-Brac and Book Stall at the Mottisfont Village Fete, at 2.00 pm. Cathie on 340129 or Frances on 301614 will be happy to arrange collection of any donated items.

Audrey Atchison - 301156

Mottisfont Fly-Fishing Club

Fly-fishing residents of Mottisfont and Dunbridge are eligible to purchase a Village Ticket to fish the Test or the Dun, subject to availability, from August to October 2011.

We can only offer one £20 ticket per applicant, and the tickets are strictly for Mottisfont / Dunbridge residents, not for non-local friends or family members. You do not need to be a fly-fishing expert, but you must have some experience, your own kit, and a rod licence!

Please email fishing@mottisfont.org.uk or call Robert on 341310.

River Open Weekend: An Exclusive Invitation to Local Residents

The National Trust and Mottisfont Fly-Fishing Club are pleased to invite residents of Mottisfont and Dunbridge to come and experience the beautiful riverbanks of the Oakley, Rectory and Dun beats during the weekend of 20th/21st August.

This is during the August weed-cut period when the rivers are not fished, and so can be opened to local residents.

You are welcome to picnic, walk and enjoy the riverbanks between 9am and 9pm on Saturday, 20th and Sunday, 21st August.

The river margins are protected areas of Special Scientific Interest, so we request everyone to observe certain necessary restrictions. Please do not:

- ◆ Paddle, swim, or use boats or inflatables
- ◆ Leave litter
- ◆ Light fires
- ◆ Fish
- ◆ Drive on to the beats

Dogs are permitted, but must be kept on leads.

National Trust countryside staff will be giving a talk about what makes the chalk streams of Hampshire uniquely valuable and vulnerable ecosystems, and about the history of fishing at Mottisfont.

Please come to the Oakley Hut at 12pm on Saturday, 20th August (or the barn at Oakley Farmhouse if wet). All are welcome.

There will be an opportunity for up to 6 local residents interested in learning fly-fishing to have an afternoon's expert tuition from NT staff on August 20th: please email tuition@mottisfont.org.uk to reserve a place.

Parking spaces near the beats are quite limited, so please walk to the rivers if possible.

If you have a query about the weekend, please email rivers@mottisfont.org.uk

Are you safe, warm and secure at home?

The **Safe, Warm and Secure** pilot project has been established by the Wellbeing and Partnerships Team in Hampshire County Council, Age Concern Hampshire and the Shaw Trust to help people over 70 to keep safe, warm and secure.

The project is aimed at providing homeowners who are over 70 years old with support to help them improve and maintain their house. By keeping it safe, warm and secure they can continue to live independently at home with a positive quality of life.

The Safe, Warm and Secure Advisors provide free practical and emotional support for the older person, until completion of the work.

They are able to take referrals from professionals, voluntary organisations and directly from the public.

The project is an advice and guidance service, but cannot provide funding. It is available until December 2011.

The advisors can help people by:

- ◆ Identifying available grants and benefits
- ◆ Home repairs
- ◆ Loft and cavity wall insulation including loft clearance
- ◆ Home security
- ◆ Adaptations such as rails, stairlifts and ramps
- ◆ Community alarms and Telecare
- ◆ Arranging free home safety visits

If you want to make a referral, get more information or fliers to distribute, please contact us during office hours on 02392 733982 or email safe.warm.secure@shaw-trust.org.uk.

Home Fire Safety

It may surprise you to hear that every year, the fire service nationally is called out to over 60,000 fires in the home. And every year, around 500 people die in these fires and over 10,000 are injured. If a fire occurs in your home, your chances of survival will depend on how quickly and safely you are able to get out. It has been shown that working smoke alarms can dramatically improve your safety at home.

British Standard (BS 5446 Part 1) approved smoke detectors can be bought from most good DIY stores and cost in the region of £4 each.

The most important thing you need is a working smoke alarm; without this you may not even wake up if you have a fire.

We all know how sensitive they are - think of how little smoke it takes to set one off when cooking. Smoke alarms are designed to be this sensitive so that they will sound as soon as a fire or smouldering starts, giving you as much time as possible to leave the building. Remember, you have just a few minutes before a fire can take hold.

If you live in open plan accommodation you may experience problems with false alarms. This is usually caused by cooking fumes. To alleviate this problem consider buying a detector that has a hush facility. With this detector you will be able to silence the alarm for a short period when cooking is taking place.

Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service (HFRS) will engage with the most vulnerable individuals and groups in our communities to offer a **FREE** home safety visit. This includes installing up to two **FREE** smoke detectors per property, offering fire safety advice specific to the house and the occupants lifestyle, and carrying out an informal risk assessment of the home to point out any fire hazards and offering solutions to reduce the identified risks.

Are you or a member of your family:

- ◆ Over 65 years of age
- ◆ Have a physical disability or are immobile without assistance
- ◆ Have learning difficulties or mental health problems that can lead to confusion
- ◆ Have any sensory impairment
- ◆ Recently returned from hospital
- ◆ Living in a thatched property?

If you match one or more of these criteria then we will be happy to provide a **FREE** Home Safety Visit at your convenience. Please contact Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service Community Safety Team on 023 8062 6809 or email us at community.firesafety@hantsfire.gov.uk to arrange a date.

For general fire safety information why not visit our website at www.hantsfire.gov.uk/yoursafety/athome

SUMMER CONCERT

A summer choral concert, entitled "An English Country Garden" is the Romsey Singers' contribution to the forthcoming Romsey Festival. The concert is in the United Reformed Church, Romsey at 7.30pm on Tuesday 5th July.

The concert programme consists of varied and sometimes demanding work by Britten, Stanford, Delius, Horowitz and others, and is much more than a gentle amble down the garden path. In their regular Romsey Abbey concerts, the choir, led by Ian Wicks, has shown itself to be more than capable of tackling an ambitious repertoire, and will welcome you to this Festival event.

Tickets are £10, unreserved, from the Romsey Tourist Information Centre, from members of the choir, and at the door. The Festival runs from 2 to 15 July and the full programme is at www.romseyartsfestival.org.uk/at-a-glance.htm

Dear Friends,

Many in our Benefice will know that it was quite a shock to realise that in mid-June thieves had targeted St. Mary's and stolen the lead from the roof. It would happen just on the weekend of torrential rain and wind!



St. Mary's is an ancient building that many of us, whether we are regular worshippers or not, consider as ours, as the holy place of the village, a place that has been at the centre of village life for centuries - and suddenly we only have part of a roof!

What should our response be to such a happening?

First thoughts are "let me get my hands on the thieves", but upon consideration it is a great sadness that this happens so often to our churches in the land. It is sadness for us who feel aggrieved at the loss and damage to something beautiful and special, although to those who stole the lead it was probably just another public building. But it is also a great sadness to those who do feel the need to steal from others, whether that is churches or homes. Why do I say it is sad for the thief? Because as human beings we are deeply complex. The thief becomes a slave to the habit, and so it is much more long lasting and damaging.

At the time of Jesus, under the law a thief was required to pay back double the amount stolen (or more for certain livestock). If the thief could not pay, then the thief became a bondservant just like any other debtor. In other words, to forgive a thief is to forgive a debtor. The only difference is that an ordinary debtor who borrows £1000 owes £1000 under the law, while a thief who steals £1000 owes £2000. So, we are to forgive but to expect proper punishment and compensation.

The most important thing for the Christian is not to carry grievances as this damages us. To forgive is to heal ourselves, and at the same time it offers a door for those who have sinned against us to repent and find new life.

With blessings,
Ron Corne
Rector

A Special Day at St. Andrew's

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 50 photos were contributed, which resulted in many visitors and reminiscences.

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 as we celebrate Harvest and the special friendships which sustain, support and refresh us in our everyday lives.

We welcome, too, those whose wedding took place in any other establishment, and at any time.

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.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES FOR JULY

Time	3 July TRINITY 2	10 July TRINITY 3	17 July TRINITY 4	24 July TRINITY 5	31 July TRINITY 6
8.00	Broughton HC (CW)	Broughton HC (BCP)	-	-	
9.30	Bossington HC (BCP)	Broughton Family Service	Mottisfont HC (BCP)	Broughton HC (CW)	Mottisfont HC (CW) For the Benefice
		Houghton HC (CW)			
11.00	Mottisfont Matins	Mottisfont Family Service	Broughton HC (CW)	Mottisfont Family Communion	-
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

BROUGHTON BRIGHT HOUR

Thursdays at 2.30pm in the New Room at St. Mary's Church, Broughton.

Speakers for July

7th July: Mrs. Carole Boast
14th July: Members Meeting
21st July: David Sullivan
28th July: Tea at Ann's

Please come and join us.

Please note:

There will not be any meetings in August.

Do come and join us.
Barbara Perry, Booking Secretary, 301466

YOU MIGHT LIKE TO KNOW...

...indeed, some of you will already know that Gina Livermore, our wonderful lay reader for the benefice of Broughton, Houghton, Bossington, and Mottisfont, is taking semi-retirement after 20 years of devoted and tireless commitment to our churches and to us as parishioners. Although Gina is cutting down her workload across the Benefice, we are fortunate in that she intends to maintain her involvement to some extent with our little church, St. Andrew's, for a while yet. Phew!!!

As you may know, when there is a fifth Sunday in a month, our parish services are replaced by a benefice service when we try to get together, and each parish takes it in turn to host the service. It's our turn at St. Andrew's on Sunday, 31st July at 9.30am, and during this service we, along with the rest of the benefice, want to express our gratitude to Gina, to mark the occasion of her transition to semi-retirement, and to wish her well.

I feel certain that there are many of you whose lives have been touched by Gina in some way over the years. Whilst this is sometimes for joyous events such as weddings and baptisms, it may also be at times of worry, sickness, or even great loss. It may simply be through friendship and fellowship at church, through fund raising ventures, through any of the many facets of her role as lay reader or, more often than not, because she's just there, alongside us...being Gina! So many of you will know what I mean.

Some of you may wish to join us for this occasion, and would be disappointed had you not been made aware in advance, so here it is:

Benefice Service, St. Andrew's Church, Sunday 31st July, at 9.30 am

Be assured, as always, of a very warm welcome.

Trish Armstrong, Churchwarden, St. Andrew's

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.

ARTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE EVENT ROMSEY MEMORIAL PARK SATURDAY, 16th JULY FROM 10.30am

Come along and join in an action packed morning of making and creating, when local artistic talent will be used to demonstrate the impact of climate change on us all.

Take part in a 'Sketchathon', organised by Heather Butler, drawing Romsey's old buildings to show their re-use and regeneration. Meet at the Old Magistrate's Court, opposite Romsey Post Office, with sketch pads at 10.30 a.m.

Make your own junk art models, creative creatures and procession pieces from recycled materials. Invent your own musical instrument and be a part of The Junk Band. Help make a polluting monster from recycled materials. Help create and be part of the final performance using drama, dance, music, costume and physical theatre. Learn the transition town song and sing along with Romsey Ladies' Choir.

The workshops culminate with all those taking part being involved in the 'grand finale' and town procession, which starts from the main bandstand at 2.00pm.

Workshops start from 10.30 a.m. Performance and procession begins at 2.00 p.m.

Be a part of the first arts and climate change event in Romsey! Don't forget to bring a packed lunch!

The café in the park will be open all day.

For more information on how you can be involved contact: Dave and Pat Francis 01794 340609.

ACORN GOES ON HOLIDAY

Please note that there will be no edition of the Acorn in September. If you have news of an event in September, make sure it gets to us in time for the August edition, i.e. by 16th July!



Julia and Peter



Ambulance
Community
Responder

AWBRIDGE COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS



Ambulance
Community
Responder

We are unpaid volunteers trained and directed by the South Central Ambulance Service to attend serious medical emergency calls and provide basic life support care until the arrival of the ambulance. We carry oxygen and a defibrillator as well as other medical equipment and can be with a patient very quickly – providing emergency life support care in the critical time before the ambulance arrives. This is particularly important in rural areas such as ours which can experience extended ambulance response times. We do make a difference!

How the scheme works.

A life threatening medical emergency occurs and a 999 call is made for an ambulance

Ambulance control then assess the call and despatch an emergency ambulance.

At the same time the on-call Community Responder is alerted by mobile phone and pager and makes their way to the scene.

The Community First Responder aims to arrive within minutes and is equipped and able to assist until the arrival of the ambulance.

You are not sent to road accidents, assaults or calls where you may be placed at personal risk.

What do I need?

To become a Community First Responder you simply need:-

- ◆ To be over 18.
- ◆ To have a caring attitude and a willingness to help others.
- ◆ Common sense.
- ◆ A bit of spare time.
- ◆ The use of a car.
- ◆ To be of good character.
- ◆ We are all CRB checked, as we enter vulnerable people's homes.

Interested?

We urgently need volunteers to join us as local Community First Responders.

You do **not** need to be an expert.

You are not expected to act as a paramedic or doctor.

You will be trained by the ambulance service in just one weekend and you will be supported by colleagues in our group as required.

There are 6 monthly training updates to maintain our expertise.

You can give as much or as little time as you wish.

You can fit it in around your home or work commitments.

For further information or to join us please contact Marion Gray on 341370

LOCKERLEY P.T.A. SUMMER PLAYSCHEME, 25 - 29 JULY

To be held at Lockerley Primary School,
daily from 9.30am - 2.30pm
for children aged 5 (inc. year R) - 11 years

Please bring a packed lunch. £8.00 per session.
Activities will include sports, arts & crafts, cooking,
dancing, themed days, tuck shop and much more.

If you would like more details please contact:

Chris Goodman and Phillip Stirrett 01794 340098 or Julie
Black at Lockerley School - 340485

BIZARRE BAZAAR FRIDAY, 8th JULY

Lockerley Primary School, 6 - 8pm

BAR, BBQ, STALLS, RAFFLE, TOMBOLA, CIRCUS
WORKSHOP

All Welcome. Please come along to support our school
and join in the fun!

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, 8th July we will catch the 09.57 train to Dean for a 3 hour circular walk.
- ◆ Friday, 12th August at 10am, meet outside the Mill Arms for a car share to Farley Mount.
- ◆ Friday, 9th September 10.00 am, Mill Arms



Gordon, 340129

Annie's Restaurant & Tea Rooms

WHAT'S ON

- ◆ Wednesday, 6th July: evening buffet 5.30pm to 8pm, £5.99
- ◆ Saturday, 9th July: the restaurant will be closed due to a wedding, but the tearooms and front patio will be open with a revised menu until 2pm.
- ◆ Wednesday, 13th July: evening buffet 5.30pm to 8pm, £5.99
- ◆ Wednesday, 20th July: evening buffet 5.30pm to 8pm, £5.99
- ◆ Friday, 22nd July: Jazz with DC Solo Sax and evening buffet, £16.95
- ◆ Wednesday, 27th July: evening buffet 5.30pm to 8pm, £5.99

On Wednesday evenings we have various local artists/craft people showing their wares. If you are one of these talented people and are interested in being able to do this, contact Allan Gray on 07966 068844.

Many thanks to all who contributed to our open day on 11th June. We made £116.58 to go to the 1st Romsey Scout Group for their new HQ.

From your team at Kimbridge.

RECIPE FOR JULY: BAKED STUFFED COURGETTES

Courgettes are the sort of vegetable, in my opinion, that need a little va va voom added to them to make them interesting. This recipe makes eight delicious courgettes, and serves 1 or 2 per people.

Ingredients:

- ◆ 75g of long grain rice
- ◆ 8 large courgettes, approx. 275g each
- ◆ Olive oil
- ◆ 250g of minced lamb
- ◆ 1 medium onion, finely diced
- ◆ 2 cloves of garlic, very finely diced or minced
- ◆ 4 sun-dried tomatoes (soaked in hot water for ½ hour

- if dried)
- ◆ ½ tsp of dried oregano
- ◆ ¼ tsp of dried rosemary
- ◆ Large pinch of cinnamon
- ◆ 1 140g tin of tomato purée concentrate
- ◆ Juice of 1 lemon
- ◆ Salt & pepper
- ◆ 50g of sultanas
- ◆ 20g of pine nuts
- ◆ Handful of finely chopped parsley
- ◆ 125g of goats cheese, crumbled

How to make it:

Firstly, cook the rice in slightly salted water, drain and set aside. Now, chop the flower end off the courgettes and reserve. Then using an apple corer, remove the pulpy centre being careful not to break the sides nor pierce the far end of the courgette. You may have to force the handle of the apple corer inside the courgette to reach right in. Take as much of the pulp out as possible and discard.

Heat the oven to 190C (170C fan)/Gas Mark 5.

In a large frying pan or skillet, heat a little olive oil and fry the minced lamb until lightly browned. Add the onion and garlic and continue to fry until the onion has softened. Finely chop the sun-dried tomatoes and add to the pan with the oregano, rosemary and cinnamon. Stir in the tomato purée and lemon juice. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Remove from the heat. Mix in thoroughly the sultanas, pine nuts, parsley and goats cheese. Fill each courgette with the mixture with a teaspoon, using a wooden spoon handle to push it in. Replace the end of the courgette and hold in place with a cocktail stick.

Bake in the oven for 30 minutes covered with foil and then a further 15 minutes uncovered.



*Ian
Wooldridge,
Head Chef
at Kimbridge
Farm*

HISTORY GROUP

The History Group recently had a very enjoyable afternoon at Mottisfont Abbey, with 10 people in attendance. We will be holding another session to reflect on memories of life in the area, and get them on tape, on Wednesday, 31st August at 2.30pm at the Abbey again.

For more information contact Michael Horne on 340105.

GARDEN CLUB

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

Please ring Michael Horne on 340105.



REIKI 1 WORKSHOP

A gentle form of healing, receive instruction and be attuned on how to heal yourself and others by channelling Reiki energy.

As you give a treatment, you receive healing yourself.

Open to all - anyone can learn, and no special qualifications are needed. Manual provided. Reiki 1 certificate awarded at the end of the day.

**Saturday, 6th August, 10am - 4pm
Mottisfont Village Hall**

£80 per person. Must book as places are limited. Contact Alex on 07852 338639 or yewlifetherapies@hotmail.co.uk

<http://www.yewlifetherapies.co.uk/>

CHANGES TO THE MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

From Hantsweb: "Last October 2010 we announced a review of the Mobile Library Service. Over the last 5 years visits to stops have declined by more than 23%. We know that the people who still use the service value it very highly, but the current financial situation and decrease in use means we have had to consider how to achieve the most effective service for Hampshire communities whilst making significant savings to the running costs. Along with every other service in Hampshire County Council, the Library Service has to make savings of at least 16% over the next two years."



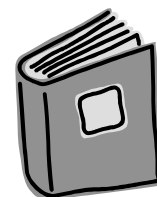
Among many others, the following changes are being made:

- ◆ The current Mobile Library Service will cease on 24 June, and the new service will start on 4 July.
- ◆ The number of mobile library stops will reduce from over 1200 to 365.
- ◆ Villages at least two miles from the nearest static library will continue to receive a Mobile Library Service. However in most cases the number of stops in each community will be reduced to one, with a minimum stop length of 20 minutes. Most stops will be between 30 and 40 minutes.
- ◆ The frequency of visits will reduce from once every 2 weeks to once every 4 weeks.
- ◆ The number of customers using each stop will be monitored after 12 months. If there are fewer than 10 people per 20 – 40 minute stop then the stop may be withdrawn.

Mobile library stops in this area for the remainder of this year will be on 28th July, 25th August, 22nd September, 20th October, 17th November and 22nd December (all Thursdays), as follows:



0945 - 1015 Carters Clay, Hatchers Farm
 1030 - 1100 Dunbridge, Mill Rise
 1110 - 1140 Lockerley Stores
 1150 - 1220 Lockerley, Butlers Close



Full details of the new arrangements for the Mobile Library Service can be found via <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/library.htm>.

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

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					Wardens	Gina Livermore	388433		
Art Group		Gordon Wood	340129	Social Club	Chairman	Trish Armstrong			
Cricket Club	Secretary	Tony Stemp	340398		Secretary	Susan Clutterbuck	340475		
History Group		Michael Horne	340105		Steward	Peter Simmonds	340891		
Horticultural Society		Michael Horne	340105	Test Valley Councillor		Tracy Holmes	341939		
First Responders	Coordinator	Marion Gray	341370			Linda Holmes	340521		
Football Club	Secretary	John Fryer	512695	Village Bus	Secretary	Neville Whiteley	01264 811101		
Hampshire County Councillor		Andrew Gibson	01264 861138		Bookings	George Vaughan	301045		
Member of Parliament		Caroline Nokes	512132		Private Hire	Pam Dawkins	301203		
Mill Arms		Andrea & Ian Bentall	340401	Village Hall	Operations	Julie Smith	301470		
Mottisfont Abbey	Est. Manager		340757	(Reg.Charity	Chairman	Mike Howe	301723		
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